



Days of Grace

JUNE 2026 EDITION

UPCOMING EVENTS

Happy Father's Day!

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

JUNE

3rd, 17th & 24th - Red Cross Blood Drive here at the Church
10th - Women's Ministry - ZOOM @ 7:30 PM
12th - Monthly Movie @ 3:00 PM
13th - Rain Date for Yard Sale 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
20th - PAL - Grace UCC Helpers @ 9:00 AM
21st - Recognition of 2026 Graduates
22nd - 26th - Vacation Bible School 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
24th - Women's Ministry - In Person @ 7:30 PM

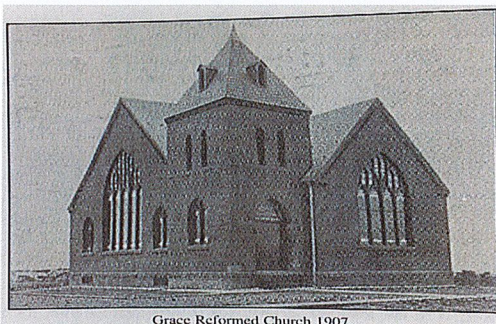
JULY

1st, 15th & 29th - Red Cross Blood Drive here at the Church
8th - Women's Ministry - ZOOM @ 7:30 PM
10th - Monthly Movie @ 3:00 PM
18th - PAL - Grace UCC Helpers @ 9:00 AM
22nd - 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,

I heard this quote once about parenting, but it is perfect for each of us in everyday life. "The days are long, but the years are short." As I sit in the early morning writing this letter for the June Days of Grace newsletter, I realized that I have been here, as your pastor, for an entire year already! I looked back through my journaling of where we've been and where we are now, and where we are headed in the future. We are on an exciting journey.



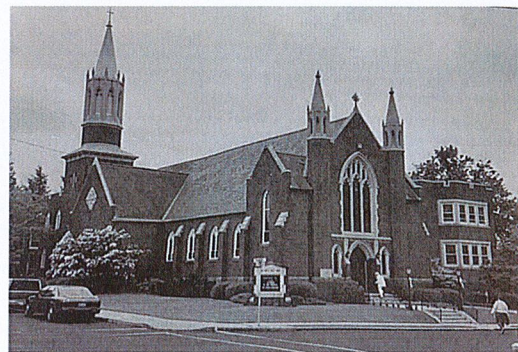
On July 10, 1906, Grace Reformed Church of Hanover was unanimously adopted and approved. There, the first 12 members present on Aug 12, 1906 voted to purchase the lot at the corner of Fourth and Franklin Streets for \$1600 and to negotiate a loan and execute a mortgage for the property. On October 11, 1906, Rev Mauger accepted the call to serve as the first pastor of Grace Reformed Church of Hanover with a beginning monthly salary of \$12.50. The first service was held on Easter Sunday, April 28, 1907.

Though the chapel wasn't quite ready, the Pastor and members cleared aside the construction materials to have temporary seating during this service. The sermon began using Psalm 40:8. "I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

In these 120 years, Grace has seen a lot. There have been seasons of growth and struggle, of joy and grief, and of change and renewal. Through it all, people continued to show up. They worshiped, prayed, served meals, taught children, sang hymns, and trusted God through it all. Long before us, there were faithful people who built this space with love, sacrifice, courage, and faith.

Now, it is our turn!

Over this past year together, I have watched Grace continue to live out that same spirit. I've seen compassion growing and blossoming as new friends are welcomed into the life of the church. I've seen laughter during fellowship and deep conversations during Bible study. Mostly, I've seen the generosity that flows so freely in the gifts that you each share. As we continue growing and moving forward, I know that God is still at work here at Grace. We have ministries to do, hope to share, and people to welcome and love. The world around us may change, but our call remains the same: Christ calls us to reach out with love and share God's Grace.

