

Grace *No + es*

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GRACE

From the Pastor

By Paul H. Pingel



Pastor's Page

There are a few things to share as Fall begins where we live, where we work, where we seek to be faithful to the God whose Grace is sufficient in all

things:

Holy Communion Celebrated on September 20th

I will be sending out a letter which will describe that way we will resume the Sacrament at Grace during these unique times we are currently living in. We have fasted from the Sacraments for almost 6 months. Though Holy Communion is best understood when we receive it together and in-person, we will use the model of Eucharistic Ministers to seek to share the Meal as best as possible *together*, even if we are apart physically on You Tube, or in our vehicles, at Grace. The letter will ask you to participate on Sunday, September 20th, or receive Communion by Eucharistic Minister soon thereafter. The bread and wine will be delivered to you, and we will

both worship and celebrate Holy Communion together on September 20th. *It is important to respond as Grace congregation to the letter and survey being sent out electronically and via U.S. Mail, so that we can prepare for Communion on the 20th. Please respond in a timely manner.*

Forums at Grace on Anti-Racism

You will see elsewhere in this newsletter issue about Forums either in September or October concerning efforts of anti-racism and reconciliation in our community. We are living in a time where many voices are being raised about our nation and each other. A voter who has been listening to the Republican convention with interest was interviewed on a news program the other day. "I just want everyone to get along," he said. It echoes almost exactly a statement made by Rodney King, a black man who was brutally beaten in Los Angeles by police after his arrest on drunk driving charges about 25 years ago. "Can't we all just get along?" he asked. Pastor C.D. Brown of Christ Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, who was born in Waynesboro,

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and has served for over 50 years at the congregation, notes that “people in Waynesboro are often content with things ‘just the way they are.’” He notes that people on all sides have “gotten used to accepting things just the way they are,” as a means of “getting along,” but have not addressed the challenges of racism and bias that have existed in this area for as long as he’s lived here. To get along means understanding more deeply the experiences of our brothers and sisters in Christ who are people of color, and asking ourselves what being anti-racist, and living in community and in support of our fellow Christians, really means. I hope you will invest the time and participate in one of the Forums as they are announced.

The Narrative Lectionary

Beginning September 13th, we will begin using a different Lectionary, see the note elsewhere in this issue. I’m excited to begin using this Lectionary, for a number of reasons: first, it’s my prayer that it will help us understand God’s Word better. For most weeks the readings will read straight through a book of the Bible (the gospel or an epistle, for example). Instead of jumping around in a book, or reading a passage only to read from a different book of the Bible the next Sunday, we’ll follow the *flow* of a book, the same as if you are reading a novel, or history, or other book at home! In addition, we’ll hear some of the powerful stories of scripture that we often have not heard during worship: We’ll hear about Joseph and his coat of many colors (and how he dealt with harsh treatment from his brothers, seeing God’s presence in the midst of

it all); the Golden Calf; and other stories that give us vivid “word pictures” to see our humanity, and God’s loyal and consistent love and guidance in the midst of our humanity. As we have gotten used to during this Coronavirus time, we’ll read from two readings; a primary reading with another reading (gospel or psalm) in support of the primary reading from which the proclaiming of the gospel will come. Because we have Good News to receive and share as God’s people!

Student Support at Grace!

You’ll find an article about Grace’s participation in providing space for “child care” during the New School Year and the distance learning that our students will be taking part of. The support of our students’ program will be run primarily by a collaborative group “C4” (YMCA, United Way, Boys and Girls Club, Community Foundation) with opportunities for Grace to help with transporting meals, and providing tutoring for students who may struggle with distance learning. Look for details for helping in the coming weeks, as plans are finalized.



Highlights of Congregation Council Meeting August 18, 2020

Ron Almarode, discussed the monthly treasurer's report and talked of some expected expenditures. After this discussion, Ron distributed the Annual Budget Process Policy and announced the budget requests for 2021 will be completed at the September Round Table meeting. Linda asked for volunteers to help with the Stewardship/Faith in Action campaign. Robin and Kathryn agreed to help coordinate.

The City has approved the proposed site plan for the parking lot, and Josh's Paving will try to complete the paving around the end of August or beginning of September.

The anti-racism study group submitted a proposal to Council to begin congregational discussions on becoming an Anti-racism congregation. These meetings would be similar to those we had on same sex marriage, and we would like to have everyone participate in them. A motion was made and passed by Council approving the proposal.

