

October 2022

GraceNotes

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GRACE

From the Pastor



Pastor's Page October 2022

(this is the third reflection of four on Pastor's sabbatical)

Every time we prepare to come to the table of the Lord's Supper, these

words of Jesus are spoken to us twice: *Do this in remembrance of me.* Memory is important in our daily life of faith. The Old Testament is in many ways a "memory" document. Remember who you are! Almost beyond count are the recitals of the story of Abraham and Sarah; Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Leah and Rachel, and Moses, Aaron and Miriam, the rescue from Egypt, the entry into the promised land.

But HOW we remember also occupies much of the story of God's people. After their entry into the promised land prophets urged them to remember who they were; slaves, aliens and strangers in Egypt completely dependent upon God, even in a land of milk and honey. But we know from the story of the scripture that many times the people forgot, and instead came to rely on the so-called strength of power and money, and gaining the upper hand and treating other people as less-than. The old stories of Abraham and Moses and Egypt became empty celebrations that

emphasized the ritual instead of what the story told them.

My visit to Montgomery, Alabama this past summer during my sabbatical was a powerful one. I visited the Rosa Parks Museum on the Montgomery campus of Troy University, and learned the amazing story of the Montgomery bus boycott of the mid 1950's, in which a seamstress refused to move to the back of the bus, and in many ways began a change in our nation that continues to this day. I visited the Freedom Riders Museum, which is housed in the old Greyhound Bus station, which was segregated. The white riders of the bus were welcomed into a gleaming, white and decorative tiled waiting area with air-conditioning, comfortable cushioned seats, refreshments and nicely decorated bathrooms. The blacks had a separate entrance into a narrow concrete platform. They had to go down steps and walk past the diesel-fume belching buses parked there, and go back up steps to a small waiting area with wood benches, no air-conditioning or refreshments, and a crude bathroom. It is important to remember these injustices.

The National Memorial for Peace and Justice was a profound experience. It is a simply designed monument with

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4,400 Corten-steel (which turns a rust color, but does not rust through) boxes which hang from the ceiling that contain the name of every (known) lynching in the United States, and the location. Pastor Tiffany Chaney, the black Lutheran pastor I visited there, reminded me to pay attention to ALL the locations of lynchings. In addition to Southern states (including many counties in Virginia), one observed the names and locations of lynchings in New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, California, North Dakota, and other states far from the boundaries of the old Confederacy.

But perhaps what I pondered most from my visit of Montgomery were four buildings I both toured and walked past: The Civil Rights Memorial of the Southern Poverty Law Center; the Alabama State Capitol; the First White House of the Confederacy; and Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, the church Dr. Martin Luther King served prior to his call to Ebenezer Baptist in Atlanta, GA. All are within two blocks of one another. All *remember* the story of Alabama, very differently from one another.

One of the more amazing aspects of God's Word is how honest it is about God's people. Abraham is known for his amazing faith. And yet the story of Abraham's offering of his wife to another man to avoid trouble is clearly told! David, the one who "has the heart of God," and who God promises to bless eternally commits one of the most heinous crimes of adultery and murder, against one of his most loyal supporters, with devastating consequences for the whole nation. Part of the story of God's people is having the full memory of who we are, for the sake of the fullness of our faith journey together, and a reminder of

walking in the way of God, and the cost of discipleship.

Jesus repeatedly tangled with religious leaders, Pharisees, and even his "home congregation" in Nazareth, as he reminded them of the full memory of who they were. When Jesus reminded the synagogue at Nazareth that Good News was shared first to others rather than to people like them, they wanted to throw him off a cliff! When he asked a question reminding leaders about the reason for the Sabbath and why it was right to help others on the Sabbath for the sake of justice as opposed to observing it as an empty ritual, it moved the religious leaders to begin plotting Jesus' death.

We are living in a time when WHAT and HOW we remember is under increasing scrutiny. My trip to Montgomery, the stories of that city and their impact on our nation; and the reminder of the stories of Scripture, have underscored how important it is to remember our story in its fullness as followers of Christ in this nation we live in, for the sake of faith, for the sake of our fellow Christians (such as our friends at Christ Tabernacle), and for the sake of our moving forward faithfully in this land.

God's Word is all about memory and its fullness. As we approach the Season of Advent, we enter into a remembrance of the fullness God's love for the world, to come in-person through his Son Jesus Christ, so that we might have life that really is life. We remember the call to repent, to prepare for Christ's coming, to seek to live as God intends, as well as celebrate the birth of the Christ-child. It's the full story of our life with God!



