



# Days of Grace

APRIL 2026 EDITION

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Children's Sunday School @ 9:00 am  
Worship Services @ 10:00 am

### APRIL

1<sup>S</sup> & 24<sup>TH</sup> – Red Cross Blood Drive here at the Church  
8<sup>th</sup> – Bible Study Group & Movie – 12:30 PM  
8<sup>th</sup> - Women's Ministry – ZOOM @ 7:30 PM  
10<sup>th</sup> - Monthly Movie @ 3:00 PM  
11<sup>th</sup> – Second Saturday @ 1:00 PM  
18<sup>TH</sup> – PAL – Grace UCC Helpers @ 9:00 AM  
22<sup>nd</sup> - Women's Ministry – In-Person @ 7:30 PM

### MAY

6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> – Red Cross Blood Drive here at the Church  
8<sup>th</sup> – Monthly Movie @ 3:00 PM  
9<sup>th</sup> – Second Saturday @ 1:00 PM  
13<sup>th</sup> – Women's Ministry – ZOOM @ 7:30 PM  
16<sup>th</sup> – PAL – Grace UCC Helpers @ 9:00 AM  
27<sup>th</sup> - Women's Ministry – In Person @ 7:30 PM

Church Sanctuary is open every Wednesday from  
11:00 – 12:00 for  
A moment of Peace & Stillness



Dear Friends,

It has been a long, cold winter for many of us. This year we were not blessed with a brief respite from the weather with a teasing day of spring warmth and sunlight. The snow lasted longer than in many recent winters and the grey, sunless days made it feel like we'd never see a spring day. Seasonal depression, the time when we are more likely stuck indoors, with limited hours of daylight, can make even ordinary days feel long and lonely, and can make it harder to notice the small ways God is at work around us.

Spring is near, my friends. We celebrate Easter with Christ's resurrection on April 5<sup>th</sup>, with the reminder that light and life always return. Hope is stronger than sorrow. God's love is at work even on the coldest and darkest of days. God's love for each of us brings healing and promises of new beginnings. As we move through these last winter days into spring, look for the small signs of life all around you! Can you spot the first buds pushing their way through the soil—the crocuses, the daffodils? Can you hear the songs of the birds—returning from their long winter away—calling from the branches? Can you notice the softening light in the evening sky—the sun finally falling below the horizon after 7:30PM? Each of these gentle reminders show us that God is at work in the world and in our hearts. Let us rest in this space of renewal, restoration, and joy.

May this Easter season fill you with the warmth of God's presence. Let us rest in the assurance that no darkness, no cold, no long winter can ever overcome the light of God's grace.

Blessings and peace,

*Pastor  
Amy*



# NEWS

## EXCITING NEWS!!



We are planning a new pictorial directory. Call the church office to sign up for a time slot for pictures. Times are available on April 16th – April 19<sup>th</sup> (day and evening times available).

## WORD OF THANKS

Martha Channell wants to thank everyone for the prayers, phone calls, and cards with regards to her procedure in February.

## Mother's Day 4" Potted Plant Sale

The Grace Outreach Committee will be selling 4" potted pink geraniums and 4" potted calibrachoa ("million bells") for Mother's Day. The price will be \$5.00 per plant. Any profit will go towards future Outreach Committee projects.

Order forms for the plants can be found in the Gathering Place beginning Sunday April 5th. We are limiting the sale to 100 plants. On Sunday April 12th the plants will be advertised to the public. If interested in making a purchase, please place your completed form along with your payment in a labeled envelope, and place it in the weekly offering plate. Please make checks payable to Grace UCC. The last day to order is Sunday May 3rd.

The plants will be available for pickup at Grace on Saturday May 9th from 8 AM to 2 PM. Plants can also be picked up Sunday May 10th.

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## Mother's Day Flowers

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ pink geraniums \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ calibrachoa \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Return form and money by Sunday May 3**



### PROVIDE A LUNCH (P-A-L)



Grace is still preparing the meal every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at Hanover Area Council of Churches for the PAL lunch! Contact Linda or Craig Bixler with any questions.

### GATHERING PLACE REFRESHMENTS



Our Gathering Place on Sunday mornings is abuzz with great fellowship and caring hearts. Won't you consider joining us before and/or after the service? We're also seeking new people to offer to provide snacks.... Nothing fancy needed 😊. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board

### LECTOR SIGN UP



If you are interested in being a part of the morning worship service by serving as a Lector, please see the bulletin board in the Gathering place to sign up. Thank you.

### PRAYER REQUESTS



If you have a prayer request, please call, text, or email Pastor Amy Fawks who will then add your request to the Bible Moment and Prayer Line (717-346-1703). You may leave messages on the Prayer Line or reach her at 717-698-6366. You can email her at [FawksAmy@gmail.com](mailto:FawksAmy@gmail.com).

