

August 2021

# GraceNotes

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GRACE

## From the Pastor

By Paul H. Pingel



### Pastor's Page

Grace's Strategic Planning Committee has met a couple of times now, with our next meeting in early August.

When one hears the words "strategic planning," it's easy to imagine the work is about assessing where we are, and to envision where God is leading us. And that's true, the Committee's goal is starting to do that, with all of us together at Grace.

However, what the Strategic Planning Committee also realized is that we have had a 400+ day (pandemic) period where our interaction with one another has been "virtual," and "remote." Yes, we have heard great stories of Grace members checking in with one another, stopping by, getting groceries, sending cards, phone calling, etc. But coming back together in-person is still a relatively new thing. Having the time to be with one another

in ways that allow for conversation and discussion are still in the "we're seeing each other for the first time in awhile" – stage.

The Committee recognized we need some time to re-familiarize ourselves with old friends and be introduced to new friends. So throughout the rest of this year (keeping in mind and in sight the Covid virus) and into the next, we're going to offer some easy ways for us to fellowship together, to say hello again, to shake hands, to laugh and to enjoy one another. Then, as we begin to have a few of these events under our belt, we'll begin to ask some basic questions of our life together as God's people here at Grace. Where are we now? What have you appreciated over the last pandemic year? What are some of your hopes as we begin to come back together? Where have you seen God at work and God's Spirit guiding us?

Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, we are worshiping with our friends at St. James Lutheran at Barren Ridge Winery. It also gives us time to

enjoy the beautiful outdoors at Barren Ridge and have some good fellowship over food and perhaps a glass of “wine to gladden the human heart.” (Psalm 104:15).

There’s an Ice Cream Social coming up in September sponsored by our Children and Youth team, gathering under the shade tree next to the playground at Grace.

Gathering for a hike, meeting in small groups over dinner at a Grace member’s home, maybe celebrate Martin Luther’s birthday...These are a few ideas over the next few months to remind, recover, renew the ties that bind our hearts in Christian love, and “grow and faith toward our God and in fervent love for one another,” as one of the post-communion prayers of our Worship hymnal so eloquently says it. Then we’ll be able to listen, speak and see more clearly what God has in mind for us, together.



### **Pandemic Memorial Service**

- During the Covid-19 Pandemic from March 2020 through March 2021, eight (8) saints of Grace entered into the eternal promises of God. During this time, we had only graveside services, many with family only. To give an opportunity for us at Grace to give thanks for these saints and to give opportunity for family and friends to gather at Grace, we have scheduled the Memorial Service for Saturday, August 14th, at 1:00 p.m. There will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall following the service.





## Highlights of Congregation Council Meetings July 20, 2021

- Masks will continue to be optional for vaccinated persons. Communion will continue to be provided in individual chalices.
- A new Council Secretary, Vivian Proctor, was approved by Council and will start in August.
- Grace Financial Planning for 2022 will begin October 5th at the October Round Table meeting
- A Strategic Plan is in development. To help us reemerge from the pandemic stronger than ever, a variety of monthly community-based activities are being planned to reestablish and build new relationships through Grace.
- A joint worship service with St. James Lutheran church will be held on August 29th at Barren Ridge Vineyards in Fishersville.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrew Sell, Acting Secretary

**COMING SOON**

**BEYOND THE ARCHITECTURE**  
*The Story of Waynesboro City Churches & Their People*

**GRAND OPENING  
AND RECEPTION**

Sunday, August 15, 2020  
1:00 - 4:00 PM

The exhibit will take you on a journey to discover the history of churches in the city of Waynesboro through their architecture, art, music, and ministry.

# Church News



Sunday, September 12 at 3:00 will be a back-to-church Ice Cream Social for children of *all* ages, from 2 to 102! It will also be a time to share what's going on with Christian Education for everyone, and Youth activities. We will meet on the side playground and provide ice cream, bowls, spoons, and waters. A sign-up sheet for attendance and to bring toppings will be emailed out and posted in the back of the nave in August. Be on the look out! We look forward to welcoming back our families with children and youth and give thanks to those who serve this valuable ministry. Please bring your own lawn chair for seating. See you soon!



