



Parish News

To Glorify God
 To Grow in Faith
 To Give In Service
Together in Christ

Summer 2019

A Letter from the Pastor

Here there is no vision, the people perish...
 Proverbs 29:18, KJV

Dear Friends at Grace,

Summer has just begun, and I love warm weather, so it's hard for me to be thinking now about fall! But I wanted you to know what is coming in the transition process when fall rolls around, that your Transition Leadership Team and I are preparing even now, so here is some news of what will be coming.

There will be three all-congregational workshops, held on Sundays, which seem to be the best day for the most people to attend, where we will be reflecting on Grace's Heritage, Grace's present ministry and the vision for Grace's ministry in this next phase of its life. We're still working on details, so we'll offer more as we get closer.

For now:

Your voice and your presence are important! Please mark your calendars now to hold the dates!

We are hoping to provide childcare from outside the congregation so that families with younger children can also participate without our own members who usually do nursery having to miss being part of the workshop themselves. Do you have babysitters you could recommend?

Of course eating will be involved!

Here are the dates, Sundays:

- September 29
- November 10
- December 8

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Here's the format, in a general way, approved by Council:

One worship service on each of these Sundays, at 9:15, so we can all be together

The workshop beginning immediately after worship

Lunch included as part of the workshop

The Spirit is moving in wondrous ways at Grace. I'm grateful to be part of that with you, and look forward to the work of this transition study with you through these congregational workshops.

May your summer be refreshing and renewing.

Yours in Christ,

Interim Pastor Janet S. Peterman

Council Corner

As we move through the transition process, Council agreed to the 3 congregational meeting dates – 9/29; 11/10 and 12/8. All will be held on a Sunday after one service – don't worry there are no home Penn State games or Eagles games that day! So please mark your calendars for these important dates.

Based upon the recommendation of the Property Management Committee, Council voted to approve a Management Agreement with Sentry Property Management. A discussion took place on the leaking skylights in the Narthex. Council would prefer that all windows be caulked at the same time instead of piecemeal. Bob Reilly will discuss this with his committee before making a final recommendation to Council. A reminder was given "Clean Up Day" will be held June 29th from 9 am to 1 pm.

Council is working with the Korean church on their new signage. In order to be sure we understood the exact size and color, Council requested the exact proposal from the company that will be doing the signs. We are also working on appointing a Council member to work more closely with their church in the future.

Since it was time to renew our insurance policy, the Finance Committee did its due diligence and compared numerous insurance providers. Council voted to

change providers to Sovereign Insurance Provider which would provide Grace with \$4,700 in savings as well as a higher liability coverage and is more inclusive. Workman's Compensation Insurance will also be reviewed for that is due in August.

Other items covered were the new hearing assist system, the purchase of an outdoor Nativity scene, the potential release of the building escrow and the wrap up on our numerous spring events.

Peggy Schmidt, Council President.

CONGREGATIONAL BREAKFAST AND MINISTRY FAIR

The Christian Connections Team invites you to attend a congregational breakfast in fellowship hall on Sunday, September 8, at 9:15 a.m. This will be our third annual breakfast celebrating the beginning of our fall schedule. September 8 is the first Sunday of the two service Sunday worship schedule. Please bring a breakfast dish or baked goods appropriate for breakfast.

COME TO BREAKFAST AND SEE WHAT WE ARE DOING!

During the breakfast, the Ministry Fair exhibit will be up. Each team or organization of the congregation has made a poster describing their work in the congregation or the community. It is an impressive display!

NOTE: We have all the posters from last year. If you wish to make corrections or additions to your poster or to submit a new one, please see Kay Stone.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BEGIN
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**



Summer Wednesday Evening Fellowship Gatherings

Our Summer Picnics continue in July and August! We begin our time together with dinner and fellowship. Dinner is at **6:30 pm**. Bring your favorite **picnic dish** to share and a lawn chair or blanket. If you have a favorite **outdoor game** to share, bring it too. *Event is rain or shine!!*

This is a great time to catch up with Grace Friends during the summer when our schedules are busy with traveling and family activities.

