

March 2021

Grace *No + es*

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GRACE

From the Pastor

By Paul H. Pingel



Pastor's Page

In-Person Worship

Our Worship Resumption sub-committee will be meeting

the first week of March to consider once again our return to In-Person worship in a restricted manner, as we have spoken about twice before. There are now three Covid-19 vaccines, and many people are in the process of receiving them. Following the sub-committee meeting, we will report any changes to our current worship schedule, including Holy Week and Easter.

Strategic Planning at

Grace – The last major renovation at Grace occurred twenty years ago, Property Chairperson Brad Keefer noted at a recent Round Table meeting. This means that HVAC, phone system, and

other long-term maintenance issues are a part of our discussion as God's people here at Grace. In addition, we will be looking at a strategic plan for our "time and talent." Covid-19 has reduced the ways we can volunteer, while at the same time shedding light on places where a single person has much responsibility, with little or no back-up. Shedding a light on these areas, as well as how we are backing up, keeping records, etc. will be a part of any good Strategic Plan. Another part of being faithful in Strategic Planning is being good stewards of what God has given us for ministry. What does God have in mind for us with the property, time and talent that God's Spirit has gathered together for the sake of sharing the gospel here in our area? We are incredibly blessed. What ways are we being called to look beyond maintenance to where Jesus is ahead of us, leading us forward in witness and service to our community? These are our hopes for a Strategic Plan for Grace.

The Season of Lent – The life we live contains broken promises, broken hearts, broken trust, broken justice and broken bread. Jesus' death on the cross addresses the brokenness of our lives and the world, and makes possible healing and new life. Our Lenten worship services Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. on You Tube help us to consider Jesus' death on the cross and his resurrection and what it means for our daily life. Take time to worship, whether live, or at another time that is convenient for you (the You Tube service is available usually the next day at the latest for viewing after its initial airing).

There is also the opportunity to take part in the yearly Ecumenical Noon Lenten Service, whose theme is focused on the Peace of God –Shalom. Though there is no lunch to accompany the Lenten program this year, all the downtown congregations which have taken part in the past – First Presbyterian, Westmister Presbyterian, First Baptist, St. John the Evangelist RC, St. John Episcopal and Grace – continue to take part this year. You can access the service via First Presbyterian's You Tube channel. Go to YouTube.com and look up FPC Waynesboro, VA. Check out the Lent schedules

elsewhere in this newsletter.

Holy Communion at Grace – In the midst of the Coronavirus, and during these colder Winter months, we have had Holy Communion approximately once per month. At the end of March and start to April during Holy Week, the opportunity to receive Holy Communion will increase. Palm Sunday, March 28th, Maundy Thursday, April 1st, and Easter Sunday, April 4th, we will celebrate Holy Communion together, whether via You Tube, or In-Person (see above).



Highlights of Congregation Council Meetings February 16, 2021

The GELC Church Council met on Tuesday, February 16, 2021. The topics of discussion centered around three main areas of concern:

1. The results of a survey solicited by the Grace Race and Reconciliation Study Group concerning where Grace stands on race relations and what the survey results mean to the Church Council.
2. Concerns of our aging church building and what needs to be done to upgrade and remain in compliance with local building codes and laws.
3. A shortage of volunteers to staff key areas of concern:
 - A back-up for Brad Keefer in property and maintenance
 - Someone to continually update our church's website and Facebook. The question of hiring for 5-10 hours/month was proposed.
 - The final area of concern is the replacement of 5-10 members and 1 youth representative on the Church Council who will be leaving the Council at the end of their terms in June 2021. A slate of candidates must be presented ten (10) days before the May Congregational Meeting, which is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, May 16. Do you have the time and talent to fill these needs?

Respectively submitted,

David Proctor
Secretary



Budget Barometer January 2021

For the year, actual receipts are below budget and actual disbursements are below budget resulting in a deficit of \$3,717

R100 - Pledge + Giving of Record is \$7,524 below budget

Total Budgeted Disbursements are \$331 below budget

Comparison to Prior Year: Financial Barometer	Actual 2020	Actual 2020	Difference
Total Budget Receipts YTD	\$24,188	\$21,292	-2,896
Total Budget Disbursed YTD	\$25,271	\$25,008	-263
	-1,082	-3,717	-2,633



Grace Responds to Souper Bowl of Caring! Here are our results so far for the Souper Bowl of Caring! Grace has donated 82 pounds of food to the Calvary United Methodist Food Pantry in Stuarts Draft, and \$873.79 to the Blue Ridge Food Bank! Thanks to all who helped achieve a "win" in the Souper Bowl of Caring to help those who are hungry in our area.



