



Days of Grace

September 2024 Edition

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

4th & 18th - Monthly Red Cross
Blood Drive here at Church

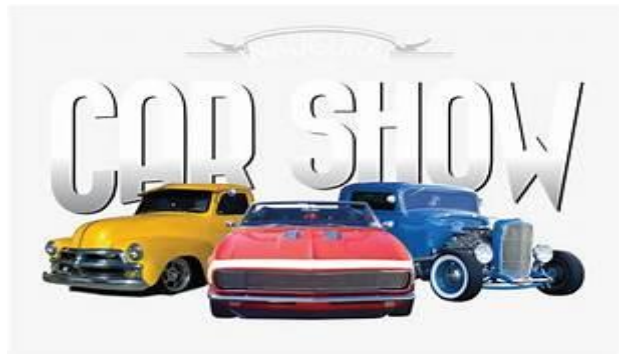
5th, 12th, 19th & 26th Book Club @ 6:30 pm

3rd - Bible Study Group @ 10:00 am
7th - Car Show @ 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
8th – Townhall Meeting
13th - Monthly Movie @ 3:00 pm
14th – Rain Date for Car Show 10:00 am
17th - Bible Study Group Movie @ 1pm
21st – Provide-A-Lunch (PAL)

OCTOBER

2nd, 18th & 30th - Monthly Red Cross
Blood Drive here at Church

1st – Bible Study Group @ 10:00 am
15th - Bible Study Group Movie @ 1 pm
19th – Provide-A-Lunch (PAL)



Car Show

Saturday September 7, 2024

Rain Date: September 14

10 AM - 2 PM

Grace UCC

100 Fourth Street

Hanover, PA 17331

September 7th - Food Stand: The Homedog, LLC

September 14th - Rain Date – Church Food Stand

Registration - \$5 in advance or \$10 day of show,

40 spaces

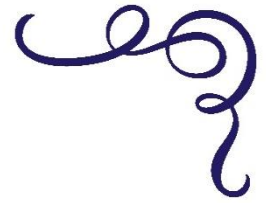
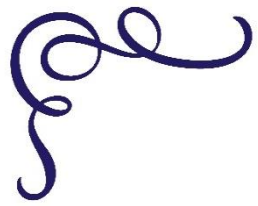
To register call 717-632-5606

Donations: Socks for all ages for HACC

Changing Lives Shelter

**Cash donations welcome for YWCA Women's
Shelter**

and New Hope Ministries



Called to Care: Training for Caregivers

Grace United Church of Christ

A ministry of caregiving is to be carried out by all Christians, not just those who have acquired professional expertise. Caregiving ministries do not occur only inside a hospital, hospice, or nursing home. Caring is at the heart of our faith and can be expressed in every setting of the church’s life (meetings, worship, education, etc.).

We are called to care. We are called by a God who care in the person of Jesus. We look to the life and ministry of Jesus and find multiple ways to care. There we discover the promise of the presence of the Spirit as we carry out the command to love one another in this place and this time. If you have always wanted to visit with others but have felt unequipped or did not know what to say or how to respond to others, join us as we learn together how to care for others.

Training will be broken down into multiple sessions. A tentative schedule is below. Are you called to care? Come explore how!

5 Training Sessions:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 23 • September 30 • October 7 • October 14 • October 21 | <p>Entering the Space of Others</p> <p>Introduction to Communication and Nurturing</p> <p>Caregiving Situations</p> <p>Resources of Faith</p> <p>Expectations of Caregivers</p> |
|---|---|

Each session will take between 1 ½ to 2 ½ hours depending on the topic and number of activities.

Blessings!
Pastor Fred

"Nostalgia" – from the Penn Central Conference eNewsletter 07/31/2024

Greetings Penn Central members and friends,

“Be strong and courageous; have no fear or dread of others, because it is the Lord your God who goes with you; God will not fail you or forsake you.” Deut 31:6 Greetings from Hartman Center Campground and Retreat in Milroy, PA! I am here at the HC Spirit Camp with about 100 campers and volunteers. As I have shared before, campers are learning about how we are all “Linked by Love” as we explore friendships, scriptures, nature, and our very selves this week. Church camp holds a very special place in my heart and my history. Like many, I found footing in my ministerial call at camp. I greatly expanded my comfort zone while hiking, climbing rocks, white water rafting, and more by experiencing camp. I was even married at the river chapel where I spent many a morning in watch and evening in vespers. Nostalgia is strong and can carry me away into the distant past quickly when camp comes to mind.

Nostalgia shows up for various reasons and at different times in our lives. Anxiety about our present and/or future can cause us to recall with great fondness days of old. We all know we are not living in “days of old” and so must harness and use well the energy found in nostalgic remembering. To that end, I’ve been re-reading Gil Rendle’s “Quietly Courageous.” Rendle dedicates a whole chapter to nostalgia saying, “nostalgia is tempting because it can be pleasant and reassuring.” He encourages us to go further and use it to ask questions about a new purpose based on who we have become since that time we are remembering fondly. In other words, to be honest about who we are right now and how God is calling us to be in the world going into the future.

