



# Good News from Grace

MAY 2026

*"Every Sunday I visit the poor in Calcutta's slums. I cannot help them, because I do not have anything, but I go to give them joy." -Mother Teresa*

I do not know about you, but I see so much pain and suffering in this world that I can do nothing about. I am by no means like Mother Teresa, I certainly have things I could give away. But when it comes to solving people's problems, especially chronic systemic issues such as homelessness, hunger, poverty, racism, homophobia, abuse, and all bad things that seem so wide spread and difficult to fix, I feel helpless and useless. I want to fix peoples problems, but I just can't. Even if I gave everything away, these issues for these people, wouldn't be fixed. This isn't to say that God isn't calling us all to give as much as we possibly can, but the thought of "fixing" peoples struggles, just seems so out of reach. But I have learned over the years, that sometimes "fixing" isn't always possible or required of us. I also learned, that when we try to fix peoples problems, we often try to fix them in ways that we would want them to occur. When we attempt to fix things, we don't always take into consideration the wants and desires of those lives that we are attempting to "fix." So maybe fixing isn't what we are called to do. Maybe giving and providing joy is what Jesus is calling us to do. Giving food, shelter, education on tolerance and acceptance of other ways of living, are all good things. But sometimes I think we do these things not in a sense to grow community and mutual joy, but as a way to "fix" things. And when they are fixed, what do we hope they look like afterwards? What does a "fixed" society and people look like?

Mother Teresa by all accounts was closer to atheism than she was to a theist during parts of her life. She loved God, she wanted to please God, and she served God up until the very end. And yet for the vast majority of her life she felt no presence of God. She felt like God had either died or abandoned her. She struggled with faith, with belief, but she never struggled with doing the work of love. Sometimes, we put so much emphasis on our own belief, our own faith, that we also forget that we have work to do, work of providing joy and love. We also get so consumed by our own desires, that we forget the goal of our faith is to become disciples and vessels of God's glory, not our own. Mother Teresa said: "It is only when we realize our nothingness, our emptiness, that God can fill us with Himself. When we become full of God then we can give God to others, for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." To some this may seem bleak, but to me this is freeing. My goal isn't to figure out who I am, but to figure out who to become who God wants me to be. We are called to free ourselves from ourselves, and let the direction of the Spirit, guide and fill our lives. The feeling of God's presence becomes a blessing, rather than a requirement for belief and faith. We can truly trust that God is present, alive and exists, not just through our own reason or personal moments of enlightenment. But through the actions of Jesus Christ, the Christians who came before us and our own calls to follow in his and their footsteps of spreading God's love and joy to every corner of the globe.

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Especially to the poorest of the poor, the marginalized, the outcast, the forgotten. We are called to recognize that even when we have nothing to give, we always can give joy.

*“The joy of loving Jesus comes from the joy of sharing in His sufferings. So do not allow yourself to be troubled or distressed, but believe in the joy of the Resurrection. In all of our lives, as in the life of Jesus, the Resurrection has to come, the joy of Easter has to dawn.” —Mother Teresa*

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Chad, with much help from Mother Mary Teresa

## Follow Him in Generosity

Our Savior calls us to follow Him in generosity. “For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you” (John 13:15). We cannot give our lives for the salvation of the world, of course. Praise God, that job is already done! But with hearts full of thanksgiving for what Jesus has given us, we can follow His example of generous giving. And Jesus’ generosity is not merely an example. Our Lord also commands us to act according to our gifts: “The one who contributes, [let him give] in generosity” (Rom. 12:8).



So, when we bring offerings to the Lord, we should strive to heed His command and follow the pattern He has established for us. Jesus did not give us leftovers. He gave His best. We should not give leftovers, either, but the first and best of what He has given us. Jesus did not give as an afterthought — He gave according to the plan of salvation God established from the foundation of the world. So, when it comes to our own offerings, we should make a thoughtful plan to give generously, in proportion to the way He has blessed us. Like the Macedonian Christians, who gave according to their ability, and even beyond their ability (2 Cor. 8:3), we should honor the Lord by giving a generous portion of the income that God provides us.

We should also give freely, just as Jesus gave freely for us. There is no compulsion involved in our works of love and our offerings to the Lord. We do not give grudgingly, but willingly and cheerfully, each “as he has decided in his heart,” as the Lord says (2 Cor. 9:7). There is no New Testament ceremonial law involved here. Rather, we are free to give as generously as our Savior has given for us!

