



Grace United Church of Christ
128 E. Baltimore Street
P.O. Box 448
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♪ ♪ GRACE NOTES ♪ ♪

November/December 2024

From the Pastor's Desk.....

For me, the Christmas Season is a time for us to see Jesus as **the Hope of the World**. There is a great hymn in our *Glory to God Hymnal* by the name of "Hope of the World" written by Georgia Harkness in 1954. I didn't really know it previously.

Some of the lyrics are:

*Hope of the world, O Christ of great compassion:
speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent;
save us, your people, from consuming passion,
who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.*

*Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious,
who by this sign did conquer grief and pain:
we would be faithful to your gospel glorious;
you are our Lord, and you forever reign!*

As a preacher in the UCC, I always like to see what Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann says about a topic. In his book called *A Gospel of Hope*, he writes this:

Hope in gospel faith is not just a vague feeling that things will work out, for it is evident that things will not just work out.

Rather, hope is the conviction, against a great deal of data, that God is tenacious and persistent in overcoming the deathliness of the world, that God intends joy and peace.

Christians find compelling evidence, in the story of Jesus, that Jesus, with great persistence and great vulnerability, everywhere he went,

turned the enmity of society toward a new possibility,

turned the sadness of the world toward joy,

introduced a new regime where the dead are raised, the lost are found, and the displaced are brought home again.

May we earnestly seek Christ during this Christmas Season...in Him, the hopes and fears of all the years are met.

In Christ, Pastor Mark

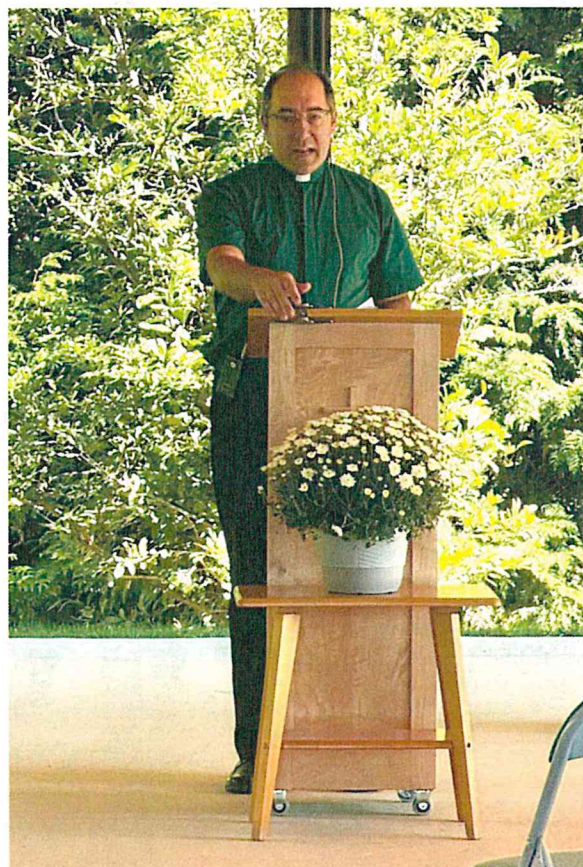


Photo from outside Worship at Apostles

THANK YOU

We thank everyone who attended the Combined Worship Service and Picnic in September. It was a great way to bring everyone together and show our unity in Christ. We thank the Church of the Apostles for hosting the picnic under their pavilion and coordinating the food with us. There was plenty of good food and fellowship!



Outdoor Worship under the pavilion at Church of the Apostles



Choir led by Patty Stepler



Fellowship under the Pavilion



Plenty of food was shared



Food & Fellowship at The Apostles

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 10, 2024

The consistory has voted to hold our annual meeting on November 10, following worship, instead of in February. Our treasurer is working on a proposed budget for the new year. At this meeting, the congregation will have the opportunity to review and vote on the spending plan for the 2025 budget prior to the start of the year. Besides the budget, we will vote on new consistory members, and we will vote to change the bylaws to make November the time of our annual meeting. We will still share committee reports and the final year's income/expense totals with the congregation when they are completed in the new year. Please plan on attending on November 10th. Feel free to contact any consistory board member if you have any questions.

Condolences

*Our deepest sympathy to Ron Shafer and his family,
as his beloved wife, Jan, has recently passed away.*

Please keep him in your prayers.



CHURCH SERVICE VOLUNTEERS:

The sign-up sheets for December have been placed on the welcome table in the front vestibule.



Advent Season

Advent Season will be upon us soon! We need additional volunteers to light the special advent candles and lead small readings during Sunday services from December 1st through December 22nd, and on our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, December 24th. Please see the volunteer sign-up sheet on the table in the front vestibule if you would like to participate in these special services.

