

AMAZING GRACE

July Newsletter



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**As we celebrate the 250th
Birth of our nation this
month, may we pray for
the restoration of the
values upon which our
mighty nation was built,
healing and peace. Our
forefathers used this
phrase: "In God we trust"
– let us all trust in our
Father.**

Amen

Whats Happening Grace:

WEEKLY GRACE CHURCH SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6:30PM Defenders Bible Study	9:30 AM Greater Grace Bible Study	12:00 PM Al Anon	10:00 AM Grace LIFE Group	1:00PM Chosen
	10:00 AM Hands on Prayer	4:00 PM Mosaic Prayer Squares	11:30AM Knit Purl Pray Group	
	11:00 AM ACTS 2 Believers Bible Study	7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehersal	5:30PM Endless Grace Dinner and Practice	

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

7:45 A.M.	Traditional Service in the Sanctuary
8:00 A.M.	Donut and Coffee Hour in Multipurpose Room
9:00 A.M.	Anchorage Service -Modern worship Service lead by Endless Grace Worship Team
9:40 A.M.	Music ministry for the Cherub Choir and Teen Praise Band
10:00 A.M.	Sunday School
10:30 A.M.	Upper Room Class
11:00 A.M.	Traditional Service with Chancel Choir Anthem

July 6-10 am-Sunshine Stitchers
 July 8-6pm- VBS Decorating
 July 10-10am-VBS Decorating
 July 11-7:30 am-Men's Fellowship
 July 13-17-5:30pm-VBS
 July 19-July 24-Encountering God Summer Camp
 July 20-10am-Sunshine Stitchers
 July 21-6:30 pm-Ad Council
 June 28-7 pm-Grilled Cheese Genesis Study

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

HOSPITALITY:

The new hospitality schedule is out. An email was sent, but if you need a printed copy, they can be picked up at the hospitality desk.

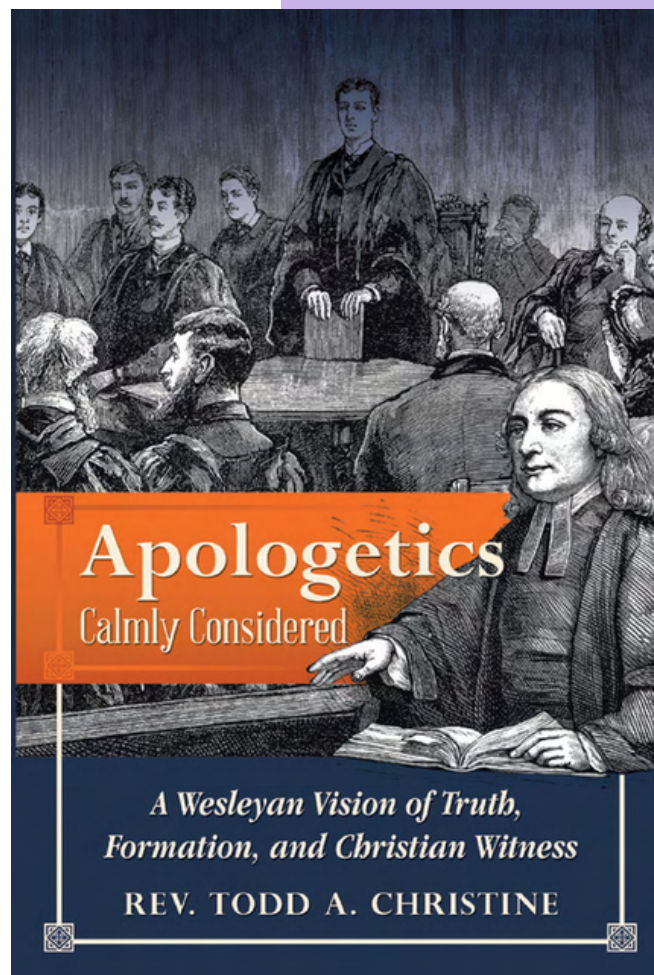
WORSHIP:

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:

A New Thing Without Drift

I believe I have finally reached the age where I am experiencing the struggle between wanting the comfort and consistency of sameness and being willing to embrace a new thing. I do not want software updates on my computer. I do not want the grocery store to reorganize its shelves. I do not want the new construction project that interrupts my commute. The world keeps moving ahead, and sometimes I am left grumbling along the way. But hidden inside that frustration is a question of intentionality: **Will we cling to sameness simply because it is familiar, or will we faithfully discern when God is calling us forward?**



