



Parish News

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

From Grace's Council President

We Have A New Pastor!! What Now?

As part of our Ministry Site Profile (a description of Grace and our programs that was supplied to potential pastoral candidates) the following are items the congregation and leaders agreed to accomplish in order to support our new pastor in their first year:

Leaders pledge their **willingness to participate in growth conversations** and activities with the Pastor

Members **pledge to attend worship regularly** and to bring offerings

We **will use nametags** for the first 6 to 12 months to help the new Pastor learn our names; offer a series of Meet and Greets across the ministry to help the Pastor get to know us in the first 3 to 6 months

We have carefully chosen skilled partners in our Minister of Music and Director of Stepping Stones to be a leadership team for growth with the Pastor for this next phase of Grace's ministry

Through Council and with our new Office Administrator: We will be creating a detailed yearlong Google calendar of events at Grace, not that everything is laid out unchangeable in stone, but to make the patterns of the ministry and the path through them easier to anticipate in the first year.

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Summer 2021

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What Else Can We Do?

PRAY! Pray for Pastor Raabe and her family, pray for a smooth transition at Grace and pray for our community, all members of the congregation as well as our Council, Grace team leaders and other Grace volunteers.

Try not to rush into Pastor's office on her first day and air all your grievances about previous Pastors and situations at Grace.

Ministry leaders and participants keep up your great work! So many of you have taken on new responsibilities and activities. Now that we have a new Pastor let's not step back and say "Pastor can handle this now." Remember we are a TEAM! We will be having meetings to discuss our first-year focus with Pastor. Throughout the year we will have times to check in on our goals and direction to make sure we continue the discussed path.

We need to watch for burn-out for Pastor, our Minister of Music, our Office Administrator and Head of Stepping Stones. We are all excited about this new chapter at Grace, but everyone needs to maintain a good balance of work and home. Remember this is a whole new world for Pastor as she has moved her family from Wisconsin.

Peggy Schmidt, Council President

Summer Wednesday Evening PICNICS Return

Grace Summer Picnics will be held 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 AND meet Pastor Raabe!

July 21st Hosts: Peggy and Bruce Schmidt at their home

August 18th Hosts: Karen and Ken Seiler at Grace Lutheran Church

PICNICS ARE RAIN OR SHINE!!



Dear friends,

As I'm writing this message I'm recalling the Gospel Reading on June 13th, Mark 4:26-34 "The parable of the mustard seed". It is such an interesting gospel as it's one of those messages that can inspire a thought or many thoughts. There's so much to the most simplistic things that can lead us to the most wonderful experiences! Do you recall one of my previous newsletter articles where I spoke of how my grandmother used to always say "patience is a virtue"? Its true, I'm convinced that it's important to teach our kids that we can't be handed everything or "that money doesn't grow on trees". To me, part of the thrill of something wonderful and good comes from giving your best. Give your time, your patience, your thoughts and love of self and others. There was a movie back in 1989 called Field of Dreams, and a popular phrase in that movie was "If you build it, they will come". I won't speak on that film other than saying "do". Do things! Plant a seed!



Each of us at Grace is a seed. To ourselves, to each other and to the community. As you might imagine, I have many 'seeds' rolling around in my pocket for music ministry. I am a patient person, a person who needs to consider many angles and someone who really cares about doing my best. Over the next several months, Grace will be given a chance to get to know our new Pastor, Rev. Nancy Raabe. She has many gifts and many ways to plant new seeds and to cultivate the one's we have already planted.

To mask or not to mask? Did William Shakespeare ever think of that line? We have heard many things about the importance of masking during COVID. Grace and many church communities have refrained from many things because of COVID and now we are seeing trends of the virus slowing down. Fewer people are getting sick and fewer are dying. With the vaccine and the use of masks, we can now find ourselves transitioning to more of a normal. There are indeed still going to be concerns about the virus and all the new variants that may make it to the US, but we are stronger and healthier. Right? If you feel uncertain, I completely understand and want to proceed with the cooperation of our church community in making decisions that keep us moving forward but also safe. We are currently looking into trends and concerns that will reflect how we proceed for all we do in worship and that means, more singing but with a degree of flexibility.

