



Good News from Grace

July 2025

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face towards you and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

I do not know about you, but when my feelings are hurt, someone says something I don't like, or maybe an interaction was slightly uncomfortable, I have this desire to isolate. It can be tempting to be by one's self where no one can hurt you, say the wrong thing, trigger past emotions, etc. It can seem like peace being by oneself for a while. But true isolation from the world and ones support systems can and does cause significant harm in a persons life. We are social beings, who were created to be in relationship. We were not designed to live life on our own. And when we isolate, we often times enter into depression, and the longer we isolate, the less and less likely we seek out groups or even people in general. Sometimes, it seems like a good idea to avoid all possible pain of rejection, unresolved trauma, hurt feelings, etc. But in the Christian world, God calls us to enter into relationship and dialogue with one another, even though we may hurt each other sometimes. Christian community is not about always saying or doing the right thing. It is about recognizing when we don't say or do the right thing, seeking to apologize and asking for forgiveness. And on the flip side, when someone says something to us or does something to us that hurts us, we are called to work towards reconciliation and forgiveness. This type of relationship is always harder on the person who was hurt. It is also important to note that there is no timeline on how long reconciliation should take. But if we are going to live the way God is calling us to live, we must be open to asking for forgiveness, and providing forgiveness. As a Christian people, we are not called to retreat when we are harmed, but rather live into grace and mercy as God has provided us grace and mercy. This is not to say that we should put ourselves in harms way intentionally or that we should not do our best to be kind. There is also a need for punishment and sometimes even separation from those whom do harm us, especially depending on the severity of the action. It is also always important that we be sympathetic to those who were harmed and we must give them space to heal. But we also must encourage each other to face those who persecute us, by loving them and forgiving them, as Jesus calls us to. As always, what Jesus calls us to do, is never easy. My point is, that we should not be afraid to enter into relationship with others because we are afraid that we will get hurt, or experience pain, or be disappointed in the community. Because community is at the same time, a place of love and hurt, a place of true joy and disappointment, a place where our needs can be met and where they are ignored. Jesus reminds us that love is worth the risk of pain. And when the Christian community is done right, we will do our best to first do no harm, love those in our midst, encourage reconciliation when we inevitably fail, and lift one another up with grace and mercy. Resist the urge to isolate when things go south. Your church family isn't perfect, but it is a place where love and support is found. Never forget that you are loved so deeply by our God and by this community at Grace. May you never feel alone.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Chad Butz



Join Us for Worship

IN-PERSON

Saturdays at 5:00pm

Sundays at 9:30am

or

Sundays via [Live Stream](#)

Services are also available on
[Grace's YouTube page](#)
after Sunday Worship

Faith Formation

Children & Youth

Faith Formation is twice a
month at 10:45am from
September - May.

Adult Faith Formation
is at 10:45am year round.

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour is on hiatus from
June - August. It will resume
in September.

If you and/or your family
would like to host contact
the office by 7/31/2025 to be
added.

Our Purpose

*The purpose of our church
is to make a difference by
serving others through
God's love and our faith.*



Dear friends of Grace –

I want to give you an update on my seminary journey! I've been a student for two years now and have approximately two more years to go.

It's been a while since I've seen you all because during the previous academic year, I was completing Sunday fieldwork at St. John's in Shiremanstown. This fieldwork consisted of observation and participation in a new-to-me congregation. Fieldwork is the first of three internships I'm required to complete. Along with field work, I was busy with the following classes: Pastoral Theology, Lutheran Theology, the History of Lutheranism in America and Church in Society (learning about how people, traditions and communities shape congregations).

In January, I participated in a travel seminar to Turkey and Greece, where our travel group followed the footsteps of Paul on his second missionary trip, as written in the book of Acts. We also visited 6 of the 7 churches in the book of Revelation. This was a very special time for me to be on a journey with classmates, pastors and professors as we learned about the landscape and history of the time as well as the difficulties Paul and his faithful travel partners faced to teach others about Christianity and spread the good news about Jesus Christ to Europe. I've included a photo of me by the river where Paul met and baptized Lydia, near the city of Phillipi, Greece (Acts 16. 11-16). Lydia was a faithful believer, a busy businesswoman and prayer group leader. By opening her heart, she was led by the Holy Spirit to listen to Paul and give him resources for his missionary journey.

