

Grace United Church of Christ
128 E. Baltimore Street
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Grace Notes
September/October 2020



We have named our Newsletter, now calling it Grace Notes! Keeping part of our church name 'Grace' and adding 'notes', which is a play on 'note' being a written communication and a musical note!

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

**Communion Services held the 1st Sunday
of each month**

**Streaming of live services can be viewed on our
Facebook page, Grace United Church of Christ. Our
weekly worship program can be downloaded from
our website.**

**We are kindly asking everyone to wear masks while
entering and exiting services, and to please sit in the pews
marked with the blue ribbons. Wearing masks during
singing will be at the discretion of the congregation. We
are also asking our volunteers to wear masks during
church events and when helping out at any of our outreach
programs. We will keep you updated on any changes as
guidelines are constantly being reviewed.**

Newsletter Article by Pastor Mark

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is clear to me that the church is in a new cultural environment now...certainly different from 50 years ago. I am looking forward to reading a new book about how we (as the church) can **adapt and evolve**...to better serve our Greencastle neighbors and our Lord. The book is called *Future Faith: Ten Challenges Reshaping Christianity in the 21st Century*, written by Wesley Granberg-Michaelson. By way of introduction, I will list the 10 challenges below. Personally, I resonate with many of them. Which one(s) speaks most powerfully to you?

As we journey forward together in the future, let us consider how we can work together to address these challenges, Pastor Mark

1. Revitalizing Withering Congregations
2. Embracing the Color of the Future
3. Seeing through Non-Western Eyes
4. Perceiving the World as Sacred
5. Affirming Spirit-Filled Communities
6. Rejecting the Heresy of Individualism
7. De-Americanizing the Gospel
8. Defeating Divisive Culture Wars
9. *Belonging* Before Believing
10. Saving *This* World

GRACE'S FREE CLOSET

Grace's Free Closet has updated their hours. They are open on Monday and Wednesday, from 9:30am till 12:30pm. There are a few new rules in place for everyone's safety till the virus is gone. We are asking our volunteers and shoppers to wear masks for everyone's protection, and we are limiting the number of shoppers in each room. Please 'like' their Facebook page 'Grace's Closet Greencastle' to keep updated on any changes or contact Nancy Myers.

First Saturday Community Lunch

Our free community lunches have resumed. They are being held the first Saturday of each month from 11am to 1pm. We will have Grab-n-Go brown bag lunches until we are able to safely socialize again. Our September 5th menu includes: sloppy joe, chips, fruit cup, bottle of water and a desert snack. Everyone welcome to stop by for a brown bag lunch!



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.



Annual Church Picnic

We have reserved the Citizens Pavilion at Jerome King Playground for our church picnic on September 20. This is a different pavilion then previously used, this is the one located by the bridge towards Walter Avenue. Worship services will be held outdoors in the pavilion area at 10am, followed by food and fellowship time. We will have fried chicken from Martins costing \$4 per person. Please see Marg Stouffer after Sunday worship on Sept 6 and Sept 13 to pay for your chicken, or stop by the church office during the week. We will provide plasticware, plates and napkins. Please bring your own 'Brown Bag' lunch sides, dessert and drinks in place of a covered dish. This will make it possible to safely enjoy this time without touching serving utensils, etc. Activities will not be planned. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR . . .



On Saturday, September 26th we will be having a Chicken BBQ to benefit our Relay for Life team. We need your help selling tickets in advance! This will help us know how much chicken we will need. Please see Marg Stouffer for tickets after church in the social hall beginning August 30th. Money and unsold tickets need to be returned by Sunday, September 20th. Tickets will also be available in the church office.

Grace United Church of Christ - Chicken BBQ

Saturday, September 26, 2020, 3PM to 6PM

Carry Out -- Meal \$12.00 & Chicken only \$6.00

½ Chicken by Sam's BBQ

**Meal includes: Baked Beans, Applesauce, Roll, Dessert,
and Drink**

Proceeds benefit: Grace UCC's Relay for Life Team

Coffee & Refreshments

We have cancelled coffee & refreshments for the rest of the year for everyone's health and safety. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to host snacks in the past. We will put out new sign-up sheets when we decide to hold snack days in the future.



