

January 2023

# GraceNotes

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GRACE

## From the Pastor



### Pastor's Page

This time of year many at Grace are visited – so that our homebound, and other members of Grace have a contact from the

Body of Christ during the Holidays. We are also re-invigorating our Eucharistic Minister guild so that our seniors and homebound have more of an opportunity to receive the Eucharist each month.

These past few weeks also remind us of the importance of our life together. Almost all of Grace's ministry is dependent on a LOT of people. On Sunday, December 18th, a group of people from 5 years old into their 80's remained to decorate the worship space for Christmas Eve. Another small group places the Poinsettias the day before Christmas Eve. Quietly a group of three people helped a Grace member with some home needs. Another group helped a family in need in Staunton. Still another group continued their

work relationship with a Congolese family being sponsored by Grace and Westminster Presbyterian with tutoring, teaching, helping to negotiate a new and very different world. Another group met in a Constitution Parking lot for prayer with friends from Christ Tabernacle. Two choirs prepare for Christmas Eve. A group of six continue to sort through information to determine some Strategic plans for Grace as we look at 2023. Various groups work to be good stewards of our finances. In the midst of health issues, and space issues at Grace (during a week in which a homeless shelter, a music academy and a yoga class met here), a group of women arranged a most appreciated and bountiful funeral reception for the Myers family.

God-With-Us, Immanuel is central to understanding who we are. We need something beyond us to help us be who are meant to be. An amazing God decided to become incarnate in the most vulnerable of

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ways – a baby born into a feeding trough! – and witnessed by the farm laborers in the countryside tending sheep, so that they would share the good news that all would wonder at, even Jesus' (Immanuel's mother). They did this as the magi – astrologers as foreign as one can imagine – made their way to trouble all of Jerusalem, most of all King Herod, with their desire to behold a child, a king.

At the same time, we are called INTO something. To be a part of a Body, to be the hands and feet of Christ, to see Jesus in others. Jesus, whose kingship did not result in glory as WE understand it, but glory that comes through death on a cross and resurrection. Dying to self in order to live a new life.

It is a great mystery we are called into once again this Christmas and Epiphany. God bless you this Christmas Season and in the New Year.

# **Congregational Meeting**

## **2023 Proposed Budget Vote: Meeting Minutes**

### **December 11, 2022**

11:05 a.m.: President Robin Crowder called the meeting to order to vote on the proposed 2023 budget. His opening statement included thanks to Pastor Paul, and the Stewardship Committee, especially Mike Trauscht and Fred Biggers, on the success of the Stewardship Campaign.

Ushers distributed paper copies of the budget and voting ballots to those interested.

Treasurer Ron Almarode spoke about the Stewardship Campaign and Grace's mission. He stated that pledges increased by approximately \$32,000 from last year and the spending plan increased by approximately \$29,000. There was no decrease in benevolence or ministry programs. Church staff compensation will be increased by 8.7%. He then asked if anyone in the Congregation had any questions, there were none.

President Crowder asked for a motion to approve the budget. The motion was so moved by multiple members and seconded by multiple members of the congregation. Members were then allowed to vote. President Crowder informed those watching via YouTube that votes could be cast via email by emailing [grace.lc@comcast.net](mailto:grace.lc@comcast.net).

Meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Shortly after the meeting was adjourned, President Crowder received the in-person vote tally and announced the results: 59 approved, 0 disapproved. The 2023 budget proposal was approved by the Congregation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrew Sell



Dear Grace Congregation, **Thank y'all** so much for the wonderful care package to get ready for exams! It was so thoughtful and I really appreciate the time and care it took to make the care package. I feel so supported and the snacks are really helping me get through the week! Thanks so much, Hannah Pingel



Donations

**Cold Weather Donations Request** — We are collecting donations of socks, hats, scarves and gloves for distribution at the Disciple's Kitchen breakfasts during the upcoming cold months. We would like to collect items for women, men, and children. New or clean, gently used items will be greatly appreciated! We have a box outside the office door for drop off. Any questions, please call Cindy Trauscht at 434-227-6100. Thank you!



