



# Parish News

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

**Sept 2019**

## A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Friends at Grace,  
It was a hot summer Sunday. The sanctuary was far from full. Yet as the guest musician began to play the hymn after the sermon, as we began to sing, my heart started to dance! It was light, engaging, fun to sing, and we were supported as we sang. Oh, yes! Singing in worship can really be fun, spiritually enriching, and so satisfying!

Grace is on a journey, an interim journey, one you've travelled before. And yet, each time it is also new.

Of course it is about who your next pastor will be, but we're not quite ready for that question yet. It is also about so much more than that. I like to think that the work we do in this concentrated time is like re-pointing a foundation. It won't all be visible in a few years, but the strength and sturdiness of the foundation of Grace's ministry under your feet will be stronger, more capable of upholding all that you want and need to do to flourish.

The Transition Leadership Team will bring you the first of three congregational workshops on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> – one worship service at 9:15 am with a workshop together focusing on Grace's Heritage. Of course here will be time to eat together! Mark your calendars. We hope you will plan to be with us. I hear that there will be *People Bingo!* You'll have to come to find out what that is...

It has been a long time since Grace has been able to reflect together on how music could be life-giving, to sustain worship, to be a source of growth. We've decided to hire an In-

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terim Minister of Music for the fall through the end of the calendar year. We need some time to appreciate the joy of singing together before we jump right into another relationship with one musician. Each Sunday in worship through Labor Day, participants in worship may offer feedback on what they especially appreciated about that day's music, and what they hope for Grace's music program as we begin to rebuild it. A team has been appointed and is interviewing for the Interim musician. We hope to have an announcement early in September.

I'm praying for you, as summer comes to an end, that your heart may have reason to sing one Sunday soon.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Janet S. Peterman

### **Council Corner**

During the month of June, much of Council's work was devoted to property management and repair issues that needed to be addressed. Approvals were made to repair the roof leaks at 30 N. Main Street and repair the skylights in the Narthex. Council voted to approve new signs for the Korean church as presented in the information and pictures provided by their sign designer. An approval was also given for a new copier/printer/scanner contract which will yield a decrease in our monthly lease.

Under new business, as a result of our Coffee and Conversation meeting, Council approved the purchase of 4 additional Hearing Assist Devices plus 6 CD players.

In the "Good News" department, Pastor reported that Stepping Stones is now completely staffed and passed their state inspection with flying colors. We also were informed that our Building Escrow Release was approved by Hatfield Borough Council and the final payment made to the builders.

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.

### Something New:

Want to ride FREE all day every day on SEPTA buses, trolleys, subways and rail lines??? Then you need to have a SEPTA Senior ID Card. The old blue and yellow cards are no longer valid. You can register for the card at the Ministry Fair and receive your card within 2 weeks.

Just **bring** with you **one** of the following forms of identification:

- Pennsylvania Driver/Non-Driver ID
- Birth Certificate or Baptismal Certificate
- Yellow PACE Card (Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the elderly)
- Statement of Age Verification from the U.S. Social Security Administration
- Armed Forces Discharge/Separation Papers
- Resident Alien Card or Passport/Naturalization Papers

**Note:** You must be 65 years old to sign up.



## **Wednesday Evening Fellowship Gatherings**

*Thank you to our **hosts** for our Summer gatherings on Wednesday Evenings.*

- **Church Council Members**
  - **Barb Watts**
  - **The Transition Team**
- **Peggy and Bruce Schmidt**
- **Christian Connections Team**

And thanks to all of **YOU** who joined us for delicious food, great fun and good fellowship.



### **Financial Peace University (FPU)**

Are you ready to take control of your money? Grace is once again hosting *Financial Peace University* (FPU), a nine-lesson course designed to help you build a budget, dump debt, grow your wealth, and leave money stress behind! Each lesson, taught by Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts, is based on biblical wisdom and common sense. In your FPU group, you'll be motivated and encouraged by others just like you! When you sign up for FPU, you'll get your member workbook and one free year of Financial Peace Membership, with access to exclusive online tools to help you on your journey. Contact Bob Smyrl at [rsmyrl@smyrl-insurance.com](mailto:rsmyrl@smyrl-insurance.com) for more info or register online. Here's our class link: <https://www.fpu.com/1094617>



THANK YOU  
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Thanks to our Bible Story and Craft Leaders who  
shared their time with our children  
during our summer worship schedule

Beth and Jeff Krout

Mary Catherine Reilly

Andrea Roney

Tami and Dan Sarm

Matt and Laura Slugg

Jaime Snyder

Bonnie and Kim Stangl

Kay Stone

**Wilkum!**



Save the date for the Ladies Fall Tea on Saturday November  
9th from 2-4pm

We will all be Pennsylvannia Dutch as we welcome Keith  
Brintzenhoff from Kutztown, who will entertain us with folk-  
songs, 4 instruments, share his humor and history.