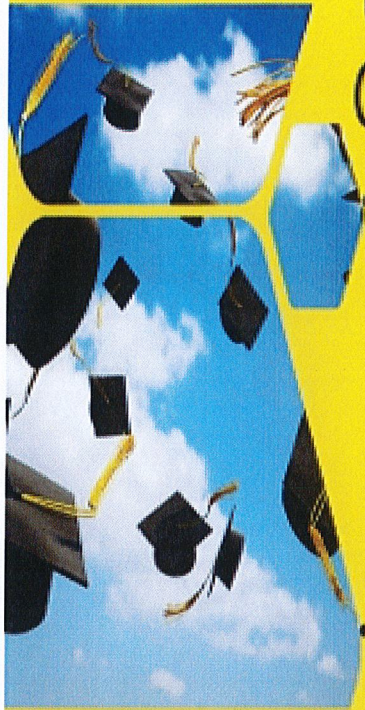


The days can feel long sometimes. Life can be heavy. But, when we look back, we see how God has been weaving these moments, these memories, and each of us into something beautiful. I am grateful for each of you and the specialness that you bring. I am excited to see where God is leading Grace in the days, months, and years ahead.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Amy





Calling All Graduates!

If you know of any Grace members or friends celebrating special graduations this spring, please contact the church office with details.

We will honor graduates on June 21st!

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

SATURDAY June 13th
9AM-1PM

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

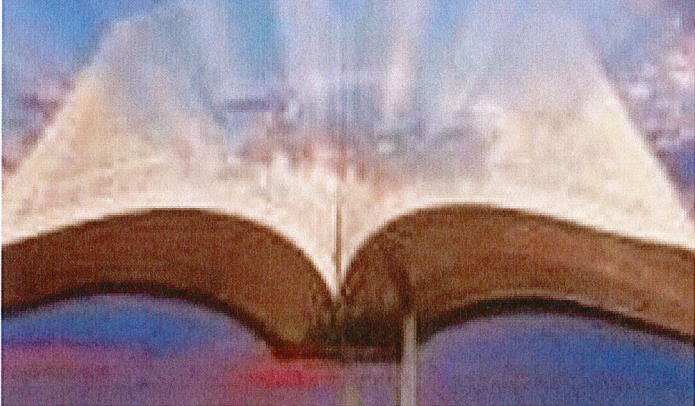
2 choices to pick from: Spots are \$20.00 each or you can donate gently used items to the church for them to sell for the church.

CONTACT ANGIE sgbus10674@gmail.com

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.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP AND MOVIE HAS BEEN PUT ON HOLD FOR THE SUMMER. WE WILL RESTART IN SEPTEMBER. ENJOY THE SUMMER AND WE WILL SEE YOU SOON.



JOIN US FOR A

MOVIE Afternoon!

POP CORN

JUNE 12TH | STARTS @ 3:00 PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

TAKE TIME. RELAX. ENJOY THE SHOW! ♥

GOOD MOVIES GREAT COMPANY MEMORABLE TIMES

Bring a friend and enjoy an uplifting movie afternoon!

Announcements



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



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.

JUNE FILM



This 2019 film is about a struggling songwriter who discovers he is the only one in the world who has heard of the Beatles after a mysterious blackout. The film will be shown Friday June 12th at 3 PM in Fellowship Hall. The film is rated **PG-13** and runs 1hr. 57mins. 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



Seeking a replacement for our Music Director is in progress. With guidance from Pastor Amy and with input from Personnel, Worship and Music, Choir Members, and Congregants, we have short- and long-term goals. Accompanists are being contacted to lead us musically this summer. A formal search for a Music Director/Organist or Pianist/Traditional & Contemporary Choir Director are being fine-tuned.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.



As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

This offering will be taken on Sunday July 5th.

CURRENT CONSISTORY MEMBERS - 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

GRACE UCC STAFF

Pastor - Amy Fawks . . . 717-698-6366
Organist/Dir. of Music -
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

2026 Committees & Teams

Administrative Committees (bold denotes chair)

- **Budget & Finance:** Brad Arnold, Richard Boyer, Linda Bixler, Pastor Amy Fawks, Chelsey Topper
- **Deacon's Fund:** Pastor Amy Fawks, Victoria Arnold, Craig Bixler, Rebecca Boyer, Fay Emlet
- **Education Fund:** Linda Bixler, Brad Arnold, Richard Boyer, Pastor Amy Fawks, Chelsey Topper
- **Memorial Fund:** Pastor Amy Fawks
- **Nominating:** Victoria Arnold, Pastor Amy Fawks, Jenn Weaver, Judy Rummel
- **Personnel:** Joleen Fennell, Angie Boyers, Fay Emlet, Pastor Amy Fawks, Pam Kreitz
- **By-laws & Policy:** Dormant in 2026