When I catch myself in that rose-colored and selective view of the past, I work to focus the energy created by nostalgia to move me forward in how I envision not only camping, but whatever I am remembering fondly, for today’s church. In the church we can get caught up in the memories of how things used to be in our congregations. Nostalgia can trap us in a one-sided story that lets us avoid the sometimes-hard questions of today. Further, these memories may generate energy, sometimes negative energy around why we can’t be “that way” again. Rendle reminds us that the past cannot be recaptured as the world has changed significantly. Instead, we can harness this energy in positive ways to generate vision and move the church into what God is calling us toward today, and tomorrow.

How might your congregation harness that energy next time nostalgia arrives at a planning meeting?

Shalom,

Nora
Rev. Dr. Nora Foust
Associate Conference Minister
Penn Central Conference

Town Hall Meeting Sunday, September 8, 2024 at 10:00am



We’re all faced with that never-ending task of LAUNDRY! And now we’re asking you to do more! Sort of!! Near the clotheslines by the Gathering Place are “tee-shirts and bloomers” on which you are to write your VISIONS for God’s beloved Grace Church and HOW we might navigate a path to achieve them.

Please join us for a lively conversation led by Pastor Fred during the worship where we will discuss our hopes and weigh our ideas on how to attain these dreams. We will pray together that God will bless each of us with his wisdom and love to enable us to speak openly.

As we are reminded by our covenant, we are called to listen, respect others’ ideas and LOVE. Of course, we will not always agree but we are called to love each other as God so unconditionally loves each of us. And surely, He has not always agreed with all of our thoughts and actions!

See you on the 8th! **You’re NEEDED!**

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

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.



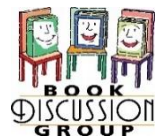
PRAYER REQUESTS

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. Requests will be added to the weekly bulletin if received by Thursday night.



SEPTEMBER FILM

This 1975 film helped revive the film industry in the 1970s and made people afraid to go into the water. It will be shown Friday September 13, at 3 PM, in Fellowship Hall. The film is rated PG and runs 2 hrs. 4 mins. Snacks provided. Doors locked at 3:15.



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, Thursdays at 6:30 PM. For more information contact Craig Bixler.



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE SCHOOL KITS

There were enough donations to complete 30 school kits for CWS. The kits were delivered to New Windsor, MD for shipment. A few left over items were taken to New Hope Ministries for their school supply collection. Thank you for your support.



GRACE CAR SHOW

The car show will be held in the parking lot Saturday September 7, 10 AM to 2 PM, featuring The Homedog, LLC. The best dogs in town! The rain date is Saturday September 14 with food provided by Grace. **Anyone is welcome to help. We will definitely need more help on the 14th.**

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 intends 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 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, 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
- 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

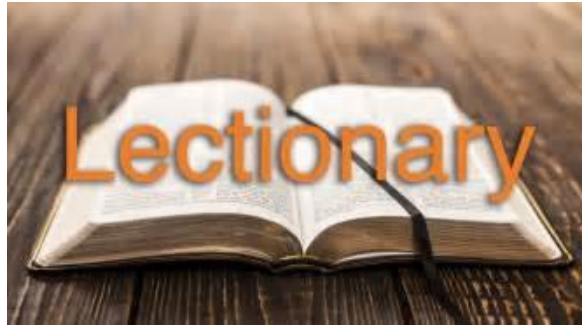
WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE 2024

- 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



SEPTEMBER

September 1st Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Psalm 45:1-2, 69 Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 Psalm 15 James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 21-23

September 8th Proverb 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalm 125 Isaiah 35:4-7a Psalm 146 James 2:1-17 Mark 7:24-37

September 15th Proverbs 1:20-33 Psalm 19 Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 116:1-9 Wisdom of Solomon 7:26-8:1 James
3:1-12 Mark 8:27-39

September 22 Proverbs 31:10-31 Psalm 1 Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22 Jeremiah 11:18-20 Psalm 54
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Mark 9:30-37

September 29th Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 Psalm 124 Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 Psalm 19:7-14
James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50

OCTOBER

October 6th 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 13th 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 20th Job 38:1-7, (34-41), Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c, Isaiah 53:4-12, Psalm 91:9-16, Hebrews 5:1-10,
Mark 10:35-45

October 27th 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

August 2024 Consistory Digest

There were 10 members present including Pastor Fred Young and Rick Boyer.

Treasurer's Report:

General pledge July 2024: \$5,336.00

General pledge July 2023: \$4,717.00

YTD income: \$103,992.75

YTD expenses: \$126,362.73

YTD deficit: \$22,369.98

Checking account balances:

-- Operating Fund: \$33,652.47

-- Deacon Fund: \$15,298.23

-- Education Fund: \$13,444.67

-- Memorial Fund: \$12,765.44

Rick Boyer reported \$24,000 of accrued interest from investments was placed into the operating funds to help pay expenses. Money comes out of the Heiges Fund monthly, to help pay expenses.