The next internship I will begin is called CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) and I will be doing the program at Wellspan Gettysburg Hospital. I will be working there throughout the next academic year, while completing other seminary classes. I'm looking forward to learning about how to accompany people through health challenges and be a guide for spiritual comfort during difficult times.

Again, thank you for your continued support and prayers during this time in my life. You are all a source of comfort and inspiration as I continue to study the Word and learn about ways to share God's love and grace with others.

Peace be with you,
Hope Pankake

This Month at Grace

The Sanctuary Lamp Sponsorship for JULY is given by Nancy Whitcomb in memory of Paul & Greg Whitcomb.

The Special Benevolence Offering for JULY is NEW HOPE MINISTRIES. To contribute please list the dollar amount next to Special Offering Ministry and write your choice under comments, pay online at <https://www.gracecamphill.org/give> or use the this QR Code to give now.



2025 Sponsorship Opportunities

Fresh Altar flowers will only be purchased if a Sunday is sponsored. All Altar Flower sponsorship requests MUST be received two weeks prior to the date you wish to sponsor. Altar Flower Sponsorships are \$45, Bulletin & Mailing Weekly Sponsorships are \$30, and the Sanctuary Lamp Monthly Sponsorships are \$21. ALL sponsorships can be paid for online, by mail, or by dropping an envelope in the offering at a worship service.

To view available dates for 2025 go to <https://www.gracecamphill.org/sponsorships>. If you are interested in sponsoring one of the available weeks or months you can sign up in the parking lot hallway by the elevator or by contacting Diane in the church office at 717-737-0439 x15 or ddeppen@gracecamphill.org.



Council Actions - June 9, 2025

1. Council approved hosting another Braver Angels workshop in the fall.
2. Council approved the June Congregational Meeting Agenda.
3. A new Bishop was elected at the Synod Assembly - Bishop Steven Herr.
4. New members, Lisa Reeves and Ron Thomas, were accepted.
5. Fellowship Committee is planning a movie night August 15.
6. Council voted to approve funding to reseal the parking lot.
7. Council voted to allow the purchase of a new refrigerator.

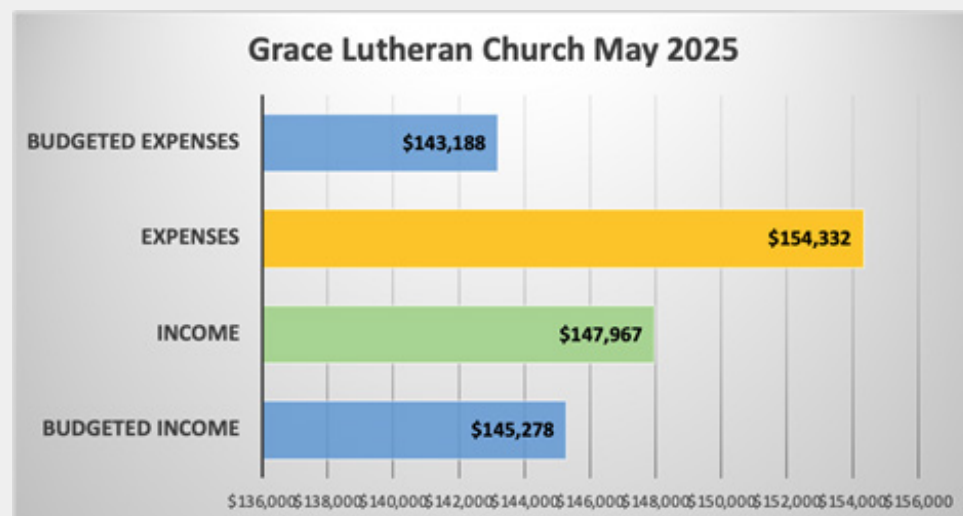


While you're enjoying the weather, please remember to keep up with fulfilling your pledges. This is the time of year when giving towards our operational budget (Fund 1) tends to drop as service attendance is lower. To make giving easier, there are electronic options on our website for automatic donations.

