



**Grace United Church of Christ
128 E. Baltimore Street
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♪♪ GRACE NOTES ♪♪

Sept/Oct 2023 Issue

PASTOR MARK'S NEWSLETTER ARTICLE:

SEPTEMBER OCTOBER 2023

As you all hopefully know, we are celebrating our 275th anniversary as a congregation this year. I find myself asking the question, "What do we share with those members of old?" Probably many things, especially living in (or around) the little town of Greencastle. But the main thing we have in common is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is our "old, old story."

You know the hymn:

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings...as nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

My hope as your current pastor is that you experience the **Embrace of Our Heavenly Father**. To come into contact with the Love of God is what has....does...and always will change us...no matter what decade we are living in.

The psychologists tell us that as infants...the most important factor in our thriving throughout our whole lives...is the security of our attachment bond to our mother and father. To be wounded by trauma in those first years...is the largest predictor of all kinds of difficulty in later years. As a preacher, this is clear reminder that **the Affection and Steadfast Love of our Heavenly Father....**is life-changing for us! Much of the spiritual journey is attuning to that love and living authentically FROM it.

We live FROM it...because we already have it.

If you are interested in reading some good books on the subject, consider these two:

Experiencing the Father's Embrace by Jack Frost

He Loves Me! Learning to Live in the Father's Affection
by Wayne Jacobsen

My belief is: As long as we are sharing the Good News of Jesus' love...God will bless our efforts as a congregation in Greencastle.

Here's to our anniversary! Pastor Mark

God
Bless

275th Anniversary Celebration

Join us . . .

Sunday, September 24, 2023

to celebrate 275 years at Grace Church Greencastle

Worship Service: 10 AM in Sanctuary

Banquet: 11:45 catered by Mrs. Gibble's

History Presentation: 1:30 in Sanctuary

Rev. Dr. Carrie Call, PCC Conference Minister

Please RSVP to attend the banquet to Elaine at 597-2983 by Sep. 7

Banquet is by free will donation

German Reformed Cemetery Presentation

Sunday October 1st and 8th during worship

Jack Webb, Presenter

Holiday Events

Holiday Music

Saturday, December 9, 2023, 4 PM

(Featuring area musicians)

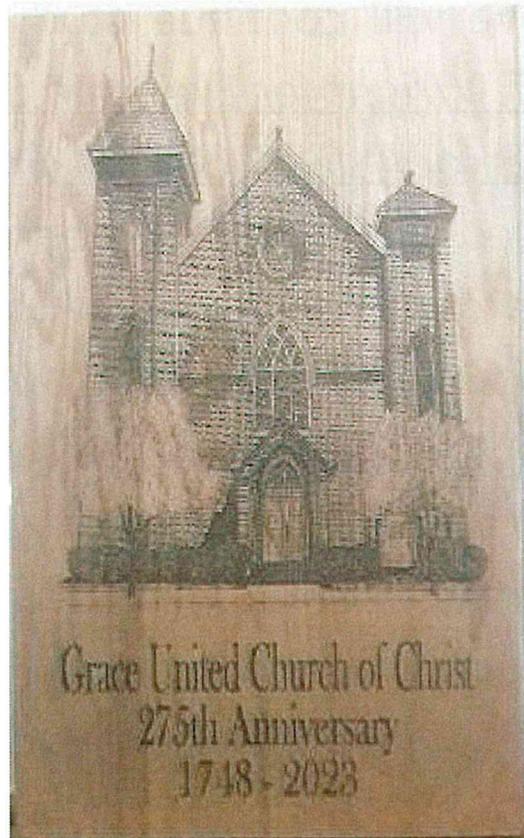
Chamber of Commerce House Tour, Featured Church

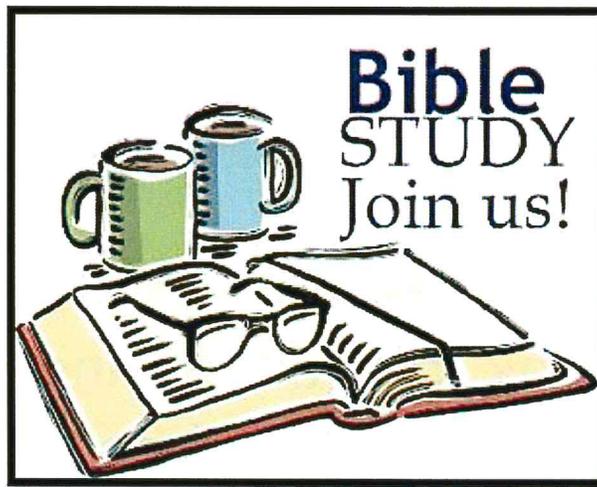
(Commemorative Ornament of Grace UCC)

Sunday, December 10, 2023, 1 – 5 PM

CHURCH OAK PLAQUE RAFFLE

We are raffling off a beautiful laser engraving of the church on an oak plaque during the month of September. This plaque has been donated by Jeff Stouffer to help support our 275th Anniversary celebrations. We expect to have it on display soon with a bid sheet for you to use. The highest bidder will be announced at our Anniversary Banquet on September 24. Good luck to the highest bidder!



