

Good News from *Grace*



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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.

WREATHS, POINSETTIAS AND ELCA GOOD GIFTS

It's time again to sponsor Wreaths, Poinsettias and ELCA Good Gifts. We have 11 wreaths and 25 poinsettias at \$ 11.00 each available for sponsorship.

This year we have highlighted four choices:

- ◇ For \$ 15.00 you can purchase a Rooster. By adding a rooster to the chicken coop, you help the farm grow more! More chickens on the farm means more eggs to eat and sell at market.
- ◇ For \$ 30.00 you can purchase a pig or piglet. This little piggy couldn't be a bigger lifesaver. This gift is a source of natural fertilizer that helps crops grow tall and strong, and can also be sold at the market for extra income when it's needed.
- ◇ For \$ 60.00 you can purchase a goat and flock of chickens. With this gift — a combination of two of our most popular gifts — a family gains access to an ongoing supply of eggs from their chickens, protein-packed milk from their goat, and a steady source of income.
- ◇ For any \$\$ amount you can support God's Global Barnyard. These gifts will be used where it is needed most to support livestock, agriculture and other sustainable

development projects, which help farmers and families with the resources they need to thrive.

Once you decide you would like to sponsor a wreath, poinsettia or ELCA Good Gift you can contact Diane at 717-737-0439 x 15 or deppengelc@gmail.com to reserve a wreath or poinsettia or ELCA Good Gift and then send in payment with a note listing what you are sponsoring and what dedication you'd like to have listed in the newsletter. Checks should be made payable to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church.

New this year you can pay for sponsorships online by [Clicking Here](#). If sponsoring an ELCA Good Gift online please be sure to note which animal as well as your dedication.

ALL sponsorships must be received by **Friday, December 18** in order to be listed in the newsletter.



ELCA Good Gifts
God's Global
Barnyard



Join us for in-person worship

Click Here for more information regarding our services. Register online or by calling 717-737-0439

Please continue to call

Pastor Cover
(717-525-4617)

or Pastor Evan
(717-497-3742)

directly if you need pastoral assistance during this time!

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CLEAN-UP AT 1604 CARLISLE ROAD

We are partnering with Family Promise to clean up 1604 Carlisle Road. We are looking for a few volunteers to help remove any trash and larger items on **Thursday, November 12 beginning at 4:00 p.m.** This will allow us to put everything out for trash pickup on Friday. If you are interested, please contact Terry Snyder at 717-645-5645 or by email



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The shoebox collections for Operation Christmas Child will be taking a year off this year. Instead we will be focusing our efforts on other giving and service options for this season.



THE GIVING TREE

Dear Members of Grace,

You have been faithful supporters of our Giving Tree for many years and we thank you for that. This year, like everything else, our Giving Tree will look a bit different. We are going to do a Virtual Tree of gift cards and monetary donations. The gift cards and money, which will be used to purchase additional gift cards, collected will be shared with local families in need. Checks should be made payable to "Grace Lutheran Church" with a note that states it is for The Giving Tree. All gift cards and money must be delivered to the church office no later than **Sunday, December 6.**

CLICK HERE to sign up for gift cards from places like Target, Amazon, Aldi, Dollar Tree, Dollar General, Kohls, CVS, Giant etc. Remember, if you choose to donate a food gift card from Giant, Weis or Karns, a purchase from the Church benefits our Youth Group.

Thank you,

Laurie Zimmerman

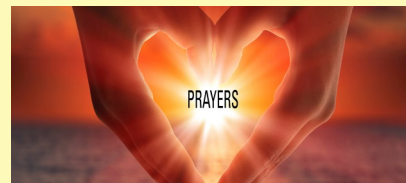
HELP US KEEP OUR PRAYER LISTS UP TO DATE!

Many of those on our prayer lists are not well-known to the staff, but are well-known to you! It would help us greatly, if you would contact the office (717-737-0439 or gelc@comcast.net) each month and let us know if you wish to have someone remain on the prayer lists (urgent, ongoing, military) as well as the medical worker list.

Thank you!

We hold in prayer especially those in the medical fields ...

Katie Perella-Carvalhaes, Lauren S., Megan S., Dixie S., Ben S., Katelynn S., Tess J., Kay L., Art L., Addison McInnes, Corky Graf, Ken Graf, Kristin Quesenberry, Maureen Minard, Brad Moore, MD, William Schell, MD, Kirsten Hyatt, MS, Star Peiffer, Patty Rohde, Melanie Augustine, Jenny Castillo, Jill Green, Mary Brown, Kara, Sheri Hartzell, Tracy Hartzell, Josh Barr, Chrystal, Sante, Cindy Frost, Eileen Smith, Sharon Eppley, Kayleigh Titzel, Brendan Bergey, Judith Zeiders, Amy Evans, Laurie Colman, Connie Malmborg, Ashley Morris, Amy Schwab, Beth Gargiulo, Tami Heath, Julie Draper, Deb Fickes, Amanda McNally, Justin Young, Jessica Chestnut, Stephanie Sampson, Samantha & Peter Kang, David Bergquist, MD, Karen Redcliff Albidrez, Elizabeth Brickell, and Maura White



We hold in prayer especially this week...