Trustees: Leonard Bankert, Craig Bixler, Pastor Amy Fawks, David Fawks, Mike Mummert, Chelsey Topper

Worship & Music Team

- **Worship & Music:** Christian Keller, Pastor Amy Fawks, Victoria Arnold, Martha Channell, Susan Dienes, Pam Kreitz
- **Hospitality:** Victoria Arnold, Pastor Amy Fawks, Angie Boyers, Anita Kincaid, Chelsey Topper
- **Head Usher:** Consistory
- **Altar Guild:** Susan Dienes, Rebecca Boyer, Pastor Amy Fawks, Joleen Fennell, Anita Kincaid, Chelsey Topper

Church Relations

- **HACC:** Craig Bixler, Linda Bixler
- **Conference Delegates:** Pastor Amy Fawks, Craig Bixler, Linda Bixler, Jenn Weaver, Chelsey Topper

Empowerment Team

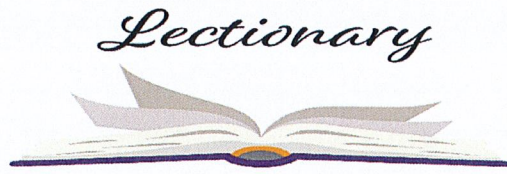
- **Visitation:** Pastor Amy Fawks, Craig Bixler, Linda Bixler
- **Pastoral Relations Team:** Pastor Amy Fawks, Rebecca Boyer, Charlie Fennell, Jenn Weaver
- **Stewardship:** Chelsey Topper, Pastor Amy Fawks

Faith Formation

- **David Fawks, Jenn Weaver,** Linda Bixler, Pastor Amy Fawks, Joleen Fennell, Anita Kincaid

Outreach Team

- **Craig Bixler,** Janette Becker, Linda Bixler, Rebecca Boyer, Angie Boyers, Pastor Amy Fawks, Joleen Fennell, Pam Kreitz, Chelsey Topper, Marsha Theisson



JUNE

June 7th - Genesis 12:1-9 & Psalm 33:1-12, Hosea 5:15-6:6 & Psalm 50:7-15,
Romans 4:13-25, Matthew 9:9-13, 18 – 26

June 14th - Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7) & Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19, Exodus 19:2-8a
& Psalm 100, Romans 5:1-8, Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

June 21st – Genesis 21:8-21, & Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17, Jeremiah 20:7-13 &
Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18, Romans 6:1b-11, Matthew 10:24-39

June 28th – Genesis 22:1-14 & Psalm 13, Jeremiah 28:5-9 & Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42

JULY

July 5th – Genesis 24:34-38, 42 -49, 58-67 & Psalm 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13,
Zechariah 9:9-12 & Psalm 145:8-14, Romans 7:15-25a, Matthew 11:16-19

July 12th – Genesis 25:19-34 & Psalm 119: 105-112, Isaiah 55:10-13 & Psalm 65: (1-8), 9-13
Romans 8:1-11 & Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19th – Genesis 28:10-19a & Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24, Isaiah 44:6-8 & Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26th - Genesis 29:15-28 & Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 119:129-136, 1 Kings 3:5-12 &
Psalm 119:129-136, Romans 8:26-39, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

May Consistory Digest

There were 10 members present including Pastor Amy Fawks, Brad Arnold, and Rick Boyer.

Treasurer's report:

General pledge April 2026: \$6,333.00

General pledge April 2025: \$6,155.00

YTD income: \$43,150.13

YTD expenses: \$79,745.99

YTD deficit: \$36,595.86

Checking account balances:

-- Operating Fund: \$31,414.57

-- Deacon Fund: \$18,684.65

-- Education Fund: \$11,067.93

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-- Memorial Fund: \$17,423.35

Rick reviewed the spreadsheet for investments for the month of March. Brad stated there are plenty of funds to spend approximately \$200,000 to paint the building interior and improve lighting. After some discussion, it was decided to assemble a committee to gather information regarding improvements to the interior of the building.