Covid Vaccine will be available at Westminster Presbyterian Church, supported by Augusta Health, Saturday August 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for Johnson & Johnson or Pfizer 1st dose. Saturday, August 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the second Pfizer 2nd dose will be available. If you would like more information, please call Westminster at 540-942-1145.



As we move back to In-Person worship, please consider assisting with worship. Altar Guild volunteers are needed. If you are interested in serving the church in this capacity, please contact Jean Morgan, 540-943-1929, or the Church Office, 540-949-6171.

Also, Offering Stewards are needed. If you are interested in serving the church in this capacity, please contact Pat Brady, 540-932-3677, or the Church Office, 540-949-6171.



**Grace Christian Education Survey for Families with Children and Youth** - Our Children and Youth Team is hard at work preparing for Fall activities! We will be sending out a survey to all families about our Fall Christian Education and Youth Activities. PLEASE fill out the survey when it comes your way, so we can get ready for a great Fall together.



**Food Pantries - Thanks, and Continuing Need—** Many thanks to those who have donated Peanut Butter, Mac 'n Cheese, Personal Hygiene items, and Dried Rice and Beans to our local food banks. We have made ***seventeen*** deliveries thus far, eight to Main Street United Methodist, and nine to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. July 15, **130 pounds of food** went to Calvary United Methodist breaking our previous records! **Overall, we have given well over 1,300 pounds!** If you can help, please donate to our box.



The Salvation Army has contacted Grace Lutheran with a request for **school supplies** for Kindergarten students in Waynesboro and East Augusta Co. The request is for: pencil boxes/pouches, colored pencils, scissors, glue sticks, erasers, pencil sharpeners, pencils, markers and crayons.

Any items can be brought to the hallway outside of the church office by July 30. They will be collected and delivered to the Salvation Army for distribution.

You may also make a monetary contribution by August 10 to be used to purchase needed supplies...just write "Homework Toolboxes" in the memo of your check. The address is:

Salvation Army  
P.O. Box 1065  
Waynesboro, VA 22980



Thank you for the concern, prayers, cards, visits and phone calls during my recent surgery and illness. It meant so much and I feel sure that it played a part in my recovery.

Thank you!  
Brad Keefer



The flower chart is located in the back of the sanctuary. Please consider signing up for **altar flowers** as there are a lot of open Sundays. Any questions, please call the Church Office, 540-949-6171.



8 July 2021

Paul Pingel  
Grace Lutheran Church  
500 S Wayne Ave.  
Waynesboro, VA 22980

Dear Paul,

**I want to thank you for your service to Summit Square as you provide leadership for our vesper's services each Sunday!** Our vesper's services have been a huge success and the community finds them very meaningful. Our success has caught up with us and so we do not want to stifle the excitement of those attending. Residents are proud when their own pastor bringing the vesper's message and greatly enjoy sharing the service with other pastors whom they may well know.

This is where my second purpose for writing you comes in. **We are finding we need additional help through volunteers to help supplement our pianist and help in getting residents in the units to the service.** I am wondering if you have a pianist in your congregation that would like to substitute for Donna Pangburn, our pianist, on occasions when she is unable to do so? This would be only occasionally. In our service we use familiar music mostly coming from the hymn book. This would include accompanying our men's quartet. They too, sing familiar hymns so the task is not too difficult.

The core of our congregants for worship now come from independent living. Most attend their local congregation but a number of them are not able to make the trip each Sunday to their home church. Three units, Health Care, Assisted Living, and Memory Care are also a concern for they express interest in coming to worship but need assistance in making the trip up to the new chapel. We need help in bringing them to our service.

If you are comfortable in doing so, would you ask your congregation attenders if they would be interested in serving in either of these capacities?

Obviously, some churches have a number of piano players and others have few. Some churches have volunteers interested in this sort of thing especially if they have friends at Summit Square. Thank you for your consideration of this need.