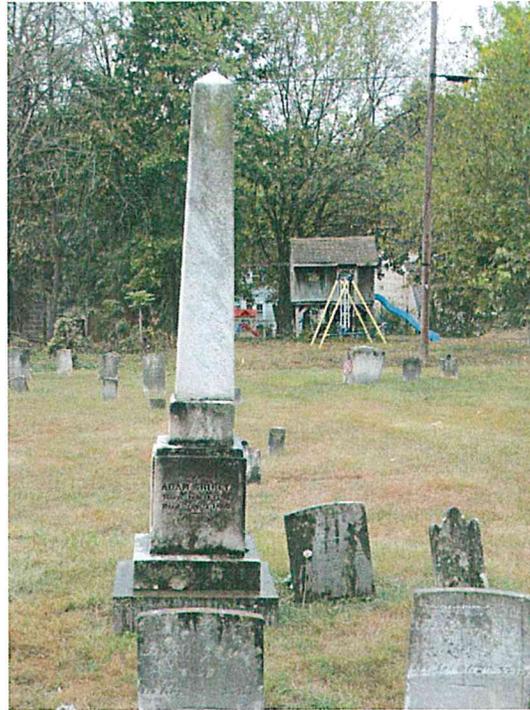


FALL BIBLE STUDY

8 Week Fall Bible Study will begin after Labor Day, starting on September 6 through October 25. A light meal will be served at 5:30pm in the social hall, followed by bible study in the Chapel, from 6pm-7pm. We will continue studying from the Book of Matthew using *N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Study Guide called Matthew: 22 Studies for Individuals and Groups*. This is the same study guide we used during our Lenten sessions. If you need a book, they can be ordered online from Amazon for approximately \$10 or ask Marg if she has any extras on hand. Volunteers are needed to provide light meals. Please see the sign-up sheets in the elevator area if you plan on attending and/or if you can help provide a light meal. Contact Marg if you need assistance ordering a study guide or have any further questions. Everyone is welcome to join us! Invite a friend or neighbor!

Cemetery History Presentation

by Jack Webb



It is a pleasure and an honor to announce that I will be giving a presentation on our German Reformed Cemetery on South Carlisle Street during two upcoming Church services: October 1st and 8th. My talk will touch on the history of the cemetery, as well as the 9-year project to preserve, repair, research and make available that family history to descendants worldwide. It has been an interesting project discovering long buried/damaged headstones, reading/recording the headstones, and finding relatives and relationships with folks not only buried in our cemetery but also spread throughout the USA.

Many of you know of my German Reformed Cemetery book that was published several years ago. Since then, more headstones have been discovered and repaired and researched and added to a second edition of the Cemetery book that is about to be published.

My research for the cemetery has found historic gems that surprise and add a wonderful history to our town of Greencastle. My wife, Susan (“Fred”), and I share a love of historical projects, so we would love to have anyone stop by and say hi and visit the cemetery. If you come by 131 S. Carlisle (our house next to the cemetery) and if there are two Alaska licensed vehicles parked in the back, stop in, and get a guided tour of the Cemetery.

CHURCH VOLUNTEERS:

Volunteers are needed to help during worship services in September and October. The sign-up sheets for our **Greeters/Ushers, Readers, and Communion Servers** can be found on the table in the front vestibule. Check your calendar and sign-up! Thank you!

Condolences:

Our condolences to Kate Kennedy, Mark Stahl and the family, as Kate’s Mom, Ruth, passed away this past July. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Painting & Flooring Project

We thank our building & grounds committee, and all the volunteers who are helping to spruce up the church during our 275th year. We are currently in the process of painting the front vestibule, main hallway, and replacing the carpeting. Please excuse our appearance as we refresh the church. Use caution over the next few weeks as you walk through the hallways, as you may find some unlevel walking areas with uplifted carpet edging and/or bare floors until the new flooring is replaced. We thank everyone who has made donations to this project. We have some folks interested in donating to this project. If you would like to make a donation, please see Cathy Keefer or turn in your donation in the offering plate and mark it "Painting and Flooring Project. We thank everyone who has contributed towards this project!

Activities & Fundraising Committee

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month in the meeting room at 7pm. We appreciate everyone who can volunteer your time to help support the ministries of the church. The next meeting is planned for Tuesday, September 5th. Please come and join us or contact Chet for further information.

Monthly Refreshments & Fellowship

We enjoy fellowship and refreshments following worship services on the second Sunday of each month, held in our social hall.

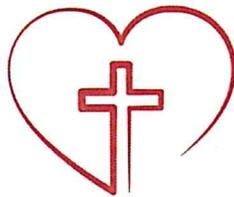
Our next fellowship Sundays are scheduled for
September 10
October 8
November 12
December 10

We need volunteers to help provide and serve the snacks for October and December. The sign-up sheet is located on the table in the front vestibule. Contact Carolyn if you have any questions.