Sharing of Prayers, Joys, Concerns & Celebration Guidelines

Our Sunday Services are now being live-streamed on YouTube, along with Facebook. As they are now accessible to anyone with internet access, we have modified our guidelines for sharing needs:

- * If it is not for yourself, please ask yourself, "Do I have permission from the person to share this request"?
- * Use **FIRST** names **ONLY!**
- * Do not divulge specific medical information (like cancer, COVID, heart surgery, etc.). What can be said is something like, "Richard is having surgery or Richard is having surgery on 8/28" or "Sue is dealing with a serious illness".
- * If you want more information about the concern shared, please talk to the person directly after the service.

Along with sharing requests on Sunday, Prayer Tree messages can be sent out anytime there is a need. Just call the church office and Elaine will send out a prayer message for your requests.

Activities & Fundraising Committee

This committee helps plan our fundraisers and other ministries of our church. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month, at 7pm, in the meeting room. We can always use extra help! If you would like to become more involved, please contact Chet, or call the church office!

Laundry Love

This outreach program provides assistance to families who need a little extra help with laundry expenses. The committee will keep us updated when they schedule their next Laundry Love days. Contact Carolyn Shoemaker for further information.

Monthly Refreshments & Fellowship

On the second Sunday of each month we have volunteers who provide and serve refreshments in the social hall following service. This is a wonderful time for everyone to enjoy good conversations, fellowship and light snacks. If you would like to volunteer to provide refreshments, please see the sign-up sheet on the welcome table in the front vestibule or contact Carolyn Shoemaker for further information. (Please note there will be no refreshments in November, due to our Annual Meeting on that date.)



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. They meet quarterly or as needed. If you would like additional information about joining this committee to help with the needs of GUCC, please contact Pastor Mark or Sydnae Vanner.

Worship & Spiritual Life Committee

This committee works with and supports the pastor to provide meaningful worship, social events, and meet the needs of the congregation. Meetings are held by-monthly or as needed.

If you would like further information about this committee, please contact Pastor Mark or Marg Stouffer.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 5th, 8:30am, in the meeting room.

Lunch Bunch

Lunch fellowships are scheduled on the last Tuesday of each month at various local restaurants. The group meets at local restaurants at 11:30am. The restaurants are chosen by the group at the end of each luncheon. Everyone (men & women) are invited to join them for great food and fellowship. If you would like further information, please contact Glenda Stenger or Joann Snider.

Chancel Choir

Choir rehearsals are held weekly on Wednesday evenings, at 7:15pm, in the sanctuary. Contact Patty Stepler if you would like to join them.

We would love having some new voices in the choir!

Consistory

Board

Meeting

Upcoming board meetings are scheduled for November 17 and December 15, both at 8am in the meeting room.

Church Bulletin Board

Don't forget to check our new church bulletin board often, so you don't miss any events/fundraisers or news!

Grace Snyder Circle

Their next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, November 11, at 1pm, in the social hall. Their Annual Christmas Party will be held on December 9, at 1pm, location and details will be announced as received. Please get in touch with Nancy Myers if you have further questions.



Light the Night for Trick or Treat

This event is being hosted by our Worship & Spiritual Life Committee on **Thursday, October 31st**. They will be handing out Starbursts and glow stick bracelets along with a scripture. Volunteers, please wear any Greencastle or blue & gold gear you have. We will be setting up at 5:30pm, in the front of the church. Trick or Treat runs from 6-8pm. Rain date is November 1st.

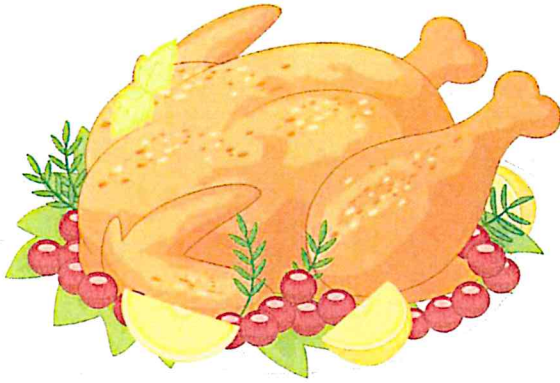
If you would like to join us, or want more information, please contact Marg Stouffer. (Above photo from our 2019 event.)

GRACE'S FREE CLOSET

The Closet offers free clothing to the community, ranging from infants to adults. They are open twice a week, Monday and Wednesday, from 9:30am till 12:20pm. They accept donations during their open hours. If you have any questions, give Nancy a call at 717-360-3023.

