

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church August 1, 2021

"A Community of Servants Sharing in the Word and Work of Jesus"

Service of the Word via You Tube

(Based on Bread of Life, Jay Beach Setting)

Congregational responses are in bold print

Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church! There are four key parts to our Worship Service: we GATHER before our God to prepare to worship, and bring ourselves and all that we are before God. Then we hear the WORD of God; we share the four Bible Readings with at least one billion other Christians around the world each Sunday! And we hear that word proclaimed through the Sermon, confess our faith in the God whose Grace we hear about in the Word, and offer our prayers to God, for the sake of the Church, the World, and each other in our needs and joys. We then share in the MEAL of Holy Communion, offering ourselves and then discovering God's love and forgiveness have already been waiting for us as we receive Christ's Body and Blood through the bread and wine. Finally we are SENT, the shortest but perhaps most important part of worship, because it is THEN that we live out our Faith and what we believe about God's Grace and Love, and how it makes us a blessing in this world as we share it.

During worship, you'll notice parts of the service in regular type, which are spoken/prayed by various worship leaders. Then there are parts the you and the rest of the congregation respond and/or pray in **bold type**. All of us are participants as we worship God! When asked to **stand**, please do so <u>as you are able</u>. As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

We stand

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son

→ and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God.

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

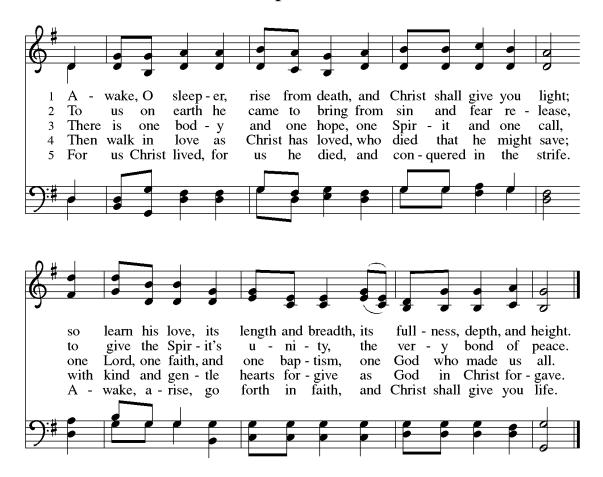
<u>Processional Hymn</u>: "Awake O Sleeper, Rise From Death" #452, Page 4

Greeting

The grace our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death



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Hymn of Praise



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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We sit

Word

First Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

A reading from Ephesians:

1-3 In light of all this, here's what I want you to do. While I'm locked up here, a prisoner for the Master, I want you to get out there and walk—better yet, run!—on the road God called you to travel. I don't want any of you sitting around on your hands. I don't want anyone strolling off, down some path that goes nowhere. And mark that you do this with humility and discipline—not in fits and starts, but steadily, pouring yourselves out for each other in acts of love, alert at noticing differences and quick at mending fences.

⁴⁻⁶ You were all called to travel on the same road and in the same direction, so stay together, both outwardly and inwardly. You have one Master, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who rules over all, works through all, and is present in all. Everything you are and think and do is permeated with Oneness.

⁷⁻¹³ But that doesn't mean you should all look and speak and act the same. Out of the generosity of Christ, each of us is given his own gift. The text for this is,

He climbed the high mountain, He captured the enemy and seized the plunder, He handed it all out in gifts to the people.

Is it not true that the One who climbed up also climbed down, down to the valley of earth? And the One who climbed down is the One who climbed back up, up to highest heaven. He handed out gifts above and below, filled heaven with his gifts, filled earth with his gifts. He handed out gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor-teacher to train Christ's followers in skilled servant work, working within Christ's body, the church, until we're all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God's Son, fully mature adults, fully developed within and without, fully alive like Christ.

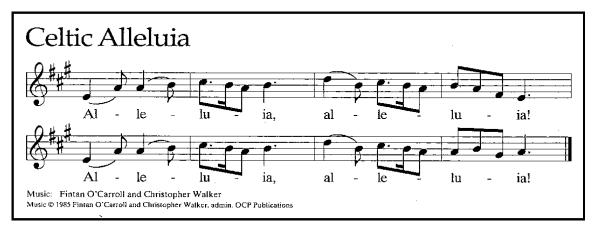
¹⁴⁻¹⁶ No prolonged infancies among us, please. We'll not tolerate babes in the woods, small children who are easy prey for predators. God wants us to grow up, to know the whole truth and tell it in love—like Christ in everything. We take our lead from Christ, who is the source of everything we do. He keeps us in step with each other. His very breath and blood flow through us, nourishing us so that we will grow up healthy in God, robust in love.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

We stand

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: John 15:1-4

The holy gospel according to St. John:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

<u>Children's Sermon</u> Pastor Pingel

Sermon Pastor Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day: "The Church's One Foundation" #654, Page 9, Verses 1 and 2

We stand

Apostle's Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,

God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Church's One Foundation



Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

Prayers of Intercession

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please greet those around you, remaining distanced, and offering a sign of peace (such as arms open) to one another.

