

Good News from Grace

NOVEMBER 2022

Our Purpose

The purpose of our church is to make a difference by serving others through God's love and our faith.

Nov. 20, 2022 (Christ the King Sunday)

Psalm 46:10a – "Be still, and know that I am God!"

How busy are you? Do you have time for the things you value most? Many people chronically feel rushed. God invites us to stop our busyness and take some minutes be refreshed by God's presence. Stewardship is not only how we use our money, but also how we use our time.

Starting this Saturday, 11/19/2022 Sabbath services will begin at 5:00pm

Pastor Lois will be on vacation November 23 - 29. If you need pastoral assistance please contact Pastor Evan at pastorevan47@gmail.com or 717-497-3742.

KENTLAND WORKDAY

Please join us this **Saturday, November 19 from 11 AM to 2 PM** for our fall cleanup at Kentland as many hands make light work.

We will be raking leaves, gathering brush, etc. Please bring rakes, blowers, and any other leaf gathering tools you may have.

Lunch will be provided!

CALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Call Committee has met to begin the process of calling a new senior pastor. The following is a brief introduction to the committee members:

Wilson Castillo - My wife, Ann, and I joined Grace in 1978 along with our three daughters. We have lived in New Cumberland since 1973. I taught Chemistry and Mathematics at Cedar Cliff HS for over 10 years. In 1980, I left teaching to work in the paper industry. At Grace, I have been a member of council a couple of times and a member of a previous call committee. I retired in 2001 and now travel and spend time with our six grandchildren. Looking forward to working with this great call committee as the council liaison.

Beth Little Helman - I am a life long member of Grace Church who was born and raised in New Cumberland. I taught Kindergarten for 10 years at Steelton-Highspire

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FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

Last weekend, November 12/13, 2022, I offered a sermon message about change that accompanies falling temples and seeing God in the midst of our fallen temples. God rebuilds our temples (spiritual, physical, congregation, etc.) in new and surprising ways, one stone at a time.

Several years, a change was made to offer worship via live-streaming. This change was introduced well before the COVID pandemic (March 2020) which propelled most congregations into the virtual arena. Along with this change was the hope that the use of paper bulletins would be reduced, thus saving paper.

The thing about change is that when we are not sure about the expected outcome, we fall back to our "old" patterns because that is what we know. But, after discussion with the Worship & Music Ministry Team, we are encouraging the congregation to embrace the change of relying on the screen to follow the worship service instead of relying on the printed bulletin. Printed bulletins will be provided to assist those who have difficulty with reading the screen. Again, our hope is that the Opening Teams will distribute one bulletin per family

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75TH ANNIVERSARY CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

Grace's Christmas Tree ornaments to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Grace are now available for \$5 each! (Exact change or a check made out to GELC with ornament on the memo line. Part of the proceeds will go to the Organ Fund.)

You can purchase them on Sundays after worship in the Library or from the church office from 8am to 12noon Monday - Thursday.

The ornaments are an oil-finished Aspen wood slice with name and image of the church.



CHRIST THE KING



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Sponsorship Opportunities

Altar flower sponsorships cost \$36 and bulletin and mailing sponsorship cost \$27. The Sanctuary Lamp sponsorships cost \$ 21 .
Note: 2023 Sponsorship are now online.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see available dates for 2022 - 2023. If you are interested in sponsoring one of these weeks you can either sign up on the bulletin board across from the elevator or contact Diane in the church office at 717-737-0439 x15 or deppengelc@gmail.com.

Note: Other Altar Flower dates are available for sponsorship at special request by contacting the church office no later than the Tuesday, prior to the date you wish to sponsor.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS, POINSETTIA AND ELCA GOOD GIFTS

We will start taking Christmas sponsorships on **November 21**. You can call the office at 717-737-0439, email deppengelc@gmail.com or drop it in the offering.

This year we are purchasing the Christmas Wreaths that adorn the entry doors to Grace from our own Boy Scout Troop 54. All proceeds will go to the troop. There are (11) wreaths available to sponsor and the cost will be **\$22 each**.

We will have (2) White Altar Poinsettias available to sponsor at **\$ 35.00 each** and there will be (25) smaller poinsettias to sponsor at **\$ 13.00 each**.