Kodak was once one of the premier names in every household for capturing memories. For generations, Kodak helped families preserve birthdays, weddings, vacations, graduations, and ordinary moments that became treasured stories. Kodak was not merely familiar; Kodak was innovative. It was a giant in film and camera technology. Then came a crisis moment. Digital photography began to emerge, and Kodak had more than a front-row seat to the future. In many ways, Kodak helped invent it. Yet embracing that future required more than adding a new product. It required rethinking plants, marketing, distribution, habits, assumptions, and an entire business model built around film. Kodak saw the future, but struggled to let go of the past. The company did not fail because it had no access to innovation. It failed because it could not fully surrender the comfort of what had always worked. The name remains, but the dominance faded. That story is hard to digest, but there is a cost to every decision we make. When we choose comfort and consistency over faithful innovation and discovery, we risk removing ourselves from the future God is preparing.

From the Pastor's Desk (Continued):

That does not mean all change is good. It does not mean every new idea is wise. It does not mean novelty is the same as faithfulness. For the Church, the question is never simply, “What is new?” The better question is, “What is God calling us to do now?” Proverbs 29:18 says, “Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint, but blessed is the one who keeps the law.”

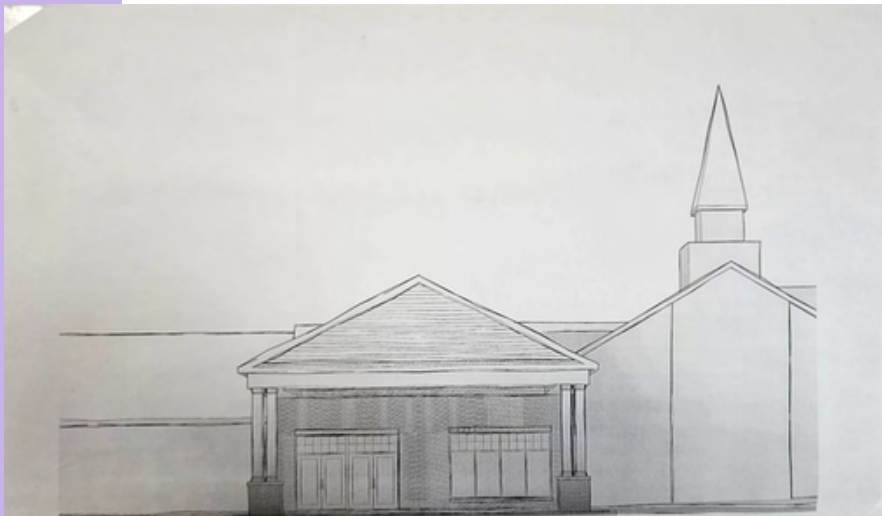
This verse is often used to speak about leadership, planning, and organizational direction. While those things matter, the biblical meaning is deeper. The “vision” Proverbs speaks of is not merely ambition, creativity, or strategic planning. It is the revealed word and direction of God. Without God’s revelation, people lose their way. Without God’s instruction, energy becomes disorder. Without God’s wisdom, even good ideas can drift from holy purpose. That is an important word for us in this season.

At Grace Church, we are entering a time filled with possibility. As we look toward a new building project in the fall, we are not simply thinking about bricks, space, parking, or future ministry capacity. We are asking a deeper question:

How is God calling us to make room for the people he is bringing to us?

A building project is never only about a building. It is about mission. It is about hospitality. It is about discipleship. It is about creating space where children can be formed in Christ, families can be strengthened, the hurting can be welcomed, and the gospel can continue to take root in our community. At the same time, I am personally excited for the upcoming release of my book, *Apologetics Calmly Considered: A Wesleyan Vision of Truth, Formation, and Christian Witness*. This project has grown out of many of the convictions that shape our ministry together: that truth must be joined to holiness, that witness must be joined to love, and that the Church is called not merely to explain the faith, but to embody it.

In many ways, this is a season of branching out. New opportunities are before us. New doors are opening. New conversations are beginning. And that is exciting. But excitement alone is not enough. The danger in any growing season is complacency on one side and drift on the other. Complacency says, “We have done enough. Let us stay where we are.” Drift says, “Let us chase whatever is new without asking whether it is faithful.”