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Think like this... we will "do" all we can to continue to care for each other and together lift our voices to sing and pray.

God is our refuge and strength,
Kevin

Dear Grace Family,

What a wonderful day Sunday was, from start to finish — with so many able to be present in worship, even as others had to be away; with the joy of wondrous music from choir, soloists, Kevin and Harold; with CAKE, at last, finally breaking one part of our quarantining — soon there will be other ways Grace moves on to the next phase of ministry.

I am savoring your kind words, the amazing array of gifts, and just beginning to open your cards. I am still taking in Dan Walters' handmade cross, the Stepping Stones' Committee's bench — you astound me! I am so grateful for the love and the work that we shared. My community garden's leadership is also astounded by your generosity! We're rebuilding our planting beds this season. We plan to use the gift for materials. When they are completed, I'll send a picture. By then, things should be well underway with your fall program and the things we worked so hard on together. I'll be praying for your strength, and for your courage to take on things, even when you know that half of them may not work!

God's richest blessings and my heartfelt thanks.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Janet S. Peterman

Interim Pastor



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

Tues. are Bread Drop Sandwich Days. The coolers will be out 8am-7pm.

Stepping Stones Summer Camp meets in the Fellowship Hall each weekday except for July 5

Sun Jul 4, 2021	9:15am	Worship
Tue, Jul 6, 2021	7:00pm	Stitchers
Wed, Jul 7, 2021	7:30pm	Communication Team (Zoom)
Sun Ju1 11, 2021	9:15am	Worship Service—first service with Pr. Raabe
Mon Jul 12, 2021	7:30pm	Christian Connections, as needed (Zoom)
Tue Jul 13, 2021	7:00om	Property Team Meeting
	7:00pm	Worship and Music (Zoom)
Tue Jul 15, 2021	7:00pm	Laymen Playmen Board Meeting
Sun, Jul 18, 2021	9:15am	Worship Service
Tue Jul 20, 2021	7:00pm	Council Meeting (Zoom option)
Wed Jul 21, 2021	7:00pm	Picnic at Schmidt's
Thu Jul 22, 2021	5:30pm	Family Fun Night (rain date Jul 23rd)
Sat Jul 24, 2021	8:00am	Used Book Sale in Fellowship Hall
Sun, Jul 25 2021	9:15am	Worship—Communion
Tue, Jul 27, 2021	7:00pm	INreach (Zoom)
Wed, Jul 28, 2021	7:30pm	HEART (new) Team (Zoom)
Sat, Jul 31, 2021	2:00pm	Beer Tasting Fundraiser (tiny house project)
Sun, Aug 1, 2021	9:15am	Worship—Communion
Tue, Aug 3, 2021	7:00pm	Stitchers
Sun, Aug 8, 2021	9:15am	Worship
Mon, Aug 9, 2021	7:30pm	Christian Connections, as needed (Zoom)
Tue, Aug 10, 2021	7:00om	Property Team Meeting
	7:30pm	Worship & Music
Sun, Aug 15, 2021	9:15am	Worship—Parish News Articles Due
Tue, Aug 17, 2021	7:00pm	Council Meeting (Zoom Option)
Wed, Aug 18, 2021	7:30pm	Picnic at Grace
Sun, Aug 22, 2021	9:15am	Worship—Communion

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Tue, Aug 24, 2021 7:00pm INreach (Zoom)
 Wed, Aug 25, 2021 7:30pm HEART (new) Team (Zoom)

