



# Parish News

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

## A Letter from the Pastor

Dear friends at Grace,  
 On Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, the lazy Sunday afternoon of Labor Day weekend, I got to push the button! **SUBMIT!**



With that, representing so much hard work, and accompanied by assorted required documents that go with it, Grace's Ministry Site Profile (MSP) was filed with the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, our denomination. The call process for your new pastor has officially begun.

I've been doing interim ministry since 2006, and I've come to think of this moment as an important pivot point – from a time of congregational study and self-reflection to the implementation of the recommendations of the Profile.

Of course the primary implementation of the Profile has Grace calling a new settled pastor. Your Call Committee is already working to understand the Profile and preparing for interviewing. Though confidentiality rules preclude their sharing who the candidates are until one is chosen to present to the Council and congregation, there will be an announcement to the congregation when Grace receives its slate of candidates. (Among Lutherans, pastors don't share with their home congregations that they are considering a new call, and only one pastor will be chosen. Thus, confidentiality protects all the pastors under consideration and the ministries some of them will return to when they do NOT receive Grace's call.)

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I understand that basketball regulations don't let you hold, or carry the ball, except for short periods of time. But while you hold the ball briefly, with one foot fixed in place, you can use the other foot to pivot, to change directions, and move the ball in new directions down the court.

Grace endured so much to recover from the fire! Mighty Grace! Renegotiation of the insurance settlement; reimagining the physical properties for the congregation and its ministries; 2 capital campaigns; rebuilding; re-renovating the sanctuary... and not one ministry was lost, through six pastors (from Pastor Daryl Nelson, Interim Pastor at the time of the fire through Pastor Dave Lutcher, who helped Grace to rebuild).

Yes, the study phase of this interim time has lasted longer than usual, thanks in large part to Covid restrictions. Yet some deeper issues needed attention, like the pointing of a building's foundation, which should serve Grace well for years to come: staffing in all major church positions, that makes the pastor's role Head of Staff, but also part of a thriving team, ready for the growth of the congregation that has already begun (with the Director of Stepping Stones, Grace's Minister of Music, and soon a new part time Office Admin); attention to some administrative tasks like the membership roster; learning a process for talking with each other across differences through the Dialogue Circle method.

With these investments into Grace's life and future, we now pivot into the next phase of Grace's life.

You'll notice our pivot in other ways besides the Call Committee's work.

The primary insight of the Profile is that as the period after the fire was a time of physical rebuilding, this new pastoral tenure will be a time for the rebuilding of the congregation and of growth. Grace isn't waiting for the new pastor to arrive for growth to happen, though. It has already begun! Congregations that are growing are good at building relationships with those who are around their ministries, interacting with the congregation, to invite them into their wider life and ministries. God has given Grace such rich opportunities for this kind of growth, and Grace made such wise choices about the use of its buildings when you returned after the fire, which are bearing fruit now: Yoga; Cub Pack 51; Stepping Stones; Stitchers; activities with the Borough; service in the community in many and various ways so that so many know Grace's witness; the coming Warming/Cooling Center...

As the Call Committee works, leaders and I will be focusing on the ways we can enhance the growth that has already begun, to make it easier for your new pastor to step in and hit the ground running.

I am thrilled to be at this point with you, to be turning with you toward the future that is so right for you, and to await what God has in store for you. Let's play ball!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Janet S. Peterman  
Interim Pastor

p.s. My family and I thank you for your many kind thoughts, cards and well wishes and prayers after my husband Kent's recent accident. He has a long way to go, but the early signs are good for a full recovery.

**Editor's Note:** Over the Labor Day weekend Pastor Peterman's husband, Kent, was on a bicycle and hit by a car in a hit-and-run accident. He was rushed to the hospital with brain trauma. After surgery he is now in rehab. If you would like to send a card, you may send it to:

Kent Peterman  
230 W. Winona Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19144

### ***A Hearty Thank You***

We thank the Worship & Music Team for their wondrous efforts to think through how to bring us back to worship in person safely, to their hours of preparation and planning, and offer a special THANK YOU to those who worked on set up in July and August to allow us to worship outdoors:

Ken and Karen Seiler; Beth and Jeff Krout; Kathy Stawasz; Emily Woltmann; Don Capanear; Dave Kunkle; Dan and Tami Sarm; and Harold Shaffer. We tip our hats to you!

