

**Grace United Church of Christ  
Church Newsletter  
P.O. Box 448  
Greencastle, PA 17225**



## **Grace United Church of Christ**

**We welcome everyone back to  
in house worship!**

**Weekly Sunday Worship Services held at 10am  
in the Sanctuary**

**Communion Services held the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
of each month**

**Streaming of live services are held on our Facebook  
page, Grace United Church of Christ.**

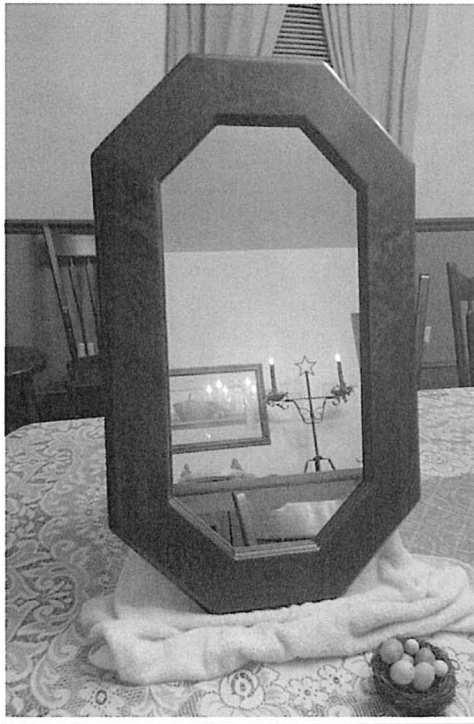
**(Masks are now optional for worship service.)**

### **GRACE'S FREE CLOSET**

Grace's Free Closet is now opened! There will be a few new rules in place for everyone's safety till the virus is gone. We miss everyone, come visit us soon! Our weekly hours will remain the same, Monday, Wednesday & Friday, from 9:30am to 12:30pm, and the first Saturday of each month, from 11am to 1pm. Please 'Like' our Facebook page 'Grace's Closet Greencastle' to keep updated on any changes.

## **Heirloom Mirrors Fundraiser**

Our long-time member, Jeff Stouffer, has been making high quality custom hardwood mirrors for over 35 years. Jeff has a long background creating custom wood projects. Jeff is donating his talent, time and materials by selling his custom heirloom mirrors to benefit GUCC. Please visit our website for more details about Jeff's talents and ordering information about these beautiful custom mirrors. You will find this information on the Groups & Activities page, under Jeff Stouffer Heirloom Mirrors. Feel free to call Jeff or the church office with any further questions, or to place your order.



## **Grace Snyder Circle**

Women's Guild will be holding their next meeting on Monday, July 6, at 1pm, in the meeting room.

## ***Called to Care Training***

Has been postponed till a later date in the Fall. We will keep you updated as soon as we receive any further details. Please contact Pastor Mark, Sydnae Vanner, or Jeff Stouffer if you have any questions.

## **Coffee & Refreshments**

Our after service fellowship time of coffee & refreshments is tentatively scheduled for July 19, hosted by Sydnae Vanner and Jim Thomas. The next one is scheduled for August 16, hosted by Kate Kennedy, Ruth Kennedy and Mark Stahl. We will keep you update if it is decided to postpone them.





## **YARD SALE & GRAB-AND-GO LUNCH**

### ***Shop for Hidden Treasures....***

Find hidden treasures while you shop at GUCC's Annual Yard Sale.  
Look through housewares, decorations, games, toys,  
tools and more.

### ***and Grab a Bagged Lunch-to-Go!***

Bag includes a hot dog, bag of chips, applesauce,  
granola bar and bottled water for only

**\$5.00**

## **WE'LL SEE YOU THERE!**

### **Where:**

Grace United Church of Christ, 128 E. Baltimore Street  
Church Social Hall & Parking Lot

### **When:**

Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 8 AM - 4 PM

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT  
GRACE UCC, 128 E. BALTIMORE ST., GREENCASTLE**

## **First Saturday Community Lunch**

Our free community lunches are tentatively scheduled to resume in August.

## **Laundry Love**

It will be discussed if we will possibly re-open Laundry Love in July. Please contact Carolyn Shoemaker for further information or to volunteer your time.

## **Single Ladies Luncheon**

Luncheons are postponed till further notice. We will announce when they will resume.

## **CHURCH SERVICE VOLUNTEERS:**

We need volunteers for Greeters and Ushers, Communion Servers and Readers for August. Please help us out and sign up! Call the church office to sign-up or please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the vestibule.