In the friendship of Christ,

David E. Wolfe



**8/2 Steve Jones**

**8/5 Bobby Hull**

**8/5 Landon Lynch**

**8/7 Paige Smith**

**8/8 Flossie Myers**

**8/9 David Proctor**

**8/11 Rick Glidden**

**8/11 Donna Marshall**

**8/11 Rachel Hilker**

**8/16 Cathy Firkin**

**8/20 Joe Moyer**

**8/25 Robin Crowder**

**8/25 Jack Eckstrom**

**8/26 Jimmy Owens**

**8/29 Tom Carper**

# Baptisms

**8/1 Liz Ann Binns**

**8/6 Hal Walck**

**8/7 Flossie Myers**

**8/9 Amy Myers**

**8/9 Emily Almarode**

**8/13 Zander Bandy**



**8/20 Kelly Rankin**

**8/23 Chris Carper**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>1</b></p> <p><b>10th Sunday After Pentecost</b></p> <p><b>10:00 a.m.</b> <i>Service of the Word In-Person and via YouTube</i> <b>Holy Communion</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>2</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>3</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>4</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7:00 p.m.</b> <b>Mutual Ministry</b> <i>(Conference Room)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>5</b></p> <p><b>8:30 a.m.</b> <b>Grace Walkers</b></p> <p><b>1:00 p.m.— 3:00 p.m.</b> <b>Bridge Club</b> <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i></p> <p><b>6:30 p.m.</b> <b>Discussion with Christ Tabernacle</b> <i>(Seminar Room)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>6</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>7</b></p> <p><b>9:00 a.m.</b> VMA Musikgarten</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>8</b></p> <p><b>11th Sunday After Pentecost</b></p> <p><b>10:00 a.m.</b> <i>Service of the Word In-Person and via YouTube</i> <b>Holy Communion</b></p> <p><b>10:50 a.m.</b> <i>Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>9</b></p> <p><b>7:00 p.m.</b> <b>Grace Anti- Racism Book Study</b> <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>10</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>11</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>12</b></p> <p><b>8:30 a.m.</b> <b>Grace Walkers</b></p> <p><b>1:00 p.m.— 3:00 p.m.</b> <b>Bridge Club</b> <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>13</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>14</b></p> <p><b>9:00 a.m.</b> VMA Musikgarten</p> <p><b>1:00 p.m.</b> <b>Pandemic Memorial Service &amp; Reception</b></p>



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<p style="text-align: right;"><b>15</b></p> <p><b>12th Sunday</b>  <b>After Pentecost</b>  <b>10:00 a.m.</b>  <i>Service of the Word</i>  <i>In-Person and via YouTube</i>  <b>Holy Communion</b>  <b>10:50 a.m.</b>  <i>Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>16</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>17</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Church Council</p> </div> <p><b>7:00 p.m.</b>  <b>Council</b>  In-Person and Zoom</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>18</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>19</b></p> <p><b>8:30 a.m.</b>  <b>Grace Walkers</b></p> <p><b>1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b>  <b>Bridge Club</b>  <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i></p> <p><b>6:30 p.m.</b>  <b>Discussion with Christ Tabernacle</b>  <i>(Seminar Room)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>20</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>21</b></p> <p><b>9:00 a.m.</b>  VMA  Musikgarten</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>FRIENDS OF CHRIST</p> </div> <p><b>3:00 p.m.</b>  <b>Prayer Vigil for Racial Reconcil.</b>  <i>(Constitution Park)</i></p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>22</b></p> <p><b>13th Sunday</b>  <b>After Pentecost</b>  <b>10:00 a.m.</b>  <i>Service of the Word</i>  <i>In-Person and via YouTube</i>  <b>Holy Communion</b>  <b>10:50 a.m.</b>  <i>Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>23</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>24</b></p> <p><b>7:00 p.m.</b>  <b>Round Tables</b>  In-Person and Zoom</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>25</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>26</b></p> <p><b>8:30 a.m.</b>  <b>Grace Walkers</b></p> <p><b>1:00–3:00 p.m.</b>  <b>Bridge Club</b>  <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>27</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>28</b></p> <p><b>9:00 a.m.</b>  VMA  Musikgarten</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>29</b></p> <p><b>14th Sunday</b>  <b>After Pentecost</b>  <b>10:00 a.m.</b>  Shared Worship w/St. James Lutheran at Barren Ridge Vineyards  <b>10:50 a.m.</b>  <i>Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>30</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>31</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>1</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>2</b></p> <p><b>8:30 a.m.</b>  <b>Grace Walkers</b></p> <p><b>1:00–3:00 p.m.</b>  <b>Bridge Club</b></p> <p><b>6:30 p.m.</b>  <b>Discussion with Christ Tabernacle</b>  <i>(Seminar Room)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>3</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>4</b></p> <p><b>9:00 a.m.</b>  VMA  Musikgarten</p>



