

Grace United Church of Christ Funeral Policy
100 Fourth Street
Hanover, PA 17331
717-632-1146

There is no fee by Grace Church for funerals. (Donations are always appreciated.) The funeral service is a ministry of mercy and grace to our members and outlying community. As a serving congregation, we encourage our pastor to reach out to the community funeral homes to assist in funerals for the unchurched when the occasion arises.

Grace's music director, if available on the scheduled date, will play for the service. If he/she is not available, recommendations for a musician will be offered. The music director and officiating pastor should be consulted if there is a desire to have other musicians participating for the service. Any specially desired music must be provided at least one day in advance of the service.

Musician fees: \$125.00 for organist and \$125.00 for pianist. The fees apply to members of Grace as well as nonmembers. Any other musicians will set their own fees, in consultation with the music director.

The pastor will contact the family to see if they would like refreshments or a light meal following the service, and/or committal. The pastor will ask the family for an estimated number of family and friends who may attend. The Ladies of Grace Martha Ministry will be contacted by the pastor concerning the necessary provisions. This is a ministry by the Ladies of Grace. The pastor should suggest to the family that donations are appreciated.

Consistory approval: August 14, 2017

Congregation approval: October 1, 2017

Martha Ministry

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It is a ministry to serve families during the death of a loved one. We serve a light luncheon, offer space for fellowship and nourishment following the funeral/memorial service. Hopefully through this simple meal, they will feel the love and support of their church family and bring comfort.

Luncheon:

- Chicken and Ham Salad sandwiches
- Macaroni or Potato Salad
- Fruit Salad
- Chips & Pretzels
- Cakes

- Coffee, Tea and Water
- Punch

This menu can be revised in case of allergy or food choices.

The Pastor Calls Becky Boyer after meeting with the family and determining a number for the luncheon.

Becky calls the Ladies and they begin the preparation for the luncheon.

When the family requesting a luncheon is not a member of the church;

- The women will present a receipt of the dollar amount spent.
- The family is expected to reimburse the amount spent.

Non-Member

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There is no set charge for members, but you will receive notice of the dollar amount spent and a donation is requested.

Member