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GraceNotes

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GRACE

From the Pastor

By Paul H. Pingel



Pastor's Page

This Little Light of Mine...

As Jesus preached from the mountainside as recorded in Matthew's gospel (often called the Sermon on the Mount), he says something amazing, "You are the light of the world." I remember a very faithful member from a previous parish taking me to task for saying this, because Jesus calls himself the Light of the World in John's gospel. And yet as Christ's Body in this world – which is what you and I ARE – Jesus declares "You are the light of the world". Whenever we baptize someone at Grace, we hand them a lit candle, and we declare what Jesus declares after he calls you and me the light of the world: "let your light shine before others, so others can see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Some might say this Covid-19, physically distanced society - in conflict over many things - may be one of the more difficult places to let your light shine. And yet if

history shows us anything, it is at precisely at times of crisis that shining "this little light of mine" of Jesus becomes clear. Malcolm Muggeridge, an English writer and satirist known for his conversation to Christianity later in life, speaks about a 4th century figure named

Paulinus, who became convinced the Roman Empire was heading toward destruction. He decided the only thing he could do about it was to keep a lamp lit in a particular shrine. Muggeridge writes, "It seems to me that's all one can do..." keeping the light of Christ lit which teaches that we cannot live by bread alone, that we have to die daily to sin and to rise up by God's Spirit to new life, that we're not measured by what we can do or produce or learn, but that we are a part of a family of Faith in God, and that each member of the family is loved by God, "...and must be in all senses the equal of every other, however s/he might be differ in capacity or intelligence or beauty or anything else. All these things the lamp would say." Your gospel light and mine, in a world that is uncertain, and in need of light.

You and I are the Church. We have perhaps learned during this Covid-19 time that, as Synod Youth Event song goes, "the Church is not a building...it's people living out their

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lives, called, enlightened, sanctified, for the work of Jesus Christ.” Let your light so shine!

Holy Communion

We will next celebrate Holy Communion on Reformation Sunday, October 25th. On Holy Communion days you have the option of attending via You Tube, Zoom, “Car Worship,” or asking for a Eucharistic Minister to bring you Communion if you are homebound or otherwise not able to attend.

In-Person Worship

We will continue to worship via You Tube, as Council received the latest Covid-19 figures from Augusta Health, and while the trend of cases has not gone up, it remains steady in our area.

The Rev. Robert Graetz

In the back pages of the news this week (the week of 9/21), was the announcement of the death of Robert Graetz, a pastor in the American Lutheran Church (ALC), which became a part of the Evangelical

Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in 1988. Pastor Graetz served the mostly black Lutheran congregation of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Montgomery, Alabama from 1955 – 1958. The congregation is notable because it housed local NAACP meetings organized by Rosa Parks starting in 1951. Parks received national attention when she was arrested when she refused to go to the back of the public bus, receiving national attention. It also resulted in the Montgomery Bus Boycott of 1956. Pastor Graetz was the only white pastor to join in the boycott, despite his asking other white pastor colleagues to join him in, “consider[ing] carefully” sharing “Christian love.” By helping to drive members of Trinity and the

surrounding neighborhood to their work instead of using the bus, he outraged white residents of the city, and was targeted by the Ku Klux Klan, whose members slashed his tires, and planted bombs three times at his parsonage, once doing considerable damage to the house while his wife and infant child were inside. Graetz tripped over the third bomb outside, which did not go off, but had enough dynamite packed in it to destroy not only the house, but the surrounding neighborhood. He was friends with Martin Luther King, Jr., who named Graetz twice in his writings. Graetz went on to serve in Ohio and Washington D.C.



Martin Luther King, Jr.



Highlights of Congregation Council Meeting September 15, 2020

The church council met on Tuesday Sept. 15th. Our first communal celebration of Eucharist was on September 20th, in the parking lot. Nine attendees celebrated in their own vehicles. Going forward, pastor is proposing to celebrate communion once a month via YouTube and car.

Confirmation classes have begun and Catechism classes may be included at a future time. Adult Ed will be conducted via Zoom, but there will be no K-5 Sunday school classes.

A Disciples Kitchen breakfast for Basic United Methodist Church was held on Sept. 26th. A crop walk was scheduled September 20-27th. Participants could walk any route on any given day. As of September 15th, \$700 has been raised by Grace Walkers.

We were supposed to work with the YMCA to provide day care for working parents, however, as of 9/15 they were understaffed. VMA has completed their renovations. Their request for use of the fellowship hall on Saturdays was denied.

