



# Days of Grace

October 2024 Edition



*Thank you*

Thank you to all of our Volunteers for the Car Show. It was a beautiful day, and we had a great turn out.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OCTOBER

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>** - Monthly Red Cross Blood Drive here at Church

- 1<sup>st</sup>** - Bible Study Group @ 10:00 am
- 11<sup>th</sup>** - Monthly Movie @ 3 pm
- 13<sup>th</sup>** - Harvest Home, Pantry Collection
- 15<sup>th</sup>** - Bible Study Group Movie @ 1 pm
- 19<sup>th</sup>** - Provide-A-Lunch (PAL)
- 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Grace Trick or Treat 6 pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Bible Study Group Movie @ 1pm

### NOVEMBER

**6<sup>TH</sup> & 20<sup>TH</sup>** - Monthly Red Cross Blood Drive here at Church

- 8<sup>th</sup>** - Monthly Movie @ 3 pm
- 27<sup>th</sup>** - Bible Study Group Movie @ 1 pm



## A letter from the Pastor...

It has been a few weeks since our last town hall conversation and I have had some time to reflect on what was discussed; hopefully, you have too. After reviewing the inner workings of the transition/interim journey, we opened the floor for comments shared on our hopes and dreams clothesline. Some shared their hopes for Grace while others listed concerns. Both were addressed. What I believe we discovered during this time of open sharing was that we all have hopes for Grace and the future of this church.

Personal expectations during these town halls are never fully expressed or understood, but such sharing leads to a deeper view of what needs to happen next on the journey of change and calling. A concern that appeared on several pieces of laundry expressed the desire to move on and select a new pastor for Grace. I have shared on many occasions that there is a very real pastor shortage happening throughout mainline churches. Congregations in transition have been asked to be creative in their search for a new pastor. The yoking of Trinity and Grace is an example of such innovation.

Congregations have begun seeking leadership from within to fill the pulpit, identifying lay members who demonstrate pastoral skills. It should not come as a surprise that Amy and I have been talking about her gifts for ministry since my arrival. Amy is now a Member in Discernment within the Gettysburg Association and with her Pennsylvania Academy of Ministry classes, she is on a similar ordination path that you all supported me through over 20 years ago. You might recall I too worked here at Grace as a seminarian with our youth and Sunday school as well as visiting our homebound. I truly appreciated the support and experiences I enjoyed here at Grace.

Now, Grace has another opportunity to nurture the call of one of your members. Amy Fawks has already been providing pastoral leadership over the past year of transition. However, her leadership stems back ten years before when she became our Director of Modern Worship. Amy has been a servant of Christ and a servant of Grace and now wishes to expand this servanthood through the process of ordination. I cannot tell you how excited I am to be the pastor who is encouraging and supporting Amy as Bruce and Rita Bouchard supported me.

I am asking that Grace embrace Amy the way you championed me, Erin Snell, Scott Sager, Jeffery Stonesifer and Theron Snyder. The call is personal and public. First you need to accept that God is calling you to something other in your life; then you require the nurturing and support of others along the journey. Amy has heard the call! **May Grace celebrate its 6<sup>th</sup> child of the church.**

*If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. **1 Corinthians 13:1-3***

**With Love,  
Pastor Fred**

## **Kleinginna Education Fund**

The Grace Church Kleinginna Educational Fund was established on May 8, 1983 to honor Rev. John A. Kleinginna, Pastor Emeritus of Grace UCC on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination into ministry. The funds are to be used for the education of a student in the area of Christian education with first priority given to ministerial students. The funds would not be limited to any specific use and could be used by the student to further his/her education in ways deemed necessary.

The fund has been used to fund the ministerial education of Scott Sager, Erin Snell, Fred Young, and Bruce Bouchard.

Money for this fund was received from donations in honor of Rev. Kleinginna, special offering envelopes, and fundraisers. No offering envelopes have been used in the past several years since there was not a need for the funds.

The Kleinginna Education Fund has 2 separate accounts and is not part of the general fund. It is divided into an investment account and an educational fund checking account. Currently the checking account has \$13,444.67 and the investment account has \$28,100.72.

Amy Fawks has begun her journey to become an ordained minister. She has been approved as a Member in Discernment with the Gettysburg Association of the Penn Central Association of the United Church of Christ. Her advisor is Rev. Ken Peterkin who is pastor at Emmanuel UCC in Hanover. Amy's great-great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wisensale, were charter members of Grace when it was established in 1906.