Morgan & Michael Hoffman, Hannalyn Kiser, Lois Kohnlein, Patti Reed, Gerry & Sara Jane Crawford, Hope Stempo, Barry Fenicle, Ben & Marilyn Clark, Sally Snyder, Gerald & Darlene M, Ann Sheaffer, Sue Gasswint, Veronika C., John Aldridge, Mr. Hunt, Rick Saar, Vicki Whitcomb, Carm Mitchell, Amber Shearer, Steven Noll, Janet Montan, Jennifer Heverling, Garry Murray, James Silcox, Tim Butler, Vernon Frazier, Dean Jury, Tricia Snavelly, Brad Bert and the friends & family of Lois Priest.

We hold in ongoing prayer...

Mary Louise Shetter, Charlie Buchanan, Dave Buchanan, Joyce Allan, Sis Hoffman, Mary Lee Ryder, Jack Alfano, Dorothy Edquist, Michael Smith, Barbara D, 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:

Louis Lore, 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.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS FROM THE GIVING PANTRY

The Giving Pantry will be making up meal baskets for the people who attend the Wednesday pantry to be able to make a nice Thanksgiving dinner at home for their families. We could use the following items for the baskets:

- ♦ Donations or grocery gift cards to purchase items for a meal
- ♦ Turkey (we will accept coupons & vouchers)
- ♦ Mashed potatoes (bag or instant)
- ♦ Gravy
- ♦ Cans of corn
- ♦ Cans of green beans
- ♦ Stuffing (cubes or boxed)
- ♦ Pumpkin pie filling
- ♦ Pie crusts
- ♦ Cranberry sauce

If there is anything else you'd like to add we greatly appreciate it. We need the items by **Sunday, November 15** and they can be dropped off in the gray cabinet inside the parking lot doors during services or Wednesdays from 1-5pm. If dropping off a turkey please do so on Wednesdays between 1-5pm or contact me to schedule a time. Baskets will be distributed **November 18 from 1-5pm** during the Wednesday Giving Pantry pick-up.

Any questions? Call 717-856-2760 or email me at missann@marketsquarefriend.org.

Garri Ann Hearn



having the holiday you want, rather than the holiday you feel you "should" have. As always we'll share our highs and lows. Contact Susan Ryder 717-574-1960 or ryder.susan@comcast.net for login information.

HILLS & VALLEYS WOMEN'S GROUP

We'll meet via Zoom on Monday, November 23 at 7:00pm. Don't have a computer or smartphone? Not a problem, we can work together to get you on the Zoom call through your landline. We will revisit last year's theme of Unplugging the Christmas Machine and Simplifying Christmas. For those who attended last year, we'll get an update on your progress; and for others we'll introduce the idea of simplifying the holidays and



Sharing Christ's love by meeting human needs

regarding social distancing and mask wearing. All guests, also, comply with the mask requirement.

If you are available and would consider serving in this way, please check out their website at <https://nhm-pa.org>. You can even complete a volunteer application online and they will contact you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

New Hope Ministries West Shore Center in Lemoyne has a significant need for additional volunteers, both for the front desk and for the food pantry desk.

Shifts are either 8:30am - 12noon or 12noon - 4:00pm. All precautions are taken

New Hope Ministries Christmas Blessing Express

Last year, New Hope Ministries held their ninth "Christmas Blessing Express," where the guests were able to shop for unwrapped gifts for the whole family and then, if desired, our volunteers wrapped the gifts for them.

CLICK HERE for a general lists of items often requested by families struggling during Christmas. If you are able to donate this year, please drop off your "unwrapped" donations at any New Hope Ministries location no later than the date listed below. *(For those that receive a newsletter packet the list is included)*

New Hope Ministries also wants to bless their guests with baskets of food. Any donations you can give towards that would be greatly appreciated! The following items are some suggestions:

Ham
Vegetables
Canned Fruit
Cranberry Sauce

Turkey
Gravy
Potatoes
Pie Filling

Boxed Stuffing
Mac & Cheese

Pie Crusts
Cereal

Thank you in advance for your generosity and love to our neighbors in need especially during this challenging time. With your support, we can make this a Season filled with Hope and Love.

ACCEPTING GIFT DONATIONS

**All center hours
(time for drop off):
9am to 4pm Monday through
Friday**

Mechanicsburg Center
5228 East Trindle Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
Through November 30

Dillsburg Center
99 West Church Street
Dillsburg, PA 17019
Through December 8

West Shore Center
701 Bosler Avenue
Lemoyne, PA 17043
Through December 11

NOVEMBER 8, 2020 (23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST)

"But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." – **Amos 5:24**

Through the prophet Amos, God condemns hollow displays of religiosity. What God desires is action – justice and righteousness – ever-flowing from the hearts of those who love the Lord. Act on your thankfulness this week by working for justice in your community.

RETHINKING THANKSGIVING: HISTORY, HOLIDAYS AND GRATITUDE

Join Award-winning authors Kate Messner and Traci Sorell for a virtual children's book event on Thursday, **November 12 at 1:30pm**. They will offer a thought-provoking author visit based on their books about the real history of the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag people, the myth of the "First Thanksgiving," and modern-day Native traditions of gratitude. This webinar is designed for readers in grades 3-7. [CLICK HERE](#) to register for the event.

