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March/April 2023 Issue

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by Pastor Mark Ruzicka

Lent is a spiritual journey of 40 days that is intended to prepare us for Holy Week. Then, in Holy Week, we can more clearly see the passion of Christ and the love of God. As we prepare for this annual journey, I wanted to share with you a reading from a new book (to me) called *Circle of Grace: A Book of Blessings for the Seasons* by Jan Richardson. The reading is called “Beloved Is Where We Begin.”

“If you would enter into the wilderness,
do not begin without a blessing.

Do not leave without hearing who you are:
Beloved,
named by the One who has traveled this path before you.

Do not go without letting it echo in your ears,
and if you find it is hard to let it into your heart, do not despair.
That is what this journey is for.

I cannot promise this blessing will free you
from danger, from fear, from hunger or thirst,
from the scorching of sun or the fall of the night.

But I can tell you that on this path
there will be help.

I can tell you that on this way
there will be rest.

I can tell you that you will know
the strange graces that come to our aid
only on a road such as this,

that fly to meet us
bearing comfort and strength,
that come alongside us for no other cause
than to lean themselves toward our ear
and with their curious insistence
whisper our name:

Beloved.

Beloved.

Beloved.”

Dearly beloveds, may we be intentional about our spiritual journey
during this Lent...and be on the lookout for **the curious insistence**
of God’s grace...Pastor Mark

Annual Congregational Meeting

Our annual congregational meeting was held on January 15, 2023. We voted on two new board members. We welcome Tim Bryan & Ron Shafer as new consistory board members.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Lenten Bible study is being lead by Pastor Mark on the Gospel of Matthew. The sessions run from February 22 to April 5. We will be using the N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Study Guide called Matthew: 25 Studies for Individuals and Groups. A light meal will be served at 5:30pm, in the social hall, followed by bible study from 6-7pm in the Chapel. Sign-up sheets were available in February, as we needed to get a count to order workbooks for those attending. Contact Marg Stouffer for further questions.



CHURCH SERVICE VOLUNTEERS:

We have open spots for Greeters/Ushers, Readers and Communion servers for the upcoming weeks. Sign-up sheets are located on the table in the front vestibule. We need extra volunteers these next two months, as we have additional worship on Maundy Thursday, and additional communion servers needed during Easter worship.

Condolences:

Our condolences to the family of Jason Green.
Jason passed away at UPMC on February 10th.
He was a giving person and loved by many in our
community. Please keep his family in your
continued prayers as they go through
this difficult time.

May the *love* of those
around you
help you
through the
days ahead.

Monthly Refreshments & Fellowship

We enjoy fellowship and refreshments following
worship services on the second Sunday of each month.
Our next fellowship day is scheduled for March 12.
Due to our April fellowship falling on Easter Sunday, we
rescheduled it to be held on April 30.

Fundraising in 2023

Our Fundraising and Activities Committee is streamlining the fundraising events for 2023. Our wish is to not overwhelm everyone participating and volunteering. Below are our planned events and some information:

Spring Ham Sandwich and Soup Sale

Orders due March 5 and making and pick-up on March 9

The Ham Sandwich and soup sale order forms are now available. Ham sandwiches cost \$4.50. Ham and Bean and Chicken Rice soup will be on sale. Quarts are \$8 and pints are \$4. Please mark these dates and ask your family, friends, and neighbors. We will need volunteers on March 9th to make sandwiches and fill orders.

Envelope Fundraiser- April 1 through May 31

Our second fundraiser is something a little fun and different. It is a way that you can decide what you would like to give. Here is how it works. In the main hallway beginning on April 1st, you will find a red display board with envelopes numbered from 1 to 100.

All you have to do is choose and remove as many envelopes as you wish. Put a check or cash in the envelope to match the number on the outside of the envelope. Return the envelopes to the church office or place them in the offering plate on Sunday. Please put your name and offering envelope numbers on the backside of your envelopes so your donation can be credited. All envelopes are to be returned by May 31st. Let's have a little fun with this to benefit our church.

July Sidewalk Sales Days Yard Sale - July 7 and 8

Please think of us as you are doing your spring cleaning. We will be having our Annual Sidewalk Sales Days Yard Sale on July 7 and 8.