July 10th Host: Barb Watts at her home 147 N. Main Street, Hatfield

July 24th Hosts: Grace Transition Team at Grace

August 7th Hosts: Peggy and Bruce Schmidt at their home
155 Forest Way, Hatfield

August 21st Hosts: Christian Connection Team at Grace
Picnic and Movie Night at Grace

PICNICS ARE RAIN OR SHINE!!



A gentle reminder to ALL SERVING VOLUNTEERS: **Please remember to find your own replacement when you are unable to fulfill your scheduled serving days.** if you need a list of volunteers to ask, please contact the head of your serving area. Once you sign up to help, it becomes your responsibility to make sure that date and time are covered. With your ongoing help, ALL of our volunteers will be able to feel like their time and commitment are valued and we will all have more downtime to recharge our volunteer “batteries”. Thanks, in advance, for your help in this matter and thanks for ALL you do!

Summer Worship Schedule from May 26th through Sept. 1st
One Worship Service at 9:15 pm
Bible Story and Craft Time for Children

During our **9:15 am** Summer Worship Services the children are invited to participate in the Bible Story and Craft Time. Children who participate will leave the sanctuary after the gospel reading and return for communion. The children may return to the Nursery or Fellowship Hall after communion until the end of the service. At the conclusion of worship, please meet your children in the Nursery or Fellowship Hall.

Bible Story and Craft began Sunday, June 2nd and will continue through Sunday, August 26th

Note: No Bible Story and Craft on Sundays, July 7th, August 4th, and September 1st

PLEASE contact Kay Stone if you are able to help with Bible Story and Craft time.



2019 Lutheran Cluster Service

WHEN: Sunday, August 4th

TIME: 10 am worship service (9 am Bible Study)

WHAT: A Worship Service with our Lutheran Neighbors - Advent (Harleysville), Little Zion (Telford), Christ (Kulpsville), Emmanuel (Souderton) and St. Paul's (Telford)

Where: At Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Souderton

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Nelson Rivera

A luncheon will follow the worship service in the Emmanuel Fellowship Hall
Bring a favorite **dessert** to share

Stepping Stones Update:

Summer is in full swing here at Stepping Stones! Children have graduated, water play has begun, and it's finally feeling like Summer! We had our State Inspection in the beginning of June and came away with a perfect score, a rarity that you just don't see every day! I couldn't be any more proud of our staff! We are very excited to spend the Summer building up this wonderful program so we can continue to be an outreach in the community. Stepping Stones is offering registration specials for both Nursery School and Day Care so if you or someone else is interested in coming to our facility be sure to check in with us!

As we move through August the Nursery School classrooms will be prepped to open, the Day Care classes scrubbed down to start the year off fresh, and we will begin to see some new faces as they join our child ranks. We still have space available and Stepping Stones is offering registration specials for both Nursery School and Day Care so if you or someone else is interested in coming to our facility be sure to check in with us!

Jessica Moran
Interim Director

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

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| <i>John Fischer</i> | <i>Elijah Krout</i> | <i>Doug Boldon</i> |
| <i>Ralph and Carol Buffone</i> | <i>Joan Lattanze</i> | <i>Dale Moyer</i> |
| <i>Suzanne Colville</i> | <i>Laura Cooper</i> | <i>Jennifer Kaler-Thomas</i> |
| <i>Paige Haldeman</i> | <i>Bob Kaler</i> | <i>Wendy Amparano</i> |
| <i>Marilyn Homan</i> | <i>Nancy Sellers</i> | <i>Pam Matolicz</i> |
| <i>Ron and Karen Hudson</i> | <i>Cindy Kunkel</i> | <i>Chip Wood</i> |
| <i>Dorene Bobb</i> | <i>Beth Brown</i> | <i>Pastor Lee (Phila. Korean Church)</i> |
| <i>Joe Hopkins</i> | <i>Liz Bauer</i> | <i>Cassi Lambert</i> |
| <i>Keira Drissel</i> | <i>Andy Armstrong (Friend of MacDonalds)</i> | <i>Richard Badman</i> |
| <i>Kristopher Yoder</i> | <i>Mandie and Emmett</i> | <i>Bill Shaffer</i> |
| <i>Xavier Jackson</i> | <i>Margaret Stangl</i> | <i>Paul "Dutch" Afflerbach (Kathie's husband)</i> |
| <i>Annette Beyer</i> | | |

For all who grieve, including:

The Family and Friends of Charles' Roney's mother; Hal Williams (Carol Macdonald's father); Bob Darde; Fred Matolicz; Emily Stangl (John Stangl's niece); Lillian Buschman (Kerry Stone's grandmother); Sue Deitch (Frank Stone's cousin's wife) and Shannon Ryan

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many...If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would be sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.