Enjoy your summer!

Kelly Walker

Treasurer





We hold in prayer especially this month....

Tiffany & Abigail, Lillian Galle, Mary Mensah, Amy Vogel, Edmund, Patti Reed, Judi Fenicle, Helen Titzel, Jessica Ambrose, Dave Rowland, Nancy, Alice M, Mark Weber, and Dean Jury.

We Hold in Ongoing prayer this month....

Marti Bert, Josie Knoll, Bruce Hafer, The Runkle Family, Tammy Blauvelt, Susan Atwood, Pete Psychogis, Paul & Linda Glance, and Kay King.

We also hold our homebound in prayer this month...

Betty Bennett, Gladys Cline, Joan Harman, Howard Lauver, Lou Lore, Bob Rhodes, Mary Louise Shetter, and Dorothy Shreffler.

Prayer List Additions

Everyone appreciates prayer, but not everyone wishes to be added to the "out loud" prayers. If you are aware of a member of Grace who could benefit from being added to the prayers please let Pastor Chad know. He will contact the individual to find out whether they wish to be added to the "out loud" prayers or "ongoing prayers".

Praying for our Homebound Members

The pastoral staff wishes to lift up this special group of members on a regular basis during the prayers. Each week, a group of homebound members will be included in the "out loud" prayers.

"When we work, we work; but when we pray God works."

-Max Lucado

Prayer List Policy

....sometimes we forget to tell others that someone has healed...
Let's be good stewards of our prayer list. If someone has healed, or if someone has moved on to eternal life, please let the church office know. Names will automatically be moved to the ongoing prayers after a month on the weekly prayers, which are read out loud during worship. They will then be removed from the ongoing prayers after another month unless you let us know to keep praying.

Records Notification System - Cumberland County

The Cumberland County Recorder of Deeds offers a free Record Notification System for all Cumberland County residents. This service is provided through our land records software partner, Landex (Optical Storage Solutions). When you sign up, you'll receive text or email alerts if a new document is recorded under your parcel number. Please note that the Recorder of Deeds Office cannot sign up residents - individuals must register using the link below. This service is funded by the Recorder of Deeds Record Improvement Fund, so it does not use county tax dollars. Sign up for the Cumberland County Records Notification System: www.landex.com/recordalert/cumberland.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Sundays at 10:45am
in the Small Conference Room



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The Adult Faith Formation is on a Summer Hiatus. It will resume in September. Watch the Grace Notes and Good News from Grace Newsletter for the Fall schedule.



Congratulations to Grace Youth Selected to Attend the Synod LT Camp in July

Grace's attendees are Cici Perella-Carvalhoes, Laurel Blymire, and Vaughn Manlove. They were nominated to attend Synod LT Camp 2025 for showing strong leadership potential, and a willingness to serve in their church and community. They should be proud of this accomplishment and Grace prays for a week of faith formation, and a deeper understanding of their leadership capabilities.

Ethan Lentz

Director of Youth and Family
Ministry

Faith Formation

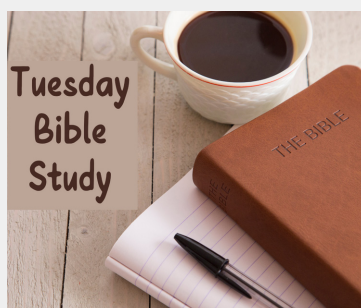
Join us Sunday at 10:45am

Preschool - 2nd grade
3rd grade - 5th grade
Adult



Faith Formation Children & Youth SEPTEMBER - MAY

Grace's Faith Formation program for Children & Youth is on hiatus for the summer and will resume in September. Watch the Grace Notes and Good News from Grace for the Fall schedule. However, there are still multi generational events occurring.