In the same way, our Lord teaches us to give generously out of our love for Him and for our neighbor. Jesus shows us that genuine love is always love “in deed” (1 John 3:18). It is love that sees our neighbor in need and gives generously to help him. It is love that hears the Word of the Lord and does what it says. If we truly love, we give generously. If we give without love, our giving is not truly following Jesus.

Finally, we follow Jesus in generosity when we support His Gospel ministry and other works of mercy. The people of Israel gave generously to construct and support the operation of the tabernacle, for that was the place where the Lord received the Old Testament sacrifices, through which He bestowed the forgiveness of sins on His people. So, they gave abundantly, so abundantly that they had to be told to stop giving! (Ex. 36:5–6). In the same way, we should bring generous offerings to support the Lord’s work. We support our congregations in the preaching of His Word, Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, which bestow His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation, and we take care of those who are poor and needy.

Our Savior calls us to follow His example in generous giving. Let us then, with thankful hearts, rededicate ourselves to following Him in generosity.

*This article was previously published in May 2023 by LCMS Stewardship*



## Join Us for Worship

IN - PERSON

Saturdays at 5:00pm  
in Barkley Chapel

Sundays at 9:30am  
in the Sanctuary

or

Sundays via  
Live Stream

or on  
YouTube



## Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour runs  
September - May before  
and after Sunday  
Morning Worship.

If you and/or your family  
would like to host a  
coffee hour contact the  
office.

## Our Purpose

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

## This Month at Grace

The Sanctuary Lamp Sponsorship for **May** is given by Bill & Sandy Robison in honor of Nathan Robison's confirmation.

The Special Benevolence offering for **May** is the **Lutheran Camping Corporation**. To contribute please list the dollar amount next to *Special Offering Ministry* on the envelopes or use this QR Code to give now or pay online at <https://www.gracecamphill.org/> and select Online Giving under the Give tab.



Give Now

## 2026 Sponsorship Opportunities

Fresh Altar flowers will only be purchased if a Sunday is sponsored. All Altar Flower sponsorships requests MUST be received two weeks prior to the date you wish to sponsor. Altar Flower Sponsorships are \$45, Bulletin & Mailing 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 2026 you can check the sign up sheets next to the elevator or on the website at:  
<https://www.gracecamphill.org/pages/sponsorship>

If you are interested in sponsoring one of the available dates you can sign up next to the elevator or by contacting Diane in the church office at 717-737-0439 x 15 or [ddeppen@gracecamphill.org](mailto:ddeppen@gracecamphill.org).

## Senior Send Off Sunday

Join us for outdoor worship on Sunday, May 24 in the Parking Lot. We will be congratulating our graduates during this service. Then plan to stick around for a meal and fellowship. Grace will provide burgers, cake & ice cream. We are asking all those planning to attend to please bring a side dish to share. (Note: If inclement weather the service will be in the Sanctuary and the meal will be in the Social Hall). We'd also like to highlight our graduates in the June newsletter so please send the names of those graduating, where they are graduating from and what they plan to do after graduation to Diane at [ddeppen@gracecamphill.org](mailto:ddeppen@gracecamphill.org) by **May 15**. Thank you!

## Lutheran Camping Corporation of Cental PA 2026 Summer Camp Kick-Off Worship & Picnic

You are invited to the 2026 Summer Camp Kick-Off Worship and Picnic on Sunday, May 17 - 3:30pm at Camp Kirchenwald. Celebrate the opening of the camping season with worship, fellowship, and a great free meal! Additionally, this event will serve as a celebration for the ministry of Michael Youse. Mike has been a part of the Lutheran Camping Corporation for decades, most recently as the Executive Director. We hope you can join us to honor his legacy. The afternoon will include a dedication in the Youse name and an opportunity to write Mike a personal note for a keepsake. Please **RSVP at [lutherancamping.org](http://lutherancamping.org)** so we know to expect you (and how much BBQ to make!). If you are unable to attend but would still like to send Mike a note or provide a picture for the display, email those items to [zweiss@lutherancamping.org](mailto:zweiss@lutherancamping.org) by **May 14**.



