



# Parish News

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

**May  
 2021**

## A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Friends  
 at Grace,

The funny thing about a turn in the road is that you can't see beyond the bend, even if you have carefully planned your trip.



We've been on this road before, but not exactly in this way.

We've been planning for this moment, yet as we arrive, there's such a tangle of emotions: joy; eagerness to get going; yet also grief at the parting after such a surprisingly hard *and* good pandemic year and too-long interim time.

The Christian mystic from the middle ages reminds us to turn to prayer at a time like this. He says, "If the only prayer we ever prayed was 'Thank you,' that would be enough." Let me start there today. Thank you for being an embodiment of Grace for Kent and me and Nate this year, especially after Kent's accident. You would always have had a special place in my heart, but the ways you stood by us after his accident have marked you on my heart forever.

I'm so grateful, also, for the work we did together to bring Grace to this moment, looking forward. For Transition **Cont.**

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Leadership Team, Council and Call Committee. For the new team, still unnamed, but hopping with excitement about building relationships with the new people in and around Grace, to get to know them, to pay attention to the kinds of ministries they seek, and to invite them into the wider ministries of Grace, including worship. For the families bringing their children to the scouts and school and for baptism.

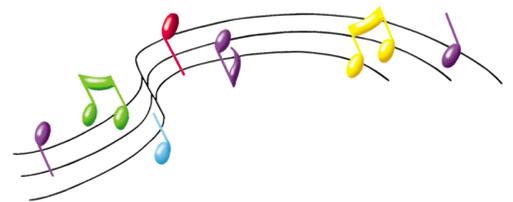
Your staff is finally whole and settled to work with and support both a new pastor and the ministries of the congregation. Thanks to all who have worked with me defining positions, interviewing, reviewing employees. Grace is ready to face the future.

There will be more in next month's *Parish News* about what happens to an Interim Pastor when she leaves... I'll give you a clue: she does not turn into a pumpkin, but there are professional guidelines we agree to and sign off on with the Bishop to allow the new pastor and your ministry to flourish without our getting in the way. More on that next month.

For now, may God bless all of our goings and comings, and keep each of us in the palm of his hand.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Janet S. Peterman  
Interim Pastor



### **Minister of Music**

I always can sense when summer is around the corner. My family opens our house windows, the grass, flowers and trees are blooming and our dog wants to go outdoors frequently!

Does summer come and go sooner than you'd like? For me it can but I'm planning to enjoy each and every day. From morning sunrise to the calm at dusk. It might be that summer is just what I need because, as some of you can probably relate, I have felt cooped up inside way too much. Whatever you feel about summer, I hope its something you're looking forward to.

There's a lot Grace has to look forward to and I think good things are around the corner. The Call Committee's announcement of a Pastoral candidate is definitely good news. That means a lot to me because I know Grace

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has been praying and working so hard to move forward and during COVID! I offer kudos for the Call Committee's time and energy to find a great candidate for Grace's Pastoral leadership. I have good vibes and I hope all of you do, too.

My heart is sad though to say goodbye to Pastor Peterman. She has grown on me and given me much support and always leads with her heart. Grace is blessed for her hard work and perseverance through many challenges.

Musically all my thoughts are on organizing and making a fresh start in planning over the summer. I really hope we find ourselves free from COVID soon, as I know our singers are itching to be able to sing as a group in worship and we can all sing hymns. I can't wait! But patience is needed as our safety and health concerns are still a priority. Working together, our community is helping in ways we might not see everyday, but support and care is being given in ways that will enable us to move forward. Musicians all over the world are supporting each other and we've found ways to cope and complete tasks that seemed impossible a year ago. Technology has brought us together, common goals have brought us closer, sharing and caring has helped us and supported us. All good things.

A favorite hymn text..

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,  
The Lord God made them all.*

*The tall trees in the greenwood,  
The meadows for our play,  
The rushes by the water,  
To gather every day.*

*The purple-headed mountain,  
The river running by,  
The sunset and the morning,  
That brightens up the sky.*

*He gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well.*

*The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
He made them every one.*

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,  
The Lord God made them all...*

Peace and sunshine,  
Kevin

***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), Joyce Salter, Terry Stringfellow, (friend of Dale and Mary Jane Moyer), Hazel Mascaro, Ruthann Rex (Kathy Stawasz' mom), Rich Woltmann, Peggy Long, Robyn Gibson (Phyllis McKeefrey's stepdaughter), Judith Stangl (John's sister), Lorraine Snyder, Vickie West, Marilyn Forst, Bob Rufe (Mary Jane Moyer's brother), Terri Markowski, Loretta Seiler, Bailey Vinson (Liz Bauer's great-granddaughter), Sandy Klinger, Chuck & Linda Arkins (H3C friends), Helen Godshall, John Stangl, Dale & Mary Jane Moyer, Phyllis McKeefrey, Dave Kunkle, Sue Wieland

