

June 2021

GraceNotes

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GRACE

From the Pastor

By Paul H. Pingel



Pastor's Page

What's going on at Grace?

Strategic Planning

– We are a *Community Sharing in the Word and*

Work of Jesus. This Summer, our Council and Round Tables will be looking at

- our relationship with the Community around us;
- our relationship with one another here at Grace;
- and how we support our Sharing in the Word and Work of Jesus, in order to discern:

What does God have in mind for us in the next five years? We have a Mission – to “go to Galilee” where Jesus is leading us to be his hands, his feet, his Body. After a pandemic, what does this look like? In the world we live in today, where is the Spirit guiding us? That same Spirit has gathered us together, just as we have been gathered for coming up

on 128 years! I hope you will pray for God's guidance, and for your participation in God's Mission for us.

A New Council, President and Vice President

– We installed new Council members and officers who will begin their terms starting now! Bob Barrette (second term), Fred Biggers, Jean Morgan, Nancy Schwiesow, and Andrew Sell are our new Council members. Robin Crowder was elected Council President, and Jerry Kite Council Vice-President. We are thankful for their leadership, gifts and talents.

New Members – We have begun a New Member Class that continues through June, and we anticipate five new members to become a part of Grace in July: first, Rew and Karen Walck, and Ron and Roxane Myers. Rew and Karen are son and daughter-in-law of Bob and Flo Walck, having moved a few months ago from Indiana; and Ron and Roxane have lived in Waynesboro a number of years, and are transferring

from Bethany Lutheran. In addition, we anticipate that Ellen Moyer, a homebound member, sister to Joe, Minnie, Bobby, and Frannie Knicely, will also be joining with Grace at the same time.

“Fresh” Air-Conditioning This Summer – Thanks to work by Brad Keefer, who worked with Ronnie Ritchie to look at replacement units for those that were probably 20 years old and not functioning. As a result, a large part of our HVAC system was replaced with new units that allow for more fresh air to enter into our education building and office area. In addition, thanks to assistance from Mike Trauscht and Jerry Kite, an HVAC engineering firm, Colonial Webb, was engaged to renovate our Nave air-conditioning system to open the system up so that fresh air will also freely flow in our worship space, greatly reducing the re-circulation of air – and improving the air quality as we worship. The work should be complete late June.

Planning for Fall – Post Pandemic? We hope and pray so! We anticipate a lot of great activities: Fellowship, Christian Education, Sunday School, Children and Youth Activities,

Service, Learning, Worship and Fellowship Activities with Christ Tabernacle, and with Downtown Congregations. Look for more news in July and August.

Pastor’s Sabbatical – I will be applying for a sabbatical grant in September, and if necessary, in the beginning of 2022 in order to have a time away for study, rest and refreshment. You may remember that during Pastor (now Bishop) Humphrey’s tenure at Grace, he took two sabbaticals during his 20 years. Now nearing completion of eight years of my call here at Grace, it is my hope to have some time as well. I hope to focus my study in one of three areas: our racial reconciliation work with Christ Tabernacle; Life in the Church Post-Pandemic (with a focus on technology and our growth in reliance on it); or the place of the traditional Disciplines of Faith in the modern Church. I will keep you posted as I prepare my proposal this summer.



Highlights of Congregation Council Meetings May 25, 2021

The focus of the May meeting was on:

1. The formal approval of the nominees for the council and the election of council officers for the term June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2023.
2. Changes to in-person worship
3. Approval of the Mission Endowment Fund distribution
4. Assignment of new council members as liaisons to the Round Table groups
5. Discussing the funding, application process and purpose of Pastor Pingel's requested sabbatical beginning either at the end of 2021 or sometime in 2022

The newly elected members to the council are Fred Biggers, Jean Morgan, Nancy Schwiesow and Andrew Sell, with Bob Barrette agreeing to remain for one more year. Robin Crowder was elected president and Jerry Kite vice-president. Ron Almarode was re-appointed treasurer and Kara Beth Glover was re-appointed auditor. The secretary position will be vacant as of June 1, 2021.

As we continue to monitor the Governor's and Synod's Covid guidelines, the following changes for in-person worship will be effective June 1:

1. Advance reservations will no longer be required.
2. Maximum capacity will be 85.
3. Temperatures will no longer be taken upon arrival.
4. Attendance lists will be taken for contact tracing purposes.
5. Social distancing will continue.
6. Masks will be required.
7. Individual chalices will be used.
8. Bulletins will be available for pick-up.
9. The collection plate will remain stationary for offerings.

We are again looking for Communion Assistants, Offering Stewards and Ushers.

The second study group of racial reconciliation will begin June 14 with the book: "The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We can Prosper Together" by Heather McGhee.

Donna Gum and Ron Almarode have volunteered to be representatives of Grace at the Virtual Synod Assembly on June 12.

Contemporary worship services will begin in June.

