



GRACE NOTES

WEEK OF APRIL 13 - 19, 2024

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

This Week at Grace

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

The Bulletins & Mailing are given to the Glory of God.

We hold in prayer especially this week...

Mike Hillegas, George H. Osswald, Jo Ann Renshaw, Darlene M, Elena Ryerson, Michelle Knight, Roy White, Jenny, Ashley Laird, Kylee Dart, Alyssa England, Jim Blauvelt, Pen Hoover, Debbie Aldridge, Pete Psychogis, Paul & Linda Glance, Dr. Robert Little, Kelly Ackley, Al Hughes, Shirley Davis, Dale Swenson, Bob, Shana Funk, and Dean Jury.

Calendar

4/13	5:00 pm	Sabbath Service of Holy Communion in Barkley Chapel
4/14	9:30 am	Worship Service of Holy Communion in Sanctuary
	10:45 am	Sunday School
4/15	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
4/16	9:00 am	Quilters
	1:00 pm	"Breathing the Word" Bible Study
4/17	3:00 pm	The Giving Pantry Weekly Distribution
4/18	6:30 pm	Bell Choir in the Balcony
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir in the Choir Room
4/19	5:00 pm	Spring Workday at Kentland



QUILTING MINISTRY

Dear members of Grace -

We would like to send out a big thank you to everyone who purchased quilts during the recent quilt sale. We are happy to know the quilts we created are going to good homes and that we were able to raise money for the organ fund. Your generosity to enhance our worship service through the purchase of a new organ and to provide for the community inspires us to keep making quilts.

Thank you again,
The Quilters of Grace

For Pastoral Assistance or At Home Communion

Pastor Lois (717-579-1875/prvo2005@gmail.com)

Third Sunday of Easter, April 14, 2024

1 John 3:1a – See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.

Our identity – who we really are – forms the hub of our lives as steward-disciples. Our actions and thoughts revolve around that hub. And John reveals that we are children of the Almighty. When you live, as a child of God at your core, everything else falls into place.

Spring Workday at Kentland

We will have two spring workdays to prepare for our upcoming open house! On **Friday night April 19th, 5pm - 8pm, and Saturday, April 20th 9am - 4pm.** While most of the work will concentrate on getting the outside cleaned up, we will have some inside work as well.

On the outside:

- paint the newly installed beams and trim on the front porch
- cut and remove a few downed trees
- clean/pressure wash as needed
- remove remaining construction debris
- plant new landscape and apply mulch

On the inside

- complete girls side bathroom remodel
 - remaining trim work
 - new hardware, etc.
- install window screens for the large windows

Our upcoming open house is scheduled for Sunday April 21st, so please come out to help get Kentland ready!

New Life at Grace!

Pastor Butz called to serve Grace: At special congregation meetings following the worship services on April 6 and 7, 2024, the Rev. Chad Butz was called by more than a two-thirds majority vote of the congregation to serve Grace as the permanently-called senior pastor. Pastor Butz accepted the call and will begin his service with us on May 20, 2024. We are all looking forward to this new era at Grace.

Pastor Lois will bring her time at Grace to a close with the worship services on May 11 and 12, 2024. More details to follow regarding the closure of her call as our intentional interim pastor.

New Organ: The new Allen digital organ is to be installed the week of April 15. This installation will require the removal of the old instrument which means that the Chancel area will be off limits due to the construction. We look forward to hearing our new instrument at worship! A dedicatory recital is being planned for a later date.

Kentland Retreat Center: A celebration and rededication of the newly renovated Kentland Retreat Center includes these events on Sunday, April 21, 2024:

9:30 am - Celebration integrated into the worship service in the Sanctuary.

2:00 - 4:00 pm - Open House at Kentland.

4:00 pm - Rededication Service at Kentland.

Join in these celebrations of new life at Grace in this Season when we continue to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.

Thank God for our food

God said [to Adam and Eve], 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. -Genesis 1:29

There's a joke about the first-grade teacher who asks, "Where do apples come from?" Little Sydney speaks up: "From the supermarket!"

We laugh, but the truth is, many of us forget that our food comes only from life, through the plants and animals that God alone created.

As stewards and disciples, we can develop a deep appreciation for all that God provides us, particularly our food. With every mouthful, we can thank God for our daily bread, and for the soil, air and water that sustains life.

Easter and springtime are perfect occasions to celebrate God's miracle of life that gives us fruit, vegetables, grains, meat, fish and dairy foods. Here are some ideas:

- At mealtime grace, thank God not only for food, but also for the cycles of seedtime, growth and harvest. Thank God for life-nourishing soil, water and air.
- While eating, think about how and from where the plants are grown or animals raised? How do they get to your kitchen?
- As a church or family, celebrate Earth Day (April 22) by learning about food production and our food supply, and how environmental problems affect it.
- Celebrate Earth Day by planting a garden.
- Learn about nutrition -- what foods are the best and worst for us. Promote healthy eating.
- Learn about food waste and take steps to reduce it in your home.
- At church, celebrate creation or seedtime.

We live in a culture where food is all around us all the time. As steward-disciples, we want to be sure not to take even a mouthful for granted.

--Rob Blezard

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Hope Academy PA

Join us on Saturday, April 20th at the Tree 4 Hope Silent Auction and Evening of Endless Desserts. 6pm-9pm, Tree of Life Lutheran Church, 1492 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg. Lots of great items up for bidding, desserts galore! All proceeds go toward sponsoring 20 new girls at Hope Academy Guatemala. If you are interested in donating a basket or item/service, contact Jen Graf at jen@t4hope.org.

Mowing Volunteers Needed!

We are once again going to rely on a volunteer force to mow the church lawn. Please sign up [HERE](#). Please feel free to sign up for a single week, or multiple weeks if you would like. All the equipment you need is located here at the church, you can just show up and mow. Volunteers are asked to sign up to mow in a given week, and you can come in and mow at your convenience. If you are mowing by yourself, please allow about 1 1/2 hours - 2 hours (depending on time spent trimming), somewhat less if you have a helper.

If you have any questions, contact Mike Ryder at 610-698-8566.

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