# **GRACENOTES**

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## From the Pastor

By Paul H. Pingel



#### **Pastor's Page**

Wedding Guidelines and Marriage at Grace: If you were not able to

attend the Congregation meeting scheduled for May

19<sup>th</sup>, perhaps you have heard by now that the resolution put forward by Grace Council for a vote by the congregation regarding same-gender weddings passed with a "yes" vote. The first reading for the May 19<sup>th</sup> Worship service prior to the Congregation meeting was from the book of Acts, the story of Peter baptizing Cornelius, a Roman Centurion, and his entire household. As with the whole book of Acts, the consistent conclusion of all the stories, and indeed the whole book, is that God is doing a new thing through the Holy Spirit; crossing boundaries and leading the Church where it had not gone before for the

sake of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

This is our reason for being at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. We may name many other reasons why we're here, but the reason - from God's Living Word - that we are here is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with everyone God's Spirit either sends us to witness to, or sends TO us, for the sake of making disciples. The whole book of Acts, and indeed the New Testament provide example after example of the width and breadth of surprising people God's Spirit led the Church to share the gospel with! If you have questions or would like to talk further about the decision reached by the congregation on May 19th, please email or call me. I will look forward to the conversation!

#### **Communications and Christian Education Surveys:** Our Communications Team, and our

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Christian Education Team – both a part of the Congregational Engagement Round Table – have distributed surveys and are asking Grace Congregation to fill them out. Both these surveys are important:

- We need to best know how to communicate with members and friends of Grace, where to put our energies so that you will hear about Grace's activities, and be invited to take part in being "a community of servants sharing in the word and work of Jesus."
- A look at the conclusion of the gospels reveals that one of the most important ways the disciples became ready to share the Gospel and to BE followers of Jesus, was to hear and learn what God's Word says about Life that Really is Life – what God intends for us. Taking part in Christian Education is so important for both adults and children to "open our minds" (Luke 24:45) in order to help our witness to the world around us.

Fill out both forms so that we can improve our Communication with one another, and so that we can continue to grow as God's people.

**REALM** – Nancy Dowdy, Ron Almarode, Chuck Goodrich and I spent two days this past month in training with Fred Forry of ACS Technologies, who designed the REALM software for churches. Fred did an excellent job showing us how the program is easy to use, and will help us to produce RELIABLE financial records, as well as keep complete and accurate records for our membership in a stable, *secure* environment. Thanks to Nancy, Ron and Chuck for giving their time to learn this new software, and we look forward to it helping to both keep and share good information with our leadership and our members in the months and years to come.

**Summer** – The rhythm of the Church in our area of the world is for summer to be a time of vacation. rest, renewal. It's ALSO a time when congregations like Grace prepare for the Fall. AND it's a time to do some creative things. After May 5<sup>th</sup>'s wonderful Easter Sunday together with Christ Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, we hope this summer will offer us an opportunity to worship together again, maybe in an outdoor setting. Stay tuned for details next newsletter. In addition, this summer will offer us opportunity to look at Grace's future longer term. I'll be writing more about this in the months to come. In the meantime, your worship and participation in the life of Grace remain important in the Summer! We look forward to hearing the Word, sharing in the Supper, and being sent to be Ambassadors... Gospel Sharer's...Salt and Light...in our community and world, so that God's dream of all the world being saved for life, even to eternity, will come to pass!

## **Highlights of Congregation Council Meeting**

#### May ,21 2019

Highlights of Congregation Council Meeting - May 21, 2019

Pastor discussed the Holy Week and Easter services great attendance and moving music. We also had a good crowd and fellowship with the Christ Tabernacle Church of God for Sunday worship service and lunch that followed. Many favorable responses were received with hope that we can share more events. The picnic in June is another opportunity for sharing in fellowship with other churches.

The two- day training of the new Realm system was held at the church and everyone is encouraged with the results. Corrections are still being made and will be checked for accuracy.

The Hiker Hostel begins May 26 and volunteers and donations are still needed. Thanks for all your support.

The five newly elected Council members were invited to the May Council meeting as guests and will begin their term in June. The new members are: Zach Bandy, Gail Johnson, Kathryn Johnson and Linda Meyer.

The Wedding guidelines resolution to approve same-gender weddings at Grace was approved.

Several changes for the parking lot refurbishment were suggested and a new quote to cover these changes has been requested.