Respectively submitted,
David Proctor, Secretary

worship WITH US

In-Person Worship at Grace - a notice was sent out to all members and regular visitors this past week sharing new guidelines for worship together:

- No need to sign up
- Masking and distancing continues
- Holy Communion continues to be shared in the pews
- You Tube and Zoom continue for those who cannot or are not yet comfortable in attending in-person.

The full set of guidelines is available from the email/letter sent this past week, or [online.at](#) our website.



OUR GRADUATES

Congratulations to our Graduates

- ◆ **Eden Grayce Lemons**, granddaughter of Tom and Jane Blosser, will be graduating from CDM High School and will attend the University of California Irvine in the fall with an emphases on Physical Medicine and Dance.
- ◆ **Ethan Lynch**, son of Aaron Lynch, grandson of Lee and Sharon Lynch, will be graduating from Patrick Henry High School and will attend Universal Technical Institute in Charlotte, NC in the fall.
- ◆ **Hannah Pingel**, daughter of Pastor Paul and Jill Pingel, will be graduating from Waynesboro High School and Shenandoah Governor's School and will attend James Madison University in the fall with an emphases on Engineering and Music.
- ◆ **Tyler Wertman**, son of Mark and Tammy Wertman, grandson of Deloris Wertman, will be graduating from UVA with a Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Student Affairs Practice in Higher Education from the School of Education and Human Development.

We send our prayers that God's gifts will bless them to be a blessing in their work, life and faith!



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 **sixteen deliveries** thus far, eight to Main Street United Methodist, and eight to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. Last week, **93 pounds of food** went to Calvary United Methodist breaking our previous records! If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



Thanks to our Outdoor Work Day Crew! We had a great group of TEN (10) Grace members and friends to help mulch, trim, weed and move our outdoor stage to storage on Saturday, May 15th. Thanks to our crew and their beautiful work to present Grace to our community: Ron Almarode, Rick Bump, Brad and Owen Keefer, Jerry Kite, Bill Lucas, Ron Myer, Gordon Putnam, Andrew Sell, and Ken Weller!

Office Equipment



New Copier at Grace - Because of a lack of parts to repair our existing copier, Grace has contracted for a new Sharp copier. As we learn the new machine, we appreciate your patience with any adjustments in print quality that will be made over the next few weeks.



Fresh Air, God's Creation, Christian Fellowship! Enjoy walk on the Greenway or the Tree Streets in downtown Waynesboro, on Thursdays at 8:30 a.m.! In this time where outdoor fellowship no longer requires masks, our Grace Walker group has resumed! Come and enjoy good exercise, good fellowship and the beauty of Spring and Summer! They meet in the Grace Parking Lot.



Summer Sermon Series on the Psalms - For years, we have always spoken or sung a Psalm as a part of worship. It has been called our Prayerbook, our Songbook. There are Psalms that we know by heart (Psalm 23), or verses that we know from hymns, or have provided hope and comfort over the ages. For the next six Sundays, we will be preaching from the Psalms as we "drink deeply from the Psalms" and learn about their central place in worship.



Invitation to a New Book Study! Starting Monday, June 14th, at 6:30 p.m., we will study together the book "The Sum of Us - What Racism Costs Everyone and How We can Prosper Together." This book focuses on "realiz[ing] that life is more than a zero sum game." Which is the focus of God in Jesus Christ throughout holy scripture! Come and be a part of the 2nd Monday Book study! Sign up by calling the Church Office.



Virginia Synod Assembly is Saturday, June 12th - Faithful, BOLD, Serving - Grace's delegates - Ron Almarode and Donna Gum (lay delegates) and Pastor Paul will be meeting via Zoom for a single day event this Saturday, June 12th. The three word mission focus for the Synod will center around God's Boldness: *We have boldness and confident access to God by way of Christ's faithfulness.* (Ephesians 3.12 NET). Pray for our Synod in Assembly, and Grace's part in being Church together.



Farewell and Godspeed to the John and Jane McGehee, Janet Parmer and Marie Brown - We will offer our prayers and God's blessing to these four members of Grace, who will be moving to Williamsburg, VA to be closer to children and grandchildren, and to consolidate households. Their service to Christ's Church here at Grace has been generous in time and energy, with so many ways they have shared their gifts and talents freely. June 13th will be their final Sunday before their move, and we will offer Farewell and Godspeed then.