**Conference Room Renovation!** - Check out the Conference Room next to the Fellowship Hall!, The Property Team of Fred Biggers, Ron Myers, and Rew Walck, repaired walls and corners, sanded and painted the space. Many thanks for their work!



**Eucharistic Ministry at Grace** - Each month our Eucharistic Ministers bring Holy Communion to homebound Grace members. It is a blessed way to offer Jesus and his love, mercy and forgiveness to others. If you feel called to this ministry, please let Pastor Paul know, as we have received additional requests for this ministry.



**Adult Sunday School!** Pastor Karen Van Stee leads an engaging study of Matthew's gospel at **8:30** a.m. *Please note the new, earlier starting time.* Come join us!



**Second Yoga Class Offered at Grace** - Shelton Sprouse, who had the "Blue Moon Yoga" studio on Main Street until the pandemic, has been offering a Yoga class Saturday mornings at Grace. It is designed for beginners and senior adults, for "physical activity and mindfulness." The class is offered from 11:00 a.m.—12:15 a.m. Saturday mornings in the Fellowship Hall. Please note that the Yoga class will be in the **Seminar Room** on the following dates: January 7 and January 28. A donation may be given, but is not required.

**He will be offering a second class on Wednesday evenings** from 6:00 –7:15 p.m. in the Seminar Room. A donation may be given, but is not required.



**Drive-Thru Youth Soup Fundraiser on January 8th!!!** Grace Youth will be working at Westminster Presbyterian Church parking lot on Sunday, January 8th, 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. to serve up a variety of soups when you drive up!! The Fundraiser supports the Waynesboro organization Foster Love Ministries, which provides ministry and support to local foster families. We'll take your order, and deliver right to your car without you having to get out, for a delicious soup lunch or dinner ready to go! Come on out January 8th!



**New Adult Bible Weekday Class!** A four week class on I Corinthians, which we'll be reading during the Season of Epiphany! Pastor Paul leads the class, on Thursdays, or other best time for those attending. We start on January 19. Interested? Sign up in the sheet in the Narthex!



**First Sunday Fellowship Begins in January**—Beginning in January 2023, our Fellowship Team—as well as other Grace ministries and groups—will be hosting a First Sunday Fellowship each month. It is simply an opportunity for us to have a little extra time after worship to enjoy some light refreshments, and the Community and Fellowship we have in Christ here at Grace! We look forward to seeing you then!



**Dear Friends in Christ:** I join with the my namesake, the apostle Paul to thank God for you! (Philippians 1:3) You have blessed me and my family with a very generous Christmas gift! Thank you for your love and kindness, and I pray that God will continue to guide us, together in Grace, **as** Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in 2023!



### **Covid Policy at Grace**

- Masking is optional during worship.
- We will continue to post the CDC "risk" color (green [low], yellow [medium] or orange [high risk] in the narthex
- There is a "social distance" section available in the front right of the worship space
- Holy Communion will continue to be offered by coming up front and receiving bread and individual cups of wine; pastor and assistants will mask when the CDC "risk" color is orange (high)
- Masks and hand sanitizer continue to be available in the narthex.

### ***We continue to encourage:***

- Vaccination and keeping up-to-date with current shots
- Staying home when not feeling well, especially with flu and other infections on the rise this time of year
- Masking if you have not been vaccinated for Covid or Flu
- Masking for Covid, flu or other infections.



**Altar Flowers**—Please consider signing up to provide Altar Flowers for Sunday services. You can either sign up on flower chart in the Nave or call the church office.



