

Good News from Grace

March 2025

Our Purpose

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

1 You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—
2 you will say to the Lord, “My refuge | and my stronghold,
my God in whom I | put my trust.”
-Psalm 91: 1-2

Welcome to March, and essentially, Lent. Lent is a very busy time in the church year. There are extra services, things asked of us, and just usually a busy season in the secular world as well. But during all the busyness, I hope that we can find some time to slow down and just be with God. Lent is that perfect season to rekindle or strengthen our relationship with God. The season asks and encourages us to do more with God, which in turn asks us to do less with the world. What I mean by that is that during Lent, we are called to enter into spaces with God more frequently, which requires us to take time away from other areas of life. And what I encourage us all to take note of, is which area of life are we less willing to give up time for? Which area of our life is God not allowed to take? Which area of life have we put before God? This isn't meant to shame or judge, this is just a reality that all of us humans face. All of us have gods that we worship, that can easily be put before our one true God. We all do it, and most of the time it happens without us even realizing it. There is a reason why the first commandment is “to have no other gods before me,” because God knows that this is one of the hardest and most prevalent sins. There have been trends in recent years, to instead of giving something up for Lent, that we should instead give towards something. I think this is well intentioned, and can certainly be an additional spiritual practice that we do during Lent. I do think, however,

that the practice of giving something up for Lent is still worthwhile and crucial to our spiritual discipline and development. I recognize that some people do not have a lot, and therefore giving something up seems almost impossible. But, giving something up doesn't always have to be about possessions or consumerism. Giving something up for Lent could be a behavior, a habit, a desire, a vice, etc. We all do things that we wish that we didn't, and Lent would be the perfect time to give oneself the excuse to give that up. We could also just give up something that we like to do, that isn't harmful at all, but we give it up for a few weeks to let God and ourselves know, that we do not need it to be joyful or faithful.

Lent is all about preparing our souls for Easter. It is about recognizing what our sins are, what we can do about them, what we cannot do about them, and where ultimately, we need God. Lent is not about making us better people, it is about making us Godly people. And my definition of Godly, is not perfect people, but people who do nothing, say nothing, think nothing without including our God above. Because we know that it is not through our own works, but through the Savior on the cross, that we are saved and that we are welcomed into the family of Christ. Our sins reveal our need for God, Lent awakens us to those sins, and Easter reminds us that we are forgiven and set free. Enter into Lent with an open mind, be open to and honest about your sins, but do not feel shame or judgement, make them opportunities to see God's grace and grow closer to the One who loves us to the core of our souls, no matter what.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Chad Butz

Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 5 at 12 noon in Barkley Chapel
In-Person Only

Wednesday, March 5 at 7pm in the Sanctuary

Note: 7pm will be available In-Person or via [Live Stream](#)

Online Lenten Devotional

Wednesday Afternoons

March 12 - April 9

Grace's YouTube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@GraceCampHill>)

Mid-Week Lenten Services

Wednesday, March 19 and Wednesday, Apr. 2 at 7pm in the Sanctuary

In-Person or via [Live Stream](#)



Holy Week

Holy Week Services

Passion/Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13 at 9:30am in the Sanctuary

In-Person or via [Live Stream](#)

Lent Event

Sunday, April 13 at 10:45am in the Social Hall

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 17 at 12 noon in the Chapel

In-Person Only

Thursday, April 17 at 7pm in the Sanctuary

Note: 7pm will be available In-Person or via [Live Stream](#)

Good Friday

Friday, April 18 at 7pm in the Sanctuary

In-Person or via [Live Stream](#)

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 19 at 5pm in Barkley Chapel

In-Person Only

Easter Sunday Service

Sunday, April 20 at 9:30am in the Sanctuary

In-Person or via [Live Stream](#)



Join us for Worship!

Saturdays at 5:00PM

Sundays at 9:30AM

or Sundays

[via Live Stream](#)

You can also find the service posted on Grace's [YouTube](#) page on Mondays.