Thank you for your donation to WARM. Your generous contribution will allow our organization to continue to provide hope and support to our homeless brothers and sisters.
Many thanks,
Kerise Marshall

WARM Executive Board Member



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/1 June Stiehl

6/2 Susie Driskill

6/2 Kayla Spooner

6/5 E. G. Rankin

6/5 Nancy Fitzgerald

6/6 Jan McCombs

6/7 Brian Lundstrom

6/13 Sandy Knicely

6/20 Jessi Blosser

6/21 Marie Brown

6/21 Gwen Kite

6/22 Kara Glover

BAPTISMS

6/6 Amelia Jones

6/6 Charlotte Jones

6/9 Zoey Mahoney

6/16 Sandra Hoy

6/18 Ron Knicely

6/19 Ryan Blosser

6/19 Jessi Blosser

6/20 Marge Cloutier










6/20 Beth Ann Brady









6/21 Trotter Franklin

6/22 Sylvia Almarode

6/26 Robert Moyer



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30</p> <p>The Holy Trinity</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of the Word In-Person and via YouTube Holy Communion</p> <p>10:50 a.m. Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>  <p>MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting in Conference Room</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Discussion with Christ Tabernacle</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>2nd Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of the Word In-Person and via YouTube Holy Communion</p> <p>10:50 a.m. Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>3:30 p.m. New Member Class (Conference Room)</p>	<p>10</p>  <p>8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers</p>  <p>1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Synod Assembly On-Line</p>
<p>13</p> <p>3rd Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of the Word In-Person and via YouTube Holy Communion</p> <p>Farewell & Godspeed</p> <p>10:50 a.m. Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Warm Golf Tournament</p>  <p>6:30 p.m. Grace Anti-Racism Group meeting via Zoom</p>	<p>15</p>  <p>7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting via Zoom</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>3:30 p.m. New Member Class (Conference Room)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Meeting with Captain Shaw, WPD (Conference Room)</p> <p>1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Pastor—Vacation</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>Juneteenth</p> <p>Pastor—Vacation</p>  <p>FRIENDS OF CHRIST 3:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil for Racial Reconciliation Constitution Park</p>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>20</p> <p>Pastor— Vacation</p> <p>HAPPY <i>Father's Day</i></p> <p>4th Sunday After Pentecost Pastor Mark Radecke Preach- ing and Presiding</p> <p>10:00 a.m. <i>Service of the Word In-Person and via YouTube Holy Communion</i></p> <p>10:50 a.m. <i>Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</i></p>	<p>21</p> <p>Pastor— Vacation</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>Pastor— Vacation</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Pastor— Vacation</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Pastor— Vacation</p>  <p>8:30 a.m. <i>Grace Walkers</i></p>  <p>1:00—3:00 p.m. <i>Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</i></p>	<p>25</p>	
<p>27</p> <p>5th Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>10:00 a.m. <i>Service of the Word</i></p> <p>10:50 a.m. <i>Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</i></p>	<p>28</p> <p>Nancy Dowdy— Vacation</p>  <p>Time to CHILL</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Nancy Dowdy— Vacation</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Nancy Dowdy— Vacation</p>  <p>3:30 p.m. <i>New Member Class (Conference Room)</i></p>	<p>1</p> <p>Nancy Dowdy— Vacation</p>  <p>8:30 a.m. <i>Grace Walkers</i></p>  <p>1:00—3:00 p.m. <i>Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</i></p>  <p>FRIENDS OF CHRIST 5:00 p.m. <i>Discussion with Christ Tabernacle</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p>Nancy Dowdy— Vacation</p>	



Sunday June 6	Sunday June 13	Sunday June 20	June 27
Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel	Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel	Preaching & Presiding Pastor Mark Radecke	Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel
Altar Flowers Karl & Jean Stein	Altar Flowers Open	Altar Flowers Gail Johnson	Altar Flowers Open
Altar Guild Jean Morgan	Altar Guild Jean Morgan	Altar Guild Jean Morgan	Altar Guild Jean Morgan
Assisting Minister Kathy Bump	Assisting Minister Ashley Stollings	Assisting Minister Mike Trauscht	Assisting Minister Tripp Franklin
Council Person of the Week Bob Barrette	Council Person of the Week Fred Biggers	Council Person of the Week Kathy Bump	Council Person of the Week Robin Crowder
Offering Steward Pat Brady	Offering Steward Pat Brady	Offering Steward Pat Brady	Offering Steward Pat Brady
Ushers Lee Lynch Linda Meyer	Ushers Fred Biggers Jean Morgan	Ushers Ron Almarode Jack Eckstrom	Ushers Gail Johnson Carrie Jones



Budget Barometer April 2021

For the year, actual receipts are below budget and actual disbursements are below budget resulting in a deficit of \$684

Comparison to Prior Year: Financial Barometer	Actual 2020	Actual 2021	Difference
Total Budget Receipts YTD	\$101,272	\$95,083	(\$6,189)
Total Budget Disbursed YTD	\$94,010	\$95,767	\$1,756
	\$7,261	(\$684)	(\$7,945)



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 Waynesboro, VA 22980	Phyllis Kite 57 Skyline Avenue Stuarts Draft, VA 24477
Bob Knemoller Summit Square 501 Oak Avenue Waynesboro, VA 22980	Glen & Flossie Myers The Legacy 1410a North Augusta Street Staunton, VA 24401
Pete Rufe Summit Square Healthcare 501 Oak Avenue Waynesboro, VA 22980	






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Mon–Thu: 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

(Lunch 11:30– 12:30 p.m.)

Friday: 8:00 a.m.—Noon