

May 2023

GraceNotes

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GRACE

From the Pastor



Pastor's Page

Our Grace purpose statement, *A community of servants sharing in the word and work of Jesus*, is nearing

10 years since we adopted it as a congregation.

The statement continues to be a powerful one for our congregation, especially as our Strategic Planning Committee recently studied the ministries of Grace, and came up with over 60 ministries and areas of ministry support that we, as a *community of servants*, are taking part in! At the same time, the statement gives direction to our activity; we are active in many ways because we are *sharing in the word and work of Jesus*. It is equally important to recognize that it is not ONLY your participation in Grace ministries, but in acts of love and justice in your neighborhood and community

that show us being a *community of servants sharing in the word and work of Jesus*.

We say all this during the Season of Easter, because the witness of the Resurrection is that those who believed and saw the cross and empty tomb, and those who *didn't* see and yet believed, saw their lives in a new direction, to new ways of activity and love for others. We continue in our life together because of *the Risen Jesus* and his invitation to look for him and meet him out in this Galilee where we live.

Our “Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends” –

A continuing part of our Prayers during worship involves our prayer for relatives and friends, as well as for Grace members. We know the importance of continued prayer, especially as those we love and care for face longer term illness and recoveries.

Continued

We *also* want to be sure that we can continue to add the names of all friends and relatives who are in need of prayer, and include this list during Sunday prayer. Therefore, we will begin a new policy of keeping “Ongoing Needs for Prayer” *for 3 months*, and then removing the names (*unless by request for names to remain on the list longer*).



Congratulations to our Graduates!

Look for the names of our College and High School Graduates coming in the Sunday bulletin May 14th, and pray for their plans as God guides their path by the living Holy Spirit in their future schooling and vocations!



Our Delegates to Synod Assembly

Peggy Caister, Donna Gum, and Lily Pingel will be our delegates to the Virginia Synod Assembly in June of this Year. The Assembly is uniquely important because we will be electing a new Bishop who will begin her/his term in the Fall of the year. Please pray for our Delegates as they prepare to serve in June.





The “First Sunday Fellowships” have begun! Each “first Sunday” of the month, one of our volunteer groups at Grace will hold a gathering in the Fellowship Hall after worship. There will be the opportunity for the groups to explain what their group does, who is involved, answer questions, and have fellowship and a few light refreshments. Please sign up your group so the congregation can learn more about what goes on in the life of our church! A sign- up sheet has been placed in the back of the church with enough dates for at least 19 counted groups, which are listed! Please see Sylvia Almarode if you have any questions.

Schedule for 2023 First Sunday Fellowships Hosts:

May 7	All God’s Children Book Group
June 4	Worship and Music/Adult Choir
July 2	Open
August 6	Altar Guild
September 3	Open
October 1	Quilters
November 5	Open
December 3	Open



Local **middle and high school students** are invited to help with a tree planting project at Ridgeview Park in Waynesboro! We'll meet at 2 p.m. on **Sunday, May 7th**, to dig some holes, plant some trees, spread some mulch, and beautify our community. Please bring gardening gloves, reusable water bottles, and sunscreen if possible! All are welcome! If you have questions, email stjohnewan.outreach@gmail.com



If you have a graduate in your family, please let the church office know the following by **Monday, May 8:** name, parents’ names, school, degree, graduation date and plans for the future.



Children's Sunday School -In April, we began Sunday School for children K-5 *after worship at 11:10 a.m.!* This "one room school house" will be looking at the readings that we use in worship, allowing our children extra time to learn about God's Word for us each Sunday. Hope to see you there!



Hospitality and Grace—Are you interested in learning more about Christianity and hospitality? Join us for a book/study group! We will read *Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition* by Christine D. Pohl (9 chapters, 187 pages). *If interested, please contact Eric Hilker 978-793-9845, Pastor Paul Pingel, 540-216-4454, or Susan Myers, 434-760-1660.*



We Need Your Help at Grace! One of the blessings that God's Spirit gives us as a congregation is that we ALL have gifts, talent and time TO SHARE, which allows the ministry of Grace, and God's Mission for us, to continue. If you are not already actively assisting, please consider helping with the Altar Guild (contact Jean Morgan), Assisting Ministers (contact Donna Gum), Communion Assistants (contact Donna Gum), Offering Stewards (contact Pat Brady) and/or Ushers (contact Jack Eckstrom). You may also contact the church office.