Highlights of Congregation Council October 18, 2022

- Ron Almarode reported a good surplus in the budget. Donations have been better September and October. The finance committee will be meeting in November to formulate the budget for 2023.
- Covid committee passed 7-0 the new guidelines for in-person worship, which allows communion assistants not to mask except if the CDC risk is “orange” or “high”.
- Strategic Planning Committee met on the 25th after church. Teams are meeting and will present ideas in the near future.
- Our refugee family is thriving in school. The father is taking the drivers written test in Swahili. Pastor is one of his driving instructors.
- WARM – Susan Myers reported there are 7 team leaders for providing meals during Grace’s sponsorship week. There is a NEED for additional volunteers.
- VMA Holiday Concert – December concert date and place forthcoming.
- New Photo Church Directory – Carolyn Hite is taking the lead on this project and needs a photographer. Please let her know or call Grace if you know one.
- Fred Biggers reported on the church property issues: (a) panel at side of church which was run into by car and (b) roof repairs to the concrete decorative shingles. On Saturday, October, 29th, come and help with outdoor cleanup and planting. Need “all hands on deck!”
- A portable sound system will be purchased which will make for easy set up for future sound needs at meeting, outdoors, etc.
- Pastor Mark Radecke asks for Grace's sponsorship for the mission trip to Nicaragua. Look for more information; the congregation is invited to take part. Pastor Radecke also asks for your prayers.

Respectfully submitted,
Vivian Proctor



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

November 6, 2022

We Remember with Thanksgiving those who died

November 2021 - October 2022

Members,

<i>Nancy Fitzgerald</i>	<i>March 9, 2022</i>
<i>Bobby Hull</i>	<i>November 28, 2021</i>
<i>Mike Jones</i>	<i>September 23, 2022</i>
<i>Joe Moyer</i>	<i>January 6, 2022</i>
<i>Pete Rufe</i>	<i>July 5, 2022</i>
<i>David Shields</i>	<i>November 12, 2021</i>
<i>Barb Susen</i>	<i>June 13, 2022</i>
<i>Dick Tomey</i>	<i>March 9, 2022</i>

Family and Friends

<i>Lisa Fridley Dofflemyer</i>	<i>February 20, 2021</i>
<i>Michelle Matthews</i>	<i>May 21, 2022</i>



Given in Memory of:

Ty Elliott

Richard "Rick" Glidden

Geraldine and Gary Mitchell

Fielder Pitzer

David Shields

Richard Tomey

Nancy Fitzgerald

Bobby Hull

Joe Moyer

Pete Rufe

Barb Susen

Given in Honor of:

Jean & Tripp Franklin

Yochanan (John) S. Proctor

Jerry & Gwen Kite

The Memorial Gifts Were Given by:

Anonymous, Berenice Archambeault, Augusta Fire and Rescue, Jeff & eborah Avery, Dennis & Anne Barnes, Price & Emily Boxley, Brandon Circle Homeowners Association, Jean Brydge, Marg Cloutier, Ed & Judy Croft, Leslie & Robert DeFord III, Nancy Dowdy, Bradley S. Elliott, Chuck & Judi Goodrich, Donna Gum, Handbell Choir, Douglas & Jeanne Hawpe, Carolyn & Bobby Hite, Joseph Julian, Wilda & Brad & Owen Keefer, Jerry & Gwen Kite, Ron & Sandra Knicely, Arthur "Art" Lively, Bill Lucas, Sharon Machen (Thomas Cousins), Donna & Richard Marshall, Gene & Jan McCombs, Dawn McCray, Linda Meyer, Jean Morgan, Robert Moyer, Newcomers Club, Steve Painter, Doris Pitman (J.R. & D.D.), Betty Jane Pitzer, Lewis & Dottie Price, David & Vivian Proctor, Robert & Deborah Russell, James & Dorothy Sayre, Everett Stratton, Deloris Wertman & Wertman Family, Carol Wolf.

Memorial Gifts Given for the Following:

Grace Building Fund, Grace Choir Fund, Grace Property, Grace Thanksgiving & Memorial Fund



Grace Women's Book Group—Grace Woman's Book Group has been meeting for 2 months, with 2 good books read so far. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at a local restaurant-to be determined monthly-to have lunch and discuss the month's book.