Pentecost Picnic in the Park will be held at 1:00 p.m. on June 9<sup>th</sup> at Ridgeview Park. Churches of Waynesboro are sponsoring a service of prayer, song and fellowship as a people of God to celebrate the blessings that unite us. Please bring a lawn chair, a side dish and a desert to share. Chicken, rolls and drinks will be furnished.

Respectfully submitted, Deloris Wertman

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7th Sunday of Easter	Hiker Hostel	Hiker Hostel	Hiker Hostel	Hiker Hostel	Hiker Hostel	Hiker Hostel
<b>10:00 a.m.</b> Holy Communion				<b>8:30 a.m.</b> Grace Streetwalkers	Virginia Synod	Virginia Synod
Council Installed				12:30 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)	WARM Golf Tourn.	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Day of Pentecost	Hiker Hostel	Hiker Hostel	Hiker Hostel	Hiker Hostel	Hiker Hostel	Hiker Hostel
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Baptism— Zoey Maloney		<b>7:00 p.m.</b> Mutual Ministry <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Comm. Committee (History Room)		8:30 a.m. Grace Streetwalkers 12:30 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)		<b>2:00 p.m.</b> Albertine Ultee Wilkinson's Memorial Service
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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## June Calendar of Events

## June Calendar of Events Continued

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 Second Sunday After Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	24	25 9:30–11:30 a.m. Quilters (Fellowship Hall)	26	27 8:30 a.m. Grace Streetwalkers 12:30 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)	28	29
30 Third Sunday After Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion						

Hiker Hostel – May 28 through June 23, 2019

# Nursing Home, Assisted Living and

<b>Genevieve Arneson</b> 220 Adventure Trail Waynesboro, VA 22980	<b>Mary Bertelson</b> Summit Square 501 Oak Avenue Apartment 400 Waynesboro, VA 22980	<b>Jimmy and LizAnn</b> <b>Binns</b> The Legacy 1410 A North Augusta St. Apt. 2026 Staunton, VA 24401
<b>Jean Brower</b> Oak Manor 8 Rainbow Lane Waynesboro, VA 22980	<b>Morris Elliott</b> Brookdale Hillsmere Lane Staunton, VA 24401	<b>Maribeth Faivre</b> Summit Square 501 Oak Avenue Waynesboro, VA 22980
<b>Phyllis Kite</b> 57 Skyline Avenue Stuarts Draft, VA 24477	<b>Bob and Carol</b> <b>Knemoller</b> Summit Square 501 Oak Avenue Apartment 316 Waynesboro, VA 22980	<b>Shirley Krizovsky</b> White Birch Estates 847 Oakwood Drive, Room 33 Harrisonburg, VA 22801
<b>Janet Lunger</b> Summit Square 501 Oak Avenue Waynesboro, VA 22980	<b>Polly McKinley</b> The Legacy 1410 A North Augusta St. Apt. 2029 Staunton, VA 24401	<b>Glen &amp; Flossie Myers</b> 104 Patton Farm Road Apartment 361 Stuarts Draft, VA 24477
	<b>Pete Rufe</b> Summit Square Healthcare 501 Oak Avenue Waynesboro, VA 22980	

