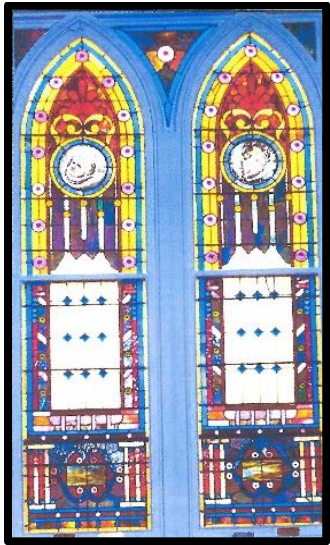
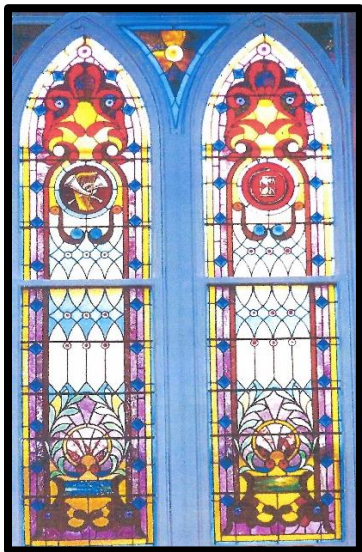


Angels



Angels are God's heavenly messengers and companions, creatures of many kinds who worship God in heavenly choirs. They link God with man and his kingdom. Like men, they were created by God with free will, to be surrendered upon inception, when they must choose irrevocably whether to follow God. These Stained Glass Windows were placed in the Sanctuary in 1895-96 during a major renovation of the original building. And to see pictured here female Angel faces, long before the days of the Women's Liberation Movement is rather unusual, when the Scriptures only mention male angels; Gabriel, Michael, Raphael, and Uriel.

The Harp and Trumpet, Hourglass



The **Harp** symbolizes all music that glorifies Almighty God. The **Trumpet** symbolizes the Great Calling when all the dead in Christ shall rise. By combining these two instruments in one symbol it calls our attention to the promise of Eternal Life.

The **Hourglass** is the Attribute of Time, signifying the brevity of life. And in company with the Rattlesnake Symbolizing death we are called to prepare ourselves for Eternal Life, for none of us, knows the time or the hour.

Grace United Church of Christ

Grace UCC can trace its beginnings back to 1748 when the congregation was served by a Pioneer Circuit Rider. In 1786, John Allison, the founder of Greencastle, conveyed to the Trustees of the German Reformed Church, a deed for a lot located along what is today, South Carlisle Street, for "building a church and establishing a burial ground." In 1809 a two-story brick church was erected at the front of that cemetery lot. In 1854 the congregation voted to relocate to the eastern end of town, the present site—128 East Baltimore Street.



Over the years our name has changed from German Reformed Church to German Evangelical Reformed Society, in 1897 to Grace Reformed Church, in 1934 to Grace Evangelical and Reformed Church, and in 1957 to Grace United Church of Christ *resulting from a union of two Protestant denominations: the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Churches*. Through the years, members of other groups such as Native Americans, African Americans, Asian Americans, Volga Germans, Armenians, Hungarians, and Hispanic Americans have joined with the earlier four groups. **Thus, the United Church of Christ celebrates and continues a wide variety of traditions in its common life.**



Grace UCC has changed over the years, but we still serve an unchanging God – a God who is still speaking.