

Good News from Grace

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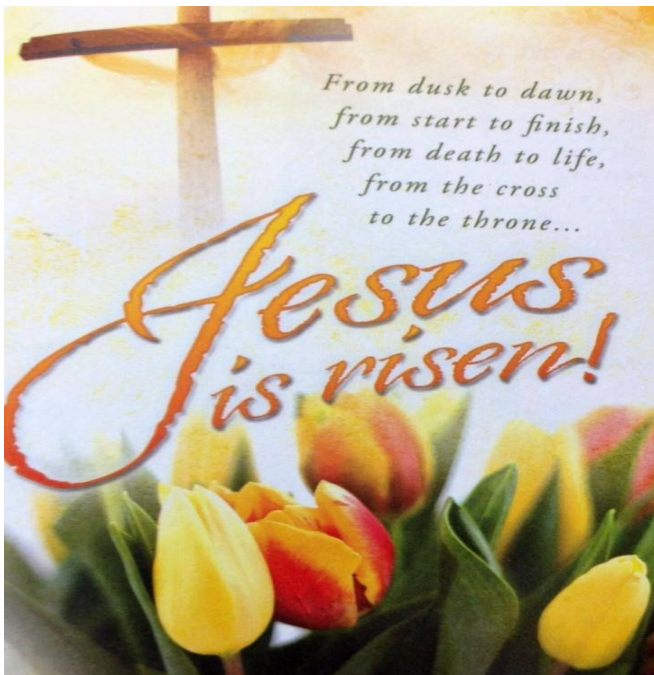
Our Purpose

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

Resurrection of the Lord, April 4, 2021

So [the women] went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid. –Mark 16:8

How often has fear silenced you? Too often Christians are afraid to speak up about creation care. Let us take a deep breath and put aside our fear, trusting the God of resurrection hope to guide our words and deeds as we work for a cleaner, sustainable world.



In-Person Worship Saturdays at 6:00pm

(25 person capacity)

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign-up

In-Person Worship Sundays at 9:30am

(75 person capacity)

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign-up

Or contact the church office at 717-737-0439 to register

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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AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

This Easter Sunday, we will be given a powerful message in song. Chris McInnes is singing the original air for soprano from Handel's Messiah, "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth." The words are taken from the book of Job: *I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day, upon the earth. And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God (Job 19).* They are spoken by Job at the worst moment of his life, when he can make no sense

of all the tragedy that has happened. They are a testament to his enduring faith in the face of impossible hardship, and a testimony to the wondrous truth of our God.

I don't have to tell you that this past year stands as a "Job" time in our lives and the world. We have all faced unprecedented hardship and difficult challenges; we have buried loved ones and we have witnessed horrors as a nation. To celebrate Easter seems incongruent; and yet,

for Handel, it was just *this moment* that called for Job's words. He put his testimony of faith and the power of God into the mouth of the soloist. This Easter, of all Easters, we are being given that testimony as a gift. May you pause to receive it, and take in a deep breath of its truth and hope. May it speak to the depths of your soul, and fill you with the mystery and power of resurrection.

+Pastor Cover

THE GIVING PANTRY/PANDEMIC MEAL MINISTRY

The Giving Pantry/Pandemic Meal Ministry has passed the one year mark.

- From the first week the Meal to Go & The Giving Pantry started on 3/15/2020 there were 31 people in 8 families
- As of this week 3/31/21 9,627 people (which equals 2,477 families!) have been served
- This week alone 262 people from 66 families are signed up to receive meals

- During this time we became a certified Diaper Bank and started Grace Your Closet

It is amazing in all this time we have not missed one week. We couldn't do any of this without the support of those from Grace!

We are all so grateful for our congregation's ongoing support to help our neighbors, and for Garri Ann Hearn's tireless leadership throughout a challenging year!

Grace's office will be
CLOSED on
Monday, April 5
for the
Easter Holiday



MANIFEST THE GLORY OF GOD

Manifest the Glory of God will be performed at Harrisburg Christian Performing Arts Center on

April 23 at 7pm

April 24 at 7pm

April 25 at 4pm

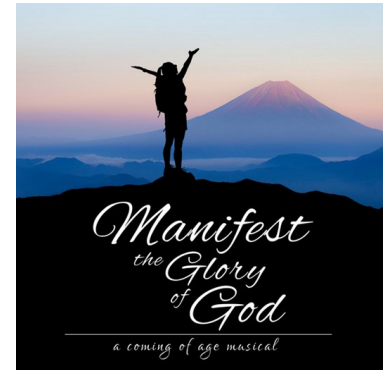
Christin is a 10th grader who, from her childhood, had been very strong in her Christian faith and practice. But lately, she's been wondering what it's all about. Amidst all her church involvement, Christin ponders the age-old question, "What is the purpose of my life?" She

challenges her role in the world and struggles in her relationship with God as she ponders, "How can I make a difference in the world?" and "What is God's plan for my life?" With the help of her parents, teachers and friends, Christin finds a path to spiritual renewal and discovers that the meaning of life is simply to "Manifest the Glory of God."

