



# Days of Grace

June 2025 Edition

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### JUNE

**4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>** - Monthly Red Cross Blood Drive here at the Church

**13<sup>th</sup>** - Monthly Movie @ 3:00 pm

**21<sup>st</sup>** - Provide-A-Lunch (PAL)

**26<sup>th</sup>** - Summer Skills Swap @ 3:00 pm

### JULY

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>** - Monthly Red Cross Blood Drive here at the Church

**8<sup>th</sup>** - Congregational Meeting

**11<sup>th</sup>** - Monthly Movie @ 3:00 pm

**19<sup>th</sup>** - Provide-A-Lunch (PAL)

*Please Join Us*

*Please join us Sunday  
June 8 for a congrega-  
tional meeting after  
the service to vote on the  
calling of Pastor Amy  
Fawks as our full-time  
pastor.*



Hello!

As the seasons change and we move into the summer months, I am excited and humbled to share this time with you—with worship, faith, and fellowship.

For some of you, summer brings a slower pace, moments of calm, an abundance of sunshine, and cups of coffee with friends or just the birds in the yard. For others, summer represents a time of freedom and renewed energy — a chance to explore, vacation, and soak in the summer weather with no apparent bedtimes.

No matter how you choose to spend these summer months, know that God is at work all around you. God is with you in the quiet of the morning and in the excitement of your adventures. It only takes making intentional time to see God amid the day. Take some time this month to really look around — what do you see in the beauty of the summer that shows that God is at work? How can you hear what God is calling you to do? Find time to just be in the present and listen to the still-speaking voice.

I am looking forward to continuing in worship and ministry with each of you.

Romans 15:13 (NRSVUE)

13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**With gratitude and joy,**

**Pastor Amy**



### **CO CO CHATTER**

**Who:** Any members or friends of Grace

**When:** 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month 11:00 – 12:00

**Why:** To share thoughts, ideas, suggestions etc. with church leadership

**Where:** Gathering Place

### **SKILL SWAP**

Summer skills swap. We have designed monthly skill swaps for multi generations this summer. Our first skills swap will be held Thursday June 26 @ 3pm. We will be sharing with each other the games of our childhood. Please join us for games that will range from marbles to gaming systems. We will end our session with a group meal. If you still have your favorite game, bring it along, or just bring your memories of what you played. Listen to others, share what they played and try out something new.

### **Gettysburg Association Meeting Spring Meeting**

The meeting was held May 4<sup>th</sup> at Trinty UCC, Cashtown, PA. Opening worship was led by Pastor Amy Fawks.

Rev. Dr. Carrie Call from the Penn Central Conference gave the Conference Executive Report. She spoke about the challenge of Search and Call due to an enormous, ordained minister shortage. The Conference is fortunate if it receives 2 or 3 pastoral profiles per month. She also stated that if the Keystone Conference is approved during the July UCC General Synod, there will be 3 regions in Pennsylvania, with the Gettysburg Association in the western region. There will be a final celebratory service as PCC November 15<sup>th</sup> in Harrisburg. Any donations to the Conference will be made payable to the Keystone Conference beginning in 2026.

The following officers for the Gettysburg Association were elected for 2025: Charlotte Pinette, President; Pastor Amy Fawks, Vice President/Nominations; Rev. Sterling Fritz, Secretary; Rev. Susan Fritz, Treasurer.

The Association Committee on Ministry was elected with Grace's Sue Fuhrman elected as a member.

The proposed 2025-2026 Association Budget showing Total Income \$15,568.00; Total Expenses \$17,075.00 and Total Income/Loss \$(1,507.00) was passed. Though the budget shows \$1,507 loss, the Association still remains in good financial condition with over \$50,000 in checking and CD investments. An extra expense of \$10,000 for OCWM was added to this budget.

It was announced Rev. Dr. Frederick Young received the 2025 Meck Award at the Lancaster Theological Seminary Alumni Day. The Meck Award honors the memory of Allan S. Meck, president of the Seminary from 1947-57. It is presented for distinguished service in the practice of pastoral ministry.