Sun, Aug 22, 2021 9:15am Worship
 Tue Aug 31, 2021 10am Parish News Prep

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, Judith Stangl (John's sister), Lorraine Snyder, Vickie West, Marilyn Forst, Bob Rufe (Mary Jane Moyer's brother), Loretta Seiler, Bailey Vinson (Liz Bauer's great-granddaughter), Sandy Klinger, Chuck & Linda Arkins (H3C friends), Helen Godshall, Margaret Stangl (John Stangl's mother), Dale & Mary Jane Moyer, Dave Kunkel, Sue Wieland, Sue & Faith Rowbottom, Joy, Gary & Nicky Torgeson, Janet Williams (Carol MacDonald's mother)

For all who Grieve, including the family and friends of: Ken Seiler, Sr (Ken's dad), Andrew Sobolusky (neighbor of Liz & Tom), Robyn Gibson (Phyllis McKeefrey's stepdaughter), Gail Walter

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

News Around Grace

As Peggy Long continues her treatment, she will be staying with her sons and the best way to reach her is via email.

Christmas
in
July

**Habitat for Humanity
Welcome Baskets:**

donate new kitchen/cleaning
items (dish towels, rags,
cleaning supplies, etc.)

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Thursday, July 22, 6:00 - 8:30 PM

Grace Lutheran Church

Families are invited to join us for a night of socially
distanced fun & fellowship including:

- A bagged meal (ham/cheese, turkey/cheese, PB&J
Uncrustables, chips, carrots, applesauce)
- Christmas Story
- Craft
- Service project
- Games
- Dessert



**Bring your own
blanket or
chair**

RSVP requested: hatfieldvbs@gmail.com or [google form](#)

For more information: facebook.com/GraceLutheranHatfield or 215 855 4676

Date	Ushers/ Acolyte/carry basket when there is com- munion	Lector	Communion Assistant (1st and 4th Sundays)	Service Leader / An- nouncem ents	Video Recorder
7/4/2021	Dave Kunkel & Kay Stone	Richard Badman	n/a	TBD	Schaefer/ Sarms
7/11/2021	Bruce & Peggy Schmidt	Bruce Schmidt	n/a	n/a	Schaefer/ Sarms
7/18/2021	John & Bonnie Stangl	Jean Shaffer	n/a	n/a	Schaefer/ Sarms
7/25/2021	John & Bonnie Stangl	Seilers	Seilers	n/a	TBD
8/1/2021	Sluggs	Sluggs	Frank Stone	n/a	TBD
8/8/2021	Seilers	Richard Badman	n/a	n/a	TBD
8/15/2021	Don Capanear & Kay Deussing	Bob Reilly	n/a	n/a	Schaefer/ Sarms
8/22/2021	H Schaefer & Bob Smyrl	Jaime Kaler	Jaime Kaler	n/a	Schaefer/ Sarms
8/29/2021	Dave Kunkel & Jeff Krout	Jayson Tula	n/a	n/a	Schaefer/ Sarms

Council Sender for July: Diane Ball

Council Sender for August: Peggy Schmidt

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GRACE WELCOMES LYNN FASICK AS A REGULAR EMPLOYEE

With joy and gratitude, we announce the successful completion of Office Administrator Lynn Fasick's probationary period. Our office is a complicated place, with many moving parts, and the position has limited hours, just 12 -- Monday -- Thursday, 9 am to noon -- so there is still more that Lynn is learning, but she has proven herself a warm and gracious "first face and voice" for Grace whether you're a member, friend or stranger encountering us at the door, through email, or on the phone, for the first time, or again repeatedly. She is pulling the office together pleasantly and professionally. She manages the Sunday bulletin, *Grace Notes*, and helps volunteers prepare the monthly *Parish News*. When you have a minute, stop by to meet her, or to congratulate her on her new status among us! Congratulations, Lynn!

Grace's Used Book Sale

Do you have any books that you no longer read? Then donate them to Grace's Used Book Sale to be held on July 24th from 8 am to 12 noon in Fellowship Hall. All types of gently used books will be accepted! Please place them in the container in the Narthex. Proceeds from the sale will go to Vacation Bible School and other youth programs at Grace. Leftover books will be placed in our new Little Library and donated to the Food Cupboards, Mitzah and other local charities.