Our next 5 books are:

- November-The Nightingale by Kristen Hannah
- December-The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson
- January-The 5 People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom
- February-7 Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Reid
- March-The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides

Please join us. Contact Kathy Bump (317)440-8900



Youth Service Event with other Downtown Churches! Grace youth in 6th - 12th grades are invited to join First Baptist, St. John Episcopal, St. John Catholic and Westminster Presbyterian Churches to help with the **Green Hanger Project at Embrace Community Center in Waynesboro**. We will be helping to sort clothing for Youth to wear, and putting together specific packages of clothing for kids who don't have clothing for school, work and every day. We meet Sunday, November 13th. at 2:00 p.m.!



Grace and the WARM Cold Weather Shelter (CWS)! The Farmer's Almanac is predicting a very cold, long winter; we've already had overnight temps in the 40's and 30's. The WARM-CWS will run for 20 consecutive weeks and Grace will host the CWS from January 23 @ 6:00 p.m. through 7:00 a.m. January 30, 2023! And, we will host as an overflow facility for a 2nd week, dates to be determined. **SUPPLIES:** We will begin collecting toiletry supplies in November - more information coming in Nov Grace Notes. **AND,** a plethora of **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** with Sign-Up Sheets are coming soon to a table near you. Questions? Please contact Susan Myers 434-760-1660 or sparkelmyers@gmail.com.



Donations

COLD WEATHER DONATIONS REQUEST—We are collecting donations of socks, hats, scarves, gloves, toothbrushes and toothpaste for distribution at the Disciple's Kitchen breakfasts during the upcoming cold months. We would like to collect items for women, men, and children. New or clean, gently used items will be greatly appreciated! We will have a box outside the office door for drop off. Any questions, please call Cindy Trauscht at 434-227-6100. Thank you!



Funeral Reception

There will be a **funeral for Pete Rufe**, followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall, on Saturday, November 5th at 11:00 a.m. Please contact Sylvia Almarode if you can help with food, 540-476-5730.

There will be a **memorial reception for Mike Jones** on Saturday, November 19th, in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Sylvia Almarode if you can help with food, 540-476-5730.



Living Lutheran can be accessed on line: <https://www.livinglutheran.org/> For our members who do not have internet access, they have been subscribed by mail. Copies are also available for visitors/members to pick up in the narthex.



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 ***twenty-eight deliveries*** thus far, thirteen to Main Street United Methodist, and fifteen to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. **Overall, we have given well over 2960 pounds of food!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



This is a reminder that the Church has a **Columbarium**. A niche will hold two brass urns, the final cost is \$2,500 per niche. There are no addition charges. The Church furnishes the two bass urns. You can contact Ron Almarode, Pastor, or Bradley Keefer for more information. There is also a **Memorial Brick Garden** in which the bricks are engraved with the names for those who are buried else where. The cost per engraved brick is \$300.



It's time for setting up the Advent wreath at Grace. The first Sunday in Advent is November 27 (the Sunday after Thanksgiving). We will plan to do it Wednesday, November 23rd, at 9:00 a.m. If it happens to rain that day, then Friday or Saturday, the 25th or 26th. If you are available to help, it would be greatly appreciated. Please let Jack Eckstrom know if you can be there . If you know any others that could also help, please invite them. Thanks for your service.



Many thanks to Grace members for their transportation, cards, visits, food, thoughts, and prayers during my recovery from knee replacement surgery. They have all helped me to Recover in the last two months. You are a very caring congregation who have blessed me again in wonderful ways.

Also, thanks to Pastor Pingel for his visits before and after surgery. Coming to see me in the prep room before going to surgery meant a lot.

Peace and Blessings!!
Donna Gum



It's time for the **St. James Annual Oyster Dinner & Cake Auction** – and we would like to invite the good people of Bethlehem and Grace to join us! **Date/Time:** Friday, November 18th, at 6:00 p.m. **Menu:** Fried Oysters, Ham, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Baked Apples, Desserts, and Beverages. **Cost:** \$15 per person; \$7.50 for kids 6-12; and kids 5 and under are free. **Reservations Required:** Contact Anne Putnam at 434-465-0206 or anneputnam55@gmail.com by Sunday, November 13th. Take Out is available, however, we really hope you'll enjoy the fellowship over dinner and stay for all the fun of the cake auction (which follows dinner)!



The VA Synod is offering the two following book studies, go to their website for more information or to register.

