

October 2024

GraceNotes

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GRACE

From the Pastor



Pastor's Page

Holy Communion

For the first time in more than four years, we return to communing at the railing. When

introduced to the idea at August's Council meeting, Grace Council's discussion included the observation that having the extra time to stand or kneel at the railing (either method is acceptable) to receive the body and blood of Christ and consider the Grace of God to forgive our sins, redeem us from death, and offer us new life, is worth slowing and taking a few extra moments to experience and give thanks for. We begin September 29th, and will take a moment to demonstrate the revised method of receiving the Meal as a part of the announcements. Thanks to our Worship and Music Committee, Altar Guild, and worship assistants (Assisting Minister, Communion Assistants, Acolytes, and Ushers) for their preparation in advance.

The Color of Compromise Class offered October and November

I would like to invite you to take part in a book study of The Color of Compromise, written by Jemar Tisby an historian on race, religion, politics and culture, starting October 21st, and continuing for six Mondays through November 25th. The class will be at 7pm, and available via Zoom.

We have had many classes and engaged with Christ Tabernacle Church of God in Christ in discussions of racial equity and justice. I am hoping many of you will take advantage of this class because of its unique focus on the history of *the Church* and its (our!) response and reaction to our American story together. We are the Church, and are always learning the ways our Risen Lord calls us to follow him to the Cross and the new Resurrection life that is ours through our baptism!

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There is a book and study guide to purchase for the class. See the sign-up for the class in the narthex of Grace for the price. (If you cannot afford the book and guide, let me know, and we'll get you a copy!) I hope to see you beginning Monday, October 21!

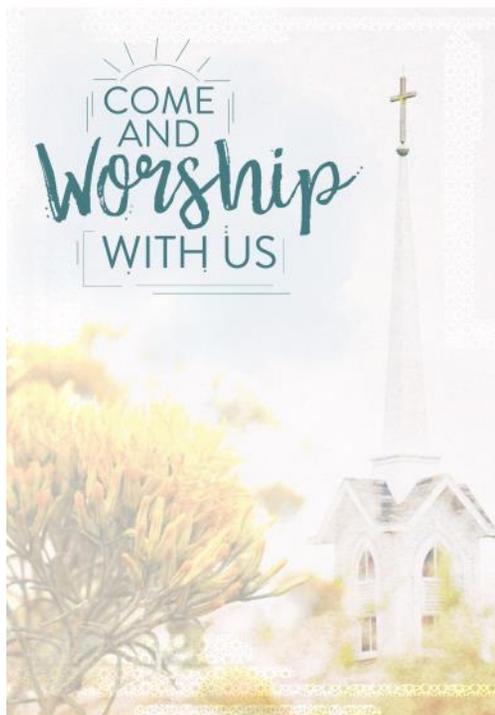
Commitment Sunday is October 20th

God has given us life that really is life through our Lord Jesus Christ! We respond with “ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of God’s gracious love! Our Stewardship Team is offering a series of Temple Talks through the first Sundays of October (6 and 13), with Commitment Sunday on October 20th. Please prayerfully consider your pledge, and plan to bring it with you on October 20th!

Reformation Sunday/ Confirmation Sunday on October 27th!

We celebrate the 508th anniversary of the Reformation, and Martin Luther’s re-focus on the Grace of God made known to us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus as *central* to who we are, and the life we live! AND we give thanks for God’s Spirit working in the life of Libby Caister, as she Affirms her Baptism into Christ’s Death and

Resurrection, and confirmed into the life of Grace. There will be a reception following worship; a meal and a time to give thanks! *For by Grace you have been saved and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. (Ephesians 2:8-10)*



Finance Committee Report

We finished August with a surplus of \$318, which puts the year-to-date deficit at \$2,448 compared to a deficit of \$7,102 at the end of August in 2023. Expenses and receipts are below budget, but the result is a deficit for the year to date. The Finance Committee and Council will continue to monitor the financial status.