Called to Care Committee

This committee helps with the pastoral care of our members. They have been trained in caregiving and visitations to help meet the needs of our members. Quarterly meetings are held on Sunday mornings before worship service. The next scheduled meeting is set for October 22, at 8:45am, in the meeting room. If you would like additional information about joining this committee to help with the needs of GUCC, please contact Rev. Mark Ruzicka or Sydnae Vanner.



Worship & Spiritual Life Committee

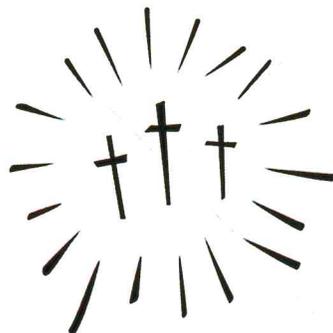
Meetings are normally held on the 2nd Sunday every other month. Due to a conflict of events, the next meeting is scheduled for October 29th, at 9am, in the meeting room. Please contact Rev. Mark Ruzicka or Marg Stouffer if you would like further information about joining this committee.

Chancel Choir

Choir practice will begin after Labor Day. Our first rehearsal for the season will be held on Wednesday evening, September 6, at 7:15pm, in the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to join us! We would love to see some new choir members! Contact Patty, our choir director, for any further questions. Looking forward to another great year of beautiful singing!

Consistory Board Meeting

Hope all the board members have been enjoying the summer months. Starting in September, we will resume our monthly meetings. They are held on the third Sunday of the month, at 8:30am, in the meeting room. Next meeting is scheduled for September 17, then October 15. Please gather your reports and information to be included in the September meeting and submit to church office by September 7.



Grace Snyder Circle

The Guild will resume their monthly meetings starting in September. Meetings are held the second Monday of the month, at 1pm, in the meeting room.

Their next meeting is scheduled for September 11th, then October 9th.

We would love to see some new faces joining us!
Contact Nancy Myers for further information!

GRACE'S FREE CLOSET

The closet is open on Monday & Wednesday, from 9:30am till 12:30pm. The volunteers at the closet have been re-organizing and straightening the downstairs seasonal room. Stop by to check it out. We thank all our volunteers at the closet who help clean, sort, tag and organize items each week! Donations of gently used clothing, miscellaneous household items and decorations are accepted during their open hours. If you have further questions, please contact Nancy Myers at 717-360-3021.



Laundry Love

Laundry Love has started up again!

It will be held once a month at the Laundry Spot located at 111 North Carlisle Street, Greencastle. We will rotate times each month with mornings and evenings. We need volunteers to help hand out pre-made bags which will contain quarters, washer pods, and dryer sheets. Please contact Carolyn Shoemaker as we need helpers for the below scheduled dates:

September 14, Thursday, 9am-12noon

October 10, Tuesday, 5pm-8pm

November 9, Thursday, 9am-12noon

December 13, Wednesday, 5pm-8pm

Please help us spread the word. Flyers with the dates will be located in the library and elevator area.



First Saturday Free **Community Meal**



There will be no free community meal held in September, due to it falling over a holiday weekend. The committee is planning a delicious meal for October 7th. The meals are held in our social hall, from 11am to 1pm. Menu details will be announced as they become available.

Contact Chet Nye for further information.

275th Anniversary Planning Committee

There are no meetings currently scheduled. We will be in touch with you if any needs arise. Contact Marg if you have any questions. We thank everyone on this committee for all your hard work and the planning of our special celebrations!

Fundraising Proceeds

We are happy to announce the profits we made through our summer fundraising efforts:

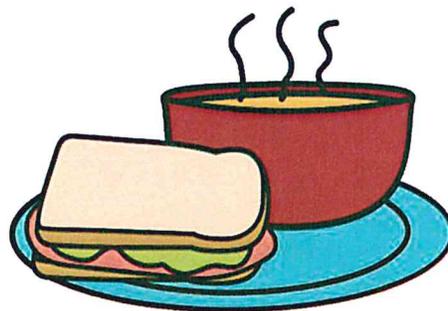
Our **Third Annual Church Yard Sale and Bagged Lunch Sale**, held in July, was a great success. We thank everyone who donated items for our sale; and we thank all the volunteers who helped us with this fundraiser! We received a total of \$1864, in which 10% was donated to Grace's Free Closet. Church received \$1677.60 and Grace's Closet received \$186.40. These funds went towards our general operating expenses.

Envelope Fundraiser – We are pleased to announce that this fundraiser was a great success. We thank everyone who donated! We are overwhelmed that we reached our goals and received a total of \$5003. The donations were used towards the new roofing on the garage, and several maintenance projects that were needed for the church.

We truly thank everyone and are blessed to have such a great church community. Thank you!