September - May 1pm in the Library

Tuesday Bible Study is on hiatus for the summer. It will resume in September after Rally Day.

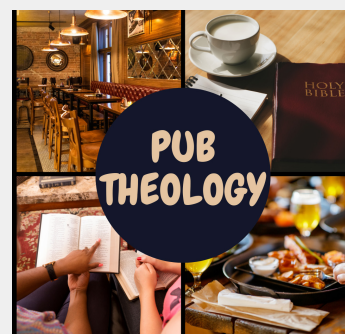


LutherHANDS Mission Trip to Kentucky

Some of our youth and young adults along with adult members of the congregation will be heading out July 13 - 18 to the Sandy Valley Region of Kentucky where they will be providing flood relief and recovery. They will be working with the Christian Appalachian Project, a non-profit disaster relief organization serving the Appalachian mountain region. Please keep them in your prayers during this time.



Held one Saturday a month when sponsored. If you wish to sponsor a Wine & Cheese night please sign up outside the Barkley Chapel entrance form the church library.



There are currently two groups for Pub Theology.

GROUP 1

July 7, 2025
Location TBD

GROUP 2

July 22, 2025
Location TBD

For more information regarding Pub Theology contact
Pastor Chad
pastorchad@gracecamphill.org



We wanted to reach out to everyone to express our appreciation for the support received from our church family during the loss of our beloved wife and mother, Jennifer Anne Runkle. We are currently preparing for the celebration of her life to be held on SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2025 at Trinity Evangelical Free Church in Dauphin, PA (service at 11:00am; luncheon at 12noon). Your expressions of love, prayers, flowers/plants, cards, and compassion have been and continue to be a source of strength and inspiration. You are an incredible group of individuals that demonstrate the exceptional qualities to which we, as God's family, aspire.
The Runkle Family

Dear Grace Family,

We are overflowing with gratitude for the love and support you've shown us as we welcomed our sweet daughter, Olivia Rose, into the world. She is doing well, and we are enjoying this beautiful new chapter of life together. On June 12th, Olivia turned one month old. Check out Olivia's 1 month old picture. Thank you for your prayers, thoughtful cards, kind words, and delicious meals - each gesture has meant so much to us. We feel truly blessed to be part of such a caring and generous church family.
With heartfelt thanks,
Kris, Emily and Olivia Hartman



Another Week Hosting Family Promise Families

Grace will host Family Promise again the week of July 6! Last time went amazing, thanks to all of your help. Right now we have a mom, her sister and two little ones in the program. If you would be able to make a

meal, eat with the families and offer hospitality, or drive the van to and from the Camp Hill Day Center, sign up at Family Promise: [July 6- 13 Grace Lutheran Church, Camp Hill](#)
 Contact Susan Ryder with any questions 717-574-1960 or ryder.susan@comcast.net

"If you believe what you like in the gospel, and reject what you do not like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourselves."
-Augustine

"Be strong enough to stand alone, be yourself enough to stand apart, but be wise enough to stand together when the time comes."
-Mark Amend



Let's Celebrate our July Birthdays.

We are starting something new with this newsletter. We will no longer publish the actual date of the birthday. If you want that information you can contact the church office.

We have one monumental birthday this month. Earl Mellot turns 92. Please take a moment to wish him a happy birthday with a telephone call or by mailing a card to:

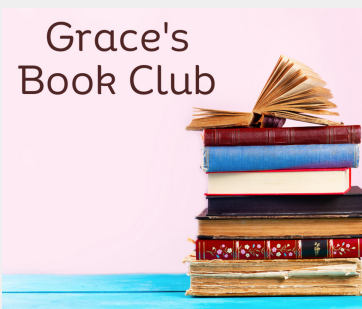
Earl Mellott
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David Lebo
Logan Campbell

Harry Clark
Randall Kaufmann
Dominique Johansen
Terry Stopfel
Rebecca Easton
Anna Allewelt
Sherry White
Nevin Shenck
Nicholas Campbell

Daniel Rohde
Kristopher Hartman
Garret Meador
Jaxon Gunnet
Lucy Leer
Jan Haas
Larry Sorensen
Wendell Harris
Heather Kauffman



Grace's Book Club has selected, "The Violin Conspiracy" by Brendan Slocumb as the July book.