1st Saturday **FREE** **COMMUNITY LUNCH**

November 2nd
11:00 am - 1:00 pm



THANKSGIVING MEAL

Roast Turkey, Stuffing & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Assorted Pies-pumpkin, pecan , apple & Bottled Water.
(Limited Quantities)

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

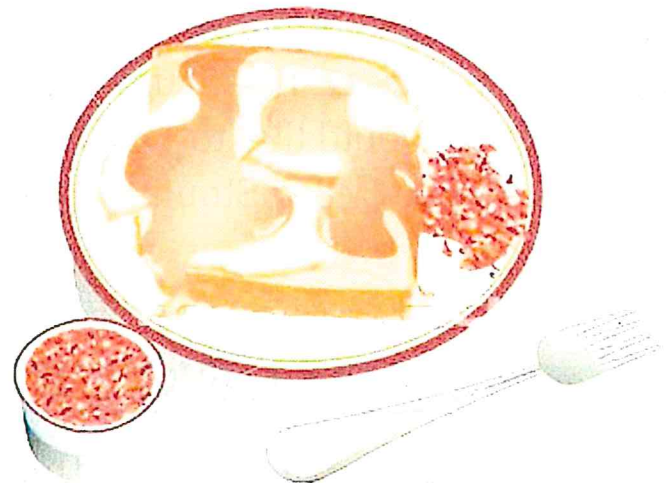
1st Saturday **FREE** **COMMUNITY LUNCH**

December 7th
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

MENU:

Hot Turkey Sandwiches,
Mashed Potatoes, Coleslaw,
Cookies & Bottled Water
(Limited Quantities)

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Fundraising Results:

Ham Sandwich/Soup Profits

WE THANK EVERYONE FOR SUPPORTING OUR FALL HAM SANDWICH AND SOUP SALE! IT WAS A SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER! WE THANK ALL THOSE WHO DONATED TOWARDS THE INGREDIENTS OF THE SOUPS. WE THANK MARTIN'S FAMOUS PASTRY SHOPPE FOR PROVIDING THE SANDWICH ROLLS AND DOUBLING THE DONATION BACK TO US. WE THANK ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO PUT THIS TOGETHER. AFTER EXPENSES, OUR NET PROFITS CAME TO \$2872.

Hoss's Fundraiser Profits

WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THE PROFITS WE RECEIVED THROUGH OUR HOSS'S COMMUNITY DAY FUNDRAISER HELD IN SEPTEMBER. THE TOTAL FOOD SALES WERE \$704.86 AND THE CORPORATE OFFICE HAS SENT US A DONATION OF \$140.97, WHICH IS 20% OF THE SALES. WE THANK EVERYONE FOR CHOOSING TO HAVE DINNER AT HOSS'S RESTAURANT ON OUR COMMUNITY DAY WITH THEM!



CHURCH DECORATING DAY & LUNCHEON

Following worship on November 24th, we will be decorating our church for Advent and the Celebration of Christmas. A light meal will be served following worship. Everyone is invited to join us in the joy of decorating and fellowship!

November Fundraiser:

APPLE DUMPLING SALE

Grace United Church of Christ is hosting their *Annual Apple Dumpling Sale* on *November 22*. The cost is \$5 each. Baked and sugar-free baked dumplings will be available. Order forms and boxes to accept orders can be found in the front vestibule and by the elevator area. You can also drop off orders at the church office during the week or call in orders. Deadline to place pre-orders is Wednesday, November 13, by 12 noon.

All pre-orders must be picked up Friday, November 22, between 3-6pm, in the social hall. Any extras or orders not picked up will be sold during the morning of the Christmas Parade on November 23, in the front of the church, starting at 8:30am until they are all sold out. Payment is due at time of pick-up. Cash or checks (with photo ID) will be accepted. Checks can be made payable to Grace UCC. Proceeds benefit our church programs. Call church office or contact Marg Stouffer at (717) 860-7935 with any further questions.



(Photo from 2019)

Angel Tree



We plan on having our Angel Tree set up in November. The Angel Tree helps children in our Greencastle community to have a brighter Christmas. The tree will be decorated with numbered Angel ornaments which will include a child's age, gender and gift suggestions listed on the reverse side. Please take an Angel, write your name next to the Angel number you picked (there will be a list near the tree), and have fun shopping to help a child. You may wrap your gifts or use decorative bags; just be sure to attach your Angel to the package. The families will then pick-up the gifts before Christmas for their child.