Knowing that there are year-end expenses and accruals that will increase our expenditures in December, it is critical that we get to a surplus position prior to December.

Budget requests were collected at the September 10 Round Table meeting and the Finance Committee will be busy preparing a budget recommendation for Council's November meeting.

Financial Status

2024	Difference
January	-\$2,699.72
February	-\$3,630.70
March	\$2,531.28
April	\$1,387.76
May	-\$4,838.63
June	\$8,929.18
July	-\$4,895.46
August	\$318.49
September	\$0.00
October	\$0.00
November	\$0.00
December	\$0.00
YTD	-\$2,447.80
2023 (thru June)	-\$7,101.66

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The Finance Committee

Ron Almarode
Jerry Kite
Vivian Proctor

Allison Fink
Susan Myers

Chuck Goodrich
Pastor Pingel

The Importance of Pledging

Why is pledging such an essential building block of Grace? Why do we have a Commitment Sunday? Why October 20th?

These are great questions. Our church budget process is totally dependent on our pledges. Our financial commitments-our pledges- are the first, essential building block- the foundation- upon which our budget is created. The timing of submitting our pledges is very important, too. All of the information from the pledges received is summarized, and a report/forecast is submitted to the Finance Committee on November 12.

At that meeting, all of the budget requests from our primary committees are given one final review, and adjustments are made. If our total commitment of pledges is strong, we can grow our ministry support. If the total commitment is weak, we are limited in our growth and outreach, and budgets have to be cut.

The Finance Committee's budget recommendation is then submitted to Congregational Council on November 19 for approval and any final revisions. The budget recommended by Council is then mailed to our congregation members for review. Next, as required by our constitution, the Congregation votes on the proposed budget at the December Congregation Meeting. If any final revisions are required, a revised budget is prepared, another vote is taken and the budget ultimately is approved. The final budget must be approved by the end of the year.

As you can see, the financial commitments that we make, and the timely nature of those commitments, have a direct impact on our growth and ability to support our missions at Grace Church.

Grace Finance Committee

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church—WARM Cold Weather Shelter (CWS) - Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry, WARM, has asked Grace to host the CWS **December 9 - 16, 2024**. As in year's past, we will host up to 20 of our homeless neighbors overnight - showing Christ's love through Hospitality. Final preparations are still pending as to many specifics; Paula Lusk has been promoted to CWS Manager and we are thrilled to be working with her!

What is the CWS? WARM is coordinating 18 weeks of shelter for our homeless neighbors this upcoming winter season; beginning November 25, 2024 and continuing to March 31, 2025. Area churches supply shelter, meals (dinner, breakfast, sack lunch), volunteers, an invitation to church on Sunday and prayers. WARM provides cots, bedding/pillows, a staff person on-site 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m. each day. We here at Grace also open our showers to these neighbors who are in need.

Are we ready? WHOO-HOOOO! - and getting prepared! Thanks go out to our **Meal Team Leaders** who have already volunteered to ensure we have hot, tasty meals each evening -- Gwen Kite, Antoinette Eckstrom, Gail Johnson, Caroline Biggers; Billie Quigley (Kiwanis), Joy Tobias (Zion Lutheran Church), and Dan/Susan Jenny (St. John's Episcopal Church).

May I volunteer? Yes! Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time/talent during our week. We know that we will need a Set-up Team December 8 and December 9; Check-In Teams, Shower Host and Overnight Hosts each night during the week; Clean-up Teams each day to sweep and clean showers; and a Break-down Team December 16. We will have job descriptions and sign-up sheets to solicit volunteers in November. If you're so excited you want to volunteer early, go ahead - Susan will be thrilled!