The riveting story of a young Black musician who discovers that his old family fiddle is actually a priceless Stradivarius: when it's stolen on the eve of the world's most prestigious classical music competition, he risks everything to get it back.

Growing up Black in rural North Carolina, Ray McMillian's life is already mapped out. But Ray has a gift and a dream - he's determined to become a world-class professional violinist, and nothing will stand in his way. Not his mother, who wants him to stop making such a racket; not the fact he can't afford a violin suitable to his talents; not even the racism inherent in the world of classical music.

When he discovers that his beat-up,

family fiddle is actually a priceless Stradivarius, all his dreams suddenly seem within reach, and together, Ray and his violin take the world by storm. But on the eve of the renowned and cutthroat Tchaikovsky Competition - the Olympics of classical music - the violin is stolen, a ransom note for five million dollars left in its place. Without it, Ray feels like he's lost a piece of himself. As the competition approaches, Ray must not only reclaim his precious violin, but prove to himself - and the world - that no matter the outcome, there has always been a truly great musician within him. Join Grace's book club on Monday, July 22 at 7pm via Zoom to discuss this book. [CLICK HERE](#) for login information.

Youth Food Cards

Karns, Weis Markets and Giant grocery cards in the dollar amounts of \$25, \$50 and \$100 are available at the church office Monday - Thursday from 8am - 12noon.

If paying with cash please have the exact change. At this time we are unable to accept credit cards.





FREE SUMMER MEALS JUNE 16- AUGUST 14 BREAKFAST & LUNCH



MONDAY - THURSDAY (CLOSED THURSDAY, JULY 3)

Breakfast - 8:15 - 9:00 a.m.

Lunch - 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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|  Hillside Elementary
516 Seventh Street
New Cumberland |  Cedar Cliff High
1301 Carlisle Road
Camp Hill |
|  WH Elementary
531 Walnut Street
Lemoyne |  Old Trail Intermediate
600 Beinhower Road
Etters |

Meals are available at no cost to families with children 18 and younger, regardless of school district of residence or financial status.

NO SIGN UP REQUIRED

OFFERED BY THE WEST SHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT



Trinity Lutheran Church, Mechanicsburg presents

A Wine & Cheese Art Exhibit Opening

**A journey into nature...
Featuring the photography of
local artist, Eric Durbin**

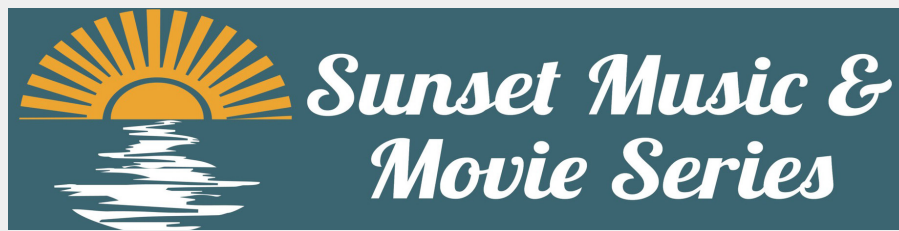
**Saturday, July 26
3-5 pm**



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"Sharing God's Love"

132 E. Main Street
Mechanicsburg, PA
717-766-2662
www.trinity-on-main.org





Fort Hunter Park
5300 North Front Street, Harrisburg
Fridays, July - August 2025

This series will highlight local performing arts organizations and a summer movie series. Pack a picnic basket (or purchase from our food concessions), bring your blankets and lawn chairs, and enjoy an evening of family fun! These events are FREE for everyone to attend. On movie nights, The Friends of Fort Hunter Park will sell popcorn, candy and beverages to benefit Fort Hunter Park. On performance nights we will have a dessert/snack food truck.