Owen has taken old computers and tied them to a project that Washington University of St. Louis is doing in a research on the coronavirus. Of all the people involved in this project, Grace is in the top 1-1/2%. Good job Owen.

Respectively submitted,
Deloris Wertman

Congregational Dialogue on Racism and Antiracism

At their August 18th meeting, the Grace Church Council voted unanimously to approve a proposal submitted by the members of the Grace Antiracism Book Group. The proposal calls for multiple Zoom dialogue sessions addressing racism, similar in format to those held for the discussions on same-sex weddings.

The aims of these sessions will be to

- promote a common understanding of racism and antiracism within the congregation, and
- consider the act of designating Grace an antiracist congregation and publicly declaring that status to the broader community.

In the near future, all Grace members will receive a communication with more detail regarding the background, rationale and goals of these sessions. Also included will be a glossary terms to help frame the issues to be considered. Council invites all members of the congregation to participate in at least one session to discuss Grace's role in the current discussions on race.

WITH Gratitude



August 3, 2020

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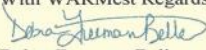
Dear Friends at Grace Lutheran,

Your community investment, through Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry (WARM), has made a difference and is sincerely appreciated! Our work has grown over the recent years and, thanks to supporters like you, we are continuing to impact the lives of many homeless and formerly homeless neighbors. *Each donation is an investment into the future of our community and its most vulnerable members.* Your gift has been invested into life changing programs such as our:

- ✚ **WARM Cold Weather Shelter-** emergency winter shelter focused on public health intervention/reduction of cold weather related health and harm occurrences, and resources/referrals for 125-135 homeless adults each year. 100% of our guests are offered the opportunity to work towards stability and the guests served include many homeless older adults and seniors on fixed incomes, veterans, and adults with disabilities.
 - **Outreach-** partnerships with other service agencies that link homeless veterans and older adults to housing and/or support through our direct services and intakes. This year alone we've helped move 11 homeless veterans and family members off the streets and out of homelessness!
- ✚ **Ruth's WARM House-** 3-6 months transitional housing, case management, onsite groups/trainings, mentorship, mandatory employment and savings, and professional support for up to 7 homeless moms with children at one time. Last year, 18 families with 31 children were given hope for the future through the program and most transitioned into stable housing. Each year, our staff are able to help over 75% of the families served move into more stable and self-reliant chapters of their lives.
 - **Aftercare & Outreach-** Our intensive in-home case management and homeless prevention support services that are offered to all families transitioning from Ruth's WARM House. Former residents participate for up to one year with the goal of remaining stably housed long-term, increasing wages, reducing public assistance reliance and more. We also work with many non-residential families and individuals to prevent homelessness and address additional risks.

On behalf of the homeless children and adults we serve, thank you for your gift of \$100.00. **You are a hero to the most vulnerable members of our community!** Please contact me by email to debra@warmwaynesboro.org or by phone at 540-324-8166 if you'd like to see your gift at work firsthand or to hear more about our efforts to eliminate homelessness.

*Every gift to WARM makes a difference. Thank you for your support & heart for others!
-Debra*

With WARMest Regards,

Debra Freeman-Belle
Executive Director

*****Please keep the below information for your tax records*****

Donor Name	Gift Date	Gift Amount	Gift Type	Fund/Designation
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church	08/01/2020	\$100.00	Check 80149	Unrestricted Gen. Donations Unrestricted

Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry, Inc. (WARM) 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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NEWS



Worship
with us
from
HOME

We continue to meet live on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. via YouTube worship (available through our website, www.gracewaynesboro.org), or by Zoom (by phone, audio only). We will continue to hear God's Word proclaimed, which God promises will not leave us empty in our lives (Isaiah 55:11), even and especially during the Coronavirus time! And we encourage you to take advantage of our **Coffee Fellowship** via Zoom after each worship service (the Zoom link to the Fellowship is sent each week via email and U.S. Mail); and to continue connecting with one another in the many ways we have shown our love and care for one another and our community over the last many weeks.

OR, DVD'S ARE AVAILABLE! If you would like a DVD of the previous Sunday's Worship Service, our technology guru Owen Keefer would be happy to send you a DVD of the worship service, that you can put in your DVD player and watch at your convenience! Just let Owen Keefer or the Church Office (949-6171) know, and we'll send it to you!