Manifest the Glory of God is a musical written by Tom Blaisse and includes original songs crafted by the

playwright, such as "Celebrate," "The Lord is MY shepherd," "Amazing Place," "Manifest the glory of God." and nine other solo and choral, praise and worship songs. The music serves to inspire, uplift and reconnect the audience to God's love for us all. To preview the music [CLICK HERE](#).

Tickets are available at <https://thehcpac.org/hcpac-events/manifest-friday-04-23/>



EASTER LILY SPONSORSHIPS

To the Glory of God

-The Pankake Family

In memory of their granddaughter, Bridgette Amanda Rickert

-Ray & Delores Miller

In memory of their daughter & sister, Bridgette Amanda Rickert

-Pam, Scott & Spencer Rickert

In loving memory of my parents and brother, Laury

In loving memory of Ann Cirillo

-Diane Brokenshire

In loving memory of my parents, brother and wife

-Don Barlup

In memory of our parents Olive & Louise Aldridge

In memory of our parents, John & June Cross, and our brother John F. Cross, Jr.

-John & Debbie Aldridge

In celebration of my five children & their families and in memory of my husband Jim.

-Pat Good

In memory of Lee & Eleanor Boyer

In memory of Guy & Betty Leitzel

To the Glory of God

-Tom & Gloria Boyer

In loving memory of Collette Little

-The Little Family



LAMP, ALTAR FLOWER AND BULLETIN/MAILING SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

When you sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp, Altar Flowers and the Bulletin/Mailings you help offset these costs to the church.

This year, unlike years in the past, most weeks are not sponsored.

If you are interested in sponsoring a week you can find the dates available on the website at <https://www.gracecamphill.org/sponsorships>. If you don't have access to a computer not a problem. Contact Diane at 717-737-0439 x15 and she will be glad to let you know what dates are available.

Once you select a date just mail in your payment (or pay

online using the online giving portal). Be sure to include a note with your dedication and date you are sponsoring.

Sanctuary Lamp Sponsorships are \$ 21.00

Bulletin/Mailing Sponsorships are \$ 27.00

Altar Flowers Sponsorships are \$ 36.00*

*Altar Flowers can be picked up the Monday following the Sunday sponsored during office hours (8am-12noon) at the Service Window. Other times can be arranged by calling the church office at 717-737-0439.



"Thine is the Glory"

Sandra Eithun

Bell Sextet

"Jesus Shall Reign"

Sandra Eithun

Bell Sextet

"I Know that My Redeemer Liveth"

Messiah by Handel

Chris McInnes

ONLINE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR REV. TIMOTHY ROSER

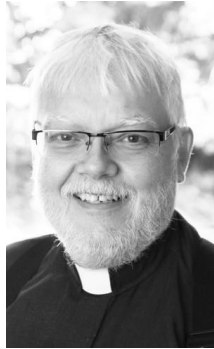
Many of you may remember Pastor Tim when he served at Grace from June 1986–June 1989.

We recently learned that he passed away on February 15, 2021 after a year long battle with Stage IV colon cancer. At the time of his death he and his wife, Rev. Anne Roser, were living in New Hampshire.

There will be an online memorial service for him on April 24, 2021 at

11:00am. We will provide more information regarding this service as we receive it.

To view his obituary [CLICK HERE](#).



WORK DAY AT CAMP KIRCHENWALD

On April 24th Grace's Youth are headed to Camp Kirchenwald to help them with various projects to spruce up the camp in preparation for the upcoming camp season! This is a great way to grow our relationship with the Lutheran Camping Corporation. (We will also be heading there for a retreat this fall!)

WHEN:
April 24, 2021

WHO:
EVERYONE of all ages; families encourage to attend.

WHERE:
Camp Kirchenwald
1 Cut Off Road
Lebanon, PA 17042

Lunch will be FREE for



**Come and
Join Us!**

those who help. Please [RSVP HERE](#) if you can make it. (It can be for all day or part of the day)

DID YOU KNOW.....