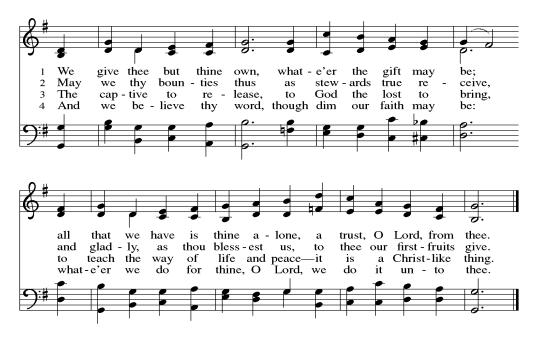
The offering plate is located in the Narthex near the doors.

The congregation remains seated for offertory song

Meal

Offertory Song Verses 1, 4

We Give Thee but Thine Own



Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt. Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

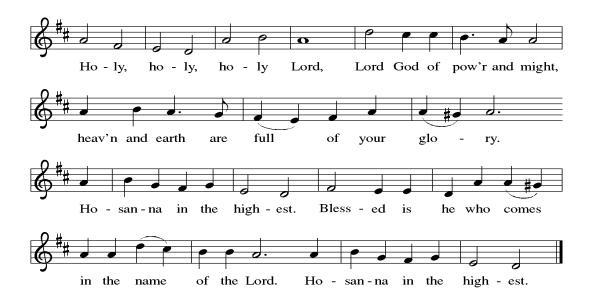
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Thanksgiving at the Table

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this is remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this in remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

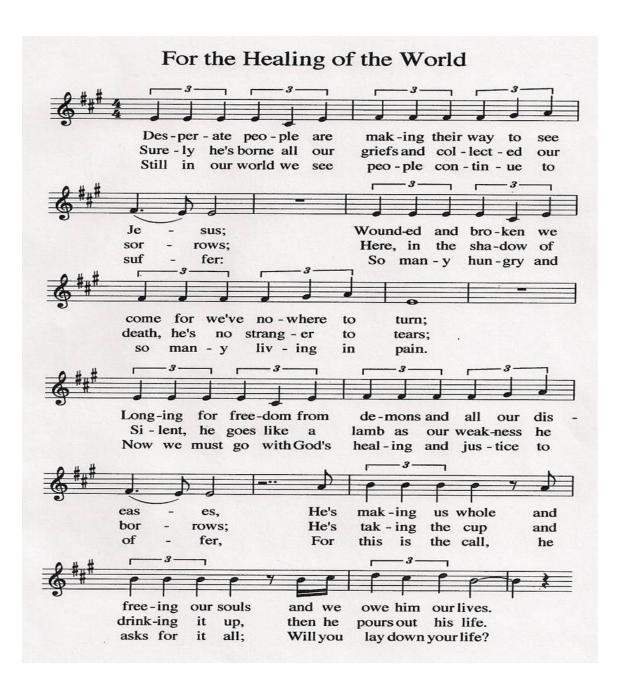
Invitation to Communion

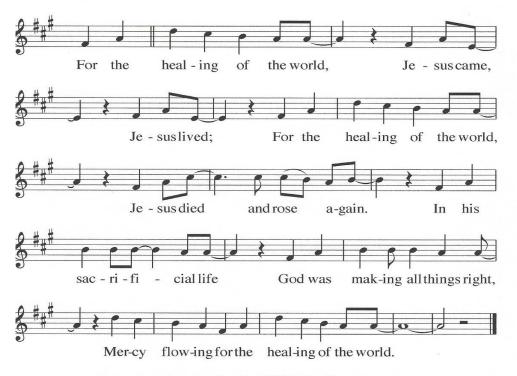
Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

Thanks be to God!

"For the Healing of the World"

Pages 15-16, Verse 1





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The Holy Communion

The congregation may be seated.

