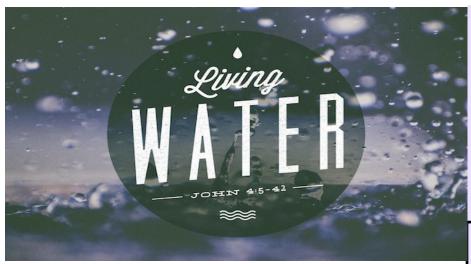
Good News from Grace



RECENT WORSHIP CHANGES IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS

Grace Church is implementing the following practices until the church body deems it appropriate to lift them:

- 1. We are refraining from shaking hands or hugging during the passing of the peace. A reverent bow or wave to your neighbor is an appropriate way to recognize the presence of the peace of Christ in our midst.
- 2. We are encouraging worshippers to use the hand sanitizer that is already present in every pew in our worship spaces.
- 3. For Holy Communion, we are using individual cups. As you come forward to receive communion at each service, you will take a cup and wine will be poured directly into it. These are disposed of after every service, reducing the spread of germs. Altar Guild members are washing chalices with soap and hot water after every worship service. *Please note, individual cups are only being used "at the rail" on Sunday mornings once a month, as before. On other weeks the cups are being used in the same place we would normally intinct.*
- 4. As before, servers of the meal wash their hands before distributing the elements. We use soap and water whenever possible; hand sanitizer at other times.
- 5. If individuals are particularly hesitant about the communion elements for pressing reasons of health, they may commune under one element—as Christ is fully present in, with, and under this one element.

Especially in times of need we are reminded that Jesus Christ is God's living bread come down from heaven for the life of the world. During these times, particularly with a communal health concern, the Sunday assembly of Christians around word and sacrament is an important sign of resurrection hope in the midst of fear and trouble.

reLENT

Everyone is invited to take a box that can be found throughout the church, to set prominently in their home -- a reminder to collect items for repurposing, reusing, recycling, etc. -- and clean out often over Lent. You can bring a lot of things to the church: clothing, shoes, some household items—things the people who come to our building can rehome.

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Our Purpose

The purpose of our church is to make a difference by serving others through God's love and our faith.

GRACE YOUTH GROUP (GYG) SCHEDULE

MARCH 2020

3/20 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

APRIL 2020

- 4/5 Bunny Potluck Palm Sunday
- 4/10 JYG & GYG Local Service Day
- 4/19 **4:30pm** GYG Game Day

MAY 2020

- 5/3 **4:00pm** National Youth Gathering Planning Meeting GYG Night
- 5/17 Last GYG Night Sunday Sundae Ushering & Coffee
- 5/31 Graduation Sunday

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Friday, March 20th 5:30pm - 7:00pm \$8.00 Adult \$4.00 Children

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CALLING ALL STEPHEN MINISTERS

We are adding another opportunity for Stephen Ministers to "check in" with each other. Stephen Ministers currently meet on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am, in the Bridal Room, twice a month to check in and compare notes with each other. Starting **Wednesday**, **March 25th at 6:30pm in the Library** they will meet for those who are unable to attend the morning meetings. See Pastor Evan or Ron DeBoard for further information.

We continue to work on projects to make meaningful connections with those around us.

FAITH CONNECTIONS THE NEW EVANGELISM

A new group formed in 2019 called Faith Connections. This group's goal is to connect the people of Grace to one another and to folks beyond our walls. The group hosted a trunk at Grace's Trunk or Treat and collected prayers from those who participated; hosted a prayer box at the Santa's Breakfast; sponsored the Christmas Eve Cookie

distribution, and is working on finalizing the Grace Photo Directory. We continue to work on projects to make meaningful connections with those around us. If you have any ideas or would like to join us on this adventure, contact Julie Flook flook66@gmail.com or Susan Ryder at 717-574-1960 or ryder.susan@comcast.net. Our next meeting is on March 29th, 6:00pm at the home of Julie Flook.

DAY CAMP AT GRACE

Come for a week of fun in a Christian community setting **June 22-26th at Grace Church from 8:30am - 4:30pm**. Open to all K-5th graders based on the grade they completed in 2020. The camp will be led by trained staff from the Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central PA.

Attendees will need to pack a lunch and we will provide the snacks and fun! In addition to the camp-style fun, games, and singing, we will spend one afternoon at a local pool, and one afternoon bowling! At the end of the week on Friday at 4:30pm family & friends can join us at Kentland for a celebration.

Cost per Camper: \$150.00/week Drop off up to 9:00am and pick up after 4:00pm will be here at the Church (1610 Carlisle Road, Camp Hill), but some days will be spent at Kentland.

For Registration and payment information go to www.gracecamphill.org/daycamp.

WE FIND IT VERY HARD.....

To invite people to church! The number one reason people attend church is an invitation. Join Susan Ryder on **Sunday, March 22nd at 10:45am in the Chapel** to talk about how to invite people to church. Contact Susan at 717-574-1960 or ryder.susan@comcast.net with any questions.



We hold in prayer especially this week...

Joyce Allan, Pastor Evan
Houck, Sis Hoffman, Amy
Downs, Garry Murray, James
Silcox, Dave Buchanan,
David Feaser, Tim Butler,
David Ozimok, Janet Gordon,
Art Hall, Sr., Vernon Frazier,
Barbara D., Sue Daniella,
Dean Jury, Charlie Buchanan,
Tricia Snavely, Larry Sayre,
Brad Bert, and the Family &
Friends of Joyce Kreider.

We hold in ongoing prayer...

