

July 2022

GraceNotes

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GRACE

From the Pastor



Pastor's Page

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to

provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching. Hebrews 10:23-25

It is a mark of the church that we gather together for mutual conversation, help, prayers for one another, and encouragement. That's how we continue what begins when we gather at the Lord's table, how we carry this community with us, and live as the body of Christ, individuals, yes, but part of one body, responsible to each other, committed to each other, sacrificing for each other. Encouraging each other in faith and in life.

It is especially important for us to encourage one another because we bring for the faith and life of the community. I have had the following

experience in small groups and on retreats: the leader asks you to go around the room and each say what you have a special talent for, what you are especially gifted by the Holy Spirit to do. There is always an uncomfortable silence, some nervous shuffling, and looking at one another, but no one wants to speak, until finally one person says, "Oh, I really don't have anything I'm good at." And no one else says anything. So, now try it a different way. The group is gathered and the leader says to the first person, "look at the person to your right, and tell us what she/he is gifted by God for, what is a special talent in her/his life of faith." What happens? The flood gates open.

"She always knows the right thing to say." "He is such a good listener." "She never forgets to send cards to the folks who are ill." "He is a prayer warrior; praying for all of us and all who are in need." "She's an assisting minister with a wonderful presence." "He is a gifted teacher, and talented musician." "She always makes time to help out, no matter what the job is."

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We who can be tongue-tied trying to come up with something that might be our gift, can talk on and on about how our sisters and brothers in Christ are gifted and living out their faith.

This is encouragement. This is giving the other person the courage to trust God, to answer the call to vocation, to step out in mission, when we are too inclined to belittle the gifts God has given us in the mistaken belief that to acknowledge our giftedness is bragging. Jesus teaches us to pray and practice our faith and give to those in need, in secret where only our heavenly Father will see, rather than looking for the applause of others for what we do. Very true. But then Jesus also teaches us that we must not hide our light under a bushel either! We can be so shy about admitting that we have talents and gifts, even to ourselves, that we end up not using them in service to God or to one another. It is especially important to remember this as we at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church move forward in our process of discerning who we are as a congregation, and what our mission to this community, and the world, will be. This is a time for us to encourage one another so that we all can be listening for the guidance of the Holy Spirit together. And that means we must listen to others, even when they are talking about our own gifts for ministry.

A very wise woman I knew years ago, one of my encouragers, told me this: If someone compliments you on something you have made or done, and you respond, “Oh, this old thing, it’s nothing special,” you have just

rejected not only the kind words spoken, but the person speaking them as well. It is like taking a gift and tossing it in the trash. I had never looked at it that way before. When someone tells you, “You do that so well” or “you have the gifts for this ministry, could you consider taking this on?” don’t dismiss it. Think about it, pray about it, talk to others about it. Others often can see in us what we have not been able to see for ourselves. And you never know when it might be that this encouragement itself is a word from the Lord, a call from God to make use of the gifts of the Spirit that we didn’t know we had.

As disciples of Christ we are encouragers, called to lift up those who are low, affirm those who are unsure, give strength to those who are tired, comfort to those who are sad, and to accept the lift when we are low, the affirmation when we are unsure, the strength when we are tired, the comfort when we are sad. Either way, encouragement is the gift of God. So, instead of saying, “Oh, this old thing?” let us receive this gift and pass along this gift in thanksgiving and joy!



Church Council Highlights of Congregation Council

June 21, 2022

- Ron Almarode reports that the \$5,800 monthly disbursement from advanced pledges will help the May actual -\$1,927 deficit.
- Pastor Mark Radecke spoke of how he was impressed with the funeral of Barb Susen. He was honored to be the officiant.
- The pew tapes have been removed and will stay this way unless the district goes back to “orange” or “red”.
- There will be a celebration for Carol Varner but details have not been finalized yet.
- The Altar Guild will help with flowers for now. Anyone ordering flowers for the altar are welcome to take their flowers home after Sunday morning service. Any flowers not taken after the Sunday service will be donated to Summit Square for their Sunday evening vespers.
- We are invited to join St. James Lutheran and Bethlehem Lutheran for worship outdoors at Barren Ridge winery on Sunday, July 10th and Sunday, August 14th at 11:00 a.m. Grace will have our regular services at 10:00 a.m. on both dates.
- Food donations for Food Pantries still needed, especially with students not getting lunches at school during the summer. Please bring to food box inside office door.