Amy is presently taking the courses required toward ordained ministry. She has completed 2 of the 18 courses needed and is presently working on her third course. Each course costs \$350. Amy will be using some of the Kleinginna Education Fund towards the cost of her course work.

**Prepared by: Linda Bixler**



# 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.

## Lectors



## 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](mailto:pastoryoung.tuccgburg@gmail.com). Requests will be added to the weekly bulletin if received by Thursday night.



## OCTOBER FILM

There will be no film in October due to floor replacement in Fellowship Hall. Films return in November.



## THE IRRESISTIBLE REVOLUTION LIVING AS AN ORDINARY RADICAL

This is the name of a book written by Shane Claiborne. This is the next book the Thursday Evening Book Group will discuss. It is about a group of college students who answer Jesus's call to follow him. We will begin meeting again in September, on Thursdays at 6:30 PM. For more information contact Craig Bixler.



## TRICK OR TREAT

Grace will participate in Hanover Borough's October 22 Trick or Treat Night. The Outreach Committee is looking for donations of candy and water bottles. If you would like to donate, please look for a donation box in hall near the elevator on the sanctuary level. Thank you for your consideration.

## 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.



## CROP WALK

The Hanover Area Council of Churches will be sponsoring the Crop Walk this year. The event will be held on October 13, 2024, with registration beginning at 1:00 PM at St. Paul's (Dubs) Union Church Annex. There will be 1, 2, or 3 mile walk routes at Codorus State Park.



## DEACON'S FUND

Another Deacon's Fund offering will take place during the month of November.

## GRACE CAR SHOW

There were 30 cars at Grace for the September 14 car show. \$765.00 was collected from the event. These funds will be divided evenly between New Hope Ministries and the YWCA Women's Shelter. We also collected socks for the HACC Changing Lives Shelter.





# Hanover Area Council of Churches

The Hanover Area Council of Churches needs 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

**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](http://www.hanoverareacouncilofchurches.org), or you can email Martha Lobaugh at [adminhacc@hanoverareacouncilofchurches.org](mailto: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

**Asst. Secretary** - . . .

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

## GRACE UCC STAFF

**Rev. Dr. Frederick Young** - . . . 717-253-2214

**IT/AV Technician/Worship Leader** - Amy Fawks - . . . 717-698-6366

**Organist/Director of Music** – Christian Keller . . . 717-356-1029

**Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper**- Karen Samuelson. . 717-688-9891

**Sexton** – Dave Fawks . . . 717-880-2256

**Office Phone Number** . . . 717-632-1146

**Prayer Line and Bible Moment** . . 717-634-8865

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE 2024

Amy Fawks Christian Keller

Susan Dienes Becky Boyer Melissa Storm

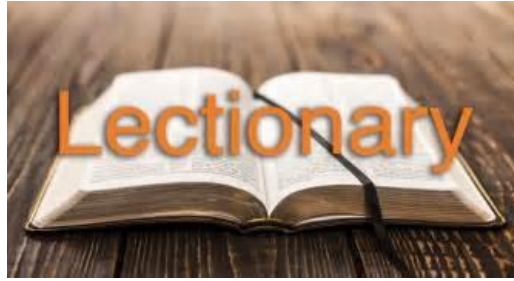
Pam Kreitz Brad Arnold

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**



## OCTOBER

**October 6<sup>th</sup>** Job 1:1, 2:1-10, Psalm 26 or Genesis 2:18-24, Psalm 8, Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16

**October 13<sup>th</sup>** Job 23:1-9, 16-17, Psalm 22:1-15, Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Psalm 90:12-17, Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-31

**October 20<sup>th</sup>** Job 38:1-7, (34-41), Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c, Isaiha 53:4-12, Psalm 91:9-16, Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45

**October 27<sup>th</sup>** Job 42:1-6, 10-17, Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22), Jeremiah 31:7-9, Psalm 126, Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 10:46-52

## NOVEMBER

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>** Ruth 1:1-18, Psalm 146, Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Psalm 119:1-8, Hebrews 9:11-14, Mark 12:28-34

**November 10<sup>th</sup>** Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17, Psalm 127, 1 Kings 17:8-16, Psalm 146, Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44

**November 17<sup>th</sup>** 1 Samuel 1:4-20, 1 Samuel 2:1-10 Daniel 12:1-3, Psalm 16, Hebrews 10:11-14, Mark 13:1-8

**November 24<sup>th</sup>** 2 Samuel 23:1-7, Psalm 132:1-12, Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Psalm 93, Revelations 1:4b-8, John 18:33-37

## September 2024 Consistory Digest

There were 11 members present including Rev. Young and Amy Fawks.