Fall Ham Sandwich and Soup Sale - Dates to be determined

Annual Apple Dumpling Sale – November

More information to come in the Fall

Called to Care Committee

This committee meets quarterly throughout the year. They are trained in care giving and visitations to help with the pastoral care of our church. They recently changed their meeting times from Tuesday evenings to Sunday mornings before worship service. Their next meeting is scheduled for April 23rd, at 8:45 am. If you would like additional information about joining this committee to help with the needs of GUCC, please contact Rev. Ruzicka or Sydnae Vanner.



Worship & Spiritual Committee

Meetings are held bi-monthly on the 2nd Sunday each month, at 9am, in the social hall. Due to our April meeting falling on Easter Sunday, it has been rescheduled for May 14th at 9am. Please contact Rev. Mark, Marg Stouffer, or church office if you would like further details about this committee. Everyone is welcomed to join us!

Chancel Choir

Our beautiful choir sings each week during Sunday service. Choir rehearsals are held Wednesday evenings, at 7:15pm, in the sanctuary. We welcome anyone who would like to join us for practice! Please contact Patty Stepler with any further questions or concerns.

GRACE'S FREE CLOSET

We are open Monday & Wednesday, from 9:30am till 12:30pm. We thank everyone for their generous donations. We need gently used, clean, seasonal items for the downstairs room. Donations can be dropped off at the Closet during their open hours. If you would like to volunteer at the Closet, please contact Nancy Myers at 717-360-3021.

Grace Snyder Circle

Their next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, March 13, at 1pm, in the social hall. We thank everyone who helped during our Annual Pie Sale. We are also thankful for everyone who helped support the Guild by purchasing pies! Hope everyone enjoyed them! We are planning our Family in Christ Banquet (formerly Women in Christ), for May 8, so mark your calendars!

Family In Christ Banquet **(formerly named Women In Christ)**

The Guild is planning their annual banquet on May 8. They have opened it up to men, women, children, and family and friends who would like to attend. The new name is now Family In Christ, so everyone is invited to join us! A catered meal will be held in our social hall. Doors will open between 5:30-6pm, the meal will begin at 6:30pm. Our entertainment for the evening will be a performance by David Reeder. Further details about the menu and cost of the meals will be provided after it's all confirmed. Any questions, please contact Nancy Myers.

Consistory

Board

Meeting

A brief meeting was held on January 15, following our annual congregation meeting, and the consistory board members voted in officers for 2023. Please welcome the following:

Co-Presidents:

Carolyn Shoemaker & Cathy Keefer

Secretary:

Deb Homer

Treasurer:

Larry Stepler

Board Members:

Chet Nye

Lorna Thomas

Our Newest Board Members:

Tim Bryan

Ron Shafer

Boarding meetings are held at 8:30am on the third Sunday each month (with occasional date changes due to holidays/summer months). Contact church office or any board members with any questions or concerns.

Live Streaming of Worship



Live streaming of our services will continue to be available on our Facebook page for those who are unable to attend worship.

Please comment 'hello' so we know you are watching along with us!

You can find us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/GraceChurchGreencastle/>

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. Comment 'hello' so we know you are watching with us. This is a great way to stay connected with everyone!

First Saturday Free

Community Meal

Free Community Meals are held on the first Saturday of the month, from 11am to 1pm, in our social hall.

You can eat-in or request a take-out container.

Menu for March 4:

Chicken Corn Soup, Toasted Cheese,
Applesauce & Bottled Water

Menu for April 1:

Breakfast Sandwich, Sunny Delight or Apple Juice
& Bottled Water

If you are homebound church member or in need of a meal delivered, please contact Chet Nye to make arrangements.