## *Congregational Group Email*

**Don't miss any church news or updates! If you are not on our new group congregational email, please contact the church office with your email address so we can be sure to add you to our list. If you don't use email, that's okay, we will still get in touch with you by phone or snail mail.**

## **Newsletter Distributions**

We are now sending out our newsletters by email instead of US Postal service. Newsletters will also be available to view and download from our new website. For those who don't have email or printer access, copies can be picked up after service from the front table in the vestibule and by the elevator area. If you prefer us to continue mailing your copy, please contact the church office and we will gladly keep you on the newsletter mailing list. These new delivery methods help us save time and money. Thank you for understanding this new change.





## **Facebook**

If you have access to Facebook, please 'like' our page, Grace United Church of Christ, as it will help keep you updated on events and changes. If you are out of town, or want to watch our worship service from the comfort of your home, please gather on our Facebook page at 10am on Sunday mornings for a live stream of our service. This is a great way to stay connected with everyone!



## **GUCC Website**

In case you haven't heard, our website is new and improved! Kate Kennedy, Jason Miller and Elaine Scheffer have been working hard getting our website updated for us. Our newest feature is a donate button you can use to make contributions. We've added stories, photos and information about our services and outreach ministries. You will be able to download our weekly service programs along with our newsletter from the website. You can find us at: <https://www.graceuccgreencastle.com>



## **Contributions**

We have a new way you can make a donation or offering to GUCC. Go to our website and click on any DONATE button. Once you click on a donate button you will come to a page where you can enter your donation amount, then use the drop down box to choose where you would like your donation to be used. You can choose to select GUCC Offering, Building Fund, Moller Organ Fund, German Reformed Cemetery or the outreach program of your choice. You will need your credit card. Once you submit any contribution, you will receive an email receipt. Please keep this receipt for your tax purposes. Any questions, please contact Kate Kennedy or the church office for assistance.

## **Condolences:**

Please keep the family of Betty Walsnovich in your thoughts and prayers, as Betty has passed away on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Services will be held on Saturday, June 27, 10am at Miller-Bowersox Funeral Home in Greencastle.

Burial will follow at Maplewood Cemetery, Marion. Family will receive friends one hour prior to the services on Saturday morning at the funeral home.

# **Educational Sunday**

Our graduates and scholarship recipients were honored on June 14, during our Educational Sunday worship service.

The Julia M. Bodes Scholarship was awarded to Mariah Bingaman. She will be attending Penn State Mont Alto, Majoring in Business Management.

Kathryn Didier Scholarships were awarded to: Debra Pirtle, who is attending Grand Canyon University (online), majoring in Psychology with emphasis on substance abuse and to Benjamin Stouffer who is attending Penn State Mont Alto, and studying to be an Occupational Therapy Assistant.

We honor Dr. Rachael Stepler Cannon, MD, who has attended Trinity School of Medicine for her Medical Doctorate Degree. She will be entering her Pediatric Residency at Palms West Hospital in Royal Palm Beach, Florida.

A donation has also been made to the scholarship fund at the Lancaster Theological Seminary in honor of Rev. Ralph S. Geiman.

Our loose change offering of \$217.34 received during this worship service is going towards our Educational Fund.

**Congratulations to all the graduates of 2020!**

## **Just a note of thank you:**

We thank Sydnae Vanner, Carolyn Shoemaker and Jack Shoemaker for helping us weed and trim the flower beds in May! We thank Lorna Thomas, Gladys Doyle and Larry Stepler for helping us weed in June! You did an amazing job and it looks beautiful!

## **Weeding Volunteers**

Do you like the outdoors? Can you help us out by volunteering a day or two to help us keep the front flower beds trimmed and weed free? We need continued volunteers till the end of the summer. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the front vestibule or call the church office and we can mark you down for a day or two during the week of your choice!

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## **Church Picnic**

Scheduled for September 20, at Jerome King Playground

## **Consistory Minutes of Meeting**

**March 15, 2020**

**Roll Call:** Margaret Stouffer, Steve Miller, Carolyn Shoemaker, Mark Stahl, Jeff Stouffer, Larry Stepler, Sydnae Vanner, Mark Ruzicka, Lu Miller

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by President Margaret Stouffer

**Devotions and Prayer:** Given by Pastor Mark

Additions to the Information Agenda include Coronavirus Plan, Chapel Lighting, and Ceiling Tile repair estimate. A motion by C. Shoemaker/J. Stouffer to approve additions to agenda was approved unanimously.

**Consent Agenda:** Corrections to February 16, 2020 minutes included Neighbors In Need Grant was for \$3000 and the parsonage is zoned Community/Commercial. On a J. Stouffer/S. Miller motion the Consent agenda was approved unanimously with the corrections as above.