Fall Ham Sandwich & Soup Sale

Mark your calendar for September 14th, for our ham sandwich and soup sale! Join us in selling and making our delicious ham sandwiches and two kinds of soups: chicken rice soup & ham and bean soup. Sandwiches are \$4.50 each and soups are being sold by the pint for \$4.50 or by the quart for \$9. Sandwiches will be made and available to be picked up on September 14th, between 11am – 1pm and 4pm – 6pm, in the social hall. Flyers (to help us advertise) and order forms are available in the library and elevator area. You can place your orders in the boxes provided (located by the order forms) or drop them off at the church office during the week. Payment is due at time of pick-up. We accept cash or checks (with valid ID). Checks can be made payable to Grace UCC. The deadline to place your orders is Sunday September 10th. If you can help us out or have further questions, please contact Chet Nye, Marg Stouffer, or call the church office.



Upper Room Daily Devotional Brochures

The Upper Room is a daily devotional booklet published 6 times a year. They guide you with daily prayers to help you with your devotional practice. The meditations are written by readers of the magazine and others who share their faith experiences through writing. These brochures are available for anyone who would like to get more connected in faith. The latest September/October issues have been placed in the library and elevator area. Pocket size and large print copies are both available. Pick up your free copy after Sunday's worship service or stop by the church office during the week.

Live Streaming of Worship

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

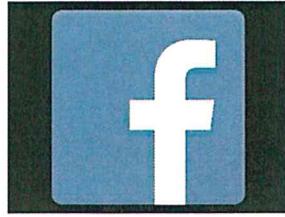
Please comment 'hello' so we know you are watching along with us!

You can find us at:

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



Facebook



If you have access to Facebook, please 'like' our page, Grace United Church of Christ, it will help keep you updated on events and changes. If you are out of town, or want to watch our worship service from the comfort of your home, please gather on our Facebook page at 10am on Sunday mornings for a live stream of our service. Comment 'hello' so we know you are watching with us. This is a great way to stay connected with everyone!

UCC Website

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

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

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

Scholarship Updates:



Our 2023 Julia M. Bodes Scholarship Recipient, Zainab Spall, and her family were unable to attend our Educational Sunday worship service held this past June. Unfortunately, we were unable to reschedule a recognition service prior to her starting college. A beautiful photo of Zainab is posted on the church bulletin board outside the office. Zainab will be attending Lehigh University, majoring in Computer Technology. We wish her the best of luck in her studies!

Annual Church Picnic

Due to our 275th Anniversary Celebration Meal being held in September; it has been decided that we will not be holding our annual church picnic this year. We hope everyone can attend our special anniversary banquet on September 24!



Newsletter Deadline

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

Lancaster Theological Seminary

Thanks us for our donation of \$1500 towards their scholarship fund in loving memory of Rev. Ralph Geiman. Thank you letter on following page.

*(A copy can also be found
on the church bulletin board.)*



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July 6, 2023

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Dear Friends:

Thank you for your gift in support of the ministry of theological education at Lancaster Seminary.

Your gift provides support for Lancaster Seminary's mission "to educate and nurture leaders to join God's redemptive and liberating work so that all creation may flourish." We seek to bring a gifted and dedicated faculty, committed and called students, and supporting churches, organizations, and friends into a vibrant community of faith.

The support you provide with your prayers and your gifts opens the doors for our students' education, opens their minds to learning, and opens their hearts to serving.

In Christ,

Matthew Hanna
Assistant Director, Data Management & Reporting

Received: 06/30/2023 \$1,500.00 *Annual Fund

Neighbors in Need

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. These funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry and are used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. We will be receiving **NIN** offering on Sunday, October 1st, during service. Special offering envelopes with additional information will be set out on the table in the front vestibule and by the elevator area as they become available.

Office Hours

Mon – Thurs
8am – 2pm

Church Office will be closed on the following days:

September 4 (Labor Day)
November 23 (Thanksgiving Day)

Grace's Free Closet will also be closed on
September 4 (Labor Day)