*** Everyone Welcome ***

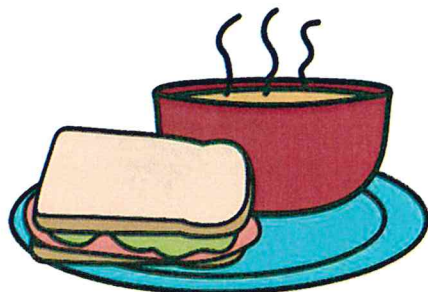
*** Donations Appreciated ***

*** Limited Quantities ***



Ham Sandwich and Soup Sale

March 9th is our ham sandwich and soup sale! Join us in selling and making our delicious ham sandwiches and two kinds of soups: chicken rice soup & ham and bean soup. Sandwiches are \$4.50 each and soups are being sold by the pint for \$4 or by the quart for \$8. Sandwiches will be made and available to be picked up on March 9th, between 11am – 1pm and 4pm – 6pm, in the social hall. Order forms and boxes to place your orders are located on the table in the vestibule and elevator area. You can also drop off your orders at the church office during the week. Payment is due at time of pick-up. We accept cash or checks (with valid ID). Checks can be made payable to Grace UCC. Deadline to place your orders is Sunday March 5th. We will need volunteers on March 9 to make the sandwiches and fill orders. Please contact Marg to volunteer! Thank you!



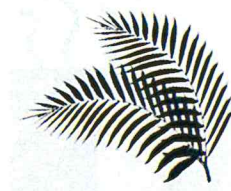


Easter Flowers Dedications

We continue to accept orders for Easter flower dedications. If you would like to place an Easter flower in memory of, or in honor of, your loved ones, please be sure to submit your order by **March 5th**. We offer a choice of 6 ½" potted tulips available in yellow or purple at \$11.75 each, or 6" potted white lilies at \$12.75 each. Order forms & envelopes are available on the tables in the vestibule and elevator area. (Copy of order form can also be found on the back page of this newsletter.) Please place your order form, along with payment, inside the envelope, then place it in the collection plate during Sunday service, or drop off to church office. **Deadline to order is March 5th**. Checks can be made payable to Grace UCC. The Easter flowers will be displayed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday in dedication to your loved ones. You can pick-up your flowers after Easter service. Please contact the church office if you have any further questions at (717) 597-2983.

Palm Sunday

Please join us for our special *Easter Cantata Service* held on Palm Sunday, April 2, at 10 am. Loose change offering received on Palm Sunday will be donated to our choir.



Maundy Thursday & Day of Prayer

Day of prayer will take place on Thursday, April 6, in the Sanctuary from 9am till 7pm. Day of prayer sign-up sheets will be available in the middle of March. Maundy Thursday Communion Service will begin at 7pm.

Easter Sunday

On Sunday April 9, we will be having a Sunrise Service followed by breakfast as well as our 10AM Worship Service.

The Sunrise Service will be held at 6AM at the German Reformed Cemetery on South Carlisle St. The service will be held at the front of the cemetery near the entrance steps. You can park along the street or the alley toward the back and left side of the cemetery. Please bring a camp chair to sit.

Breakfast will be served at the church following the sunrise service. We estimate serving around 7AM. It will be held in the Social Hall at Grace UCC, 128 E. Baltimore St. Please plan to attend and enjoy!

We will be having our Easter Sunday Service at 10AM in the Sanctuary. Easter flowers will be displayed in the sanctuary and can be picked up following worship.

GUCC Website

Our weekly worship programs along with our newsletters can be downloaded from our website anytime!

You can make donations through our website. Just click on any DONATE button, use drop down box to choose where you would like your donation to be used. You will need your credit card. Once you submit any contributions, you will receive an email receipt for your tax purposes. Any questions with this new donate button, please contact Kate Kennedy or Elaine in the church office.

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

We are celebrating 275 years at Grace

The 275th Anniversary Committee has been working to plan events throughout 2023 to celebrate 275 years of serving the Greencastle community. We are working to have a series of articles on Grace Church, it's history and work in the community, to be shared in the local papers. Pastor Mark is preaching on the Heidelberg Catechism throughout the year. We have planned to have a presentation in late April or early May by Jack Webb. Jack spends a great amount of time researching, restoring, and caring for the German Reformed Cemetery on S. Carlisle Street.

On Sunday, September 24, we will have a special worship service, catered dinner, and presentation by Conference Minister, Rev. Dr. Carrie Call. Saturday, December 9 at 4pm, we will have a Holiday Concert. A variety of area musicians will share their talents.