Nancy Myers is working with the school district to get a list of the children in need and she will let us know the dates the gifts need to be returned as soon as she finds out.

CHURCH BROCHURES

We have new church brochures that were designed by Joann Snider with help from Kate Kennedy and Pastor Mark. The brochures can be found on our new community bulletin board in the hallway. Please take a copy for yourself or pass along a copy to a friend. Thank you, Joann, for your help and talent in designing our new brochure!
It looks beautiful!

Upper Room Daily Devotional Brochures

The latest November/December issues are available in the front vestibule and elevator area. Please pick up your free copy after worship service. Pocket size and large print both available.

Christmas Cantata

Please join us together as we gather and enjoy our special Christmas Cantata worship service on December 22, at 9:30am. The Church of the Apostles have been invited to join us that morning. The choir is starting to prepare and rehearse for this performance. Loose change received during this service will be donated to the choir.

Invite your family and friends to celebrate with us!

CHRISTMAS EVE

Our beautiful Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held on December 24th at 6:00pm in the sanctuary. (**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIME.**) The sanctuary will be decorated for the celebration of Christmas. Invite family and friends! Those who ordered poinsettias can pick them up following service.



Christmas Poinsettias



If you wish to place a Christmas Poinsettia in dedication or in honor of a loved one, we will be accepting orders during worship service on November 10, 17, and 24. The cost is \$11.00 for a 6 1/2" potted red poinsettia (1 plant per pot). An order form can be found towards the back of this newsletter, and additional forms will be available in the vestibule and by the elevator area along with special ordering envelopes. You can place your orders in the collection plates during the above listed dates or drop them off at the church office during the week. **Deadline to order is November 25, by 12 noon.** Payment is due at time of ordering. Please make checks payable to Grace UCC. The poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary during our Cantata service and will stay in the sanctuary till our dedicated Christmas Eve Candlelight service on December 24. You will be able to pick-up your poinsettias after the candlelight worship or call the church office at 717-597-2983 to make other arrangements.

Presidential Election

GUCC is one of the facilities that Franklin County uses for voting purposes. The 2024 Presidential elections will be held on Tuesday, November 5th. Our social hall will be open from 7am to 8pm for those who use this location to vote.

Facebook & Live Streaming



If you have access to Facebook, please 'like' our page, Grace United Church of Christ, it will help keep you updated on events and stay connected with the church. 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 9:30am 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! Here's the link to our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/GraceChurchGreencastle/>

YouTube

You can now watch our services on YouTube. Subscribe to Greencastle Grace UCC on YouTube so you don't miss any Sunday services.

GUCC 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>

Neighbors in Need

Neighbors In Need Offering (NIN) supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), justice and advocacy, and direct service projects supported by Justice and Local Church Ministries.

This year the theme is "**Mental Health Justice For All**"!

We thank everyone for their donations.

Hurricane Helene Appeal

UCC Hurricane Helene Special Relief Donations: We thank everyone who donated loose change on October 6, 13 & 20 towards the Helene Recovery efforts. We received a total of \$1001 towards this fund.

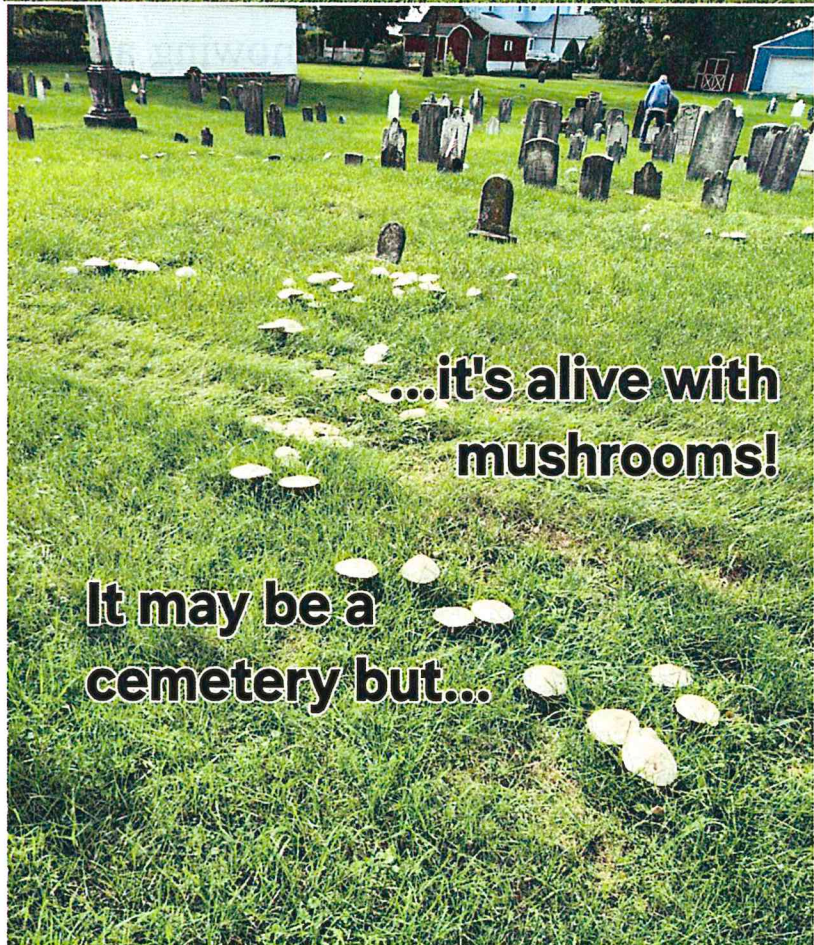
Penn Central Conference thanks us for your support.