**Grace Photo Directory 2023!** (*And NO "HARD SELL" OF PHOTO PACKAGES!*) In January/February of this year, we will be creating a new Photo Directory IN-HOUSE, using Grace's Church software program (called Realm) that includes a Photo Directory feature! Look in your bulletin, e-blast, Grace website and Facebook page in January for dates and times, and instructions on how to sign up to take your (family) photograph. We'll have Sunday-after-Church times, and weekday/night times as well, to be sure as many people as possible can take part. For those unable to take part, you can also provide a photo yourself. We will place all the photos into the Directory with contact information, and provide the Directory in electronic or paper form. A Photo Directory works the best when all take part! Stay tuned for important information first of the New Year!



**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 pantries. We have made ***thirty-one deliveries*** thus far, fifteen to Main Street United Methodist, and sixteen to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. **Overall, we have given well over 3248 pounds of food!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.

## GRACE - WARM Cold Weather Shelter

**Collecting Toiletries** (travel/hotel-sized: shampoo/conditioner, soap, toothpaste, lotion)

**Collecting Breakfast and Snack Food Items** (cereal, fruit cups, nutra-grain bars, fruit juice boxes, nabs, individual portion bags of chips, cookies)

**Box located on back table in the Nave**

### **Volunteer Opportunities January 23-30**

***Sign-up Sheets are located in the back of the Nave before and after services***

- **Set-up teams:** January 22 and/or 23 to organize and set-up check-in, Fellowship Hall tables, cots, chairs, dividers.
- **Check-In teams:** 3-4 volunteers/night; assist Staff Host and welcome guests - make them feel welcome, let them know we care, participate in time of fellowship – let them know that God’s love is present in their lives! Make coffee!
- **Shower Host:** 1 volunteer/night; ensure guests have needed toiletries, towel; monitor shower schedule and collect towels
- **Meal Teams:** Join a team to provide dinner for about 50 people; volunteer to prepare food, serve and/or clean-up. Assist preparing sack lunches, if time/able. January 23 - 29 - we have 7 Teams scheduled; more volunteers are welcome to fill out teams. Welcoming individual volunteers as well as whole teams! If you're interested in leading a team, let me know!
- **Overnight Hosts:** 2 volunteers/night; assist the Staff Host overnight (in-person OR by telephone); in morning, make coffee and put out breakfast items and sack lunches, Clean up after.
- **Clean-up Team:** light cleaning duties. WARM will have guests complete basic chores (sweeping, mopping if needed, removing garbage). We will come in during the day (after the guests are gone,) to check the area, follow-up as needed - Lysol bathrooms, showers; wash/dry/fold towels.

### **Questions? Suggestions?**

Please contact Susan Myers 434-760-1660 or [sparkelmyers@gmail.com](mailto:sparkelmyers@gmail.com)



## Refugee Family Update

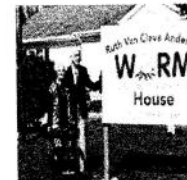
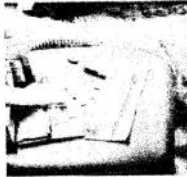
The Madawa/Mmeswa family continues to be busy learning to create a home and a life in America. The children are thriving in school, Jules and Phiston are working steadily at Virginia Panel, Jules is working to pass the test for obtaining a learner's permit to drive, Masoka (and Happy) attend English classes at home online and are making good progress. Learning about bill paying and comparison shopping and American traditions and practices keep them (and the Welcome Team) on their toes!

They learned about Thanksgiving and are now deep into learning about our various Christmas traditions. While they come from a Christian background they have not had the experiences of Christmas trees and lots of lights and all that goes with our particular ways to celebrate the birth of Jesus – as well as all the secular ways that Christmas is celebrated in America. The Welcome Team decided to introduce some of these traditions carefully so that we don't overwhelm the family, so we did not ask the congregations to provide Christmas gifts. We did make sure that they have a Christmas tree that fits into their small living room; and the children learned to decorate ornaments for the tree. The Team members also provided some additional ornaments for the tree as well as a child-friendly wooden nativity scene. The children have participated in the children's Christmas pageant at our partner church, Westminster Presbyterian. See some pictures of the angels and a shepherd and Caesar at the end of this message.