From the Pastor's Desk (Continued):

The way of Christ calls us to reject both. We must resist complacency because God has not called his Church to preserve comfort. He has called us to bear witness. He has called us to make disciples. He has called us to love our neighbors, teach our children, serve the vulnerable, worship in Spirit and truth, and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ.



But we must also resist innovation without governance. Not every new idea is a faithful idea. Not every open door is ours to walk through. Not every opportunity should become a priority. The Church must remain governed by Scripture, prayer, wisdom, holiness, and the mission of God.

That means we do not innovate in order to become impressive. We innovate to become more faithful. We do not build because buildings save people. We build because people matter to God. We do not expand because bigger is automatically better. We expand because the gospel is still bearing fruit. We do not seek new opportunities because we are dissatisfied with who we are. We seek them because we believe God is still leading us forward.

The future before us will require courage, generosity, patience, discernment, and unity. It will require us to ask not only, "What can we do?" but also, "What has God called us to do?" It will require us to remain rooted in the Word while lifting our eyes toward the harvest. Grace Church must never become a people who confuse tradition with faithfulness or novelty with vision. True vision is received before it is pursued. It begins with listening to God. It is tested by Scripture. It is confirmed through prayer. It is carried out in obedience.

So as we prepare for what is ahead, let us move forward with holy imagination and deep conviction. Let us be bold without being reckless. Let us be creative without being untethered. Let us be expectant without becoming self-reliant.

The Lord has been faithful to us. Now we must be faithful with what he is placing before us.

May we resist complacency. May we welcome faithful innovation. May we remain governed by God's Word. And may everything we build, write, plan, teach, and pursue bear witness to Jesus Christ

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:

July 10

August 21

October 2

November 13

December 24

Saturdays:

August 29

October 31



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

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MISSIONS



Hanover Area Council of Churches

Needs for 3rd Quarter 2026

Ministry	Special Needs this Month
 PROVIDE-A-LUNCH 1983 <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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MISSIONS

Registration is now open for our August 15th distribution event. Please share flyers that are on the hospitality desk with those in your life who would benefit from this ministry.

Please watch for volunteers forms as our summer events approach. Here are a couple ways that you can help Serving Soles throughout the Summer:

1. Please be praying for the ministry. We anticipate a very large number of children for our August event, as all the local school districts have been sharing our information. Please pray for the children and families that register and come to Grace Church that they may feel the love of Christ through the interaction they have as well as the shoes that they are receiving.
2. As you see shoes, if they are on a deep discount, or you feel called to purchase, we are always accepting new sneakers for our inventory. As we approach school shopping, last season's sneakers may go on sale, pray about purchasing a couple.
3. Monetary donations are accepted and appreciated throughout the year. When you give to Serving Soles, you can add it to the plate in an envelope marked Serving Soles, through the app in the memo Serving Soles, or mail your check in again in the memo line Serving Soles.

SERVING SOLES
WITH GRACE ESTD 2025

Distribution Event!

August 15, 2026
At Grace Church of Hanover
9AM-12PM

NEW SHOE EVENT
***MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND-ONLY FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

Every child, who is school aged, who registers, will be given a new pair of sneakers !!!

Requirements for Receiving new Shoes:

- Child must be in School (Pre school through High School)
- Each child must be registered individually.
- Children must be present the day of event, and must try on the shoes on site.

Use this QR Code to register, or reach out to Autumn at achristine@mygracechurch.org for the link.

Register by August 8, 2026

Grace Church of Hanover
55 Albright Drive
Hanover, PA 17331
PH: 717-637-3100
www.mygracechurch.org

Serving Soles with Grace is a shoe ministry of Grace Church of Hanover. It's sole purpose is to share the love of Jesus by providing shoes to the people of Hanover and its neighbors

Safe Families for children has been to Grace for several presentations as well as several of our members are connected with this program.



Safe Families
for Children

Safe Families for Children: 2025 Impact Report

Keeping Children Safe. Keeping Families Together.

Throughout 2025, Safe Families for Children continued to demonstrate the power of the local church and compassionate communities to make a lasting difference in the lives of vulnerable families. Rather than stepping in after a crisis has already caused separation, Safe Families focuses on prevention—surrounding parents with caring volunteers, practical resources, and Christ-centered relationships before children enter the foster care system.