***For all who Grieve, including the family and friends of:***

Bob Darde, Marilynn Homan, Barbara Masser (Ray's wife), Karen Weirbach, Diane Graham Miller; Al Godshall, William Hardnock, Margaret Ann Berman (MJ Moyer's family), Carol Capanear, Jim Markowski, Scott Ball, Joan Amundsen, Marge Walmsley (Bruce Schmidt's cousin), Ken Seiler, Sr (Ken's dad), Andrew Sobolusky (neighbor of Liz & Tom)

***Lost to Covid:*** John Cisler (Rich Woltmann's cousin)

***For those in active duty military service:*** Robert McNulty, Marines, basic training; Jessica Murphy, Air Force; Matthew Smyrl, Army; Nathaniel Smyrl, PA Army National Guard

***For active military deployed overseas:*** Kyle Murphy, Air Force



For our prayers supporting the ***grieving*** among  
us,  
we hold the names of loved ones for 3 months  
together publicly.



## Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

Honoring and remembering our Mothers is a Grace Church Tradition. **Pink** Carnations honor our mothers and **White** Carnations remember our mothers who are no longer with us. The funds from the sale of the carnations are used to support **Laurel House**, a local women's shelter for those who are victims of domestic violence. Laurel House is a Montgomery County organization that works to end domestic violence and provide housing and education for the victims of domestic violence. Our gifts to this agency will help the women and their families in our area. See the display in the narthex for order forms.

**Orders are due by Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**An order form is also included in this newsletter.** Please put your order in an envelope marked Mother's Day Carnations. Place in the offering basket or the basket in the narthex. Orders may also be mailed to the church office or placed in the mailbox outside the main entrance to Grace OR email [kaystone@comcast.net](mailto:kaystone@comcast.net).

## Rice Bowl 2021

The *Giving in Service Team* would like to thank the congregation for supporting our **Rice Bowl project** during the Lenten Season. Our Rice Bowl offerings totaled \$2255.00. Our gifts will be shared with **The Food Cupboard** at Emmanuel Evangelical Congregational Church in Hatfield, **Manna on Main Street** in Lansdale, and **the World Hunger Appeal** through the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. These special offerings will touch our neighbors in our communities and those neighbors around the globe.



*Gifts to the Rice Bowl may be given at any time.*

# Carnations Order Form



**Mother's Day Carnations**  
**Single Stem Carnations**  
**\$2.50 each**  
**Orders due Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Forms may be placed in the offering basket or display basket, mailed to Grace Church or placed in the mailbox outside the main entrance of Grace.

**YOUR NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

White Carnations

(in memory of):    Number ordered \_\_\_\_\_ x \$2.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

Pink Carnations

(in honor of):        Number ordered \_\_\_\_\_ x \$2.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL= \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
    \_\_ cash    \_\_ check

*Checks should be made out to Grace Lutheran Church – memo carnations*

***Flowers may be taken home after the worship service on May 9<sup>th</sup>***

PLEASE FILL IN:

In **memory** of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_

In **honor** of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_

**Proceeds benefit the women and children of Laurel House**



Date	Ushers/ Acolyte/carry basket when there is com- munion (Kay Stone)	Lector (Kathy Stawasz)	Communion Assistant (1st and 4th Sundays) (Kathy Sta- wasz)	Service Leader	Video Re- corder (Harold Schaeffer)
5/2/2021	Kathy Stawasz/ Ken Seiler	Bruce Schmidt	n/a	Pastoral Candi- date	n/a
5/9/2021	TBD	Richard Badman	n/a	TBD	Harold Schaeffer
5/16/2021	Ken Seiler/TBD	Richard Badman	n/a	TBD	Harold Schaeffer
5/23/2021 Pentecost	Jeff Krout / Don Capaneer	Jean Shaffer	Jaime Kaler	n/a	Harold Schaeffer
5/30/2021 Holy Trinity	Frank & Kay Stone	Frank Stone	TBD	TBD	TBD

**Council Senders** for May: Bob Smyrl & Jaime Kaler

### WELCA

The last time we met we did Earth Day cards for our Homebound members and gave them a pack of seeds in honor of this day. We had 4 members at this meeting: Bonnie Stangl, Sue Rowbottom, Kay Deussing and Barb Watts. Our next meeting will be May 5th. Hope to see you. Take care and stay healthy.

Barbara

**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.*

**Celebration Continued in the weeks after Easter with Baptism**

The celebration of Easter continues with the celebration this week of the baptism of Zoe Grace and Aubree Jessica Reiss, infant daughters of Ashley Plawa Reiss and Justin Reiss. Godparents are Evan and Jenna Dominick for Zoe and Cynth McCann and Dylan Winters for Aubree. Congregational Sponsors were Jaime Snyder Kaler for Aubree and Tami Sarm for Zoe.