Finally, we are once again offering the ELCA Good Gifts for sponsorship. This year we have chosen the following options:



- ◆ **Blanket - \$10.00 each**
Share love and warmth with a survivor in the aftermath of a disaster or emergency with the gift of a blanket - a gift that provides comfort, rest and a reminder that someone cares.
- ◆ **Seeds & Gardening tools - \$50.00 each**
Help a new gardener grow! With new tools, seeds and agricultural training, a family can start their own small garden, improve their daily nutrition and increase their earning power.
- ◆ **A Couple of Goats - \$100.00/pair**
Goats can go where other animals can't, surviving in some of the world's most challenging terrain. Goat's milk provides nutrition for children and their families, and goats are quick to reproduce – which means a family can pass this live-saving gift onto others.
- ◆ **God's Global Barnyard - Any \$ Amount**
A gift to God's Global Barnyard will be used where it is needed most to support livestock, agriculture and other sustainable development projects, which help farmers and their families with the resources they need to thrive.

When you send in your sponsorship requests please be sure to list the item you are sponsoring, the quantity, the dollar amount and the dedication you wish to have placed in the Christmas Eve newsletter.

Poinsettias may be picked up after the 9:00pm Christmas Eve service or on Wednesday, December 28. The church office is closed Monday & Tuesday so the staff may enjoy the holidays with family.



Celebrating with Randy & Marta Hamme, the birth of their grandson, Noah, on November 11, 2022 to Jason & Jess Felici.

PRAYER LIST ADDITIONS

Everyone appreciates prayer but not everyone wishes to be added to the "out loud" prayers.

If you are aware of a member of Grace who could benefit from being added to the prayers, please let one of the pastors know. They will contact the individual to find out whether they wish to be added to the "out loud" prayers, ongoing prayers or prayed for "quietly" by the Community Prayer Group.



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Next week we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. I trust that your time with family and friends will be a time of sharing stories that express your gratitude for all that God has given to you, through your family and friends, through your social and work groups, and especially through your faith community. If you find yourself alone on Thanksgiving, please accept an invitation to share dinner with my family – just let me know so that I may set a place for you at our table. We offer the traditional fare – turkey, stuffing/filling, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans (but not the green bean casserole), pumpkin pie and whatever else we decide to bake. Give me a call on my cell phone [717-579-1875] for my address, etc.

A blessed and joy-filled Thanksgiving to all of you,
Pastor Lois

We hold in prayer especially this week...

Al Hughes, Dorothy Landis, Louise Follett, Gary Confalone, Jim Neidinger, Kelly Weber, Shana Funk, Paul Glenn, Daniel Glenn, Tom Boyer, Sue Gasswint, Diane Brokenshire, Dean Jury and friends & family of Mary Ann Osswald.

We hold in ongoing prayer...

Orlando & Maria, Mary Heverling, Garry Murray, Darlene M., Margaret Knupp, Kathryn Tuckey, Gerry & Sara Jane Crawford, Mary Louise Shetter, Charlie Buchanan, Howard Lauver, Priscilla Walter, Lesly Richards, Eileen McCann, and Mike Lutz.

We also hold our homebound in prayer:

Betty Bennett, Gladys Cline, Yvonne Gettys, Dave & Joan Harman, John Hench, Sis Hoffman, Shirley Hughes, Joe Jackson, Lou Lore, Ruth McCarney, , Patti Reed, Bob & Ruth Rhodes, Dorothy Shreffler, John Shuey, and Docoline Stroud.

Praying for our Homebound Members

The pastoral staff wishes to lift up this special group of members on a regular basis during the prayers. Each week, a group of homebound members will be included in the out loud

...sometimes we forget to tell others that someone has healed...

Let's be good stewards of our prayer list. If someone has healed, or if someone has moved on to eternal life, please let the church office know. But if you forget to follow up, the name will be removed after a month unless you let us know to keep praying.

These guidelines went into effect **September 1, 2022**.



You are invited to Breakfast with Santa at Grace!

Join us on Saturday, December 10 from 9am - 11am for breakfast and crafts in the Social Hall and visit with Santa in the Library.

This is an open house style event. A hot breakfast will be served from 9am - 11am so feel free to come at anytime during that time frame. Crafts will include a clothespin angel, foam sticker manger scene and bead ornaments.

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign up. Please include the total number attending, kids' ages and if you have any food allergies when you sign up.

Thank you!

The Fellowship & Arts Committee

Family Promise at Kentland

Family Promise of the Harrisburg Capital Region will use Kentland for an open host week the week of Thanksgiving.

Family Promise is providing the volunteers, but I wanted to offer the opportunity to folks here at Grace to participate by making a meal, acting as a meal host, driving the van, or staying overnight as an overnight host.