The past few Sundays, I have been using a program to insert live closed captioning into the worship service. Unfortunately, it does not transcribe everything correctly. It is particularly bad with peoples names. Thank you for your patience; Owen Keefer



LILIES & GERANIUMS

White Easter Lilies and White Regal Geraniums with green foil will be used for Easter Sunday at the altar and may be purchased in memory or honor of a loved one(s). Lilies are \$10.50 and Regal Geraniums are \$12.00.

Please complete the form below and return it to the church office, along with payment, by Sunday, March 14. Please make checks payable to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church and designate them for Lilies and/or Geraniums.

Number of White Lilies: _____

Number of Regal Geraniums: _____

Purchased by: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Please feel free to take your flowers home after the Easter Sunday Service.



Preparing for Easter

Lent: Broken and Healed on the Cross - From Brokenness to Restoration on the Cross, and in Our Lives Today - This is our theme for the Season of Lent. We join with our sisters and brothers at Zion, St. James and Bethlehem to worship at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays during Lent via You Tube and Zoom. All will be recorded at Grace and broadcast Live. We all have experienced brokenness; come, worship and experience the healing of God's Word this Lenten Season.

- **March 3 - Broken Hearts** (many people: Mary Magdalene, Jesus at the fickleness of his followers' loyalty, the disciples at his death, the crowds who were disappointed at Jesus' refusal to act in the way they thought he should)
- **March 10 - Broken Trust** (Judas' betrayal of Jesus)
- **March 17 - Broken Justice** (Jesus before Pilate)
- **March 24 - Broken Bread** (Last Supper, Body of Christ)



Noon Ecumenical Services also available: For many years, downtown Waynesboro congregations have joined for Noon-hour Lenten services. They are available this year on First Presbyterian's You Tube channel - go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and type in FPC Waynesboro.

- **March 3** - Rev. April Cranford and music from Westminster Presbyterian
- **March 10** - Rev. Paul Pingel, Grace Lutheran and Father Benjamin Badgett, St. John Episcopal Church
- **March 17**- Rev. Barrett Owen and music from First Baptist
- **March 24**- Rev. Joe Sloop and music from Main Street UMC

Holy Communion at Grace

*Please indicate your and/or your household's intentions to take part in Holy Communion and then provide the information requested below, and **return o the Church Office by Friday, March 19.***

I/we, (print your name[s] here) _____,
covenant with my brothers and sisters at Grace to take part in Holy Communion together (or with a Eucharistic Minister sent from Grace). If I/we cannot participate, I/we will wait until the next time we gather together for Holy Communion *Live*, and will not administer Holy Communion by myself, or at a time when the service is not Live.

I/we would like to participate on the following dates:

March 28 _____ April 1 _____ April 4 _____
Palm Sunday Maundy Thursday Easter Sunday

I/we will participate via:

Car Worship _____ Virtually _____

Please send _____ Communion chalices (bread and wine) per communion dates indicated to my/our household, containing the following:

Bread and Wine: Quantity _____

Bread and Grape Juice: Quantity _____

Gluten Free Bread and Wine: Quantity _____

Gluten Free Bread and Grape Juice: _____

_____ I/we would prefer to pick up the Communion chalices at the Church Office March 22 through March 26 (between 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday, between 8:30 a.m. and Noon Friday), rather than a package being dropped at my home by a member/volunteer.

Address for Communion Chalices to be delivered:

_____ I/we cannot participate Live via You Tube or by "Car Worship", however, I would like a Eucharistic Minister to bring Holy Communion to my/our home in order to be a part of our sharing the Meal together.



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540-943-3211
discipleskitchen.org
discipleskitchen@gmail.com

January 25, 2021

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

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Disciples Kitchen, thank you for your generous gift of \$125.00 Check # 80186 10/28/2020.

On March 24, 2020 we had to cease inside dining for our clients but our community of volunteers stepped up and we have continued to hand out meals from the parking lot to keep those who need a meal fed. We have been able to provide items for packaging the meals i.e. "take out" trays, paper lunch bags, utensils and condiments. Disciples' Kitchen has also provided a drink to go with each meal handed out for the last several months.