Laundry Love

For everyone's health and safety, it has been decided to postpone Laundry Love until 2021. We thank everyone who has volunteered at the Laundry Spot and look forward to starting up again next year! Please contact Carolyn Shoemaker if you have any further questions.

Single Ladies Luncheon

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

Activities & Fundraising Committee

They have a new meeting time! They are now meeting at 7pm on the first Monday of each month with the exception of September.

September's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, at 7pm (as Monday falls on Labor Day).

Location of meeting will be determined. They will be in the social hall or meeting room.

CHURCH SERVICE VOLUNTEERS:

We need a few more volunteers for Greeters/Ushers, Communion Servers and Readers for September and October. Please see the sign-up sheets on the table in the vestibule.

Weeding Volunteers

We need continued volunteers till the end of September. 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! We thank everyone who has helped out during the hot summer days!

Grace Snyder Circle

Women's Guild is back to holding their normal monthly meetings. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 14, 1pm, in the meeting room.

Just a note of thank you:

We thank Lorna & Roy Thomas for helping us weed and trim the flower beds in July! We thank Gladys & Ed Doyle and Chet & Mildred Minnich for helping us weed in August! You did an amazing job and it looks beautiful!

Congregational Group Email

Don't miss any church news or updates! Contact the church office if you are not currently on our email list so we can add you today! If you don't use email, that's okay, we will still get in touch with you by phone or snail mail.

Condolences:

Please keep the family and friends of Lorraine Stine in your thoughts and prayers, as Lorraine passed away on July 22.



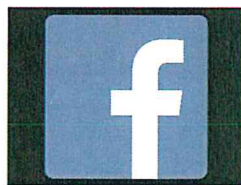
Newsletter Distributions

You can view and download the newsletters any time from our website. A few extra copies will be available on the table in the front vestibule and by the elevator area, or call the church office if you want to stop by and pick up a copy.



Facebook

If you have access to Facebook, please 'like' our page, Grace United Church of Christ, 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! We thank Kate Kennedy for all her work keeping it updated. We've added stories, photos and information about our services and outreach ministries. Our newest feature is a donate button for online contributions.

You can also download our weekly service programs along with our newsletters from the website.

You can find us at: <https://www.graceuccgreencastle.com>

Contributions

Did you know you can make an online donation or offering to GUCC? Go to our website and click on any DONATE button. You then come to a page where you can enter your donation amount, use the drop down box to choose where you would like your donation to be used. You can choose 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. And of course, you can always mail or drop off donations to the church office. Any questions, please contact Kate Kennedy or the church office for assistance.

Shut-In Birthday's

Let's shower our members with birthday wishes!

Frances (Pickle) Diehl
Shook Home
Room 106A
55 South Second Street
Chambersburg, PA 17201
Birthdate: September 5

Mary Ann Myers
358 Teaberry Lane
Greencastle, PA 17225
Birthdate: September 29



FIRST SATURDAY COMMUNITY LUNCH

Grace United Church of Christ, 128 E Baltimore St., Greencastle offers a **FREE** lunch each first Saturday of the month.



Saturday, September 5th, 11:00 am -1:00 pm

FREE GRAB-N-GO LUNCH

INCLUDES:

Sloppy Joe

Chips

Fruit Cup

Bottle of Water

Desert Snack

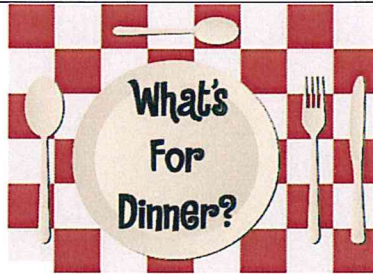
EVERYONE WELCOME. DONATIONS APPRECIATED.