You can sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094DADA623ABF94-open>

Contact Susan Ryder with questions at susan@familypromise.org
Susan Ryder
Community Engagement Associate



12/13	Linda Martier Spencer Rickert Shayne Wharton
12/14	Ron Ryerson
12/15	Kelly Smith
12/16	Alexis Weber
12/19	Kristin Campbell Ileanna Cato Steven Vogelsong Kelly Walker
12/20	Hailey Weber
12/21	Jennifer Goetz
12/22	Bonnie Glatfelter
12/23	Ariella Behney Karen Scharein
12/24	Patricia Hughes
12/26	Craig Douty James Meador
12/27	Sasha Brosius George Gunnett
12/28	Brian Gross
12/31	Henry Buchanan Craig Helmuth Joanne Weaver
12/1	John Hartman Scott Swartzell
12/2	Rev. Nancy Easton Samuel Musselman Isabell Progin Sandra Yetter
12/3	Marjorie Lebo Thomas Savastio Nathan Shields
12/4	Patricia Adams
12/5	Heidi Hartman
12/6	Mary Louise Shetter
12/8	David Harman, III Cici Perella-Carvalhoes
12/9	Betty Erickson Scott Hyser Karen Kangas Diane Sakson
12/10	Nancy Hoff Sally Reed
12/11	Maria Castillo Mary Lear Courtney Shiley

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Elementary School. My daughter Chaney is a freshman at Penn State. I live in Mechanicsburg with my husband, Curt, my son, Cyle, who is in 8th grade, and our dog, fishes, and turtle.

Kirsten Youse Hyatt - I am a life long member of Grace Church who grew up attending Sunday school and Youth Group. I now give back to the youth group as an advisor, and serving as a member of the Strategic Assets Committee. I am a licensed clinical social worker, who provides outpatient therapy to children, teens, and families locally. When not working or at church, you can also find me leading LutheranHands Mission Trips or teaching and taking classes at a local dance studio.

Michelle Knight - I am a lifelong Lutheran originally from a very rural area in Snyder County, PA. I currently live in Silver Spring Township and together with daughter MacKenzie. I have been a member of Grace for about 8 years. I love being part of the bell choir and helping out at church in whatever way I can. I work in the health communications and education field primarily with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Prior to his death 10 years ago, my husband was an ELCA pastor here in the Lower Susquehanna Synod allowing a unique perspective on the call process and our current deliberations.

Daniel Walker - I live in Highland Park behind the church with my wife Kelly and our sons Ben and Logan. I currently work for the Defense Logistics Agency in New Cumberland and worked for the Defense Contract Audit Agency before that. Our family has been members of Grace for around 10 years and our oldest is in his first year in the Junior Youth Group.

John Ozimok - My wife Denise and I have been members of Grace since mid 1980's. Our three children grew up at Grace and participated in Sunday school and Youth Group. I have been a past member of church council, property board, and served on a previous call committee along with serving as a Sunday school teacher. Denise and I are retired and enjoy spending time with our five grandchildren along with traveling. I am also the chairperson of the call committee and look forward to working with the committee on this important task for Grace.

Youth Food Cards

In the dollar amounts of \$25, \$50, and \$100 are available at the office Monday - Thursday from 8am - 12noon. Contact Chris at 717-737-0439 to let him know when you plan to stop in. Checks should be made to GELC with Youth Food cards on the memo line.

GYG WINTER RETREAT AT KENTLAND

November 18-20 for ALL youth in 6th - 12th grade

Join us for great food, fun and faith building activities. It is mountain top events like this retreat that really can help a young person find themselves and their faith!

All youth in 6th - 12th grade are invited as well as their friends. This will be a great time to get to know each other and to get to know how impactful the youth ministry at Grace can be!

[CLICK HERE](#) to for the Retreat Flyer. If your child is registered with GYG for the year you can just turn in \$20 for registration and do not need to complete the form.

Contact me at gracechyg@gmail.com for any questions or concerns.

Jesse Woodrow
Coordinator of Children, Youth & Family Ministry



WINTER YOUTH RETREAT AT KIRCHENWALD

January 6 - 8, 2023 for Youth in 3rd - 9th grade

Enjoy Kirchenwald in the Winter! Play broom hockey and other games on the frozen pond. Have fun sledding, playing snow soccer and other winter games. Creative Bible studies and worship experiences led by summer camp counselors are an important part of this retreat. Meet new friends and catch up with your summer camp friends. Other indoor and outdoor activities may be included as the weather dictates.

For more information contact Jesse Woodrow at gracechyg@gmail.com



GYG Upcoming Events

November

18-20 Retreat @ Kentland
27 Advent Event
10:45am - 12:00pm

December

10 Breakfast with Santa
11 GYG Night
18 Cookie Bake & Caroling
4:00 - 8:00pm

[CLICK HERE](#) to view complete GYG schedule.