Faith Formation

**Twice a month on Sunday at 10:45am
September to May**

**Join us on March 30
for the**

Installation of Rite

for Ethan Lentz

Within the Sunday

Morning Worship Service

Watch worship on YouTube

Sunday Worship Services available
on YouTube at Grace Camp Hill.

<https://www.youtube.com/@GraceCampHill>
They are currently being posted on Mondays.



This Month at Grace...

The Sanctuary Lamp Sponsorship for **March** is given by Brian & Lori Small in honor of grandson, Micah's 22nd birthday.

The Special Benevolence Offering for **March** is **the Lutheran Camping Corporation.**

To contribute please list the dollar amount next to *Special Offering Ministry* and write your choice under comments.

2025 Sponsorship Opportunities

Fresh Altar flowers will only be purchased if a Sunday is sponsored. You can sign up to sponsor any Sunday throughout the year on the bulletin board by the elevator or by contacting Diane in the church office.

All Altar Flower sponsorship request **must** be received two weeks prior to the date you wish to sponsor.

Altar flowers sponsorships are \$45, Bulletin & Mailing sponsorships are \$30 and the Sanctuary Lamp sponsorships are \$21. All sponsorship can be paid for online, by mail, or dropping an envelope in the offering at a worship service.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see available dates for 2025. If you are interested in sponsoring one of these weeks you can either sign up on the bulletin board across from the elevator or contact Diane in the church office at 717-737-0439 x15 or ddeppen@gracecamphill.org.

**Coffee
Hour**

**Sundays 9:00 - 9:30am
before worship and
10:30 - 11:00am after
worship in the Library**





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 the pastor know. He will contact the individual to find out whether they wish to be added to the “out loud” prayers, ongoing prayers or prayed for “quietly” by the Community Prayer Group.

We hold in prayer especially this week...

Nancy, Gloria Boyer, Steve Behr, Eileen Moore Hartzell, Tom & Nancy Dunn, Toby Hershey, Alice M., Betty Bennett, Ann Hawkins, Mark Weber, Bruce Hafer, Tammy Blauvelt, The Runkle Family, and Dean Jury.

We hold in ongoing prayer...

Susan Atwood, Eva, Scott & Manix, Stacey Wilkinson, Rebecca Westenberger, Pete Psychogis, Deb Overly, Beverly Earhart, Paul & Linda Glance, and Kay King.

We also hold our homebound in prayer:

Gladys Cline, Joan Harman, Frank Hills, Howard Lauver, Lou Lore, Patti Reed, Bob Rhodes, Mary Louise Shetter, and Dorothy Shreffler.

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.

Prayer List Policy

...sometimes we forget to tell others that someone has healed...

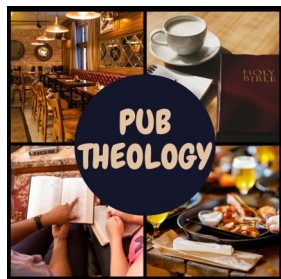
Let's be good stewards of our prayer list. If someone has healed, or if someone has moved on to eternal life, please let the church office know. Names will automatically be moved to the ongoing prayers after a month on the weekly prayers, which are read out loud during worship. They will then be removed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

For Pastoral Assistance or At Home Communion

Please contact Pastor Chad (717-737-0439 x10 or pastorchad@gracecamphill.org). If you have a pastoral emergency outside of normal working hours you can contact Pastor Chad on his mobile phone at 610-297-2514. A pastoral emergency would be a death, or life threatening circumstances.

"Any concern too small to be turned into prayer is too small to be made into a burden."

- Corrie Ten Bloom



Pub Theology

Thank you so much for coming out on February 18 for our first Pub Theology Night!! I had a great time and hope everyone else did too! For those who couldn't make it, we did end up splitting into two groups.

