



GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
128 East Baltimore Street
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Pastor: Rev. Mark Ruzicka
Choir Director: Patty Stepler
Organist: Susan Alsip-Lawson
Ministers: All Those Present

July 28, 2024 Order of Worship: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Psalm 145:10-18, Ephesians 3:14-21, Gospel of John 6:1-21

WE WELCOME GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

MISSION STATEMENT

Leader: Welcome to Grace Church where we are God's people.

**All: United through Jesus Christ on a journey to grow, to share our faith and
serve others in the Greencastle area and the world.**

PRELUDE MUSIC

Divertissement (*Gigue*) -Young

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 145:10-18)

Leader: Lord, You are faithful in all Your words, and gracious in all Your deeds.

All: All Your works shall give thanks to You, Holy God, and all Your faithful shall bless You.

Leader: We speak of the glory of Your miraculous acts, Your abiding presence, and Your abundant love.

All: All Your works shall give thanks to You, Holy God, and all Your faithful shall bless You.

Leader: With justice and kindness, You sustain those in need. You uphold those who have been broken.
You satisfy those who seek a better way.

All: All Your works shall give thanks to You, Holy God, and all Your faithful shall bless You.

Prayer of Invocation

All: Great God, we are seeking Your presence among us. We desire to hear Your voice...as it so often gets drowned out by the noise of the world. We deliberately pause to consider Your works, Your word, and Your ways. Speak to us now in spirit and in truth. Forge us as a community committed to follow the path that Jesus has marked for us.

***PRAISE SONG** Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee #629



Prayer for Transformation and New Life (Please Pray Together)

Creator God, we confess that we fail to recognize Your generosity around us. We are not satisfied; we never have enough. We consider what we have received and what we have generated, and we label it too little.

Have mercy on us. Help us to comprehend that, in Your kingdom, there is abundance of what we need. You open Your hand and have filled this world with good things.

(a time of silent prayer)

Words of Assurance

Leader: As the Psalmist sang, "The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth."
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord, shall be saved. In Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

WE READ GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURES

Psalm 145:10-18 Please open to Old Testament, pages 714-715

Ephesians 3:14-21 Please open to New Testament, page 236

VIDEO

"Love Like Jesus" By Freebridge Media

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God!

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

SHARING OF PRAYERS, CONCERNS, JOYS & CELEBRATIONS

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND REFLECTION

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (Please Pray Together)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our debts
As we forgive our debtors
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever.
Amen.**

WE GIVE BACK TO GOD

Invitation to the Offering

Leader: May we exhibit the generosity of the young person found in the gospel narrative who shared his lunch with Philip. Truly, then and now, miracles start with an act of sharing and faith.

*(Please sign the attendance pads found in the pews,
and pass the top sheet to be collected during offering.)*

OFFERTORY MUSIC Give Me Jesus -American spiritual/Hayes and Wagner

***WE SING A SONG OF THANKSGIVING TO GOD** (Please Sing Together)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

All: Sustaining God, receive our offerings and magnify them beyond our imagination for the benefit of Your kingdom, this ministry, and Your creation. Cultivate a heart of generosity within us. Help us to always have a testimony of Your great power at work in us. Amen.

WE GO OUT CARRYING GOD'S LOVE

Benediction (Inspired by Ephesians 3:16-21)

Leader: May you, according to the riches of God's glory, the presence of Christ,
and by power of the Spirit, be strengthened in your inner being.

May you be rooted and grounded in love.

May you be filled with the fullness of God.

Now, to the Holy One who (by the power at work within us) is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

***PRAISE SONG**

Day Is Done #676



***POSTLUDE MUSIC**

Salve Regina Coelitus ("O Holy One") -Seidenbusch/Sewell



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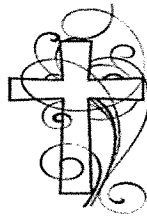
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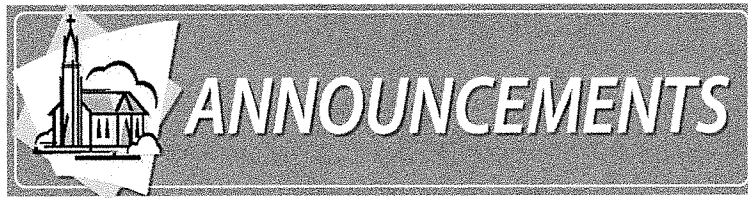
Contributions Received on 7/21:

Regular Offering: \$2072 / Loose Change Offering: \$75
Building Fund/Streaming Equipment Project: \$100 / Building & Grounds: \$140

Worship Attendance on 7/21: In-House: 46 / Online: 4



The Reverend Ralph S. Geiman, Pastor, 1967-1995



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Week of July 24, 2024

Greeters/Ushers: Tony & Deb Homer **Reader:** Tony Homer

Sunday Volunteers – We need two more greeters/ushers, one on August 11, and one on August 25. Please sign-up after service. Thank you!

Member Sunday - We will receive New Members on Sunday, August 11. If you are interested in joining the church that day, please call the church office or let Pastor Mark know. Refreshments & fellowship will be held in the social hall following service to welcome our new members.

Pastor's Office Hours – Pastor Mark has office hours on Tuesday and Thursday, from 9am till 12noon. You are welcome to schedule a time to talk with him, or just stop by to say hello.

Chancel Choir – No rehearsals or anthems until the fall. Looking forward to next season.

Upper Room – July/August daily devotional brochures are available in pocket size and large print. Pick up your free copy from the welcome table in the sanctuary or the elevator area.