Reminder—Please have articles, etc. for **Grace Notes** to the Church Office by the 20th of the month for next month's publication. If you need more time, please send Nancy a note and let her know when she will receive it. In addition, please have announcements, etc. for **Sunday bulletins** to the Church Office by Wednesday morning. Nancy's email is: Grace.lc@comcast.net



If the church **office door is locked** during open hours, please knock and give Nancy a few minutes to answer. For safety reasons, she is locking the door when alone at the church, especially first thing in the morning. Thank you for your patience!



All God's Children Discussion Group meets on the first and third Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Grace Conference Room. Future books to be discussed include *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman and *Recitatif: A Story* by Toni Morrison with the 2022 introduction by Zadie Smith. If you are interested in joining the group, contact Rick Bump at rcbump0621@gmail.com to be added to our emailing list.



Caring for our Neighbors - This year, many Covid-era supports for the working poor are going away: SNAP (supplemental nutrition assistance program) benefits, as well as tax breaks for families with children, that will result in \$thousands less money in families' pockets. This great need will likely be reflected in our community in the weeks and months ahead. Grace is working with other congregations in Waynesboro to determine whether we can work TOGETHER to help address the needs of our community. Please support our contributions to local Food Banks (see the announcement), and if you are interested, let Pastor know if you would like to attend future meetings with other congregations asking "how do we move forward?"



Columbarium—As you make your final plans, remember that Grace has a Columbarium on the North side of the building. Each niche will hold two (2) of our brass urns, which are included in the cost of \$2,250 per niche. There are also Memorial Bricks available for the patio, which can be engraved with the name of a loved one who may be buried elsewhere. For more information, contact Bradley Keefer at 540-942-4290 or the Church Office.



Hand Bell Choir—The choir is looking for ringers. Anyone interested, get in touch with Sam Moyer, 540-471-1059



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.



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-three deliveries*** thus far, fifteen to Main Street United Methodist, and eighteen to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. **Overall, we have given well over 3,570 pounds of food!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.

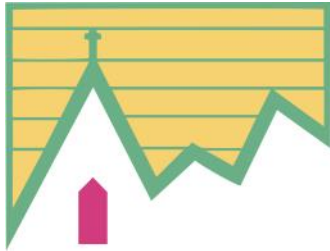
Covid Policy at Grace



- 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 of the worship space
- Holy Communion will continue to be offered by coming up front and
- 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



Church FINANCES

Budget Barometer

March 2023

For the year, actual receipts are below budget and actual disbursements are below budget, resulting in a deficit of \$8,539.

Comparison to Prior Year: Financial Barometer	Actual 2022	Actual 2023	Difference
Total Budget Receipts YTD	\$63,609	\$71,468	\$7,859
Total Budget Disbursed YTD	\$73,597	\$80,007	\$6,410
	(\$9,988)	(\$8,539)	\$1,449



April 23

Thank you for letting us use your facility for some of our club meetings! Please accept this donation for your church.

Waynesboro Garden Club
Treasurer,
Anne Johnson

Thanks so much for your support of Raising Resources for Readers and our Waynesboro students! We truly could not do what we do without you!

Thanks!

Mike and Susan Myers



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LOL Thank you



Jimmy Owens honored - Jimmy Owens was honored with a City proclamation at the April 24th Waynesboro City Council meeting. The proclamation described Jimmy's service in the Military, his career with Wayn-Tex over 32 years, his work Habitat for Humanity, Kiwanis, and the Wayne Theater, including receiving the Millard Fuller Award from Habitat, their top honor; and his long time affiliation with the American Legion Post 340. We give thanks that Jimmy is a part of the Body of Christ here at Grace and that his life has been blessed to be a blessing!