OUR LORD BIDS YOU WELCOME TO THIS HOLY MEAL! At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Here we receive Christ's body and blood and God's gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation to be received by faith for the strengthening of faith. In this sacrament the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord — regardless of Church denomination — to those who are baptized. (Taken from the ELCA statement on worship. The Use and Means of Grace ©1997)

Communion Distribution: We will commune where we are seated, using the Holy Communion chalices provided. The Pastor will indicate the time to open the bread compartment in the chalice, receive the body of Christ, then turn the chalice over to the wine compartment, and receive the blood of Christ, using the words as noted, below.

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

The congregation stands.

The Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.
Amen.

Sending

Communion ministers may be sent to take the sacrament from this gathering to those who are absent. The presiding minister may say this or a similar prayer of sending.

Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and Sacrament to our sisters and brothers. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song: "For the Healing of the World"

Pages 15-16, Verses 2, 3

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today



Altar Flowers: Open

Altar Guild: Jean Morgan

Assisting Minister: Tripp Franklin

Council Person of the Week: Andrew Sell

Offering Stewards: Pat Brady

Ushers: Lee Lynch

Bill Meicke



The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

August 8, 2021 11th Sunday After Pentecost

Service of the Word In-Person And via You Tube

10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching

> Ephesians 6:10-20 Matthew 10:28-31

Our Unity in Christ—Grace Racial Reconciliation Verse



Isaiah 2:2-4

²In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Monday

1 Samuel 24:1-22 Acts 13:44-52 Mark 4:1-20

Tuesday

1 Samuel 25:1-22 Acts 14:1-18 Mark 4:21-34

Wednesday

1 Samuel 25:23-44 Acts 14:19-28 Mark 4:35-41



Thursday

1 Samuel 28:3-20 Acts 15:1-11 Mark 5:1-20

Friday

1 Samuel 31:1-13 Acts 15:12-21 Mark 5:21-43

Saturday

2 Samuel 1:1-16 Acts 15:22-35 Mark 6:1-13



Please print your new prayer concerns before worship on the sheet in the white notebook located in the back of our Worship area. Please ask ushers if you need assistance.

Names on the prayer list will remain on for four weeks, in an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us. If the need is longer term, please notify the church office, and the person in need will be transferred to the "Ongoing Need for Prayer" list.

<u>Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for 4 weeks*</u> Sylvia Almarode

Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)

Linda & Darl Davis, Friends of Gail & Sandy Johnson
Carolyn Fitzgerald, Aunt of Linda Meyer
Emily Girard, Daughter of Bumps
Chris and Emily Lassiter, Friends of Franklins
Reverend Janice Ely Lowden, Daughter of Grace

Joys and Celebrations (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Members (Please advise of status changes)

Liz Ann Binns Fred Brower Marie Brown
Ty Elliott Nancy Fitzgerald Sandra R. Hoy
Phyllis Kite Bob Knemoller Glenn and Flossie Myers
Janet Parmer

Continued

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends (Please advise of status changes)

Nancy Beiker, Friend of Gail & Sandy Johnson Janice Collins, Friend of Grace Kyle Getler, Member Relative Regan Grant, Friend of the Bumps Andrea Pingel, Cousin of the Pingels

Timothy Bradford, Friend of Schwiesows Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife Ernie Graham, Friend of the Schwiesows Carolyn Moser, Sister of David Schwiesow George Toop, Friend of the Schwiesows

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Julia Devlin, Friend of Linda Meyer Family of Pat Grabowski, Friend of Linda Meyer Family of Pete East, Former Grace Member Family of Marilyn Hawkins, Friend of Grace Family of Ralph Meyer, Uncle of Linda Meyer

<u>Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year</u> Steve Jones Bobby Hull

Landon Lynch

The Needs of the World

Continued vigilance and care in a nation and world weary of Covid-19

The nation of Afghanistan as U.S. troops pullout

Crisis in Virginia's mental hospitals and its affect on staff, patients and our communities

Severe weather - heat and drought - in the American West, and around the world

The Vatican trial on financial mismanagement within the Catholic Church

The Church

Our unity in Christ with Churches in our Community

Congregational Church of Laconia, New Hampshire and Pastor Neil Wilson who are dealing with an opioid crisis and homelessness

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors in Augusta County





In-Person Worship at Grace - A notice was sent out to all members and regular visitors this past week sharing the worship guidelines for the month of August:

- Masking is optional in worship for all in attendance who are fully vaccinated
- Those who are not vaccinated or partially vaccinated we ask you continue to mask
- Distancing continues, with every other pew blocked off
- We also ask you to share the peace safely distanced
- Holy Communion continues to be shared in the pews
- You Tube and Zoom continue to be available

The full set of guidelines is available from the email/letter sent this past week, or online at our website.