A Note about Prayer and our Prayer List - Often when we think about Prayer - or Prayer Lists - the people or places we include in prayer are those we are concerned about, or those we know are in need. At the same time, we know that Prayer can include celebrations and joys. And also that Prayers can - and should - be offered for one another in daily life. On our Prayer List, there are various categories in which we separate cares and concerns for members from celebrations and thanksgivings, and then there are Needs in our World, and prayers for the Church, which has included a prayer for the neighborhoods near our church and those we live in. We will create a new category, **Our Neighbors**, and note that when we pray (currently, for example) for Club Court and Berkeley Glenn neighborhoods, we are asking for God's blessing on our neighbors, not necessarily out of any crisis or problem. All of our lives and all we do, and where we live, are under God's Grace! We pray not only when things are bad, or good, but perhaps most importantly, when we are simply in the midst of living.



Christian Education at Grace—Look for communications about Christian Education, Sunday School, Confirmation, and Adult Education in the upcoming weeks. In Person activities are still on hold, so Sunday School is as well; but we will be offering other ways to help you continue to grow in learning and faith!



WARM and Disciples Kitchen Update

During July and August, Grace provided 480 bag breakfasts for the WARM Homeless Shelter, 40 bag lunches for the Disciples Kitchen and 40 bag breakfasts for Disciples Kitchen. Thank you to all who donated snacks, prepared food and delivered the meals. Grace has received a \$1,000 grant from the Virginia Synod to help cover the food and supply cost of these meals. As we get in the fall season, we will continue to have opportunities to provide meals for WARM and Disciples Kitchen. We will be continuing to collect snacks for WARM.



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 **seven deliveries** thus far, four to Main Street United Methodist, and three to Calvary

United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



Thank you to all who helped supply the Salvation Army's request for "**Homework Toolboxes**". Through your contributions, we were able to fill 27 boxes with pencils, scissors, glue sticks, crayons, erasers, pencil sharpeners, colored pencils and markers. These were requested for kindergarten and first grade students. We additionally delivered notebooks, paper, mechanical pencils and pens for middle and high school students. Thank you for your generous gifts to those in need.
Amy Warren

CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



CROP Hunger Walk—Our lives have been upended in recent months with COVID-19. Out of an abundance of caution for the health and safety of walk participants, the Waynesboro/East

Augusta CROP Hunger Walk will be a ‘Virtual’ event this year. You are invited to walk as an individual, with immediate family, or in small groups (up to ten people) walking a safe distance apart as part of a team. You can walk in your neighborhood, in a park – anyplace that feels safe. And even if you are not able to walk, you are welcome to “Walk in Spirit” and still raise money.

We will have an “official” kickoff online at 1:30 PM on September 20th, but you are welcome to schedule your walk at your convenience any time starting Sunday, September 20th through Sunday, September 27th. Record a video of yourself walking – or trace your walk route on your phone - and share it online. Let everyone know why you walk and why the CROP Hunger Walk is so important to support today. Invite your friends and family on social media to join you by supporting your fundraiser. Please visit the Waynesboro-East Augusta CROP Walk website at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/waynesborova> for additional information on this year’s event, to make an online donation or register to walk in this year’s event. You can also write a check to Grace and mark it as a donation to Waynesboro East Augusta County Crop Walk

This is an opportunity for our community to support families here and around the world who have been devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Your support will help to transform their lives.



Narrative
Lectionary

Grace moves to a Narrative Lectionary in September -

Our congregation joins with other congregations in the Southern Valley Conference of the Virginia Synod to begin using the Narrative Lectionary for the church year, provided by Luther Seminary of the ELCA. This lectionary uses one primary and one secondary passage each Sunday, and focuses on the full story of God's salvation and Grace found in the Bible. During the Fall we'll start with passages from the Old Testament. In Advent, the prophets and the gospel point us to the Messiah, and from Christmas to Easter, we follow the gospel through from beginning to conclusion, from birth to resurrection. It's a way to allow us to follow the Gospel story in the way it is written and presented in the Bible. We'll begin using the lectionary



Child Care needs for students in School, and Grace -

The New School year for Waynesboro and area schools, is beginning very differently, with Distance Learning in place for every day of the week at Waynesboro and other public schools, or hybrid learning (2 days/week) at Augusta County Schools. This has created a great need for Child Care for families where parents must work. Requests have gone out to Churches and other organizations to help provide space for this great need. Grace Council, at its August meeting, voted to work with the YMCA, United Way, Boys and Girls Club, and Community Foundation ("C4") to provide space for Child Care in our Fellowship Hall when the need arises. The YMCA will provide staff and *daily sanitizing and cleaning* for the areas they use, and a maintenance stipend to Grace. Up to 20 children may receive care and learning at Grace. Please pray for this venture as we "travel on ventures new and unknown" in the midst of our current pandemic.



