

***No matter who you are,  
or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.***



***GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
128 East Baltimore Street  
Greencastle, PA 17225***

Pastor: Rev. Mark Ruzicka  
Choir Director: Patty Stepler  
Organist: Susan Alsip-Lawson  
Ministers: All Those Present

**Order of Worship for June 14th, 2026: Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**Scriptures: Psalm 100 / Romans 5:1-8 / Matthew 9:35-10:8**

**WE WELCOME GOD'S PRESENCE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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**

Adagio Sostenuto from 'Moonlight' Sonata  
-Beethoven/Hand

**CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 100)**

*Leader:* Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

***All:* Worship the Lord with gladness; come before God with joyful songs.**

*Leader:* Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us and we are God's children;

***All:* we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.**

*Leader:* Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and the courts of the Lord with praise;

***All:* Give thanks to God and praise God's name.**

*Leader:* For the Lord is good and God's love endures forever;  
God's faithfulness continues through all generations.

**\*PRAISE SONG**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken #81



**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You  
in thought, word and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved You with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways,  
to the glory of your Name.**

*(a time of silent prayer)*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE (based on Romans 8)**

*Leader:* Brothers and sisters, hear the Good News: we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
In Christ, we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand. In Christ, we are forgiven.

***All:* Thanks be to God!**

***WE READ GOD'S WORD TOGETHER***

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF SCRIPTURE***

**SCRIPTURES**

Psalm 100 Please open to Old Testament, page 679

Romans 5:1-8 Please open to New Testament, pages 188-189

**Video:** “Graduation: Everything That Got You Here” by 231 Worship

Matthew 9:35-10:8 Please open to New Testament, pages 11-12

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

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

***All:* Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

**EDUCATION SUNDAY RECOGNITION**

**Julia M. Bodes Scholarship Awarded to**

*Avery Horst*

West Chester University - Business Finance

**Kathryn Didier Scholarships Awarded to**

*Allen Sawyer*

University of Pennsylvania – Anthropology

*Olivia Carey*

Liberty University – Elementary Education

*Callie Izer*

Shenandoah University – Exercise Science

*Kinley Myers*

Shepherd University – Nursing

*Taylor Watts*

Hagerstown Community College - Radiology

OPEN SHARING OF PRAYERS, CONCERNS, JOYS AND 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 (based on Matthew 10)

*Leader:* Jesus told his first disciples, "You have received without payment; give without payment."  
The same can be said for us. Let us receive this morning's offering.

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Tell Me the Story of Jesus  
-Sweney/Smith

\*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. Amen.

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING (based on Matthew 10)**

Lord God, may these offerings be used to proclaim the good news that the kingdom of heaven has come near. May our offerings serve as a source of healing and hope for those around us. Amen.

***WE GO OUT CARRYING GOD'S LOVE***

**BENEDICTION (based on Romans 8)**

*Leader:* As we leave from this place, receive this blessing of God:  
May the Creator who formed you, the Christ who redeems you, and the Holy Spirit who sustains you,  
bless you this day and forevermore.

God's love has been poured into your hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to you.  
Go forth as instruments of that love to bring healing and hope to a waiting world.

***All: Amen.***

**\*PRAISE SONG**

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life #343



**POSTLUDE MUSIC**

(Please be seated to listen to the postlude)

Fanfare -Mouret/Broughton



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**Contributions Received During 6/7/26 Service**

Regular Offering: \$1288 / Loose Change Offering: \$120 / Building & Grounds: \$80

**Donations Received at Office:**

Regular \$250 / Building & Grounds: \$20

**Worship Attendance on 6/7/26**

In-House: 33 / Online: 10



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**WEEK OF JUNE 14, 2026**

**Greeters/Ushers:** Nancy Myers & Cathy Keefer      **Scripture Reader:** Patty Stepler

**Educational Sunday** – Today we celebrate and recognize the students’ receiving scholarships for their continuing education. Loose change collected during worship will support our educational fund. After the service, please join us downstairs in the social hall for refreshments and a meet-and-greet. The following scholarships were awarded, with each student receiving \$1,000 toward tuition:

***Julia M. Bodes Scholarship*** was awarded to Avery Horst. He will be attending West Chester University, studying business finance. His parents are Randall & Jennifer Horst.

***Kathryn Didier Scholarships*** were awarded to five students. Allen Sawyer will be attending University of Pennsylvania studying Anthropology. His parents are Stephanie Haynes-McMullen & Philip Allen. Olivia Carey plans on attending Liberty University majoring in Elementary Education. Her parents are Michael & Heather Carey. Callie Izer will be studying Exercise Science at Shenandoah University. Her parents are Daniel & Kristen Izer. Kinley Myers will be attending Shepherd University for their nursing program. Her parents are Whitley & Tyler Myers. Taylor Watts will be studying Radiology at Hagerstown Community College. Her parents are Robert & Kristin Watts. Congratulations to all the students of 2026! Blessings on their future endeavors!

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**Church of the Apostles** is hosting Sunday evening summer concerts under their pavilion. Their second concert of the season will be held on June 21st at 6:00 pm, with Mountain Air performing. In case of bad weather, the concert will be held inside the church. Invite friends and bring your lawn chairs. Flyers with details about each concert are posted on the bulletin board in the lower hallway.

**Grace's Free Closet** is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30am to 12:30pm, and the 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month from 11:30am to 2:30pm. Donations are accepted anytime during open hours. Please contact Nancy Myers with any questions or needs. Thank you to all our Closet volunteers.

We are getting ready for our **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Hidden Treasures Yard Sale!** It will be held on July 10<sup>th</sup> & July 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be accepting yard sale donations beginning the week of June 22<sup>nd</sup> through July 3<sup>rd</sup>, from Monday through Thursday, 9:30am till noon. Donations can be dropped off in the social hall and placed in front of the stage. Please be sure items are clean and in good working condition. Dishes and glassware will be accepted only in sets of 4 or more, no odds and ends please. We do not accept clothing, books or large furniture pieces. If you have any small pieces of furniture, please check with Marg before dropping them off. We need volunteers to help us sort and organize the donations during the week of July 6<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheets are on the front welcome table and the elevator area. Contact Marg for any further questions.

**Blessing Baskets/Totes** have been temporarily removed from the steps while we look for a better way to protect the food items from the weather. We welcome suggestions. Please contact Marg Stouffer or the church office with any ideas or questions.

**Upper Room Daily Devotional Brochures** for July/August are now available. They have been placed on the front welcome table and in the elevator area. Please take home a copy today.

**Men's Breakfast & Fellowship** will not be meeting during the summer months of June, July & August.

**Otterbein UB Church in Greencastle** is sponsoring a bus trip to Sight & Sound Theater on Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, to see Joshua. Reservations and payment are due by the end of June. Reservation forms and additional details are available in the vestibule areas. Please take one if you are interested.

**Social Seniors** will not be gathering during the summer months of June, July or August. They will resume in the Fall.

Our next **Lunch Bunch** is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am at the Parlor House in Waynesboro. We invite everyone to join us for food and fellowship.

**First Saturday Free Community Meal** will not be held in July as it falls on Independence Day.

**Newsletter Deadline** is approaching. Please submit any articles, photos, upcoming events or anything you would like to share with the congregation to the church office by Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Board Meetings** will not be held during the summer months of June, July or August. Impromptu meetings will be called if needed. Meetings will resume in the fall.

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**Worship Volunteers for Sunday, June 21st, 9:30am:**

**Greeters/Ushers:** Carolyn & Jack Shoemaker

**Scripture Reader:** Lu Miller

