



Days of Grace

JUNE 2024 Edition

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

5TH & 19TH – Monthly Red Cross Blood Drive here at Church.

14th – Monthly Movie @ 3pm

15th – Provide-A-Lunch (P-A-L)

23rd – Crooners Show & Pot Luck

26th - Bible Study Group Movie @ 1pm

JULY

3rd, 17th & 31st – Monthly Red Cross Blood Drive here at Church.

14th – Monthly Movie @ 3pm

20th - Provide-A-Lunch (P-A-L)

24th – Bible Study Group Movie @ 1pm

*Things are really cooking at Grace!
Join us for our next town hall
10 AM June 23rd*



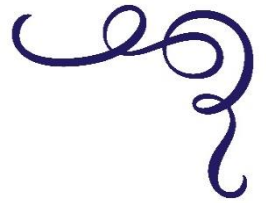
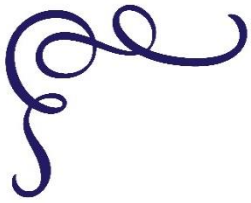
TOPIC—

What's your recipe for change?

*Plan to stay after for a potluck luncheon
and music provided by the Crooners!
From your dedicated Transition Team!*

Transitional Ministry Team

Pastor Fred Young
Brad and Vickie Arnold
Rick and Becky Boyer
Susan Dienes
Pam Kreitz
Judy Rummel
Holly Smith



*As the wind is your symbol, so forward our goings.
As the dove, so launch us heavenward.
As water purify our spirits.
As a cloud, so abate our temptations.
As dew so revive our languor.
As fire, so purge out our dross. Amen.*

Christian Rossetti

Red is the color of Pentecost Sunday, red flames of the Spirit uncontainable, filling and releasing the faithful at once in hope. Yet the color of the season following Pentecost is green: the green of steady growth, of the most “ordinary time.” The church began in passionate blaze of the Spirit, when boundaries of languages and cultures were transcended for a time, and all heard the good news in their own language.

Delight is only part of the story. The work of living the Gospel depends more on sure, slow, steady patient work, prayer, sacrifice and action. We savor the Pentecost moments, the joy of being released in the dance of the Spirit, but we live in the steady gaze of the first disciples who encourage us to grow slowly and steady in our faith.

As we head into the Season after Pentecost, Ordinary Time, may we continue to grow into the people God is Still Speaking about.

Blessings!
Pastor Fred



Pastor Fred on Vacation and
Penn Central Conference Annual Meeting
May 30th – June 9th

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Emergency Pastoral Care Coverage

Rev. Edward Gobrecht – 717-334-2512	May 30 th – June 4
Rev. Peter Kuhn – 717-659-7274	June 5 th – 7 th
Pastor Fred Young – 717-253-2214	June 8 th – 9 th

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Transition Update

A few of you have been asking what Grace is doing to find a new pastor? The Transition Team is working hard at developing Town Hall conversations that will help members of Grace determine what they would like to have in their next called pastor. The next Town Hall will be on Sunday, June 23rd during the 10AM worship. We will be talking about change in the church.

Behind the scenes, many things have been happening to prepare Grace UCC for their next pastor. Because of the unusual circumstances for the leaving of our last minister, Transitional Pastor, Rev. Fred Young has suggested Grace put the following into action:

- **Revamping of the Personnel Committee**
(Creation of a committee job description, and an employee handbook)
- **Creation of a Pastoral Relations Committee**
(This team works as a liaison between the congregation and the pastor)
- **Creation of a new Finance Committee**
(We have a Co-Treasurer team and an Assistant Treasurer in place to hand our day-to-day financials as well as our investment accounts)

All of these teams have been put into place and have begun their work in helping Grace move forward. A team that is still in the initial planning stage is a **visitation team** that will assist the pastor in connecting with our homebound and infirm members. When a team is established, Pastor Fred will offer a few weeks of visitation training.

Contact Pastor Fred if you are interested in this vital ministry.

If you have any questions about Grace's Transition, please contact Pastor Fred

Provide A Lunch (P-A-L)



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

GATHERING PLACE REFRESHMENTS

If you would like to provide light refreshments for fellowship time before and after the service, sign up at the Gathering Place or contact Vickie Arnold.

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 Fred Young who will then add your request to the Bible Moment and Prayer Line (717-634-8865). You may leave messages on the Prayer Line or reach him at 717-253-2214. You can email him at pastoryoung.tuccgburg@gmail.com. Requests will be added to the weekly bulletin if received by Thursday night.

June Film



This 2019 film is a tale narrated by a witty and philosophical dog. The film is based on a novel. It will be shown Friday, June 14, at 3 PM. It is rated PG and runs 109 minutes. Doors will be locked at 3:15. Snacks provided.



Outreach Committee Planned Activities for June

The Outreach Committee plans activities to help our community and locations beyond. Below are some upcoming activities:

May: Plan new dates for the Grace car show

June: collect items for Church World Service School Kits, assemble kits in July. Watch for announcements at the beginning of June.