Thank-You Volunteers

We thank all our volunteers who helped keep the cemetery grounds in good shape. It was not easy mowing & weeding in the summer heat, we thank you for your hard work! We even have a neighbor across the street that gives us a helping hand. We thank him, Jack Webb and all our volunteers for keeping up on the lawn maintenance. We also thank Kathy Johnson for donating a riding mower to us! It makes mowing a lot easier in the heat! (Pictured below: Jack Webb & Todd the neighbor helping out.)

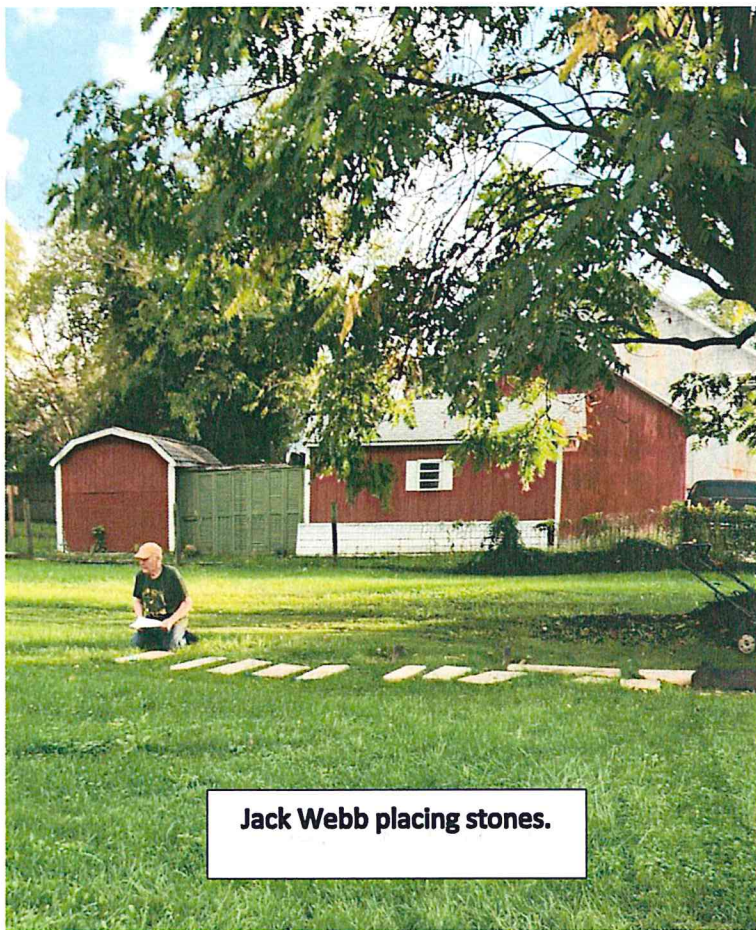


Now how does this crazy machine work?



...it's alive with mushrooms!

It may be a cemetery but...



Jack Webb placing stones.



You're Invited.....

Join us as the Penn State Mont Alto Chorale, under the direction of Patricia Stepler, will present their Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 8 at 7:00 pm at the Presbyterian Church in Greencastle, followed by creamery ice cream. They will present the same concert on Tuesday, December 10 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium in the General Studies Building on the Penn State Mont Alto campus. A variety of holiday music for all to enjoy!

Community Thanksgiving Worship

Trinity Lutheran Church, at 1186 Jason Drive in Greencastle, is hosting the annual community Thanksgiving worship service on Sunday, November 24th at 6pm. They are having community choir for the service. Everyone is invited.