*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,  
give thanks in all circumstances; for this  
is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

### **We hold in prayer especially this month...**

Carson Osswald, Karen Osswald, Dr. Robert Little, Ed Klemmer, Jaclyn Atkins, Robert Schwitzer, Cheryl A., Amy Vogel, Alice M., and Dean Jury.

### **We hold in Ongoing prayer this month...**

Katie, Bob Rhodes, Todd Stuckey, Beverly Earhart, Elaine Klemmer, Nancy, Susan Atwood, Pete Psychogis, Paul & Linda Glance, and Kay King.

### **We also hold our Homebound in prayer this month...**

Gladys Cline, Joan Harman, Lou Lore, Patti Reed, and Dorothy Shreffler.

### **We hold in prayer the recently departed...**

George Ringer.

#### Prayer List Policy

*...sometimes you 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. They will be removed from the ongoing prayers after another month unless you notify us.

#### 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 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 the "ongoing" prayers.



## Council Actions

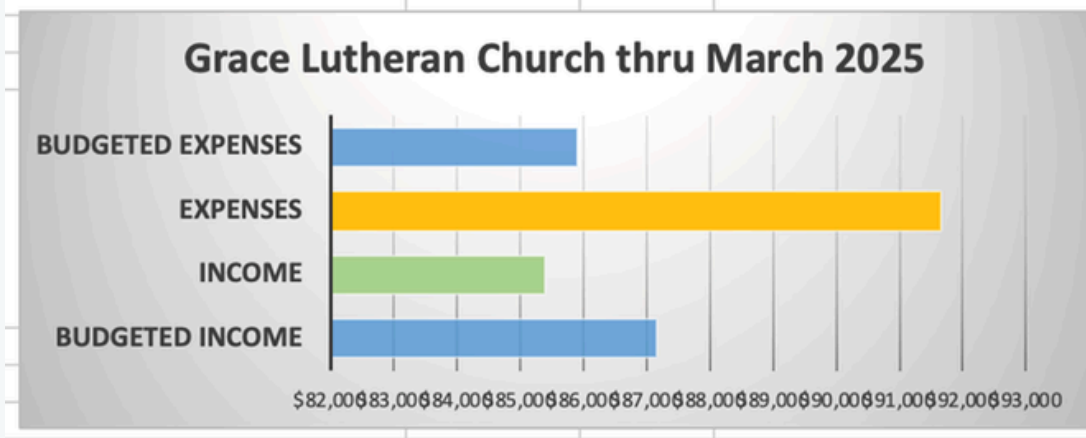
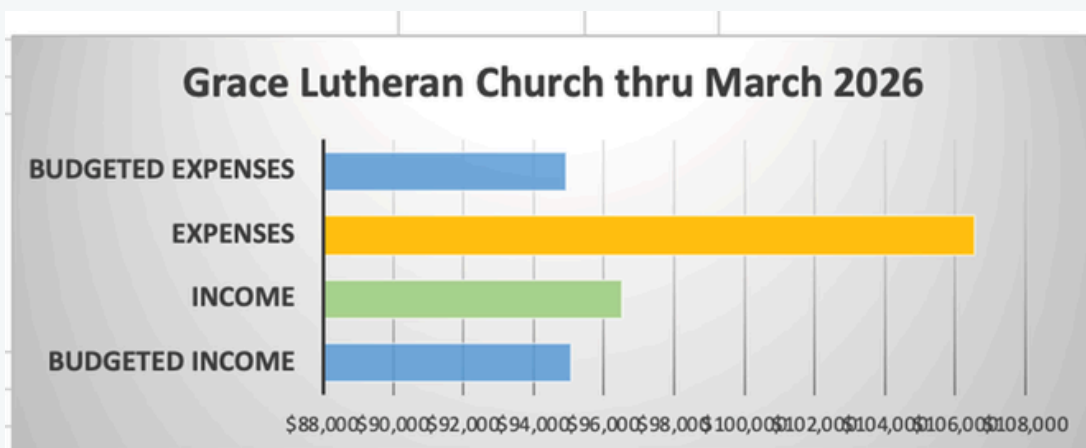
### APRIL 13 MEETING

1. Council approved confirmands Nathan Robison and Noah Hartman.
2. Capital Campaign: New outdoor sign is put on hold for now due to zoning issues. Infrastructure concerns will be prioritized.
3. Signs will be created and posted to outside doors to help visitors to navigate the church.
4. Strawberry Festival planning is in full swing.
5. A Space Evaluation Committee has been formed. Forms are available to give feedback.