The month of April gets its name from the Latin word *aperio*, meaning "to open [bud]," because plants really begin to grow now.

LUTHERAN IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICE (LIRS)

As you have seen on television or heard on the radio, unaccompanied migrant children have been arriving at the United States southern border seeking protection from violence and persecution that has ravaged Central America and beyond.

Under the Biden administration when children arrive on their own, they are first processed by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and transferred as quickly as possible to the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) - an agency with child welfare expertise. This is where LIRS helps care for the children until they can be safely reunited with their vetted sponsor. This can take a few weeks or months.

You can help these migrant children and families by making a gift for migrant children in need to LIRS. Your gift will help LIRS address the most urgent needs facing children and will help them maintain their capacity to continue serving them. [CLICK HERE](#) to make a monetary donation.

Additional ways to help are by becoming a foster parent to a migrant child, contacting your government representatives, volunteering, or praying. To read more about these options and the situation at the border [CLICK HERE](#).

Please contact us at 717-737-0439 or gelc@comcast.net each month and let us know if you wish to have someone remain on the prayer list.

We hold in prayer especially this week...

Barry Hoover, Jim Lehman, Jane Peters, Sudy Stoll, Mary Jane Syle, Micah Mains, Keith Downs, Louella Young, Frank Blizzard, Margaret Knupp, Kathryn Tuckey, Hope Stempo, Barry Fenicle, Ben & Marilyn Clark, Sally Snyder, Gerald & Darlene M, Amber Shearer, Jennifer Heverling, Garry Murray, James Silcox, Vernon Frazier, Dean Jury, and Tricia Snavelly.

We hold in ongoing prayer...

John Titzel, Gerry & Sara Jane Crawford, Mary Louise Shetter, Charlie Buchanan, Dave Buchanan, Joyce Allan, Sis Hoffman, Mary Lee Ryder, Jack Alfano, Dorothy Edquist, Barbara D, Diane Brokenshire, David Harman III, Howard Lauver, Priscilla Walter, Caroline Witmer, Paulette Lauver, Lesly Richards, Elijah Conroy, Delores Miller, 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, Betty Bennett, Phyllis Probst, Harlow Fluevog, and Dick Cromer.

In our military:

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

We hold in prayer especially those in the medical fields

Katie Perella-Carvalhoes, 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 Malmberg, 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.

MISSION TRIP SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Planning to go on a mission trip in 2021? Our Council is committed to offering financial assistance, as they are able, to those who need it to serve on a mission trip! We believe mission work is an important part of our life together as Christians. If you are planning to go on a mission trip in 2021, please complete [this form](#) by April 1,

2021. Council can use this information to determine how much and how many people we can assist financially to go on such trips!



CAMP SUNDAY

Interested in Summer Camp, but not sure what it will be like or where to start? Join Camp Person, Kristin Hyatt, for Camping Sunday to learn all about our local church camps!

Camp Sunday will take place at Kentland on **Sunday, April 18, from 1:00 - 2:30pm.**

Expect camp games, trivia, a campfire with songs and snacks! Kristin will also be able to answer all your registration and camping

questions.

Can't make it in person? Join us via zoom on **Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00pm** for a virtual camping evening. For login information for this event contact Kristen Hyatt at kir.youse@gmail.com or 717-350-6882



FAMILY PROMISE—VOLUNTEER/DONATE

Family Promise (a nonprofit organization whose mission is to empower families through relationships and skill-building to move from homelessness to home) has looked much different since COVID; however, the program has continued to help families during this difficult time. The families currently enrolled in the program stay at the Day Center rather than at Host churches, since most host churches have been closed or have limited access. This has created some great opportunities for the Family Promise staff to become more aware of the needs of the families and ways to meet those needs. Although things are not “back to normal”, Family Promise is considering some new ways for volunteering.

Right now, we are just asking what the comfort level of volunteers might be. Would you be willing to stay overnight at the Day Center (could begin at 8 or 9pm and end at 7am)? Would you be willing to volunteer during the day for a few hours (4, 6 or 8-hour shifts)? Would you be willing to provide meals?

If you are comfortable with volunteering, please let me know and what you are interested in doing. If you are not comfortable volunteering, please visit the Family Promise website (<https://www.familypromisehcr.org/get-involved>) for other ways you can help.

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STEWARDS OF OUR NATURAL WORLD

“God saw everything that God had made, and indeed, it was very good.” –Genesis 1:31

Type “glacier loss” into an internet search engine, examine photos of ice sheets today versus just a few decades ago, and you will draw the same conclusion as the world’s best scientists: We are losing ice, and fast.