In the Pastor's absence, if you need any type of support or are facing a crisis, please contact Church Council President, Robin Crowder (540.476.0180) or other members of Church Council. (The Council Person of the Week is listed with the week's worship assistants in the bulletin.)



All God's Children Lending Library - Our lending library has found a new home in the LIBRARY near the History room. After the service today, join us as we go to the LIBRARY room. You can continue to borrow and return books there anytime. We'd love to hear your thoughts about the materials you've read and hope you will join us in taking the ELCA Anti-Racist Pledge. Get to know the treasures in the LIBRARY, including P. Buckley Moss. Contact the church office, Carolyn Barrette, Rick Bump, or Linda Meyer for more information.



Worship at Barren Ridge—You are invited to join St. James Lutheran, Fishersville, and Bethlehem Lutheran, Waynesboro, for worship together outdoors at Barren Ridge winery on Sunday, July 10th, and Sunday, August 14th, at 11:00 a.m. **Grace will have our regular services at 10:00 a.m. on both dates.**



Members of Grace:

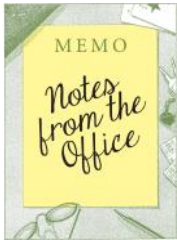
The AT hiking community and I want to thank you wholeheartedly for opening up Grace Church to hikers again this Northbound season. We tallied a total of 107 hiker nights, with hikers coming in from many parts of the U.S.A. and also Scotland, Germany, Zimbabwe, and Canada. All lovely people who were grateful for the accommodations, food, and hospitality and were also most helpful daily in hostel upkeep chores. Grace should start receiving postcards from “our hikers” along the trail soon!

Woody and I look forward to seeing all of you again in 2023.

Blessings, Irma



Backpack Program—Grace and St. John’s Catholic Church completed another year of packing food weekly to be sent home on Friday for children at William Perry and Wenonah Elementary Schools. Thank you to **all** the people that helped pack. A special thanks to Bob Barrette, who kept us informed and on track. Also a special thanks to the Kiwanis Club who saw that food was delivered to the church for packing, then delivered to the schools. Also thanks to Ron Myers, Glen Gray and Jerry Kite for setting the food up for the Grace assembly line packing. We will wait to see how the program unfolds for the 2022-2023 school year.



A couple of reminders from the Church Office:

- Any additions, announcements, etc. need to be into the Church Office by **Wednesday morning** in order to be included in Sunday’s bulletin. Bulletins are printed first thing Thursday.
- Any additions, announcements, etc. need to be into the Church Office by the **20th** of the month in order to be included in the next month’s Grace Notes
- When requesting prayers, whether on the announcement sheet on Sunday morning or by the Assisting Minister, please be sure to include who is requesting the prayers and relationship



The Salvation Army is again requesting help in supplying "Homework Toolboxes" for local Kindergarten and First Grade students, and now is a good time to pick up supplies. Items needed are: pencil boxes/ pouches, colored pencils, blunt scissors, glue sticks, erasers, pencil sharpeners, pencils, colored markers (pencil sized), and crayons. Please return the items to the box in the hallway outside of the church office by Thursday, July 28, so that we can pack the items and deliver them for the opening of school on August 9. Your help is greatly appreciated!
Amy Warren



Quilting News—The Grace Quilting group has been on hold since the beginning of COVID. Our time came to an abrupt halt 2 years ago when things shut down. We had quilts that had been finished and ready to go, but the local intake place had also closed so the finished quilts have been stored. We recently delivered 8 quilts to Westminster Presbyterian and Grace’s Congolese refugee family. Bethlehem Lutheran has had several Saturdays making quilts to send to Ukraine and we have donated 10 quilts to go with their shipment. Grace’s quilting group hopes to begin our “quilting season” on Saturday, September 10 in conjunction with the ELCA God’s Work/Our Hands day. We will then be quilting on Tuesdays throughout the fall, winter and spring seasons. Please consider helping with this outreach. We do very basic hand tied quilts so there is a “job” for all levels—no quilting experience required. We can always use donations of cotton fabrics.