Brigitte Storey  
Secretary



As you can see, our expenses closely match last year's at this time  
Kelly Walker  
Treasurer



## Grace Capital Campaign

The Grace Capital Campaign has begun! Our building needs repairs, replacements, and upgrades to continue operating our ministries. Prayerfully consider donating to our campaign to support the community ministries and activities which Grace offers. Pledges are confidential. The goal is to raise a minimum of \$270,000 to fund the following projects:


- Replace sanctuary windows.
- Fire alarm system replacement.
- New welcome sign
- Library air conditioning units
- Roof repair
- Sunday School hall repair (water damage)
- Seal the leaking conference room fireplace.
- Chelsea stairway repair (water damage)
- Security upgrades
- New carpet
- Carillon replacement

You can find pledge cards in the church's common rooms, narthexes or the church office. Return completed pledge cards to the church office. If you choose an annual pledge, Grace will send you a reminder each year to send your pledged amount.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this request!

-The Capital Campaign Committee

Please choose your pledge for Grace's Capital Campaign. Thank you for your pledge!

  One-time gift of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Pledge options (choose one):

2-year commitment: My gift per year x 2 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ total

3-year commitment: My gift per year x 3 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ total

4-year commitment: My gift per year x 4 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ total

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Env#: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (if changed): \_\_\_\_\_

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<p>The Grace Lutheran Church Capital Campaign for Property Needs is a 4-year campaign beginning in 2026. The goal is to raise a minimum of <b>\$270,000</b> to fund the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Replace sanctuary windows</li><li>• Fire alarm system replacement</li><li>• New welcome sign</li><li>• Library air conditioning units</li><li>• Roof repair</li><li>• Sunday school hall repair (water damage)</li><li>• Seal the leaking conference room fireplace</li><li>• Chelsea stairway repair (water damage)</li><li>• Security upgrades</li><li>• New carpet</li><li>• Carillon replacement</li></ul>	<p><b>The purpose of Grace is to make a difference by serving others through God's love and our faith.</b> Grace has committed itself to live its Christianity through service to others locally and globally.</p> <p>Our building needs repairs, replacements, and upgrades to continue operating our ministries. Prayerfully consider donating to our campaign to support the community ministries and activities which Grace offers. Pledges are confidential.</p> <p><b>Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church</b> 1610 Carlisle Rd. Camp Hill, PA 17011 office@gracecamphill.org 717-737-0439, www.gracecamphill.org</p>
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The Church Office will be Closed on  
Monday, May 25  
for  
Memorial Day



**Pastor Richard Eckert**  
**Pastor for Spiritual Formation**

Dear Members and Friends of Grace,

Thank you for your warm and affirming welcome as I begin to serve in your midst as Pastor for Spiritual Formation. I am looking forward to joining you in your shared ministry in Camp Hill and beyond in the Name of Christ, our Lord.

So far four members have signed up to receive individual Spiritual Direction or to learn more about Individual Spiritual Direction. I have reached out to them and we will be scheduling meeting for Spiritual Direction in late April and early May.

We also have individuals interested in Group Spiritual Formation. I am hoping to schedule a meeting for Group Spiritual Formation. I am suggesting the date of May 18. I will discuss with those interested in group meetings to decide what date and time will be best for us to gather.

We also have people interested in Spiritual Formation Retreats at Kentland. Considering the church's calendar of events, it might be September or October when we offer the first retreat at Kentland.

A Grief Support Group is also a goal. Please share your interest with me in this group. That group will probably begin in the fall.

Thank you for your interest in Spiritual Formation and Growth. I look forward to listening and talking to you about which programs are most important to you and how we can fulfill your desires and needs.

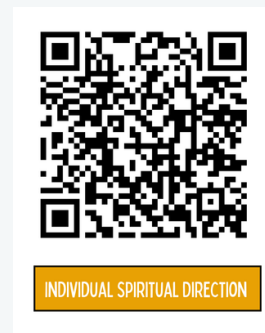
Peace and blessings,  
Pastor Eckert

**Spiritual Direction Opportunities Sign Ups**

You can sign up online at <https://www.gracecamphill.org/faith-formation/spiritual-formation>, by calling the office (717-737-0439), by using one of the QR codes below, on the Faith Formation bulletin board in the parking lot hallway.

