

Good News from Grace

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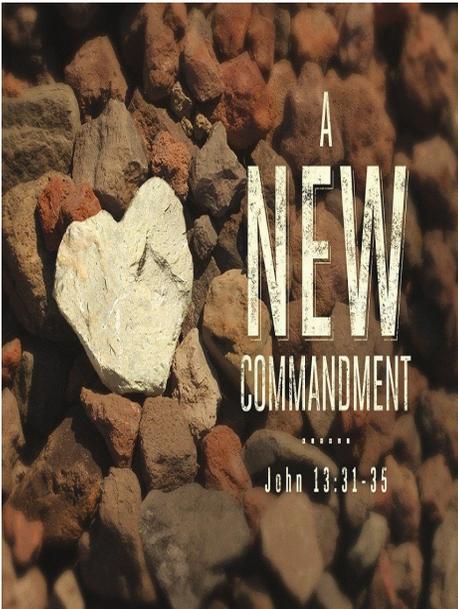
Our Purpose

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

May 15, 2022 (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

John 13:34-35 – I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

Cultivating safe space where love is the language and there's room at the table for everyone should be a guiding principle for steward-disciples. After all, Jesus commands it. What would it take for our congregation to become known as "the love church"?



Please contact
Pastor Evan
(717-497-3742)
or
Vicar Susan
(717-497-1013)
directly if you need
pastoral assistance.

JOIN US IN WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Today we welcome the following new members and their families to Grace:

Starr Black
Keith, Krista, Austin & Andrew Snavely
Mike, Katie, Ryleigh & Mikenzie Yeager
Jarryd, Sarah & Patrick Erb

Please take a moment to introduce yourself and welcome them to Grace!

Sponsorship Opportunities

To see available dates [CLICK HERE](#) or check the bulletin board by the elevator.

Special requests may be made for dates not listed. Contact the office by 2pm the Monday prior to the Sunday you wish to sponsor.

Contact Diane at 717-737-0439 x 15 or deppengelc@gmail.com to reserve a date before sending in payment .

At Home Communion

If you wish for someone to come to your home and provide communion please contact

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FLAT JESUS



As some of you may remember in the Summer of 2016 Flat Jesus went on many trips with members of Grace. Well, we

plan to do it again this summer from **May 29 – August 28.**

What is Flat Jesus you may ask? Flat Jesus is based on the children's book [Flat Stanly](#) by Jeff Brown. He is an image on 5x7 cardstock that you can pick up in the library next starting Sunday, May 15. Once you have the image you can decorate his clothes and take him along with you wherever you go this summer, whether it be to summer camp, the beach or Alaska, not only in a tangible way but in the way you live and serve in Jesus' name.

Then while traveling we want you to take photographs of

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FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

Greetings to you in this Season of Easter in which we are keenly reminded that our faith is founded on resurrection, in this life and in the life to come.

We just celebrated the Fourth Sunday of Easter, traditionally known as "Jesus, the Good Shepherd" Sunday. On this Sunday you bid farewell to Pastor Cover, beloved spiritual leader for nearly the past nine years. Soon, you will receive me as your intentional interim pastor. In the meantime, you are preparing to send Vicar Susan as a rostered minister of Word and Sacrament. Changes in rostered ministers carry a certain degree of anxiety with the "known" leaving and the "unknown" arriving. But this time of transition is also, and most importantly, a time for opportunity.

Recall that the word "pastor" derives from the Latin noun



pastor which means "shepherd" and is derived from the verb *pascere* - "to lead to pasture, set to grazing, cause to eat." The term pastor is synonymous with the biblical understanding of minister.

Pastor Cover shepherded you with care, compassion, love and grace. Together you continued ministries that were started before her arrival, you embarked on new ministries, and now, you are on the horizon of discerning future ministries through the work of the strategic planning process. You have been a very active and forward moving faith

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FROM OUR ORGANIST

May 29 will be my last Sunday as organist at Grace. My tour ends at a time of transition for others as well. I'm thrilled with the hiring of Emily and Kristopher Hartman, two excellent and well-educated musicians.

When I became the organist at Grace in 2006, I thought I would be in that position for about five years. To my surprise, it turned into 16 years!

During that time, I worked with many pastors. Pastor Cover

has been truly great to work with. She has impressive knowledge and expertise with all aspects of leading a church. She even stepped up to serve as Sunday School Superintendent and children's choir director, which I believe is unprecedented. I will miss her very much.

Carolyn Houck also did a great job as Music Director, and I'm happy that she will continue to attend and participate in activities here at Grace. You will also continue to see me at

church as I plan to continue as an active member of the Grace community, including the bell choir.

It has been a pleasure serving as your organist, and I will remember this time fondly. I want to thank the congregation for much support through the years. Onward and upward! Blessings to you all!

Bonnie Barton
Organist



New Music Ministers

Kristopher & Emily Hartman will begin as the new music ministers on **Sunday, June 5**.