Disciples Kitchen Breakfast Update

For over 10 years, Grace has been providing breakfast at Basic United Methodist Church every other month. Basic UMC will be closing the end of June. The Disciples Kitchen Board is in the process of discussing what is next for the program. The number of participants has decreased significantly since COVID. Bob Jordan has been faithfully overseeing this outreach **every Saturday** since the beginning of the program and has sent an email that needs to be shared with our congregation.

Hi folks,

Just wanted to touch base one last time to remind all the teams that the Breakfast feeding program at Basic U. M. C. was terminated the end of May, 2022. Thanks to your faithful assistance and resources the program has been a blessing to so many members of our community over the years. All of us involved at Basic extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every team member who has participated. All of you arrived here as eager team members. And each of you departed as our dear friends and servants of the Lord.

Blessings,

Bob Jordan



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 ***twenty-seven deliveries*** thus far, twelve to Main Street United Methodist, and fifteen to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. **Overall, we have given well over 2865 pounds of food!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.

Celebration of Life—The Family of Rick & Jane Glidden would like to invite their church family to join us in celebrating their memory, and all of the happiness and joy that they added to our lives. They both cherished their church family, and just as they would wish, there will be food & drink to accompany the fond memories, conversations & stories that will flow. This celebration will take place Saturday, July 23, 2022, 2:00—5:00 p.m. at Old Trail Golf Club, 5494 Golf Drive, Crozet, VA 22932. If you will be joining us, please **RSVP by July 1, 2022** by phone (Joy) 410-274-2259 or email joyce.e.glidden@gmail.com





Budget Barometer

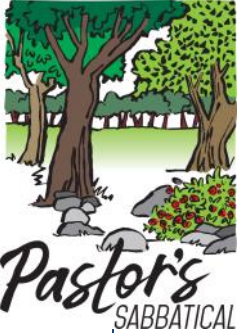


May 2022


For the year, actual receipts are below budget and actual disbursements are at budget resulting in a deficit of \$1,927.

Comparison to Prior Year:	Actual 2021	Actual 2022	Difference
Total Budget Receipts YTD	\$119,083	\$121,270	\$2,187
Total Budget Disbursed YTD	\$118,780	\$123,197	\$4,417
	\$303	(\$1,927)	(\$2,230)



JULY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26</p> <p><i>Third Sunday After Pentecost</i></p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion Pastor Mark Radecke</p> <p>10:50 a.m. Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>27</p>  <p><i>Pastor's SABBATHAL</i></p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Prayer Group (Chapel)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. CCE&J Group Zoom Meeting</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Yoga (Fellowship Hall)</p>
<p>3</p> <p><i>Fourth Sunday After Pentecost</i></p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion Pastor Karen Van Stee</p> <p>10:50 a.m. Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</p>	<p>4</p>  <p><i>Independence Day</i></p>  <p>CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Prayer Group (Chapel)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. CCE&J Group Zoom Meeting</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Yoga (Fellowship Hall)</p>