**Individual Spiritual Direction**

Space is limited for monthly Individual Spiritual Direction. Pastor Eckert will reach out to those that sign up.

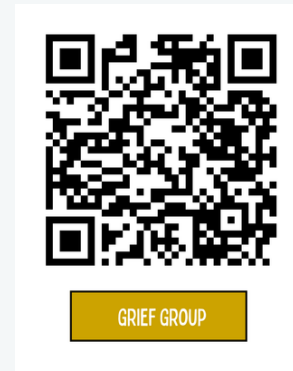
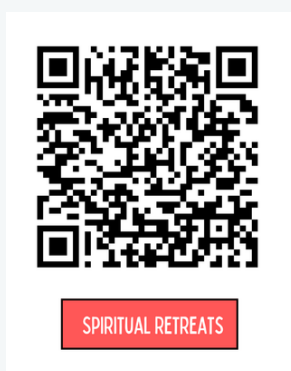


For the Spiritual Direction Opportunities below we are looking to see how much interest there is for each of them. You can sign up for one or for all.

**Group Spiritual Direction**

**Spiritual Retreats**

**Grief Group**





## Journeys of Paul in Greece with Pastor Chad Butz and Evan Houck October 17-24, 2026

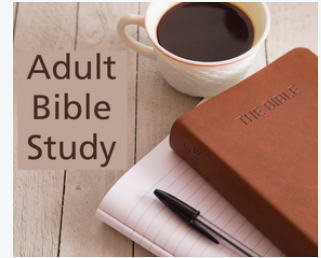
We would love to have you join us as we explore the journey of Paul in Greece. Paul is one of, if not the most, influential theologian for the Christian church as we know it. Come and see the first hand the places that he walked and ministered through. We will be departing October 17th and returning on the 24th. There is an optional cruise to extend your journey. Looking forward to entering into this pilgrimage with you all!

You can find out more information regarding the trip and how to sign up on the website at <https://www.gracecamphill.org/faith-formation/journeys-of-paul-in-greece> or by scanning the QR code to the left



## Adult Bible Study Tuesdays, September - May 1pm in the Small Conference Room

The Bible Study group will be studying various books of the Bible to understand what the text was trying to say and what it's saying to us today.



## Pub Theology

There are currently two groups for Pub Theology that will meet at various pubs in the area to talk about how God works in life, politics, faith, science and everything in-between. All opinions, experiences, and perspective are welcome.

**Watch the Events Page on the website, bulletin and This Week at Grace for information as to when the groups are meeting.**

For more information, to join or start a new group contact Pastor Chad at [pastorchad@gracecamphill.org](mailto:pastorchad@gracecamphill.org)

## Confirmation Class September - May

Meets monthly to learn about Lutheranism and the basics of the Biblical Story. Youth entering 7, 8 or 9 grade are encouraged to sign up or continue confirmation.

May 15-16

Confirmation Retreat at Kentland

May 17

The Rite of Confirmation at Grace



June 21 - 27

Harrisburg Area Confirmation Camp at Camp Nawakwa

This is for all youth who have completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade through those entering 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Camp is held at Camp Nawakwa and is an amazing event filled with faith formation, community, and FUN! *Note: Those currently attending Confirmation at Grace are required to attend this camp.*

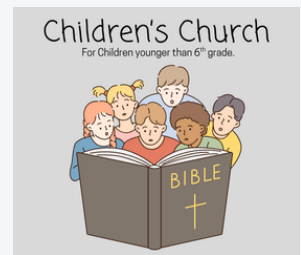
# Youth Food Cards

Karns Foods, 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 in cash please have the exact change. At this time we do not accept credit cards.

## Children's Church

10:00 - 10:15am

Occurs twice a month. The intention is to provide an age appropriate message that children will love and be able to apply in their daily lives. The children will leave after the Prayer of the Day and return to the sanctuary in time for communion. It kicks off with Rally Day each year and runs through May. May 3 will be the last Sunday for Children's Church until the Fall.