Stepping Stones Update

Summer Camp is in full swing at Stepping Stones and we are having a blast! From tie dye to mini pizzas and so much more; our campers are super busy! As we prepare for the upcoming school year and additional Summer Camp events please keep your eyes open for recyclable materials we could use for our projects! Large jars and containers are always welcome! Stepping Stones is filling up quick for the upcoming school year! Summer Camp will be ending on Wednesday, August 25th with Stepping Stones being closed on August 26th and 27th. The new school year will begin on Monday, August 30th and we can't wait! Re-orientation day is tentatively planned for Saturday, August 28th at 10:00 so keep your eyes open for upcoming information! Bring on the new year!

Jessica

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

Emmanuel EEC food cupboard (100 S Main Street)

Open: Tuesday afternoons 1:00-2:00 pm: 7/13, 7/27, 8/10 & 8/24

Tuesday evenings 5:30-6:30 pm: 7/6, 7/20, 8/3 & 8/17

Hatfield Church of the Brethren (1333 Cowpath): Is currently opened by appointment only. Contact Pastor Clay at 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

WELCA

First I want to thank everyone who came to our WELCA meetings, we had a good year. In June as things got back to normal, we went to Applebee's for lunch after our last meeting and had a great time . We will start again on September 1st with a very nice surprise: Joyce and Tom Salter invited us to their house for a picnic. This is something WELCA did for many years but was put on hold due to the Pandemic .I hope to see everyone there. Please bring a friend, everyone is invited. I hope everyone has a great summer. Take care and stay healthy. Barb Watts

Congratulations Graduates

- * Lindsay Stone graduated from North Penn High School and will be attending Penn State University this fall. Lindsay is the daughter of Frank and Kerry Stone and granddaughter of Frank and Kay Stone.
- * Jadie Ferrell graduated from North Penn High School and will be attending Penn State University this fall majoring in Environmental Resource Management. Jadie is the daughter of Wendy and Ralph Ferrell.
- * Aimee Guers is a kindergarten graduate from Grand View Health's Children Center. Aimee is the daughter of Josh and Alyssa Guers and granddaughter of Bill and Donna Klementisz. She will attend first grade in the fall at West Rockhill Elementary in Sellersville.
- * Ty Jaworowski graduated from Avella Area H.S. and has also achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Ty will be attending Univ. of Pittsburgh-Johnstown majoring in History. Ty is the son of Terry and Marcy (Hamm) Jaworowski, former members of Grace.

The EEC Food cupboard is continuing to experience a high volume of clients...25 families visited during just one distribution on 6/15! There are many people in our community that have food insecurity, so much so that they are willing to wait outside in the heat and rain for whatever is available to help feed their families, as well as, getting basic necessities like toilet paper, personal care products, and cleaning supplies. Please know that your donations are a HUGE blessing to so many!

Latest Needs:

- corned beef hash
- quick-cooking grits
- cream of wheat
- strawberry jam
- 100% fruit juice
- toothpaste
- razors and shaving cream
- deodorant, especially men's
- body wash
- shampoo--men's & women's
- conditioner
- laundry detergent
- dishwashing liquid
- trash bags: 13 gal. or 33 gal. [large packs are OK; we re-pack in smaller bundles if needed.]



Upcoming distribution dates & times:

Tuesdays 1 - 2 pm: July 13 & 27...tentative August dates: 10 & 24

Tuesdays 5:30 - 6:30 pm: July 6 & 20..tentative August dates: 3 & 17

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

or foodcupboard@yahoo.com. You can also call/email Carol MacDonald @ 215-872-0472 or macdonald125@comcast.net for more information.



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Summer 2021

- July 11 Pastor Raabe's first Sunday
- July 21 Picnic
- July 24 Used Book Sale
- July 31 Beer Tasting - Tiny House Fund-raiser
- Aug 18 Picnic



See Important Details Inside or go to:

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