The main gift we are providing them is to take some of the funds you all have generously donated and pay one month's rent for them – giving them a little flexibility for this time when bills can be higher and perhaps enabling them to find some gifts for each other.

Many, many thanks to each of you who have kept the family and the Welcome Team in prayer, as well as your generous donations of gift cards, school snacks, clothing, and your time and welcome with this wonderful family as they attend our worship services and negotiate life in Waynesboro. We are blessed to be a blessing – and blessed by their presence among us!





# WARM

Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry

December 13, 2022

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
500 S Wayne Avenue  
Waynesboro, VA 22980-4836

Dear Friends at Grace Lutheran,

Thank you for your generous support of Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry, Inc. (WARM)! WARM has continued to be one of Waynesboro's front-line responders to challenges created by the pandemic. All our programs continue to operate during the pandemic including the addition of a year-around **Motel Emergency Shelter** that has literally saved lives and kept vulnerable community members out of harm's way.

Your gift allows us to continue to provide life-changing programs including **Ruth's WARM House**, offering transitional housing, case management and more to homeless mothers with children; **Community Outreach**, working to support the stability of formerly homeless neighbors, prevent homelessness, and respond to homelessness outside of shelter settings; and the future return of our **Cold Weather Shelter** which typically utilizes church partnerships and facilities to provide shelter and support to our community's most vulnerable during the coldest months of the year.

**To us, YOU are a hero contributing to tangible change.** We could not do any of this without the support of people like you... people who care. If you would like additional information on our work during challenging times, then please do not hesitate to contact me at (540)324-8166 or [admin@warmwaynesboro.org](mailto:admin@warmwaynesboro.org).

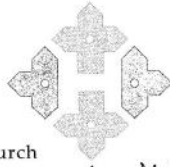
WARM Regards,

Brian Edwards  
Interim Executive Director

\*\*\*\*\*CONTRIBUTION RECEIPT\*\*\*\*\*

**Donor Name(s):** Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
**Gift Date:** 12/13/2022  
**Amount:** \$1,400.00  
**Type (Detail):** Check (80493)  
**Fund (Detail):** Unrestricted Gen. Donations (None)

*Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry, Inc. (WARM), Tax ID- 47-1937790, is a tax-exempt organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. As such, your donation/gift is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. No goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution.*



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
500 S Wayne Ave  
Waynesboro, VA 22980

*Thank you so very much for your wonderful generosity! Wishing you all the best this holiday season!*

December 9, 2022

Dear Friends at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you very much for your contribution to The Haven. We will make good use of your donation.

Your gift will help us serve those experiencing homelessness as they eat a healthy meal, bathe, do laundry, receive mail, get an ID, search for employment and get connected to services in one central location. Guests of The Haven have access to co-located services like PACEM, UVA Health Clinic, The Women's Initiative, Blue Ridge Health District, Charlottesville DSS, and referrals to Region Ten, Community Resource Line, Partner for Mental Health, Dept of Veteran's Affairs, Legal Aid Justice Center, Belmont Clothing Center and Community Bikes.

The Haven recognizes that homelessness is a housing crisis, and **the solution to homelessness is housing**. Your donation allows us to facilitate Coordinated Entry, Rapid Rehousing, Homeless Prevention, Housing Navigation, Housing2Home and Housing Stabilization, programs that move our guests from street to home.

To find out more, please visit [www.thehaven.org](http://www.thehaven.org).

Thank you,

Kay Comer  
Financial Associate  
[kay@thehaven.org](mailto:kay@thehaven.org)  
(804) 215-6554

*Please save this letter for tax purposes.*

*We verify that no goods or services were provided in exchange for this donation. Thank you!*

**THE HAVEN**

A DAY SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS AND THOSE IN NEED

112 West Market Street  
Charlottesville, VA 22902

434-973-1234  
[www.thehaven.org](http://www.thehaven.org)

Check Date    Amount  
11/2/2022    \$500.00  
MEF Grant

The Haven is a 501(c)(3) private nonprofit.  
Your donation may be tax-deductible.