Group 1: Facilitator for March is Jill Manlove
Monday, March 24 | 6:30pm | Wild Rabbit (314 Bridge St, New Cumberland)

Group 2: Facilitator for March is Jackie Behney
Tuesday, March 11 | 6:45pm | Isaac's Craft Kitchen & Brewery (4940 Ritter Rd, Mechanicsburg)

If you were not able to make it to the first Pub Theology please reach out to Pastor Chad at pastorchad@gracecamphill.org to be associated with one of the groups above.

Pub Theology will meet once a month to discuss theology and various topics around faith and life.

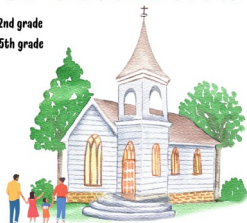
Pastor Chad

Tuesday Bible Study

Bible Study every Tuesday at 1pm in the Library. The study will be Biblical Exegesis based on groups chosen text.

Faith Formation

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



Faith Formation for Adults

September - May

Sundays 10:45 - 11:30am

Meets approximately twice a month on Sunday mornings in the Conference Room. The study uses the book "Seculosity" by David Zahl. It discusses how Career, Parenting, Technology, Food, Politics and Romance became our new religion, and what to do about it.

Sunday, March 2 Faith Formation

Sunday, March 30 Faith Formation

Faith Formation Children & Youth

September - May

Sundays 10:45 - 11:30am

Our Faith Formation program for Children & Youth is held Sundays September - May after worship at 10:45am. Classes will be provided for K, 1st & 2nd grades, JYG (3rd - 5th grades) and a combined middle school & high school class. Faith Formation explores topics related to major bible stories. We always read the scripture and do a hands on craft or activity.

Sunday, March 2 Faith Formation by age group

Sunday, March 30 Faith Formation by age group

To see the complete Fall schedule go to <https://www.gracecamphill.org/youth-and-children>

Lent Event

Sunday, Mar 9
10:45am
in the Social Hall

**Lent Event**

Sunday, March 3 at 10:45am
Social Hall

Join us for an inter-generational event for the whole congregation. There will be pretzel making as well as a craft for Lent.

We look forward to seeing you!

Confirmation Class

Confirmation is a two year program. Confirmands may join at any point of the year, but we will ask that each confirmand complete two complete years of education. Confirmands will meet with a clergy member or spiritual leader at least once a month. Confirmation Camp is heavily encouraged, but not required. Confirmation is open to those entering 7th or 8th grade. Any questions contact Pastor Chad at pastorchad@gracecamphill.org.

Sunday, March 16 11am Confirmation at Trinity Lemoyne

**Grace Youth Group (GYG)**

The Grace Youth Group (GYG) and Junior Youth Group (JYG) will have an abridged schedule. They will be meeting once a month at their normal sessions on the dates listed below. For more information please contact [Ethan Lentz](mailto:ethan.lentz@gracecamphill.org) at ethan.lentz@gracecamphill.org.

DATE	EVENT
March 2	NO JYG
April 6	4:45pm GYG
April 6	10:45am JYG
May 4	4:45pm GYG
May 4	10:45am JYG



As the winter months come to a close and the days get longer and warmer, it is once again time to start making plans for summer camp this year. Join Kirsten Hyatt and friends on **March 23, at 10:45am** for Camp Sunday to get a jump start on your planning. We will enjoy a morning of songs, dancing, and games to help us learn more about the Lutheran Camping Corporation and summer camp opportunities. We will also enjoy a traditional camp snack. Please remember, this event is intergenerational, as camp is for ALL! We look forward to everyone joining us on Sunday the 23rd!

From the Church Council **Council Actions January 2025**



1. Council approved the installation of the new Treasurer, Kelly Walker.
2. Council approved the installation of new parking lot lights.
3. Council approved the continued use of Grace Church as an Emergency Shelter for Family Promise.
4. Council approved a 3% raise for Grace staff.
5. Council approved the 2025 Budget as presented by the treasurer.
6. The 2025 Budget was presented at the Congregational Meeting on January 26, 2025.

