



PARISH NEWS

Grace Lutheran Church, Hatfield PA

June 2026

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June 2026 Calendar

- **The Jesus Love Church** will use our facilities on Sundays 11 am (set-up), worship 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, Fellowship Hall 1:00 – 2:00 pm. Wagner House will be Wednesday 8:00 – 9:00 am and Sunday 9:00 – 11:30 am. Friday evening worship has been changed to **Wednesday evening from 7-9:30 pm.**
- **The Church House of Restoration Adonai** will use our facilities for the following days and times: Sundays 3:30 -7:30 pm. Tuesdays 6:30 – 9:30 pm and Thursdays 6:30- 9:30 pm.
 - Tuesdays are Bread Drop Sandwich Days. Donations are accepted from 8am to 7pm.
 - **Yoga takes a break for the summer and will return in September.**

Tue June 2, 2026	7:00pm	Stitchers
Wed June 3, 2026	6:15pm	Yoga (last class until September)
Sun June 7, 2026	9:30am	Pentecost 2 Pastor Wayne Shelor
Tues June 9, 2026	7:00pm	Property Team Meeting
	7:00pm	Worship & Music Team Meeting
Sun June 14, 2026	9:30am	Pentecost 3 Pastor Skyle Rea
Wed June 17, 2026	3:30pm	Stepping Stones Graduation
Fri June 19, 2026		Juneteenth Holiday --- Stepping Stones Closed
Sun June 21, 2026	9:30am	Pentecost 4 -- Happy Father's Day ! Pastor Gwendolyn King
Sun June 28, 2026	9:30am	Pentecost 5 Pastor Wayne Shelor



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I so appreciate the participation of so many in our current Remember Our History activity. This is one of several ways we are endeavoring to understand and articulate who we are. It is challenging sacred work to consider honestly who we are as a faith community. Not how we look, but rather to grasp deeply who we really are, in a world fixated on how things look.

When God was appointing a successor to King Saul, God sent Samuel to anoint the next king. God reminded Samuel that the Lord sees not as we do; we look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart. (1 Samuel 16). Which suggests – who we ARE is of much greater importance than how we appear.

I realize this community of faith does not APPEAR as it once did. We are smaller and older, in a culture that celebrates big and young. This has caused some anxiety in our community leading some to question if this congregation is closing. Let me be very clear – **NO such decision has been made, and no such conversation has been engaged.** There is still much work to be done in this place.

We are a community of God’s children endowed with a variety of gifts. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12). From the strength of this God-gifted diversity we are working to discern and articulate what we understand God wants us to do in this place at this time. Please continue to ponder how you might utilize your particular gifts for the work and glory of the Lord.

Together in Christ <><

Pastor Wayne



June Council Notes

Teaching Time – Pastor Wayne:

Pastor shared the results of the Word list that members shared. The four top words that were repeated: Friendly, Family, Caring, Kindness

Pastor had emailed council members Demographical Reports for our neighborhoods within a two-mile radius of Grace which included both current and future projections. He asked us to consider how Grace and Hatfield may look like in five years. We shared ideas of what Grace may be doing in five years. These ideas included blending with community, supporting low-income families, and helping Stepping Stones families.

NEW Business:

- **Ideas for the use of the Wagner House (all):** Council members shared ideas which included
 - Renting to a nonprofit for office space or transitional housing
 - Rental property
 - Shelter
 - Wellness Center

No decisions of any kind were made, and discussions will continue over the coming months.

- **Food Cupboard at Grace (Cathy):** Pastor and Cathy had a meeting with representatives from St. Vincent de Paul and Mayor Girard of Hatfield for a new project which includes placing a food cupboard on our property where people would donate food items and people who are in need could access this food. This is similar to the neighborhood project for books that are shared within the community. Cathy made a motion to have a food cupboard built on our property for the community to contribute to and to use. Ken made a second to the motion. Motion was approved. Pastor suggested that we place the structure near the garden area.
- **Property Committee estimates for the Wagner House updates (Cathy) –** Immediate updates to the Wagner House includes HVAC and Waterproofing the basement. Frank suggested that it may be at least \$30,000. He is getting estimates for these two projects.
- **Summer picnics (Cathy):** We discussed if we should continue the picnics and when. Cathy will check on a host for June. July may be a picnic at Grace. A “breakfast picnic” is suggested for August following a church service (Breakfast Church) and Carol will host a pool party picnic. Dates to be determined.