We are selling a commemorative **275th Anniversary Throw** to help with the cost of our events. This will have a picture of the church, 275th Anniversary, church name, and the dates 1748 -2023. It will be 48" by 68", red brick and cream in color, and 2 1/2 ply. A sample is available for you to see at the church. Preorders with payment are being taken now till the end of March. Pick-up an order form after worship services or stop by the church office during the week.

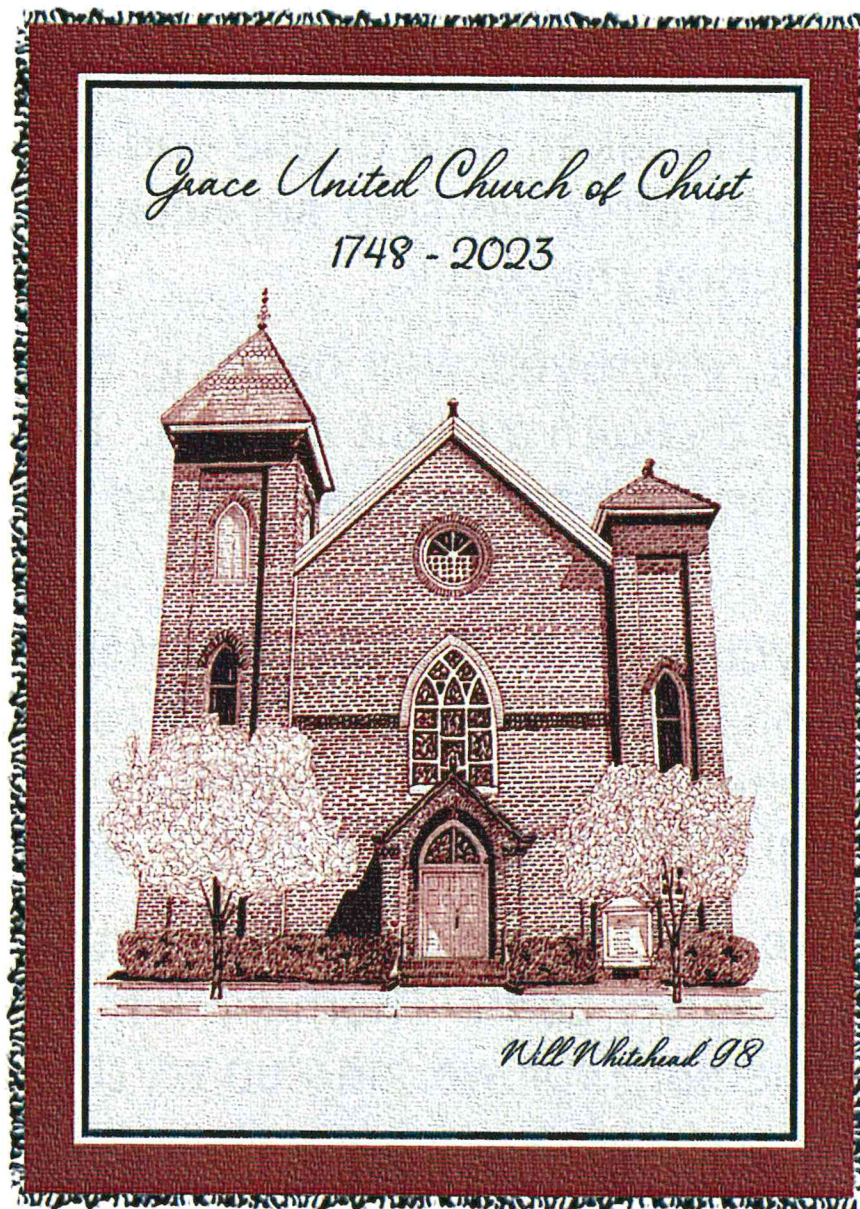
A beautiful oak, engraved wall hanging by Jeff Stouffer will be available through a silent auction. It has the same 275th Anniversary information as stated above for the throw.

We will keep you informed through email and mailings and in the Sunday bulletins. Feel free to ask questions to any of the committee members. Additional information will also be available on our website.

