



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

**Grace Lutheran Church
May 10th - Fifth Sunday of Easter
Happy Mothers' Day!**

SUNDAY MORNING

Welcome to Grace! We are not able to gather in person during these days of limited social interactions as we seek to work together as a community to limit the spread of the Covid-19 virus. But we are still the Church together and held in God's almighty hands.

Find Grace Online

For Worship:

Go online in any way (phone, tablet, computer with any browser). Go to www.YouTube.com Search for: Grace Hatfield Services Sunday services are posted each week by noon on Saturday and will stay available. Find the lessons & prayers on Grace's website. **Spread the word!**

For Sunday School: NO Sunday School on Mothers' Day

We're holding Sunday school by Zoom. It's so good to see each other! Contact Laura Slugg for your personal invite (pj's are ok!) mcslugg@mac.com; 215-429-0005

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 Pastor Peterman, or a Church Council member, know if you would prefer that you and/or your child's image not be used.*

Our synod guest preachers return on May 17 & 24. This week Pastor Peterman is in our virtual pulpit: Happy Mothers' Day!

Leaders in worship this week:

Music: Lori Pluda, Frank Stone, Wyeth and Micah Slugg, and Harold Schaeffer, with Minister of Music Kevin

Lectors: Kathy and Bob Stawasz

Presiding and Preaching: Pastor Peterman

Production: Harold Schaeffer; Bonnie and John Stangl

News in and around Grace:

Congratulations!

Retirements:

Jean Shaffer, June 14th Jean has been a part time staff nurse at Roosevelt alternative school in Norristown.

Pastor Shirley Guider retires from pastoral ministry on May 31st. Pastor Guider has long been a friend of Grace since her internship here years ago. There can be no congregational gathering to celebrate, but if you'd like to send a card:

c/o St. Paul's Lutheran Church
107 W. Lincoln Avenue, Telford, PA 18969

Elder Birthday this month:

Chuck Slugg, May 19th

Condolences

Stepping Stones Director Jess Moran's grandmother died Wednesday morning 5/6 of complications of the corona virus.

Congratulations!

Congratulations and thank you to Finance and Stepping Stones leaders working together. Grace's application for Paycheck Protection money through the Small Business Administration of the government was approved and funded! Stepping Stones staff are called back to work effective this coming Monday, May 11th. Most staff will be working from home until the center is allowed to re-open, which is still at least weeks away. The latest order from Governor Wolf keeps Montgomery County in the red zone through at least June 4th. The back to work provision relates just to the day care side of the program, as Nursery School would have soon ended for the school year.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Bells Rang and We Rejoiced!



Showing our appreciation for frontline workers and first responders: We thank you!



Enjoying the bells, but honoring social distancing...
With God's help, we will get through this!

Coming Up

Tomato Seedlings

A limited number of tomato seedlings will be available this year. They will be available at the entrance of Grace, under the sheltered entrance where Stepping Stones enters, on **Sunday, May 17th, from noon to 4 pm**, 1 per household. If any are leftover at 4 pm, you may come for an additional plant. *Come, Grow with Grace.*

Pentecost Reading of Acts 2

Do you speak another language?

Are you willing to try something new for Sunday, May 31st?

That's Pentecost Sunday and Pastor Peterman is trying to imagine how we might do a reading of the Acts 2 Pentecost story on Zoom with a recording that could be put into our weekly online service.

Contact her **by May 20th** if you could take responsibility for a language to participate. (You'll record from home.)

Mother's Day Carnations

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. Exodus 20:12

Carnations given this year:

- In memory of his mother, Ellen, and his mother-in-law, Dorothy, from Richard R. Badman
- In honor of his wife, Faye, and his daughters-in-law, Caroline, Lonna, and Lianne from Richard R. Badman
- In memory of her mother, Jeanette Schussler, and her mother-in-law, Theresa Schlossman, from June Detweiler
- In honor of Wendy Walter, Nancy Sellers and Vicki Barnes from June Detweiler
- In honor of Wendy Walter from Anna Walter
- In honor of Wendy Walter from Bryan Walter
- In memory of her mother, Gretel Bundschuh, from Kay Deussing
- In memory of her mother, Ruth Karcewski, and her mother-in-law, Dorothy Kratz, from Laura Kratz
- In honor of Tammy Dempsey, Emma Dempsey, and Melissa Kratz from Laura Kratz
- In memory of Helen Wolf from Phyllis McKeefrey and Karen Heacock
- In memory of their mothers, Mary Rufe and Helen Alderfer, Aunt Irma Hendricks and their Grandmothers from Dale and Mary Jane Moyer
- In honor of their daughter-in-law, Cora Moyer and their sister, Suzanne Morrell from Dale and Mary Jane Moyer
- In honor of his wife Mary Jane Moyer from Dale Moyer
- In memory of her mother, Edna Moore, Grammy Schrauger, and Auntie Pearl Schrauger from Betty Murray
- In honor of her sisters, Hazel Mascaro, Keri Mascaro, Connie Mascaro and Kathy Koenig from Betty Murray
- In honor of their mother, Lori Pluda from Allison, Tim, Toby and Addie John
- In memory of Bill's mother, Clara "Holly" Shaffer, Jean's mother, Jean Estevez and dear friend, Karen Cannon from Bill and Jean Shaffer
- In honor of Jean Shaffer and Tori Shaffer from Bill and Will Shaffer
- In memory of their grandmothers from Frank and Kay Stone
- In memory of Frank's mother, Mildred Stone and Kay's mother, Sarah Smith from Frank and Kay Stone
- In honor of Amy Taylor, Jennifer Stone, Kerry Stone, Joan Buschman, Sally Stone, Julie Buschman, Carolyn Stone and Cady Stone from Frank and Kay Stone
- In memory of their mother, Evelyn Watts, their grandmothers, Amy Detwiler and Anna Watts, their aunts, Mae Ritter and Marion Fretz, from Barbara and Beverly Watts
- In honor of their aunt, Ruth Watts and their friends, Kate McInaw and Kay Deussing, from Barbara and Beverly Watts

