

AMAZING GRACE

August/September

Newsletter



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**"May the God of hope fill
you with all joy and
peace as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow
with hope by the power
of the Holy Spirit."
Romans 15:13 (NIV)**

Amen

Whats Happening Grace:

WEEKLY GRACE CHURCH SCHEDULE

Monday

6:30PM

Defenders
Bible Study

Tuesday

9:30 AM

Greater Grace
Bible Study

10:00 AM

Hands on Prayer

11:00 AM

ACTS 2 Believers
Bible Study

Wednesday

12:00 PM

Al Anon

4:00 PM

Mosaic Prayer
Squares

7:30 PM

Chancel Choir
Rehersal

Thursday

10:00 AM

Grace LIFE Group

11:30AM

Knit Purl Pray
Group

5:30PM

Endless Grace
Dinner and Practice

6:30PM

Thursday Evening
Bible Study

Friday

1:00PM

Chosen

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

August 25-630 pm-Grilled Cheese Genesis Study

August 27-September 6-Pastor Todd and Autumn
in South Africa for Global Methodist
Church General Conference

August 30-September 5th-GMC General Conference

August 31-10am-Healing Team Meeting

September 2-6 PM-Preschool Back to School Night

September 5-730am-Mens Fellowship

September 7-10am-Sunshine Stitchers

September 8-1pm-Congregational Care Meeting

September 8-6pm-Forged

September 13-Sunday School Begins

September 13-6pm-No Other Gods Study

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

7:45 Traditional Service in the
A.M. Sanctuary

8:00 Donut and Coffee Hour in
A.M. Multipurpose Room

9:00 Anchorage Service-Modern
A.M. worship Service lead by
Endless Grace Worship Team

9:40 Music ministry for the
A.M. Cherub Choir and Teen
Praise Band

10:00 Sunday School
A.M.

10:30 Upper Room Class
A.M.

11:00 Traditional Service with
A.M. Chancel Choir Anthem

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

CONTINUED

September 14- 6:30 pm-Defenders
Begins

September 14- 6:30 pm-No Other
God's Study

September 15- 6:30 pm- Ad Council

September 21- 10 am- Sunshine
Stitchers

September 22- 6 pm-See You at the
Pole Rally

September 24- 6:30 pm- Thursday
Evening Bible Study Begins

MONTHLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIBRARY:

The church library has the Christian Fiction books arranged alphabetically by author first and then by title, also alphabetically within the author's name.

It would be appreciated if when you use our library you'd put the books back in the same order to help keep it organized.

Thank you

WORSHIP:

If you are following along with the scripture readings, we are now reading from the Common English Bible (CEB) during worship services.

From the Pastor's Desk:

Come and See

There is much excitement in that phrase: Come and see!

One of my favorite pericopes comes from John's Gospel. John the Baptizer points to Jesus and declares, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29). After this moment, two of John's disciples begin following Jesus. Jesus turns, sees them following, and asks a fascinating question: "What are you seeking?" Their response is equally interesting: "Rabbi...where are you staying?" Jesus answers them most simply and provocatively: "Come and see" (John 1:38-39).



This passage is sometimes described as a "bringer text." Andrew encounters Jesus and immediately goes to find Simon, his brother. Jesus then calls Philip, and Philip goes to Nathanael. The movement begins with Jesus's invitation and then spreads outward through those who have responded to him. They encounter Christ, and then they invite someone else to encounter him. The growing roots of Jesus' ministry begin, at least in part, with a simple invitation: Come and see.

As I write, the calendar is moving toward the end of August. A great deal happens at this time of year. Families are returning from final efforts to squeeze in a summer vacation. Schools have resumed across much of the country. The parade of yellow school buses has become visible in my area and has signaled that summer's irregularity, instability, and detachment are giving way to a more familiar rhythm.

Work schedules settle. School schedules return. Calendars become more predictable. Weeks begin to resemble the weeks that came before them. There is nothing wrong with summer and its needed breaks from routine. Rest is a gift of God. But there is nothing wrong with returning to healthy rhythms, either. In fact, some rhythms are essential to the Christian life.

It is my hope as a pastor that the return to fall routines will also include a return to the rhythms of weekly worship, prayer, Scripture, Christian fellowship, and small-group discipleship. Andrew, John, Philip, and Nathanael did not encounter Jesus in a spiritual vacuum. There were people already participating in the worship and expectations of Israel. They had been shaped by Scripture, prayer, community, and the hope that God would fulfill his promises. Within those practiced rhythms, Jesus was revealed to them, and they were prepared to respond. You see, church, these habits are not merely helpful additions to Christian living. They are among the means through which God forms us.

From the Pastor's Desk (Continued):

John Wesley frequently spoke of the means-of-grace—practices such as prayer, searching the scriptures, the Lord’s Supper, Christian conversation, worship, and works of mercy through which God ordinarily communicates His grace to the church.[i] These practices do not earn God’s favor. Rather, they place us in a posture of attentiveness and receptivity to the grace God is already giving. And there is an apologetic dimension to this disciplined life of faith.

Christian apologetics is sometimes reduced to winning arguments or producing enough evidence to silence objections. There is certainly a place for careful reasoning. Peter instructs believers to “always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you,” but he immediately adds, “yet do it with gentleness and reverence” (1 Pet. 3:15-16). The Christian faith should be thoughtfully articulated. Our neighbors deserve serious answers to the serious questions. Yet the New Testament suggests that our defense of the faith is never merely intellectual. It is embodied.

The early disciples did not possess fully developed theological systems when they first encountered Jesus. Andrew did not return to Simon with a lengthy philosophical defense of Jesus’ messianic identity. Philip did not hand Nathanael a manuscript proving every claim about Christ. He simply said, “Come and see” (John 1:46).

That invitation was not anti-intellectual. It was experiential. Philip was essentially saying: Encounter Jesus. Listen to him. Walk with him. See whether what I am telling you is true. Something is compelling about that approach.

The disciplined practices of the Christian faith become part of our apologetic because they create a community in which people can actually see what we proclaim. If we tell the world that Jesus brings reconciliation, then our church should become places where reconciliation is practiced. If we proclaim that Christ offers grace, then grace should characterize our relationships. If we confess that the Holy Spirit transforms lives, there should be evidence of that transformation in patience, generosity, holiness, compassion, and love.