## Grace Youth Group (GYG)

GYG is for all youth entering 6th grade through their 12th grade year of High School. GYG meets the first & third Sunday each month from 4:45 - 7:30pm. *Please note a time change for the May 17 meeting at Kentland.*

May 3 at Grace

May 17 at Kentland from 4:45pm - 8:00pm

Stay up to date by following us on Facebook, Instagram and join our Band Chat to join in the community! Contact Ethan Lentz at [ethan.lentz@gracecamphill.org](mailto:ethan.lentz@gracecamphill.org) with any questions.



Lutheran Community for Middle Schoolers  
FRIENDS + GAMES + WORSHIP  
FAITH CONVERSATION + CAMPFIRE  
**'Rhythm'**

God has a desired rhythm for our world.  
We also have a rhythm to our lives.  
Are you in step with God's rhythm?  
How might our baptismal promises help us live  
into God's rhythm?



**Camp Nawakwa + September 25-27, 2026**



## Lost and Found Items

If you are missing a coat, a water bottle or other items please check with the office at 717-737-0439 or [office@gracecamphill.org](mailto:office@gracecamphill.org) to see if your missing item(s) may have been turned in. Items are kept in the office for (1) month. After that time, they will be placed in the Community Aid bin in the second parking lot.

## Grace Youth Group Spagehetti Dinner

A HUGE thank you to Ethan Lentz, his advisors, the Kaufman's, the youth and all of those who helped make the return of the GYG Spaghetti Dinner a success! We served around 100 people on Saturday, March 28. Thank you for supporting our youth here at Grace!



## Spring Landscape Clean-Up on Good Friday

Good Friday, April 3, was the day to spruce up the landscape at Grace to get it ready for Easter weekend services. Thank you to all who came out and helped!



## Library Refresh Updates

The Library update is still ongoing with a lot of decorating left to be done. Below are some images of the updates so far.





Prepared. For Life.®

## Cub Scout Pack 54 Bike Rodeo on Sunday, May 3 2-4pm in Grace's Parking Lot

Free Family Event - Boys & Girls age 5-11 Welcome!

There will be an obstacle course, bike inspections, prizes, Free Food and tons of fun! Bring your bike and helmet.

For more information contact [troop54@gmail.com](mailto:troop54@gmail.com).



Grace's  
Book Club



## Grace Book Club

Join the Grace Book Club on Monday, May 4 at 7pm via Zoom. We are reading "Python's Kiss" by Louise Erdrich for May.

It was as though I was chosen—marked out by the python's kiss for wisdom or maybe sorrow. Or perhaps, I think now, a sense of the ridiculous in extremes of experience. Also, I hoped for a long life.

Written over the past two decades, Louise Erdrich's magnificent story collection features a range of characters—a tribal newsletter editor whose son tells her a story that nothing in her experience can encompass, immigrant farmers whose tenuous hold on the earth, and sanity, is challenged, and ordinary people, bird lovers, artists, grade-school teachers, and romantics. A girl decides to spend her life with a stone. A man is confronted with a folk-singing thief. A woman enters a corporately owned afterlife to seek revenge on her father.

Louise Erdrich is one of the most gifted, prolific, and challenging of American novelists. Her fiction reflects aspects of her mixed heritage: German through her father, and French and Ojibwa through her mother. She is the author of many novels, the first of which, *Love Medicine*, won the National Book Critics Circle Award and the last of which, *The Round House*, won the National Book Award for Fiction in 2012. She lives in Minnesota.

Please contact Melinda Bechtel at [mcbbechtel@gmail.com](mailto:mcbbechtel@gmail.com) if you have any questions or for login information.



## Fam Jam - April 26

Fam Jam will be held on April 26. Family Promise has some new and interesting items in their Silent Auction and have added the Gift Card Plinko. We would love to see you at the event too...and a few of your friends! Here is the link for the April 26<sup>th</sup> event: <https://familyproiseshcr.betterworld.org/events/fam-jam-2026>

## Family Promise Book Club - May 18

Let's Discuss *When Helping Hurts* on Monday, May 18 at 7pm virtually. Sometime we're not sure if we're doing the right thing, sometimes we burn ourselves out! Let's talk about how to be the most helpful we can AND keep our won health! For log in informatrion or more information about Family Promise in general please contact Susan Ryder at [susan@familypromiseshcr.org](mailto:susan@familypromiseshcr.org).