We thank Pastor Mark, Bob Gearhart, Jan Shafer, Nancy Myers, Patty Stepler, Lorna Thomas, Jeff Stouffer, Marg Stouffer(chairperson) for working on all these events.

275 Commemorative Throw

This beautiful throw is on display in the hallway at Grace UCC. We are accepting orders now till the end of March.



Scholarships:



Grace United Church of Christ Scholarship applications are now available. Applications can be found in the folder placed on the front table in the vestibule or stop by church office during the week to pick-up a copy. Applications need to be returned to the church office by April 3rd. The following scholarships are available:

Kathryn Didier – available to members of Grace UCC who are pursuing a higher education

Julia M. Bodes – available to any GAHS senior or high school seniors who belong to GUCC who are planning on majoring in either business education or computer science fields

Ralph S. Geiman - available to anyone in the Christian Faith who will be enrolling full time in the Master of Divinity program at the Lancaster Theological Seminary in Lancaster

If you have any questions about these scholarships, please contact Lorna Thomas or call the church office.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The harvest is coming and so is One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). This year the theme is "It's time to share". Now is the time to help share the riches that Christ has given us. When you donate to OGHS, you help support not only agriculture and food programs, but for water projects, disaster relief and economic development, all over the world. It all starts with your help. Your generosity ensures that, even during uncertainty, the transforming power of love will continue to help and change lives of those who are most vulnerable among us.

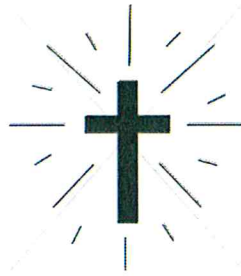
We will be receiving offerings for One Great Hour of Sharing during service on March 19.

As soon as offering envelopes are received, they will be placed on the front table in the vestibule and by the elevator area.



Church Directory Updates

The church directory is a great way for all our members to keep connected with one another. If you have changed any of your current contact information, please contact church office so we can be sure to update our records. Directories have been given out to all our members who gave approval to have their information shared. If you need an updated copy, please contact the church office.



Newsletter Deadline

Do you have anything you would like to share in our next newsletter? Members are welcome to submit any announcements, joys, news, articles or committee updates to share with our church family. Deadline to submit articles for our May/June issue of Grace Notes is Thursday, April 13, at 12 noon. You are welcome to drop off articles at church office or submit through our email at: gucc128@outlook.com

Member Birthday's

March

3/1 - Susan Alsip-Lawson
3/1 - Kendra Koons
3/1 - Jean Rice
3/11 - Robin Stahl
3/14 - Marjorie (Peg) Strausner
3/17 - Darlene Bitner
3/24 - Chet Nye

April

4/5 – Bobbie Sponseller
4/10 - Grace Gearhart
4/14 - Steve Miller
4/16 - Sydnae Vanner
4/17 - Marilyn Walck
4/24 - W. Jean Oliver
4/27 - LuAnn Miller





UPCOMING

May:

Family in Christ Banquet
Mother's Day
Worship & Spiritual Life Committee Meeting

June:

Educational Sunday
Father's Day
UCC Strengthen the Church Offering

July 7 & 8:

Sidewalk Sales Days Yard Sale

Fall:

Ham Sandwich & Soup Sale

November:

Apple Dumpling Sale

Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday
8am-2pm



MEETING MINUTES

CONSISTORY MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 11, 2022

ROLL CALL: Jeff Stouffer, Chet Nye, Deb Homer, Carolyn Shoemaker, Lorna Thomas, Mark Stahl, Cathy Keefer. Guests present were Tim Bryan & Ron Shafer.

DEVOTIONS & PRAYER: Jeff shared the “Prayer of the Day”.

CONSENT AGENDA: The November Minutes were approved unanimously after a Lorna/Carolyn motion. The Treasurer’s Report was approved unanimously after a Carolyn/Chet motion.

INFORMATION AGENDA UPDATES:

Activities/Fundraising - Chet reported there were 29 meals served at the December 3rd First Saturday Free Meal with \$82.00 in donations. Sue Eckstine from the Lutheran Church presented a check in the amount of \$379.00. (\$100.00 went towards electricity from Grace’s Closet & \$279.00 is for fundraising). January First Saturday meal is ravioli & February is chicken corn soup & grilled cheese sandwiches.