The argument for Christianity is weakened when Christians proclaim one thing but habitually live another. Conversely, the witness of the gospel becomes compelling when the truth we confess is visible in the lives we practice.

This does not mean that Christians are expected to be perfect. Far from it. In fact, confession, repentance, forgiveness, and reconciliation are themselves part of the witness. A Christian community does not testify that its people never fail. It testifies that grace gives us somewhere to go when we do. That kind of life requires discipline.

Paul tells Timothy, “Train yourself in godliness” (1 Tim. 4:7). The Greek word translated “train,” *gymnaze* (γυμνάζε), carries the sense of disciplined exercise—the word from which we derive “gymnasium.” Spiritual maturity does not normally emerge accidentally. God’s grace forms us as we repeatedly place ourselves in practices through which our desires, imaginations, relationships, and actions become increasingly oriented toward Christ.

From the Pastor's Desk (Continued):

Randy Maddox describes Wesleyan theology as a vision of “responsible grace”: God always acts first, but grace enables and invites our response.^[1] The disciplined life is therefore not an attempt to manufacture holiness by our own strength. It is our response to grace—a willingness to remain where the Spirit can continue shaping us into the likeness of Christ.

And with the return of our fall rhythms comes an opportunity. Summer may have taken us outside our usual circles. We traveled. We attended ball games and neighborhood gatherings. We met new teachers, new coworkers, new parents, new neighbors, and new friends. Our circles may now include people who were not part of them a few months ago.

Perhaps some of them are seeking. They may not describe themselves that way. They may not describe themselves that way. Their questions may sound more like, “Is there really any meaning to all of this?” “Can people actually change?” “Is there a place where my children can learn something deeper than success?” “Does God care?” “Can I really be forgiven?” “Is there any hope when life falls apart?”

Jesus’ question remains: “What are you seeking?”

And perhaps our response does not always need to begin with a complicated answer.

Perhaps it can begin with an invitation.

Come and worship with me.

Come and sit with our small group.

Come and serve alongside us.

Come and hear the Scriptures.

Come and receive the Lord’s Supper.

Come and meet some people who are learning to follow Jesus.

Come and see.

And then we must commit ourselves to becoming the kind of people among whom there is something worth seeing—not because we have perfected the Christian life, but because Christ is truly at work among us.

Our apologetic is both spoken and practiced.

We tell people why we believe. We learn the Scriptures. We take difficult questions seriously. We think deeply about our faith. But we also worship faithfully, pray regularly, serve generously, forgive repeatedly, seek holiness, and remain rooted in Christian community.

From the Pastor's Desk (Continued):

The disciplined practices of faith prepare us to give an account of our hope because, over time, those practices teach us what our hope actually is.

It is Jesus Christ.

Andrew found him and went for Simon.

Philip encountered him and sought Nathanael.

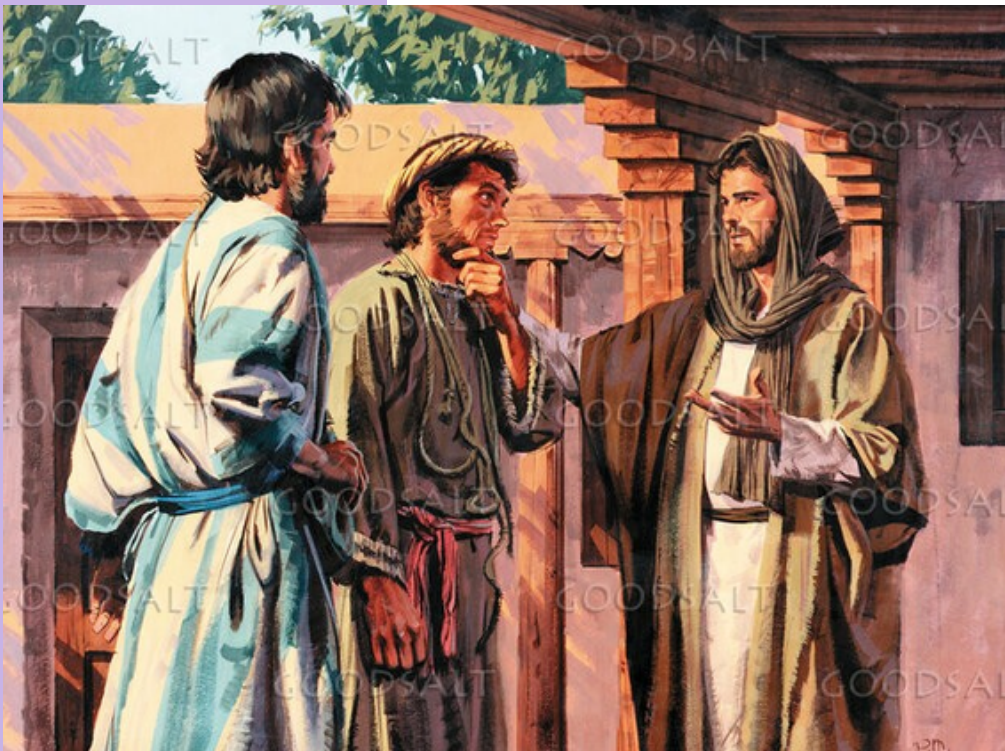
And Nathanael, despite his skepticism—"Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"—received one of the simplest and most enduring invitations in the Christian Scriptures:

"Come and see."

As our routines return this fall, may we return deliberately to the practices that root us more deeply in Christ. And as God places people within our circles who are seeking, questioning, wondering, or simply watching, may we have the courage to offer the same invitation.

Come and see what Christ is doing.

And may our life together make that invitation believable.



Blessings In Christ,

GRACE

MISSIONS

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with Ruth's Harvest and PAL.

We welcome anyone who would like to help. In case you are not familiar with these two programs, Ruth's Harvest is the packing of bags with food for the school children to take home to have food over the weekend.

Provide a Lunch (PAL) is a meal served every day at the Council of Churches to anyone who wants to walk in and get a meal.



Ruth's Harvest Dates:

Over the summer please hold onto donations, as there is nowhere to hold inventory over the summer, We will begin accepting donations again the end of August

Provide A Lunch (PAL):

Fridays: Saturdays:

October 2 August 29

November 13 October 31

December 24



If you are interested in helping, please call Mae Woodard at 717-632-0124.