YJG Upcoming Events

November

20 Sunday School
10:45 - 11:15am
27 Advent Event
10:45am - 12:00pm

December

4 JYG
10:45am - 12:00pm
10 Breakfast with Santa
18 Sunday School
10:45am - 11:15am

[CLICK HERE](#) to view complete GYG schedule.

Sunday School

1st & 3rd Sunday at 10:45am

[CLICK HERE](#) to view entire Sunday School schedule for 2022 - 2023. Copies can also be requested from the church office at 717-737-0439.

BALTIMORE SEAFARERS' CARE BAGS

We are still collecting items and will finish the bags at the Advent Event. If you haven't donated yet and are still interested, we need the following items:

- ◆ Warm hats, adult sizes
- ◆ Small notepads
- ◆ Small inspirational calendars
- ◆ Toothbrushes
- ◆ Small deodorants
- ◆ Other small toiletry items

The collection table is outside the chapel door in the library.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

For more information regarding the ministry to whom we are sending the bags:

<https://baltseafarers.org/>

ADVENT EVENT

The Advent Event is on **Sunday, November 27 at 10:45am** in the Social Hall. Join as we make an Advent "wreath" and other Christmas Crafts.

In addition to crafts, and putting together the Baltimore Seafarers' Care Bags we will be having brunch. You are welcome to bring a food item to share such as fruit, muffins, bagels, breakfast casserole etc. Plates, napkins, flatware and beverages will be provided.

All ages welcome. See you there!

This Week at Grace...

The Altar Flowers for **Sunday, November 20** are given to the Glory of God.

The Bulletin & Mailing Sponsorship for **Sunday, November 20** are given to the Glory of God.

The Sanctuary Lamp Sponsorship for **November** is given by Joyce Thomas with thanksgiving for all God has given us.

The Special Benevolence Offering for **November is ELCA World Hunger**. To contribute please list the amount on your offering envelope next to Special Offering Ministry and list ELCA World Hunger under comments.

Need A Ride?

Contact the church office Monday - Thursday from 8am - 12 noon at 717-737-0439 or email gelc@comcast.net for a list of members who are available to help you get where you need to go.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Volunteer Recruitment Fair

Are you interested in serving in ministry outside the church walls? You are invited to attend a Volunteer Recruitment Fair this **Thursday, November 17 from 10am - 1pm** at Camp Hill United Methodist Church, 417 S. 22nd Street, Camp Hill. Find opportunities to serve with Family Promise of the Harrisburg Capital Region, Christian Churches United, New Hope Ministries, and many others!

For more information, contact Susan Ryder at susan@familypromisehcr.org

Tuesday Bible Study

Bible Study resumes this **Tuesday, November 15**. Join Pastor Evan at **1pm** in the conference room to continue the multi-session study on *Moses the Reluctant Prophet*.

For more information contact Pastor Evan at 717-497-3742 or pastorevan47@gmail.com.

Men of Grace

No Men of Grace meeting November.

Join us in December on the third Thursday of the month at 6pm via zoom.

For more information contact Rick Keen at 717-657-5563 or Matt Hearn at 717-350-1048

Book Club

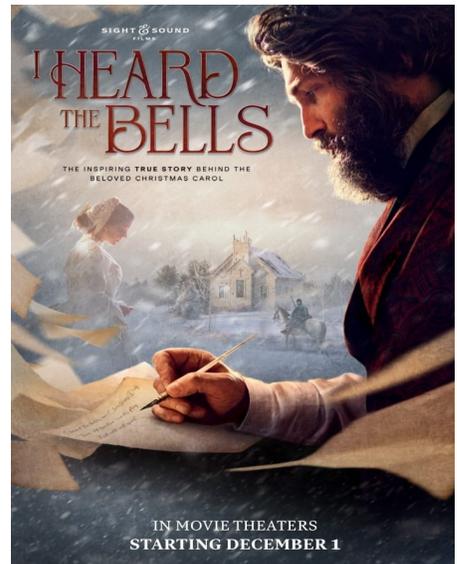
The next book club meeting is on **Tuesday, November 27 at 7pm via Zoom**. They will be discussing "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt.

[CLICK HERE](#) for login information.



A memorial service will be held at 2pm November 19 at Sell Chapel-Masonic Village, Elizabethtown with visitation one hour prior.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the obituary.



[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to find a theater near you.

Good News from Grace articles are due by **12 noon on Tuesdays**. Email to deppengelc@gmail.com

Join us for Worship!

Saturdays at 5:00PM
Sundays at 9:30AM
or

[via Live Stream](#)

Sunday School

1st & 3rd Sunday at 10:45am
September to May



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