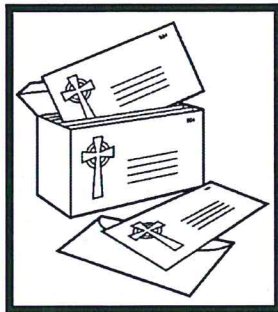
Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross & Emergency Fund

The United Church of Christ has been caring for active and retired clergy, along with lay employees of the UCC for over 100 years. They provide emergency grants and supplementation of small annuities and health premiums and Christmas thank you gift checks each December to their lower income retirees. **We will be receiving offerings for this Christmas Veterans and Emergency Fund on December 22.** Special envelopes are located in the front vestibule and elevator area.

Church Directory

Directories are available for all our members who have given us approval to have their information printed in our membership directory. This is a great way for all our members to keep connected with one another. Please keep us informed if any of your contact information has changed, such as address, email or phone. If you ever need a new copy, just call Elaine at the church office.

2025 Boxed Offering Envelopes



We are expecting to receive our new 2025 offering envelopes towards the end of December. They will be placed on the table in the front vestibule when available. They will be labeled with your name and address on the outside of the box. Once received, please verify the information on your label is correct. You can dispose of any unused 2024 envelopes at the end of the year. Contact the church office if you need to make other pick-up arrangements or have any questions.



Contribution Reports

If you need a year-to-date contribution statement for your 2024 taxes, the sign-up sheets will be placed in the front vestibule and elevator area in the beginning of January. Statements will be available to be picked up during service on January 19 and 26 (they will be placed in a secure, sealed envelope on the table or elevator area). You can also choose to pick them up at the church office or request your statements to be mailed. Any requested statements not picked up by January 26 will be placed in the mail.

Member Birthday's

November

11/3 – Gladys Doyle
11/12 – Mark Stahl
11/19 – Debi Pirtle
11/24 – Nellie Stahl
11/25 – Carolle Patrick

December

12/11 – Tina Thomas
12/16 – Carolyn Shoemaker
12/18 – Ron Shafer
12/22 – Timothy (Tim) Bryan



Gladys & Ed Doyle

Newsletter Deadline

All members are invited to submit any announcements, joys, news, articles or photos that you would like to share with the church family. The deadline to submit items for our January/February issue of Grace Notes is December 12th. You are welcome to drop off your articles at the church office or submit through our email of gucc28@outlook.com Thank you.

Weekly Worship Hours

Sunday, 9:30AM

Pastor's Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday
9am – 12noon

Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday
8am to 2pm

Church Office will be closed on
November 28 (Thanksgiving Day)
December 25 (Christmas Day)
December 26





MEETING MINUTES

SPECIAL CONSISTORY MEETING MINUTES from August 4, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Co-President, Lorna Thomas, at 9 o'clock am.

ROLL CALL: Pastor Mark, Lorna Thomas, Chet Nye, Barry Shoemaker, Mark Stahl, and Deb Homer. Guest was Steve Miller

Pastor Mark opened the meeting with a prayer.

Discussion pursued regarding the proposal for the new AV Streaming System upgrade. Restreaming will go to You Tube and Facebook at the rate of \$16.00 per month. The goal is to improve streaming and to reach out to the public with better service. We will need some electrical work done to move forward.

A motion was made by Barry and a second by Cathy to move forward with the streaming service and equipment and it was approved unanimously. Steve Miller will notify Tim from the Streaming Organization and Troy Layton, the electrician, to get the ball rolling.

The meeting was adjourned by a motion from Chet and a second by Cathy. Respectfully submitted by Cathy Keefer, Substituting Secretary

CONSISTORY MEETING MINUTES from September 15, 2024

ROLL CALL: Pastor Mark, Cathy Keefer, Chet Nye, Larry Stepler, Mark Stahl, Lorna Thomas, and Barry Shoemaker. Absent was Tim Bryan, Deb Homer, and Ron Shafer

Co-President Lorna Thomas opened the meeting at 8:05 am.

DEVOTIONS & PRAYER: Pastor Mark read Psalm 118.

CONSENT AGENDA: The June & August minutes were approved unanimously after a Cathy/Chet motion. The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously after a Cathy/Chet motion.

INFORMATION AGENDA UPDATES:

Activities/Fundraising – Chet reported the First Saturday Free Community Meals are set for the rest of the year.

Building/Grounds – Barry reported the elevator is now working. He put a new coat of varnish on the front doors. New toilet paper rolls were placed in the handicap bathroom and women’s restrooms

Finance Committee – Larry discussed the financial reports, and we are on track with using the monies from the investments to meet expenses.