The Wilmington Trust is up for the year

The Personnel Committee reported they are currently working on updating Amy and Dave Fawks's job descriptions. In checking with Nora Foust, she has advised us that we can identify Amy's position as either "Student Pastor" or "Associate Pastor". The Personnel Committee voted to have Amy Fawks's title as Associate Pastor.

We are also reviewing the clearance needs of our staff and volunteers.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday August 19th.

Dave Fawks reported the following for Trustees:

- Carpet patches were installed around the organ.
- Tim Hagarman will install new light bulbs in one sanctuary light fixture to see how much improvement there is in light.
- Shrubs around the church will be trimmed.
- More Grace neighbors are using the Grace parking lot. It was suggested to get their contact information so they can be contacted when Grace needs to use the lot.
- Damascus Road will be playing at the church picnic.
- Christian will be getting some small repairs done to the organ.
- There is a concern that the screen is too small in the large transept.
- Please consider coming to the Hymn Sing on Aug 11th at 4pm at St Matthew.

Christian Keller is now chair of Worship & Music.

The Hanover Area Council of Churches is now requiring all volunteers to complete an application and have Pennsylvania PSP Criminal Background and PA Child Abuse History checks. The list of Grace PAL volunteers is now quite short. Sharon Shreve, interim PAL coordinator, has been notified Grace will be short on help most Saturdays.

30 CWS school kits were assembled and delivered to New Windsor, MD. \$60 was spent from the Outreach Budget for kit processing.

There are currently 6 cars registered for the September 7 car show. An Outreach Committee meeting will be held Tuesday August 20 at 3 PM to review preparations for the show. \$50 was spent from the Outreach Budget for a 2" X 2 column ad in *The Gettysburg Times*. The ad will also run in two E-Editions of their paper at no extra cost

Pastor's Advisements:

Sunday, September 8th is our next **Town Hall** conversation. Invitations have gone out with instructions for what each of us needs to bring to this gathering where we will be hanging our hopes on the clothesline. The purpose of this conversation is to make each other aware of the many hopes of dreams that make up Grace UCC. We hope everyone will attend!

Transition Team Members:

Rick and Becky Boyer	Brad and Vickie Arnold
David Fawks	Susan Dienes
Pam Kreitz	Holly Smith

The team meets again on August 28, 2024, at 6PM

Pastoral Relations team will meet again on September 4, 2024.

Other:

- The Visitation Team will hopefully meet within the next few weeks to get a set schedule set for visitations and correspondence.
- I continue my summer round of home visitations.
- Amy Fawks is now an official Member in Discernment within the Gettysburg Association. She is seeking ordination within the United Church of Christ. Next step is to gather her Grace committee and get their work started.
- Len Bankert, Craig Bixler, Tim Hagarman, and Kris Smith will be contacted about forming a Property Committee.
- The Stonesifer's contacted Grace to let us know the alley will be blocked for 5 days to remove the hedge row on their property beginning August 27

The Consistory approved funds, not to exceed \$650, for the August 25 church picnic.

The Consistory voted to purchase two 12' X 12' pop-up canopies with weights at a cost of \$125 each.

Prepared by Craig Bixler 8/16/24



Thank
you

August 8, 2024

Pastor Fred Young
Grace UCC
100 Fourth Street
Hanover, PA 17331

Dear Pastor Fred,

Many heartfelt thanks for Grace UCC's recent donation of \$437.00 to Hoffman Homes in support of the Art Therapy program for youth. Our team deeply appreciates your generosity!


Your support ensures that our organization continues to be a lifeline for youth, young adults, and their families who may have nowhere else to go for the essential help they need to regain their mental health and hope for a brighter future.

Thank you again for your gift and faith in our mission. Your kindness changes lives.

In gratitude,

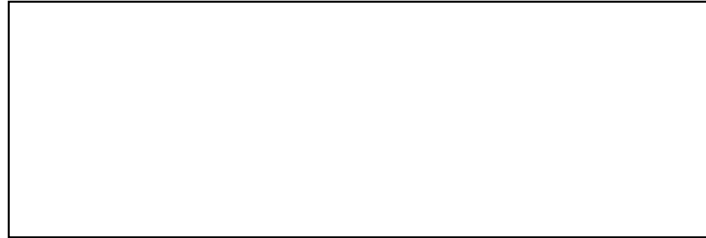
Susan

Susan Cann
Director of Development
scann@hoffmanhomes.com
717-359-7148, x4500

So happy to have
your support for our
Art Therapy program! 



Grace United Church of Christ
100 Fourth Street
Hanover PA 17331



CHRIST CALLS US TO REACH OUT WITH LOVE AND SHARE GOD'S GRACE

WELCOME EVERYONE!

Grace United Church of Christ
100 Fourth Street Hanover PA 17331
(717) 632-1146

e-mail address: office@graceucchanover.org
website: graceucchanover.org