Summer Sermon Series continues with Ephesians - God's Plan of Grace - Paul's letter to the Ephesians is a masterful letter that focuses on the Grace of God. God's Grace is past, present and future, for you and for me and how it changes the way we live in this world. We continue our series on Ephesians with the fourth chapter.



Grace Christian Education Survey for Families with Children and Youth - Our Children and Youth Team has sent out a Survey to all families about our Fall Christian Education and Youth Activities. PLEASE fill out the survey and return it via email to Nancy Dowdy, or via U.S. Mail, so we can get ready for a great Fall together.



Pandemic Memorial Service - During the Covid-19 Pandemic from March 2020 through March 2021, eight (8) saints of Grace entered into the eternal promises of God. During this time, we had only graveside services, many with family only. To give an opportunity for us at Grace to give thanks for these saints and to give opportunity for family and friends to gather at Grace, we have scheduled the Memorial Service for Saturday, August 14th, at 1:00 p.m. There will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall following the service.



The Salvation Army has contacted Grace Lutheran with a request for school supplies for Kindergarten students in Waynesboro and East Augusta County. You may make a monetary contribution by August **SUPPLIES** 10 to be used to purchase needed supplies...just write "Homework Toolboxes" in the memo of your check. The address is: Salvation Army, P.O. Box 1065, Waynesboro, VA 22980



Sunday, September 12 at 3:00 will be a back-to-church Ice Cream **Social** for children of *all* ages, from 2 to 102! It will also be a time to share what's going on with Christian Education for everyone, and Youth activities. We will meet on the side playground and provide ice cream, bowls, spoons, and waters. A sign-up sheet for attendance and to bring toppings will be emailed out and posted in the back of the nave in August. Be on the look out! We look forward to welcoming back our families with children and youth and give thanks to those who serve this valuable ministry. Please bring your own lawn chair for seating. See you soon!



Worship Notice: After our confession, please note we are now singing as the cross comes down the aisle and the candles are lit. As you sing, please sing conversationally, with the same voice you would as if talking to someone in normal conversation, as a precaution during this time when Covid cases are on the upswing.



No "Coffee Hour Meeting" this Sunday - during most of the pandemic months until now, there has been a "Coffee Hour" via Zoom after worship. Thanks to Ron Almarode for taking time every Sunday to bring our family of faith together, in particular those who have not been able to come to worship. This has served as an important point of connection for many people. The Meeting will NOT occur today, August 1st.



Covid Vaccines will be available at Westminster Presbyterian Church, supported by Augusta Health, Saturday August 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for Johnson & Johnson or Pfizer 1st dose. Saturday, August 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the second Pfizer 2nd dose will be available. If you would like more information, please call Westminster at 540-942-1145.



As we move back to In-Person worship, please consider assisting with worship. **Altar Guild** volunteers are needed. If you are interested in serving the church in this capacity, please contact Jean Morgan, 540-943-1929, or the Church Office, 540-949-6171.

Also, **Offering Stewards** are needed. If you are interested in serving the church in this capacity, please contact Pat Brady, 540-932-3677, or the Church Office, 540-949-6171.



The flower chart is located in the back of the sanctuary. Please consider signing up for **altar flowers** as there are a lot of open Sundays. Any questions, please call the Church Office, 540-949-6171.



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 seventeen deliveries thus far, eight to Main Street United Methodist, and nine to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. Last week, 130 pounds of food went to Calvary United Methodist breaking our previous records! Overall, we have given well over 1,300 pounds! If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.

Waynesboro Heritage Museum presents:



BEYOND THE ARCHITECTURE

The Story of Waynesboro City Churches & Their People







GRAND OPENING AND RECEPTION

Sunday, August 15, 2020 1:00 – 4:00 PM

The exhibit will take you on a journey to discover the history of churches in the city of Waynesboro through their architecture, art, music, and ministry.











Life of Grace Church August 1-8, 2021

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
TODAY— SUNDAY	08/01	10:00 a.m.	10th Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching
Tuesday	08/03	7:00 p.m.	Grace Strategic Planning (Conference Room)
Wednesday	08/04	7:00 p.m.	Mutual Ministry Meeting (Conference Room)
Thursday	08/05	8:30 a.m.	Grace Walkers (Meet in Parking Lot)
		1:00 p.m.	Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)
		6:00 p.m.	Discussion with Christ Tabernacle (Seminar Room)
		7:00 p.m.	PROPERTY (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday	08/07	9:00 a.m.	VMA Musikgarten (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	08/08	10:00 a.m.	11th Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom



Members of Grace

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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. (Lunch 11:30—12:30) - Monday-Thursday; 8:00 a.m.—Noon - Friday

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