Sign up poster will be coming soon, and as always, look for the silver platter display—this year we will welcome PA Dutch cookies, pies, quick bread or anything PA dutch—come share your family history if you like. Feel free to extend an invitation of welcome to those outside the church community, they will be sure to enjoy the time together with us.

Mer hoff mer sehn eich datt- "We hope we see you there"!!! Any questions contact Lori Pluda. .

**YOGA (Hatha) CLASS Back by Popular Demand.** Class will begin on Wednesday, September 11th and run each week through December 11, 2019 (except 11/27/19) from 6:30-7:30 pm. - All-levels. Poses and sequences will work on using all parts of the body, and will vary from week to week. This will be suitable for those with some yoga experience but also for anyone with little to none, as options will be offered for the various poses. The goal is to work on strength and flexibility gradually while gaining an ability to focus on breath and awareness.

WHERE: Grace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall  
40 N. Main Street, Hatfield, PA

COST: \$5/class or \$65 for all 13 classes  
(Make checks payable to: Grace Lutheran Church)

WHO: Ages 18 and up

What is needed: exercise mat (let me know if you need one)

Invite a friend or family member everyone is welcome.

Contact Kathy Stawasz if interested.



**Rally Day - September 15, 2019 at 9:15 am**

Is the First Day of Sunday School. Ages K - 12th grade are welcome. (If you child is younger see Laura to discuss options)

Grace is looking for a Sunday School Teacher to work with the 4th - 6th grade students. Prayerfully consider if this is something you might be good at. There is **not** a lot of preparation required with the curriculum we use, and you will be surprised by how YOU learn from them as much as they learn from you. Talk to Laura if you are interested.

**Fall Stitch In Set For Oct 12th**

Bring a project and join the fun as we spend time working on new projects or tackling those unfinished projects! Or come and learn a new craft from a fellow "stitcher". Any type of stitching will do – Embroidery, Cross Stitch, Punch Needle, Crochet, Knitting, Rug Hooking and Quilting just to name a few. Kits will also be available to purchase to make a frame weight. Time is 10 am to 3 pm with doors opening at 9:30 am. Cost is \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Price includes lunch and snacks. Proceeds benefit the generator fund. For reservations or questions contact Peggy Schmidt or Wendy Walter

### Warming Center – What Is It Exactly?

In July, an informational meeting was held to discuss the purchase of a generator for the Wagner House with the purpose of turning it into a Warming Center. While this concept has been discussed for three years now, the Generator Fund which has been created through projects from the Stitchers and InReach teams, is now close to reaching their goal of \$8,000.

What is a Warming Center? In the event of an extended power outage in the Borough, the Center would be opened to Grace members and eventually the community in order for them to charge their electronic or medical devices, have a cup of coffee and to get warm. No one would be spending the night or long periods of time there. Individuals attending the meeting, approved of the idea plus wanted to add the concept of a Cooling Center as well.

Ideas were discussed on the location of the Center – where would be the best location? While Fellowship Hall was originally the idea, the cost to purchase and install the generator was too cost prohibitive and should have been added when the building was completed. The Wagner House was selected because the generator purchase price was obtainable, it is easier to contain and monitor and therefore easier to staff and was more culturally sensitive. Another idea surfaced that included the Stepping Stones classrooms. A bid for the generator and work to install it has already been secured. A price will be obtained for the Stepping Stone option as well. A connection to the church's sump pumps was also discussed.

This was just the first step in establishing the Warming/Cooling Center. A procedure for its operation needs to be in place before an actual opening time is established. Much more needs to be discussed including accessibility, hours of operation, etc. More meetings will be forthcoming in the fall. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to Peggy Schmidt.