## Worship Assistants

June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30			
<b>Preaching &amp;</b>	<b>Preaching &amp;</b>	<b>Preaching &amp;</b>	<b>Preaching &amp;</b>	<b>Preaching &amp;</b>			
<b>Presiding</b>	<b>Presiding</b>	<b>Presiding</b>	<b>Presiding</b>	<b>Presiding</b>			
Pastor Paul Pingel	Pastor Paul Pingel	Pastor Paul Pingel	Pastor Paul Pingel	Pastor Paul Pingel			
<b>Assisting</b>	<b>Assisting</b>	<b>Assisting</b>	<b>Assisting</b>	<b>Assisting</b>			
<b>Minister</b>	<b>Minister</b>	<b>Minister</b>	<b>Minister</b>	<b>Minister</b>			
Kathy Bump	Tripp Franklin	Lily Pingel	Karla Rankin	Linda Meyer			
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Communion</b>	<b>Communion</b>	<b>Communion</b>	<b>Communion</b>			
Assistants	Assistants	Assistants	Assistants	<b>Assistants</b>			
Linda Meyer	Brodie Franklin	Tyler Wertman	Beth Ann Doerring	Gail Johnson			
Jerry Kite	Karla Rankin	Hannah Pingel	Marlene Shaw	Carrie Jones			
<b>Ushers</b> Ron Almarode Rick Bump Lee Lynch	<b>Ushers</b> Jack Eckstrom Carrie Jones Brad Keefer David Proctor	<b>Ushers</b> Bill Meicke Pat Brady Chris Carper Tom Carper	<b>Ushers</b> Bob Moyer Fred Biggers Jerry Kite E. G. Rankin Zachary Rankin	<b>Ushers</b> Marge Cloutier Linda Meyer Jean Morgan Marlene Shaw			
Offering	<b>Offering</b>	Offering	<b>Offering</b>	<b>Offering</b>			
Stewards	<b>Stewards</b>	Stewards	<b>Stewards</b>	<b>Stewards</b>			
Sharon Lynch	Pat Brady	Ernestine Moomaw	Sharon Lynch	Pat Brady			
Kate Van Bremen	Bob Shumate	Eleanor Sampson	Kate Van Bremen	Bob Shumate			
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>			
Quinn Franklin	Jean Morgan	Brodie Franklin	Kaitlyn Hull	Thea Franklin			
<b>Cup Gatherer</b>	<b>Cup Gatherer</b>	<b>Cup Gatherer</b>	<b>Cup Gatherer</b>	<b>Cup Gatherer</b>			
Thea Franklin	Sara Kite	Donna Marshall	Karley Hull	Donna Marshall			
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>			
Jean Morgan	Putnams	Jane Stein	Kathy Meicke	Putnams			
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Altar Flowers	<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Altar Flowers			
Open	Gail Johnson	Open	Donna Gum	Anonymous			
<b>Nursery</b> Susie Driskill Jean Morgan	<b>Nursery</b> Lisa Gray Eleanor Sampson	<b>Nursery</b> Jill Pingel	<b>Nursery</b> Kim Hull Jane Stein	<b>Nursery</b> Sarah Kite Deloris Wertman			
Council	Council	Council	Council	Council			
Member	Member	Member	Member	Member			
of the Week/	of the Week/	of the Week/	of the Week/	of the Week/			
Sunday School	Sunday School	Sunday School	Sunday School	Sunday School			
Support	Support	Support	Support	Support			
Rudy Yobs	Gordon Putnam	Kim Hull	Jerry Kite	Carrie Jones			

#### Thank You



May 6, 2019

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

Dear Friends at Grace Lutheran,

Your community investment, through Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry (WARM), has made a difference and is sincerely appreciated! Our work has grown over the recent years and, thanks to supporters like you, we are continuing to impact the lives of many homeless and formerly homeless neighbors. *Each donation is an investment into the future of our community and its most vulnerable members.* Your gift has been invested into life changing programs such as our:

- WARM Cold Weather Shelter- emergency winter shelter focused on public health intervention/reduction of cold weather related health and harm occurrences, and resources/referrals for 125-135 homeless adults each year. 100% of our guests are offered the opportunity to work towards stability and the guests served include many homeless older adults and seniors on fixed incomes, veterans, and adults with disabilities.
  - Outreach- partnerships with other service agencies that link homeless veterans and older adults to housing and/or support through our direct services and intakes. This year alone we've helped move 11 homeless veterans and family members off the streets and out of homelessness!
- Ruth's WARM House- 3-6 months transitional housing, case management, onsite groups/trainings, mentorship, mandatory employment and savings, and professional support for up to 7 homeless moms with children at one time. Last year, 18 families with 31 children were given hope for the future through the program and most transitioned into stable housing. Each year, our staff are able to help over 75% of the families served move into more stable and self-reliant chapters of their lives.
  - Aftercare & Outreach- Our intensive in-home case management and homeless prevention support services that are offered to all families transitioning from Ruth's WARM House. Former residents participate for up to one year with the goal of remaining stably housed long-term, increasing wages, reducing public assistance reliance and more. We also work with many nonresidential families and individuals to prevent homelessness and address additional risks.

On behalf of the homeless children and adults we serve, thank you for your gift of \$230.55. You are a hero to the most vulnerable members of our community! Please contact me by email to debra@warmwaynesboro.org or by phone at 540-324-8166 if you'd like to see your gift at work firsthand or to hear more about our efforts to eliminate homelessness.

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With WARMest Regards,

Debra Freeman-Belle

Executive Director

Donor Name	Gift Date	Gift Amount	Gift Type	Fund/Designation
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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church	05/06/2019	\$230.55	Check 10465	Ruth's WARM House Unrestricted

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## **Mission Outreach Endowment Grants**

At Grace's Church Council May meeting, Council reviewed and approved six grant requests from Grace's Mission Outreach Endowment totaling \$19,974.

