

November 2021

Grace *No +* es

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GRACE

From the Pastor

By Paul H. Pingel



Pastor's Page

Sabbatical – I have applied for a grant from the Louisville Institute that would allow me to take a three month sabbatical leave

during the summer of 2022. I will hear from Louisville Institute in December of this year.

Grace's sabbatical guidelines state that a sabbatical leave is "intended for renewal and revitalization of both pastor and congregation. It may "... include in depth education experience or special program/projects that will benefit the congregation or church at large." A sabbatical "will occur every five to seven years of service to Grace." After nine years of call to ordained ministry of Word and Sacrament at Grace, I am looking forward to my first sabbatical in my 28 years of ministry.

My sabbatical proposal intends to look in-depth at the role of relationship in racial justice and equity in the Church and the community around us. We can say we want to have a relationship with a congregation like Christ Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, for example, or that we want to help facilitate conversations about race amongst the churches in our community. But without the time necessary to establish relationships with pastors and congregations, not much is going to happen.

Years ago, I was part of a racial reconciliation group in South Carolina. Seven (7) white and seven (7) black pastors were gathered to study a book on reconciliation, and at our first meeting we were establishing our guidelines for meeting together. Two black pastors sat with scowls on their faces and arms crossed. Eventually they spoke, and the first pastor said nothing was going to happen if we studied a book and met at

a nice restaurant once per month, and had a pulpit swap and a fellowship picnic twice a year. The second pastor agreed and said, “nothing will happen until you are invited to my house, and I’m invited to yours, and our kids and spouses get to know each other.” In other words, he was speaking about relationship.

I will be meeting with Bishop C.D. Brown of Christ Tabernacle, with pastors and other leaders in the Virginia Synod and ELCA, and with other pastors in Virginia to study the importance of relationship more in-depth. This will include what may, in our current day, prevent the development of relationship over time, and what might be done to overcome such impediments. My sabbatical proposal asks for funds to pay for travel, as well as to pay for a supply pastor and visitation pastor while I am away.

It is also my hope that – as our sabbatical policy states – there will be time “for personal and familial rest and recreation.” Thanks to Grace’s policy and budget, Grace also has money set aside for a pastoral sabbatical. Between those funds and the grant I’m requesting, it will allow me to take a three month time for study *and* rest.

If I do NOT get the Louisville Institute

grant, I will still take a sabbatical in 2022, but one with a duration of 7-8 weeks instead of a full three months. I will use the Grace sabbatical funds alone to achieve the sabbatical without the grant. The time will still be during the summer months.

I am thankful to Grace Council and Mutual Ministry committee for their support thus far concerning my sabbatical proposal, and I ask for your prayers as December approaches, and the news of Louisville Institute for awarding grants comes our way.

Either way, as I continue into my tenth year of service here at Grace – and as Thanksgiving and a new Church year that starts with Advent approaches – I continue to thank God for you, people of Grace. I have been blessed by you all, and with the opportunities God has given us to be a blessing in our community and world through our witness to Jesus Christ and our service to others in his name. I look forward to a time of refreshment; as well as the time to return after the sabbatical with a new sense of call to what God has in mind for us in whatever lies ahead.





Highlights of Congregation Council

October 19, 2021

We received thank notes or letter from:

- United Lutheran Seminary
- Valley Mission
- ELCA World Hunger
- Joe Moyer for flowers given by Grace for his 95th birthday
- Habitat for Humanity
- Blue Ridge Food Bank
- The Madee Project
- Community Foundation of the Blue Ridge

Pastor discussed the time and talent survey hoping the whole congregation will participate. The survey needs to be done before the end of the year.

There is \$2799 surplus in the budget as Ron reports.

We are back to in-person worship once again. Masks and social distancing in effect. Please “meet and greet” outside. October 31 is Reformation Sunday and November 7 is Newcomers Sunday.

To update the fire system, the council chose Blue Ridge Security at a cost of \$2285 for pulls, pull stations, horn and control panel. Blue Ridge does not do monitoring.