### APRIL FILM



This 1973 Academy Award nominated classic, takes place in the 1960s and looks back on 4 teenagers on their last summer night before college. The film will be shown Friday April 10th at 3 PM in fellowship Hall. The film runs 1 hr 52 mins. and is rated **PG**. Snacks provided. doors locked at 3:15.

### SHARING CORNER IS BACK



Have an item you no longer use or need? Examples - books you have read, unused cards, puzzles, unwanted items, etc. Consider our Sharing Corner in the Gathering Place. Drop off an unwanted item and take home a "treasure" or deliver an item to a friend or shut in. At the end of each month any remaining items will be donated to local agencies.

### WOMEN'S MUSIC MINISTRY



On the second Wednesday of every month, we will meet via zoom. @ 7:30 PM & on the fourth Wednesday of every month we will meet in person @ 7:30 pm either outside in Franklin Street lawn or in the gathering place (weather pending) **Women of all ages are invited to participate in both.**

### PERSONELL COMMITTEE



At our April 06 meeting, we will discuss Volunteer Clearance needs and how to meet training requirements. If you are interested in completing the Clearance process so that you can help with our Sunday Faith Foundation Children's Group or other children and youth activities, please let us know. We are in need of more helpers and/or lesson leaders. Our committee's members are Vickie Arnold, Angie Boyers, Fay Emler, Pastor Amy Fawks, Joleen Fennell, and Pam Kreitz.

**CURRENT CONSISTORY MEMBERS FOR 2026**

**Co - President** – Vickie Arnold . . . 717-476-1492  
**Co – President** – Jenn Weaver ... 717-451-9703  
**Vice President** - Joleen Fennell... 717-633-7813  
**Secretary** – Craig Bixler . . . 717-632-5606  
**Asst. Secretary** - Anita Kincaid . . . 717-476-1222  
**Co – Treasurer** – Brad Arnold ... 717-688-0890  
**Co – Treasurer** – Rick Boyer ... 717-881-9116  
**Asst. Treasurer** – Chelsey Topper ... 717-640-1092  
**Becky Boyer** . . . 717-881-9116  
**Susan Dienes** - . . . 717-870-1288  
**Angie Boyers** - ... 717-817-5344

**Office Manager/Bookkeeper-**

Karen Samuelson . . . 717-688-9891  
**Sexton** – Zachery Jackson ... 301-802-1570  
**Office Phone Number** . . . 717-632-1146  
**Prayer Line and Bible Moment** . . . 717-346-1703

**WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE 2026**

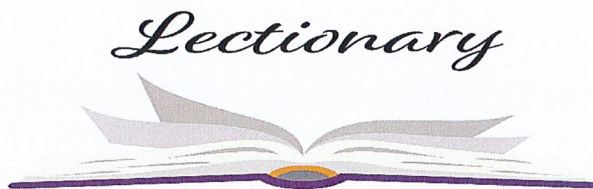
Pastor Amy Fawks	Vickie Arnold
*Susan Dienes	Christian Keller
Pam Kreitz	Martha Channel
*Anita Kincaid	*Joleen Fennell

**GRACE UCC STAFF**

**Pastor** - Amy Fawks . . . 717-698-6366  
**Organist/Dir. of Music** - Christian Keller... 717-356-1029

**ALTAR GUILD**

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please speak with one of the committee members and we will discuss and consider your comment. The star beside the names are the Altar Guild members to contact  
**Thank you**



**APRIL**

**April 5<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 10:34-43 or Jerimiah 31:1-6, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts, John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10  
**April 12<sup>th</sup>** - Acts 2:14a, 22-32, Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20: 19-31  
**April 19<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19, 1 Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35  
**April 26<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2:19-25, John 10: 1-10

**MAY**

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16, 1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14  
**May 10<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:8-20, 1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21  
**May 17<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 1:6-14, Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35, 1 Peter 4:12-14: 5:6-11 John 17:1-11  
**May 24<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21, John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39  
**May 31<sup>st</sup>** – Genesis 1:1-2:4a and Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20

## March Consistory Digest

There were 12 members present including Pastor Amy, Brad Arnold, and Rick Boyer.

### Treasurer's report:

General pledge February 2026: \$6,793.60

General pledge February 2025: \$5,190.00

YTD income: \$21,546.83

YTD expenses: \$39,119.90

YTD deficit: \$17,573.07

### Checking account balances:

-- Operating Fund: \$31,211.17

-- Deacon Fund: \$17,361.36

-- Education Fund: \$11,067.74

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-- Memorial Fund: \$17,423.06

### Brad Arnold and Rick Boyer reported:

- \$25,000 was withdrawn from the investments at Orrstown to pay expenses.
- Wilmington Trust prepared a composite report of Grace investments. The report is titled *Paragon and* is available for review in the church office.