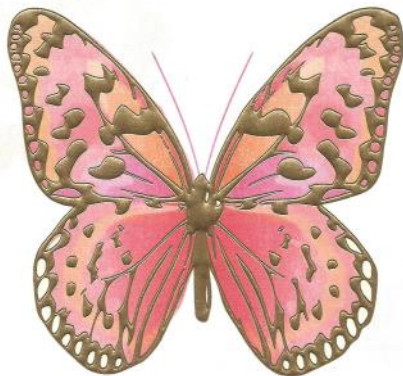


Dear Grace members -

We are so very thankful for your generosity and prayers during this time.

The outpouring of support is what has continued to lift us up, and help us to focus on all of the positivity that has come out of this experience.

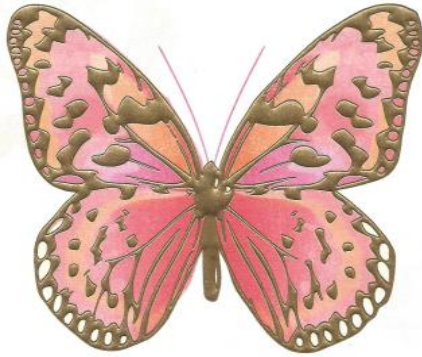
With love and gratitude -
the Philans



March 28, 2023

Dear members of Grace Lutheran Church,

Thank you for my birthday greeting card and for the floral arrangement of lovely brightly colored flowers. It added another happy note to my Happy Birthday.
Yours in Grace,
Vernette Neakole



Apr. 6, 2023

Dear Friends,
What a lovely tradition —
to celebrate 90th birthdays
with beautiful flowers.
Thanks so much for their
special surprise.

Love & thanks,
Peggy Marks

Madawa Family





Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry

March 6, 2023

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.

WARM Regards,
Brian Edwards
Brian Edwards
Interim Executive Director














*****CONTRIBUTION RECEIPT*****
















Donor Name(s): Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Gift Date: 03/04/2023
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Type (Detail): Check (80535)
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.

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p>Fourth Sunday of Easter</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion Pastor Pingel</p> <p>Blessing of the Quilts</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Confirmation Class</p> <p>11:10 a.m. K-5 Sunday School</p> <p>3:30—Pastor Vespers at Summit Square</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">1</p>  <p>7:00 p.m. All God's Children (Conference Room)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p>  <p>9:30 a.m. Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)</p>  <p>7:00 p.m. Worship and Music (Conference Room)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p>  <p>10:00 a.m. Prayer Group (Chapel)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Yoga (Seminar Room)</p>  <p>7:00 p.m. Handbells</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Virginia Organizing (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. CCE&J Group Conference Room and Zoom</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p>   	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Yoga (Fellowship Hall)</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p>Fifth Sunday of Easter</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion</p> <p>Pastor Van Stee</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Confirmation Class</p> <p>First Sunday Fellowship - All God's Children Book Group</p> <p>11:10 a.m. K-5 Sunday School</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Middle & High School Tree Planting (Ridgeview Park)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p>  <p>9:30 a.m. Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p>  <p>10:00 a.m. Prayer Group (Chapel)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Yoga (Fellowship Hall)</p>  <p>7:00 p.m. Handbells</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</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</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> 	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Yoga (Fellowship Hall)</p>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p align="center">14</p> <p align="center">Sixth Sunday of Easter</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion Pastor Pingel</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Confirmation Class</p> <p>11:10 a.m. K-5 Sunday School</p> 	<p align="center">15</p>  <p>7:00 p.m. All God's Children (Conference Room)</p>	<p align="center">16</p>  <p>9:30 a.m. Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Encircle (Conference Room)</p>  <p>7:00 p.m. Council (Conference Room and Zoom)</p>	<p align="center">17</p>  <p>10:00 a.m. Prayer Group (Chapel)</p> <p>10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Encircle Managers (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Grace Women's Book Group— Silk Road</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Yoga (Fellowship Hall)</p>  <p>7:00 p.m. Handbells 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p align="center">18</p>  <p>8:00 a.m. Newcomers (Fellowship Hall)</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 Zoom</p>	<p align="center">19</p>  <p>9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Encircle (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Waynesboro High School Graduation</p>	<p align="center">20</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Yoga (Fellowship Hall)</p>  <p>11:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil for Racial Reconcil. (North Park)</p>
<p align="center">21</p> <p align="center">Seventh Sunday of Easter</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion Pastor Pingel</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Confirmation</p> <p>11:10 a.m. K-5 Sunday School</p> <p>VMA Spring Concert</p>	<p align="center">22</p> 	<p align="center">23</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Round Tables (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Stuarts Draft High School Graduation (JMU)</p>	<p align="center">24</p>  <p>10:00 a.m. Prayer Group (Chapel)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Yoga (Seminar Room)</p>  <p>7:00 p.m. Handbells 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Wilson Memorial High School Graduation (JMU)</p>	<p align="center">25</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</p>	<p align="center">26</p> 	<p align="center">27</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Yoga (Fellowship Hall)</p>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
<p>Day of Pentecost</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion Pastor Pingel</p> <p>11:10 a.m. K-5 Sunday School</p> 	<p>memorial DAY</p>  	 <p>9:30 a.m. Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall) Zoom)</p>	 <p>10:00 a.m. Prayer Group (Chapel)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Yoga (Fellowship Hall)</p>  <p>7:00 p.m. Handbells 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice</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 Christ Tabernacle and Zoom</p>		<p>11:00 a.m. Yoga (Seminar Room)</p>