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

November 9, 2022

Grace Lutheran Church  
500 S Wayne Ave  
Waynesboro, VA 22980-4836

Dear Grace Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift(s) given to your synod, received by ELCA World Hunger in September 2022.

*Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God (Romans 5:1-2).*

As a church, we believe that God's grace is freely given to us. This brings us peace and hope. It makes a difference in our lives. Through your gifts to ELCA World Hunger, you are sharing this amazing grace with others. You are helping people around the world feel the transformational power of God's love.

Your generosity is getting at the root causes of hunger and poverty in over 60 countries including the United States. It is providing access to clean water, health care, agriculture, livestock, education, and peace and justice. Through your gifts, you are joining with the whole church as we work toward a just world where all are fed.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God is shining through you.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Rift".

The Rev. Daniel Rift  
Director, Mission Funding, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response

*P.S. Please see the reverse side of this letter for gift detail.*



GEORGIA'S FRIENDS  
HOPE HEALS

November 10, 2022

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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Waynesboro, VA 22980

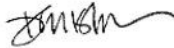
Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous donation. Your gift will ensure that the women of Georgia's House have an opportunity to recover, heal and begin to build new lives free from addiction.

Our structured program and supportive community help each woman create a new path to health and independence. Georgia's House is a safe haven where lives are restored and women find hope for their futures.

Your donation is making a difference in their lives — **thank you!**

Sincerely,



Denise McFadden  
Executive Director

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**Donation Receipt**

**Date:** 11/2/2022    **Type:** Check    **Amount:** \$610.00    **Check No.:** 80472

Georgia's Friends, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charity, TAX ID 26-3473764  
No goods or services were provided in whole or part for the above contribution.

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11/15/2022

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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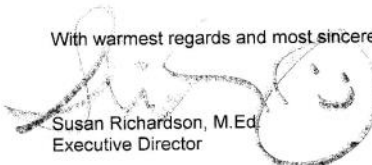
Dear Friends of the Valley Mission,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of Valley Mission, I extend our warmest thanks for your support of our agency. Your recent financial gift of \$500.00 on 11/15/2022 is greatly appreciated! According to IRS regulations, we must state that no goods or services were received in exchange for your donation. Please keep this letter for your tax records.

**Each year Valley Mission serves between 650 and 700 local homeless--at no cost to them.** In addition, **free meals**, as many as **58,000 per year**, are provided to those who reside in our shelter and in our local community who cannot afford to properly nourish themselves or their families. Most often, those in need of help face difficulties that they simply do not have the tools to repair. Their circumstances cause them to feel hopeless that tomorrow could ever bring about the possibility of a positive change in their lives. Because of donors such as yourself, the residents of the Valley Mission are fed, clothed, encouraged, and provided the tools that allow them to hope for a better life. In many cases, our clients are making this dream a reality. For so many, your caring support is life transforming.

Valley Mission's sole purpose is to serve the needs of others in our community, and we are incredibly grateful for your partnership in helping us provide a place of hope for those who are experiencing challenges. **May God continue to bless you in all that you do, and may you continue invest in your local community through supporting Valley Mission.**

With warmest regards and most sincere gratitude,

  
Susan Richardson, M.Ed.  
Executive Director

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[www.valleymission.net](http://www.valleymission.net)

Thank you all so  
much for your  
generous support  
to our shelter.  
God Bless You  
Susan



## **Digital Midwinter Power in the Spirit**

**Save January 30-February 1, 2023, on your calendar**, for the annual Midwinter Power in the Spirit. Our keynote speaker this year will be Brenda Smith from 1517 Media Book of Faith. Registration and more information will be coming soon!