# Let's Celebrate our May Birthdays

We have a monumental birthdays to share this month. Shirley Davis turns 91 on May 17. Please take a moment to wish her a HAPPY BIRTHDAY with a telephone call or by mailing a card to:

Shirley Davis  
4905 East Trindle Road  
Building 4, Room 203  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

5/1	Gary Weller	5/16	Miranda Eckenrode	5/21	Kevin Budzinski
5/2	Robert Sakson		Gabrielle O'Haren		Megan Kauffman
5/4	Chad Martier		Katelyn Yeager		Glenn Ressler
5/5	Audrey Egley	5/17	Alexander Behney	5/22	Jackie Behney
5/7	Megan Goetz		Levi Chesky	5/23	Dave Atwood
	Pastor Evan Houck		Shirley Davis		John Foster
5/8	Ben Galle		Rick Kaufmann	5/24	Ann Hoffman
			Alice Richards		
5/11	Tom Blackburn	5/18	Christine Hakes	5/25	Roxanne Eckenrode
	Demetria Johansen	5/19	Colin McQuade	5/26	Kaiden Pautz
	Bonnie Miller		Bill McQuade		Patricia Reed
5/12	Olivia Hartman	5/20	Lauren Bozart	5/27	Donald Schell
	Elizabeth Redclift		Trevor Fry		Krista Snavely
5/14	Ian Budzinski		Melissa Meador	5/29	Barry Fenicle
5/15	Brian Small		Hailey Seeger	5/31	Lisa Reeves
	Kathryn Smith		Jared Weber		
	Chelsea Sultzaberger		Susan Weller		

*The older the fiddler, the sweeter the tune.*

Pope Paul VI

*\*\*Please note if they person does not have a birthdate listed they either requested it not be printed in the newsletter or we do not have one. You can contact the church office for their actual birthdate.*

*The Community Meal at Grace*



2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month

## Community Meal Menu \*

5:30pm in the Social Hall

All meals include coffee, tea, water and assorted desserts.

**May 13**

TBD

**May 27**

TBD

To check out everything that is happening at Grace go to the events page on the website at <https://www.gracecamphill.org/events> or use the QR Code.



## Upcoming Community Events

Below are some family-friendly events occurring in our area.

### Trinity Concert Series: Anderson Brothers Jazz Trio

**May 3, 2026 | 3:00pm | FREE | Trinity Lutheran Church (2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill)**

Fresh off performances at Carnegie Hall and The Kennedy Center, woodwind virtuosos and identical twins Peter and Will Anderson present a program of classic American melodies. Graduates of the Juilliard School, the Andersons have recently performed on Garrison Keillor's *Prairie Home Companion* and on HBO's *Boardwalk Empire* soundtrack. They live and breath the music of the '30s and '40s – reviving tunes of the past with energy and authenticity seldom heard today.

### Hershey Artfest - Celebrating Art, Community and America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**May 9, 2026 | 9am - 4pm | FREE | Engelwood Hershey (1219 W. End Ave. Hummelstown, PA)**

Each year, Artfest showcases the talent and creativity of our region, featuring a wide array of artists, artisans, and authors presenting their work across many mediums - from fine art and ceramics to metalwork, wood textiles, jewelry and more. Festival-goers can also experience a unique mix of food offerings from around the world. This year's event embraces an American feel, honoring the craftsmanship, ingenuity, and entrepreneurial spirit that has carried our country forward for 250 years.

### Trinity Concert Series: American Composers Choral Festival

**May 16, 2026 | 7:30pm | \$10 | Trinity Lutheran Church (2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill)**

Sponsored jointly by The Harrisburg Singers and the Trinity Concert Series, the 150-voice Festival Choir will include singers from local churches and the Harrisburg Singers. Rene Clausen, conductor emeritus of The Concorida Choir who performed at Trinity in 2016, will conduct. His recording "Live & Breath: Choral Works by Rene Clausen" received three Grammy Awards at the 55th Grammy Awards in 2013. To purchase tickets call 717-737-8635.

### 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Camp Hill Kite Festival

**May 17, 2026 | 1-4pm | Fiala Field (2701 Columbia Avenue, Camp Hill)**

Come out to watch the Keystone Kites fly their kites and make a kite yourself! Grab lunch & enjoy yourselves with family and friends! Sorry no rain date. For more information and parking locations go to [https://camphillborough.com/departments/parks\\_recreation/special\\_events/kite\\_festival.php](https://camphillborough.com/departments/parks_recreation/special_events/kite_festival.php)



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