Member Birthday's

September

9/1 – Bob Gearhart

9/9 – Larry Stepler

9/12 – Jim Thomas

9/15 – Duane Lawson

October

10/9 – Patty Stepler

10/9 – Jack Shoemaker

10/9 – Loretta (Doll) Koons

10/12 – Elaine Scheffer

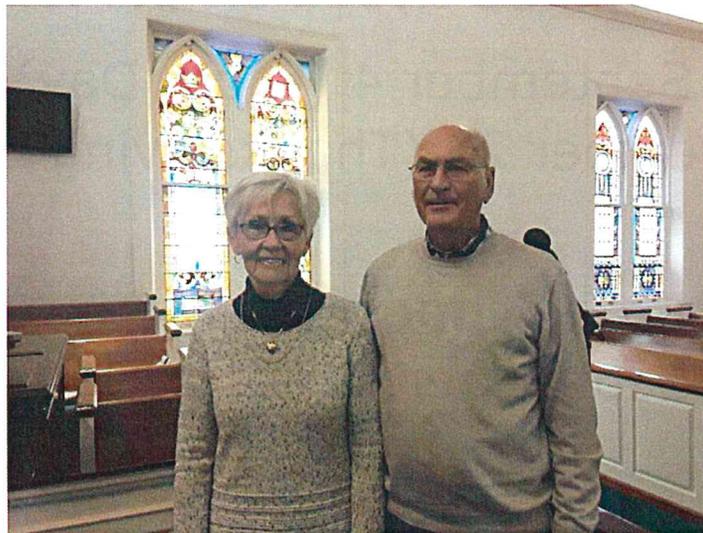
10/14 – Teresa Myers

10/17 – Christopher Wilhide

10/23 – Ed Doyle

10/25 – Larry Burger

10/31 – Tammy Hockenberry





MEETING MINUTES

CONSISTORY MEETING

MAY 21, 2023

Meeting called to order at 8:35 a.m. by President Cathy Keefer.

ROLL CALL: Cathy Keefer, Carolyn Shoemaker, Pastor Mark, Lorna Thomas, Tim Bryan, Chet Nye, Ron Shafer and Deb Homer, guest Mark Stahl and Jeff Stouffer absent Larry Stepler.

DEVOTIONS: Pastor Mark read Psalm 46.

CONSENT AGENDA: The minutes from April Consistory meeting and Treasurer's report were approved unanimously on a Chet / Cathy motion.

INFORMATION AGENDA UPDATES:

Activities/Fundraising – Chet reported June Frist Saturday meal will be a baked potato bar. July there is no meal because of church Yard Sale but will have pork sandwich lunch for \$5.00. August is a cookout. September is Sandwich and Soup Sale; First Saturday meal is paying for ham for sandwiches.

Building and Grounds –

1. Mark reported that the air conditioning repair will be done this Friday.
2. The roofing and down spouting repairs will be finished this month.
3. Tim is covering pipes in the janitor's closet and in the old Sunday school treasure room.
4. Jeff is tracking church water usage and reported 130 gallons used in 5 weeks; also, a small water spot appeared in the upstairs sanctuary foyer.
5. May 9th kitchen inspection was done, and everything passed. We will get on the schedule for January July rotation now for inspections.

Finance Committee – Larry was absent, but Pastor Mark says bottom line is looking ok so far this year.

Scholarship Committee -

1. Lorna reported Scholarship Sunday is June 11th with refreshments following service. This year's recipient of the Julia M. Bodes Scholarship is Zainab Spall, she will be attending Lehigh University, majoring in Computer Science. The scholarship is \$1500.00.
2. We are sending \$1500.00 to Lancaster Theological Seminary in memory of Rev. Ralph S. Geiman.

Worship and Spiritual –

1. Bible study will continue September 6th continuing the study of the Book of Matthew.
2. Easter Sunrise Service was really enjoyed by the people that attended.
3. Pastor Mark vacation dates/ guest Pastors are, June 25 and July 2 is Peter Emig, and July 9 and July 16 is Carol Kipe.
4. Pastor Mark will be choosing Skit Guys videos beginning June 4th. There will be a few weeks when there will be special music in place of the videos.

275th Anniversary Committee -

1. We still have some throws left to sell; Jan is doing a great job with them.
2. Gibble's is catering the meal on September 24th for the congregation.
3. Grace Church will be a part of the Holiday House Tour on December 10th.

Additional Topics for Discussion:

1. Committee set up to discuss protocols for funerals and /or weddings. The committee is Pastor Mark, Elaine, Carolyn, Ron, and Lorna.
2. There is a signup sheet down front for Sweeping church, maybe Chet can sweep at back door after Grace's Closet closes for the week.
3. Want to take down the "shields" in the front foyer and fix and repaint the walls. Deb is to contact Cy Anderson and see if the family might want the "shields".

4. There is no Consistory meetings in July and August, will resume September 17th.
5. There was a discussion about the items in the Seasonal Room for Grace's Closet. It was decided to ask Nancy if she could put extra items in bins under tables up against the wall and put skirts on tables.
6. It was decided Grace's Closet will be closed on major holidays.
7. Cathy passed out lists Elaine made of Consistory Members & Committee Chairpersons & Members, also Group Email Contacts with members contained in group. Thank you, Elaine.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 with Lord's Prayer

Next meeting – June 18th at 8:30am

Respectively Submitted: Deborah Homer, Secretary

CONSISTORY MEETING

JUNE 18, 2023

Meeting called to order at 8:32 a.m. by President Cathy Keefer.

ROLL CALL: Cathy Keefer, Carolyn Shoemaker, Pastor Mark, Lorna Thomas, Tim Bryan, Chet Nye, and Deb Homer, guest Mark Stahl, Jeff Stouffer and Larry Stepler, Treasurer, absent Ron Shafer.