This past year, Safe Families served a **record 6,854 children and family members**, a **16% increase** over the previous year. Through the support of **17,317 volunteers**, **3,172 church partners**, and **675 community referral partners**, families received the encouragement and practical help they needed to remain safely together. An incredible **99% family preservation rate** demonstrates the effectiveness of this approach.

One of the year's most significant milestones was Safe Families receiving **Family First** approval from the Prevention Services Clearinghouse, making it one of only **13 in-home support programs** nationally recognized under the Family First Prevention Services Act. This designation affirms that the ministry's evidence-based model effectively helps prevent children from entering foster care while strengthening families.

Stories like Sarah's and Jacqueline's illustrate the heart of this ministry. Both mothers faced overwhelming crises—including domestic violence, unstable housing, and lack of childcare—but instead of losing custody of their children, they found a caring community through Safe Families. Volunteers provided temporary hosting, mentoring, friendship, practical assistance, and hope, allowing these families to remain together while working toward stability.

Research continues to support this model. Families served through Safe Families were significantly more likely to avoid foster care and reunify successfully with their children, while maintaining the same level of child safety as traditional child welfare services. The ministry also reported measurable improvements in parental resilience, social connections, and access to practical supports—all key factors in preventing future family crises.

Today, Safe Families serves communities across **97 chapter locations in 25 states** and partners with ministries on **five continents**, demonstrating that the Church can play a vital role in protecting children and strengthening families around the world.

As followers of Christ, we are reminded that every act of hospitality, compassion, and generosity has the power to transform lives. Whether through prayer, volunteering, financial support, or simply sharing the mission with others, each of us can help ensure that more children remain safe, more parents find hope, and more families stay together.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE!!

We wanted to provide a brief update on the building project!

We are so excited!! We are in the final stages of contract review/approval. We are expecting construction to begin late fall this year.

As soon as we have the contract approved and a firm timeline, we will be sure to share that Information.

Thank you all for your continued support through your prayers and thoughtful and generous giving. God bless

Progress to Date

- Key milestones scheduled for this phase have been completed.
- Work is progressing according to plan, with ongoing coordination among stakeholders.
- Current activities are focused on finalizing deliverables and addressing remaining action items.

Upcoming Work

- Complete the next project phase.
- Review progress and gather feedback.
- Confirm timelines and priorities for the remaining tasks.

Risks and Considerations

- No major issues to report at this time.
- The team continues to monitor potential risks and adjust plans as needed.

Thank you for your continued support. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like additional details.

The Building Committee

Name: Rev. Matthew Sichel

Role/ Ministry position:
Associate Pastor and Chair of Discipleship

How long have you served at our church?

Since 2023

What do you enjoy most about serving here?

I love the people of Grace Church most of all. They are a beautiful tapestry of different people all coming together in love for the Kingdom of God. It is a true joy to be a part of this church

Favorite Bible Verse:

Romans 12: 1-2:

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ²Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Favorite Christian Rock Band/ Song:

Michael Card, "God's Own Fool"

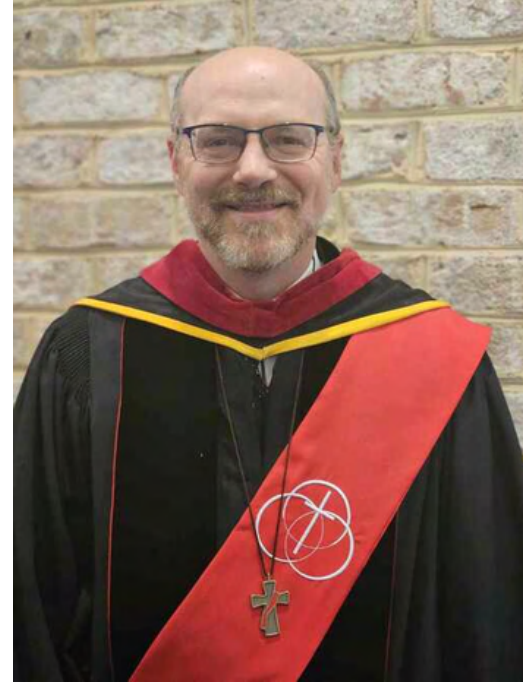
Favorite Hymn: Blessed Assurance

Favorite Snack/ Treat: Pie

Favorite Hobby: model railroading

Favorite Movie or TV Show: African Queen

Favorite Season of the year: Fall



FACES OF GRACE

Just For Fun

What was your very first job?

Ranch hand and work boy at River Valley Ranch

What is one thing people may not know about you?