May I donate items/food? Yes! We will begin to collect toiletries (such as travel/hotel sized shampoo/conditioner, soaps, toothpaste, lotion; toothbrushes, combs/brushes, razors) in November. In November, we will also collect shelf-stable food products (such as soft breakfast/energy bars, cereals/oatmeal, nabs, single-serving bags of chips for sack lunches, fruit cups, applesauce, peanut butter, bottled water, ground coffee). As we get to our week in December, we will accept soft fruits (bananas, grapes, oranges), gallons of tea (sweet/unsweet), fruit juices, milk, coffee drinks and such.

More information to come — stay tuned!
Peace, Susan Myers, CWS-Volunteer Coordinator
434-760-1660 or sparkelmyers@gmail.com





Dedication of New Worship Tables– Many thanks to Jack Eckstrom and Glen Gray, who crafted new Holy Communion tables from the redwood of the fallen Tower Cross. We'll dedicate them to God's glory at worship today, and use these tables as part of our new Holy Communion process at the railing.



Tower Crosses - *As a part of our 131st Anniversary Celebration*, you can purchase a cross made from the redwood of our fallen Tower Cross, designed by Jack Eckstrom and made by Jack or one of our other woodworkers here at Grace! The crosses are available in a variety of sizes, from wall size, to Christmas ornament size, with the proceeds from the purchase of the cross being given to either the T&M Fund or the ELCA World Hunger. At the time of purchase, you will be given the choice to designate which fund you would like. Check out the display table in the back.



Grace Handbells Needs Ringers! - If you can count, you can ring!! Handbells are a beautiful way to give God praise, and we need a few more ringers to fill out our group. Bell choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., and it's just a 30 minute commitment for rehearsal! Ask Sam Moyer or Mike Myers if you need more information, or just come out on Wednesdays!



Adult Bible Study at Grace! This weekly study of the readings for the following Sunday are great preparation for worship. Sharing in God's living Word is at the heart of who we are, and it is a great blessing—often a lot of fun! You can be blessed with insights, and can bless others with yours. Come join us on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. If you'd like to join by Zoom, call the Church Office.



Community Volunteer Presentation & Fellowship—

We are holding our next Quarterly Community Support Info Ministry Fellowships on October 20th. We will hear from Valley Program for Aging Services (www.vpas.info), they will be presenting on upcoming programs and volunteer opportunities with Meals on Wheels. Come learn more about our local community organizations. If you have an community organization you'd like to present, please use the signup sheet at the back of the church or contact Donna Yobs or Karen Walck.



New way to respond to God's Grace with our Offerings! Many people are turning to technology to offer their offerings to God in thanksgiving for all that God has done! You can use the QR code in this announcement to make your gift through your cell phone, through Tithely, a secure giving method that's been used by many at Grace for years.



Rise Against Hunger Event—Thank you for your support for the Rise Against Hunger food packing event on Saturday, September 14. We packed over 35,000 meals to be sent around the world for people in need. There were 21 Churches and over 279 volunteers participate in this year's event.



Holy Communion at Grace—Sunday, September 29th, Grace returned Holy Communion to the railing.



Thanks everyone for the prayers, well-wishes, cards, etc. during my recent knee replacement as well as for my birthday.

Bradley Keefer



Food Pantry Collections: A huge thanks to everyone as you continue to bring food for the food bank box near the office. **New Notice!!!** There is a need for diapers, especially sizes 3-6. Your donation is much appreciated. To date, we have collected over **4,509** pounds of food (we have made **forty-five** deliveries, twenty-one to Main Street United Methodist, and twenty-four to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft).



Thrivent Action Grants

Action Grants Approved To-Date:

- Tami Radecke obtained a grant to support our Grace Quilting group - providing materials/supplies they need to provide quilts around the world through Lutheran World Relief!
- Peggy Caister obtained a grant to help with expenses for our Grace Youth group on their trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans this past July!
- Tami Radecke obtained a grant to support Rise Against Hunger which was held on September 14 at Kate Collins Middle School.
- Donna Gum obtained a grant to assist with purchasing breakfast/lunch items for the WARM Cold Weather Shelter scheduled for December 9 - 16 here at Grace. Volunteer opportunities coming soon!