### **Craig & Linda Bixler Delegates**

### **DEACONS FUND CONTRIBUTIONS**

The congregation donated \$1344 to the Deacon's Fund in April.

# Announcements



## 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

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 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).



## JUNE FILM

This 2016 throwback to Hollywood musicals is about an actress and jazz musician pursuing their Hollywood dreams. The film will be shown Friday June 13th at 3 PM in Fellowship Hall. The film runs 128 minutes and is rated **PG-13**. Snacks provided. Doors locked at 3:15.



## PROVIDE A LUNCH (PAL) COORDINATOR FOR GRACE

Members of Grace have been preparing the PAL meals every 3rd Saturday for over 40 years. Grace will need a new PAL coordinator by the end of 2025. The coordinator contacts the Hanover Area Council of Churches PAL Manager, currently Sharon Shreve, to plan menus. The Grace PAL coordinator also contacts volunteers to prepare the meals. Volunteers do not have to be members of Grace. Currently 5 people are needed every 3rd Saturday from about 9 AM to 1 PM. Please see Craig Bixler for detail



## SHARING CORNER

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



## PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Personnel Committee is making steady progress with our Grace UCC Employee Handbook. We are also tweaking our Staff Job Descriptions to keep them current. The Committee meets monthly at 3:45 in the Gathering Place with our dates chosen to coordinate with everyone's schedules. For more information, please contact Vickie Arnold, Pam Kreitz, Fay Emlet, or Joleen Fennell.



## HOMEWOOD AT PLUM CREEK

Homewood at Plum Creek Auxiliary will be hosting a Tea this year. Tea proceeds will be used to purchase items for the care and activities of residents in the health care units.

**Theme:** "It's Tea Time Again" **Date:** Wednesday, July 23, 2025 **Time:** 12:30 PM **Price:** \$30.00

**Place:** Windows Dining Room, Community Center at Homewood at Plum Creek, Hanover

Please contact Linda Bixler 717-632-5606 by May 31 to reserve a spot or for more information



#### **CURRENT CONSISTORY MEMBERS FOR 2025**

**Co - President** – Vickie Arnold . . . 717-476-1492  
**Co – President** – Jenn Weaver ... 77-451-9703  
**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 ... 717-632-1053  
**Asst. Treasurer** – Chelsey Topper ... 717-640-1092  
**Becky Boyer** . . . 717-632-1053  
**Susan Dienes** - . . . 717-870-1288  
**Glendon Ruhlman** - . . . 717-632-7297

#### **GRACE UCC STAFF**

**Pastor** - Amy Fawks . . . 717-698-6366  
**Organist/Dir. of Music** - Christian Keller 717-356-1029  
**Admin Assistant/Bookkeeper-**  
Karen Samuelson . . . 717-688-9891

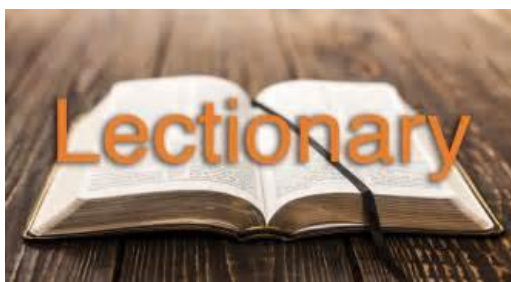
**Sexton** – Dave Fawks . . . 717-880-2256  
**Office Phone Number** . . . 717-632-1146  
**Prayer Line and Bible Moment** . . . 717-346-1703

#### **WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE 2024**

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| Pastor Amy Fawks | Christian Keller |
| Susan Dienes     | Becky Boyer      |
| Pam Kreitz       | Brad Arnold      |
| Martha Channel   |                  |