If you wish to reach out to them with questions, concerns or thoughts you can do so at K.E.Hartman11@gmail.com

Center Stage Opera

Center Stage Opera presents A Rossini/Verdi Gala at **7:30pm on Friday, May 27 at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church**.

The cost is \$10 students/\$25 Adult. **Credit cards/ Debit cards are not accepted.**

Wonderful music from two beloved operas!

Child Protection Clearances

Ever five years, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requires that all volunteers renew their child protection clearances. In order to be compliant and to protect our children, it is time to renew your clearances.

If you have volunteered in the past, expect an email from Vicar Susan with renewal instructions. If you plan to volunteer with children and youth ministries and do not have your clearances on file, please contact Vicar Susan for more information.



MEMORIES OF GRACE

Over the past few months especially, I have been reflecting a lot about my time here at Grace. This August will mark my ten year milestone, and 18 overall years of leading youth ministry. I can now officially say that I've been leading youth for more than half of my life!

I am extremely grateful for these past ten years. There have been so many changes around us in terms of community, our vision/focus/purpose, and of course with our staff. Diane has asked me to write this article about some of my memories here at Grace, and after 10 years I have SO MANY! I could have chosen to write about our youth that have grown up to have their own children,

that have gone to college and now have their "big boy" and "big girl" jobs, or I could write about those that have become leaders within or started their own faith related non - profits, BUT I would be remiss not to mention the number one reason why we have seen these results, and my favorite part of Grace - *the commitment from the whole congregation.*

From the day I started at Grace, we had committed families to ensure the success of this ministry. Parents have stepped up to lead as registrars, meal coordinators, chaperones, hosts within their own homes, and aided in teaching their children to evangelize. Grace Youth Group is known as an extremely welcoming group to our neighbors simply due to the fact of how many friends have been welcomed into our youth room and church properties. All of the parents/guardians that have served formally or informally in these roles over years have allowed me to really focus on recruiting young leaders to lead on Sunday evenings and beyond. With the team of advisors we have, I am convinced we are running the race our Lord has commissioned us to do. Our advisor team walks alongside the young people and guides them in their faith lives as is called of us.

Change is not only necessary, it is unavoidable. After listening to Pastor Cover's sending sermon last week, my thoughts were confirmed as she stated the ministry of Grace has been so strong, especially through transitions, due to the strength, mission and commitment of the congregation through it all! I look forward to serving alongside Pastor Lois as she shepherds the Grace flock into the next stages of our servanthood to the Highland Park area and beyond! - *Jesse Woodrow*

STAINED GLASS PANEL WINNERS

The following people were the winners for the Stained Glass panels. In total we raised \$3,250.00 for the Organ Fund.

If you are one of the winners listed below you can pick up your stained glass panel by contacting the church office at 717-737-0439 Monday -

Thursday from 8am to 12 noon to schedule a time starting Wednesday, May 11 to pick them up.

- Day 1 Ann Barnett
- Day 2 Bonnie Barton
- Day 3 Marti Bert
- Day 4 Heidi Hartman
- Day 5 Michelle Knight
- Day 6 Larry & Ann Hoffman

Day 7 Debbie Hoover
Congratulations and thank you for supporting the Organ fund!





We hold in prayer especially this week...

Sandy Yetter, Russ Weber, Barry Fenicle, Reinhard C., Mary Heverling, Mary Ann Osswald, Michael, Danielle Pizzolatto and their children: Dominic, Caroline & Gabriel, Lori Weber, Sue Gasswint, Joe Jackson, Debbie Aldridge, Kay Lee, Yvonne Gettys, Patti Reed, Diane Brokenshire, Sudy Stoll, Keith Downs, Garry Murray, Vernon Frazier and Dean Jury.

We hold in ongoing prayer...

Darlene M., Gladys Cline, Margaret Knupp, Kathryn Tuckey, Pastor Molly Haggerty, Frank Blizzard, Gerry & Sara Jane Crawford, Mary Louise Shetter, Charlie Buchanan, Joyce Allan, Sis Hoffman, David Harman III, Howard Lauver, Priscilla Walter, Lesly Richards, Eileen McCann, Mike Lutz, and Destiny Glenn.

We also hold our shut-ins in prayer:

Louis Lore, John Hench, Shirley Hughes, John Shuey, Betty Bennett, and Dick Cromer.

If you have family members or friends on the prayer list please notify the church office (717-737-0439 or gelc@comcast.net) each month with updates. Your input helps us maintain the prayer list since we are not aware of the changes in the health status of those on the list.

CHURCH REPAIR & MAINTENANCE

Did you ever notice when the neighbor's car came home with a crumpled fender? You see cars

every day, but the ones you really notice are those that are damaged, right. Your church is the same way. You notice when something isn't right. When it's been repaired, it's as it should be and you really don't take notice.