### Treasurer's Report:

General pledge August 2024: \$ 5,487.20

General pledge August 2023: \$8,233

YTD income: \$113,138.02

YTD expenses: \$145,966.56

YTD deficit: \$32,828.54

### Checking account balances:

-- Operating Fund: \$22,802.23

-- Deacon Fund: \$15,298.23

-- Education Fund: \$13,444.67

-- Memorial Fund: \$12,765.44

A collection for the Deacon's Fund will be advertised for the month of November.

Vickie Arnold reported there will be two openings for the 2025 Consistory. David Fawks will be completing his second 3-year term. Fay Emler will be completing her first 3-year term and opting not to return. Several congregation members were mentioned for consideration as replacements

The Personnel Committee updated the Sexton Job Description. After some discussion, the job description was approved as presented.

### Dave Fawks reported:

The ceiling tiles for Fellowship Hall have been purchased and are currently being installed.

The security lights in the building have had batteries replaced and are now working.

Bill Trump was at Grace with the asbestos abatement company to review the tile floor replacement job in Fellowship Hall. Dave will contact Bill Trump to see if the floor in Fellowship Hall can be replaced in October before the potential November 9 Gettysburg Association pot luck event.

**Amy Fawks** reported for the worship & Music committee:

We discussed ways to make Grace more welcoming to visitors.

Harvest Home will be October 13th and we will celebrate World Wide Communion on that date.

All Saint's Sunday will be November 3rd.

**Outreach Committee:** The Christmas Eve offering will go to Hoffman Homes. Approval was given for Grace to participate in Hanover Borough's October 22 Trick or Treat Night.

### Rev. Young reported:

The Transition Team will meet on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Town Hall and to plan our next congregational gathering.

### Transition Team Members:

Rick and Becky Boyer

Brad and Vickie Arnold

David Fawks

Susan Dienes

Pam Kreitz

Holly Smith

The team meets again on September 16, 2024 at 6PM

**Pastoral Relations** team met again on September 4, 2024 and will continue to meet once a month for the duration of the transition period. Members of this team: Becky Boyer, Jen Weaver and Charlie Fennell.

**The Spiritual Council** and the **Pastoral Relations team** met on August 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss Consistory's letter to Patti Miller. We determined that since an email was sent by Patti to only a few folks at Grace on May 1, 2024, the content of that email made it a moot point to send Patti another letter.

**Other:**

- Visitation Training will begin in September and will run for 5 weeks.
- Dave and I have talked about a possible Property Committee.
- I have visited each member on our homebound list this summer that welcomes visitors.
- Amy Fawks is now an official Member in Discernment within the Gettysburg Association. She is seeking ordination within the United Church of Christ. The small Committee that has been asked to work with Amy had their first meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **It has become apparent that open and honest communication needs to be continually addressed here at Grace. The habit of having a few folks knowing what is happening has not worked in the past and will continue to not work in the future. Who is in and Who is out at Grace?**

**Rev Young reported during the meeting:**

Any time a Consistory member receives an email or hears about anything that could be harmful to the congregation; it must be made known immediately.

Len Bankert has agreed to serve on the Property Committee.

I will be away for a retreat the second week in October. I will not miss the Sunday. I will be away visiting the last week in October. There will most likely be a video sermon October 27.

Under *New Business* there was discussion centered on Amy Fawks being considered as an Associate Pastor at Grace. There was some concern that the congregation needs more information regarding Amy's training and courses for this position. There was also concern about the recent comments hung on the clothe line.

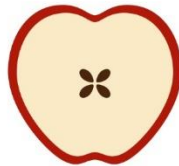
*Moving forward:* Rev. Young will write a letter to the congregation mentioning an Associate Pastor can be ordained or not ordained. It will also explain some of the requirements Amy has met and some of her current courses as she pursues becoming an ordained minister. The Consistory will vote on Amy's title at the October Consistory meeting. The Consistory decision will be sent to the congregation for a vote no later than mid-November.

Prepared by Craig Bixler 9/12/24



# Apple Picking Word Search

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