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Hanover Area Council of Churches

Needs for 3rd Quarter 2026

Ministry	Special Needs this Month
 PROVIDE-A-LUNCH 1963 <i>daily lunch from 11:30a-12:30p</i>	-White or Wheat Bread Loaves -Hot dog/Hamburger Rolls -Coffee Creamer -Splenda or Sweetener *Please no expired food donations
 RUTH'S HARVEST 2013 <i>weekend food for children</i>	<i>Will you consider hosting a back to school food drive in August to support the weekend backpack program for children? Contact us today for the wish list items!</i>
 CLOTHING BANK 1968 <i>FREE clothing for those in need</i>	-NEW Bra's & Underwear (Men & Women) -Dryer Sheets -Plastic Hangers -Summer clothing for all ages -Men's Clothing (all sizes) -Children's Clothing 5T and up
 MEALS-ON-WHEELS 1970 <i>Food delivery for homebound</i>	-Adult Hygiene Wipes - Dried Fruit Snacks (no nuts due to allergies) - Handheld Fans -Cooling Towels
 CHANGING LIVES SHELTER 2007 <i>Only Emergency Shelter in Hanover</i>	-Sunscreen - Personal Hygiene Items + Feminine Hygiene Products -Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash (Travel + Full Size) -Men's Boxer Underwear & Colored T-shirts (Med, Lg & X-Lg) -Women's Underwear (Sm, Med & Lg) -Hairbrushes -Toilet Paper



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Your Mission \$\$ at work!!

Below are thank-you notes from the Council of Churches here in Hanover and from the Conference for Summer Camp. As funds come into the church, designated for missions, and we have the amount budgeted this year, a check is sent out.

Thank you for your continued support for Grace Church Outreach programs.

Dear Grace Church of Hanover Family,

Thank you for your generous gift in support of the Camping Ministry of the Northeast Conference of the Global Methodist Church.

Your generosity is a blessing, and we are grateful for your partnership in helping create opportunities for children and youth to grow in their faith.

As camp is taking place this week, your gift is already making an impact. Thank you for investing in a ministry where lives are being touched and Christ's love is being shared.

Please accept this letter as your official acknowledgment and receipt for your charitable contribution.

Donation Information

Dates Received: 4/3/2026 & 4/26/2026

Amount: \$2,850.68 & \$3,000.00

Designation: Camping Ministry

The Northeast Conference of the Global Methodist Church is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. No goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution. Therefore, your gift is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Thank you again for your faithful generosity. We appreciate your support and ask that you join us in praying for everyone participating in camp this week—that God would continue to work in the hearts and lives of all who are there.

With gratitude,
Erika Renwick
Treasurer/CFO



Hanover Area Council of Churches

*One Body * One Spirit*

July 13, 2026

Grace Church of Hanover
55 Albright Drive
Hanover, PA 17331

Dear Friends at Grace Church of Hanover,

On behalf of our entire team, thank you for your generous donation of \$3000. Your contribution has been allocated to our PAL (Provide A Lunch) Ministry fund, enabling us to address the most pressing needs within our community.

Thanks to your support, we are able to continue serving the Hanover community through various ministries, including Provide-A-Lunch, Meals-on-Wheels, Changing Lives Homeless Shelter, the Clothing Bank, and Ruth's Harvest. With God's blessings and your generosity, countless lives have been positively impacted and transformed.

Your partnership is vital to our mission, and we are truly grateful for your trust and commitment. Your donation ensures that we can continue providing essential assistance to those in need in our community.

Once again, thank you for your kindness and support. Together, we are making a lasting difference.



PROVIDE A LUNCH



RUTH'S HARVEST



CLOTHING BANK



MEALS-ON-WHEELS



CHANGING LIVES SHELTER

With heartfelt gratitude,

Erika Gonzalez

Erika Gonzalez
Interim Executive Director
Hanover Area Council of Churches

*Thank you for
your continued
support!*

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87. That number represents the number of children who received shoes at our August 15th distribution. It was an amazing 2 days of being the hands and feet of Jesus in the Hanover area. From set up to tear down, the joy was palpable. And every child and family was very thankful.

Thank you for the 20-plus volunteers; thank you so much for your yes. Thank you for your time. Also, thank you for all the shoes, money, and prayers for Serving Soles. Your support is amazing.

Finally, as the fall is upon us, there may be sneakers on deep discounts as you are shopping. If you feel led, we will be collecting in the green container in the lobby all year long. Continue to pray for the ministry and look for our next distribution event.

GRACE CHURCH *Fall Kickoff*

Grace Church will begin most of its fall programming in the next couple of weeks. Here are the start dates and information for most of these classes.

GRACE CHURCH *Fall Kickoff*

September means it is time for our regular programming to start for the year. Here is the information, start dates, and contact information all in one place. If you have been feeling the nudge to start a new class, or to get involved, now is the time to do it.



FORGED AT
Grace

Come and join us as we sharpen each other in fellowship and study.

 **2nd and 4th Tuesdays**
6-8pm

 **Dinner from 6-6:30PM**

 **Studies for all ages from 6:30pm-8pm**

Starting September 8th

-  **Grace Roots:**
Ages 4 to 5th Grade
-  **Path Youth:**
Middle and High School Youth Group
-  **Adult Bible Study**
with Pastor Matt

Forged

2ND & 4TH
TUESDAYS
6PM-8PM

BEGINS
SEPTEMBER 8TH,
2026

Forged is our family night here at Grace. Come out for dinner and study for everyone. Dinner we all eat together, enjoying fellowship and then from there we separate into classes. Questions contact:

Pastor Todd & Pastor Matt

Defenders Class

MONDAY
EVENINGS:
630PM

BEGINS
SEPTEMBER 14TH,
2026

Defenders Bible Study
is a long term study
that meets weekly
September through
June. The topic is
apologetics, how to
defend your faith.

GRACE
CHURCH
Fall Kickoff

Defenders of the Faith **Apologetics** Study

Start date **9/14/2026**

Apologetics

Calmly Considered

*A Wesleyan Vision of Truth,
Formation, and Christian Witness*

REV. TODD A. CHRISTINE

» Studying Pastor Todd's book «

Defenders is doing a class restart. If you have been wanting to learn more about apologetics, what it means to defend your faith, and felt that the class was too advanced, now is the time to join. We meet each monday at 630pm in the resource room. We will begin the restart studying Pastor Todd's book. Questions reach out to Pastor Todd.