Worship & Spiritual Committee – Update was secured by Marg as shown on her report.

Additional Topics for Discussion:

1. Discussion pursued regarding having a dedication of the streaming equipment in memory of Mary Lou Bryan. The money to purchase this equipment came from her memorial contributions and we will be getting a plaque to mount showing this dedication.
2. Cathy asked about the completion of the installation of the LED lights upstairs in Grace’s Closet. Barry will reach out to the contact person at West Penn about getting that completed.
3. Discussion pursued about changing the annual meeting with the budget approval to the second week in November (November 10th) instead of waiting until January. Ideally, the budget should be approved prior to the end of the year. It would be easier to make any salary, pension, housing, or insurance changes prior to the first billing cycle of the new year, rather than having to pro-rate any back payments. Larry is working with the Church of the Apostles for Pastor compensation (as we split them). Then, it was suggested to make a year-end spreadsheet with just totals instead of all our individual accounts that can be shared with the congregation in January and attach this to the announcements. The bylaws will need to be changed to reflect the month of the annual meeting.
4. Cathy asked for guidance about possibly obtaining a new shed at the cemetery to house a donated, used riding lawnmower. It will not fit in the current shed as it currently has headstones and 3 push mowers. Mark Stahl will reach out to the Boro to see if we are permitted to place another one beside the current one and what may need to be done, i.e., permit or approval.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 with The Lord’s Prayer.

Next Consistory Meeting is October 20, 2024 at 8 am.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Keefer, Substituting Secretary

Grace United Church of Christ
3rd Quarterly Statement
Financial Income and Expense Report
July - September 2024

General Operating Account:

Beginning Balance	\$1,306.54
Income	\$26,164.62
Expense	\$25,850.69
Ending Balance	\$1,620.47

Building & Grounds Maintenance Account:

Beginning Balance	\$20,299.23
Income	\$4,492.52
Expense	\$2,750.00
Ending Balance	\$22,041.75

Organ/Memorial/Trust Account:

Beginning Balance	\$16,241.73
Income	\$54,430.89
Expense	\$61,746.09
Ending Balance	\$8,926.53

Special Account (Outreach/Other Non-Operating Funds)

Beginning Balance	\$3,820.21
Income	\$1,078.99
Expense	\$1,925.97
Ending Balance	\$2,973.23

* 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.)

November 2024

- 1** Rain date for Light the Night Trick or Treat, 6-8pm,
volunteers meet at 5:30pm to set up
- 2** First Saturday Free Community Meal (Full Turkey Meal)
- 3** Communion Worship Service, 9:30am
Greeters/Ushers & Communion Servers: Lu Miller & Cathy Keefer
Reader: Steve Miller
- 4** Grace's Free Closet open from 9:30am till 12:30pm
- 5** Pastor's office hours, 9am-12noon
Presidential elections being held in social hall, 7am-8pm
Activities & Fundraising meeting at 7pm, in meeting room
- 6** Grace's Free Closet open from 9:30am till 12:30pm
- 7** Pastor's office hours, 9am-12noon
- 10** Worship Service, 9:30am
Greeters/Ushers: Ed & Gladys Doyle Reader: Patty Stepler
Annual Congregational Meeting following worship
Poinsettia Orders being accepted during offering time
- 11** Grace's Free Closet open from 9:30am till 12:30pm
Grace Snyder Circle meeting at 1pm in meeting room
Consistory & Committee Reports due to church office
- 12** Pastor's office hours, 9am-12noon
- 13** Grace's Free Closet open from 9:30am till 12:30pm
Choir Practice, 7:15pm, in the sanctuary
Deadline for Apple Dumpling Pre-Orders
- 14** Pastor's office hours, 9am-12noon
- 17** Consistory Board Meeting, 8:00am
Worship Service, 9:30am
Greeters/Ushers: Darlene Bitner & Lu Miller Reader: Lu Miller
Guest Preacher: Don Stevenson
Poinsettia Orders being accepted during offering time
- 18** Grace's Free Closet open from 9:30am till 12:30pm
- 19** Pastor's office hours, 9am-12noon