DEVOTIONS: Pastor Mark read 1st Corinthians 13.

CONSENT AGENDA: The minutes from May Consistory meeting and Treasurer's report were approved unanimously on a Lorna / Carolyn motion.

INFORMATION AGENDA UPDATES:

Activities/Fundraising – Chet reported June Frist Saturday meal baked potato bar was a great success. It was suggested we get a sign to put out front to tell people where the meal is served.

Building and Grounds –

6. Mark reported that the air conditioning repair is finished.
7. The roofing and down spouting repairs are also finished, and photos of completion were emailed to Bell Insurance.
8. The elevator inspection was good.
9. All thermostats are now programmable except the social hall and office area.
10. Organ was serviced with no issues being found.
11. Discussed percentage of Yard Sale to go to Grace's Closet. It was decided it would be the same as last year, 10%.

Finance Committee – Discussed Pastor Brenda and Mike repayment on damages to Parsonage. Larry is going to stop contacting them about payment. The conference is remaining to monitor the situation, so we are going to hold off closing this chapter in our church life.

Scholarship Committee -

3. Our scholarship recipient, Zainab Spall, was not able to be with us Sunday for worship. We would like to have at least some pictures of her receiving her check.

Additional Topics for Discussion:

8. Removal of "shields" and painting entrance and hallways is to get under way.
9. Laundry Love will be a morning one month then an evening the next month, Carolyn is to make up schedule and post at laundry mat. We are going to give \$12.00 to each person in a baggie so we don't have to go back and put money in for everyone.
10. Big THANKS to Larry for putting together a book on Grace Church from the beginning of the church until present with all important papers and information.
11. Jeff is looking into trying to lower our phone bill. We have three land lines now and maybe we can use some cell service for some of those.
12. June 22 Atlantic Security System coming to do inspection.

13. Our lease contract for our copier is up. We are looking at a new lease agreement with a new copier or just buying out lease for \$1.00 and keeping the old copier.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 with Lord's Prayer

Next meeting – September 17, 2023, at 8:30

Respectively Submitted: Deborah Homer, Secretary

SPECIAL CONSISTORY MEETING

JULY 30, 2023

Meeting called to order at 11:02 a.m. by President Cathy Keefer.

ROLL CALL: Cathy Keefer, Carolyn Shoemaker, Pastor Mark, Lorna Thomas, Tim Bryan, Chet Nye, and Deb Homer, guest Mark Stahl, Jeff Stouffer and Larry Stepler, Treasurer, absent Ron Shafer.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

1. Purchasing LED light bulbs to replace the lights in hallways and social hall. The approximate cost is \$650.00 to \$700.00. It was passed on a Deb/Chet motion with Mark and Tim getting finale pricing and Mark and crew installing.
2. The “shields” are removed, and the foyer is painted (thank you Mark and Kate). Cy Anderson was contacted since his mother, Elva Anderson, painted them and he does not want them.
3. The hallway and trim needs a fresh coat of paint. Volunteers are needed to help with this project.
4. The carpet in the hallways are in need of help. It will be replaced with wood flooring like the back foyer, approximate cost \$5200.00. There are some anonymous donations to cover the cost of some of the paint and carpet, but we still need more money. We are going to inform the congregation of these projects to see if we can get more donations to cover these projects.
5. Cathy has a contact that provides an electricity evaluation of costs to get the cheapest rate on a yearly basis. There is no cost to the church. We gave her ok to look into this.

6. New electrical outlet installed in sanctuary where camera is set up, will cost \$332.82. This was approved as people coming off the elevator into sanctuary need to step over cord and it is a tripping hazard.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- The landscaping project in the front of the church is completed and looks fabulous. This project was funded by Ron and Jan Shafer and done by Rigo. Rigo will be attending services next Sunday and both he and the Shafer's will be recognized for this undertaking.
- Orkin Pest Control will be doing the annual inspection on Monday, July 31st between 8 and 10 am. Any concerns, please inform Elaine before then.
- New security signs from Dynmark/Atlantic Security were received and Tom Stine will be putting up the new one at the mailbox and the other one was replaced in the front of the church.
- Beaver Mechanical will be at the church on Tuesday, August 1st at 7 am to clean the boiler and fix the leak on the condensate pipe in the basement.
- The flower committee is looking at getting grapevine wreaths to hang in the sanctuary between the windows where there are "dirty" remnants of Christmas wreaths. More info to follow.
- Jack Webb will be getting in touch with the church regarding the publishing cost of his newest book about the cemetery. He is to be providing a quote when he returns from Alaska and is hoping the church can use some money from the cemetery fund to launch this project.
- No church picnic this year but we will have refreshments/fellowship on September 10th after service. The VFW ladies auxiliary will be using the Social Hall on September 10th from 1:30 to 4:30.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30

Next meeting – September 17, 2023, at 8:30

Respectively Submitted:

Deborah Homer, Secretary

**Grace United Church of Christ
2nd Quarterly Statement of
Financial Income and Expense Report
for April thru June 2023**