GRACE CHURCH *Fall Kickoff*

Choir

EVERY
WEDNESDAY
730PM

BEGINS AUGUST
26, 2026



Grace Church Chancel Choir

STARTING FOR THE YEAR



8/26/2026
AT 7:30 PM



We meet weekly and
perform Sundays at the
11:00 AM service from
September to June.

Questions, please contact Mr. Larry Kuntz,
Director of Music Ministry

Come sing with us.

Grace Church
Chancel Choir
provides special
music every week
from September to
June at our 11am
Service. They also
prepare and perform
2 Cantats each year.
We are under the
direction of Mr.
Larry Kuntz, the
director of Music
Ministry here at
Grace Church.

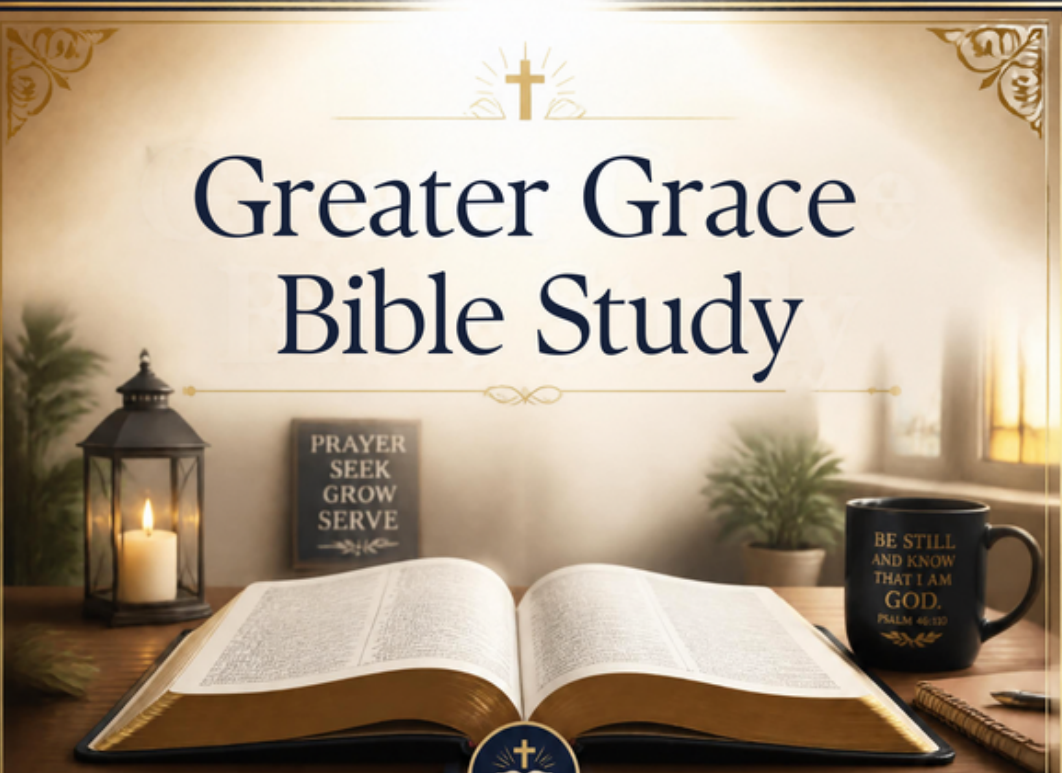
Greater Grace Bible Study

TUESDAY
MORNINGS
AT 930AM

BEGINS
SEPTEMBER 8TH,
2026

Greater Grace Bible Study meets each Tuesday in the Prayer room. Through engaging Christian literature with the lens of scripture, we grow in faith and consider how God is shaping our lives.

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Greater Grace
Bible Study

We will begin a new book and video beginning **September 8th** at **9:30-11:30** in the prayer room behind the sanctuary.

Jonathan Cahn's, **The Avatar.**

Please consider joining us.

If you have any question call Linda **717-479-3166**.

GRACE CHURCH *Fall Kickoff*



THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

LED BY RON CARTER



STARTING
SEPTEMBER 24TH



CLASS STARTS AT
6:30 PM



STUDYING THE
BOOK OF ACTS

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
PSALM 119:105

JOIN US
Thursday evenings

GRACE CHURCH *Fall Kickoff*



Grace Preschool

2026–2027 School Year

FIRST DAY: 09/08/2026



GRACE CHURCH *Fall Kickoff*



Fall 2026 Youth Schedule



FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

➤ SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13 ➤



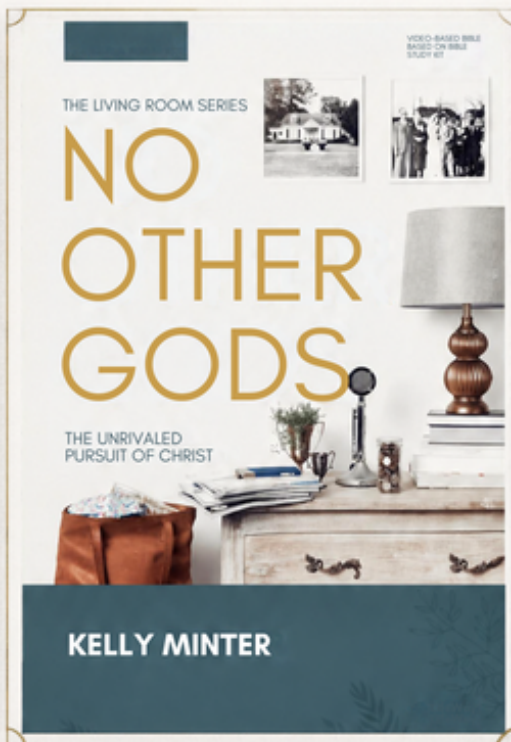
FIRST DAY OF MUSIC MINISTRY

➤ SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13 ➤

GRACE CHURCH Fall Kickoff

NO OTHER GODS: TOP DOWN STUDY

Pastor Todd will be starting a new sermon series this Fall based on the book, No Other Gods by Kelly Minter. To go along with this sermon series, three Bible Studies will be offered. This is an eight-week study.



Bible Study Schedule

SUNDAY EVENINGS: 6PM
Led by Autumn Christine

MONDAY EVENINGS: 6:30PM
Led by Mark and Karen Coons

TUESDAY MORNINGS: 11AM
Led by Sheila Carter



EIGHT-WEEK
STUDY



BOOK PRICE:
\$22.00 EACH



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ORDER OFF OF
AMAZON.