### **Photo Policy**

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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 Mason, 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), Cindy Mancuso, Anne Lewis, Joyce Salter, Jim Pluda, John and Bonnie Stangl, Ken Seiler, Sr (Ken's dad), Terry Stringfellow, (friend of Dale and Mary Jane Moyer), Hazel Mascaro, RJ Bernheiser, Ruthann Rex (Kathy Stawasz' mom), Rita Hamilton (Roney's friend), Jeanine Marie Cabrera (Jean Shaffer's daughter), Rich Woltmann, Shirley and Bob Yoder, Peggy Long, Ashley Plawa Reiss and her twin unborn daughters whose pregnancy is nearing its end, Carol MacDonald, Kent Peterman, Robyn Gibson (stepdaughter of Phyllis McKeefrey)*

***For all who grieve, including:***

***The family and friends of Bob Darde; Fred Matolicz; Lillian Buschman (Kerry Stone's grandmother); Shannon Ryan; Ralph Buffone; Marilyn Homan; Barbara Masser (Ray's wife); Joan Lattanze; Samuel Barndt, cousin of Andrea Roney; Joan Miller; TreMar; Karen Weirbach; Diane Graham Miller; George Townsend (Roney's friend); Donna Plawa: Jean Goetter; Beto Dominguez (Jesus Tula's cousin), John Green (Jess Moran's uncle), Edward Felix McTeigue (Reilly's friend), Tomasa Dominguez (Jesus Tula's grandmother)***

***Lost to Covid-19:***

*Elizabeth Coyle, Crystal Tula's great aunt; Charlotte Hutchinson, Jess Moran's grandmother; Victor Dominguez, Jesus Tula's uncle*

***For those in active duty military service:***

*Robert McNulty, Marines, basic training  
Jessica Murphy, Air Force  
Matthew Smyrl, Army; Nathaniel Smyrl, PA Army  
Nat'l Guard*

***For active duty military deployed overseas:***

*Kyle Murphy, Air Force*



Dear friends, Recently I found myself wondering how it is that our climate goes from being excessively hot and humid at times to literally freezing in one day! I had to turn on our heat last evening because I knew I'd wake to a chill that might keep me in bed all day, at least that's how I predicted it.

I'm also feeling a refreshed sense of church again now that we are back indoors on Sunday mornings. This morning (Sept. 20th) we recognized a couple folks who were celebrating a birthday. One member, Mabel Hoepfl was there and we acknowledged her 90th birthday. I paused for a moment thinking of the years that pass and all the things we encounter in life and how we cope with the good and bad. At the same time, I recalled the week of September 6th - 12th, which was National Suicide Prevention week. It is tremendously sad. Can you think back to a time in your life that felt impossible and scary and hopeless? It makes me wonder how struggles can really take control of our lives. Our mental health and measures to safeguard our lives or the ones we love can be very complex. In such struggles we must find a way to allow time to slowly piece the fabric of life back together and each small step can bring us into a better place. It takes a lot of time and support from people who love us. It is very important to "be together" in support of important causes and not lose sight of being patient. In the moment we find Grace and acceptance of the difficult times, we can push forward a little more. I believe in wanting good things and good times and to love and be loved and to "get through" the next tough moment knowing I can do it. And when I'm 90 years old, I can say, "yes you can" because I know lots of things! Well I'm not here to preach or lecture, I'm sharing personal thoughts and that I felt blessed today at church just being there.

In the coming weeks, I am looking forward to including some favorite hymns and songs as part of worship. While we at Grace are taking extra care to be safe, singing is limited but we have each other and blessings that you can only have at Grace. I know it's important to sing, I'm a musician for goodness sake. I am also a son, a father, a husband and someone who tries very hard to filter many considerations that ultimately are in the best interest of those whom I love. We will be back to normal, we will feel good and there will be more of what we love and plenty to sing about together. Right now I'm far from being 90 years old, but if I may say that the journey is long and the road may not always be smooth, but having Grace in my life means a lot.. you!