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Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner

At

**Grace United Church of Christ
128 E. Baltimore St., Greencastle**

Saturday, October 17, 2020

3PM to 6PM in the Social Hall

Adults: \$10.00 Children 4 -12: \$5.00

Children 4 and under free

**Pork, Sauerkraut, Hot Dogs, Mashed Potatoes,
Cornbread, Dessert**

Drink Choices for \$1

All proceeds of the dinner will go to our Church Organ Fund.



Save the Dates:

November 7

First Saturday Thanksgiving Meal
11am to 1pm, location TBA

November 20 & 21

Apple Dumpling Sale



Consistory Minutes of Meeting

June 21, 2020

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Presider Margaret Stouffer

Devotions: Prayer was given by Pastor Mark Ruzicka

Work of the Church: Margaret gave an update regarding the reopening guidelines for the church. We will continue cleaning and disinfecting the church after services. Offering will be collected at the door to the sanctuary through the end of June. Communion will stay the same as in May. Grace's Closet will reopen on Monday, June 22. Laundry Love opening will be re-evaluated in June for July reopening. First Saturday meal is scheduled to resume in August. Sidewalk Sales for Greencastle are still undetermined. However, Grace Church will have a yard sale with bagged lunch on July 10. Masks are now optional for worship service.

Agenda Additions and Subtractions: One addition to Information Agenda was paving small area of the north side of the church. On a J. Stouffer/C. Shoemaker a motion to accept the addition was passed.

Consent Agenda: Margaret reported in Larry Stepler's absence that at this time there was no need to use the Line

of Credit from the Wells Fargo Account. Application for forgiveness on the PPP loan will be in July. This was mostly for salaries. Under Fundraising and Activities Report, the Chalk on the walk activity will not take place. Motion to accept Consent Agenda made by S. Vanner/S. Miller was passed.

Information Agenda: Margaret reported hearing from Nora Foust that the committee on ministry will be moving ahead with zoom meetings regarding the Fitness Report. Called to Care training will be postponed until Fall. Review and updating information papers in the Blue notebook was passed to consistory members. Air conditioners were replaced in the rooms used by Grace's Closet. See attached report in the agenda packet for more successes. The church picnic will be held on September 20. Carolyn Shoemaker will reserve a pavilion at the King's Playground. Yard Sale coinciding with Sidewalk Sales will be on July 10 in the church parking lot. Members of the church will be asked to donate items for sale, along with the old air conditioners and extra chairs from the social hall. There is a strip of loose gravel on the north side of the church along the side entrance that Ed and Gladys Doyle have sponsored to have paved. Building and Grounds committee will contact the Doyle's and get more information.

Action Agenda: Building and Grounds – Air conditioning for the social hall, chapel and offices froze. After consultation with repair company it was suggested that they need to be replaced. There are two units that would need to be repaired. Both are at least 15 years old and life

expectancy for them is 15 years. They have frozen up before. Estimates are being sought from Leckron Comfort Solutions, CV Wender and Premier. An estimate from Leckron Comfort Solutions was received at \$11,522. Mr. Leckron is interested in buying the parsonage and possibly some bartering could take place. He would probably demolish the existing building and rebuild an office for his business. Mr. Leckron investigated and discovered the parking lot was deeded with the parsonage. This is in contradiction to a more recent report Margaret has. More investigation will be done as to the most recent deed and amount of property attached to the parsonage deed. Zoning will also need to be investigated. Another option was discussed with John Lehman submitting an estimate to repair the wall in the parsonage at less than \$10,000. A formal estimate will be coming. An itemized statement will be prepared by Steve Miller with the cost of all the repairs and cleaning needing done to list the parsonage with a realtor. An estimate of the listing value after all repair and cleaning was given at \$175,000. A decision will be made by consistory once the values have been distributed and reviewed by members. The cleaning contract has been renegotiated with the cost decreasing from \$200 per week to \$65 per week with some members cleaning certain areas themselves after use. Comcast contract was signed with a significant savings. Accountant fees have been lowered from \$4500 to \$2850. Steve Miller will contact Mark's Lawn for an estimate on mowing the cemetery.