If you've obtained an Action Grant for other activities/ organizations, please let us know - we'd love to share all our successes and Thrivent generosity! If you would like to apply for a grant, contact Bill Meicke, soccerfan1014@yahoo.com or 540-256-8920; Bill can help you make it happen!

Members of Thrivent have access to two Action Grants each year which provide money to support projects of your choosing! If there is a fundraiser, educational event or service activity you support, Thrivent may approve a grant (up to \$250) to assist. There's an application on-line; just Google "Thrivent Action Grants" or go to Thrivent.com.

If you would like assistance in completing the application form, contact Bill (contact info above) or Susan Myers 434-760-1660 or sparkelmyers@gmail.com.



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CAPTAIN ALAN & MAJOR KIM GRIMES, *Corps Officers*

August 23, 2024

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Waynesboro, Virginia 22980

Dear Friends,

Thank you for supporting our back to school "Homework Toolbox" project! We are so excited to share that an astounding **903** preschool and kindergarten students in Waynesboro and East Augusta County received a homework toolbox filled with school supplies this year. This is an increase of nearly 200 students over last year.

This success would not have been possible without you! Every contribution to this effort is deeply appreciated and is vital in ensuring our community's youngest students receive a positive start to their school year by having the supplies they need to complete their at-home assignments.

Again, thank you and may God bless you as you continue to serve others.

Blessings Always,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan & Kim Grimes".

Captain Alan & Major Kim Grimes
Corps Officers
Waynesboro, VA

Awesome Fact: 4,357 local children have benefited from the Homework Toolbox project over the past six years.

The Salvation Army Waynesboro Corps 900 B Street • P.O. Box 1065 • Waynesboro, VA 22980
Phone: 540.943-7591 • waynesboro.salvationarmypotomac.org

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p><i>Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost</i></p> <p>8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion</p> <p>11:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School</p> <p>Confirmation Class</p> <p>6:00 p.m. VMA Faculty Concert</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Prayer Group</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Yoga</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice</p> <p>7:15 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. CCE&J Meeting (Grace)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Bible Study (Conference Room)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Office Closed Today</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Racial Equity & Justice Vigil (Grace)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Yoga</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p><i>Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost</i></p> <p>8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion</p> <p>11:00 a.m. First Sunday Fellowship – Worship and Music</p> <p>11:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School</p> <p>Confirmation Class</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p>7:00 p.m. All God's Children (Conference Room)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Finance Committee (Conference Room)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Worship & Music (Conference Room)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Prayer Group</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Encircle (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Yoga</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice</p> <p>7:15 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Virginia Organizing (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. 131 Committee Meeting (Conference Room)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Office Closed Today</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Yoga</p>



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>13 <i>Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost</i></p> <p>8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion Karen Van Stee Preaching and Presiding</p> <p>11:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School</p> <p>Confirmation Class</p>	<p>14 Pastor—Vacation</p> 	<p>15 Pastor—Vacation</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>16 Pastor—Vacation</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Prayer Group</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Women's Book Group (Stella, Bella & Lucy's)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Yoga</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice</p> <p>7:15 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>17 Pastor—Vacation</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Newcomers (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. CCE&J Meeting (Grace)</p> <p>7:00 pm Bible Study (Conference Room)</p>	<p>18 Pastor—Vacation</p> 	<p>19 Pastor—Vacation</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Yoga</p>