My prayers are with all of you and especially Pastor Peterman and family.

May the Lord continually bless you with heaven's blessing as well as with human joys. (Psalm 128:5)

Kevin

***8/30/20 Congregational Meeting Results***

**Resolution 1**

Be it resolved, as we consider the place of gay and lesbian people at Grace and a Pastor's ministry with and among them, that Grace Lutheran Church asks our next Pastor to:

- Offer love, support, and refuge to those regardless of their sexuality who want to grow in faith, together in Christ.
- Understand both sides of the issue and work to bring the congregation together while
- understanding and accepting differences among people.
- Relate kindly to those Grace members who disagree theologically with a more open stance.
- Understand the issues and engage in conversations in order to further grow our knowledge on this topic and work on bringing light to both sides.

Yes votes: 46 No votes: 0 Abstentions: 1

**Resolution 2**

Therefore, be it resolved, that beginning with the next pastoral tenure, for the next pastoral tenure, Grace Lutheran Church will allow gay and lesbian members of the congregation to be married in the sanctuary, in the same way they would allow any other marriages, with all the same requirements for marriage preparation, and at the determination of the Pastor, as for any other couple.

Yes votes: 42 No votes: 4 Abstentions: 1

**Comment**

While the vote showed an overwhelming majority of participants in favor of the resolutions, we identified some members who stayed away from the process because they held opposing views and wanted to avoid the process, and others who were prevented from participating because of underlying health concerns and Covid restrictions. Council felt strongly, however, that despite our differences, we can show respect and honor to all as we work together in Christ.

**Thanks:** What a pleasant surprise to receive several birthday cards from members of Grace! They brought back many pleasant memories from the past when my husband and I lived in Hatfield and were active in the life of Grace. Thank you all for taking the time to mail a card to me. Chuck and I are doing well although we are both slowing down. We usually get to Grace for Christmas Eve but the pandemic may change that this year. May God bless you all.

Mary Jane Slugg



*October Calendar*

Thu, Oct 1, 2020	7:00pm	Call Committee via Zoom
<b>Sun, Oct 3, 2020</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Communion</b>
	10:30am	Zoom Sunday School
Wed, Oct 7, 2020	10:00am	WELCA in the pavilion
	6:30pm	Yoga
Thu, Oct 8, 2020	7:00pm	Call Committee via Zoom
	7:30pm	Communication Team via Zoom
<b>Sun, Oct 11, 2020</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	10:30am	Zoom Sunday School
		Virtual CROP Walk
Tue, Oct 13, 2020	7:00pm	Worship and Music via Zoom
Wed, Oct 14, 2020	6:30pm	Yoga
<b>Sun, Oct 18, 2020</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	10:30am	Zoom Sunday School
Tue, Oct 20, 2020	7:00pm	Council in person with Zoom option
Wed, Oct 21, 2020	6:30pm	Yoga
Sat, Oct 24, 2020	12:00pm	Trunk or Treat—look on website for more details
<b>Sun, Oct 25, 2020</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Communion - Reformation</b>
	10:30am	Zoom Sunday School
Wed, Oct 28, 2020	6:30pm	Yoga

**Above are the events we are aware of at the time of the Parish News printing, Other events may be added or updated depending on the COVID-19 situation.**

The Central Philadelphia (Korean) Church will be worshipping in the Wagner House on Sundays at 11:00 am following CDC best practices.

**We started YOGA (Hatha).** Class will be outside weather permitting. If bad weather we will be inside. Class will be on Wednesday, 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. The goal is to work on strength and flexibility gradually while gaining an ability to focus on breath and awareness. **MASK must be worn.**

**COST:** \$5/class fee will be donated to the Welcome Bread (Make checks payable to: Grace Lutheran Church)

**What is needed:** exercise mat (let me know if you need one) Invite a friend or family member everyone is welcome. Questions Contact Kathy Stawasz .

### Hatfield Christmas Committee

September, 2020

Dear Loyal Supporters of the Hatfield Christmas Committee,

This is the time of year we usually send out our letter requesting your support for the needy families of the Hatfield Community.