Pastor Mark will be on vacation July 19. He has made arrangements for Julia Brown to lead services.

Next meeting July 19 at 8:30.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lu Miller

Consistory Minutes of Meeting

July 19, 2020

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

The meeting was called to order by President Margaret Stouffer at 8:30 a.m.

Devotions: Prayer was given by Margaret Stouffer

Work of the Church: Reopening guidelines were reviewed. They are as follows: Wear masks entering and exiting, sitting in the pews marked with the blue ribbons. It was decided to put this information in the bulletins. Discussion was held on checking temperatures of people coming into the church, including Grace's Closet customers. First Saturday lunch was decided to be grab and go lunches. Laundry Love is postponed until 2021. Wearing masks during singing is to be at the discretion of the congregation.

Motion: A motion by M. Stouffer/C. Shoemaker to have volunteers wear masks during events passed unanimously.

Agenda Additions and Subtractions: None.

Consent Agenda: Motion by S. Vanner/J. Stouffer to approve the consent agenda passed unanimously.

Information Agenda: Margaret reached out to Nora Foust regarding the Fitness Report. She was told an interview will be set up later in July with Pastor Brenda. A report will then be ready for Mercersburg Conference in August.

Building and Grounds: Ceiling tiles outside the sanctuary are coming down again and will need to be replaced. Steve M. and Mark S. will pursue getting estimates/opinions on how to repair the ceiling. Parsonage – Mark Stahl reported that John Lehman is waiting for the report from the engineer before starting repairs. Margaret will get the title company to pursue the separation of deeds for the church and parsonage.

The Citizens Pavilion at King Playground has been reserved for the church picnic on Sept. 20. This is a different pavilion than previously used.

Action Agenda: Building and grounds – Steve M will ask Eric Wingert to go onto the roof to see what if any repairs needing immediate attention.

PPP Loan – Larry reported that we will apply for loan forgiveness in July/August. The CPA will take care of the application. Wells Fargo account will be transferred to Morgan Stanley to stay with our current brokers.

Comcast – Jeff reported that will be seeing a savings of \$30 per month with renegotiation.

The yard sale saw donations of approximately \$1616.00 and also \$300 for a mirror.

The consistory will meet with Grand Point on July 29. Margaret, Carolyn and Sydnae will meet prior to that to tidy up.

Thank you to Gano Paving for blacktopping the area on the north side of the church beside the ally.

It was decided that the consistory will need to meet in August.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lu Miller



<p style="text-align: center;">Grace United Church of Christ Statement of Financial Income and Expenses 2nd Quarter Ending: June 2020</p>
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General Operating Account:

Beginning Balance	\$6,932.18
Income	\$30,847.05
Expense	\$34,835.84
Ending Balance	\$2,943.39

Building/Outreach/Fundraising/Grants Account:

Beginning Balance	\$1,453.63
Income	\$22,043.41
Expense	\$500.00
Ending Balance	\$22,997.04

Organ Fund Account:

Beginning Balance	\$2,284.78
Income	\$1,455.06
Expense	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$3,739.84

German Reformed Cemetery Fund

Beginning Balance	\$1,300.00
Income	\$10.00
Expense	\$10.00
Ending Balance	\$1,300.00

* Please contact Church office if you would like a detailed report of the income and expense statement. Thank you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

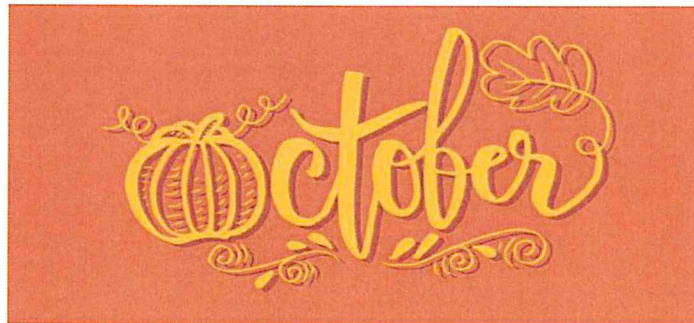
Please contact church office, board members or committee members to confirm any activities or services in question. Due to Covid-19, for your safety and guidance, some upcoming events may still need to be postponed, rescheduled or held online.