Birthdays

5/1	Ryan Blosser	5/4	Alvin Jackson	5/4	Nathan Skelton
5/5	Amelia Jones	5/7	Jim Nelson	5/7	Allison Fink
5/10	Sharon Vorel	5/10	Carolyn Barrette	5/12	Jim Kite
5/12	Lisa Gray	5/13	Richard Marshall	5/19	Karley Hull
5/23	Brodie Franklin	5/23	Chris Carper	5/24	Ron Almarode
5/28	Jean Franklin	5/28	Lisa Jackson	5/28	Roger Bowers
5/28	Rew Walck				



5/10	Amaya Cooper	5/12	Lindsey Skelton	5/14	Carrie Jones
5/16	Linda Meyer	5/18	Sydney Rankin	5/20	Wyatt Carper
5/23	Marsha Howard	5/25	Jimmy Owens	5/26	Isabelle Bokelman
5/28	Sarah Kite	5/29	Karen Van Stee	5/30	Richard Bump
5/31	Bob Shumate				



Worship Assistants

May 7

Fifth Sunday

Preaching and Presiding

Pastor Karen Van Stee

Altar Flowers

Lew & Donna Yobs

Altar Guild

Assisting Minister

Andrew Sell

Communion Assistants

Tami Radecke

Stephen Van Stee

Council Person of the Week

Andrew Sell

Offering Stewards

Pat Brady

Jean Morgan

Ushers

Ruck Bump

Linda Meyer

May 14

Sixth Sunday

Preaching and Presiding

Pastor Paul Pingel

Altar Flowers

Gail Johnson

Altar Guild

Gloria Nelson and

Assisting Minister

Cathy Crowder

Communion Assistants

Robin Crowder

Linda Meyer

Council Person of the Week

Stephen Van Stee

Offering Stewards

Pat Brady

Vivian Proctor

Ushers

Pat Brady

Jean Morgan

May 21

Seventh Sunday

Preaching and Presiding

Pastor Paul Pingel

Altar Flowers

Jim & Gloria Nelson

Altar Guild

Kathy Meicke

Assisting Minister

Ron Almarode

Communion Assistants

Allison Fink

Gloria Nelson

Council Person of the Week

Karen Walck

Offering Stewards

Pat Brady

David Proctor

Ushers

Karen Walck

Rew Walck

May 28

Day of Pentecost

Preaching and Presiding

Pastor Paul Pingel

Altar Flowers

Open

Altar Guild

Assisting Minister

Donna Gum

Communion Assistants

Allison Fink

Karen Walck

Council Person of the Week

Bob Barrette

Offering Stewards

Pat Brady

Robin Crowder

Ushers

Ron Almarode

Lee Lynch



**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 River Edge Rehabilitation and Nursing, 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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