The COVID virus has taken a toll on this mission since many of our families come to us through the schools, and the North Penn School District is all virtual at this time. This year we will be supporting the families connected with the two local Food Cupboards.

Our mission to help others who need a hand up and not a hand out still remains but with a different look this year. It is not yet safe for our sponsors to go out shopping so we are taking a page from Manna on Main Street and focusing on purchasing \$25 gift cards to Walmart and Giant stores. These will be made available to the families in need at the two Food Cupboards in Hatfield, Emmanuel EC Church on Lincoln and Main Streets and Church of the Brethren on Cowpath Road, Hatfield.

If you choose, we invite you to donate to the gift cards at:

Hatfield Christmas Committee  
C/O LP  
PO Box 485  
Hatfield, PA 19440

Another change this year will be the Angel Boxes. These include items that cannot be purchased with food stamps. Rather than the usual collection of household products, we are asking for only personal hygiene items. Once collected, they will be made available to the families in need through the two food cupboards. The list of these items include:

Toilet paper	Paper towels	Kleenex
Shampoo- tight lids	Tooth paste and brushes	Razors
Bar Soap	Deodorant	Feminine products

We will be collecting these items until Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. They can be dropped off at Grace Lutheran Church, Hatfield.

Since so many businesses are also having hard times due to the COVID virus, please accept our sincere thanks for your past support.

These are certainly difficult times for all. As we struggle to find our “new normal”, please stay safe and may God Bless you All

Thank you,  
Mary Catherine Reilly



**WELCA**

Hi ladies, we are going to try having a WELCA meeting October 7th at 10am. We'll meet at the pavilion weather permitting. It would be nice seeing everyone again. If you have a chair please bring it, if not I believe there are picnic tables there. Also bring a lunch & a mask. Take care and I hope to see you then.

Barbara Watts



*Harvest Home Sunday*  
September 27th

**THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!**

Harvest Home was celebrated on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who gave items for our neighbors in Hatfield and Lansdale. These offerings were shared with *Manna on Main Street* in Lansdale and *The Hatfield Food Cupboard* at our neighbor church, Emmanuel Evangelical Congregational Church.

Thanks also to those of you who chose to use your envelope included in your offering envelope box that was 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 shared with those in need.

***Adopt-A-Family Christmas Project***

Watch for information in Grace Notes and the November Parish News for our Adopt-A-Family Christmas Project. Plans are still in motion for us to help local families celebrate Christmas with your help. We want to be sure to make shopping safe and easy for you as well as help the families in need. Angel Boxes will be filled with needed supplies that you may donate. Keep a look out for more information.

This is just another way that YOU are Grace Stewards!! The *Giving In Service Team* appreciates your generosity!

## Food Ministries: Sources of Food

### Food Cupboard Distribution

The food cupboard at *Emmanuel EEC* (100 S Main Street)

Open next: Tuesday, October 5, 2020 5:30 pm

*Emmanuel Lutheran Church* (69 W Broad St, Souderton) has a daily meal program. Anyone may come for a bagged meal; limited social contact. No registration required. No residency requirements. Up to 4 bags a day possible if picking up for a family or for neighbors who can't get out.



## October Worship Services

Our worship services at Grace will continue to be at 9:15 am and held in our sanctuary. We will continue with social distancing and wearing masks.

- We ask that you sit in your family units with **FOUR** chair spaces between family units.
- Offering baskets, Bulletins and Grace Notes will continue to be at the doors to the sanctuary as you enter.
- After the service has ended, those who wish to continue fellowship with each other should move outdoors where social distancing is easier and safer.

As attendance increases, we will reconsider returning to our two services at 8 am and 10:30 am.

## All Saints Remembrance coming...

As we turn into fall, the longer shadows remind us of shortness of life and of loved ones no longer with us. On All Saints Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> this year, we will remember members of Grace who have been baptized and those who have died since All Saints Sunday last year. Members who have died will each have a tall candle on the altar, and an angel prepared for them with their name on it.

The newly baptized and our loved ones from outside Grace who have died may also be included in our prayers for the day: We'll have small candles to light for them, as we read their names aloud.