Grants are being issued as follows:

**Daily Living Center** grant was for \$2,000 to help support day care health center for the disabled and elderly who are unable to be left at home alone due to health or cognitive issues.

**Valley Program for Aging Services (VPAS)** grant was for \$952 to help support for their Dementia Education Programs.

**Raising Resources for Reader (3R's)** grant was for \$2,458 to help support purchase of books for students at William Perry and Wenonah Elementary Schools summer reading and mitigating "the summer slide". The program is being expanded to Kate Collins Middle School next school year.

**Basic Methodist United Methodist Church Community Outreach Programs** grant was for \$1,564 to help support Basic with their Wednesday supper, Saturday breakfast and after school programs.

**Shenandoah Valley Regional Program (SVRP)** grant was for \$3,000 to support program for students with exceptional needs, ages 18 to 22 which is referred to as Post-High Program.

**Habitat for Humanity** grant was for \$10,000 to support Habitat "Starter Homes for the Poor" program in our area. This is a three year grant with \$10,000 issued each year during the next three years.

# Odds and Ends



**Grace Street Walkers!** Interested in starting the day with a good walk outside in the Shenandoah Valley's wonderful Spring? Starting the day thankful for our gracious God keeping us safe through the night, and giving us a new day to be a blessing? Having the additional blessing of good fellowship combined with good exercise? Then join the Grace Street Walkers! We will walk every Thursday at 8:30 a.m. Meet at Grace parking lot to walk the Greenway and/or the neighborhoods around us. No matter what your pace -

there will be someone to walk with you!

WELCOME Mew Members Congratulations New Council Members! Zach Bandy, Holly Carper, Gail Johnson, Kathryn Johnson, and Linda Meyer have been elected as five new Council members For 2019 - 2021! Please pray for their service to God's Mission through Grace Council! These five will be installed as Council Members on Sunday, June 2nd.

Wedding Guidelines Resolution is passed - At Grace's May 19th Congregation meeting, the Congregation voted to Meddings pass the resolution recommended by Grace Council to approve same-gender weddings at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Wedding Guidelines remain the same in terms of membership or family requirements, and pre-marital counseling recommendations.



Rise Against Hunger Fall Packing Event—Save the date of Saturday, September 7 for this fall's Rise Against Hunger Event which will be held at Kate Collins Middle School from 10 am to 12 pm. Grace will be hosting the event again this year with Churches Southern Valley Lutheran Conference and

area churches in Waynesboro. Watch for more information as we get closer to the September 7 food packing event.

# Odds and Ends



We would like to thank everyone for your support throughout Anne's treatment for breast cancer. She has completed all of her treatments and is looking forward to returning to "normal." Your prayers, cards,

food, and gifts meant more than you could know and helped us through a most difficult time. We feel so blessed to be a part of this amazing Grace family. Anne & Gordon Putnam



Pastor and Jill's Home Phone Is Disappearing -

Pastor Paul and Jill are doing away with their Home Phone number (540) 949-5422. We have found that far more people are calling on our cell phones than the home phone. So, when calling Pastor, please use his cell, (540) 216-4454

(You need to use the area code, since Pastor was assigned a Warrenton-area number [I don't know why]) and <u>when calling Jill, (540) 236-2656</u>. And please scratch the home number from your phone directories.

**Being Good Stewards of our Property** - Thanks to Brad Keefer for coordinating with Waynesboro Landscape and Garden Center to re-landscape the corner of 13th Street and South Wayne Avenue with various bushes and trees that have beautified that corner of Grace's property. Also, a big thank you to our mulch crew for beautifying the church lawn: Brad Keefer, Jerry Kite, Linda Meyer, Jean Morgan and Zach Rankin. Take a look the next time you walk or drive by!

# **Odds and Ends**

**Communication and Our Church Survey** – There are (*Out*)@ a number of ways that we communicate with each other. SPEAK OUT The church in the past has communicated by personal (OT) m conversation, newsletters and other forms. In todays world, that way of communicating has changed. The communication committee would like to find out how you communicate and how we could best communicate with you. Please complete the survey insert in today's bulletin and put in the basket at the back of the church by June 9.



