

***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
Worship Leader: Michael Spielman
Choir Director: Patty Stepler
Organist: Susan Alsip-Lawson
Ministers: All Those Present

Order of Worship for July 12, 2026: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Isaiah 55:10-13 / Romans 8:1-11 / Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

How Deep the Father's Love -Townsend/Hayes and Gaspard

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 119)

Leader: Lord, You exist forever; Your word is firmly fixed in Heaven.
***All:* Your faithfulness endures to all generations.**

Leader: I will never forget Your guidance, for by them You have given me life.
***All:* I am Yours; save me; for I have sought Your guidance.**

Leader: How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth.

***All:* Your words are a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.**

Leader: We are Yours, Lord, give to us understanding.

***All:* The unfolding of Your words gives light, and keeps our steps steady.**

Let us worship God!

***PRAISE SONG**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God #32



***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O God, make us more conscious of Your gifts to us,
and help us to see that no work truly prospers until it brings blessings to others.**

**Forgive us when we stumble. Help us when we fall.
Let us not withhold Your grace and forgiveness from each other,
as You have given it to us so freely.**

Let us remember Your love, and share Your love to all we meet.

(a time of silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God welcomes all who come to Him.

In weakness or strength, with much, or with little.

Seek the Lord, while He can be found.

Call on Him while He is near.

And be confident that Jesus will look upon you with compassion.

In Him, you have forgiveness and the abundance of God's life.

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

WE READ GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 55:10-13 Please open to Old Testament, page 839

Romans 8:1-11 Please open to New Testament, page 191

Video: “Billions of Reasons” by Freebridge Media

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 Please open to New Testament, pages 16 & 17

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTORAL PRAYER

OPEN SHARING OF PRAYERS, CONCERNS, JOYS AND CELEBRATIONS

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND REFLECTION

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.

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: Let us present with joy our offerings of commitment and support for the work of Christ’s church.

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

My God and I -Whitol/Mickelson

***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**

God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to You. Through Your blessing and our willingness to share, may these offerings become a source for hope and love in this church family, and in the community beyond us, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WE GO OUT CARRYING GOD'S LOVE

BENEDICTION

Leader: Hear the promise of Jesus Christ: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. May the grace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: Amen.

***PRAISE SONG**

Spirit of the Living God #288



POSTLUDE MUSIC

(Please be seated to listen to the postlude)

Recessional -Asper



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Contributions Received 7/5/26

Regular Offering: \$2140 / Loose Change Offering: \$15

Building & Grounds Donation: \$30

Communion Offering: \$38

Regular Offering Received at Office & Mail: \$250

Worship Attendance on 7/5/26

In-House: 17 / Online: 12



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WEEK OF JULY 12, 2026

Worship Leader: Michael Spielman
Greeters/Ushers: Dave & Kathy Fillman
Scripture Reader: Dave Fillman

We welcome Michael Spielman leading our worship service today! He is a “Member in Discernment” in the Mercersburg Association of the United Church of Christ. He works as a machinist for Volvo/Mack Trucks in Hagerstown, MD, where he also serves as their Chaplain. He lives in Waynesboro with his wife, Brandy, and their two children, Ryder and Charlotte.

Refreshments & Fellowship will not be held today, as the social hall needs cleaned up from our annual yard sale.

Pastor’s Time Off Pastor Mark is still on vacation. He will be back in the office at Grace UCC on July 14th. If there are any pastoral emergencies during his time off, you can contact Rev. Dani Neff at Trinity UCC in Waynesboro.

Our **6th Annual Hidden Treasures Yard Sale** was a great success. Thank you to everyone who donated items and volunteered to help organize this fundraiser. We could not have done it without your support. Proceeds will be announced once all sales are tallied.

Activities & Fundraising Committee will not be holding anymore meetings till September. We thank them for organizing the yard sale. They deserve a much-needed break.

Church of the Apostles is hosting their next Sunday evening summer concert tonight, July 12th, at 6pm, under their pavilion. This Sunday they feature “Drew Adams”. He plays a vast selection of acoustic pop and rock hits spanning over many decades. Bring lawn chairs and invite your friends to enjoy a nice evening. In case of bad weather, the concert will be held inside the church.

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.

Board Meetings are not held during the summer months. Impromptu meetings will be called if needed. Monthly meetings will resume in the fall.

Next **First Saturday Free Community Meal** will be held on Saturday, August 1st, from 11am to 1pm, in our social hall with Hot Dogs on the menu.

August Worship Volunteers are needed. The sign-up sheet is on the front welcome table.

The next **Lunch Bunch** will meet on Tuesday, July 28th, at 11:30am at The Velvet Café on 3rd Street in Waynesboro.

Called to Care Committee is meeting on Tuesday, July 21st, at 1pm, in the meeting room.

Worship Volunteers for Sunday, July 19, 9:30am:
Greeters/Ushers: Cathy Keefer & Lu Miller
Scripture Reader: Lu Miller





Sunday Evening Concerts, 6 PM at

THE PAVILION



Church of the Apostles, UCC, 336 Barnett Avenue, Waynesboro, PA

BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

Rain or Shine, concerts will be held inside the church building in inclement weather.

JULY 12

DREW ADAMS



Drew plays a vast selection of acoustic pop and rock hits spanning over many decades.

JULY 19

CATOCTIN PROMISE BAND

1st Show



A Contemporary Praise & Worship group whose desire and mission is to share the life-changing Gospel message of Jesus Christ with all the world.

JULY 26

MOUNTAIN AIR

2nd Show



Guitar, mandolin & vocal harmony. Acoustic, contemporary, folk, and pop country music.