I'm left-handed

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

Moses, because he wrote a significant portion of my favorite portion of the Torah.

What is your go-to comfort food?

Slippery chicken pot pie

Cats, dogs, or something else?

Cats and fish

If you had a superpower, what would it be?

Invisibility

Faith and Encouragement

What inspired you to serve in ministry?

God called me into a ministry of teaching, both at the seminary level and the local church level. I love teaching people more about God and who he is. Completing my PhD is the next thing to be faithful to that call.

What has God been teaching you recently?

That the only real way to unsnarl all the evil in the world is Jesus. Evil is a complicated and tangled mess within us and the world around us. We have absolutely no power to do anything about it. Jesus is the only one who can.



FACES OF GRACE

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

Grace Church is alive with the Spirit of Jesus Christ. He is doing obvious work in and through us. Keep making church a priority and the gospel your central focus, and God will continue to grow and bless Grace Church.

How can we be praying for you?

You can pray for my doctoral work, as I really need to finish my dissertation and earn my PhD to be faithful to God's call. You can pray for my family, as we are extremely busy and always in transition, so keeping calm and focused is sometimes hard.



Quick Favorites

Coffee/Tea?

Both

Sweet or Salty?

Salty

Books or Movies

Books

Mountains or beach

Beach

Night owl or morning person

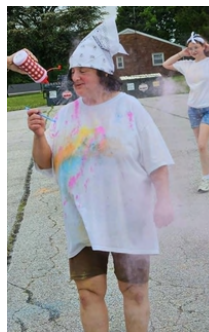
Morning all the way.

Waffles or pancakes

pancakes



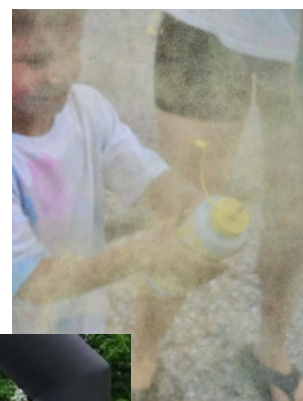
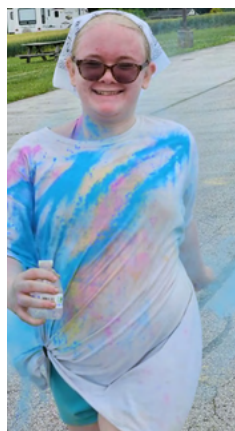
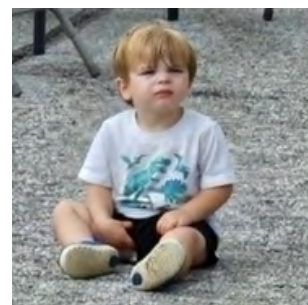
EVENTS & ACTIVITIES AT GRACE



Walk By Faith was a huge success this year. We had about 30 in attendance and we raised over \$300.00 for the youth programs of Grace Church



We start with a time of Hype and stretching



Every lap that is completed, a new color is sprayed on the participant.



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES AT GRACE



Crowd Favorite 2026

1956 Ford F100-Owned by Mark Elksnis



Kids Pick 2026

1949 Ford F150 Owned by Vernon Wiles



Pastor Pick 2026

1969 Ford Torino Owned by Steven Martin

Crusin' With Grace was held on June 20th 2026. We had 37 cars, including an antique firetruck from the Firefighters museum here in Hanover. Good food, awesome cars, and fellowship. Thank you for all the volunteers and all of Grace Church who brought out their cars!!!

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES AT GRACE



On Sunday, June 21st, we held a Compassion Sunday, a Sunday where we highlight the work of Compassion International, an international mission where children who are living in extreme poverty can be sponsored so that their basic needs are met but also so that they can be introduced to Jesus and His unconditional love.

This year, Debbie Heise, the Compassion International Church liaison for our region, was able to join us. We were also blessed to have Norah, a Compassion alumnus who shared how her life was saved, both physically and spiritually, through Compassion International.

Overall, in 2026, Grace Church sponsored 12 new children. Thank you, Church for being Jesus to the children you sponsor!!