The Personnel Committee finalized the updates to the Personnel Policy Manual. Background checks were made permanent. Other minor changes were also made. We thank the committee for their extensive work on this project.

Children's service resumes. Youth activities will hopefully take place every two months.

Back packs have resumed. We pack on alternative Wednesdays and bags leave on Thursday.

The owner of former Blue Moon Yoga went out of business in early 2020, and he would like to use space at Grace for his classes. More discussion will be done on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,
Vivian Proctor
Council Secretary

worship WITH US

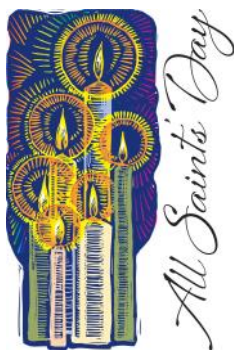
We Return to In-Person Activities at Grace! We have returned to In Person activities at Grace - Worship, Meetings, Classes, as well as use of Grace by outside organizations. We continue to mask and distance at all activities. And, we continue to offer a virtual option for Grace Worship, Meetings and Classes.



Holy Communion Chalices available from the Church Office - Call the Church Office in order to pick up Communion Chalices for Sunday worship.



"Coffee Fellowship After Worship via Zoom" is still available!! - Ron Almarode hosts a fellowship time via Zoom immediately following worship. It's a great opportunity to engage in casual fellowship, as well as being kept up to date about the concerns and needs for prayer by Grace members and friends. We will be sending this link weekly with the other links to Worship and other activities available via Zoom.



All Saints Sunday is November 7, 2021—Each year on All Saints Sunday we remember the saints who have gone before us; those Grace members who have received the promises for all time, of God's Grace given to us freely through Jesus Christ and his death and resurrection. In addition to Grace members, if you would like to include a family member or friend who has died, please notify the Church Office by Monday, November 1.



Grace Youth join Four Downtown Congregations -

Sunday, November 21st at 2:30 p.m., our Youth (7th - 12th grade) are invited to take part with Westminster Presbyterian, First Baptist, St. John Episcopal and St. John Roman Catholic Youth to make a meal for Afghan refugees that are living in Harrisonburg! We'll also get to know each other in some fun ways. We'll meet at Westminster Presbyterian. Contact Pastor if you have any questions!



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 ***nineteen*** deliveries thus far, nine to Main Street United Methodist, and ten to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. Last week, **114 pounds of food** went to Calvary United Methodist. **Overall, we have given well over 1,700 pounds!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



Email Address Changes - Due to consistent sending and receiving problems with our current "gracewaynesboro" and "lumos"-based email addresses, we ask that you change your address book to include the following addresses:

For Nancy Dowdy and the Church Office:
Grace.lc@comcast.net

For Pastor Pingel: pastorpingel@gmail.com

Please discontinue the use of grace.lc@lumos.net, secretary@gracewaynesboro.org, and pastor@gracewaynesboro.org.



The **Giving Tree** will be put up in the Nave November 1. If you would like to participate, please come by the church to pick up one or more tags, sign your name and the gift tag(s) taken in the book, purchase appropriate gift(s), and bring ***unwrapped*** gift(s) with the original tag attached back to the Nave by Sunday, **November 28**. If you prefer not to come by the Church, feel free to call Nancy, 949-6171, to give you the information on a tag(s). If you have questions, please contact Jane Stein, 943-3327.



Invitation to Prayer Group at Grace - Our World, Our Nation, Our Community, The Church, Grace Lutheran, individual joys and concerns from our lives. In all these things, we "take it to the Lord in prayer," not only praying for what we need, but also listening for what God will speak. If you are interested in a weekly Prayer Group, sign up on the Sheet on the table in the Narthex, or call the Church Office. We'll offer a few times, and select the time that the most people can attend. Sign-up and indicate times you can attend, and we will start in mid-November.