GOSPEL MESSAGE: Invitation to Grace

The parable of the ten bridesmaids easily draws our attention to the differences in their levels of preparation. Some have enough oil to welcome the bridegroom; others do not. The ability of each bridesmaid to control her fate finds ready ears in a culture that favors independence and individual effort. Every day we see the consequences—good or bad—of our actions.

The early part of the parable speaks to a commonality among the bridesmaids. As they wait for the bridegroom, all of them become drowsy and fall asleep. Then comes the cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." We might hear this as a command. We certainly have commands from God throughout Scripture. However, what if we heard the cry as an invitation?

God's commands are a gift that invites us to live into the reality of the ever-present and ever-coming kingdom.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Available dates for sponsorships are on our website at <https://www.gracecamphill.org/sponsorships> or contact Diane at 717-737-0439 x 15 or deppengele@gmail.com. To reserve a date contact Diane. *Lamp Sponsorship, Altar Flower Sponsorship and Bulletin & Mailing Sponsorship dates for 2021 are now available to view on the website or by contacting Diane.*



God does not force or compel us to follow, to be obedient, or to love. It is always framed as an invitation. The psalmists invite us to praise God. God invites the people of Israel into covenantal relationship. Jesus invites all who are weary to come to him and find rest.

If the kingdom of heaven is close to us now, of course our actions will have consequences. Whether we choose to love or hate, share or hoard, work for peace or not—all of these choices impact the people around us. And yet, God's command that we live into a way of love is not coercive, but rather an invitation to life.

In worship we gather around the sacraments of baptism and the eucharist. Neither is forced; neither is required. Both are invitations to experience what Augustine called visible signs of God's invisible grace, a gift given for each and every one of us.

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GYG FALL SCHEDULE

November

- 8 GYG Night via Zoom
7:00 - 8:15 pm
- 15 GYG Night (Service Event) at Shearer's
4:30 - 7:00 pm
- 29 Thanksgiving Themed Zoom
7:00 - 8:15 pm

December

- 6 Afternoon at Kentland
- 7 Time TBD
- 13 GYG Night via Zoom
Time TBD
- 20 GYG Night at Hyatt's
time TBD

Any Questions? Contact Jesse Woodrow at gracehyg@gmail.com

YOUTH FOOD CARDS

Purchasing Youth Food Cards from the church for either The Giving Pantry Thanksgiving collection or The Giving Tree supports both the Youth and that organization.

Call Wendy in the church office (717-737-0439 x 13) to schedule a time to stop in at the church office service window to pick up a card from Karns, Weis and Giant in amounts of \$25, \$50 or \$100. Office hours are Monday - Thursday from 8am - 12 noon.

Checks should be made out to GELC with Youth Food Card on memo line.



THIS WEEK AT GRACE

The Altar Flowers for **Sunday, November 8** are given by Mary Marshall in memory of her parents, Norma and Charles Ewing.

The Bulletin & Mailing Sponsorship for **Sunday, November 8** is given by Eileen Moore Hartzell to the Glory of God and in honor of all our Veterans.

The Sanctuary Lamp Sponsorship for **November** is given by Janet Gordon in loving memory of husband, Duane Gordon.

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

WEEKLY SERVICE TIMES

- Saturday Night at 6:00pm in Chapel (**Sign-up Required**)
- Sunday Morning at 9:30am in Sanctuary (No Sign-up Required). **Live Stream Worship** available for this service.
- Sunday Morning Drive up Communion 10:30 - 11:00am in Parking Lot (No Sign-up Required)
- Thursday at 12noon (No Sign-up Required). This is a brief Order of Holy Communion in the Parking Lot by the awning.



CAREGIVER & GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Join us for our next meeting on **November 10 at 11:00am** in person. The reading assignments for the November meeting are to finish the corresponding book (caregiver book or grief book).

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

November 10
1:00pm & 7:00pm via Zoom

Join us as we'll be hearing Jesus say it is better to be a poor farmer than a rich fool. See what he means. Read Luke 12:13-21.

If you wish to participate please contact Pastor Evan at (717)497-3742 or pastorevan47@gmail.com for the login information.

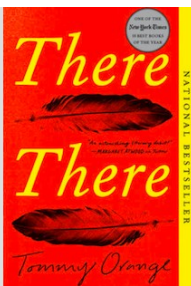


BOOK CLUB

Join the book club for the conversation about their next book over zoom on **Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00pm**. The November book is a novel written about Native Americans - set in a contemporary time. *There There* by Tommy Orange, a member of the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes.

"With a literary authority rare in a debut novel, it places Native American voices front and center before readers' eyes." —NPR/*Fresh Air*

"Compulsively readable. . . . A dazzlingly intricate narrative that marries the personal and the ancestral. . . . A masterful work." —*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*



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

Join us for Worship!

Sundays at 9:30 AM

In-person or
via Live Stream

Sunday School

Sundays September to May
CLICK HERE for Sunday School
at Home videos.



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