The Deacons Page-A Time with Pastor Matt

Theology Matters: The Kingdom, The Church, and the World

The old adage goes, No (hu)man is an island, and we know that people do not exist in their own bubbles. Our lives are connected to one another in family, work, social, political, cultural, and national relationships. We just celebrated 250 years of the United States of America, which is an experiment in self-governing representative democracy. Our American Constitution begins, “We the People of the United States,” recognizing that we belong to one another and that our communal life goes better when we work together to “form a more perfect union.” Though Americans are notoriously and stereotypically independent, pull yourself up by your bootstraps people, we also send representatives to our local, state, and national governments to work together to move the collective body forward.

The same has been true of the Christian church since the very beginning, and it has been only in the most recent centuries that some Christians have moved to the idea that local church bodies can be “independent.” Ironically enough, it has been American Christians who have pressed this to the limit as churches assert their ability to self-govern. But this is an unusual condition and is outside of both the scriptural witness and the ancient tradition of the church. Furthermore, it is not the historic understanding for those churches calling themselves Methodist.

In Acts and the Epistles, we see that the early church understood itself connected across the world. Paul and others regularly traveled across the Mediterranean basin visiting the churches, providing oversight to the clergy, and collecting funds for the benefit of the entirety of the Christian world. In the Pastoral Epistles (Timothy and Titus), Paul describes this kind of oversight ministry provided by bishops and elders so that the church would be held together under the headship of the Apostles, and ultimately, Christ.

The Deacons Page-A Time with Pastor Matt

Theology Matters: The Kingdom, The Church, and the World Continued

This affected church teaching and governance as well. When disagreement arose as to how to handle the entrance of Gentiles into the church, the Apostles convened the first Council to discuss the matter. Leaders from the entire church worked together to discern the will of God and subsequently provide teaching for the whole church. This began a long tradition of what we call conciliar governance, whereby leadership from the entire church would gather to decide the weighty matters of the Christian faith in councils.

From the Council at Nicaea to Constantinople to Chalcedon and beyond, the church has been guided by wise men and women who came together to discern teaching, mission, and ministry to the world. Even today, those churches that claim, “We’re independent and governed only by the Bible,” are not really, and instead, the doctrines they believe and teach are those things which were decided in these early Councils.

It is the same for Methodism. When John Wesley began his work to reform the Church of England, he recognized the value and need of leaders coming together for this same work. In 1744, Wesley began this effort, and the very first called conference (the word Wesley chose instead of Council) undertook to define three things:

1. What to teach.
2. How to teach.
3. How to regulate doctrine, discipline, and practice

In addition, they began the work of mission and vision, looking to see where God was on the move and sending pastors and teachers out to bring the gospel to bear in the places where it was needed.

In this way, Methodists have carried the ancient practice of the church forward. We are not independent churches looking after our own vision and needs. We are connected with other churches so that the Kingdom of God and the mission of Christ can be pressed into every corner of the globe. This allows coordinated mission and accountable discipleship. We understand that we need each other for this work, and it is an extension of watching over one another in love and grace.

The Deacons Page-A Time with Pastor Matt

Theology Matters: The Kingdom, The Church, and the World Continued

Yearly we meet to discuss the challenges of ministry and the mission that God has given. Methodists gather in the Annual Charge Conference where the mission of the local church is discussed and reported to the Presiding Elder who can hold the church accountable to its work. Methodist clergy and laity from all over the region gather at Annual Conference to discuss the larger mission field and ministry work, encouraging one another and leveraging relationships so that the gospel can advance. Then, the entirety of the church meets in General Conference (now held every 6 years) to evaluate these items on a global level. We continue to ask those initial three questions, and we look to make sure that we hold one another accountable to the work that God has put before us.

As I have said many times, the church is God's Plan "A" for the salvation of the world, and there is no Plan "B." Jesus accomplished the redemption of the world through his life, death, and resurrection. It is now the responsibility of the church to bring that redemption message to the ends of the earth, and we do it together. Methodists have understood that this work is a connected enterprise, where we are connected to each other in the present, but we are also connected to all those who came before us in faith.

Vincent of Lérins (d. c. 445) was a monk on the island of Lérins in France. He wrote that the Christian faith is "what has been believed everywhere, always, and by all." This has been established and laid down for us even to this day. It is through our connection that we ensure continuity with that faith. No church is an island, and that includes Grace Church of Hanover. May we learn what it means to be connected to each other and to the rest of the global church as we seek to bring Christ to a dark world.



Love to you all in Christ's Name,

-Rev. Matt

SMALL GROUP FOCUS

Youth Ministries



Adventure Awaits at Rainforest Falls VBS!