This Week at Grace

Sunday, May 10th	5 th Sunday of Easter
	No public gatherings yet this week
Saturday, 5/9 11 - noon	Carnation pick up at Grace, if you have made a pre-order
noon	Sunday worship posted online at noon See Grace's website for the lessons & prayers https://gracelutheranhatfield.org
Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!	www.YouTube.com Search: Grace Hatfield Services
Offerings?	Use the DONATE NOW button on our website. OR: Mail offerings into the office (address on 2 nd page). We deposit weekly.
Sunday, May 17th	6 th Sunday of Easter
Noon to 4 pm	<i>Parish News</i> deadline today Tomato plant pick up at Grace (as available, 1 per household, see announcement on page 1)

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Office Hours will resume when we can gather in person.

Email or call the office or Pr Peterman and we will get back to you as soon as we are able.

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In Our Prayers:

John Fischer, Bob Kaler, Wendy Amparano, Suzanne Colville, Pam Matolicz, Paige Haldeman, Nancy Sellers, Laura Cooper, Liz Bauer, Beth Brown, Xavier Jackson, Gerry Maso, Joe Hopkins, Doug Boldon, Carol Buffone, Cassi Lambert, Kristopher Yoder, Annette Beyer, Dorene Bobb, Keira Drissel, Cindy Kunkel, Mandie and Emmett, Ron and Karen Hudson, Lisa Kane, Andy Armstrong (Friend of the MacDonald's), Diane Graham, Miller (Friend of the Walter Family), Cindy Mancuso, Anne Lewis, Joyce Salter, Jim Pluda, John Stangl, having surgery this week and Bonnie, Ken Seiler, Sr (Ken's dad), Terry Stringfellow, friend of Dale and Mary Jane Moyer, Hazel Mascaro, Bob Yoder, RJ Bernheiser, Karen and Mark Weirbach

For all who grieve, including:

The family and friends of Bob Darde; Fred Matolicz; Lillian Buschman (Kerry Stone's grandmother); Shannon Ryan; Ralph Buffone; Gail Constanzer (Shirley Yoder's sister-in-law); Frank "Chick" Mascaro (Jerry's brother); Millie Anderson, Arline Kratz; Marilyn Homan; Barbara Masser (Ray's wife); Joan Lattanze; Samuel Barndt, cousin of Andrea Roney; Joan Miller; TreMar

Lost to Covid-19:

Elizabeth Coyle, Crystal Tula's great aunt; Charlotte Hutchinson, Jess Moran's grandmother

For those in active duty military service:

Robert McNulty, active duty Marines, basic training
Jessica and Kyle Murphy, both active duty Air Force
Matthew Smyrl, active duty Army; Nathaniel Smyrl, PA Army National Guard

Here's a newly updated list from EEC's Food Cupboard

- Cereal (NOT hot oatmeal)
- Mayo & salad dressings
- Canned peas
- tomato soup
- canned olives
- tea bags
- coffee
- dishwashing liquid
- tissues
- body wash
- toothbrushes
- razors & shave cream (Men & Women)
- water bottles

Other non-perishable food items and household items also accepted.



Covered bins remain at the entrance to Grace for your contributions.

Food Ministries

Food Pantry Distribution and Contributions

The food pantry at Emmanuel EEC (100 S Main Street)

Open next: Thursday, May 14, 1:00 pm

Wednesday, May 20, 5:30 pm

For food through the Hatfield Church of the Brethren (1333 Cowpath Rd) email hatfieldfoodbank@yahoo.com for an appointment, if possible.

Open next: Tuesday, May 20, noon – 1:30

Saturday, May 23, 10 – 11:00 am

The Church of the Brethren volunteers are in the building for 2 hours before the stated opening and allow people coming for food to come in when they arrive in this time period to give enough space for physical distancing.

PB & J Sandwiches

New this week: The sandwich ministry got a name: **Welcome Bread**, showing its connection to the Welcome Church. Several other churches are joining us, making it possible to open up a second delivery day.

Last week we made and gathered **603 sandwiches and 80 snack bags**. We're on it now, in the rhythm!

Please email, call or text Jelly Czar Lou Farrell to let him know how many sandwiches you make on the weeks you are participating. Drop off at Grace is Tuesdays into the coolers, 8 am to 8 pm. He delivers on Wednesdays.

This week we received cases of peanut butter for the use of our sandwich makers who wish to pick it up. It is available at the entrance of Grace. Special pick up time available this Saturday, May 9th, 11 am through noon, when the carnations are available for pick up.

Here's what 600+ sandwiches & 80 snack bags look like!



Thanks!

Bruce Schmidt thanks Grace friends for the Styrofoam egg cartons. He has all he needs for this year.

Cancellations

Be safe, be well: How weary to keep sitting in the same chair, to be kept from seeing the ones we love! How hard to watch our country in such economic distress! But there is not enough testing yet to be safe, and it is not yet clear how we will be safe with each other in gatherings when we will be able to be together. Until then, we plan and hope.

For now, no:

- Mothers' Day Dinner this year (Thursday, May 14th)
- Spring Fling Flea Market (Saturday, May 16th): If you have space, hold the "stuff" you have been saving for the Flea Market. We'll try to have an event to "use" it when we can.