We are still waiting for a startup date for parking lot renovations. Paving is tentatively scheduled for the end of September or early October. Concerns are being addressed concerning fresh air and hot water in the restrooms. The four HVAC units now in use are residential units. A need to replace these with commercial type units is under consideration.

There is \$928 left in the Christian Ed account. A suggestion was made to donate these funds to either the chapel at Woodrow Wilson or to Western State Hospital. \$1,255 remains in the Grace Fund. Motion was made to donate these funds to the Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge Covid-19 Local Response Fund. Motion passed. Donations of \$100 & 500 have been received for the Covid-19 and Food Pantry.

The number of Covid-19 cases is rising in Staunton, Augusta County and Waynesboro area. Between September 10th and 15th, there were 88 new cases, with 1 death in Nelson County. Hospitalizations are rising and the positivity rate is up to 7.1%. It was noted that JMU is among Virginia's top 10 areas of new cases.

Anti-Racism forum discussions were held on 9/14, 9/23, 9/27 and 9/29.

NEWS



Gods Work Our Hands Service Project

Each year in September, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) encourages the congregations of the denomination to engage in work that shows us faithful and active in love. This year there were two Grace projects:

On Saturday September 12, as part of God's Work our Hands week, a team from Grace and Zion worked with Renewing Homes Greater Augusta to build a wheel chair ramp for a family near Augusta Springs. Interestingly 10 years ago, we replaced the roof on their home.



And, on Friday, September 25th, a team from Grace worked on the Grace Room at WARM, replacing flooring that had buckled due to a large water spill.

NEWS



We continue— after our Holy Communion Service last Sunday—to meet live on Sundays at 10 am via You Tube worship and Zoom. Council at its September meeting elected to continue in this-manner for now as Covid cases continue on a level pace in our area. Holy Communion worship will next occur on Sunday, October 25th Reformation Sunday. Also please remember the Coffee Fellowship after worship after each worship service, and opportunity to connect with one another as sisters and brothers in Christ!



Child Care

STAFF NEEDED! Child Care Needs for Students

Through Grace - The Student Care program that Grace has joined through the local YMCA and “C4” Initiative in our area is ON HOLD BECAUSE OF STAFF NEEDS. The need for this program continues to be great in our area, and

many families are on standby waiting for space in programs like Grace’s. IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE LOOKING FOR PART-TIME OR FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT who wants to help with this program, please notify Pastor Paul, or email childcare@unitedwaysaw.org.



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 **eight 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.



Thanks!



The family of Flo Walck would like to send our thanks to the congregation at Grace for your kind cards, thoughts and prayers during Flo's illness. We really appreciated the food that was brought to the family and for your attendance and special music at her service. Her church family, especially Mike and the choir members were very important to her. Thank you also to Pastor Pingle for his many visits. Rew and I are looking forward to moving to Waynesboro and joining the Grace family.

Rew, Karen and Hal Walck

From Christian Housing Assistance

Dear Members of Grace,
Christian Housing Assistance Corp. appreciates your most generous gift of \$300.00 to help further our cause of helping those of great need in our community with suitable housing. You are angels in disguise.

Since 1969, CHAC has been seeking ways of lending a hand to those in need. A volunteer,

non-profit organization which is always in need of: prayer, monetary donations & physical labor from our community:

So, thank you for caring & if you would like more information you can contact me at 849-0388.

God bless,
Peggy Jirney
Sec. CHAC



DOING
THE MOST
GOOD

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

September 18, 2020

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for supporting the "Homework Toolbox" project this year! We are thrilled to share with you that *ALL* preschool and kindergarten students in Waynesboro and East Augusta County have received a Homework Toolbox! That is 717 students!

School administration have expressed their appreciation for the Homework Toolboxes, reiterating that these supplies are needed more than ever this year due to virtual learning.

Again, *THANK YOU* for helping to provide a positive start to the school year for the youngest of students in Waynesboro and East-Augusta County. The success of this project would not have been possible without your support and generosity!

Blessings Always,

Lt. Rachel Pruitt
Corps Officer
Waynesboro, VA



Lt. Rachel Pruitt and volunteers preparing to deliver Homework Toolboxes!



VIRGINIA SYNOD VOCATIONS
CONFERENCE 2020

THANK YOU!