Building/Grounds – Mark said the painting in the men’s bathroom has started. Regarding the issue of the use of the bathrooms during Grace’s Closet hours, the first option is to place yellow tape & signs to indicate the bathrooms cannot be used. Nancy Myers has purchased 3 electronic buzzers to be placed at the bathroom doors during the Closet’s hours of Monday and Wednesday.

ACTION AGENDA:

Finance – Larry presented a tentative budget for 2023 showing the 2022 proposal along with the 2022 actual expense along with a tentative 2023 proposal. We were \$16,000.00 over in the 2022 proposal. Various questions were asked and answered and/or explained by Larry. A decision to adjust the salaries for the four paid positions was discussed and was tabled for each member to ponder. A meeting was set up for Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30 to discuss the payroll adjustment as well to discuss the budget in more detail.

Numerous avenues to pursue decreasing expenses include:

1. Communicating with Nate at Backyard Fishing Agency to set up Paycheck Protection Program

2. Consider changing lighting to LED to reduce electrical expense – Report will be forthcoming
3. Switching to Truist for accounting services from Charles Strausbaugh & Associates – potentially decreasing costs from \$2800.00 per year to \$1300.00.
4. Reducing lighting usage even during activities

Additionally, we need to be creative in determining how to increase income for the church either by more fundraisers, renting/leasing several rooms out to a small business, etc. Suggestions are welcome!!!

The congregational meeting will be held on January 15, 2023 after service with the voting of 2 new members which we are hoping to have Tim Bryan and Ron Shafer join consistory to replace Jeff Stouffer and Mark Stahl.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cathy Keefer, Secretary

2023 BUDGET REVIEW

DECEMBER 14, 2022

ROLL CALL: Pastor Mark, Jeff Stouffer, Carolyn Shoemaker, Deb Homer, Chet Nye, Mark Stahl, Cathy Keefer, Lorna Thomas by phone. Guests present were Tim Bryan and Ron Shafer

The meeting was called to order by President, Jeff Stouffer. Larry Stepler presented a clarification on the timing of preparing for the budget and just how volatile the gain/loss of the investment funds can be. Some of the items showing as expenses are not really expenses per say. Our losses at Morgan Stanley are not expenses; our advisor fees are not expenses as these are paid by the adjustments to our balances in the investments accounts and are not paid for out of our operational income. More information will follow once the end of the year numbers are made available. Larry will put this information together for review at the January 8th meeting so that we will be able to present the Proposed 2023 Budget to the congregation on January 15th.

Discussion then moved to adjustment in salaries for the 4 paid employees. Cathy made a motion to increase their salaries by 4% and Mark seconded it and was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 o'clock...just in time for choir practice at 7:15!!!

Respectfully submitted:

Cathy Keefer, Secretary

CONSISTORY MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 8, 2023

ROLL CALL: Pastor Mark, Jeff Stouffer, Mark Stahl, Deb Homer, Carolyn Shoemaker, Chet Nye, Cathy Keefer, Larry Stepler. Guests present were Tim Bryan and Ron Shafer.

DEVOTIONS & PRAYER: Pastor Mark opened the meeting with a morning prayer.

CONSENT AGENDA: The December minutes were approved unanimously after a Deb/Lorna motion. The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously after a Carolyn/Deb motion.

INFORMATION AGENDA UPDATES:

Activities/Fundraising – Chet reported there were 33 meals served at the First Saturday meal yesterday, January 7th, with donations amounting to \$107.00. The goal for fundraising for 2023 is \$10,000.00.

Building & Grounds – Mark Stahl reported the men's bathroom has the first coat of paint and he'll determine if it will need a second. Carolyn noted the light at the front doors of the church is not working and Jeff and Mark will investigate whether the light bulb is shot. We may consider putting it on a timer to light from 6 to 10 pm.