August & September: collect hygiene items for men's and women's kits to be donated to the HACC Changing Lives Shelter, assemble kits in September

Church World Service School Kit Supplies:

- One pair of blunt scissors removed from the package (rounded tip, only)
- Three 70-page count spiral bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- One 30-centimeter / 12" ruler
- One hand-held pencil sharpener removed from the package
- One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers (removed from packing and use a rubber band to hold the pencils together).
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)

One 12"x14" to 14"x17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with handles (Solid color or kid-friendly fabric, no logos, reusable shopping bags or backpacks)

More details will follow about the school kits. Contact Craig Bixler for more information.

GRACE UCC COMMITTEES LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS CAN YOU HELP?

The Personnel Committee is responsible for filling paid staff positions to be approved by Consistory. The committee is presently tasked with the creation of a Grace UCC Employee Handbook, updating individual job descriptions and performance review procedures, all to be then approved by Consistory. The committee addresses issues which may arise with employees and conducts annual employee interviews.

The Hospitality Committee is intended to foster a welcoming climate within the church. They provide the snacks shared in the Gathering Place before and after Sunday worship. They support happenings in the church to bring people together with food and fellowship.



Hanover Area Council of Churches

The Hanover Area Council of Churches is in need of the following items for its programs. Items can be placed in the blue container located inside at the alley entrance. Thank you.

PROVIDE A LUNCH (PAL): cans of mixed vegetables, corn, green beans, peas, carrots, bags of potatoes, butter, sugar, salt, milk, snacks, scalloped potatoes, fruit cups, vegetable oil, olive oil, spray oil, tea bags or iced tea bags, grocery/shopping bags

CHANGING LIVES SHELTER: Hygiene and Toiletry Products (Shampoo, Conditioner, Soap, Body Wash), Clorox Wipes, Kitchen Trash Bags, Ziploc Bags (sandwich and gallon sizes)

PLEASE MARK FOR CHANGING LIVES SHELTER

MEALS-ON-WHEELS: Handkerchiefs, NO-rinse bathing wipes, bath gloves, NO-slip socks, journal books, puzzles - NO mini pieces - 300-500 pieces at most

DEACON'S FUND OFFERING

During the month of June, the Deacon's Fund offering will be received. Blue and white envelopes labeled Deacon's Fund will be available at the entrances near the offering plates during the month of June for anyone who may wish to donate.

This fund was established to help members of Grace who may be temporarily in financial need due to illness, layoff, accident, etc.

If a member is in need, he/she contacts the pastor who refers the need to the Deacon's Fund Committee. No names are mentioned. The members decide if assistance should be given. The aid is temporary and not ongoing. No funds go directly to individuals. For example, if the need is to help with an electric bill, Grace pays the electric bill through the Deacon's Fund. Thank you for considering donating to the Deacon's Fund.

RUTH'S HARVEST: Single serve fruit cups, Single serve cereals, Single serve granola bars.

Please label "Ruth's Harvest"

CLOTHING BANK: Children and Teen Clothing (all sizes), Men's jeans waist sizes 30-34,

Shoes/Sneakers (all sizes), Grocery/Shopping bags and/or reusable bags, white garbage bags - 13-gallon size

HACC is still in need of drivers and runners for their Meals-On-Wheels program. Even 1 or 2 days is a very big help! Interested volunteers can find the volunteer form at www.hanoverareacouncilofchurches.org, or you can email Martha Lobaugh at adminhacc@hanoverareacouncilofchurches.org



CURRENT CONSISTORY MEMBERS FOR 2024

President – Dave Fawks . . . 717-880-2256
Vice President – Vickie Arnold . . . 717-476-1492
Secretary – Craig Bixler . . . 717-632-5606
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Becky Boyer - . . . 717-632-1053
Fay Emlet - . . . 717-637-4027
Susan Dienes - . . . 717-870-1288
Joleen Fennell- . . . 717-633-7813
Glendon Ruhlman - . . . 717-632-7297
Jenn Weaver . . . 717-632-6127

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE 2024

Amy Fawks Christian Keller
Susan Dienes Becky Boyer Melissa Storm
Pam Kreitz Brad Arnold
Martha Channel Rev. Dr. Frederick Young

ALTER 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.

Thank you

GRACE UCC STAFF

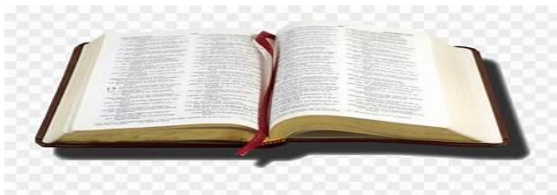
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STAFF SUMMER VACATION SCHEDULE

Pastor Fred Young - May 30 - June 5, June 6 - 9 and July 12 - July 17.