SIGN-UP SHEETS
WILL BE ON THE
EVENTS BOARD
FOR THE CLASSES.



AUTUMN WILL HAVE
BOOKS IN THE
OFFICE SOON.
FOR THE CLASSES.

SIGN UP TODAY AND JOIN US THIS FALL!

Let's pursue Christ together—He alone satisfies.

Name: Mr. Larry Kuntz

**Role/ Ministry position:
Director Of Music Ministries**

How long have you served at our church?

February 1, 2027 will be my 20th Anniversary in this position. I have been attending Grace Church as a member since September, 2006.

What do you enjoy most about serving here?

Serving with so many committed Chancel Choir members and helping them present their best worship to the Lord every Sunday. It takes much responsibility and sacrifice to commit to a weekly Ministry such as this, and we are very blessed to have so many people willing to do this work at our church.



Favorites

Favorite Bible Verse:

OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 100:1 – Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the Earth (because it is the first bible verse my Mom ever taught me).

NEW TESTAMENT: Philippians 4:13 – I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me (this verse comforted me as a young adult because I had so many insecurities back then, and I pass it along to young people today to give them strength and courage in whatever trials they may be facing in their lives)

Favorite Worship Song or Hymn:

I have so many favorites, but my absolute favorite would have to be “How Great Thou Art”, just ahead of “All Creatures of Our God and King” and “Here I Am, Lord”.

Favorite Snack or Treat: Ice Cream in summer; Pumpkin Pie in winter

Favorite Restaurant or Coffee Order:

Any pizza shop or Italian restaurant will do. For coffee, however, I have one specific go-to order: WAWA Cuban Roast, no cream or sugar.



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Favorite Hobby:

Being active in so many different performance areas of music makes it really hard to have a hobby. The closest thing to a hobby for me is keeping up with the lawn work at home and keeping my cars clean.

Favorite Movie or TV Show:

Favorite movie = The Lion King; Favorite TV Show = M*A*S*H (especially the first 3 seasons with Colonel Blake and Trapper John).

Favorite Season of the Year:

I really like the light of summer, and its beautiful weather, the most.

Just For Fun

What was your very first job?

Fry guy at McDonald's.

One thing people may not know about you:

When I was a kid, I always wanted to be a Major League Baseball catcher, and I still daydream about it occasionally.

If you could have dinner with anyone from the Bible, who would it be and why?

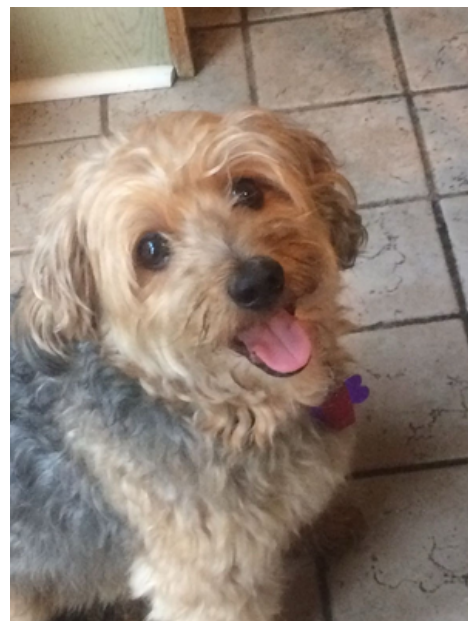
Jesus Christ, to experience His infinite wisdom first-hand and up-close.

What is your go-to comfort food?

Pizza.

Cats, dogs, or something else?

Since I'm really allergic to cats, I have to say dogs (sorry, cat people!) My Childhood dog Brandy and my Man's-Best-Friend dog Max were two of the sweetest dogs you will ever meet.



If you had a superpower, what would it be?

I would like the strength of Superman to help me fight injustice in the world.

Faith and Encouragement

What inspired you to serve in ministry?

Before I moved to Hanover in 1992, I lived in Painted Post, NY. The Pastor of the church I attended in Painted Post and his wife invited Debbie and I to their house for a summer cookout. After the meal, Pastor Rob looks at me and blurts out, “How would you like to be our new Choir Director at church?” He totally stunned me, because had never given it any thought and just assumed I wouldn’t be good enough to do it. After I told him about my insecurities, he convinced me to ‘try it until the New Year’. I said ‘yes’ to him out of a sense of loyalty, not confidence. The Holy Spirit touched the Choir and I at our very first rehearsal of that first season, and we went on to build a wonderful Music Ministry at that church. Looking back, I now know that God was speaking to me through Pastor Rob at that summer cookout, and after 35 years doing this work for the Lord, I know this is what I was meant to do with my life.

What has God been teaching you recently?

I have been troubled by the increase of hate and divisiveness in our world in recent years. In praying over this, God has led me to have more empathy in how I look at others. I’m trying to be more understanding of everyone I meet, because I don’t know firsthand the struggles they are having in their life.

What encouragement would you like to share with the church family?
No matter how bleak a situation may look, NEVER LOSE FAITH! God’s got this; He always has; He always will.

How can we be praying for you?

Pray for good health for everyone in my family and I. Like many other people, our current health insurance situation is not the best.



Quick Favorites

Coffee / Tea – COFFEE

Sweet / Salty – SALTY

Sunrise / Sunset – SUNSET

Books / Movies - MOVIES

Mountains / Beach – BEACH

Early Bird / Night Owl – NIGHT OWL

Pancakes / Waffles – PANCAKES

Hymns / Contemporary Worship – HYMNS, sung from the heart.

CHANCEL CHOIR AT GRACE

The Chancel Choir will meet to start preparing for the fall worship season on Wednesday, August 26 in the sanctuary, starting at 7:30 pm. The Chancel Choir provides music at our 11:00 worship service on a regular basis, and offers Cantatas at Christmas and Easter which make worship especially meaningful during these special times of the church year. The Chancel Choir is always in need of more voices, especially men, so if you like to sing and are looking for a way to make your own worship experience more deep and personal, we would love to have you join us - Wednesdays at 7:30 pm, starting on August 26.



Name: Mr. Charlie Urenko

Role/ Ministry position:
Worship Leader-Endless Grace

How long have you served at our church?

I have been part of Endless Grace for 5 years, and Worship Leader for 4 years.

What do you enjoy most about serving here?

Ultimately it comes down to the people and “we’re all family” mentality.