**WELCA will meet Wednesday, September 4th at 10am at Grace.** After a brief meeting and devotions, the calendar for the upcoming year will be reviewed. Please attend if you have ideas for meetings. We plan to go out for a Dutch Treat lunch after the planning is completed.



### Key Actions of the Churchwide Assembly

What did you do on your summer vacation? The ELCA's Churchwide Assembly, 900 strong, was busy setting policy and directions for the church Aug. 5-10.

Here are some of this year's Assembly highlights. The voting members:

- Re-elected **Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton** and elected **Deacon Sue Rothmeyer** to a six-year term as Secretary.
- Took action to **affirm the ELCA's longstanding commitment to accompanying migrants and refugees** in all expressions of the church, and declared the ELCA "a sanctuary denomination."
- Adopted resolutions **condemning white supremacy as sin**, and **establishing June 17 as a commemoration for the nine persons killed at Mother Emmanuel Church** in Charleston in 2015 (by a white supremacist raised in an ELCA church).
- Voted to **make ordination the entrance rite for Ministers of Word and Service** (deacons), as it is for Ministers of Word and Sacrament

### ***Please keep the following people in your prayers:***

<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>Lisa Kane</i>
<i>Dorene Bobb</i>	<i>Beth Brown</i>	<i>Annette Beyer</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>Kristopher Yoder</i>	<i>Mandie and Emmett</i>	<i>Richard Badman</i>
<i>Xavier Jackson</i>	<i>Margaret Stangl</i>	<i>Bill Shaffer</i>
<i>Pastor Lee (Phila. Korean Church)</i>		

***For all who grieve, including:*** *The family and friends of Charles' Roney's mother; Bob Darde; Fred Matolicz; Emily Stangl (John's niece); Lillian Buschman (Kerry Stone's grandmother); Sue Deitch (Frank Stone's cousin's wife); and Shannon Ryan, Chip Wood, and John C. Stalder (Bruce Schmidt's uncle)*





## *Harvest Home Sunday* **September 29<sup>th</sup>** **9:15 am communion service**

**Harvest Home** will be celebrated on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Our gifts of food will help those in our immediate communities who are in need of food. These offerings are shared with ***Manna on Main Street*** in Lansdale and ***The Food Cupboard*** at our neighbor church, Emmanuel Evangelical Congregational Church in Hatfield.

You are invited to bring ***canned goods and non-perishable items*** to church during the month of **September**. There will be a display in the narthex with a list of food items needed.

A few suggested food items from Manna and EEC are:

- Canned Fruit
- Canned Vegetables (no corn or green beans)
- Canned Meats
- Canned Soups
- Cereal

**In addition** to bringing items of food for our neighbors in our area, you may also use the envelope included in your offering envelope box that is designated for ***Harvest Home Sunday***. These gifts will be given to the **ELCA World Hunger Appeal**. You will be providing funds needed for our neighbors in countries around the world.

The *Giving In Service Team* thanks you for these gifts that you share with those in need.

### **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.*

## September Serving Schedule

Sept	1	8	15	22	29
<b>Communion Assist -8am</b>	<b>One</b>	TBD	Anna Walter	Dave Kunkel	<b>One</b>
<b>Lector - 8am</b>	<b>Service</b>	Andrea Roney	Dave Kunkel	Kitty Heckler	<b>Service</b>
<b>Acolyte - 8am</b>	<b>at</b>	Ken Seiler	Walter Family	Bob Smyrl	<b>at</b>
<b>Ushers - 8am</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	Ken Seiler & Dave Kunkel	Walter Family	Bob Smyrl & Ken Seiler	<b>9:15am</b>
<b>Greeters - 8am</b>		Karen Seiler	Karen Seiler	Peggy Schmidt	
<b>Altar Guild - 8am</b>		Janice Swartz	J Detweiler & E Woltmann	June Detweiler	
<b>Comm. Assist 10:30</b>	Anna Walter	NA	NA	Kathy Stawasz	Andrea Roney
<b>Lector - 10:30am</b>	Kitty Heckler	Joyce Salter	Dan Sarm	Beth Krout	Tami Sarm
<b>Acolyte - 10:30am</b>	Seth Hercolini	Lacey Halderman	TBD	Olivia Stone	Micah Slugg
<b>Ushers - 10:30am</b>	Walter Family	Kaler Family	Harold Schaefer & Jeff Krout	Harold Schaefer & Jeff Krout	Wyeth & Matt Slugg
<b>Greeters - 10:30am</b>	Karen Heacock	Jeff & Beth Krout	Karen Heacock	Jeff & Beth Krout	Kay Deussing
<b>Altar Guild - 10:30am</b>	Bonnie Stangl	NA	NA	E Woltmann & Bonnie Stangl	E Woltmann & J Detweiler
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Carol MacDonald	Betty Murray	Lori Pluda	Harold Schaefer	Kay & Frank Stone
<b>Nursery</b>	NA	Kay Deussing	Kathy Stawasz & helper	Kerry & Lindsey Stone	Bonnie & Kim Stangl