This month we prepare by gathering the names of our loved ones from beyond Grace to add to the members of the congregation who have died or been baptized. You can add them to our list by writing them in the All Saints notebook, which you'll find just below the processional cross in the sanctuary through the month of October. If you're not worshipping in person, you may send the peoples' names (with your name, in case we need to contact you) to the office: [graceassistant40@gmail.com](mailto:graceassistant40@gmail.com) or by calling the church office: 215-855-4676.

**EEC Food Cupboard Collection UPDATES...**

NEW monthly food distributions are now being held on TUESDAYS: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> **Tuesdays** at 5:30 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> **Tuesdays** at 1 pm.

Items that are currently in short supply: Grocery store gift cards (so the food cupboard can buy what is needed) , Cooking oil, Flour, Sugar, Jelly, and 100% juice.

Janet Hague has also informed us that your garden surplus is welcomed and greatly appreciated by their clients! If you have garden perishables that you would like to share, please call Carol 215-872-0472 and we can set up a time for pick up.

As financial struggles become more prevalent during this pandemic, your ongoing support and generosity is so very much appreciated by our Hatfield neighbors. Thank you so much for continuing to drop off donations in our plastic food bins located under the portico at Grace. Any additional items you can pick up while you shop will make a difference. All non-perishables and household items are helpful. Updated wish lists for scarce items will be shared in Grace notes.

All donated items at Grace are brought to the EEC Food Cupboard once a week (usually Tuesday or Wednesday).

The food cupboard is available to all Hatfield borough residents, so please reach out if you, or someone you know, would benefit from receiving supplemental food pantry items. 215-855-2540; [foodcupboard@yahoo.com](mailto:foodcupboard@yahoo.com)

**Congratulations to our Minister of Music on his One Year Anniversary at Grace! Cards are welcomed in appreciation of his music ministry c/o Kevin at the church address.**

***A Note from your Minister of Music:** Thank you Grace Congregation for thinking of me and the gifts and card in recognition of my one-year anniversary at Grace as your Director of Music Ministry. Your thoughtful ways of being kind and welcoming means a lot to me.*

*-Kevin*

Dear Friends and Loyal Supporters of Laymen Playmen,  
It is with a sad heart I am sharing an update from The Laymen Playmen, Inc.. Normally during this time of year we would be advertising for our annual auditions for our 2021 production, but not this year. After much discussion and consideration, the Laymen Playmen Board has voted to postpone our 2021 February production.

The COVID virus has affected all of us in many ways and in order for us to keep everyone safe including our cast, crew and audience, we must follow the COVID guidelines. These guidelines include a specific small number of people congregating at the same time and then keeping a safe distance apart. We cannot follow these government guidelines and make our production fiscally sound.

Our Mission is to donate monies we receive from these shows to the Hatfield Pastors' Fund and those in need in our local communities. If you would like to donate your cost of tickets or any amount to Laymen Playmen, we will give it directly to the Hatfield Pastors' Fund. You can mail it to Laymen Playmen, PO Box 485, Hatfield, PA 19440.

Many thanks for all of your continued support throughout our 32 years.

"I work diligently to keep my eyes above water level."

Fred Wiesinger  
President, The Laymen Playmen, Inc.



### **An Update on the Air Circulation System**

Since we have moved inside for our service, we wanted to make sure that our air circulation system was in proper working order. So the following items have been completed: the maintenance on the building's air handlers has been finished; the evaporator coils have been chemically cleaned; all the air filters in the new building have been replaced and the building's exhaust fans have all be checked and are in working order. Thank you to Paul MacDonald and Jeff and Elijah Krout for their hard work on this.

## Stepping Stones Update

We have had an AMAZING September here at Stepping Stones! We passed our inspection with flying colors, are adding new children to our roster every week, and, perhaps most excitingly, after 7 months of hard work throughout the whole school Stepping Stones Nursery School and Daycare was awarded a Keystone Stars Star 2 status as of Thursday, September 17th! Keystone Stars represents quality care for children and adding stars to your school is not only a feather in our cap, but also helps with enrollment, and helps the children, parents, and teachers have access to materials they need! We are very proud of our Star 2 and are incredibly grateful to Grace Lutheran Church and to the CARES team for all their hard work they put in to make it so this could be possible! We can't wait to show you what we have in store for the rest of Fall!