- 20** Grace's Free Closet open from 9:30am till 12:30pm
Choir Practice, 7:15pm, in sanctuary
- 21** Pastor's office hours, 9am-12noon
- 22** Apple Dumpling Sale, 3-6pm, in the social hall
- 23** Extra Apple Dumplings being sold in the front of the church
from 8:30am till sold out
- 24** Worship Service, 9:30am
Greeters/Ushers: Barry & Jack Shoemaker Reader: Patty Stepler
Poinsettia Orders being accepted during offering time
Church Decorating for Advent & Lunch following worship
6pm - Community Thanksgiving Service @ Trinity Lutheran
- 25** Grace's Free Closet open from 9:30am till 12:30pm
Deadline for all Poinsettia Orders
- 26** Pastor's office hours, 9am-11noon
Lunch Bunch meeting at 11:30am, location TBA
- 27** Grace's Free Closet open from 9:30am till 12:30pm
Choir Practice, 7:15pm, in the sanctuary
- 28** Happy Thanksgiving
Church Office Closed for the Holiday

December 2024

- 1** First Sunday of Advent - Communion Worship Service, 9:30am
Greeters/Ushers, Communion Servers & Reader TBA
Advent Worship Volunteers TBA
Social Hall being used for a private event from 12:30-4:30pm
- 2** Grace's Free Closet Open from 9:30am-12:30pm
- 3** Activities & Fundraising, 7pm, meeting room
- 4** Grace's Free Closet Open from 9:30am-12:30pm
Choir Practice, 7:15pm, sanctuary
- 7** First Saturday Free Community Meal, 11-1pm, social hall
- 8** Second Sunday of Advent - Worship Service 9:30am
Greeters/Ushers, Reader & Advent Volunteers TBA
Refreshments & Fellowship following worship in social hall
7pm, Penn State Chorale Concert at Greencastle Presbyterian Church

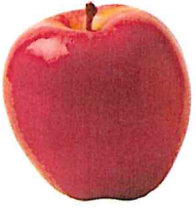
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Grace Snyder Circle Christmas Party, 1pm, location TBA
- 10** 7pm, Penn State Chorale Concert at Penn State Mont Alto Campus
- 11** Grace's Free Closet Open from 9:30am-12:30pm
Choir Practice, 7:15pm, sanctuary
- 12** Deadline to submit newsletter articles for Jan/Feb issue
- 15** Consistory Board Meeting, 8am, in meeting room
Third Sunday of Advent - Worship Service, 9:30am
Greeters/Ushers, Reader and Advent Volunteers TBA
- 16** Grace's Free Closet Open from 9:30am-12:30pm
- 18** Grace's Free Closet Open from 9:30am-12:30pm
Choir Practice, 7:15pm, in the sanctuary
- 22** Fourth Sunday of Advent - Cantata Worship Service, 9:30am
Greeters/Ushers. Reader and Advent Volunteers TBA
Loose change received today will be donated to choir
Receiving Christmas Fund Offering during service
- 23** Grace's Free Closet Open from 9:30am-12:30pm
- 24** Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with communion, 6pm
Greeters/Ushers, Communion Servers, Reader and
Advent Volunteers TBA
Poinsettia flowers can be taken home after worship
- 25 Christmas Day**
- 26** Church Office Closed
- 29** Sunday Worship Service, 9:30am
Greeters/Ushers, Reader TBA
- 30** Grace's Free Closet Open from 9:30am-12:30pm
- 31** Lunch Bunch, meeting at 11:30am, location TBA





February:
Annual Pie Sale hosted by Grace Snyder Circle





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Apple Dumpling Orders

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Enter number of dumplings you would like to order:

_____ Baked _____ Baked, Sugar-Free

The cost is **\$5 per dumpling**. Payment of cash or check (with photo ID) is due at time of pick-up. Checks can be made payable to Grace UCC.

Deadline for pre-orders is **Wednesday, November 13, 2024** at 12 noon.

Pick-up for ***ALL*** pre-orders is **Friday, November 22**, between 3 & 6pm, in the Social Hall at Grace United Church of Christ, 128 E. Baltimore St., Greencastle. **Extras will be sold** during the morning of the Christmas Parade, on **November 23**, in the front of the church, starting at 8:30am till they are all sold out.

Proceeds benefit church programs. *Any Questions?* Contact the church office at (717) 597-2983 or Marg Stouffer at (717) 860-7935.

2024 Poinsettia Dedication
Order Form



Anyone wishing to place a Poinsettia in dedication to a loved one needs to fill out this form. Place orders in offering plate (with envelope provided) during service on November 10, 17, 24 or return to church office by 12 noon by November 25. Please **PRINT**. Payment is due with your order.

6 ½" Red Poinsettia Cost: \$11.00 each

I would like to order _____ Poinsettia(s)

Name of Family Dedication is from: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

In Memory Of:

In Honor Of:

DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS NOVEMBER 25, 2024 @ 12 NOON

Checks can be made payable to Grace UCC