<http://vasynod.org>

Bible Study: Human Trafficking—Pastor Kelly Bayer Derrick; Assistant to the Bishop of the Virginia Synod and Lisa Kersey; Executive Director, Freekind

*Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see
all people's dignity.*
(ELW 726; Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953)

God has made all of humanity in God's holy image - we are ALL beloved. Our primary identity is *Child of God*. Human trafficking and exploitation are linked to our identity and to the sexual brokenness of our world. Too often, God's children can become vulnerable to being exploited by others who will gladly "fill in the blanks" on **who** we are, **what** we are good for, and **whose** we are (their property). You are invited to join Pastor Kelly Bayer Derrick (Assistant to the Bishop of the Virginia Synod) and Lisa Kersey (Executive Director of Freekind) on Thursdays in November (3, 10, 17) from 7:00 p.m.-8:15 p.m. as together we engage God's Word to shine the light of truth on the sin and evil of human trafficking and on the hope, dignity, and inherent worth found in our identity as God's beloved.

Saving Us Book Study—Thursdays in October, 7:00 -8:00 p.m. - Zoom led by Deacon Phyllis Cox. Individuals and congregations are invited to read Katherine Hayhoe's book, *Saving Us*. Hayhoe is an evangelical Christian who is a climate scientist. Sessions will be recorded and shared with those who register.

The Covid Policy of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, revised to the following as of Sunday, October 9th:

- Masking during worship will be optional in all cases - the CDC Orange color will no longer mandate universal masking during worship.
- The CDC color of Waynesboro AND Augusta County will continue to be noted during the Phone Blast on Fridays, and will be on display on a table in the Narthex to inform worshipers of the risk level in our area.
- We will no longer register people for tracing at the table in the Narthex.
- Masks and hand sanitizer will continue to be made available on the narthex table where the CDC colors are displayed.
- Holy Communion will still be offered in the way it is currently offered. For now, pastor and assistants will mask when the CDC indicates an “orange” or high risk in Waynesboro and Augusta County.
- We will take down the tape on the pews EXCEPT for a section (eight pews, meaning four taped and four usable pews) designated as a Socially Distanced worship area. Masking will not be required in this section.
- ANYONE who wishes to mask anywhere in the worship space is welcomed and encouraged to do so.

Education will continue concerning:

- the continuing risk of Covid, especially those who are immuno-compromised
- the importance of vaccination
- courtesy toward one another who have differing opinions
- encouragement to stay home when not feeling well
- the effectiveness of masking not only for Covid but flu, colds, etc.
- the shift of contact tracing onto individuals who attend worship - that in the event of contracting Covid, the worship attendee should be report their infection to those around them in worship, and the Church Office *will continue regularly in newsletter, bulletin and other Grace communications.*

This policy also applies to meetings other than Sunday worship: Valley Music Academy, Bridge, Newcomers and all other building users and events.

Food events – Funeral luncheons, receptions, special events, etc., will also be governed by this policy.

We will review the policy automatically in early December, OR if there is a dramatic change in infection and/or danger from current CDC or other official policy.

A Reaction to The Flag and the Cross

“Democracies don’t die with the bang of a gun; instead, they are slowly suffocated with a knee to the neck.” (p. 122)

Over the years as I learned more about Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Nazism in Germany, I sought answers to why the churches did not vociferously oppose and fight against the inhumane treatment and murders of Jews, gypsies, other minorities. Why did so many people and church leaders allow this to happen? I naively thought that knowing history, we would not repeat it. Yet we see people claiming “This is our nation, not theirs.” (p.13)

The Flag and the Cross, the book our group, All God’s Children, is reading now is a study done by two sociologists (Philip S. Gorski and Samuel L. Perry) who examine the White Christian Nationalist (WCN) movement that showed itself in the “Unite The Right” rally in Charlottesville on August 11-12, 2017, and again in our nation’s capitol on January 6, 2021. Christian symbols were prevalent among the insurrectionists.

The authors say “White Christian nationalism is the greatest threat to the witness of the church in the United States today.” (xi). It is the greatest threat to the unity, democracy and even existence of the United States today. What is our church’s responsibility in countering this movement? Have we become complacent and unaware of the aims of WCN?

The book jacket cites that “Gorski and Perry explain what Christian nationalism is and is not; when it first emerged and how it has changed, where it’s headed and why it threatens democracy. Tracing the development of this ideology over the course of three centuries — and especially its influence over the last three decades—they show how, throughout American history, white Christian nationalism has animated the oppression, exclusion, and even extermination of minority groups while securing privilege for white Protestants.”