1st Corinthians 12:15 17-18

Summertime and the living is easy. Fish are jumping and the choir is off. A good time to reflect on being in the choir and to consider joining for the Fall and Advent seasons.

Sometimes the most caring thing we can do is to stop the music. We should switch off the organ or close the piano lid, put the folders and planning sheets away, turn off the lights, and walk down that hallway to that coffee hour, that Bible study, that new member reception, that seniors social, that youth group open house. Why might this be important? Take this quick quiz:

- ⇒ In the classic Disney animated feature *Snow White*, do you recall who the organist was? *It was Grumpy!*
- ⇒ In the later feature *The Little Mermaid*, do you remember the royal music director? *It was Sebastian the crab!*
- ⇒ In the more recent *Beauty and the Beast* -Enchanted Christmas, who was the villain? *It was the evil pipe organ.*

Either somebody at Disney had a bad experience or we church musicians have some PR work to do! Stereotypes develop where there is not enough familiarity with our parishioners, so we fill in the blanks with our imaginations. We need to be better acquainted with all we have to support the music ministry of our church.

Might you be one of those talented and willing people to sing in the choir when we turn the music back on?

Ken Delmar
Minister of Music



Photo Policy

We may be taking photos or video recordings during Grace events. You will be giving your consent that any pictures and/or video taken may be published and/or distributed by Grace Lutheran Church (i.e. Facebook, website, promotional materials) by attending these events. Please let the Pastor or a Church Council member know if you would prefer that you and/or your child's image not be used.

Summer Serving Schedule

| July | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |
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| Communion Assist | TBD | Joyce Salter | Ken Seiler | Kathy Stawasz |
| Lector | Lori Pluda | Micah Slugg | Bob Kaler | Betty Murray |
| Acolyte | Lacey Haldeman | Bruce Schmidt | Bob Smyrl | Paige Haldeman |
| Ushers | Harold Schaefer & TBD | Laura & Matt Slugg | Bob Reilly & Bob Smyrl | Kaler Family |
| Greeters | Lori Pluda | Lori Pluda | Betty Murray | Barb Watts |
| Flower Delivery | Betty Murray | Lori Pluda | MC Reilly | Kay & Frank Stone |
| Children Story/Craft | NA | Beth Krout | TBD | TBD |
| July Altar Guild: | Rich & Emily Woltmann | | | |
| July Council Duties: | Bob Reilly | | | |
| Aug | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 |
| Communion Assist | Only | Dan Sarm | Lori Pluda | Lori Pluda |
| Lector | Cluster | Frank Stone II | Kitty Heckler | Carol MacDonald |
| Acolyte | Service | Olivia Stone | Micah Slugg | Olivia Stone |
| Ushers | at | Carol & Paul MacDonald | Peggy & Bruce Schmidt | Kay Stone & Kay Deussing |
| Greeters | 10 am | Kay Deussing | Cindy Mancuso | Barb Watts |
| Flower Delivery | @ Emmanuel | Jeff & Beth Krout | Harold Schaefer | Dee Mancuso |
| Children Story/Craft | Souderton | Laura Slugg | Andrea Roney | MC Reilly |
| August Altar Guild: | MaryJane & Dale Moyer | | | |
| August Council Duties: | TBD | | | |

The **Summer Worship** Schedule started on May 26th. Worship and Communion will Sunday at 9:15am and no Sunday School unless otherwise noted. Calvary Korean Church will use the sanctuary each Sunday starting at 12:30 pm.

Thu Jul 4, 2019 Office Closed - Happy Independence Day!

