

# Grace Devotion

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**Week of June 22, 2025**

*“I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”* Isaiah 43:19  
(NRSVUE)

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This Sunday we honor all of the graduates—the preschool graduates, the high school and college graduates, and those who have achieved graduations beyond the traditional. Graduation and moving onto the next big thing can be exhilarating and frightening. It feels as though you are standing on a precipice, unsure of where to step. Changes in our lives can be a scary time. We become comfortable in the familiar. We become content in the safety and security we’ve created. Starting something new, whether moving to a new location or a change in health, can leave us with fears we can’t put into words.

But the good news is that we are never alone through any of these changes. God is making things new for each one of us—making a way that we can’t see or understand in the moment. So as our graduates move into a new season of their lives and we each continue in our own season of life, we know that we are not alone. God can see the big picture of our lives and is preparing each of us to continue that walk.

**Prayer:** Ever-present God, we know that change is inevitable in this life, but it doesn’t mean that change isn’t scary. Be with each of us as we meet the challenge of change in our lives, confident that we never face our struggles alone. Keep each of us in your ever-loving and ever-present arms, Amen

With Grace and Love,

Pastor Amy

**June 22, 2025**  
**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

Welcome/Announcements  
Westminster Chimes  
Prelude

**\*\*Song: “My Lighthouse”**

**#42**

**\*\* Call to Worship**

Lector: We come together today, open and listening for  
Your voice in the noise of the world.

**Congregation (*singing*): “In This Quiet  
Moment” #592**

**\*\* Opening Prayer: (pray silently or aloud)**

**Healing God, we each come with our own worries and  
anxieties about our lives and the world around us.  
Open our hearts to the emotional and spiritual  
transformations You offer each and every day. In**

**Jesus’ name, Amen**

Honoring the Graduates

- Cobie Caler from Shippensburg University
- Nathan Knopp from Hanover High School
- Ayden Oliver from Hanover High School
- Blake Topper from 8<sup>th</sup> grade going to York County  
School of Technology

Joys and Concerns

Praying for Others/Lord’s Prayer

**\*\* Hymn: “Come, Christians, Join and Sing”**

**#108**

**\*\* Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Prayer of Confession

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Grace

Hymn: “In Christ There is No East or West”

**#285**

Celebration of Our Gifts

**\*\* Offertory Response: Doxology**

**#625**

**\*\* Prayer of Dedication**

Scripture Readings:

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a

Luke 8:26-39

Time for the Young at Heart

Message: “Despair to Deliverance”

**\*\*Song: “Soul on Fire”**

**#4**

**\*\* Final Blessing**

**\*\* “A Choral Benediction”**

Postlude

**\*On the screen      \*\* Please stand, if you are able.**

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## Announcements

- The week of June 20 – 28<sup>th</sup>, our Secretary, Karen Samuelson will be on vacation. Pastor Amy will be here to answer the calls during that week.
- Any questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding the By-Laws need to be in Susan Dienes' mailbox by the end of July.

## Upcoming Events

- Summer skills swap. We have designed monthly skill swaps for multi generations this summer. Our first skills swap will be held on Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 pm. 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.

## Financial Information

General pledge for June 2025: \$4,629.00

*General pledge for June 2024: \$4,915.00*

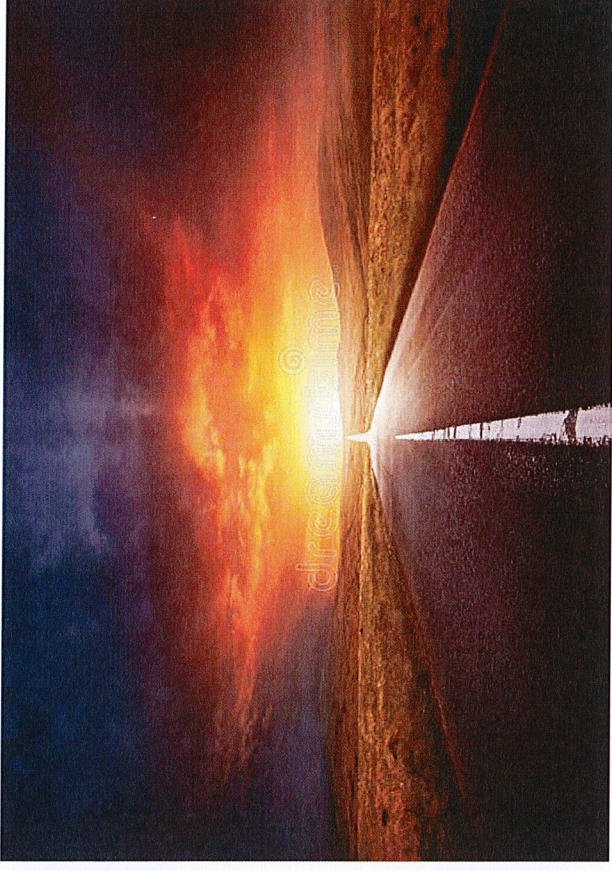
YTD income: \$74,902.02

YTD expenses: \$115,122.97

YTD deficit: \$40,220.95

## Upcoming Meetings

- June 23rd @ 4:00 PM, Worship & Music
- June 30<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 PM, Staff Meeting



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**Thank you for today's Worship Leaders:**

Pastor - Amy Fawks

Lector - Linda Bixler

Organist and Music Director - Christian Keller

Head Ushers – Chelsey Topper & Craig Bixler



## Proverbs 8

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Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put \_\_\_\_\_ her voice?  
She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
She \_\_\_\_\_ at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.  
Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the \_\_\_\_\_ of man.  
O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye \_\_\_\_\_, be ye of an understanding heart.  
Hear; for I will speak of excellent \_\_\_\_\_; and the opening of my lips shall be right things.  
For my \_\_\_\_\_ shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips.  
All the \_\_\_\_\_ of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them.  
They are all \_\_\_\_\_ to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.  
Receive my \_\_\_\_\_, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.  
For wisdom is better than \_\_\_\_\_; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.  
I wisdom \_\_\_\_\_ with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.  
The fear of the LORD is to \_\_\_\_\_ evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.  
Counsel is mine, and \_\_\_\_\_ wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength.  
By me kings reign, and princes decree \_\_\_\_\_.  
By me princes rule, and \_\_\_\_\_, even all the judges of the earth.  
I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall \_\_\_\_\_ me.  
Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and \_\_\_\_\_.  
My fruit is better than gold, yea, \_\_\_\_\_ fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment:  
That I may cause those that love me to \_\_\_\_\_ substance; and I will fill their treasures.  
The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, \_\_\_\_\_ his works of old.  
I was set up from \_\_\_\_\_, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.  
When there were no depths, I was \_\_\_\_\_ forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.  
Before the mountains were \_\_\_\_\_, before the hills was I brought forth:  
While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the \_\_\_\_\_, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.  
When he prepared the \_\_\_\_\_, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:  
When he established the clouds above: \_\_\_\_\_ he strengthened the fountains of the deep:  
When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his \_\_\_\_\_: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:  
Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his \_\_\_\_\_, rejoicing always before him;  
Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my \_\_\_\_\_ were with the sons of men.  
Now \_\_\_\_\_ hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways.  
Hear instruction, and be wise, and \_\_\_\_\_ it not.  
\_\_\_\_\_ is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.  
For whoso findeth me \_\_\_\_\_ life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD.  
But he that \_\_\_\_\_ against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.