General Operating Account:

Beginning Balance	\$279.19
Income	\$37,429.41
Expense	\$36,916.45
Ending Balance	\$792.15

Building & Grounds Maintenance Account:

Beginning Balance	\$10,083.30
Income	\$18,361.22
Expense	\$14,506.30
Ending Balance	\$13,938.22

Organ/Memorial/Trust Account:

Beginning Balance	\$49,860.33
Income	\$721.43
Expense	\$14,225.72
Ending Balance	\$36,356.04

Special Account (Outreach/Other Non-Operating Funds)

Beginning Balance	\$2,329.52
Income	\$9,298.50
Expense	\$7,203.63
Ending Balance	\$4,424.39

* Please contact Church office if you would like a detailed report of the income and expense statement. Thank you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

SEPTEMBER

- 2** No First Saturday Free Community Meal due to holiday weekend
- 3** 10am Worship Service with Communion, in the Sanctuary
Lord's Day 36 – Q&A 99, 100
Greeters/Ushers: Cathy Keefer & Jean Rice
Reader: TBA
Communion Servers: Cathy Keefer & Marg Stouffer
Scriptures: Psalm 99, Exodus 3
- 4** **Labor Day Holiday**
Church Office Closed / Grace's Free Closet Closed
- 5** Activities & Fundraising Meeting, 7pm, meeting room
- 6** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
Light Meal, 5:30pm, in the social hall
Bible Study, 6-7pm, in the Chapel
First Choir Rehearsal, 7:15pm, Sanctuary

- 7** Deadline to RSVP to attend our Anniversary Banquet
Consistory & Committee Reports due to church office for the months of June, July & August
- 10** 9am Worship & Spiritual Committee Meeting
10am Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
Lord's Day 37 – Q&A 101, 102
Greeters/Ushers: TBA Reader: TBA
Scriptures: Psalm 119: 1-20, Matthew 5:34-35
Ham Sandwich & Soup Orders are due today!
Refreshments & Fellowship, social hall, following service
Private Event, in the social hall, from 1:30-4:30pm
- 11** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
Grace Snyder Circle, 1pm, in meeting room
- 13** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
Light Meal, 5:30pm, in the social hall
Bible Study, 6-7pm, in the Chapel
Choir Rehearsal, 7:15pm, Sanctuary
- 14** Ham Sandwich & Soup Sale, pick-up in the social hall,
between 11am-1pm or 4pm-6pm.
Laundry Love, located at the Laundry Spot,
111 N. Carlisle St., Greencastle, 9am-12pm
- 17** 8:30am Consistory Board Meeting, in meeting room
10am Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
Lord's Day 38 – Q&A 103
Greeters/Ushers: Tony & Deb Homer
Reader: Tony Homer
Scriptures: Deuteronomy 5:12-15, Matthew 12:1-14