**Information Agenda:** Neighbors In Need Grant check for \$3000 was received.

Called to Care training April 4 and 19 (9-12noon) – Due to restrictions from Coronavirus it was decided to call to check on some of the elderly congregants. Sydnae, Margaret and Carolyn will follow through with this. Pastor Mark will reach out to the shut-ins.

Kate Kennedy and Elaine are updating the church website with the help of Pastor Mark and Margaret.

Updates on parsonage - Jeff S. will contact Realtor, Kelly Stouffer for guidance in clarifying zoning requirements for parsonage to be put on the market and the need to have the property surveyed.

On a C. Shoemaker/S. Miller motion it was decided to move forward with the repairs on the floors at the parsonage. Passed unanimously.

On M. Stouffer/S. Miller motion it was decided to have Burkholder's start repair work on the floors and Eberly's to remove radiators for floor repair after congregational vote. Passed unanimously.

The above 2 motions will need congregational vote to proceed as the total cost is approximately \$10,220. Margaret will make an announcement prior to service today that there will be a congregational meeting after services on March 29 to vote on proceeding with repairs to parsonage and to list the parsonage with a realtor. A letter will also be sent out this coming week notifying congregation of special meeting.

It was decided to go ahead and get an estimate from ServPro for cleaning of the parsonage after repair work is finished.

On a S. Vanner/C. Shoemaker motion it was decided to list the parsonage property at 136 E. Baltimore Street, Greencastle with Kelly Stouffer, Realtor, with congregational approval from the meeting scheduled for March 29.

Discussion was held regarding the need to have professional photos taken of the repair work that needs to be done. It was decided that was not necessary.

Discussion was held regarding the restrictions of Coronavirus and whether to keep Grace's Closet and Laundry Love operating as usual. It was decided that chairpersons of those outreach programs would make the decision. Discussion regarding contacting congregation if services need to be cancelled was held. A phone tree list had been distributed earlier and will be followed if necessary.

**Building and Grounds:** Steve Miller reported that repair of the leak in the roof was completed with cost coming in at \$200, not \$600 as expected. He also reported that at some time in the near future the roof will eventually need more repairs or replacement. An estimate of \$200 was presented to repair the ceiling tiles outside the sanctuary. On a J. Stouffer/C. Shoemaker it was decided to accept the estimate to repair ceiling tiles. Passed unanimously.

On a C. Shoemaker/ L. Miller it was decided to buy a DVD/BluRay player for the church use. Passed unanimously.

Lights in the Chapel are out on the outside wall. An electrician corrected the problem. An estimate of \$2000 was presented to replace the lights with LED lights. It was decided to table this at this time.

**Miscellaneous:** We will be needing 4 servers for communion for Easter Sunday. We need to use the trash tote provided by Worthy's for our trash. Steve M. will inform the custodian.

**Tabled Items for next meeting:**

Persons needed to review wedding and funeral guidelines

Persons needed to review and update notebook for Consistory members

Consistory member terms?

Next meeting Sunday, April 19, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40a.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lu Miller

## **Consistory Minutes of Meeting**

**April 26, 2020**

**Roll Call:** Margaret Stouffer, Jeff Stouffer, Mark Stahl, Sydnae Vanner, Caroline Shoemaker, Steve Miller, Lu, Miller, and Pastor Mark Ruzicka via electronically.

The meeting was called to order at 1:05pm by President Margaret Stouffer.

**Devotions:** Devotions were read by Pastor Mark.

**Work of the Church:** A Blessing Basket consisting of 2 tub containers filled with nonperishable items has been placed on the front steps of the church for those in need to help themselves and for donations. Bulletins and newsletters are being sent to members via email with a hard copy available for pick up at the church. The Upper Room devotional booklet is also available for pick up at the church.

**Agenda Additions and Subtractions:** Financial discussion was added to the Information Agenda.

**Consent Agenda:** On a C. Shoemaker/M. Stahl the Minutes for the March 15 consistory meeting were accepted. Passed unanimously. Discussion was held regarding forming a committee to review finances, expenses and income especially during this time of quarantine. It was suggested that participants on the committee be Jeff Stouffer, Larry Stepler, Elaine Scheffer and Pastor Mark. On a S. Miller/C. Shoemaker the financial report was accepted with the forming of a committee to review expenses and income. Passed unanimously.

**Information Agenda:** Margaret and Pastor Mark shared that Rev. Richard Gordon reached out to check how we were progressing with the search & call position. They updated him on our standing. Margaret reported that she spoke with Nora Foust regarding the fitness review on Pastor Brenda. It is now in a holding pattern due to the restrictions with Coronavirus. However Nora will be keeping up on it and will keep in touch with Margaret.