For example, did you notice that you no longer need to walk through six inches of standing water to enter the church office from the parking lot? Or how about the green mold growing on the Grace Welcome awning? When was the last time you remember having to clean-up flooded water in the social hall? Or when the steeple lights weren't working? You probably remember not being able to open both the entrance doors to the sanctuary, but do you notice when the air conditioning wasn't working? I bet you do!

These are all things that require periodic maintenance so they don't become expensive repairs. You may remember talking about the church as a house, only it's a very "big" house and it needs constant maintenance.

If we are to grow as a church, the community needs to see Grace in all it's glory. Preventative maintenance can reduce costly repairs and promote the "story" of the church. As a congregation, you can help in this endeavor by volunteering for a committee like Property Board or Altar Guild.

To quote Pastor Arthur Neal "The Harvest is Plentiful - but the Laborers are few".

Randy Hamme
Property Board



ALTAR GUILD OPPORTUNITY

Looking for a way to serve at Grace? Consider the Altar Guild. They could use some new helpers to help out on a rotational basis cleaning up the Communion Elements on Sundays after the live stream. Please contact Beth Jury at drjury11@gmail.com.

FLAT JESUS

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you, your family etc. with Flat Jesus out in the world. Send those images to gelc@comcast.net or post it on the Grace Facebook page.

When Grace receives the images, we will put a dot on the map which will be located in the library starting May 29 so everyone can see all the places Grace has gone with Jesus this summer!



FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

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community!

With the departure of a permanent pastor comes an intentional interim pastor. Why such a title? During this time of transition, we intentionally come to terms with Grace's history, discern its vision for the future, and work on healthy behaviors to strengthen the lay leadership and faith community as preparations are made to call a new permanent pastor. But the overarching umbrella to this work is a "shepherd" to continue to preside at worship services, to preach the Word and to administer the sacraments, to officiate at weddings and funerals and to offer pastoral care.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER HELP NEEDED

After 54 years, Joyce Allan can no longer handle all that is needed to keep the Intercessory prayer ministry going. She is looking for someone willing to take over the ministry.

Due to the COVID pandemic, the list has not been updated since January 2019.

Joyce will gladly offer her experience and thoughts to help make a successful transition. Anyone interested can contact her at home or send an email to joyce1don2@comcast.net.

"I believe in the power of prayer. I think prayer benefits the person being prayed for by knowing that others care, and it benefits the person praying as they think good thoughts for others. I hope that everyone will continue to pray for the people whose names that are printed weekly in the Grace News. God bless all of you and God bless our prayer ministry." - Joyce Allan

I look forward to serving you, leading you, and being present with you as we journey forward, praying together this prayer from the liturgy for Evening Prayer:

O Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Serving in the name of Christ,

Pastor Lois Van Orden

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday Bible Study: Women of the Bible

Please join Vicar Susan for a 5-week study of **Women of the Bible** from **April 19 - May 17** Tuesdays at 1:00pm in-person in the conference room or 7pm via Zoom.

CLICK HERE for the Zoom information or contact the church office Monday - Thursday 8am - 12:00pm at 717-737-0439.

May 17: Hagar and Mary & Martha

May 24: Herodias & Herodias and Priscilla, Phoebe, Lydia & Rhoda

The Gathering

The Gathering is for all "senior" women. They meet **the third Wednesday at 1pm for lunch and fellowship.**

Each month a different restaurant is selected. For May they will be meeting at Theo's Bar & Grill (3315 Hartzdale Drive, Camp Hill)

For more information contact Nancy Whitcomb at 717-697-1823.

75th Anniversary Celebration

If you were unable to attend the luncheon and would like to view the program portion or the slideshow showcasing images from over the last 75 years, it is on the church website at www.gracecamphill.org or **CLICK HERE.**

If you have memories or photographs to share please continue to send them in! We would like to include them in the newsletter throughout 2022! Images and stories can be emailed to Diane at deppengelc@gmail.com or by dropping them off at the church office Monday-Thursday 8am to 12noon.

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

Join us for Worship!

Saturdays at 6:00PM
Sundays at 9:30AM
or
[via Live Stream](#)

Sunday School

Sundays September to May



GYG Schedule

May
14-15 GYG Overnight at Nawakwa
22 Graduation Sunday
Last GYG Night

June
19-25 Confirmation Camp

July
23-29 LutheranHANDS
Mission trip to Minneapolis, MN

CLICK HERE to view the full 2021 - 2022 GYG Schedule.



May 12th - Kite Day.
Let's all go fly our kites today!

This Week at Grace...

The Altar Flowers for **Sunday, May 15** are given to the Glory of God.

The Bulletin & Mailing Sponsorship for **Sunday, May 15** is given to the Glory of God.

The Sanctuary Lamp Sponsorship for **May** is given with love by Diane Brokenshire in loving memory of her mother, and brother, Laury.

The Special Benevolence Offering for **May is Lutheran Camping Corporation.** To contribute please list the amount on your offering envelope next to Special Offering Ministry and list LCC under comments.



Save the Date

The Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 12 immediately following the 9:30am worship service.

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