## **Wild Women Retreat at Caroline Furnace**

**January 13-15, 2023**

We hope that you will join us for a weekend of fellowship, rest, and fun! Feel free to bring a book, your latest crafting project, and your favorite snacks/drinks to share. This year, our spiritual focus will be in the Psalms as we fellowship, renew, and learn together.









Weekend Rate \$140 | Day Rate \$50 Retreat cost includes modern-rustic lodging, scratch-made meals, programming, and Saturday transportation.

## **Beer Reformation Retreat at Caroline Furnace January 27-29, 2023**










Join us for a weekend of fellowship and renewal, paired with the art of beer brewing. We'll follow our "Earn your Beer" hike with a visit to a local brewery, then bottle a special Caroline Furnace recipe to take home.






Weekend Rate \$140 | Day Rate \$50 Retreat cost includes modern-rustic lodging, scratch-made meals, programming, and Saturday transportation.

# January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1</b></p> <p><i>Name of Jesus</i></p> <p><b>New Year's Day</b></p> <p><b>10:00 a.m.</b> Service of Holy Communion Pastor Pingel</p> <p><b>10:50 a.m.</b> Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> 	<p><b>3</b></p>  <p><b>9:30 a.m.</b> Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>Pastor's Birthday</b></p>  <p><b>10:00 a.m.</b> Prayer Group (Chapel)</p> <p><b>6:00 p.m.</b> Yoga (Seminar Room)</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>8:30 a.m.</b> Grace Walkers</p> <p><b>12:30 p.m.</b> Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p><b>6:00 p.m.</b> CCE&amp;J Group Zoom</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> 	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>10:00 a.m.</b> 7th Day of Planning - Dave Delaney (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p><b>11:00 a.m.</b> Yoga (Seminar Room)</p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>Baptism of Our Lord</b></p> <p><b>10:00 a.m.</b> Service of Holy Communion Pastor Van Stee</p> <p><b>10:50 a.m.</b> Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</p> <p><b>11:00 a.m.</b> Confirmation Class</p> <p><b>2:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.</b> Youth Soup Fundraiser at Westminster</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>Nancy—Vacation Carolyn Hite in Church Office All Week</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>  <p><b>9:30 a.m.</b> Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p><b>7:00 p.m.</b> Round Tables (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>  <p><b>10:00 a.m.</b> Prayer Group (Chapel)</p> <p><b>6:00 p.m.</b> Yoga (Seminar Room)</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>8:30 a.m.</b> Grace Walkers</p> <p><b>12:30 p.m.</b> Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</p>  <p><b>6:00 p.m.</b> CCE&amp;J Group Zoom</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> 	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>11:00 a.m.</b> Yoga (Fellowship Hall)</p>