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

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

Light Meal, 5:30pm, in the social hall

Bible Study, 6-7pm, in the Chapel

Choir Rehearsal, 7:15pm, Sanctuary

24 10am Special Worship Service, in the Sanctuary

Lord's Day 39 – Q&A 104

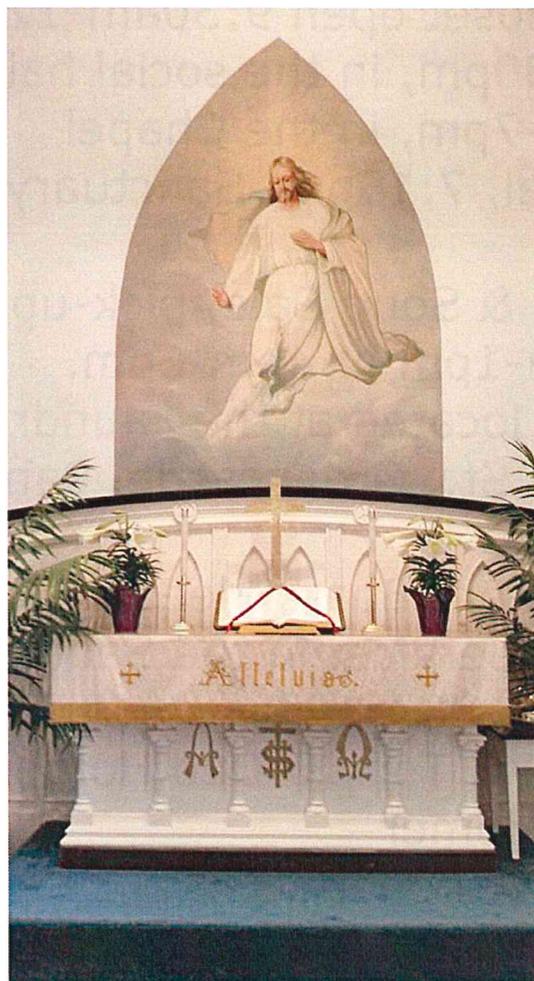
Greeters/Ushers: TBA Reader: TBA

Scriptures: Romans 13:1-7, 1 John 3:1-16

Presentations by Rev Dr Carrie Call

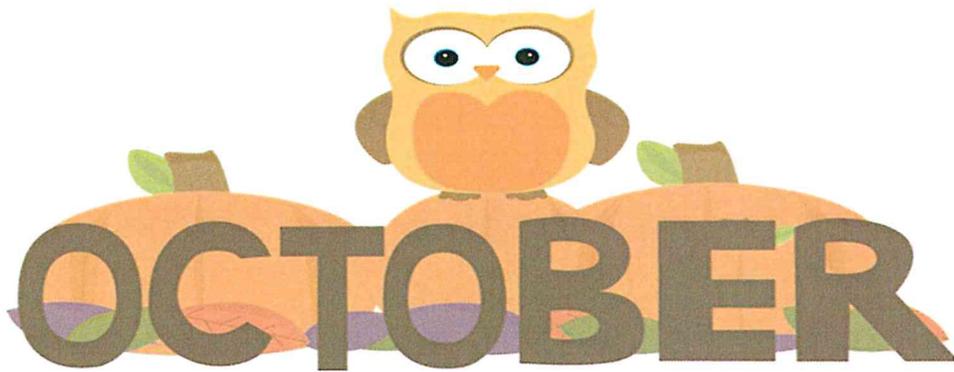
Catered meal following worship in the social hall

Oak Plaque winner will be announced during banquet



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Light Meal, 5:30pm, in the social hall
Bible Study, 6-7pm, in the Chapel
Choir Rehearsal, 7:15pm, Sanctuary



- 1** 10am Worship Service with Communion, in the Sanctuary
Lord's Day 40 – Q&A 105,106,107
Greeters/Ushers: TBA Reader: TBA
Communion Servers: TBA
Scriptures: Genesis 4, Matthew 5:21-26
Presentation by Jack Webb on the history of our
German Reformed Cemetery
Receiving Neighbors in Need offering
- 2** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
- 3** Activities & Fundraising Committee, 7pm, meeting room

- 4** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
Light Meal, 5:30pm, in the social hall
Bible Study, 6-7pm, in the Chapel
Choir Rehearsal, 7:15pm, Sanctuary
- 5** Consistory & Committee Reports for September are due to church office
- 7** First Saturday Free Community Meal, social hall, 11am-1pm
- 8** 10am Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
Lord's Day 41 – Q&A 108,109
Greeters/Ushers: TBA Reader: TBA
Scriptures: Ephesians 5:3-21, 2 Samuel 13:1-22
Presentation by Jack Webb on the history of our German Reformed Cemetery
Refreshments & Fellowship, social hall, following service
- 9** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
Grace Snyder Circle, 1pm, meeting room
Consistory Reports for September are due to church office
- 10** Laundry Love, located at the Laundry Spot,
111 N. Carlisle St., Greencastle, 5pm-8pm
- 11** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
Light Meal, 5:30pm, in the social hall
Bible Study, 6-7pm, in the Chapel
Choir Rehearsal, 7:15pm, Sanctuary
- 12** Deadline to submit articles for Nov/Dec issue of Grace Notes



- 15** 8:30am Consistory Board Meeting, in meeting room
10am Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
Lord's Day 42 – Q&A 110, 111
Greeters/Ushers: TBA Reader: TBA
Scriptures: Amos 5:18-24 & 8:1-7, Ephesians 4:17-28
- 16** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
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Light Meal, 5:30pm, in the social hall
Bible Study, 6-7pm, in the Chapel
Choir Rehearsal, 7:15pm, Sanctuary
- 22** 8:45am Called to Care Meeting, in meeting room
10am Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
Lord's Day 43 – Q&A 112
Greeters/Ushers: Jim Thomas & Sydnae Vanner
Reader: TBA
Scriptures: 1 Peter 3:8-22, Psalm 15
- 23** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
- 25** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm
Light Meal, 5:30pm, in the social hall
Bible Study, 6-7pm, in the Chapel
Choir Rehearsal, 7:15pm, Sanctuary
- 29** 9am Worship & Spiritual Life Committee, in meeting room
10am Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
Lord's Day 44 – Q&A 113, 114, 115
Greeters/Ushers: Tony & Deb Homer
Reader: Tony Homer
Scriptures: Hebrews 4:12-16, 1 John 1:5-10
- 30** Grace's Free Closet open 9:30am-12:30pm



November:

Annual Luncheon & Church Decorating
Apple Dumpling Fundraiser
Advent Season Begins
Angel Tree
Poinsettia Orders

December:

12/9 - Holiday Music
12/10 - Chamber of Commerce House Tour, Featured Church
(Commemorative Ornament of Grace UCC)
Christmas Cantata Service
Candlelight Service
Poinsettia Dedications
UCC Christmas Fund for the Veterans Offering

January/February:

Annual Congregational Meeting