SATURDAY, JULY 6 AT 7PM*

Dauphin 250 Kick-Off Celebration with
"The Greater Harrisburg Concert Band"
Food Trucks: 6-8pm

FRIDAY, JULY 18 AT 7PM*

Theatre Harrisburg presents
"100 Years of Broadway"
Food Trucks: 6-8pm

FRIDAY, JULY 11 AT 8:30PM*

Moana 2 - Rated PG
1 hour, 40 min
Movie Snacks: 7pm

FRIDAY, JULY 25 AT 8:30PM*

The Grinch - Rated PG
1 hour, 25 min
Movie Snacks: 7pm

*Note: In the event of inclement weather, we will decide whether to postpone the event on that day around 1pm. Typically, the rain date will be on Sunday of the same weekend. Any updates due to weather can be found on the [Dauphin County Parks & Recreation Facebook page](#).

A graphic for a "FREE Adult Clothing" event. It features the word "FREE" in large red letters, "Adult Clothing" in large black letters, and "July 12, 2025 9-11am" in green and black. There are icons of a pair of blue jeans and a green long-sleeved shirt. At the bottom left is a logo for "Coffee FREE" with a coffee cup and donuts. At the bottom right is the text "Trinity's Closet on Main 132 E. Main St. Mechanicsburg, PA".

FREE Adult Clothing
July 12, 2025
9-11am
Trinity's Closet on Main
132 E. Main St.
Mechanicsburg, PA

A graphic for "The Community Meal at Grace". It features the title in a cursive font at the top, a photo of people eating at a table in the middle, and the text "2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month" at the bottom.

The Community Meal at Grace
2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month

Join us for the Community Meal
in the Social Hall at 5:30pm on

July 9 & 23

To view menu's each month go to
<https://www.gracecamphill.org/service>

Good News from Grace articles are due by 12noon on the 15th of th month for the next month's newsletter. Email to ddeppen@gracecamphill.org

Mission Statement

We are inspired to live out our faith by the words of Jesus in Matthew 25:35, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me..." Truly I tell you, just as you did to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Upcoming Events

July Music Series at Reservoir Park

The City of Harrisburg & Pop's House proudly presents The July Music Series sponsored by Aetna Better Health Kids, a CHIP Health Plan. Located at Reservoir Park's Bandshell on 100 Concert Drive, bring your family over for a month-long celebration of music and culture. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets & coolers, and immerse yourself in a diverse lineup of performances.

JULY 5: HARRISBURG SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

6:00-8:30PM

JULY 7: MAYOR WILLIAMS RISING STARS YOUTH SHOWCASE

6:00 - 8:30PM (Rain Location: Harrisburg High School Auditorium - 2451 Market Street)

JULY 14: GOSPEL NIGHT

6:00 - 8:30PM (Rain Location: Harrisburg High School Auditorium - 2451 Market Street)

Experience an uplifting and soul-stirring evening

JULY 20: JAZZ NIGHT

5:00 - 10:00PM (Rain Location: The Forum - 500 Walnut Street)

Jazz Under the Stars featuring Diane Wilson Bedford, Gerald Albright and Secret Society Band

JULY 27: AFRO-CARIBBEAN

5:00 - 10:00PM (Rain Location: Harrisburg High School Auditorium - 2451 Market Street)

An unforgeable evening filled with infectious beats and soulful vibes of Afro-Caribbean music.

JULY 28: LATIN NIGHT

6:00 - 8:30PM (Rain Location: Harrisburg High School Auditorium - 2451 Market Street)

Get ready to dance the night away to the sizzling rhythms of Latin music.

Town Hall Meeting: Suicide Prevention in Dauphin County

Wednesday, July 16 | 6-8pm

Penn State Harrisburg

777 West Harrisburg Pike

Middletown, PA

Educational Activities Building North

Room 102

Don't miss this opportunity to learn, ask questions, and contribute to a vital conversation surrounding suicide prevention.

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