Christian Education/Faith Formation Survey-Congregation Council is asking for your help in renewing our congregation's focus on and participation in faith ന്ന് formation and Christian education. Please complete the survey to let us know your wishes and needs in this area. Surveys are available on the table in the back of the Nave (bright orange paper). An electronic version will be sent to congregation members as well. Please complete one survey per household and place in basket in the Nave or return to the church office by June 2. Thank you!



Albertina "Tineke" Ultee Wilkinson, a member of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in the 1950's and 1960's, died April 25, 2019. Her children grew up in Grace, and the family has requested a Memorial Service at Grace, which will be held on Friday, June 15th, at 2:00pm. A reception is scheduled to follow the service.



Backpacks—Grace and St. John Evangelist Catholic Church have packed food bags for William Perry Elementary School this past school year. Each church has had volunteers that have served twice a month packing approximately 70 bags of food each week for students to take home on Fridays. Thank you to everyone who has helped this year. We will be

packing again when school starts in August.



#### 2019 Graduates

Meghan Ansted (Daughter of Richard and Donna Marshall) Masters in Social Work (MSW)—University of Toledo

Claire Biggers (Daughter of Fred and Caroline Biggers) Masters in Social Work (MSW)—Virginia Commonwealth University Accepted a position with Heartland Hospice in Richmond

> Grace Day (Daughter of Christine Day) M.Ed.—University of South Carolina

Andrew McGehee (Son of John and Jane McGehee) MBA—James Madison University

Kate Morrison (Daughter of Gary and Susan Morrison and Granddaughter of Pat and Sandy Brady) Associate Degree in Arts & Sciences (Magma Cum Laude)—Blue Ridge Community College Attending James Madison University in the fall



Kaitlyn Myers (Daughter of Mike and Susan Myers) MSW—Loyola University Chicago

Lily Pingel (Daughter of Paul and Jill Pingel) Waynesboro High School. Lily will be attending Roanoke College in the fall.

Lindsey Skelton (Daughter of Lee and Sharon Lynch) Special Education Degree with Honors—Mary Baldwin College Accepted a teaching position with Augusta County Schools



- 6/1 June Stiehl
- 6/5 Nancy Fitzgerald
- 6/7 Brian Lundstrom
- 6/16 Jean Wade
- 6/22 Kara Beth Glover
- 6/24 Haden Morris

- 6/2 Susie Driskill
- 6/5 E. G. Rankin
- 6/9 Justin Metcalf
- 6/20 Haley Morris
- 6/22 Kristen Myers
- 6/25 Kaitlyn Myers

- 6/2 Kayla Spooner
- 6/6 Jan McCombs
- 6/13 Sandy Knicely
- 6/21 Gwen Kite
- 6/23 Jeremy Lundstrom
- 6/26 Dale Diacont

### **June Baptisms**

- 6/? Jimmy Binns
- 6/? Myrtle Kite
- 6/8 Bill Kelley
- 6/16 Bethanie Glover
- 6/20 Marge Cloutier
- 6/26 Easton Carper
- 6/30 Raegan Van Bremen

- 6/? Lisa Gray
- 6/6 Charlotte Jones
- 6/14 Marcus Crowder
- 6/18 Ron Knicely
- 6/21 Trotter Franklin
- 6/29 Karley Hull

- 6/? Gary Smith
- 6/6 Amelia Jones
- 6/16 Sandra R. Hoy
- 6/19 Ryan Blosser
- 6/22 Sylvia Almarode
- 6/30 Laura Shaw



## **Financial Barometer**

#### As of April 2019

Financial Barometer	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
1. Pledge/Giving of Record/Faith	\$90,597	\$96,831	-\$6,234
2. Total Budget Receipts	\$93,553	\$100,175	-\$6,622
<b>3</b> . Total Budget Disbursements	\$93,181	\$100,323	-\$7, 142



Members of Grace Ministers



#### **Robin Crowder, President**

Linda Meyer, Vice President Deloris Wertman, Secretary

#### **Council Members**

Jack Eckstrom, Pete Giesen, Kim Hull, Carrie Jones, Jerry Kite, Gordon Putnam, Marlene Shaw, Rudolph Yobs

> Hannah Pingel/Laura Shaw Youth Co-Representatives

Ron Almarode, Treasurer Donna Marshall, Assistant Treasurer

Charles Goodrich, Financial Secretary



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#### **Church Staff**

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Nancy Dowdy Administrative Secretary

**Mike Myers** Director of Music & Organist

#### **Church Office Hours**

Mon–Thu: 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (Lunch 12:00 – 12:30 p.m.) Friday: 8:30 a.m.–Noon