Karen Samuelson – June 21-29

Christian Keller – June 9 - 13



LECTIONARY FOR JUNE

June 2 – Deuteronomy 5:12-15 and Psalms 81:1-10; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6

June 9 – Genesis 3:8-15 and Psalms 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

June 16 – Ezekial 17:22-24 and Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 4:26-34

June 23 – Job 38:1-11 and Psalms 107: 1-3, 23-32, 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13, Mark 4:35-41

LECTIONARY FOR JULY

July 7 – Ezekial 2:1-5 and Psalms 123, Corinthians 12:2-10, Mark 6:1-13

July 14 – Amos 7:7-15, Psalms 85:8-13, Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 6:14-29

July 21 – Jeremiah 23: 1-6, Psalms 23, Ephesians 2:11-2, Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 28 - 2 Kings 4:42-44, Psalms 145:10-18, Ephesians 3:14-21, John 6:1-21

May 2024 Consistory Digest

There were 9 members present including Rev. Young and Amy Fawks. Len Bankert attended for Public Comment.

April 2024 Treasurer's Report:

General pledge April 2024: \$4,685.00 (4 Sundays)

General pledge April 2023: \$6,995.00 (4 Sundays)

YTD income: \$45,551.98

YTD expenses: \$76,504.26

YTD deficit: \$30,952.28

Checking account balances:

-- Operating Fund: \$36,163.04

-- Deacon Fund: \$14,503.23

--Education Fund: \$14,141.97

-- Memorial Fund: \$7,765.44

Brad Arnold and Rick Boyer reported they have been in contact with our three investment firms. They are in the process of updating the authorized users and access to these finance accounts. They hope to be able to provide a full report at the next Consistory meeting.

Deacon's Fund offerings will be collected during the month of June.

Amy Fawks reported she has begun courses through the PAM (Pennsylvania Academy of Ministry) program from Lancaster Seminary (soon to be Moravian University). This begins my journey to becoming ordained in the UCC.

Jenn Weaver was approved to join the 2024 Consistory to replace Dan Trimmer.

Vickie Arnold reported the first Personnel Committee meeting will be May 20 at 1 PM. The search is continuing for two volunteers from the congregation.

Susan Dienes reported the By-laws Committee is currently discussing Article IV. The next Committee meeting will be May 22 at 6 PM.

Worship and Music report:

- Crooners (Christian and Derek Reed) will sing June 23rd
- No meeting in May
- We will be having a summer series of worship June 30-September 1
- We are creating "lyric books" for the contemporary songs
- We will be posting advertisements in the "church briefs" and "community calendar" in the Gettysburg Times

Amy Fawks will be attending the Annual PCC Meeting (virtually).

Vickie Arnold reported she is thankful for the kind members who have contributed to the snacks in the Gathering Place, to those who keep the beverages flowing and to Amy for announcing on the screen.

Outreach reported, during the month of April, the congregation donated \$735.00 to One Great Hour of Sharing. These funds will be sent to the UCC for mission work.

Pastor's Advisements:

Rev. Fred Young May 2024

Our first Town Hall on April 14th **Revisiting our Covenant** – was extremely successful. I was pleased with the turnout from the congregation and the participation within the conversation. The Transition Team took the feedback from this Town Hall and discussed it and determined that **the next Town Hall Conversation will take place on June 23, 2024** with the topic surrounding Change. The format of having this discussion in the midst of worship will remain for this next gathering.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee has stepped up to take over after Grace's former Treasurer's resignation. Brad Arnold and Rick Boyer will serve as Co-Treasurers with Linda Bixler continuing as Assistant Treasurer and check signer for the near future. The committee will be meeting soon to decide how to re-invest some of our funds.

Pastoral Relations

The first Pastoral Relations Committee meeting will be on Monday, May 20th. The members of this newly created team are Becky Boyer, Charlie Fennell and Jenn Weaver. During the first meeting the team will review the best practices for a Pastoral Relations Committee as suggested in the UCC handbook, ***A Sure Foundation, Resources for the relationship between pastors and congregations.***

Other:

- I have been visiting our homebound members and offering communion to those wishing to receive on an on-going basis. I have temporarily asked Amy Fawks to assist with visitation until a Care Team is up and running.
- Karen, Grace's church secretary has been working above and beyond in learning how to navigate Church Windows' Financial programs and reports. She has been working with Trinity's Financial Secretary, Karen Lentz and will continue to do so until both feel she is ready to completely take over this responsibility. When you see Karen, please thank her.

The Consistory spent considerable time discussing how to update Fellowship Hall.

Rev. Young will be attending the Penn Central conference on the 2nd Sunday in June. Rev. Young and the Consistory decided to have the communion in June on the 4th Sunday.

Prepared by Craig Bixler 5/15/24

Below is information that was accidentally omitted from the April 15th minutes in the May's Days of Grace.

Prayer Line

Rev. Young will update the Prayer Line for now. The congregation will be asked for volunteers to help.

Visitation

Rev. Young will handle visitation for now. The congregation will be asked for volunteers to form a Visitation Team.

A letter will be written to the congregation by Dave Fawks to explain what happened that resulted in Carrol and Patti Miller's resignations.

Craig Bixler reported **the Grace Elders decided there will be no more listening to complaints from congregation members starting with "I heard" or "Someone said."** In the future, if name(s) are not given, the concern or complaint will not be addressed.

Prepared by Craig Bixler 4/15/24



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WELCOME EVERYONE!

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