We are grateful for the support of our feeding ministry which enables us to provide four hot meals each week to the people of Waynesboro who are in need of a meal. In 2019, Disciples Kitchen served 9,218 meals to more than 500 people of all ages at two locations on the Eastern side of Waynesboro: Second Presbyterian Church between N. Delphine Ave and N Commerce Ave. and Basic United Methodist Church on 5th Street and Winchester Avenue.

We appreciate your support over the twelve years we have been serving the community.

Thank you again for your generous support.

James J. Mahoney
President
Disciples Kitchen Board of Directors

Disciples Kitchen is a 501(c) (3) tax-exempt organization. No goods or services were provided to you by Disciples Kitchen in connection with this contribution.

January 13, 2021

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Pastor Paul Pingel
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
500 S. Wayne Avenue
Waynesboro, VA 22980

Dear Pastor Pingel,

I am so thankful for your generous 2021 contribution of \$1,255 from your Mission Endowment Fund, designated for our COVID-19 Local Response Fund. We value the trust that you and your members have in the work of the Community Foundation!

The public health and financial crisis created by the pandemic called upon our community to come together in new ways so that we could take proper care of one another. Your Community Foundation is playing a critical role in that response, and it is your trust and support of our work that makes this possible.

It will be our honor to recognize this gift as having been donated by the Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in our list of contributors in our 2021 Annual Report. Please notify us if you wish to make a change or remain anonymous.

Best wishes for a healthy and happy new year!

Sincerely,



Dan Layman
President/CEO

*WE WERE VERY MOVED WHEN WE RECEIVED
THIS GENEROUS AND THOUGHTFUL CONTRIBUTION.
PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR STAFF AND CHURCH
MEMBERS THAT WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL.
OUR PANDEMIC RELIEF WORK HAS BEEN SO IMPORTANT
TO MANY FAMILIES, AND THE WORK MUST CONTINUE.*

Note: This letter is your receipt. Please save it for your records. No goods or services were provided in exchange for this gift. The Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The Community Foundation has exclusive legal control over the contributed assets. Tax ID: 54-1647385



MARCH

Birthdays

<i>3/1 Dave Shields</i>	<i>3/1 Isabelle Bokelman</i>	<i>3/2 Ernestine Moomaw</i>
<i>3/3 Cynthia Long</i>	<i>3/3 Richard Bump</i>	<i>3/3 Robert Shaw</i>
<i>3/4 Sylvia Almarode</i>	<i>3/5 Berenice Archambeault</i>	<i>3/10 Thea Franklin</i>
<i>3/11 Nancy Schwiesow</i>	<i>3/11 Kaitlyn Hull</i>	<i>3/11 Aaron Smith</i>
<i>3/12 Kate Lynch</i>	<i>3/13 Peggy Aaslestad</i>	<i>3/12 Sarah Kite</i>
<i>3/16 Owen Keefer</i>	<i>3/18 Amber Bokelman</i>	<i>3/19 Raegen Van Bremen</i>
<i>3/21 Caroline Biggers</i>	<i>3/22 Minnie Moyer</i>	<i>3/24 Frannie Knicely</i>
<i>3/25 Vernetta Nichols</i>	<i>3/25 Nancy Dowdy</i>	<i>3/26 Sharon Lynch</i>
<i>3/26 Jessica Smith</i>	<i>3/30 Peggy Marks</i>	



MARCH



Baptisms

<i>3/1 Becky Jones</i>	<i>3/1 Chuck Goodrich</i>	<i>3/1 Jackie Meeks</i>
<i>3/2 Hannah Pingel</i>	<i>3/4 Tom Sheaffer</i>	<i>3/5 Susan Morrison</i>
<i>3/10 Marlene Shaw</i>	<i>3/12 Donna Dodge</i>	<i>3/15 Dennis Barnes</i>
<i>3/17 Karla Rankin</i>	<i>3/22 Landon Lynch</i>	<i>3/25 Susie Driskill</i>
<i>3/25 Lily Pingel</i>	<i>3/26 Nathan Skelton</i>	<i>3/27 Jane McGehee</i>
<i>3/27 Janet Parmer</i>	<i>3/28 Sandy Johnson</i>	