The Deacon's Fund offering in April was \$1,323.00

Judy Rummel has agreed to fill the position of congregation member on the Nominating Committee.

The Consistory regretfully accepted Christian Keller's letter of resignation.

WFX did the necessary repairs to the office alley entrance door. The door has been closing as it should. WFX was also at Grace in April to check the fire extinguishers and inspect the range fire suppression system.

Pastor Amy reported a "Five Pillars" confirmation program is being written for children in the 12 to 18 age range.

The church building for the Trinity UCC congregation in Dorseyville, PA was severely damaged by fire. It was decided to have a special offering for the Trinity UCC congregation on May 31st. The Strengthen the Church offering to be collected on May 24th will be moved to a later date in July.

Pastor Amy reported:

- 5th Sundays are Special: May 31st (Trinity Sunday) Ice Cream Sundae fellowship after worship in the Gathering Place.
- Bring a Friend in May
- I have 3 courses left: 2 in June, and 1 in September.
- Annual Meeting: June 5-7 at Millersville University. Thank you to Chelsey and Jenn for attending as lay delegates.
- Karen will be taking her vacation days June 22-June 25

Vickie reported:

- The Worship and Music Committee would like some olds pianos removed from Grace. Two proposals were presented. Some more research will be done.
- Kay Sprig was contacted regarding her furniture and bicycle in the storage shed. She does not want the items. We may be able to sell her items at the May 23rd yard sale and then send her the proceeds.

Old Business: The Consistory determined a committee should be formed to investigate Grace's lighting and painting needs. Chelsey Topper is currently researching light design and paint companies.

New Business:

- The Director of Music at Grace is a salaried position. A search committee should be formed to look for a new Director of Music.
- Several people will be contacted to play the piano and sing throughout the summer.

Prepared by Craig Bixler 5/16/26

Gettysburg Association Spring Meeting – April 19, 2026

Representatives from seventeen out of eighteen congregations in the Gettysburg Association met for the annual spring meeting held at Zwingli UCC in East Berlin.

Charlotte Pinette, Association President, called the meeting to order followed by opening worship lead by Pastor Patti Miller.

The 2026-2027 Budget showing \$4,850.00 total expected income and \$4,850.00 total expected expenses was approved. The association currently has \$8,604.62 in checking and \$31,934.12 invested with Cornerstone Fund.

Rev. Dr. Frederick Young presented a report from the Committee on Ministry.

Rev. David Ackerman, Keystone Conference Region 3 Transitional Conference Minister, spoke about upcoming events in the conference and General Synod. He urged members to receive *Keystone Connections*, the electronic e-newsletter sent out twice weekly. To receive the newsletter go to the conference website, keystoneucc.org, open the screen and click the gold box labeled “Sign up for weekly mailing.”

The nominations for 2026 election slate for the association positions were presented for approval.

Officers:

President: Charlotte Pinette

Vice President/Nominations: Pastor Amy Fawks

Secretary: Rev. Scott Sager

Treasurer: Linda Bixler

Gettysburg Association Committee on Ministry:

Rev. Peter Kuhn

Rev. Dr. Martha Boyer

Rev. Dr. Frederick Young

Ashlee Hawkins (layperson)

Sue Fuhrman (layperson)

Carl Alden (layperson)

Linda Brown (layperson)

A 2026-2029 1st term remains open

Keystone Conference Commissions and Committees Transitional Board of Director:

Rev. Heather Kurtz

After approval of all of the above nominees, Rev. David Ackerman installed all of the volunteers into their positions.

The meeting ended with a closing prayer.

Prepared by Craig and Linda Bixler, Grace Representatives

FATHER'S DAY

WORD SEARCH

N A S E M A E H T D A W L E T
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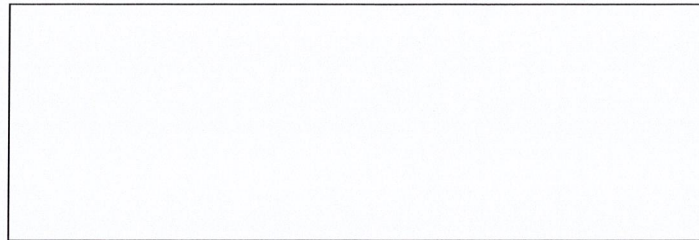
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