**Welcome
Our New
Members**

New Member Sunday on All Saints! Nine saints will be joining with Grace on November 7: Marsha Howard, Jim and Gloria Nelson, William Proctor, Charles and Susan Smith, Alexandra Spellman, and Steven and Karen Van Stee will affirm their baptism and join, with introductions by Grace Shepherds! We give thanks to the Holy Spirit for making possible our life together in Christ!



Renewing Home Work Project—Saturday October 23, Grace and Zion Lutheran Church teamed with Renewing Homes of Greater Augusta to do deck replacement project for a home in Staunton. Thanks to all Grace Members who helped with the project.

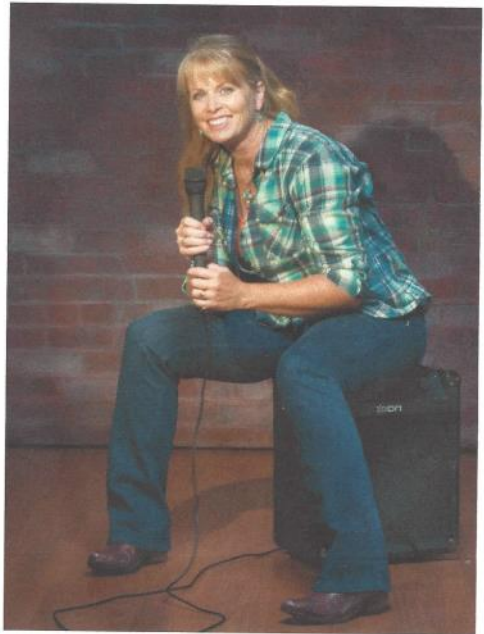
Juanita Lolita

Saturday November 6, 2021

7:00 p.m.

LIVE! on the Imagine Center Stage

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church Mt. Sidney, VA



Juanita Lolita is a Christian Comedian from Pinellas Park, Florida. Come enjoy a night of clean comedy from one of the country's best known Christian Comedians!

Dessert Bar to follow the show!

No Admission Fee – Free Will Offering



William Booth, *Founder*
Brian Peddle, *General*
Willis Howell, *Territorial Commander*
Lt. Colonel Carolee J. Israel, *Divisional Commander*
Lieutenant Rachel Pruitt, *Corps Officer*

August 26, 2021

Amy Warren
Grace Lutheran Church
500 S. Wayne Avenue
Waynesboro, Virginia 22980

Dear Friends,

Thank you for helping The Salvation Army reach farther into our community and into the needs of our neighbors by supporting the "Homework Toolbox" project. We are so excited to share that all 653 preschool and kindergarten students in Waynesboro and East Augusta County are receiving a Homework Toolbox this year!

This success is only possible because of caring friends like you! Again, *THANK YOU* for helping to provide a positive start to the school year for the youngest of students in our community.

Blessings Always,

Lt. Rachel Pruitt
Corps Officer
Waynesboro, VA

Dear Members of Church
Council & the Mission
Endowment Fund Committee,

I want to send my
sincere thanks to you for
approving the \$3000.00 grant
request for the MaDee Project.
We are all so appreciative
of this money, which will
go to support our monthly
checks to families of children
who have cancer. These
families use this money to pay
the enormous bills associated
with their child's illness, hotel
costs, gas money to appointments, etc.
With the Covid crisis,

One small word
that says so much.

we have had to cancel
many of our fundraisers
in the past year. Your
contribution means so very
much!

Sincerely,
Sylvia Almarode
Board Member of The
MaDee Project

THE MADEE PROJECT
caring for our children

Have a great day!

August 15, 2021

Dear Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Just wanted to drop you a note on behalf of The MaDee Project to thank you so much for your generous donation to this nonprofit organization. Your act of kindness will touch children, who are dealing with pediatric cancer, and their families in this area now and forever. Thanks to the support of people like you, The MaDee Project continues to successfully aid children in need. God bless you all now and forever. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Jamara Talley Campbell, The MaDee Project President



Blue Ridge
AREA
**FOOD
BANK**



August 11, 2021

Pastor Paul Pingel
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
500 S Wayne Ave
Waynesboro, VA 22980-4836

Dear Pastor Pingel:

We met Whitney at the Monacan Nation Food Pantry when she picked up food for her family and seven others. Every Thursday she delivers to people who don't have a car or who can't leave home. "One of the ladies I deliver to, she has back problems," she said. "And grandpa, he's home by himself."