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<p align="center"><b>15</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Second Sunday of Epiphany</b></p> <p><b>10:00 a.m.</b> Service of Holy Communion Pastor Pingel</p> <p><b>10:50 a.m.</b> Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</p> <p><b>11:00 a.m.</b> Confirmation</p>	<p align="center"><b>16</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Martin Luther King Day</b></p>  <p><b>7:00 p.m.</b> All God's Children Book Study (Conference Room)</p>	<p align="center"><b>17</b></p>  <p><b>9:30 a.m.</b> Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)</p>  <p><b>7:00 p.m.</b> Council (Conference Room and Zoom)</p>	<p align="center"><b>18</b></p> <p><b>10:00 a.m.</b> Prayer Group (Chapel)</p> <p><b>10:00 a.m.</b> Encircle Regional Managers' Meeting (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p><b>11:30 a.m.</b> Grace Women's Book Group</p> <p><b>6:00 p.m.</b> Yoga (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p align="center"><b>19</b></p> <p><b>8:00 a.m.</b> Newcomers (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p><b>8:30 a.m.</b> Grace Walkers</p> <p><b>12:30 p.m.</b> Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</p>  <p>United in Christ <b>6:00 p.m.</b> CCE&amp;J Group</p>	<p align="center"><b>20</b></p> 	<p align="center"><b>21</b></p> <p><b>10:00 a.m.</b> Virginia Synod (Seminar Room)</p> <p><b>11:00 a.m.</b> Yoga (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p><b>11:00 a.m.</b> Prayer Vigil for Racial Reconcil. (Constitution Park)</p>
<p align="center"><b>22</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Third Sunday of Epiphany</b></p> <p><b>10:00 a.m.</b> Service of Holy Communion Pastor Pingel</p> <p><b>10:50 a.m.</b> Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</p> <p><b>11:00 a.m.</b> Confirmation Class</p>	<p align="center"><b>23</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Warm Shelter</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>24</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Warm Shelter</b></p>  <p><b>9:30 a.m.</b> Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p align="center"><b>25</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Warm Shelter</b></p>  <p><b>10:00 a.m.</b> Prayer Group (Chapel)</p> <p><b>6:00 p.m.</b> Yoga (Seminar Room)</p>	<p align="center"><b>26</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Warm Shelter</b></p> <p><b>8:30 a.m.</b> Grace Walkers</p> <p><b>12:30 p.m.</b> Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</p>  <p>United in Christ <b>6:00 p.m.</b> CCE&amp;J</p>	<p align="center"><b>27</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Warm Shelter</b></p> 	<p align="center"><b>28</b></p> <p><b>11:00 a.m.</b> Yoga (Seminar Room)</p>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<p><b>Christmas</b></p> <p><b>10:00 a.m.</b> Service of Holy Communion Pastor Pingel</p> <p><b>10:50 a.m.</b> Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</p> <p><b>11:00 a.m.</b> Confirmation</p>		 <p><b>9:30 a.m.</b> Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)</p>	 <p><b>10:00 a.m.</b> Prayer Group (Chapel)</p> <p><b>6:00 p.m.</b> Yoga (Seminar Room)</p>	<p><b>8:30 a.m.</b> Grace Walkers</p>  <p><b>12:30 p.m.</b> Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</p>  <p>United in Christ</p> <p><b>6:00 p.m.</b> CCE&amp;J</p>	 <p><b>11:00 a.m.</b> Yoga (Fellowship Hall)</p>	



## Finance Update

### Budget Barometer

November 2022

**For the year, actual receipts are above budget and actual disbursements are below budget, resulting in a surplus of \$17,990.**

Comparison to Prior Year: Financial Barometer	Actual 2021	Actual 2022	Difference
Total Budget Receipts YTD	\$267,075	\$293,039	\$25,965
Total Budget Disbursed YTD	\$266,2271	\$275,049	\$8,778
	<b>\$804</b>	<b>\$17,990</b>	<b>\$17,186</b>