Sun Jul 7, 2019 Summer Worship Schedule

Mon Jul 8, 2019 7:00pm Transition Team Meeting

7:30pm Christian Connections

Tue Jul 9, 2019 7pm Stitches

7:15pm Property Committee

Wed Jul 10, 2019 11:00am Bible Study at J Amundsen home

6:30pm Fellowship Picnic at Barb Watts Home

**Sun Jul 14, 2019 Summer Worship Schedule - Pulpit Exchange
(Pastor Guider @ Grace)**

5:45pm VBS @ Heidelberg

Jul 15-Jul 18, 2019 5:45pm VBS @ Heidelberg

Sun Jul 21, 2019 Summer Worship Schedule

Wed Jul 24, 2019 11:00am Bible Study at J Amundsen home

6:30pm Summer Fellowship Picnic at Grace by TLT

Sun Jul 28, 2019 Summer Worship Schedule

Mon Jul 29, 2019 7:00pm Transition Team Meeting

7:15pm Giving in Service at Kay Stone's home

Sun Aug 4, 2019 10am Cluster Worship at Emmanuel, Souderton

Tue Aug 6, 2019 7pm Stitches

Wed Aug 7, 2019 6:30pm Fellowship Picnic at The Schmidt home

Sun Aug 11, 2019 Summer Worship Schedule

Mon Aug 12, 2019 10am HC3 Backpack Project

7:30pm Christian Connections

Tue Aug 13, 2019 7:15pm Property Committee

Sun Aug 18, 2019 Summer Worship Schedule - Newsletter Items Due

Tue Aug 20, 2019 7pm Church Council

Wed Aug 21, 2019 11:00am Bible Study at J Amundsen home

6:30pm Fellowship Picnic & Movie at Grace

Sun Aug 25, 2019 Summer Worship Schedule

2:30pm LCT Chapel Service

10am Newsletters Mailed

IT IS BACK PACK TIME!

During July and August H3C collects items for the fall backpack project. We provide 50 backpacks to children ages 2-5 who attend day care or nursery school. The backpacks are distributed by the directors of the food cupboards (Emmanuel and Church of the Brethren) and by the directors of Stepping Stones and Friendship House.

The backpacks include art items, personal care items, and items for transporting snacks and lunch provided by the congregations Grace, Bethany, and Emmanuel churches. An addition bag of food items for snacks and lunch are provided by St Marie Goretti.

Because three churches are providing items, Grace members are not asked to contribute everything. This year we are asking Grace members for:

- 50 small bottles of colorless, odorless hand sanitizer
- 50 small packs of baby wipes
- 50 plastic water bottles

Each congregation will be donating lunch bags, wide mouth thermoses, toothbrushes and toothpaste for young children. The other congregations will be giving crayons, markers, glue sticks, scissors, and freezer packs. We already have almost enough backpacks, so that is not a priority item this year.

Visit the display in the narthex for ideas. If you have questions, ask Joyce Salter, MC Reilly, Kitty Heckler or Barb Watts.

List for Heidelberg- Philly Homeless

H3C has been invited to participate in this campaign and so are all of you. Heidelberg UCC is making care packages and will deliver them to the homeless in Philadelphia. The collection will end August 4th. They are collecting the following items:

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| Deodorant | Socks | Chapstick |
| Toothbrushes/toothpaste | Bottled water | Combs |
| Feminine Hygiene Products | Bar soap | Floss |
| Individual Tissue packets | Shower gel | Lotion |
| Rain poncho | Deck of cards | Small Bible |
| Gallon Zip Lock bags with Zipper | Flash light and batteries | |
| Snacks- gum/granola bars/fruit snacks/trail mix | | |



2019 Hatfield Community VBS

July 14th – July 18th

5:45pm – 8:30pm, dinner included each night

Hosted by: Heidelberg UCC
1101 Cowpath Rd, Hatfield, PA 19440
(215) 368-0442
hatfieldvbs@gmail.com

4yrs – 8th grade, adults also welcome to Bible Study.

Online registration:

<https://hatfieldvbs.myanswers.com/incredible-race>



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July 4th

Happy Independence Day

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