**FROM THE
TREASURER**



Members and Friends of Grace,

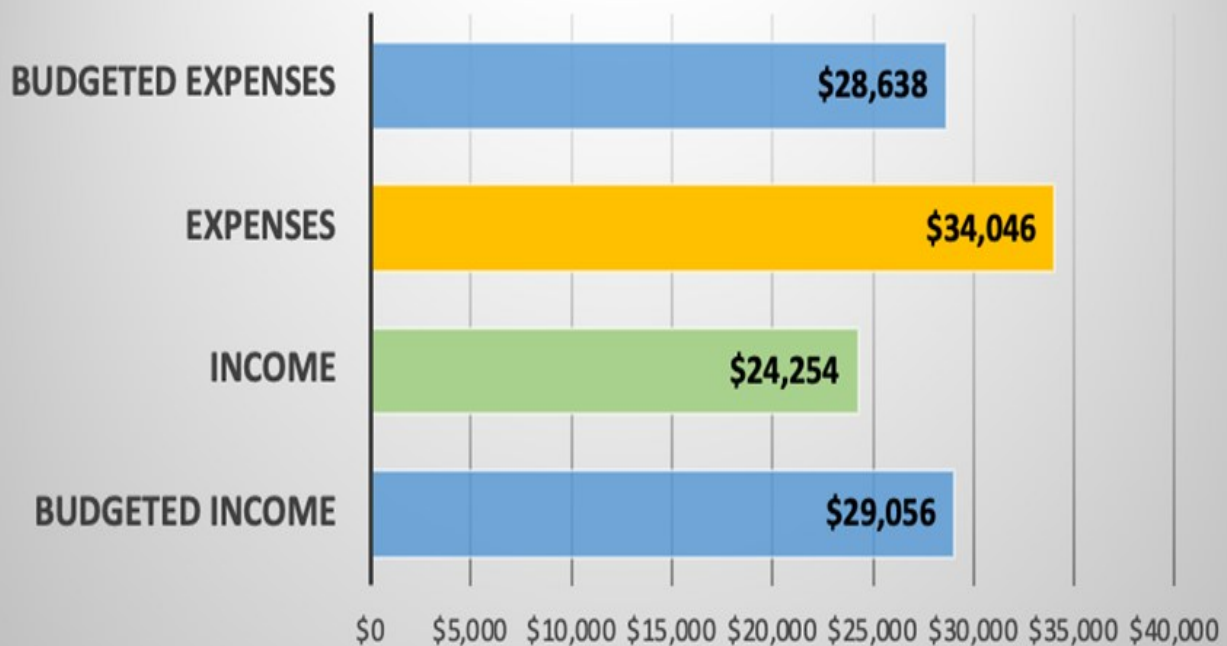
Thank you, Susan Dickinson, for your commitment to Grace as Treasurer over the past 5 years. I am honored to take your place, and I have big shoes to fill!

Thank you to everyone who helped pass our 2025 budget at the annual fiscal meeting in January. Here is a snapshot of our Jan 2025 income and expenses. There are still some funds to be transferred, so future

snapshots should even out.

Kelly Walker, Treasurer

Grace Lutheran Church thru Jan 2025





Braver Angels

Dear Member of Grace,

On the 5th April representatives from the Braver Angels Lower Susquehanna Alliance will be at Grace. *We have invited Braver Angels back but to host a debate. A Braver Angels' Debate differs from the typical political debate that we see during a political campaign. The "... point isn't to win; it's to understand the other side a little better."*

We have chosen a topic that hope is both controversial and timely; nuclear energy versus renewable energy. Most electrical energy is produced from Fossil fuels: coal, oil or natural gas with some areas relying on hydroelectric. Fossil fuel produces large quantities of carbon dioxide which many believe that when trapped in the atmosphere lead to climate change. NRDC June 29, 2018.