#### **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.  
**Thank you**



#### **JUNE**

**June 1<sup>st</sup>** – Acts 16:16-34, Psalm 97, Revelations 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21, John 17:20-26  
**June 8<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 9:14-17 or Acs 2:1-21, John 14:8-17 (25-27)  
**June 15<sup>th</sup>** – Proverbs8:1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8, Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15  
**June 22<sup>nd</sup>** – 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a & Psalm 42 & 43 or Isaiah 65:1-9 & Psalm 22:19-28, Galatians 3:23-29, Luke 8:26-39  
**June 29<sup>th</sup>** – 2Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 & Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 or 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 & Psalm 16, Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 10:1-11, 16-2

#### **JULY**

**July 6<sup>th</sup>** - 2 Kings 5:1-4 & Psalm 30, Isaiah 66:10-14, Galatians 6: (1-6), 7-16, Luke 10:1-11, 16-20  
**July 13<sup>th</sup>** – Amos 7:7-17 & Psalm 82, Deuteronomy 30:9-14, & Psalm 25:1-10, Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37  
**July 20<sup>th</sup>** – Amos 8:1-12, & Psalm 52, Genisis 18:1-10a & Psalm 15, Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10: 38-42  
**July 27** – Hosea 1:2-10 & Psalm 85 or Genisis 18:20-32 & Psalm 138, Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19), Luke 11:1-13

## May Consistory Digest

There were 11 members present including: Rev. Young, Associate Pastor Amy Fawks, and Brad Arnold.

### Treasurer's report

General pledge April 2025: \$6,155.00

General pledge April 2024: \$4,685.00

YTD income: \$74,411.55

YTD expenses: \$80,075.05

YTD deficit: \$5,663.50

### Checking account balances:

-- Operating Fund: \$26,310.55

-- Deacon Fund: \$17,069.95

-- Education Fund: \$11,406.82

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-- Memorial Fund: \$12,946.72

Brad Arnold reported Grace's finances are good for the month, but still spending from investments. Expenses for the year are about as expected.

\$1344.00 was collected for the Deacon's Fund during the month of April.

Susan Dienes and Glenn Ruhlman presented updated Grace By-laws and policies during the April Consistory meeting. After some discussion and a few changes to the By-laws, the Consistory voted to accept the revised By-laws and policies. Susan and Glenn were thanked for their work on updating the documents. It was decided the congregation vote on the documents will be Sunday June 8, 2025. Copies of the documents will be made available for the congregation to review.

Christian Keller reported Richard Betlyon quoted \$980 for the piano dolly. The Consistory approved the expenditure. Pending its approval, we will hire Haines Piano Movers to assemble and install it.

### Jenn Weaver reported for the Transition Committee:

The Transition Team met on Monday May 5, 2025, to discuss the next steps in moving forward with the future leadership of Grace.

Committee members present were: Brad Arnold, Vickie Arnold, Becky Boyer, Rick Boyer, Susan Dienes, Holly Smith

Committee Members absent were: Pam Kreitz, Rev. Young

Visitors to the meeting were: Associate Pastor Amy Fawks, Jenn Weaver

The committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion made by Brad Arnold.

*Motion – Brad Arnold moved to have Grace UCC call Pastor Amy Fawks to be the full time Pastor at Grace UCC. Richard Boyer seconded the motion.*

The committee would like to bring this motion as new business for the Consistory to vote on at the May 12, 2025 meeting. The formal consideration should be as follows:

It is the recommendation of this Transition Committee that Grace UCC in Hanover PA call Pastor Amy Fawks to be our full-time pastor. We recognize the Gettysburg Association's granting of Lay Ministerial Standing to allow her to practice Rites and Sacraments. We appreciate her years of service to our church during times of hardships and seasons of joy and look forward to the direction she can lead us moving forward.

The following motion was made during the Consistory meeting, with the vote being unanimous. *A motion was made by Anita Kincaid, with 2<sup>nd</sup> by, Chelsey Topper, to call Associate Pastor Amy Fawks to be the Grace UCC full-time pastor, and refer the recommendation to the Grace congregation for approval, M/C.*

After some discussion, it was decided to hold the congregation vote on Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup>. The announcements will begin Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup>, along with advertising on the Grace website and Sunday bulletins. A letter will be sent to the congregation.