**Joleen Fennell reported that** the Personnel Committee is trying to make sure that our Volunteers have up to date clearances.

### Trustees reported:

- SWAM Electric completed indoor and outdoor light fixture repairs and installed new heat tapes in the downspouts.
- WFX will be contacting Grace in April to do the annual fire extinguisher inspection. They will also do the fire suppression system inspection in the kitchen.
- Contact Aspire Construction and Smith Brothers to get updated quotes on window repairs in the Education Wing.

### Pastor Amy reported:

- The Gettysburg Association Spring Meeting, is April 19th at 2 PM at Zwingli in East Berlin. Craig and Linda Bixler will attend as delegates from Grace.
- The Keystone Conference Annual Meeting will be held June 5-7 at Millersville University. Registration starts this month. **(I will need someone to help lead worship that Sunday. I will provide everything for you; I just need someone to read "my parts")**. Chelsey Topper will be one of the lay delegates to the Keystone Conference. One more delegate will be needed.

### Angie Boyers reported:

- **The yard sale is May 23** 9am-1pm. Drop off things starting May 1. We will store items downstairs in the old adult Sunday School room. We ask that no clothing be donated. To reserve a spot please contact Angie via email at [sgbus10674@gmail.com](mailto:sgbus10674@gmail.com).
- **Directory Pictures** will take place on Thursday April 16 through Sunday April 19. To schedule a time please contact Karen in the office. Times are 9am-1pm, 4:30-7pm Thursday and Friday, 9am-1pm, 2pm-6pm for Saturday, and Sunday 11:30-2pm

### Craig Bixler reported for the Outreach committee:

- The plastic bag collection for The Homeless are Still Homeless after the Holidays has had a very good response.
- Received 4.5" potted plant prices from Five Points for possible Mother's Day plant sale.

**Summary of Pastor Amy's monthly report:**

- Mary Jane Fuhrman's graveside service was held March 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended the **Vacation Bible School** planning meeting with Trinity UCC Hanover and Emmanuel. It will be held June 22-June 26 at Trinity UCC Hanover with "Rainforest Falls" as the program title. The time will be 9 AM to 11:30 AM daily.
- **The Maundy Thursday Service will be held on April 2nd at 7pm. The Communion will be served by intinction.**
- I will be attending a MiD retreat in March with all other Members in Discernment around the state. I will be gone Friday and Saturday, March 27th and March 28th—with spotty cell reception
- Reviewed the procedure for items purchased here at Grace.
  - The committee approves a purchase through Robert's Rules: discussion, motion, vote, motion carried (or denied)
  - The committee member completes the payment request for the approved purchase and has the committee chair sign the form.
  - Return the form to Karen.
    - Karen will place the order. OR
    - Committee members will sign out the church credit card to purchase the item(s).
  - Return the receipt to Karen to be filed.
- During the month of May, a program called. "Faith Grows When Friends Come Along," is being planned. This will be an opportunity to invite others to Grace. There will be prizes for children and possibly seed packs for adults who invite others to attend.

**Prepared by Craig Bixler 3/13/26**

# **COMMUNITY YARD SALE**

**SATURDAY MAY 23  
9AM-1PM**

**GRACE UCC  
100 Fourth St. Hanover  
In the parking lot beside the  
church**

2 choices to pick from: Spots are \$20.00 each or you can donate gently used items to the church for them to sell for the church.

CONTACT ANGIE [sgbus10674@gmail.com](mailto:sgbus10674@gmail.com)  
You must provide your own tables. You can sell anything you want. (NO ALCOHOL).

If you want to drop things off at the church for donations you can drop off starting May 1. We ask that no clothing be donated.

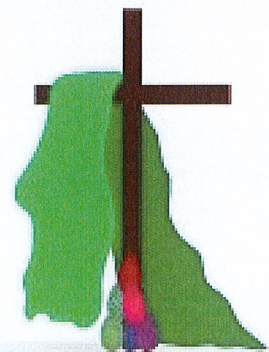
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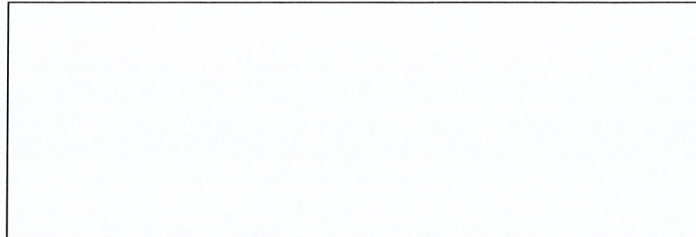
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