Live Streaming - If you're unable to attend service, or you're out of town, please watch our live stream from our Facebook page. Comment 'hello' so we know you are watching along with us!

Attendance Pads are located at the end of each pew. We ask everyone who attends worship to please sign and pass the top sheet to be collected during offering. If it's found that your booklet is out of sheets, our greeters/ushers can refill your booklet, as extra pads are located on the back ledge in the vestibule.

Grace United Church of Christ Facebook: Please like our Facebook page to keep updated on our church activities and connect with others in the community. Our weekly services are live streamed through our Facebook page.

Grace Church Website: The history of our church, Moller organ and updated book from Jack Webb about the German Reformed Cemetery and be found on our website! Plus, you can download our weekly worship programs, newsletters, or donate online.

Grace's Free Closet - They are open twice a week, Monday and Wednesday from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Donations are accepted during their open hours. Please do not leave donations outside the doors or on the sidewalks when the closet is closed. Contact Nancy or Jean for further information.

Wi-Fi Password – If you need our Wi-Fi guest password to access the internet while at the church, please see any of our ushers and they will gladly provide you with the information.

Grace Snyder Circle will not be meeting during the summer months.

Waynesboro Community and Human Services is hosting their back-to-school supplies distribution to income eligible families in the Waynesboro and Greencastle Antrim School Districts the coming week, from July 29th through August 2nd for those who need a little helping hand.

Lunch Bunch will be meeting on July 30th, 11:30am, at Vinnie's Pizza, located on Rt 11, 5210 Molly Pitcher Hwy, Chambersburg. Everyone is invited to join them for a delicious Italian meal and fellowship. Contact Glenda Stenger or Joann Snider for any questions.

Activities & Fundraising Committee will not be meeting in August. Contact Chet or Marg for any questions.

First Saturday Free Meal is being held on August 3rd, from 11am to 1pm, in the social hall. They have a delicious lunch planned, so please mark your calendars and join us!

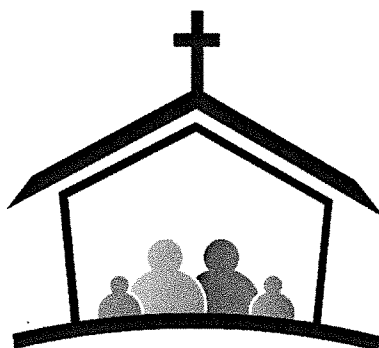
Invitation – The Mercersburg Association and congregation of Church of the Apostles invites us to the Service of Installation on behalf of Rev. Mark Ruzicka being held on September 22, at 3pm, in the sanctuary of the Church of the Apostles.

Deadline for Newsletter Articles is approaching soon. Please start gathering your thoughts and information for any events/fundraisers happening in September & October and submit them to the church office. All members are welcome to submit any articles or photos that they would like to share.

August Birthday Greetings go out to Emory Stahl, Roger Stahl and Pat Zimmerman . Happy Birthday!

Milestone Birthday - Emory Stahl is turning 90 years young on August 10th. Let's shower him with birthday wishes and cards! His address can be found in the church directory.

The Consistory Board will not be meeting during the summer months.



The Mercersburg Association

of the Penn Central Conference
of the United Church of Christ
and

the congregation of

Church of the Apostles

invite you to the
Service of Installation on behalf of

the Rev. Mark Ruzicka

**September 22, 2024
at 3:00 p.m.**

in the Sanctuary of
Church of the Apostles
336 Barnett Ave
Waynesboro, PA 17268

Clergy are invited to robe and process;
the color of the day is red.

Waynesboro Community and Human Services



BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTION

July 29th - August 2nd 2024

Monday: 1-3pm
Tuesday: 10am-12pm, 1-3pm
Wednesday: 10am-12pm
Thursday: 1pm-5pm
Friday: 10am-12pm, 1-3pm

NEED BACK TO SCHOOL CLOTHES?

Shop in our Clothing Bank when you pick up your school supplies.

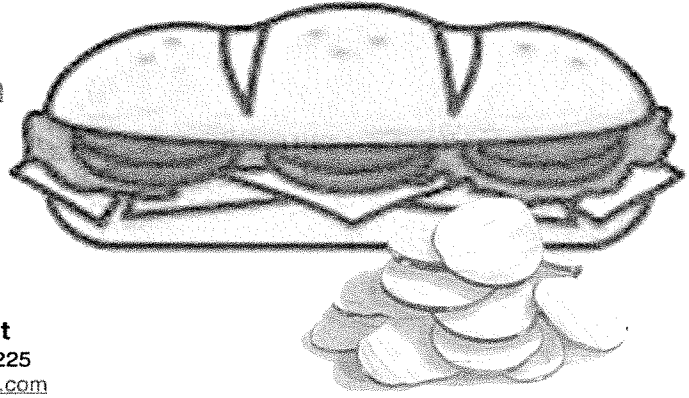
Please sign up by calling: 717-762-6941 or sign up online at www.wchs.pa.org

1st Saturday **FREE**
COMMUNITY LUNCH

August 3rd
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

MENU: Hoagies, Chips,
Watermelon & Cantaloupe,
Bottled Water
(Limited Quantities)

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ALL WELCOME! DONATIONS ACCEPTED. EAT IN OR TAKE-OUT!

Worship Volunteers for Sunday, August 4, 9:30am service:

Greeters/Ushers & Communion Servers: Barry & Carolyn Shoemaker **Reader:** Steve Miller