Whitney's grateful to have full-time employment at a local restaurant, "I'm the only person providing right now for my household," she said. And those seven other households on her list? "I just like to help people, and I'm thankful when they're able to help me."

The spirit of partnership runs deep throughout our region. Donors, volunteers, community service organizations, and guests each give what they can. But we're not out of the woods yet, much as we wish it were so. And for those neighbors and friends who may never completely recoup what was lost since March 2020, our mighty Food Bank community soldiers on—ensuring that nutritious food is available to *all*.

Thank you for matching your passion with our purpose, and for your generous gift. As the Food Bank continues to mark its 40th year of service this year, I see hopeful evidence each day that we will make our way to a healthy, happy future.

With gratitude,

Michael McKee
Chief Executive Officer

Thank you for your gift of \$500 received 8/9/2021. For your reference, our federal tax I.D. number is 52-1202644. No goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution. If you prefer to be anonymous, or you have questions or concerns about your gift, please email dshifflett@brafb.org.

You help us provide nourishing food to thousands of children, seniors, and families in your community.

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MEMBER

September 22, 2021

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Dear Friends,

Last week marked the 18-month anniversary of our COVID-19 Local Response Fund. I can't thank you enough for your support of this critical relief effort, for which I'm pleased to provide this interim report as our important work continues.

What began as a short-term initiative with \$100,000, is now an ongoing commitment to our community that has already exceeded \$1.8 million.

We anticipated a severe economic strain on families due to the pandemic. Thus, it has been no surprise that half of our Local Response Fund grants have centered on helping families manage routine expenses.

However, COVID consequences that we did not anticipate have driven an equal amount of grantmaking. For example, the Local Response Fund has been the single largest source of funding for the creation of additional childcare options and supplemental academic support needed while our children were attending school virtually.

Additionally, we have worked with a team of community partners throughout the pandemic to address the multifaceted and continuing mental health crisis.

While we continue to listen, learn, and respond, we also want to take this moment to reflect upon the past 18 months and say...

Thank you!

You have been an incredibly thoughtful and caring partner in this relief effort, and we are proud to call ourselves your Community Foundation.

Sincerely,



Dan Layman, CEO



**Budget Barometer
September 2021**

For the year, actual receipts are below budget and actual disbursements are below budget resulting in a surplus of \$2,799.

Comparison to Prior Year: Financial Barometer	Actual 2020	Actual 2021	Difference
Total Budget Receipts YTD	\$215,462	\$219,002	\$3,540
Total Budget Disbursed YTD	\$216,395	\$216,203	(\$192)
	(\$934)	\$2,799	\$3,732

November



<i>11/6</i>	<i>Zaden Bandy</i>	<i>11/6</i>	<i>David Glover</i>	<i>11/6</i>	<i>Charlotte Jones</i>
<i>11/7</i>	<i>Clay Rankin</i>	<i>11/7</i>	<i>Jill Pingel</i>	<i>11/8</i>	<i>Willie Keefer</i>
<i>11/9</i>	<i>Tom Varner</i>	<i>11/9</i>	<i>Sam Moyer</i>	<i>11/9</i>	<i>Jackie Meeks</i>
<i>11/10</i>	<i>Jean Morgan</i>	<i>11/13</i>	<i>Hannah Pingel</i>	<i>11/14</i>	<i>Lisa Spooner</i>
<i>11/15</i>	<i>Lily Skelton</i>	<i>11/15</i>	<i>Ashley Stollings</i>	<i>11/22</i>	<i>Robert Moyer</i>
<i>11/22</i>	<i>Woody Grqaf</i>	<i>11/27</i>	<i>Kathy Bump</i>	<i>11/28</i>	<i>David Schwiesow</i>
<i>11/30</i>	<i>Wyatt Carper</i>				



Baptisms








<i>11/7</i>	<i>Willie Keefer</i>	<i>11/10</i>	<i>Gary Morrison</i>	<i>11/24</i>	<i>Bob Knemoller</i>
<i>1/29</i>	<i>Bill Meicke</i>				

NOVEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
<p>Reformation Sunday</p> <p>Confirmation Sunday</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of the Word In Person and via YouTube</p> <p>10:50 a.m. Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</p> 		<p>ELECTION DAY</p> 	<p>9:00 a.m. Backpacks (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Bible Study (Conference Room and via Zoom)</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Discussion with Christ Tabernacle via Zoom</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Bible Study (Conference Room and via Zoom)</p>		

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<p>7</p> <p>All Saints Sunday</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of the Word In Person and via YouTube</p> <p>New Member Sunday</p> <p>10:50 a.m. Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Grace Anti-Racism Book Study Via Zoom</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Backpacks (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Bible Study (Conference Room and via Zoom)</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Discussion with Christ Tabernacle via Zoom</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Bible Study (Conference Room and via Zoom)</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>25th Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of the Word In Person and via YouTube</p> <p>10:50 a.m. Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p></p> <p>7:00 p.m. Council via Zoom</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Backpacks (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Bible Study (Conference Room and via Zoom)</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Discussion with Christ Tabernacle via Zoom</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Bible Study (Conference Room and via Zoom)</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p></p> <p>3:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil for Racial Reconcil. (North Park)</p>

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<p>21</p> <p>Christ the King</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of the Word In Person and via YouTube</p> <p>10:50 a.m. Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Backpacks (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>THANKSgiving Day</p> 	<p>6</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>1st Sunday of Advent</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of the Word In Person and via YouTube</p> <p>10:50 a.m. Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Confirmation</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Round Tables Fellowship Hall and via Zoom</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Backpacks (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>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. Discussion with Christ Tabernacle via Zoom</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>

NOVEMBER




Sunday November 7	Sunday November 14	Sunday November 21	Sunday November 28
Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel	Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel	Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel	Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel
Altar Flowers Amy Warren	Altar Flowers Peggy Marks	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 Mike Trauscht	Assisting Minister Marsha Howard	Assisting Minister Quinn Franklin	Assisting Minister Ashley Stollings
Children's Worship Amber Bokelman Sarah Beth Kite	Children's Worship Jane Blosser Amy Warren	Children's Worship Amber Bokelman Amy Warren	Children's Worship
Council Person of the Week Kathy Bump	Council Person of the Week Robin Crowder	Council Person of the Week Kim Hull	Council Person of the Week Jerry Kite
Covid Monitor	Covid Monitor	Covid Monitor	Covid Monitor
Offering Steward Pat Brady	Offering Steward Pat Brady	Offering Steward Pat Brady	Offering Steward Pat Brady
Ushers Ron Almarode Jack Eckstrom	Ushers Gail Johnson Jerry Kite	Ushers Rick Bump Gail Johnson	Ushers Pat Brady Jean Morgan



**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 Accordius, Room 111 1221 Rosser Avenue Waynesboro, VA 22980</p>
<p>Phyllis Kite Summit Square 501 Oak Avenue, Apt. 217 Waynesboro, VA 22980</p>	<p>Bob Knemoller Summit Square 501 Oak Avenue, Apt. AL-13 Waynesboro, VA 22980</p>
<p>Glen & Flossie Myers The Legacy 1410a North Augusta Street Staunton, VA 24401</p>	<p>Pete Rufe Summit Square Healthcare 501 Oak Avenue, Room 7 Waynesboro, VA 22980</p>
<p>David and Carolyn Shields Brightview 21 Woodlee Road Staunton, VA 24401</p>	






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(Lunch 11:30– 12:30 p.m.)
Friday: 8:00 a.m.—Noon