**Associate Pastor Amy reported:**

**CONNECTIONS:**

- Made 12 phone calls to congregation members to check in
- Made 3 visits.
- Attended viewing
- Attended 1st communion of a member at St Joseph's (they attend both churches)
- Visits with family on the passing of Mildred Hershey
- Officiated the funeral for Mildred Hershey

**MEETINGS**

- Attended the following meetings:
  - weekly meetings with Pastor Fred
  - April in-person staff meeting
  - May transition meeting
  - April Pastoral Relations meeting
  - April Worship and Music meeting
  - April Board of Ed (newly named Faith Formation)
  - Joint VBS planning meeting with members from Trinity Hanover and Emmanuel
  - Gettysburg Association meeting on 5/4/2025
- Correspondence with various groups and congregation members

**WORSHIP:**

- Led 4 services (April 20, May 4, May 11 [2 services at Trinity UCC Gettysburg])
- Assisted with 4 services (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Sunrise service, April 30)

**CONTINUING EDUCATION**

- Continue to meet monthly with another Member in Discernment.
- I am working on my 7th PAM course. It is Navigating Congregational Conflict and Crisis. It will end on June 5th.
- I continue to have conversations with my Advisor, Rev. Heather Kurtz
- I continue to meet with my discernment team here at Grace.
- I received my first review of my portfolio as a member in discernment. The feedback was very positive. They remarked about the growth they've seen.
- **I have been awarded the Brown Endowment which will cover my next year's schooling and also books.**
- I was nominated and voted in as the vice president of the Gettysburg Association for a two-year term.
- Advertising for vacation Bible School has started. It will be held at Trinity UCC, Hanover, June 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, from 9 to 11:30 AM. Emmanuel UCC, Trinity UCC, and Grac UCC will be participating this year.
- Will be attending the Penn Central Conference June 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> in Harrisburg.



**AV/IT UPDATES:**

- Christian and I will be meeting the week of May 12th to fix some issues with the microphones and the organ and piano for live streaming.

**Rev. Young reported:**

- The Transition Committee has voted upon and will be presenting a motion to Consistory during the May 2025 meeting to elect Pastor Amy Fawks as Grace UCC's next settled pastor.
- **I am truly grateful for the work and accomplishments that the members of Grace have made over the past 15 months!**
- Upon Consistory approval, the next step will be to have a congregational vote for Associate Pastor, Amy Fawks to become the Pastor of Grace United Church of Christ.

**Vickie Arnold and Jenn Weaver reported:**

- Our skills swap for the summer program is slowly coming together. We are going to hold 3 swaps.
  - ❖ **June - Game Day.** We will share knowledge of favorite games from many generations and times ranging from marbles to gaming systems. We will end with a shared meal. **The Game Day will be held Thursday June 26<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM.**
  - ❖ **July - Cooking in the kitchen and scrolling on your phone.** We will have our best cooks share how to make a special dish and dessert. In between our tasks in the kitchen others will share will how to navigate a cell phone and which apps are best to use. All will enjoy the meal we prepare together.
  - ❖ **August - Artful share.** We plan to have folks share traditional arts such as woodworking, sewing, painting, drawing or any non-electronic talent. We will then have others share how to use technology to capture pictures of what we create and how to share that with the community.
- All committee chairs are asked to please mark the dates on the calendars in the church office if you are planning on being away from Grace Church.
- **Sunday morning snacks in the Gathering Place will be suspended for the summer. Coffee and hot water will still be available.** The snacks will resume in September.

**Prepared by Craig Bixler 5/16/25**





**DIRECTIONS:** Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.



ALEXANDRITE

BARBECUE

D-DAY

DIPLOMA

FATHER'S DAY

FLAG DAY

GARDEN

GEMINI

GRADUATION

HONEYSUCKLE

JUNE

JUNETEENTH

LEMONADE

LONGEST DAY

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