Favorites

Favorite Bible Verse:

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 “Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help....” -NLT

Favorite Worship Song or Hymn:

Hold Us Together by Matt Maher

Favorite Snack or Treat: Toss-up between ice cream or anything Reese’s

Favorite Restaurant or Coffee Order:

French Toast with scrambled eggs Bacon, and hash browns



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Favorite Hobby:

Photography

Favorite Movie or TV Show:

Memento

Favorite Season of the Year:

Fall



Just For Fun

What was your very first job?

paper Boy

One thing people may not know about you:

Favorite type of book to read are Autobiographies

What is your go-to comfort food?

Grilled Cheese

Cats, dogs, or something else?

Dogs but at one point we had both.

If you had a superpower, what would it be?

IKinetic energy charging like Gambit





Faith and Encouragement

What inspired you to serve in ministry?

That stemmed from helping my friends that were in youth ministry after college.

What has God been teaching you recently?

Put the phone down. We just took a trip to New England, and the phone completely died a few days into it. Waited until we headed back to get a replacement. Be in the moment, be with your family, and look up see what's around you. .

What encouragement would you like to share with the church family?

I think Dory said it best "Keep on Swimming"

How can we be praying for you?

There's a lot of health stuff going on between the immediate family and the extended family..

Quick Favorites

Coffee / Tea – TEA

Sweet / Salty – SWEET

Sunrise / Sunset – SUNSET

Books / Movies – MOVIES

Mountains / Beach – MOUNTAIN

Early Bird / Night Owl – NIGHT OWL

Pancakes / Waffles – FRENCH TOAST

Hymns / Contemporary Worship –

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP.



**American
Red Cross**

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES AT GRACE

Blood Drive news

Our June 27th blood drive is in the books with 33 units collected. We like to remember that it positively affects 99 lives. The journey of a pint of lifesaving blood begins with the donations. Blood products collected at this drive have now been delivered to patients in need of vital care. Distribution included, but was not limited to, the following local hospitals:

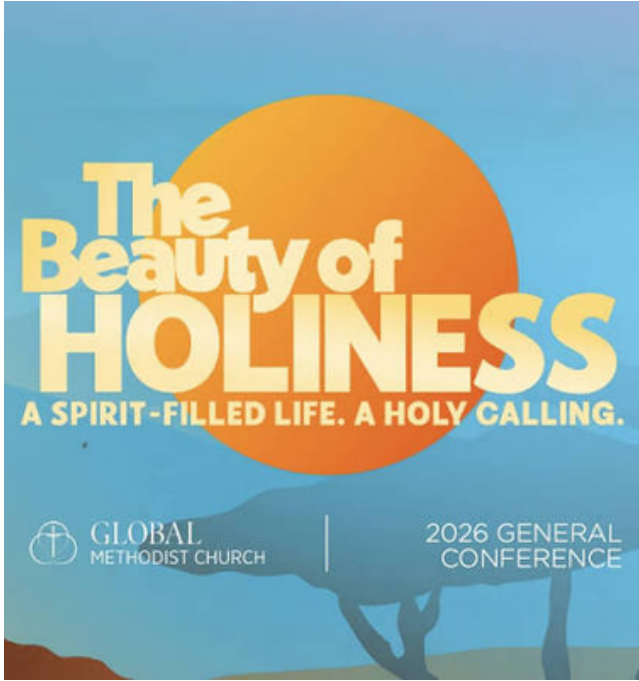
Washington Hospital Center
Children's Hospital
National Medical Center
Holy Cross Germantown, PA
John Hopkins
Howard County Medical Center
Holy Cross Hospital.

Each local drive is an integral piece of a puzzle to secure a healthy, readily available blood supply in our community and for every American in need. When collections exceed need for patients in local communities, the distribution is expanded to areas with low supply due to weather, seasonal illness, and other challenges. Ensuring that not a single drop of blood is wasted is the Red Cross's way of honoring Grace Church's efforts and that of every generous donor.

Grace Church's next blood drive is Saturday, October 24th from 8am until 1pm. We currently have 13 of 49 appointments scheduled. Your help is needed to spread the word about our blood drive and fill every slot. Please consider joining the blood drive team on Saturday, October 24th as we set up, check in donors, visit in the canteen, and clean up at the end of the day.

The Deacons Page-A Time with Pastor Matt

Theology Matters: South Africa General Conference



In 2024, the Global Methodist Church held its convening General Conference in San Juan, Costa Rica. I served as a delegate, having been elected from the Northeast Annual Conference to represent our region. We went to Costa Rica to form a new denomination, taking our Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline and make it a permanent governing document for the life of the church. In that work, I served on the committee that drafted a new Constitution which gave us a framework for the organization, defined our doctrinal heritage, and established the connectional relationship between the local churches and the greater, General Church.

It was holy work, and I was blessed to be a part of it. My piece in “Theology Matters” in October of 2024 was my report to Grace Church from our work there. I wrote at that time:

I can tell you that our denomination is truly united to bring an orthodox, conservative, traditional Wesleyan expression of Christianity to the world. It is not simply a denomination, but a disciple-making movement that came out of Costa Rica, and my prayer is that as we carry GMC in our community, we bring that mentality to the ministry that we do. Jesus wants to save people, and he is counting on us to find the people, connect with them, love them, share Jesus with them, and show them that perfect love and holiness is what God wants for everyone.

I am pleased that we have really begun to live into that vision, and I am grateful to God for how He has moved in these last two years.

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While we accomplished a lot of wonderful things in Costa Rica, there was much work still to be done, and the church agreed to meet in 2026 to finish that work, and following, set us on a 6-year schedule for future meetings. Well, we know that time flies, and we are now in 2026. General Conference will meet this coming week August 30-September 5, 2026 in Johannesburg, South Africa. This time around, it will be our own Pastor Todd and Autumn Christine who will be representing the Northeast! Autumn will be there as a regular delegate, and Todd is in reserve.

Before them will be that unfinished work from Costa Rica in the form of numerous petitions from around the entire church for changes and refinements to our Book of Doctrines and Discipline. Please pray for them, and please pray for all the delegates, staff, and visitors who will be attending. As the chair of the Commission on the General Conference, Rev. Mike Grant, has written, “This is a significant moment in the life of our church. Hosting the conference in South Africa offers us an opportunity to celebrate the rich diversity and growing witness of the Global Methodist Church across the world. It’s not just a conference location—it’s a visible expression of who we are becoming.”