**Council Duties:**

8am - Joanne Moyer; 10:30am - Joyce Salter

The **Summer Worship** Schedule will end on September 1. A Communion Worship Service will be Sunday at 9:15am and no Sunday School. Our **Regular Worship** will begin on September 8 with an 8am Communion Service and a 10:30am service. Sunday School will start on September 15th. It will be at 9:15am unless otherwise noted. Calvary Korean Church will use the sanctuary each Sunday starting at 12:30 pm.

## Sun Sep 1, 2019 Summer Worship Schedule

Mon Sep 2, 2019 Labor Day - office closed  
 Tue Sep 3, 2019 7pm Stitches  
 Wed Sep 4, 2019 10:00am WELCA

## Sun Sep 8, 2019 Regular Worship Schedule

9:15am **Congregational Breakfast with Ministry Fair**  
 Tue Sep 10 2019 7:15pm Property Committee  
 7:15pm Worship & Music Team  
 Wed Sep 11, 2019 6:30pm Yoga  
 Thu Sep 12, 2019 7:15pm Communication Team

## Sun Sep 15, 2019 Regular Worship Schedule - Newsletter items due

Tue Sep 17, 2019 6:30pm Financial Peace  
 7:00pm Church Council  
 Wed Sep 18, 2019 6:30pm Yoga

## Sun Sep 22, 2019 Regular Worship Schedule

Tue Sep 24, 2019 10am Newsletters Mailed  
 6:30pm Financial Peace  
 Wed Sep 25, 2019 6:30pm Yoga  
 Thu Sep 26, 2019 6pm Laymen Playmen Auditions  
 Sat Sep 28, 2019 9am Laymen Playmen Auditions



**Feeding the Community**

## Sun Sep 29, 2019 Summer Worship Schedule - Harvest Home Sunday

**Followed by Transitional Leadership Team Workshop**  
 Mon Sep 30, 2019 6pm Laymen Playmen Crew Fair

## The Prince is Having a Ball...

The Laymen Playmen, Inc. is proud to announce its 33<sup>rd</sup> production will be ***Rogers and Hammerstein's Cinderella***.

Auditions will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, 40 North Main Street, Hatfield, PA.

Check our website for audition forms and further information.

[www.laymenplaymen.org](http://www.laymenplaymen.org) . Questions call 215 368 9484.

Performance dates are February 6-9 & 13-16, 2020.

## 2019 CROP WALK

*Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>*

# Walk. Give. Change the World.

Together, we can help end hunger in our community  
and around the world!

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**. The North Penn 41<sup>st</sup> Annual **CROP Walk** will be held rain or shine. The walk begins and ends at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale. Won't you join in the fun and walk so that others may have food on their tables!! The funds raised at area CROP Walks are given to Church World Service. CWS distributes these funds to the areas in the world in most need of help. A percentage of the funds raised are also shared locally with the North Penn Area.

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Services and organized by religious groups, businesses, schools and others to raise funds to end hunger in the U. S. and around the world.

If you cannot join the walk, help sponsor one of our Grace walkers. Please help support this project in 2019!! For information and forms about CROP Walk, see Diane Ball, Jean Shaffer or Lori Pluda.

Visit [http://www.churchworldservice.org/site/PageServer?pagename=crop\\_main](http://www.churchworldservice.org/site/PageServer?pagename=crop_main) for more information about this world wide project through Church World Service.