Jessica Moran, Director

### ***Welcome Bread: Grace's Sandwich Day is Tuesday***

There is a clip from YouTube of Jelly Czar Lou Farrell interviewed last week by Charles Ellison (Fox29, "Reality Check") about his work with Welcome Bread at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oV5sepR4vv0>

We're part of something really important, and we helped to get it started!

Emmanuel Lutheran (see Food Ministries, page 10) just passed giving away 36,000 meals since the start of the pandemic and they regularly receive PB & J as a part of the network of Welcome Bread, so we are now linked in this new way.

### **PB & J Sandwiches, Instructions**

- You make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches on soft *white* bread and put them in ZIPLOC bags, 1 sandwich per bag. Use cheap white bread with gobs of PB and J. A loaf will get you nine sandwiches. Please consider buying two loaves.
- The cooler will be at the entrance to Grace all day each TUESDAY. Leave your donation in the labeled coolers between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm
- Please email, text or call Jelly Czar Lou to let him know how many sandwiches you made.

2020 North Penn Annual CROP Walk  
**The Walk is virtual, but the need could not be more real!**

The North Penn Annual **CROP Walk** will be virtual this year and take place on October 11, 2020. The walk is 5 miles. Even though we will not be gathering together, we know you are still walking and raising money for Manna and CWS. If you can't walk that day, please walk any time during the week leading up to World Hunger Day which is on Friday, October 16, 2020.

Won't you join in the fun and walk so that others may have food!! The funds raised at area CROP Walks are given to Church World Services. CWS distributes these funds to the areas in the world in most need of help. Part of the funds are shared in the Lansdale area. If you cannot join the walk, help sponsor one of our walkers. For information or to pick up a form to walk, see Jean Shaffer or Kay Stone.

Visit "Grace Lutheran Church-Hatfield" Crop Walk page to donate or join our Team: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/lansdalepa/Team/View/135421/Grace-Lutheran-Church-Hatfield>



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.

**Giving In Service 2020**

The Giving in Service team continues to provide OUTreach projects throughout the year. We wanted to share with you what **YOU** have done to help others even during the COVID19 virus outbreak. And where we will be at the end of 2020.

In February, before the stay at home orders, you shared gifts with **Laurel House** for Valentine's Day.

The **Rice Bowl** began on Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup> and after only two Sundays in church, the stay at home orders began and we did not worship on March 15<sup>th</sup>. However, that did not prevent **YOU** from supporting the Rice Bowl. As of August 10<sup>th</sup>, we had received \$2000 for the Rice Bowl. WOW! Thank you for your continued support of helping us to feed those who are hungry. These gifts are shared with the Hatfield Food Cupboard, Manna on Main Street and the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

**Mother's Day Carnations** were interesting this year. You ordered carnations and picked them up on the Saturday before Mother's Day at a drive-by at Grace. We had 83 carnations ordered which allowed us to give Laurel House \$112 toward their fund to help families in crisis.

**Harvest Home** – We began our food collection in September for Harvest Home to help those in our area with a supply of food. We shared our gifts with the Hatfield Food Cupboard and Manna on Main Street in Lansdale.

**CROPWalk** will be held in October. But it will look a little different this year. It will be a virtual walk by those who choose to participate. You walk your 5 miles when you have time in your schedule and ask people to support your walk. Then you report back to our team leader, Kathy, so that we have a total of the miles everyone walked to help feed those in need of food. Kathy has set a goal of \$1500 for CROP. Let's see if we can top that mark.

**Adopt-A-Family Christmas Gifts** – This project is still unfolding in this time of COVID. We are trying to figure out how this can be done when we are not shopping except online and how gifts can be delivered with social distancing. Stay tune.

Thanks for your continued support of our OUTreach projects.

The Giving in Service Team

Diane Ball, Lori Pluda, Mary Jane Moyer, Jean Shaffer, Carol MacDonald and Kay Stone





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**October**

**Oct 11-16**

**Virtual CROP walk**

**Oct 24**

**Trunk or Treat**

**Oct 25**

**Reformation Sunday**



**See Important Details Inside**

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