The prevailing view in the United States is that Nuclear energy is a viable source of electric power. Our debate will focus on that perception by discussing a resolution that reads: Resolved that Nuclear energy is a better alternative than renewable energy (solar, wind, hydroelectric, batteries etc.) for combating climate change

I hope you will join us on Saturday, April 5th at 9 am. Please invite your spouse, family or friends to the workshop. You may register by calling the church office at 717.737.0439, Rick Keen at 717.657.5563 (leave message if not available) or email at rkeenb24@aol.com.

Thank you,

Rick



My wife, Jennifer, experienced three falls since January 17th. Her strength had been declining and the last fall was followed by her being readmitted to the hospital with an infection, small fracture of the hip and weakness. We praise God for his care as it could have been much worse. She moved to Rehab on, February 8th and continues to regain strength.

I just wanted to express my gratitude for your continued support and prayers. You, like the good Lord, have been faithful, loving and caring; sustaining us as we seek God's guidance and provision. Thank you and God bless you and yours!

Donald Runkle

Grace's
Book Club



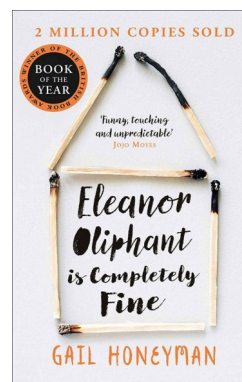
Grace's Book Club has selected to read "Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine" by Gail Honeyman.

No one's ever told Eleanor that life should be better than fine. Meet Eleanor Oliphant: She struggles with appropriate social skills and tends to say exactly what she's thinking. Nothing is missing in her carefully timetabled life of avoiding social interactions, where weekends are punctuated by frozen pizza, vodka, and phone chats with Mummy.

But everything changes when Eleanor meets Raymond, the bumbling and deeply unhygienic IT guy from her office. When she and Raymond together save Sammy, an elderly gentleman who has fallen on the sidewalk, the three become the kinds of friends who rescue one another from the lives of isolation they have each been living. And it is Raymond's big heart that will ultimately help Eleanor find the way to repair her own profoundly damaged one.

Smart, warm, uplifting, Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine is the story of an out-of-the-ordinary heroine whose deadpan weirdness and unconscious wit make for an irresistible journey as she realizes, The only way to survive is to open your heart.

"Beautifully written and incredibly funny, *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine* is about the importance of friendship and human connection. I fell in love with Eleanor, an eccentric and regimented loner whose life beautifully unfolds after a chance encounter with a stranger; I think you will fall in love, too!" —Reese Witherspoon



About the Author: Gail Honeyman

Born and raised in Stirling, Scotland, Gail's love for reading began early, with countless trips to the local library. She pursued French language and literature at Glasgow University and even started a postgraduate course in French poetry at the University of Oxford. However, realizing that academia wasn't her true calling, Gail embarked on various "backroom jobs," including roles as a civil servant and university administrator.

Gail's passion for storytelling led her to enroll in a Faber Academy writing course while working at Glasgow University. There, she penned the first three chapters of what would become *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*. Motivated by a competition for unpublished fiction by female writers, she submitted her work, and the rest is history.

Join the book club on **Monday, March 3** to discuss this book via Zoom. [CLICK HERE](#) for login information.



Lenten/Easter Season Music Sponsorship

Music for the Lenten and Easter Season has been sponsored in memory of Judi & Barry's parents, Irvin & Doris Fenicle and Lyman & Naomi Mudge.

LISBURN FIRE COMPANY TO-GO TURKEY DINNER

March 9, 2025 | \$12 Adults/\$7 Children | 11:30am - 1:00pm**

1800 Main Street, Lisburn | 717-766-3994 | lisburnfire24@gmail.com

Dinner includes: Turkey, filling, potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, roll,



**or until sold out



Daylight Savings Time Starts

Set your clocks ahead one hour on March 9



Grace's Senior Helpers

Grace's Senior Helpers are here to get you where you need to go. Contact the church office Monday - Thursday from 8am - 12noon by phone 717-737-0439 or by email office@gracecamphill.org for a list of members who are available to drive you.