**Property Team “Wish” Projects**

Maintenance and upgrades of our physical plant takes both time and money. When possible, the team identifies talents of our Grace members and asks them to complete certain projects, but these still take money for materials. Below are a few of the projects we would like to accomplish in the near future and the amount of money needed to complete them:

1. Connect basement sump pump to proposed Warming Center permanent generator: \$2250
2. Purchase of floor scrubber machine to better clean and maintain tile floors in fellowship hall, hallways, and classrooms. (Stepping Stones has agreed to contribute up to \$2000 of cost for this machine): \$790
3. Repair lights on outside lighted cross on parking lot side of building: \$1950
4. Install electronic lock on narthex entry door to eliminate continual removal of door center pole each Sunday and for special events like funerals: \$450
5. Revamp our outdoor signs with LED lights: \$625 each.

If you wish to make a contribution for all or part of these projects, please contact Frank Stone Sr. at 215-353-1009 or place an offering marked 'property team projects' during Sunday worship.

Also, if you are aware of a property maintenance issue or improvement suggestion, please let a property team member know. Team includes Barry Moyer, Jeff Krout, Bob Reilly, Paul MacDonald, Frank Stone Sr.

**Philadelphia Homeless Project**

On behalf of Heidelberg UCC and Ashley Paskill, thank you for all of the donations to their packages for the homeless in Philadelphia.

### INreach Happenings

Do you, or someone you know, need a little TLC? The **INreach** team is a dynamic group of Grace members that meet once a month and minister to the needs of the congregation in the following ways:

**Phone calls...Visitation (Eucharistic and Pastoral) ...Transportation... Offering recordings of Sunday morning Services...Fellowship events... Sunshine boxes...Meals...Community resources and connections... Fundraising for Grace projects...Prayer & member connections... Gifts for special occasions...New member support**

We welcome information and want you to know that your cares and concerns can be shared with anyone from our INreach team, Pastor Peterman, or Kathie Allerbach (our church secretary). Information will be kept confidential unless stated otherwise.

INreach is very grateful for Pastor Peterman's passion and involvement. She is presently looking for volunteers who would like to be trained to offer communion to our shut-ins. Please consider being a part of this important ministry!

We are ALWAYS looking for volunteers to help our Team coordinate services to Grace members. **Whether you have 10 minutes a month OR 10 hours a week, we can use your help!**

Kay Deussing; Kitty Heckler; Lori Pluda; Tami Sarm; Bruce Schmidt; Peggy Schmidt; Kay Stone; Sue Weiland; Emily Woltmann; Fay Younger; and Carol MacDonald



Welcome to Jessica Moran back from maternity leave as the new permanent Director of our Stepping Stones program.



### Hatfield Coat Drive

Six years ago on a particularly cold and snowy day, a four year old little girl came to my school dressed in a sweatshirt for her coat and summer clothes. After talking with the mother, it became evident the little girl didn't have a winter coat nor appropriate clothes for winter. After a few calls, a friend donated clothing and a winter coat for her and other arrangements were made for additional help. This situation planted a seed of an idea of making sure our children in Hatfield would have winter coats.

It has come to the attention of the H3C that many of the Hatfield families live below the poverty level and more than 50% of the local Elementary Schools' children qualify for government sponsored breakfasts and lunches. Buying a winter coat can be a luxury for some families. With your help and donation of coats, you can keep our "at risk" children in the Hatfield Community, warm for this winter. Warmth should not be a luxury.

Please consider donating a winter coat or two in the sizes infant to 16/18 youth or giving a financial donation and help "keep away the cold".

The deadline for the coat donations is Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Distribution will be Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help with coat sorting or distribution, please contact MC Reilly.

### Recycling with a Purpose-



Thank you to Liana and Joan Amundsen for their part in organizing the repurposing of the Giant Direct bags. Through the efforts of Liana and Joan and the donations from Giant Direct, we are now able to reuse the Giant Direct grocery bags for a number of Hatfield Community efforts. The bags are now being used for the Food Cupboard families, the Backpack project, Heidelberg's Homeless project, and will be used for Grace's Harvest Home.

Liana works in that department of Giant and has had a major hand in making this a special mission to the Hatfield Community.





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## September 2019

Sept 8

Ministry Fair

Sept 15

Rally Day

Sept 29

Harvest Home

Sept 29

Congregation Transitional Workshop



**See More Important Details Inside**

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