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Fifth Sunday After Pentecost</i></p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion Pastor Karen Van Stee</p> <p>10:50 a.m. Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Prayer Group (Chapel)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. CCE&J Group Zoom Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Yoga (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil for Racial Reconcil.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sixth Sunday After Pentecost</i></p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion Pastor Karen Van Stee</p> <p>10:50 a.m. Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>7:00 p.m. Council (Conference Room and Zoom)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Prayer Group (Chapel)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. CCE&J Group Zoom Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Yoga (Fellowship Hall)</p>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p><i>Seventh Sunday After Pentecost</i></p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion Pastor Karen Van Stee</p> <p>10:50 a.m. Coffee Fellowship</p>	25	26	27	<p>8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. CCE&J Group Zoom Meeting</p>	29	30	11:00 a.m. Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
<p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p><i>Eighth Sunday of Pentecost</i></p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion Pastor Karen Van Stee</p> <p>10:50 a.m. Coffee Fellowship</p>	1	2	3	<p>8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. CCE&J Group Zoom Meeting</p>	5	6	11:00 a.m. Yoga (Fellowship Hall)




Worship Assistants

<i>July 3</i>	<i>July 10</i>	<i>July 17</i>	<i>July 24</i>	<i>July 31</i>
Preaching & Presiding Pastor Karen Van Stee	Preaching & Presiding Pastor Karen Van Stee	Preaching & Presiding Pastor Karen Van Stee	Preaching & Presiding Pastor Karen Van Stee	Preaching & Presiding Pastor Karen Van Stee
Altar Flowers Jim & Gloria Nelson	Altar Flowers Jean Morgan	Altar Flowers Open	Altar Flowers Rew and Karen Walck	Altar Flowers Open
Altar Guild Jean Morgan	Altar Guild Susan Myers	Altar Guild Kathy Meicke	Altar Guild Glen & Lisa Gray	Altar Guild
Assisting Minister Stephen Van Stee	Assisting Minister Thea Franklin	Assisting Minister Kathy Bump	Assisting Minister Ron Almarode	Assisting Minister Cathy Crowder
Communion Assistants Kathy Bump Linda Meyer	Communion Assistants Tripp Franklin Quinn Franklin	Communion Assistants Carrie Jones Andrew Sell	Communion Assistants Marsha Howard Karen Walck	Communion Assistants Robin Crowder Donna Gum
Council Person of the Week Fred Biggers	Council Person of the Week Jean Morgan	Council Person of the Week Andrew Sell	Council Person of the Week Karen Walck	Council Person of the Week Jean Morgan
Covid Monitor Carolyn Hite	Covid Monitor Karen Walck	Covid Monitor Bill Lucas	Covid Monitor Jean Morgan	Covid Monitor Gail Johnson
Offering Stewards Pat Brady Jean Morgan	Offering Stewards Pat Brady Robin Crowder	Offering Stewards Pat Brady David Proctor	Offering Stewards Jean Morgan David Proctor	Offering Stewards Pat Brady Robin Crowder
Ushers Jack Eckstrom Jim Nelson	Ushers Gail Johnson Jerry Kite	Ushers Rick Bump Linda Meyer	Ushers Pat Brady Jean Morgan	Ushers Karen Walck Rew Walck



JULY Birthdays

07/01	Everett Stratton	07/06	Joan Ranzini	07/07	Zander Bandy
07/09	Maribeth Faivre	07/09	Zoey Mahoney	07/11	Cindy Glenn
07/14	Carolyn Shields	07/16	Zanny Bandy	07/17	Sandra Brady
07/19	Ethan Lynch	07/21	Bill Lucas	07/22	Kelly Rankin
07/22	Al McKechnie	07/23	Bobby Hite	07/23	Diane Lundstrom
07/24	Cindy Trauscht	07/27	Sloane Franklin	07/30	Gail Johnson



JULY Baptisms

07/01	Jim Nelson	07/18	Sandra Brady	07/28	Rew Walck
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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 and Flossie Myers 144 Patton Farm Road, Apt. E107 Stuarts Draft, VA 24477</p>
<p>Pete Rufe Summit Square Healthcare 501 Oak Avenue, Room 7 Waynesboro, VA 22980</p>	<p>Ingrid Sevigny Regency at Augusta 43 Pinnacle Drive Fishersville, VA 22939</p>
<p>Carolyn Shields Brightview 21 Woodlee Road, Apt. 331 Staunton, VA 24401</p>	



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