If you wish to become a Senior Helper contact the church office at 717-737-0439 or office@gracecamphill.org.

 **FREE** 
Adult Clothing
March 8, 2025

9-11am



Trinity's Closet on Main
132 E. Main St.
Mechanicsburg, PA

Lost & Found



Lost & Found

Don't forget to check the Lost & Found basket & coat rack in the Library if you are missing items. It has recently been moved to the entrance from the Parking lot hallway. Grace will hold the items for one month. If they are not claimed by then the items will be removed. If you are unable to stop in you can reach the Office Staff at office@gracecamphill.org or call the office Monday - Thursday 8am to 12noon at 717-737-0439 the we will be glad to look for you.



Let's Celebrate Monumental Birthdays!

Betty Bennett turns **102 years old** on **March 2**. Please take a moment to wish her a happy birthday with a telephone call or mail a card to:

Betty Bennett
1447 Hillcrest Court
Apt, 304
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Let her know you are thinking of her on this very special occasions.

3/2 Betty Bennett
Thomas Boyer (Claudia)
3/3 Susan Dickinson
Sandra Robison
3/4 Randy Hamme
Ron Kauffman
3/6 Todd Snyder
3/8 Matthew Easton
3/9 Tyler Artz
3/10 Robert Budzinski
James Price
3/11 Logan Walker
3/14 Joyce Clark
3/15 Cyle Helman
3/16 Mark Barton
Tracy Evans
Joyce Thomas (Ohio)
3/18 Marlene Ulrich

3/19 Sophia Campbell
Eliza Chesky
Charles Thomas, Jr.
3/21 Gail Feldman
3/22 Don Barlup
Kathy Lore
3/23 Alexander McInnes
Harvey White
3/24 Byron Schreck
3/26 Susan Edwards
3/27 Linda Biesecker
3/28 Austin Snavely
3/29 Jeffrey Peiffer
3/30 Linda Ringer
3/31 Patricia Rohde
Sharon Swank

The Community Meal at Grace



2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month

The Community Meal
2nd & 4th Wednesday each month from
5:30 - 6:30pm in the Social Hall.

March 12 & 26

More information at <https://www.gracecamphill.org/service>

UPCOMING EVENTS



Wine & Cheese Night **Saturday, March 8** **4:30pm** **Library at Grace**

Join us in the Library at 4:30pm for Wine &

Cheese prior to the 5:00pm Sabbath Worship service. If you wish to sponsor a Wine & Cheese night sign up on the sheet on the first pew in the Chapel.

Paper Grocery Bags



Grace can now recycle paper with our weekly trash; however we are in need of brown paper bags (with or without handles) for the paper for recycling. If you have extra bags laying around and wish to donate them to the office please place in the black cart next to the mailing center outside the interior office door. Thank you!

Trinity Lutheran Church Concert Series

“The Three Pianists: Mark Hayes, Joey Raney and Joseph Martin” with the Trinity Concert Choir.

Sunday, March 23 | 3:00pm | FREE | 2000 Chest Nut Street, Camp Hill

Join three of the world's top performers and composers of sacred and secular music together with Trinity's outstanding Concert Choir. Contact 717-737-8635 for more information.

Youth Food Cards

Karns, Weis 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 exact change. Checks should be made to GELC.

Grace's Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of inclement weather regarding weekend services and special events, staff will post closings or delayed openings on the church phone 717-737-0439x14, on the website, Facebook and via eblast and most will, also, appear on CBS 21 and ABC 27 as well. Please note that during the week the office will follow the West Shore School Districts delays and closings.

Good News from Grace articles are due by **12 noon on the 15th of the month** for the next month's newsletter. Grace Notes information is due by **12 noon on Tuesdays.**

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