One of the most important petitions they will consider is a revision to our current doctrinal standards. When we formed this denomination in 2022, we initially adopted the two historic statements of faith which came to us from our life in the United Methodist Church. They were the Methodist Articles of Religion and the Evangelical United Brethren Confession of Faith. Those documents had served as official statements of faith for the UMC since its formation in 1968 when those two denominations merged. While the EUB Confession was a relatively modern language document, having been written by that denomination in 1952, the Methodist Articles of Religion had been written by John Wesley and adopted by the Methodist Church in 1784. Those articles contained some archaic language, as well as some strongly anti-Roman Catholic articles, which were born directly out of the Protestant Reformation.

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Because holding two statements of faith is cumbersome, and because of the language and theme issues in the Articles of Religion, the delegates in 2024 in Costa Rica empowered a commission to reconcile and revise the statements into one official statement of faith which would serve our church into the future. That commission has brought its proposal for the delegates in South Africa, and they will prayerfully consider the proposal. Please be in prayer specifically for this very important work. What we believe and what we say we believe matters! Ask that God would give the delegates a spirit of unity and love as they work through this proposal.

It is my hope and prayer that they will adopt a new statement which reflects our commitment to Biblical Christianity as well as one which is distinctly Wesleyan/Methodist. This will help us to live into the mission and vision which was adopted in 2024 in Costa Rica:

Mission of the GMC: The Global Methodist Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.

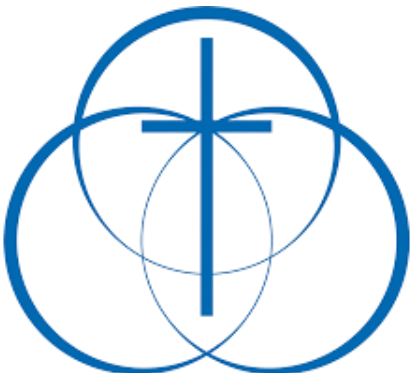
Vision of the GMC: Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, the Global Methodist Church envisions multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the earth who flourish in scriptural holiness as we worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

Please pray for a special hedge of protection around all the delegates and, of course, our own Todd and Autumn. We will ask that Jesus go with them, defend them, protect them, and bring them back home to us safely. Also pray for the large mission/evangelism teams who will be doing work in South Africa as a part of the mission of the General Conference while they are there. We will look forward to what God will do.

Love to you all in Christ's Name,



-Rev. Matt



SMALL GROUP FOCUS

Events Team



The events team formed as we started to do more as a church in the area of gathering together purposefully. We decided that Jesus's name must be shared in Hanover, and one way we were going to do that was through Grace Church. We also saw that there were different services, and those services at times were silos, where people did not really know each other from service to service. Finally, we noticed that many in the community didn't know where Grace Church was, or who we were.

We have two types of events that we coordinate: Those for just the Grace church community and then those for the Hanover Community.

Events we hold for our church only are the Serving with Grace volunteer fair, our Grace Church picnic, and Pentecost celebrations. We have also held paint nights, summer picnics, movie nights, and many others. Here we encourage everyone to come, fellowship, and get to know your church family. Through these events, we minister to each other, we strengthen our community, which encourages us to be able to proclaim Jesus to those around us.

Our events that invite the Hanover community in include our Annual Car Show, Cruisin' with Grace, our Craft Fair, National Night Out, and our Christmas Open House. These events bring the community to Grace Church. The main goal of making Jesus known happens after the community gets here, through conversations, invitations, and relationships built.

The events team is made up of Kelly Parker, Kim Smith, Denny Blum, Dana Kline, and Autumn Christine. We also have many volunteers that help with events. We will post sign-up sheets on the events board as events come close. Pray about helping out when you are able.

We are always looking for new ideas. Please reach out to one of the committee members if you have an idea. We will also help groups/ministries plan events if help is needed. Again, reach out to a committee member.

Events are usually fun, and of course we want them to be. However, all events are planned with the goal of advancing the Gospel and building God's Kingdom. We are always praying for the events to be used by God for that work. Please pray for the events of Grace Church and that those at the events are moved by the Holy Spirit and that God is moving. Because that is always the point, always the goal.

~Blessings, Autumn Christine~



WE ARE HIRING!!!!

Childcare Aids for the Tree Fort

Our Tree Fort is for children from ages of about 2 to 6 years old

**EVERY SUNDAY MORNING FROM 830AM TO
1230PM GUARANTEED**

**Employees will need :
current background checks
and MinistrySafe Course**

***Can be obtained during hiring process**

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Email: dwmymers9@mygracechurch.org
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**Employees of Grace
Church receive
discounts for our
Preschool program.*

**Volunteers
needed**

As we start our fall programming, coverage will be needed again in the Treefort. At least 1 volunteer will be needed at each service, starting in September. Please see the schedule on the events board, and sign up if you are able to help.



GROWING & GOING

Youth Ministries Updates and Info!!



Grace Church
of Hanover

Grace
Preschool



GRACE ROOTS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



SEE YOU AT THE POLE
GLOBAL DAY OF STUDENT PRAYER

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KICK OFF RALLY
SEPT. 22
6-8PM

Food,
Fellowship
Worship, &
Prayer

Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Operation Christmas Child Collection

Help share Jesus Love to Kids around the world!!

For the next 6 months, we will be collecting items for our Operation Christmas Child packing event. Each month will be a different category of item, ensuring we have many different items for our boxes.

At that event, all of our collected items will be put out for us to pack those boxes together as a church family, write cards, and pray over together. It's a wonderful time of community building and outreach as we work together to share Jesus love.

Remember: All items must fit in a Shoebox!!