To get to the root of the racism, violence, and anti-democratic ideas currently dividing our country, the authors provide survey answers and charts to demonstrate what White Nationalists believe. This includes inaccuracies about our constitution and Supreme Court decisions. See the following example of True or False statements.

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1. The 1st Amendment says Congress can't restrict religious liberty, but Congress could make laws privileging Christianity.
2. The U.S. Constitution references our country's obligations to God several times.
3. The phrase "In God We Trust" did not become the nation's official motto until after 1950.
4. The phrase "under God" was not added to the pledge of allegiance until after 1950.
5. Supreme Court decisions in the 1960s made it illegal for students to pray or read their Bibles in public schools.* (p. 24)

Using the responses, the authors assemble a view of what White Christian Nationalism encompasses.

WCN is not the biblical Christianity I have been taught. Where Jesus believed in love and charity toward others - while seeking peace, harmony and inclusion, WCN believe in freedom (only for white Christian nationalists), order (authoritarian) and violence (against opponents and others who do not look or think like them).

We cannot be complacent, thinking that this will go away. It won't end if we don't stand together and speak up to assert the truths of Christianity. *Pray that the Holy Spirit will be with us in this congregation as we search for ways to preserve, exemplify, and share The Word and protect our Christian values.*

All are welcome to join in the discussion; we meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Further information can be found at <https://www.christiansagainstchristiannationalism.org/statement>.

*Answers:1F, 2F, 3T 4T 5F.

Carolyn Barrette with Rick Bump and Linda Meyer for AGC

February Mission Trip to Nicaragua—By action of the congregation council, Grace will sponsor a mission trip to Nicaragua next February. Grace members are welcome to be part of the team that will go to learn and serve. The mission team will lodge and work in partnership with the Nicaraguan Christian Children’s Center (CICRIN – see www.cicrinus.org), a school and refuge for children and youth on Ometepe Island. Team leaders are Mark and Tami Radecke; this will be their 21st mission trip to Nicaragua.

Dates: February 10-18, 2023

Cost: \$1,995 per person

Those with questions or who want a FAQ sheet about the trip and/or an application may contact Pr. Radecke at radecke@susqu.edu.



Breakfast at Disciples' Kitchen October 8...



Thank you from the Tomey family...



THANK YOU SO MUCH
FOR ALLOWING US TO USE
YOUR FACILITY FOR MOM'S 80th
BIRTHDAY

ALSO THANK YOU FOR ALL THE
SUPPORT DURING DICK'S PASSING

Gary, Larry & Bail

God's Work Our Hand Day Project with Renewing Homes

THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped with the Renewing Homes project in Staunton October 14. Churches teamed together to do two home repair projects.





WARM

Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry

October 3, 2022

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
Interim Executive Director

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

Donor Name(s): Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Gift Date: 10/01/2022
Amount: \$1,000.00
Type (Detail): Check (80452)
Fund (Detail): Bedroom Sponsorships (Warm_House)

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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30</p> <p>Reformation Sunday</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion Pastor Pingel</p> <p>Celebration Sunday</p> <p>10:50 a.m. Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Confirmation Class</p>	<p>31</p> 	<p>1</p>  <p>9:30 a.m. Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>10:00 a.m. Prayer Group (Chapel)</p>	<p>3</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>4</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Yoga (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Pete Rufe Memorial Service</p>  
<p>6</p> <p>All Saints Sunday</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion Pastor Pingel</p> <p>10:50 a.m. Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Confirmation Class</p>	<p>7</p> <p>No School</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>9:30 a.m. Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)</p> 	<p>9</p>  <p>10:00 a.m. Prayer Group (Chapel)</p>	<p>10</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>11</p>  	<p>12</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Yoga (Fellowship Hall)</p>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>13</p> <p>Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion Pastor Pingel</p> <p>10:50 a.m. Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Confirmation</p> <p>Ecumenical Youth Event</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00 p.m. All God's Children Book Study (Conference Room)</p> 	<p>15</p>  <p>9:30 a.m. Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Council (Conference Room and Zoom)</p> 	<p>16</p>  <p>10:00 a.m. Prayer Group (Chapel)</p>  <p>11:30 a.m. Grace Women's Book Group</p>	<p>17</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>United in Christ</p> <p>6:00 p.m. CCE&J Group</p>	<p>18</p>  <p>11:00 a.m. Yoga (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil for Racial Reconcil. (North Park)</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Mike Jones Memorial Service (Fellowship Hall)</p> 	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Christ the King</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion Pastor Pingel</p> <p>10:50 a.m. Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Confirmation Class</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00 p.m. All God's Children Book Study (Conference Room)</p>	<p>22</p>  <p>9:30 a.m. Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Round Tables (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Nancy Dowdy—Vacation Carolyn Hite in Church Office</p> <p>No School</p>  <p>10:00 a.m. Prayer Group (Chapel)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Thanksgiving</p>  	<p>25</p> <p>Holiday</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Yoga (Fellowship Hall)</p>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
<p>First Sunday of Advent</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion Pastor Pingel</p> <p>10:50 a.m. Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Confirmation Class</p>		 <p>9:30 a.m. Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)</p>	 <p>10:00 a.m. Prayer Group (Chapel)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Soup Supper</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Advent Worship St. James Lutheran Church</p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers</p>  <p>12:30 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</p>  <p>United in Christ</p> <p>6:00 p.m. CCE&J</p>		 <p>11:00 a.m. Yoga (Fellowship Hall)</p>