Other families who want to prepare for baptism should contact Pastor Peterman or leave a message in the church office.

**Grace Welcomes New Office Administrator**

With delight we introduce Lynn Fasick to the congregation, who began in our office on Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. She will keep the office hours we've been used to: Monday to Thursday, 9 am to noon. Lynn is a longtime Hatfield resident, with years of experience working in office positions. She's active at St. Marie Goretti Church. Take a moment to stop in, call or email to welcome her!



**Stepping Stones Update**

We are ramping up for all kinds of growth here at Stepping Stones! We are working diligently towards the gardening program that we're hoping to have up in the next month or so and are also prepping for Summer Camp! We are also still growing all the way around, welcoming new kids from all age groups. We will be getting to watch a live stream show of Jack and the Beanstalk this month and are so excited! We can't wait for all the things that are coming up and can't wait to share them with you!

Jess Moran, Director

**Food Ministries: Sources of Food  
Food Cupboard Distribution**

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

Open: Tuesday afternoons 1:00-2:00 pm: May 4 & 18

Tuesday evenings 5:30-6:30 pm: May 11 & 25

**Hatfield Church of the Brethren** (1333 Cowpath): Is currently opened by appointment only. Contact Pastor Clay at [Hatfieldfoodbank@yahoo.com](mailto:Hatfieldfoodbank@yahoo.com) to make an appointment.

**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.

Open: 6 days a week, Mon – Sat, 10:30 am – 1:00 pm

**Bread Drop PB & J Sandwiches still continuing  
Instructions (Tuesdays are drop-off days: 8am-7pm)**

- 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 7:00 pm
- Please email, call or text Jelly Czar to let him know how many sandwiches you made.

**YOGA (Hatha) Continues.** Class will continue on Wednesdays, from **6-7 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. **MASKS must be worn.**

**COST:** \$5/class fee will be donated to Sanctuary Village (make checks payable to: Grace Lutheran Church)

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

## EEC Food Cupboard UPDATES...

Food cupboard needs continue to grow as more Hatfield residents line up each week to receive supplemental food items. Please know that your donations are a HUGE blessing to so many!

### Latest Needs:

- sugar
- flour
- fruit jelly or preserves - NOT grape (have plenty!)
- mayonnaise
- ground coffee
- tea bags
- 100% fruit juice
- laundry detergent
- dishwashing liquid
- zip-top baggies - all sizes: sandwich, quart, or gallon
- 13 gallon trash bags



### Upcoming distribution dates & times:

Tuesdays 1 - 2 pm: May 4 & 18; June 1 & 15; July 6 & 20

Tuesdays 5:30 - 6:30 pm: May 11 & 25; June 8, 15, & 29; July 13 & 27

**Volunteers are NEEDED!** There is so much that needs to be done, but, please know that if you can spare an hour or two each month to help out, social distancing measures and strong Covid protocols are in place for everyone's protection.

No customers are allowed inside the building

Customers call to get their place in line and an sheet and clipboard is brought to their car for them to complete

All volunteers wear masks, use hand sanitizer regularly, and wipe down surfaces with disinfectant

Volunteers can choose to do any of the following: fill orders, weigh items, take groceries out to customer's cars, or just stock the shelves.

The food cupboard is open to all Hatfield borough residents, so please reach out if you, or someone you know, would benefit from receiving supplemental food pantry items. Messages for Janet Hague can be left at 215-855-2540; [foodcupboard@yahoo.com](mailto:foodcupboard@yahoo.com). You can also call/email Carol MacDonald for more information.



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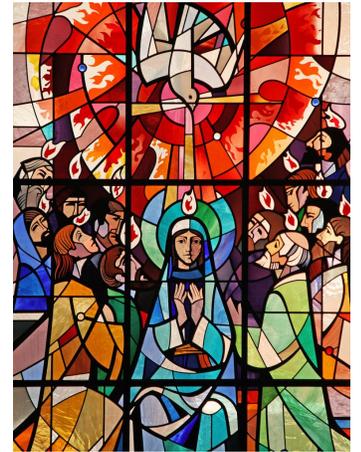
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Stepping Stones(215-369-2052)  
Jessica Moran, Director  
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Kevin Freaney, Minister of Music

**May 2021**

- May 2** Pastoral Candidate trial sermon & congregational vote
- May 23** Pentecost
- May 30** Holy Trinity Sunday
- May 31** Happy Memorial Day



**See**

**Important Details Inside or go to:**

**[Gracelutheranhatfield.org](http://Gracelutheranhatfield.org)**

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