**YOUR GENEROSITY SUPPORTS CANDIDATES FOR
MINISTRY IN THE VIRGINIA SYNOD**



Budget Barometer August, 2020

For the year, actual receipts are below budget and actual disbursements are below budget resulting in a surplus of \$4,825.

Comparison to Prior Year: Financial Barometer	Actual 2019	Actual 2020	Difference
Total Budget Receipts YTD	\$198,575	\$193,963	(\$4,612)
Total Budget Disbursed YTD	\$191,602	\$189,138	(\$2,464)
	\$6,973	\$4,825	(\$2,148)

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4</p> <p>Eighteenth 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>11:00 a.m. <i>Confirmation Class via Zoom</i></p>	<p>5</p>  <p>6:30 p.m. <i>Anti-Racism Book Group via Zoom</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00 p.m. <i>Round Tables via Zoom</i></p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Pastor—Vacation</p>   <p>5:30 p.m. <i>Discussion with Christ Tabernacle via Zoom</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p>Pastor—Vacation</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>Pastor—Vacation</p> 
<p>11</p> <p>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>10:00 a.m. <i>Service of the Word via YouTube</i> <i>Rev. Gordon Putnam</i></p> <p>Pastor—Vacation</p> <p>10:50 a.m. <i>Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</i></p> <p>11:00 a.m. <i>Confirmation Class via Zoom</i></p>	<p>12</p>   <p>6:30 p.m. <i>Anti-Racism Book Group via Zoom</i></p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>  <p>5:30 p.m. <i>Discussion with Christ Tabernacle via Zoom</i></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>

October

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<p>18</p> <p>Twentieth 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>11:00 a.m. <i>Confirmation Class via Zoom</i></p>	<p>19</p>  <p>6:30 p.m. <i>Anti-Racism Book Group via Zoom</i></p>	<p>20</p>  <p>7:00 p.m. <i>Council via Zoom</i></p>		<p>22</p>  <p>5:30 p.m. <i>Discussion with Christ Tabernacle via Zoom</i></p>		24
<p>25</p> <p>Reformation Sunday</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>11:00 a.m. <i>Confirmation Class via Zoom</i></p>	<p>26</p>  <p>6:30 p.m. <i>Anti-Racism Book Group via Zoom</i></p>			<p>29</p>  <p>5:30 p.m. <i>Discussion with Christ Tabernacle via Zoom</i></p>		<p>31</p> 



Birthdays

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

10/1	Marlene Shaw	10/1	Tom Blosser	10/2	Dottie Sheaffer
10/2	Bob Barrette	10/4	Marge Cloutier	10/7	Lindsey Skelton
10/11	Glen Gray	10/14	Bill Meicke	10/15	Aaron Lynch
10/19	Susan Morrison	10/23	Margaret Quickel	10/23	Lee Lynch
10/24	Amanda Moyer	10/27	Bob Shumate	10/28	Bill Crowder
10/31	Bob Knemoller				

Baptisms

10/04	Brian Lundstrom	10/04	Minnie Moyer	10/09	Tanner Walter
10/12	Clay Rankin	10/13	Joe Moyer	10/15	Joan Ranzini
10/28	Glenn Myers	10/28	Tom Blosser	10/31	Lee Lynch
10/??	Gwen Kite	10/??	Linda Tomey		



October

Sunday October 4	Sunday October 11	Sunday October 18	Sunday October 25
<p>Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel</p>	<p>Preaching & Presiding Reverend Gordon Putnam</p>	<p>Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel</p>	<p>Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel</p>
<p>Assisting Minister Ron Almarode</p>	<p>Assisting Minister Karla Rankin</p>	<p>Assisting Minister Robin Crowder</p>	<p>Assisting Minister Donna Gum</p>
<p>Children's Sermon Stollings/Cooper Family</p>	<p>Children's Sermon Amber & 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 Berenice Archambeault</p>	<p>Altar Flowers Gail Johnson</p>	<p>Altar Flowers Rudy Yobs</p>	<p>Altar Flowers Open</p>
<p>Council Member of the Week Gail Johnson</p>	<p>Council Member of the Week Kathryn Johnson</p>	<p>Council Member of the Week Jerry Kite</p>	<p>Council Member of the Week Linda Meyer</p>



Nursing Home, Assisted Living and Homebound Members

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



Members of Grace Congregational Council



Linda Meyer, President
 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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(Lunch 12:00 – 12:30 p.m.)

Friday: 8:30 a.m.—Noon