Questions see
Amber or Darren
Myers

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August

School Supplies

Pencils & Sharpeners
Erasers
Crayons
Notebooks
Calculator
Small adhesive tape
Glue sticks

Pencil Cases
Pens
Markers
Index Cards
Scissors
Rulers

Place all items in collection bin in Lobby

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DO NOT INCLUDE

- Soap
- Food, candy, or gum
- Toothpaste
- Used or damaged items
- Scary or war-related items
- Wearable traditional camouflage
- Seeds or organic matter
- Liquids
- Medication or vitamins
- Money
- Breakable items (eg snow globes, glass containers)
- Matches, fire starters, or aerosols
- Knife, saw, or razor blades

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September

Crafts and Activities

Puzzles
Chalkboards & Chalk
Jump rope
Stickers
Dry watercolor set
Craft kits or colorful twine/rope

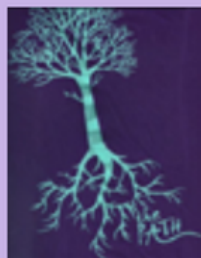
Binoculars
Fishing Kit
Coloring books or pads
Playdough
Books or picture books
Compass

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Grace
Preschool



Grace Preschool

GRACE PRESCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP

WE NEED SUBSTITUTES OR
VOLUNTEERS TO HELP IN THE
PRESCHOOL
(MUST BE ABLE TO PASS ALL CLEARANCES)

**Monday-Friday 8:30-12:30
as needed**

Contact Jennifer Freeman
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jfreeman@mygracechurch.org

Grace Preschool

Learn . Play . Have Fun

PROGRAM FEATURES:

- ✓ Certified Teachers
- ✓ Kindergarten Readiness
- ✓ Full size indoor gymnasium

3-5
years



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Register Here





September Prayer Journey

Grace Church has a quiet space that is set aside for solitude and prayer. Located in the Upper Room you are invited to ask the Holy Spirit to join you to enter into a reverent time with our Heavenly Father. Your visit allows you to spend time in quiet reflection and prayer.

Each month we are devoting a part of the Prayer Room for areas of need where we as a church can be united in prayer.

September - will begin our journey.

Please pray for God's love for all nations Psalm 96:3, John 3:16

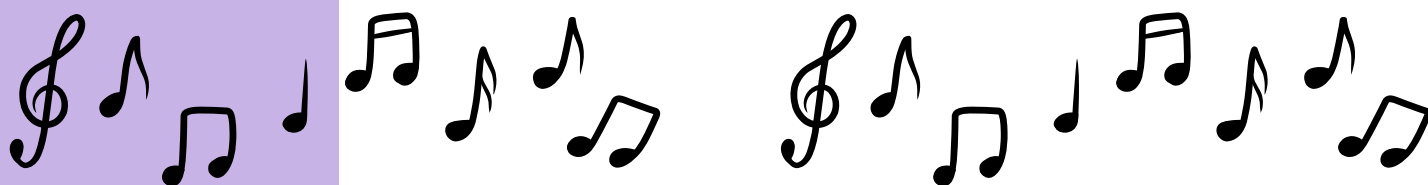
A world map is posted. Pray for a nation, its churches, and the Christians. Place a star sticker (provided) on the nation you are lifting in prayer. This star reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world. Jesus spoke these words, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life." John 8:12.

You are also invited to write a prayer for that nation on a sticky note and place it on the map.

Continue to pray for those passing on the Word of God and God's love in the world, for more to know Christ, and for the next generation of the Church.

Reference: Annual Northeast Conference Prayer Booklet

MUSIC MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



Throughout the Spring you turned in your top ten, plus some favorite worship songs. From those lists we made a playlist for the church to listen. Hear what your family is worshipping with, and maybe your will find your new favorite. If you dont hear your favorite, we can add new songs, please turn them into Autumn in the office.

Grace Church of Hanover-Favorite Songs

~Spotify List~



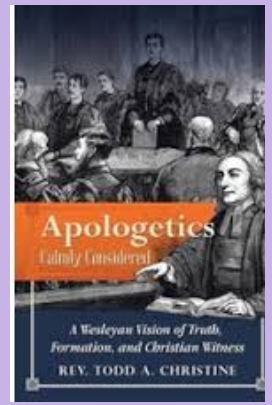
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~Amazon Music List~

These are the codes for the Grace Church of Hanover Playlist, at Spotify and Amazon Music. Both are free services, that you can use. If you have a subscription, it will be ad-free.

ANNOUNCEMENT

New Book Release: Apologetics Calmly Considered



Grace Church of Hanover Pastor Releases New Book on Wesleyan Apologetics and Christian Formation

The Rev. Todd A. Christine, Senior Pastor of Grace Church of Hanover and an Elder in the Global Methodist Church, is pleased to announce the release of his first book, *Apologetics Calmly Considered: A Wesleyan Vision of Truth, Formation, and Christian Witness*.

Drawing from Scripture, the Wesleyan tradition, and the broader Christian intellectual heritage, *Apologetics Calmly Considered* presents a fresh vision for Christian apologetics—one that moves beyond simply defending the faith through arguments to forming disciples whose lives bear faithful witness to the gospel. Rather than asking only, How do we prove Christianity is true? The book explores the deeper question, What is apologetics for? Christine argues that the defense of the faith finds its highest purpose not in winning debates, but in leading people toward Christlikeness through grace, truth, and holy love.

Written with pastors, church leaders, students, and thoughtful laypeople in mind, the book offers a distinctly Wesleyan perspective that seeks to recover apologetics as a ministry of discipleship. It emphasizes that reason is a gift of God, but that reason is most faithful when it serves the work of spiritual formation and the mission of the Church.

The book has already received strong endorsements from leaders across the Global Methodist Church and beyond. Northeast Conference Superintendent Rev. Steven M. Taylor writes that *Apologetics Calmly Considered* "has the ingredients to reorient the church," calling Christians to move beyond merely defending the faith intellectually and toward lives deeply rooted in "truth, grace, holiness, and holy love."

Rev. Dr. Bob Kaylor describes the work as "a framework for a distinctly Wesleyan approach to apologetics," noting that it encourages both bold Christian witness and transformational discipleship while inviting the church to embody the message it proclaims.

Similarly, Ken Loyer, Ph.D., commends the book for presenting "a holistic approach to defending the faith" that emphasizes "relational presence, transformed character in Christ, and bold proclamation of the gospel," making it "a helpful reframing and a vital resource for discipleship."

Rev. Christine holds a Master of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary and has devoted more than fourteen years to pastoral ministry. His work centers on Wesleyan theology, Christian formation, apologetics, and discipleship, with a passion for equipping the Church to proclaim and embody the gospel in an increasingly skeptical culture. *Apologetics Calmly Considered: A Wesleyan Vision of Truth, Formation, and Christian Witness* is now available in paperback, hardcover, and e-book editions.

"The goal of apologetics is not merely to defend the faith, but to form a people whose lives make the gospel believable." That conviction lies at the heart of *Apologetics Calmly Considered* and reflects its invitation to the Church: to recover apologetics as a ministry of truth, holiness, and faithful Christian witness.



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