The jungle is coming alive at Grace Church as we prepare for Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School, happening July 13–17! Throughout the week, children will trek through an exciting rainforest adventure where they'll discover the Nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

Each evening begins with dinner from 5:30–6:00 p.m., followed by our VBS program from 6:00–8:00 p.m. Kids can look forward to energetic worship, interactive Bible adventures, creative crafts, exciting games, delicious snacks, and unforgettable memories as they journey through Rainforest Falls together.

Registration is still open! If you know children, grandchildren, neighbors, or friends who would enjoy an incredible week of faith and fun, we would love to welcome them. There's still time to invite someone to join the adventure!

If you are interested in helping, we could always use a few more volunteers to help guide our explorers through the rainforest. Whether you can help with games, crafts, snacks, small groups, registration, or simply be an encouraging presence, your time and gifts can make a lasting difference in a child's life.

Finally, we invite our church family to pray for this special week. Pray that every child who walks through our doors experiences the love of Christ, builds lasting friendships, and leaves knowing with confidence that God is with them in every challenge. Please also pray for our volunteers as they serve with joy, energy, and compassion.

We can't wait to see all that God has in store as we journey together through Rainforest Falls!

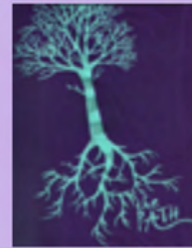


VBS Donation Board

Looking for a way to
support VBS!!!



Located in the Lobby of the Church!!



GROWING & GOING

Youth Ministries Updates and Info!!



Grace Church

Grace
Preschool



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

EVERYONE IS
INVITED!!!

JULY 13-JULY 17

DINNER: 530PM-6 PM

PROGRAM: 6 PM-8 PM

For Ages 3 years old to
just completed 5th grade

DINNER IS OPTIONAL,
HOWEVER IT IS OPEN
TO EVERYONE WHO
ATTENDS.



Children must be fully
potty trained, or a parent
or guardian must stay
with them.



QUESTIONS,
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HANOVER

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HANOVER, PA 17331

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.

*Remember: All items
must fit in a
Shoebox!!*

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.

Questions see
Amber or Darren
Myers



*Remember: All items
must fit in a
Shoebox!!*

July

Clothing and Accessories

Clothing & Socks	Flip flops or shoes
Cold weather items	Sunglasses
Bags, bookbags, and purses	Hair accessories
Kids Watches & Jewelry	Flashlights

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

**Place all
items in
collection bin
in Lobby**

Questions see
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Myers



GROWING & GOING

Youth Ministries Updates and Info!!



Grace Church



GRACE ROOTS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY




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
717-632-3140
jfreeman@mygracechurch.org

Grace Preschool

Learn . Play . Have Fun

PROGRAM FEATURES:

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

3-5
years



<https://gumpreschool.weebly.com/>
55 Albright Drive, Hanover PA

717-632-3140

Gracepreschool@mygracechurch.org

Register Here



Coming Soon

IN THE STYLE OF OUR FORGED
GATHERINGS, WE WILL BEGIN A NEW
SERIES ...

Genesis:

The Original Melted Cheese



Questions: Contact
MaryZ:
marzales@icloud.com

*Studying the Bible Like
A Grilled Cheese Sandwich*

**GENESIS:
THE
ORIGINAL
MELTED
CHEESE**

**Four Weeks
in Genesis**

JAMIE LYNN WARD

\$7 /book on
Amazon. Or see
MaryZ. 8 copies
available.

7-8pm
Grace Church
Multipurpose Room
Dessert Provided-

WE WILL HAVE 4 GATHERINGS... ON THE
FOLLOWING TUESDAYS:
JUNE 23, JULY 28, AUGUST 11 & 25



The 2026 General Conference for the Global Methodist Church will be held in Johannesburg, South Africa starting August 30th. More than 400 delegates from Conferences around the world will come together to do the work of the church, including 2 of our own, Pastor Todd and Autumn.

The Prayer Committee of the General Conference invites you to participate through prayer in preparation for the 2026 General Conference. These guides are designed to focus your prayers at key times to empower the Lord's work through the Global Methodist Church, as we unite around the theme *The Beauty of Holiness*. This offers an excellent opportunity for us to continue to demonstrate our collective dependence on the Lord's empowerment to fuel our movement.