But melting glaciers is just one of the many crises facing our natural world. Stressed by warming temperatures, rising sea levels, shifting weather patterns, acidifying ocean waters, and pollution of land, air and water, nature itself is under grave threat.

Thousands of species of insects, plants and animals are going extinct as habitat, from coral reefs to rainforests to estuaries, is destroyed.

“Our planet is in crisis,” says campaignfornature.org. “The natural world is disappearing at an unprecedented rate.” For God’s people, appointed as caretakers of God’s creation, this is not just troubling news but also a call to action.

This April 22, the 51st Earth Day, let’s dedicate ourselves to learning about and fighting for God’s creation. Here are some ideas:

- ◆ Learn about the growing

crises and how they threaten our lives. Teach others.

- ◆ Pick one problem and make it a focus for education, awareness, and action in your family or congregation.
- ◆ Connect with nature by visiting a park or wild place near you.

- ◆ Pick up litter and trash from the street or public land.

- ◆ Learn about the plants and animals that live in your area.

- ◆ Plant flowers,

herbs, vegetables, or trees.

- ◆ Advocate for public policies that will promote conservation.
- ◆ Find a special way to observe Earth Day in your family, congregation, or community.

Our natural world is under threat, but God’s people can make a difference by caring and getting busy.

–Rob Blezard
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Holy Week Worship

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign-up for In-Person Holy Week Services or to view via Live Stream [CLICK HERE](#).

Maundy Thursday
April 1 @ 7pm
Good Friday,
April 2 @ 7pm
Easter Vigil
April 3 @ 7pm

Tuesday Bible Study: 1:00pm & 7:00pm via Zoom

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

Men of Grace

Join us on **Thursday, April 15 at 6:45pm via zoom.**

We will be discussing "Helping and Caring for Others."

For more information or login instructions please contact Rick Keen 717-657-5563 or Matt Hearn 717-695-6429.



Easter Sunday Worship

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign-up for In-Person Easter Sunday Service at 9:30am or to view via Live Stream [CLICK HERE](#).

Outdoor Sunrise Service
6:30am
On Church Grounds
No Registration Required

Grief Group

Meets the **second Thursday of the month at 11:00am** and will try to meet in person as much as possible. Reading material is provided.

For more information contact Pastor Cover 717-525-4617 or pastorcover.gelc@gmail.com

Book Club

Please join us on **Tuesday, April 20 at 7pm via Zoom.** We will be discussing our next book "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett.

For login information contact pastorcover.gelc@gmail.com

Confirmation Camp 2021

Join us for Confirmation Camp **June 20-26, 2021.** While many details are still unknown for COVID mitigation, the plan at this point is to move forward with the planning! (Note: There will be a very generous refund policy due to COVID so don't hesitate to sign-up)

Confirmation Camp can be foundational for the faith of our young people. Those that are entering 8th grade or older (2021-2022 school year) are eligible.

Grace provides scholarships for half of the cost for one week of summer camp for our youth. If this is someone's first time at confirmation camp, we provide a FULL Scholarship!

[CLICK HERE](#) for registration form.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

GYG Schedule

April

- 11 GYG @ The Helman's
4:30—6:30pm
- 18 GYG Zoom
7:00—8:15pm
- 24 Work Day @
Kirchenwald
9:00am—5:00pm
All Congregational Event

This Week at Grace...

The Altar Flowers for **Sunday, April 4** are given by Diane Deppen in honor of her uncle, Gerald Myers, and in memory of her grandfather, John G. Myers..

The Bulletin & Mailing Sponsorship for **Sunday, April 4** is given by Diane Brokenshire in loving memory of her Mother, Father & brother, Laury .

The Sanctuary Lamp Sponsorship for **April** is given to the Glory of God.

The Special Benevolence Offering for **April** is **New Hope Ministries.** If you wish to contribute please list the amount on your offering envelope next to Special Offering Ministry and list *New Hope Ministries* under comments.

Job Posting

Grace is looking for an Administrative Assistant for our office, approx. 20hrs/week, salary negotiable. Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suites required; experience in bookkeeping/accounting a plus. Flexibility desired in this changing pandemic work environment. Monday - Thursday 8am—1pm. Email interest and resume to gelcresumes@gmail.com by **April 1, 2021.**

Good News from Grace articles are due by **12 noon on Tuesdays.** Email to deppengelc@gmail.com

Join us for Worship!

Sundays at 9:30 AM
[via Live Stream](#)

Sunday School

Sundays September to May

[CLICK HERE](#) to view School at Home videos.



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