Council Members: Cathy Farrell (president), Tom Salter (vice president), Kay Stone (secretary), Bev Smith (treasurer), Dan Sarm, Wendy Walter, Ken Seiler, and Carol MacDonald

June 2026 Serving Schedule

Date	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Lector	Acolyte	Ushers	Altar Flower Prep
06/07/26 9:30 am	Sue Wieland	Frank Stone	Gail Lockner	Usher	Kay Stone & Kathy Stawasz	Kay Stone
06/14/26 9:30 am	Sue Wieland	Jaime Kaler	Jean Shaffer	Usher	Jaime & Lennon Kaler	Jaime Kaler
06/21/26 9:30 am	Sue Wieland	Jaime Kaler	Cathy Farrell	Usher	Karen Heacock & Dave Kunkel	Jaime Kaler
06/28/26 9:30 am	Sue Wieland	Dave Kunkel	Tami Sarm	Usher	Bob Smyrl & Don Capanear	Kathy Stawasz

Council Offering/Lock-up for June 2026 is: Wendy Walter

Live Streaming: Harold Schaefer, Dan & Tami Sarm



THE BREAD DROP schedule for June 2026 is: 06/02/26 Jess Moran; 06/09/26 Laura Kratz; 06/16/26 Jess Moran; 06/23/26 Priscilla Landis; 06/30/26 Laura Kratz

Stepping Stones

I'm not quite sure we ever fully got a Spring but, believe it or not, Summer is just around the corner so hopefully it warms up a bit soon! We're looking forward to quite a bit with the month of June including the wrap of our school year and the graduation of the Perky Penguins class on June 17th. That week is packed with Pretzels with Pop also being on June 18th, followed by Stepping Stones being closed on 6/19 for Juneteenth. Water play will begin on Tuesdays and Thursdays only starting the week of June 22nd and, of course, we will enjoy other fun sprinkled in days like Pajama Day and Crazy Hair Day. We plan to finish this year out strong and can't wait to get into the Summer!

Jessica Moran, Director

The Stepping Stones staff has been busy installing new playground equipment and having fun with the kids picking “new” names !



Welca

Ladies, June is our last Welca get together. I'll send you any updates later. Please everyone take care. Barb



BOOKS FOR BABIES

The Welca Committee would like to thank everyone for the donations of books for the “Books for Babies” project. I’m sure the Mitzvah Center will be very happy for this donation! Thanks once again. Barb Watts 😊

Mother’s Day Carnations

Thank you to our members who purchased **Mother’s Day** Carnations. The funds from our project will be given to Laurel House to benefit the mothers and their children.



YOGA (Hatha) CLASS

Yoga takes a break for the summer. See you in September
Contact Kathy Stawasz at [215-760-6297](tel:215-760-6297) if you have any questions



EEC FOOD CUPBOARD

A message from Janet Hague: "Thanks to all of you at Grace for your faithful help with our food cupboard. In April we welcomed 82 unduplicated families to the food cupboard. Donations from Garden of Health, Mitzvah Circle Foundation, Grace Lutheran Church, Hatfield Borough, and community members who donated to the letter carriers' Stamp Out Hunger kept the shelves stocked. You will also notice some changes this month as "Emmanuel" becomes "Trinity Lighthouse Hatfield campus". We have partnered with our (larger) sister church in Limerick, becoming a satellite location. Our gospel message remains the same, and they wholeheartedly support the food cupboard ministry!"

Current top needs:

Food items: Dry Pasta, Flour, Sugar, Tomato paste, Ground Coffee

Household & Personal Care*: Laundry Detergent (unscented/free & clear), Shampoo & Conditioner (please make sure lids are secure)

Gift Cards: Grocery gift cards are always welcome and very helpful, especially ALDI & Giant!

Your non-perishable donations can be placed in our Grace narthex bins by the conference room and they will be brought to EEC when bins are full.

Upcoming distribution dates & times:

Tuesdays 5:30 - 6:30 pm: June 2, 16, & 30

Tuesdays 1 - 2 pm: June 9 & 23

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/household items. Messages for Janet Hague can be left at 215-855-2540; foodcupboard@yahoo.com.

PRAYER LIST

Please let the office (Lynn) know if you would like someone added to this list, or if someone you have added is no longer in need of urgent prayers.



In CURRENT NEED of Prayers:

Laurie Davanzo (neighbor of the MacDonalds), Linda Dexter (friend of Peggy & Bruce Schmidt), Barbara Hess, Ken Kratz, Raymond Masser, Aaron O'Conner (Liz Bauer's son), Chuck Slugg, Rich Woltmann.

In Need of Ongoing Prayers: Liz Bauer, Suzanne Colville, Nancy Dustman (Joyce Salter's sister), Priscilla (Shaffer) Hollerbach, Bob Kaler, Steve Malloy (Peg Malloy's husband), Hazel Mascaro, Jerry Mascaro, Mary Jane Moyer, Pastor Janet Peterman, Joyce Salter, Nancy Sellers, Anita Spisak (Ken Seiler's mom), Bailey Vinson (Liz Bauer's great-granddaughter), Bob Yoder, Sr., Shirley Yoder.

For all who grieve, including the family & friends of: Annette Beyer (friend of the Reillys), Alice Ciarrocca (friend of Karen Heacock & Phyllis McKeefrey), Lois DeSantis, Bernard Didden, Debbie Boerner Hair (family of the MacDonalds), Irene Krohnemann, Margaret (Peggy) Long, Shirley Malloy, Cindy Mancuso, Lisa Ronan (neighbor of the MacDonalds).

For those in active-duty military service: Cole Dempsey, Air Force (Laura Kratz's grandson), Nathaniel Smyrl, PA Army National Guard, Joe Recco, Navy (Raymond Masser's grandson).

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