Here is the link to the 40-day prayer guide:

<https://irp.cdn-website.com/4829cd2f/files/uploaded/GenCon2026-40Day+Prayer+Guide-EN-FORMATTED.pdf>

Or copies can be picked up at the hospitality desk.

For more information on General Conference, you can see Pastor Todd, Pastor Matt, or Autumn, or visit the website at beautyofholiness2026.org

NORTHEAST CONFERENCE SPOTLIGHT



A recap of our GMC conference;
WOW! Followed by:

Worship-phenomenal
Ordination-beautiful ceremony

Reverence and holiness

Songs of Peace and Purpose

Inspirational as well as Intercessory Prayer

Prayer-an abundance of thanksgiving and Praise unto the Lord

There was most definitely a Holy Spirit presence at First Church in Williamsport. We were blessed to be part of it and share with others about the way God is moving and growing the Global Methodist Church. Do attend a GMC conference if you are able, and fellowship faithfully with friends!

Mary Z.



PASSING IT ON

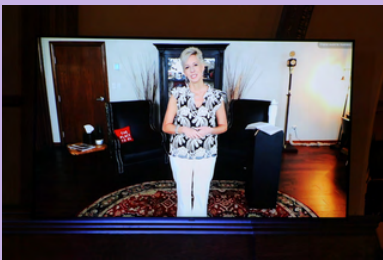
GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH
2026 NORTHEAST ANNUAL CONFERENCE



The 2026 Northeast Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church gathered June 11–13 at First Church Williamsport under the theme "Passing It On," drawn from Psalm 78:4–7.



Across worship, Bible study, plenary sessions, breakouts, fellowship, and ordination, the Conference emphasized the call to proclaim the gospel to the next generation and to continue the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ. Rev. Steven Taylor helped frame the gathering with gratitude for connectional faithfulness, leadership, and shared mission.



Dan Wilt, D.Min., brought emphasis on Spirit-empowered worship, healing, union with Christ, and spiritual formation. Rev. Elizabeth Brake contributed through biblical teaching and witness to faithful response to God's call. Stephanie Greenwald emphasized the joyful and



compassionate communication of the Good News through biblical preaching and teaching. Rev. Dr. Matt Lake focused on discipleship as a culture-shaping way of life rather than simply another church program. Bishop Leah Hidde-Gregory lifted up gospel proclamation, revival, church revitalization, orthodox Wesleyan witness, and the sending of clergy into faithful ministry.



Together, the Conference called churches to pass on the faith through worship, prayer, discipleship, evangelism, intergenerational ministry, and the Spirit-empowered life of the Church.

NORTHEAST CONFERENCE SPOTLIGHT

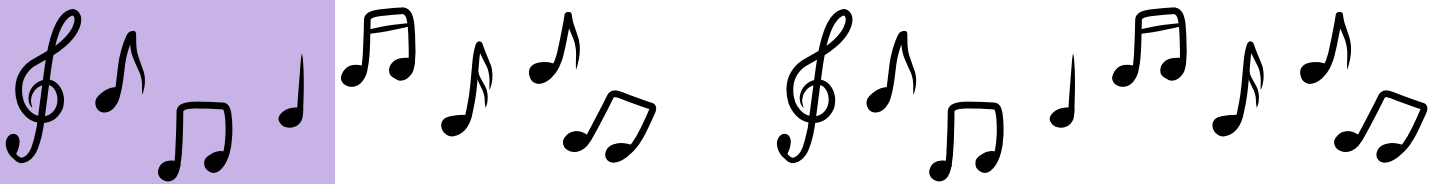


MUSIC MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



The Music Ministry provides Special Music at the 7:45 and 11:00 services over the summer months while the Chancel Choir is on break. Please plan on coming to enjoy the talent we have at Grace Church as well as some visitors from the community.

Please see Larry Kuntz if you would like to sing or play an instrument for Special Music this summer.



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~



Grace Church of Hanover-Favorite Songs

~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.

COMING

Soon!!!

Back to Grace Weekend



Saturday, August 22

&

Sunday, August 23

COME JOIN US FOR



SUNDAY
AUGUST 23
9:00 AM
10:30 AM
BREAKFAST AND A TIME
OF FELLOWSHIP
FOLLOWED BY A
COMBINED OUTSIDE
WORSHIP SERVICE

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY AT GRACE
A TIME TO RECONNECT, REFRESH, AND RETURN

"Your Family, Your Faith, Your Home"
GRACE CHURCH