## Worship Assistants

### *January 1*

#### **Preaching and Presiding**

*Pastor Paul Pingel*

#### **Altar Flowers**

*Open*

#### **Altar Guild**

*Jane Stein*

#### **Assisting Minister**

*Linda Meyer*

#### **Communion Assistants**

*Marsha Howard*

*Karen Walck*

#### **Council Person of the Week**

*Karen Walck*

#### **Offering Stewards**

*Pat Brady*

*Vivian Proctor*

#### **Ushers**

*Ron Almarode*

*Lee Lynch*

### *January 8*

#### **Preaching and Presiding**

*Pastor Karen Van Stee*

#### **Altar Flowers**

*Open*

#### **Altar Guild**

#### **Assisting Minister**

*Robin Crowder*

#### **Communion Assistants**

*Cathy Crowder*

*Donna Gum*

#### **Council Person of the Week**

*Bob Barrette*

#### **Offering Stewards**

*Pat Brady*

*Robin Crowder*

#### **Ushers**

*Fred Biggers*

*David Proctor*

### *January 15*

#### **Preaching and Presiding**

*Pastor Paul Pingel*

#### **Altar Flowers**

*Jean Morgan*

#### **Altar Guild**

*Kathy Meicke*

#### **Assisting Minister**

*Cathy Crowder*

#### **Communion Assistants**

*Robin Crowder*

*Karen Walck*

#### **Council Person of the Week**

*Fred Biggers*

#### **Offering Stewards**

*Robin Crowder*

*Jean Morgan*

#### **Ushers**

*Jack Eckstrom*

*Jim Nelson*

*January 22*

**Preaching and  
Presiding**

*Pastor Paul Pingel*

**Altar Flowers**

*Open*

**Altar Guild**

**Assisting  
Minister**

*Andrew Sell*

**Communion  
Assistants**

*Ron Almarode*

*Marsha Howard*

**Council Person  
of the Week**

*Robin Crowder*

**Offering  
Stewards**

*Pat Brady*

*David Proctor*

**Ushers**

*Gail Johnson*

*Jerry Kite*

*January 29*

**Preaching and  
Presiding**

*Pastor Paul Pingel*

**Altar Flowers**

*Open*

**Altar Guild**

**Assisting  
Minister**

*Kathy Bump*

**Communion  
Assistants**

*Marsha Howard*

*Gloria Nelson*

**Council Person  
of the Week**

*Jack Eckstrom*

**Offering  
Stewards**

*Pat Brady*

*Jean Morgan*

**Ushers**

*Rick Bump*

*Linda Meyer*



# JANUARY

## Birthdays

01/01	Beth Ann Brady	01/01	Carol Wolf	01/04	Easton Carper
01/04	Pastor Pingel	01/04	Carrie Jones	01/05	Mike Myers
01/08	Linda Meyer	01/08	Vivian Proctor	01/09	Andrew Sell
01/10	Gene McCombs	01/12	Genevieve Arneson	01/13	Ron Knicely
01/14	Wendy Weller	01/16	Karla Rankin	01/16	Phyllis Kite
01/16	Ellen Moyer	01/18	Donna Gum	01/22	Rudy Yobs
01/22	Emily Almarode	01/23	Susan Myers	01/24	Amaya Cooper
01/26	Joe Ranzini	01/26	Lilly Pingel	01/27	Dennis Barnes
01/31	Linda Owens	01/31	Esme Hilker		



# JANUARY

## Baptisms

01/09	Lily Skelton	01/12	Steve Jones	01/15	Kathy Meicke
01/19	Patrick Brady	01/19	Amy Warren	01/20	David Glover
01/25	Karen Walck				



**Remember  
Our Homebound Members**

*Nursing Home,  
Assisted Living and  
Homebound Members*

<p>Genevieve Arneson 220 Adventure Trail Waynesboro, VA 22980</p>	<p>LizAnn Binns The Legacy 1410a North Augusta Street Apartment 3027 Staunton, VA 24401</p>
<p>Maribeth Faivre Summit Square 501 Oak Avenue, Apt. 130 Waynesboro, VA 22980</p>	<p>Sandra Hoy Choice Healthcare, Room 210 1221 Rosser Avenue Waynesboro, VA 22980</p>
<p>Imogene Hull Regency Senior Living 43 Pinnacle Drive, Room 101 Fishersville, VA 22939</p>	<p>Phyllis Kite Summit Square 501 Oak Avenue, Room 9 Waynesboro, VA 22980</p>
<p>Bob Knemoller Summit Square 501 Oak Avenue, Apt. AL-13 Waynesboro, VA 22980</p>	<p>Glenn Myers 144 Patton Farm Road, Apt. E107 Stuarts Draft, VA 24477</p>
<p>Ingrid Sevigny 713 Governor's Way Waynesboro, VA 22980</p>	<p>Carolyn Shields Brightview 21 Woodlee Road, Apt. 331 Staunton, VA 24401</p>
<p>Tom and Carol Varner Birch Gardens 12 Royal Drive Staunton, VA 24401</p>	

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*Stephen Van Stee (540-325-0772)*

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(Lunch 11:30 – 12:30 p.m.)  
Friday: CLOSED