ACTION AGENDA:

Finance Committee – Larry presented a very detailed update of the year-end finances as well as reviewed the proposed 2023 budget line items and figures. Of note, the church has not had to tap into any of the investment accounts and this is the third year in a row this has occurred. The repayment schedule from Pastor Brenda and Mike has been adjusted to \$200.00 a month as Mike just recently secured employment & presently Pastor Brenda is not working. We have

terminated the services of Charles Strausbaugh CPA, and moved to Truist Bank for Payroll/Accounting services with Elaine doing the payroll. This move will save the church approximately \$1900.00 a year. Larry is still investigating the Employee Retention Credit which is a service to provide small businesses available funds from the federal government. To be continued... Regarding the electrical updates of old fixtures to LED, this has been tabled as more information is needed and Nate Lohr from CadeCor Energy and Lighting has not responded back to Margaret as of today's meeting.

Moving forward it was determined that the Cemetery mowing and weed-whacking will be done by members so as to avoid costing the church a mowing service. Of note, the boiler is antiquated and will need replaced down the road and we are praying it survives a few more years. A boiler fund has been set up in the event it needs repaired/replaced and the congregation is free to make donations to this fund if desired.

The Congregational meeting will be held next Sunday, January 15th, after service. It will involve reviewing and accepting the Proposed 2023 Financial Budget and also holding an election for New Consistory Members who are Ron Shafer & Tim Bryan. Jeff Stouffer & Mark Stahl's terms are up.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting will be February 19th at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cathy Keefer, Secretary

CONSISTORY MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 15, 2023

After the Annual Congregational meeting, a brief meeting was held with the Consistory members to vote in officers for 2023. They were unanimously approved and are as follows:

Carolyn Shoemaker and Cathy Keefer – Co-Presidents

Deb Homer – Secretary

Larry Stepler – Treasurer

Respectfully Submitted, Cathy Keefer, Outgoing Secretary

<p style="text-align: center;">Grace United Church of Christ Statement of Financial Income and Expenses 4th Quarter from October to December 2022</p>
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General Operating Account:

Beginning Balance	\$4,870.11
Income	\$30,515.14
Expense	\$31,575.82
Ending Balance	\$3,809.43

Building Maintenance Account:

Beginning Balance	\$3,749.14
Income	\$4,715.94
Expense	\$5,016.14
Ending Balance	\$3,448.94

Organ/Memorial/Outreach Account:

Beginning Balance	\$38,381.00
Income	\$8,833.36
Expense	(\$354.21)
Ending Balance	\$47,568.57

German Reformed Cemetery Fund

Beginning Balance	\$1,495.30
Income	\$0.00
Expense	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$1,495.30

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Please contact committee members, board members or church office for any questions or updates about any items listed below.)

MARCH 2023

- 1** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
Light soup/meal, 5:30pm, social hall
Bible Study, 6-7pm, Chapel
Chancel choir rehearsal, 7:15pm, sanctuary
- 4** First Saturday Free Community Meal, 11-1pm, in social hall
- 5** 10am Worship Service with Communion, Sanctuary
Communion Servers: Barry & Carolyn Shoemaker
Greeters/Ushers: Barry & Carolyn Shoemaker
Reader: Patty Stepler
Scriptures: Psalm 42, Romans 8:28-39
Deadline to place Easter flower orders for dedications
Deadline to place ham sandwich & soup pre-orders
- 6** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
- 7** Activities & Fundraising Meeting, 7pm, in social hall
- 8** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
Light soup/meal, 5:30pm, social hall
Bible Study, 6-7pm, Chapel
Chancel choir rehearsal, 7:15pm, sanctuary
- 9** Ham Sandwich & Soup Sale, 11-1pm & 4-6pm, social hall

- 12** 10am Worship Service, Sanctuary
Greeters/Ushers: TBA
Reader: TBA
Scriptures: Colossians 1:15-23, Acts 2:14-41
Refreshments & Fellowship after service, in social hall
- 13** Consistory Reports for February due to church office
Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
Grace Snyder Circle, meeting at 1pm, in the social hall
- 15** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
Light soup/meal, 5:30pm, social hall
Bible Study, 6-7pm, Chapel
Chancel choir rehearsal, 7:15pm, sanctuary
- 19** 8:30am Consistory Board Meeting, in meeting room
10am Worship Service, Sanctuary
Greeters/Ushers: TBA
Reader: Tim Bryan
Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 12, Mark 1:1-13
Receiving One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
- 20** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
- 22** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
Light soup/meal, 5:30pm, social hall
Bible Study, 6-7pm, Chapel
Chancel choir rehearsal, 7:15pm, sanctuary
- 26** 10am Worship Service, Sanctuary
Greeters/Ushers: Ton & Deb Homer
Reader: Tony Homer
Scriptures: 1 Peter 1:18-19, Revelation 1:1-8