- 2** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
- 5** First Saturday Community Lunch, 11-1pm
- 6** 10am Worship with Communion, in the Sanctuary
Communion Servers: Carolyn & Barry Shoemaker
Greeters/Ushers: Carolyn & Barry Shoemaker
Reader: Patty Stepler
Scriptures: Ex 12:1-14; Rom 13:8-14; Matt 18:15-20
See Marg Stouffer after service in the social hall to pay
for your church picnic fried chicken meal and to get
your tickets for our Chicken Barbecue fundraiser.

- 7** Happy Labor Day
Church Office Closed
Grace's Free Closet Closed
- 8** Activities/Fundraising Committee, 7pm, location TBA
- 9** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
- 13** 10am Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
Greeters/Ushers: Tony & Deb Homer
Reader: Nancy Myers
Scriptures: Ex 14:19-31; Rom 14:1-12; Matt 18:21-35
See Marg Stouffer after service in the social hall to pay
for your church picnic fried chicken meal and to get
your tickets for our Chicken Barbecue fundraiser.
- 14** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
Grace Snyder Circle Meeting, 1pm, in meeting room
Committee reports for August due to church office.
- 16** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
- 20** 10am Outside Worship Service at Jerome King
Playground, Citizens Pavilion (near the bridge)
Greeters/Ushers:
Tammy Hockenberry & Mildred Minnich
Reader: TBA
Scriptures: Ex 16:2-15; Phil 1:21-30; Matt 20:1-16
Following service is church picnic & fellowship
Any money and unsold Chicken Barbecue tickets need
returned to Marg Stouffer today!

- 21** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
Consistory agenda packets will be sent to board members via email this week
- 23** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
- 26** Chicken BBQ, carry out, 3pm-6pm
- 27** 8:30am Consistory Meeting, Location TBA|
10am Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
Greeters/Ushers: Ed & Gladys Doyle
Reader: Lu Miller
Scriptures: Ex 17:1-7; Phil 2:1-13; Matt 21:23-32
- 28** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
Single Ladies Luncheon TBA if they will meet
- 30** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm



- 3** First Saturday Community Lunch, 11-1pm

- 4** 10am Worship with Communion, in the Sanctuary
Communion Servers: Nancy Myers & TBA
Greeters/Ushers: Tony & Deb Homer
Reader: Patty Stepler
Scriptures: Ex 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Phil 3:4b-14;
and Matt 21:33-46
- 5** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
Activities/Fundraising Committee, 7pm, location TBA
Committee reports for September due to church office
- 7** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
- 11** 10am Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
Greeters/Ushers: Sydnae Vanner & Jim Thomas
Reader: Nancy Myers
Scriptures: Ex 32:1-14; Phil 4:1-9; Matt 22:1-14
- 12** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
Grace Snyder Circle Meeting, 1pm, in meeting room
Consistory agenda packets will be sent to board
members via email this week
- 13** Deadline to submit articles for Nov/Dec newsletter
- 14** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
- 17** Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner, 3-6pm, dine in or carryout



- 18** Consistory Meeting, 8:30am, meeting room
Worship Service, 10am, in the Sanctuary
Greeters/Ushers: Lorna Thomas & TBA
Reader: Lorna Thomas
Scriptures: Ex 33:12-23; 1 Thess 1:1-10; and
Matt 22:15-22
- 19** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
- 21** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
- 25** 10am Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
Greeters/Ushers: TBA
Reader: TBA
Scriptures: Deut 34:1-12; 1 Thess 2:1-8; and
Matt 22:34-46
- 26** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
Single Ladies Luncheon TBA if they will meet
- 28** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm