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<p>20</p> <p><i>Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost</i></p> <p>8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion</p> <p>11:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School</p> <p>Confirmation Class</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Executive Committee</p> <p>7:00 p.m. All God's Children (Conference Room)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Council (Conference Room and Zoom)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Prayer Group</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Yoga</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice</p> <p>7:15 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>7:00 pm Bible Study (Conference Room)</p>	<p>25</p> <p></p>	<p>26</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Yoga</p>
<p>27</p> <p><i>Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost</i></p> <p>8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion</p> <p>11:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School</p> <p>Confirmation Class</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Round Tables (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Prayer Group</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Yoga</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice</p> <p>7:15 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>31</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers</p> <p></p> <p>12:30 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>7:00 pm Bible Study (Conference Room)</p>	<p>1</p> <p></p>	<p>2</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Racial Equality & Justice Vigil (Christ Tabernacle)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Yoga</p>



OCTOBER

Birthdays

10/01 *Thomas Blosser*

10/02 *Bob Barrette*

10/07 *Lindsey Skelton*

10/14 *Bill Meicke*

10/15 *Aaron Lynch*

10/19 *Ronald Myers*

10/22 *Becca Dolan*

10/23 *Lee Lynch*

10/31 *Adrienne Carper*

10/02 *Dottie Sheaffer*

10/04 *Marge Cloutier*

10/11 *Glen Gray*

10/14 *Eric Hilker*

10/19 *Susan Morrison*

10/20 *Cabell Caister*

10/23 *Margaret Quickel*

10/27 *Bob Shumate*



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Baptisms

10/4 *Brian Lundstrom*

10/12 *Clay Rankin*

10/20 *Stephen Van Stee*

10/28 *Tom Blosser*

10/04 *Minnie Moyer*

10/15 *Joan Ranzini*

10/28 *Glenn Myers*

10/31 *Lee Lynch*



October 6

*Twentieth
Sunday
After
Pentecost*

*Pastor Paul
Pingel*

Gail Johnson

*Cathy Firkin/
Jane Stein*

Robin Crowder

Cathy Crowder

Linda Meyer

Susan Myers

*Pat Brady
Jean Morgan*

Ron Almarode

Lee Lynch

October 13

*Twenty-First
Sunday
After
Pentecost*

*Pastor Karen
Van Stee*

Allison Fink

Tripp Franklin

Thea Franklin

Linda Meyer

Karen Walck

*Pat Brady
David Proctor*

Fred Biggers

Andrew Sell

October 20

*Twenty-Second
Sunday
After
Pentecost*

*Pastor
Paul Pingel*

Rudy Yobs

Assisting Minister

Cathy Crowder

Allison Fink

Karen Walck

Allison Fink

*Pat Brady
Vivian Proctor*

Jack Eckstrom

Jim Nelson

October 27

*Reformation
Sunday*

*Pastor
Paul Pingel*

Jean Morgan

Tami Radecke

Kathy Bump

Becca Dolan

Jerry Kite

*Pat Brady
Robin Crowder*

Gail Johnson

Esme Hilker

Altar Flowers

Altar Guild

Communion Assistants

Council Person of the Week

Offering Stewards

Ushers



*Nursing Home,
Assisted Living and
Homebound Members*

<p>Genevieve Arneson 220 Adventure Trail Waynesboro, VA 22980</p>	<p>LizAnn Binns The Legacy 1410a North Augusta Street Apartment 3027 Staunton, VA 24401</p>
<p>Maribeth Faivre Summit Square 501 Oak Avenue, Apt. 130 Waynesboro, VA 22980</p>	<p>Sandra Hoy River Edge Rehabilitation and Nursing, Room 210 1221 Rosser Avenue Waynesboro, VA 22980</p>
<p>Phyllis Kite Summit Square 501 Oak Avenue, Room 9 Waynesboro, VA 22980</p>	<p>Glenn Myers 144 Patton Farm Road, Apt. E107 Stuarts Draft, VA 24477</p>
<p>Carolyn Shields Brightview 21 Woodlee Road, Apt. 331 Staunton, VA 24401</p>	<p>Carol Varner Aviva (Brightview) 31 Woodlee Rd, Apt. 210 Staunton, VA 24401</p>

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