27 Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm

29 Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
Light soup/meal, 5:30pm, social hall
Bible Study, 6-7pm, Chapel
Chancel choir rehearsal, 7:15pm, sanctuary

APRIL 2023

1 First Saturday Free Community Meal, 11-1pm, in social hall

2 Palm Sunday & Special Cantata Service
10am Worship Service with Communion, Sanctuary
Communion Servers: TBA
Greeters/Ushers: TBA
Reader: TBA
Scriptures: Isaiah 7:13-14, Hebrews 2:14-3:6
Loose change received today is donated to choir

3 Deadline for scholarship applications
Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm

4 Activities & Fundraising Meeting, 7pm, in social hall

5 Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
Light soup/meal, 5:30pm, social hall
Bible Study, 6-7pm, Chapel
Chancel choir rehearsal, 7:15pm, sanctuary

6 Day of Prayer, Sanctuary, 9am-7pm
Maundy Thursday Worship, Sanctuary, 7pm

9 Easter Sunday

6am Sunrise Service, at our German Reformed Cemetery
followed by breakfast in church social hall

10am Worship Service with Communion, in the Sanctuary

Communion Servers: TBA

Greeters/Ushers: Tony & Deb Homer

Reader: Tony Homer

Scriptures: Special Easter Sunday Readings

10 Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm

Consistory Reports for March due to church office

Grace Snyder Circle, meeting at 1pm, in the social hall

12 Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm

13 Deadline for Newsletter articles for the May/June issue

16 8:30am Consistory Board Meeting, in meeting room

10am Worship Service with Communion, Sanctuary

Greeters/Ushers: TBA

Reader: TBA

Scriptures: Romans 6:1-14, Matthew 27:45-56

17 Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm

19 Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm

23 8:45am Called to Care Meeting, in the social hall

10am Worship Service with Communion, Sanctuary

Greeters/Ushers: TBA

Reader: Patty Stepler

Scriptures: Gospel of John 11, Romans 6:1-11

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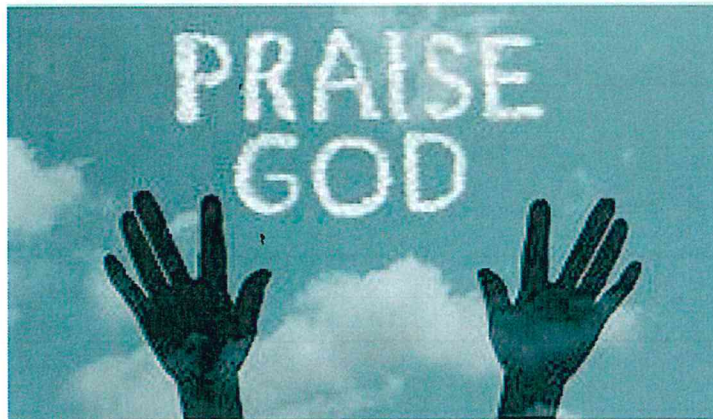
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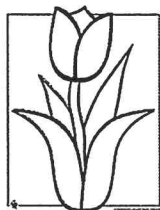
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Scriptures: John 14:16-17, Acts 1:1-11

Refreshments & fellowship after service, in social hall





2023 Easter Flower Orders

Please complete below form and place in offering basket, with provided envelope, during service on Feb 19, 26, March 5 or drop off at church office. Payment is due with your order. Please make checks payable to Grace UCC. **Deadline to order is Sunday, March 5th.** Please print.

_____	6 ½" Potted Tulips (Yellow).....	\$11.75 each
_____	6 ½" Potted Tulips (Purple).....	\$11.75 each
_____	6" Potted Lilies (White).....	\$12.75 each

Name of Family Dedication is from:

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