Neighbors In Need distribution is as follows: \$1000 to go for utilities, \$200 to help pay for copier paper, ink for flyers and advertising, \$800 to Laundry Love, \$500 to Grace's Closet, \$500 to the Saturday Community Meal.

Called to Care training will be rescheduled either virtual or distance training as quarantine dictates.

Kate Kennedy and Elaine Scheffer have been working to update the website. They have been working on putting a link on the website for direct payments into the church account for tithes and offerings. Larry Stepler is also helping with this project. Thank You!

Margaret will contact Larry Stepler to reach out to Richard Holzapel to attend a consistory meeting with information regarding the investment accounts.

**Action Agenda:** Steve and Jeff repaired and secured the large garage.

Updates on parsonage:

We have an engineer's report stating there is a wall bulging in the basement, making the wall unstable as a wall failure could occur without warning. A mason was brought in to look at the wall and in his opinion; it is not able to be repaired. Due to the cost, he recommended demolition of the house and either sell the lot or repurpose the ground.

Steve M. will contact DH Martin for an estimate to demolish the parsonage.

On a M. Stouffer/L. Miller motion it was decided to put any repair work on hold until a decision could be made as to whether to demolish the building or sell as is. Passed unanimously. Building and Grounds will get an estimate to demolish and find out if we can sell as is with a full disclosure. Margaret will send a letter to the congregation about the plans to either demolish and sell the lot or sell the building as is.

Review of wedding and funeral guidelines. A committee was set up consisting of Sydnae, Caroline and Pastor Mark to review.

Review and update notebook for consistory members. Margaret and Lu will work on this.

Consistory member terms. Margaret and Lu will review.

Strategy to meet in person when quarantine restrictions are lessened. Discussion was held to possibly do a live feed from the sanctuary to the chapel. Steve M. will check with Jason M. regarding what is needed.

Next meeting will be Sunday, May 17, 2020 either 8:30 am or 1:00 pm

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 2:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lu Miller

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### **Consistory Minutes of Meeting**

**May 17, 2020**

**Roll Call:** Margaret Stouffer, Jeff Stouffer, Sydnae Vanner, Carolyn Shoemaker, Steve Miller, Lu Miller, Mark Stahl, Larry Stepler, Mark Ruzicka

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m. by President Margaret Stouffer.

**Devotions:** Devotions were led by Pastor Mark Ruzicka.

**Work of the Church:** Discussion was held regarding opening the church for worship when the county is in the yellow phase. The possibility of streaming the service to the Chapel was discussed if there are more than 25 people attending to comply with restrictions of the yellow



phase. There was discussion of air circulation by opening any windows and/or running the ceiling fans. Also it was decided to remove the hymnals and Bibles to have at the back of the sanctuary for those who wanted to use them to take to their seats. We were reminded that June 14 is Education Sunday. Pastor Mark and Margaret will recognize the participants.

**Consent Agenda:** On a J. Stouffer/C. Shoemaker motion the consent agenda was approved.

**Information Agenda:**

An update was given on the status of the fitness review for Pastor Clark by Margaret. It was reported that the Mercersburg Association will give one more month before deciding to do a Zoom interview with Pastor Clark. They are waiting for the Illinois conference to interview her.

Called to Care training will be rescheduled when the Covid restrictions are lifted.

Kate Kennedy and Elaine have worked on updating the church's website, adding Pay Pal for donations. Directions will be sent to congregation on how to use it.

Wedding and funeral guidelines, as well as the updated directory are being worked on.

**Action Agenda:**

Updates on parsonage: Discussion was held on demolition vs. selling as is vs. repair and rent. On a motion by C. Shoemaker/S. Vanner it was decided not to demolish the building. Larry Stepler will contact the insurance company regarding if the building can be rented. Pending the answer from the insurance company a decision will be made as to whether to repair floors. Mark Stahl will contact Orrstown Bank to see if a potential buyer would be able to get a loan with the existing engineer's report. Larry Stepler will check with BB&T to see about getting an appraisal. Mark Stahl will get a second opinion on replacing the front door to the parsonage.

Garages: On the large garage the side door will need to be replaced. An estimate of \$900 was gotten. The door currently is not secure. There is a potential renter for the garage renting for \$150-\$175 monthly. The small garage is being rented at \$90 per month.

Cleaning: Steve will negotiate with the current custodial service to have specific times for cleaning.

**Finance Committee:**

Larry Stepler explained the PPP Loan.