Budget Barometer

September 2022



Finance Update

For the year, actual receipts are above budget and actual disbursements are below budget, resulting in a surplus of \$13,160.

Comparison to Prior Year: Financial Barometer	Actual 2021	Actual 2022	Difference
Total Budget Receipts YTD	\$196,127	\$237,223	\$41,096
Total Budget Disbursed YTD	\$192,614	\$224,063	\$31,449
	\$3,513	\$13,160	\$9,647



Worship Assistants

November 6

Preaching and Presiding

Pastor Paul Pingel

Altar Flowers

Jim & Gloria Nelson

Altar Guild

Cathy Firkin/Jane Stein

Assisting Minister

Robin Crowder

Communion Assistants

*Cathy Crowder
Karen Walck*

Council Person of the Week

Fred Biggers

Offering Stewards

*Jean Morgan
David Proctor*

Ushers

*Karen Walck
Rew Walck*

November 13

Preaching and Presiding

Pastor Paul Pingel

Altar Flowers

Peggy Marks

Altar Guild

Jean Morgan

Assisting Minister

Andrew Sell

Communion Assistants

*Ron Almarode
Susan Myers*

Council Person of the Week

Robin Crowder

Offering Stewards

*Pat Brady
Robin Crowder*

Ushers

*Ron Almarode
Lee Lynch*

November 20

Preaching and Presiding

Pastor Paul Pingel

Altar Flowers

Gail Johnson

Altar Guild

Kathy Meicke

Assisting Minister

Mike Trauscht

Communion Assistants

*Donna Gum
Marsha Howard*

Council Person of the Week

Jack Eckstrom

Offering Stewards

*Pat Brady
David & Vivian Proctor*

Ushers

*Fred Biggers
David Proctor*

November 27

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Ron Almarode

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Jim Nelson*

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NOVEMBER Birthdays

11/06	David Glover	11/06	Charlotte Jones	11/06	Zandy Bandy
11/07	Clay Rankin	11/07	Jill Pingel	11/08	Willie Keefer
11/09	Tom Varner	11/09	Sam Moyer	11/10	Jean Morgan
11/13	Hannah Pingel	11/15	Lily Skelton	11/15	Ashley Stollings
11/22	Robert Moyer	11/25	Tripp Franklin	11/27	Woody Graf
11/27	Kathy Bump	11/28	David Schwiesow	11/30	Wyatt Carper



NOVEMBER Baptisms

11/07	Willie Keefer	11/10	Gary Morrison	11/24	Bob Knemoller
11/29	Bill. Meicke				



Remember
Our Homebound Members

*Nursing Home,
Assisted Living and
Homebound Members*

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<p>Maribeth Faivre Summit Square 501 Oak Avenue, Apt. 130 Waynesboro, VA 22980</p>	<p>Sandra Hoy Choice Healthcare, Room 210 1221 Rosser Avenue Waynesboro, VA 22980</p>
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<p>Bob Knemoller Summit Square 501 Oak Avenue, Apt. AL-13 Waynesboro, VA 22980</p>	<p>Glenn and Flossie Myers 144 Patton Farm Road, Apt. E107 Stuarts Draft, VA 24477</p>
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