<b>Sunday August 1</b>	<b>Sunday August 8</b>	<b>Sunday August 15</b>	<b>Sunday August 22</b>	<b>Sunday August 29</b>
<b>Preaching &amp; Presiding</b> Pastor Paul Pingel	<b>Preaching &amp; Presiding</b> Pastor Paul Pingel	<b>Preaching &amp; Presiding</b> Pastor Paul Pingel	<b>Preaching &amp; Presiding</b> Pastor Paul Pingel	<b>Preaching &amp; Presiding</b> Pastor Paul Pingel
<b>Altar Flowers</b> Open	<b>Altar Flowers</b> Open	<b>Altar Flowers</b> Rachel Fauber and Jeff Shook	<b>Altar Flowers</b> Ingrid Sevigny	<b>Altar Flowers</b> Open
<b>Altar Guild</b> Jean Morgan	<b>Altar Guild</b> Jean Morgan	<b>Altar Guild</b> Jean Morgan	<b>Altar Guild</b> Jean Morgan	<b>Altar Guild</b> Jean Morgan
<b>Assisting Minister</b> Tripp Franklin	<b>Assisting Minister</b> Quinn Franklin	<b>Assisting Minister</b> Ron Almarode	<b>Assisting Minister</b> Donna Gum	<b>Assisting Minister</b> Susan Myers
<b>Council Person of the Week</b> Andrew Sell	<b>Council Person of the Week</b> Amy Warren	<b>Council Person of the Week</b> Bob Barrette	<b>Council Person of the Week</b> Fred Biggers	<b>Council Person of the Week</b> Kathy Bump
<b>Offering Steward</b> Pat Brady	<b>Offering Steward</b> Pat Brady	<b>Offering Steward</b> Pat Brady	<b>Offering Steward</b> Pat Brady	<b>Offering Steward</b> Pat Brady
<b>Ushers</b> Lee Lynch Bill Meicke	<b>Ushers</b> Fred Biggers David Proctor	<b>Ushers</b> Jack Eckstrom Linda Meyer	<b>Ushers</b> Gail Johnson Carrie Jones	<b>Ushers</b> Rick Bump Linda Meyer



## Finance Update

## Budget Barometer June 2021

For the year, actual receipts are below budget and actual disbursements are below budget resulting in a surplus of \$5,054

Comparison to Prior Year: Financial Barometer	Actual 2020	Actual 2021	Difference
Total Budget Receipts YTD	\$144,300	\$147,165	\$2,865
Total Budget Disbursed YTD	\$138,997	\$142,111	\$3,113
	<b>\$5,303</b>	<b>\$5,054</b>	<b>(\$249)</b>



## Nursing Home, Assisted Living and Homebound Members

Genevieve Arneson 220 Adventure Trail Waynesboro, VA 22980	LizAnn Binns The Legacy 1410a North Augusta Street Apartment 3027 Staunton, VA 24401
Maribeth Faivre Summit Square 501 Oak Avenue, Apt. 130 Waynesboro, VA 22980	Sandra Hoy Accordius Room 111 1221 Rosser Avenue Waynesboro, VA 22980
Phyllis Kite Summit Square 501 Oak Avenue, Apt. 217 Waynesboro, VA 22980	Bob Knemoller Summit Square 501 Oak Avenue, Apt. AL-13 Waynesboro, VA 22980
Glen & Flossie Myers The Legacy 1410a North Augusta Street Staunton, VA 24401	Pete Rufe Summit Square Healthcare 501 Oak Avenue, Room 7 Waynesboro, VA 22980

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## Church Staff

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Pastor

**Nancy Dowdy**  
Administrative Secretary

**Mike Myers**  
Director of Music & Organist

## Church Office Hours

Mon–Thu: 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

(Lunch 11:30– 12:30 p.m.)

Friday: 8:00 a.m.—Noon