The finance committee will be meeting next week to review Accountant costs, Comcast, Cleaning.

Rebuilding America campaign was discussed and denied.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 A.M. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lu Miller

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Grace United Church of Christ Statement of Financial  
Income & Expenses for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter ends on June 30,  
2020. Statement will be provided in the next newsletter.  
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## **\*\*\*Please Note\*\*\***

Please contact church office, board members or committee members to confirm any activities or services in question. Due to Covid-19, for your safety and guidance, some upcoming events may still need to be postponed, rescheduled or held online.



- 1** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
- 3** Grace's Free Closet TBA if they will be open
- 4** **Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July**  
Grace's Free Closet TBA if they will be open
- 5** 10am Worship with Communion, in the Sanctuary  
Communion Servers: Lu Miller  
Greeters/Ushers: Lu Miller & Jean Rice  
Reader: Nancy Myers  
Scriptures: Gen 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67  
and Rom 7:15-25

- 6** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm  
Grace Snyder Circle, 1pm, meeting room  
Activities/Fundraising Committee, 6pm, meeting room  
Consistory reports for June due to church office
- 8** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
- 10** Grace's Free Closet TBA if they will be open  
Yard Sale & Grab-And-Go Lunch, 8am-4pm, in  
the church social hall and parking lot
- 12** 10am Worship Service, in the Sanctuary  
Greeters/Ushers: Carolyn & Barry Shoemaker  
Reader: Patty Stepler  
Scriptures: Gen 25:19-34, and Rom 8:1-11
- 13** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm  
Consistory agenda packets will be sent to board  
members via email this week
- 15** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
- 17** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
- 19** Consistory Board Meeting, 8:30am, meeting room  
10am Worship Service, in the Sanctuary  
Greeters/Ushers: Ed & Gladys Doyle  
Reader: Patty Stepler  
Scriptures: Gen 28:10-19, and Rom 8:12-25  
Coffee & Refreshments following service, in the  
social hall, hosted by Sydnae Vanner & Jim Thomas
- 20** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
- 22** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
- 24** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm

- 26** 10am Worship Service, in the Sanctuary  
Greeters/Ushers: Grace & Bob Gearhart  
Reader: Bob Gearhart  
Scriptures: Gen 29:15-28, and Rom 8:26-39
- 27** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm  
Single Ladies Luncheon TBA if they will meet
- 28** Laundry Love, 5-8pm, at the Laundry Spot on  
N. Carlisle Street, TBA if they will resume this  
month
- 29** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
- 31** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm



- 1** Grace First Saturday Community Lunch, 11am-1pm  
Grace's Free Closet open 11am-1pm

- 2** 10am Worship with Communion, in the Sanctuary  
Communion Servers: TBA  
Greeters/Ushers: Deb Pirtle & TBA  
Reader: Nancy Myers  
Scriptures: Gen 32:22-31, and Rom 9:1-5
- 3** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm  
Activities/Fundraising Committee, 6pm, meeting room
- 5** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
- 7** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
- 9** 10am Worship Service, in the Sanctuary  
Greeters/Ushers: TBA  
Reader: TBA  
Scriptures: Gen 37:1-4, 12-28, and Rom 10:5-15
- 10** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
- 12** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
- 13** Deadline to submit articles for Sept/Oct Newsletter
- 14** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
- 16** 10am Worship Service, in the Sanctuary  
Greeters/Ushers: Lu Miller & Cathy Keefer  
Reader: Lu Miller  
Scriptures: Gen 45:1-15, and Rom 11:1-2a, 29-32  
Coffee & Refreshments following service, in the  
social hall, hosted by Kate Kennedy, Ruth Kennedy  
and Mark Stahl  
Blood Pressure screening available after service in  
the social hall by Lorna Thomas & Nancy Myers
- 17** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
- 19** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm

- 21** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
- 23** 10am Worship Service, in the Sanctuary  
Greeters/Ushers: Lu Miller & Cathy Keefer  
Reader: Steve Miller  
Scriptures: Exodus 1:8 to 2:10, and Rom 12:1-8
- 24** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
- 25** Laundry Love, 5-8pm, at the Laundry Spot on  
N. Carlisle Street, TBA if they will resume this month
- 26** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
- 28** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
- 30** 10am Worship Service, in the Sanctuary  
Greeters/Ushers: Carolyn & Barry Shoemaker  
Reader: Nancy Myers  
Scriptures: Exodus 3:1-15, and Rom 12:9-21
- 31** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm  
Single Ladies Luncheon TBA if they will meet







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**JULY / AUGUST**

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