Diane Brokenshire, David
Harman III, Howard Lauver,
Priscilla Walter, Caroline
Witmer, Paulette Lauver,
Lesly Richards, Elijah
Conroy, Delores Miller, Frank
Blizzard, Jim Stoll, Susan
Blumberg, Lisa Leen, Eileen
McCann, Mary Heverling,
Mike Lutz, John Eck, Destiny
Glenn, and Reinhard C.

We also hold our shut-ins in prayer:

John Hench, Shirley Hughes, John Shuey, Phyllis Patterson, John Titzel, Jane Peters, Betty Bennett, Phyllis Probst, Harlow Fluevog, and Dick Cromer.

In our military:

Charles Hildebrand, Corey Latsha, Alex Robison, Larry G. Lackey and Gabriel Bailey.

EASTER FLOWER SPONSORSHIP

Potted lilies and tulips are available for sponsorship. The costs are Lilies \$14.00 each and Tulips \$12.00 each. There are currently 13 lilies and 38 tulips available for sponsorship. The deadline for ordering is Monday, April 6th.

To sponsor flowers complete one of the new offering envelopes and list the \$\$ amount next to Other. Then under Comments write your dedication and type of flower you wish to sponsor. You may also stop by the office during business hours.. Please make all checks payable to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. Flowers may be taken home after the second Easter Service or picked up at the church during office hours after Easter.

MUSIC SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen" April 12th (Easter Sunday) \$ 62.50 Choral

\$ 62.50 Choral \$ 40.00 Instrumental

"Jesus Shall Reign" April 12th (Easter Sunday) \$48.75 Choral

\$ 40.00 Instrumental

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST

To update the Intercessory Prayer List please contact Joyce Allan by **Monday, March 16th.** Joyce can be reached by phone at 717-737-0692 or by email at joyceldon2@comcast.net. *Please note that if Joyce does not receive a phone call or email by March 16th requesting that people remain on the prayer list they will be removed*.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY - THE PARABLES OF JESUS



This Tuesday, March 17th at the 1:00pm and 7:00pm in the Conference Room the Tuesday Bible Study will begin a study of the parables of Jesus in Luke's Gospel. The first session on March 17th is entitled, "The Fox, The Funeral, The Farewell, The Furrow" based on Luke 9:57-62. The study will give first century insights into the parables that are often missed in our day.

HILLS AND VALLEYS WOMEN'S GROUP

Spend one hour this month gathering with the Women of Grace on **Monday, March 16th at 6:00pm.** Take some time for yourself and join us. Contact Susan Ryder at ryder.susan@comcast.net or 717-574-1960 with questions.



Inviting all senior single women to join us on the **third Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm** for lunch. Questions? Contact Nancy Whitcomb at 717-697-1823.

BOOK & DESSERT CLUB

Join us on **Tuesday, March 24th** at 7:00pm in the Library. Our next book will be *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver. It is set in present day Appalachia. It concerns a young wife and mother on a failing farm in rural Tennessee

who experiences something she cannot explain, and how her discovery energizes various competing factions -- religious leaders, climate scientists, environmentalists, politicians -- trapping her in the center of the conflict and ultimately opening up her world.

BUNNY POTLUCK



Join us on Sunday, April 5th at 4:30pm in the Social Hall for the Annual Bunny Pot Luck! We will enjoy a potluck dinner, do crafts, visit with the Easter Bunny and hunt for Bunny Bags! Please sign up in the parking lot hallway with the number attending and ages of the kids. We ask each family to bring a side dish to share. The Fellowship & Arts

Committee will supply ham, drinks and dessert.

If you would like to donate candy or non-food items to use to fill the Bunny Bags, there will be a collection box in the library.

THIS MONTH AT GRACE

The **Sanctuary Lamp** for **March** is given by Pat Good in memory of husband, Jim and in celebration of our family.

The Special Benevolence for March is ELCA World Hunger. Please indicate "ELCA World Hunger" on the front of offering envelope under Comments, and make checks payable to GELC.

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AND HANDOUTS TABLE

Be sure to check out the "Weekly Happenings and Handout Table" in the narthex on Sundays. On this table you can find the weekly calendar, the newsletter (which is printed the first/third/fifth Sunday of the month) as well as any special events handouts.

Then check out the Grace Church Information Center Kiosk located inside the main entrance doors in the Narthex. Here you can find "Taking Faith Home", Offering Envelopes, "Christ In Our Home" daily devotional booklets, previous newsletters and other information regarding the church.

For those who attend the Saturday Sabbath Celebration you can find all the information found in the Kiosk on the table in the Chapel narthex.



ARE YOU MISSING SOMETHING?

If so be sure to check the **Lost & Found bin** located in the Library near the doors to the exterior. Remember that all unclaimed items will be given to Community Aid after being in the Lost & Found for one (1) month.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Do you need more Offering Envelopes? If so you have three different locations to pick some up. You can get them from the Church information Center Kiosk located inside the main entrance doors in the Narthex, in the Library or in the Church Office.



BULLETIN, FLOWER AND SANCTUARY LAMP SPONSORSHIPS

Sponsorships of our Worship Bulletins, Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Lamp are made available as a way to both recognize loved ones or a special event and to offset some costs for the church.

Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board directly across from the elevator. If you are interested, simply sign-up for an available date. Payment is due prior to week scheduled.

Good News from Grace articles are due by 12:00pm on Tuesdays. Email to gelc@comcast.net

Join us for Worship!

Saturdays at 6:00 PM in Barkley Chapel Sundays at 9:30 AM

Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Livestream available at

www.gracecamphill.org

Sundays September to May at 10:45AM

Sunday School for ALL ages!



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