Finance Update

Budget Barometer—June 2020

For the year, actual receipts are below budget and actual disbursements are below budget resulting in a surplus of \$7,637.

Comparison to Prior Year: Financial Barometer	Actual 2019	Actual 2020	Difference
Total Budget Receipts YTD	\$178,577	\$173,165	-\$5412
Total Budget Disbursed YTD	\$166,920	\$165,529	-\$1,391
	\$11,657	\$7,637	-\$4,020



september



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</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>31</p> <p>6:30 p.m. <i>Anti-Racism Book Group via Zoom</i></p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</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>7</p> <p>Labor Day</p> <p></p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</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>14</p> <p>6:30 p.m. <i>Anti-Racism Book Group via Zoom</i></p>	<p>15</p> <p></p> <p>7:00 p.m. <i>Council via Zoom</i></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes-	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. <i>Service of Holy Communion via YouTube And "Car Worship"</i> 10:50 a.m. <i>Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</i>	21 Nancy Dowdy—Vacation Carolyn Hite in Church Office 6:30 p.m. <i>Anti-Racism Book Group via Zoom</i>	22 Nancy Dowdy—Vacation Carolyn Hite in Church Office 7:00 p.m. <i>Council via Zoom</i>	23 Nancy Dowdy—Vacation Carolyn Hite in Church Office	24 Nancy Dowdy—Vacation Carolyn Hite in Church Office	25 Nancy Dowdy—Vacation Carolyn Hite in Church Office	26
27 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. <i>Service of the Word via YouTube</i> 10:50 a.m. <i>Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</i>	28 6:30 p.m. <i>Anti-Racism Book Group via Zoom</i>	29 7:00 p. m. <i>Round Tables via Zoom</i>	30	31	1	2



September

Birthdays

We give thanks for you at Grace and wish you a Happy Birthday!

9/2 Kiera Mahoney	9/4 Alex Skelton	9/6 Hal Aaslestad
9/8 Kristen Spooner	9/8 Katie Morrison	9/10 Sydney Rankin
9/10 Antoinette Eckstrom	9/11 Karl Stein	9/14 Brad Keefer
9/14 Anne Barnes	9/16 Jane Stein	9/17 Cathy Crowder
9/17 Hannah Lundstrom	9/18 Gary Morrison	9/21 Fred Biggers
9/22 Tom Sheaffer	9/24 Linda Tomey	9/29 Imogene Hull
9/30 Zachary Rankin		

Baptisms

9/4 Carol Wolfe	9/6 Tyler Wertman	9/8 Gail Johnson
9/21 Ethan Lynch	9/24 Carol Knemoller	9/26 Linda Quickel
9/27 Chris Rufe	9/30 Diane Lundstrom	9/? Bill Lucas
9/? Tammy Wertman		

Sunday September 6	Sunday September 13	Sunday September 20	Sunday September 27
<p>Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel</p>	<p>Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel</p>	<p>Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel</p>	<p>Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel</p>
<p>Assisting Minister Donna Gum</p>	<p>Assisting Minister Kathy Bump</p>	<p>Assisting Minister Cathy Crowder</p>	<p>Assisting Minister Karla Rankin</p>
<p>Children's Sermon Stollings/Cooper Family</p>	<p>Children's Sermon Amber and Isabelle Bokelman</p>	<p>Children's Sermon Jones Family</p>	<p>Children's Sermon</p>
<p>Offering Stewards Pat Brady</p>	<p>Offering Stewards Pat Brady</p>	<p>Offering Stewards Pat Brady</p>	<p>Offering Stewards Pat Brady</p>
<p>Altar Flowers Open</p>	<p>Altar Flowers Martin Family</p>	<p>Altar Flowers Martin Family</p>	<p>Altar Flowers Jean Morgan</p>
<p>Council Member of the Week Kathy Bump</p>	<p>Council Member of the Week Holly Carper</p>	<p>Council Member of the Week Robin Crowder</p>	<p>Council Member of the Week Kim Hull</p>



Nursing Home, Assisted Living and Homebound Members

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



Members of Grace Congregational Council



Linda Meyer, President
 Jerry Kite, Vice-President
 Bob Barrette, Kathy Bump,
 Holly Carper, Robin Crowder,
 Kim Hull, Gail Johnson,
 Kathryn Johnson, Anne Putnam

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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Mon–Thu: 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

(Lunch 12:00 – 12:30 p.m.)

Friday: 8:30 a.m.—Noon