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>Second Sunday in Lent</p> <p>10:00 a.m. <i>Service of the Word via YouTube</i></p> <p>10:50 a.m. <i>Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p>7:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. <i>Student Care</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>7:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. <i>Student Care</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">7:00 p.m. <i>Round Tables via Zoom</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>7:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. <i>Student Care</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Noon <i>Ecumenical Lenten Service via YouTube</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">7:00 p.m. <i>Season of Lent Evening Prayer Via YouTube</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>7:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. <i>Student Care</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">1:00 p.m. <i>Personnel Sub-Committee Meeting via zoom</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">5:00 p.m. <i>Discussion with Christ Tabernacle Via Zoom</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>7:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. <i>Student Care</i></p>
<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p>Third Sunday in Lent</p> <p>10:00 a.m. <i>Service of the Word via YouTube</i></p> <p>10:50 a.m. <i>Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>7:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. <i>Student Care</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">6:30 p.m. <i>Grace Anti-Racism Group meeting via Zoom</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>7:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. <i>Student Care</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>7:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. <i>Student Care</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Noon <i>Ecumenical Lenten Service via YouTube</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">7:00 p.m. <i>Season of Lent Evening Prayer Via YouTube</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>7:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. <i>Student Care</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">5:00 p.m. <i>Discussion with Christ Tabernacle Via Zoom</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>7:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. <i>Student Care</i></p>



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<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>Fourth Sunday in Lent</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of the Word via YouTube</p> <p>10:50 a.m. Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</p> 	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Student Care</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Student Care</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Church Council</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Council Meeting via Zoom</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Student Care</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Noon Ecumenical Lenten Service via YouTube</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> St. Patrick's Day</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Season of Lent Evening Prayer Via YouTube</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Student Care</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5:00 p.m. Discussion with Christ Tabernacle Via Zoom</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Student Care</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>Fifth Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Communion</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of the Word via YouTube</p> <p>10:50 a.m. Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Student Care</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Student Care</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Student Care</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Noon Ecumenical Lenten Service via YouTube</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Season of Lent Evening Prayer Via YouTube</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Student Care</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5:00 p.m. Discussion with Christ Tabernacle Via Zoom</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Student Care</p>



Sunday March 7	Sunday March 14	Sunday March 21	Sunday March 28
Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel	Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel	Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel	Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel
Assisting Minister Robin Crowder	Assisting Minister Fred Biggers	Assisting Minister Linda Meyer	Assisting Minister TBA
Children's Sermon Jones Family	Children's Sermon Van Bremen Family	Children's Sermon Stollings/Cooper Family	Children's Sermon Bokelman Family
Offering Stewards Pat Brady	Offering Stewards Pat Brady	Offering Stewards Pat Brady	Offering Stewards Pat Brady
Altar Flowers OPEN	Altar Flowers OPEN	Altar Flowers OPEN	Altar Flowers OPEN
Council Member of the Week Jerry Kite	Council Member of the Week Linda Meyer	Council Member of the Week Amy Warren	Council Member of the Week Bob Barrette



Nursing Home, Assisted Living and Homebound Members

<p>Genevieve Arneson 220 Adventure Trail Waynesboro, VA 22980</p>	<p>LizAnn Binns c/o Steve Binns 8921 Sturgeon Point Road Charles City, VA 23030</p>
<p>Maribeth Faivre Summit Square 501 Oak Avenue Waynesboro, VA 22980</p>	<p>Phyllis Kite 57 Skyline Avenue Stuarts Draft, VA 24477</p>
<p>Bob Knemoller Summit Square 501 Oak Avenue Waynesboro, VA 22980</p>	<p>Glen & Flossie Myers 104 Patton Farm Road Apartment 361 Stuarts Draft, VA 24477</p>
<p>Pete Rufe Summit Square Healthcare 501 Oak Avenue Waynesboro, VA 22980</p>	



Members of Grace Congregational Council



Linda Meyer, President
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 Holly Carper, Robin Crowder,
 Kim Hull, Gail Johnson,
 Kathryn Johnson, Amy Warren

Hannah Pingel, Youth Representative
 David Proctor, Secretary
 Ron Almarode, Treasurer
 Donna Marshall, Assistant Treasurer
 Charles Goodrich, Financial Secretary

Carrie Jones, Sunday School Superintendent

CLASS	LOCATION	TEACHERS
Pre-K-K	Lower Level	Deloris Wertman Sarah Beth Kite
Grades 1-3	Lower Level	Amy Warren Jane Blosser
Grades 4-5	Lower Level	Jill Pingel Jane Stein
Grades 6-8 <i>Catechism</i>	Lower Level	Pastor Pingel Fred Biggers Marlene Shaw Robin Crowder (SUB)
Senior High	Lower Level	Linda Meyer Antoinette Eckstrom
Adult	Upper Level	Gordon Putnam






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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