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Amazing Grace

Grace United Methodist Church, 55 Albright Drive

It is November and the season of gratitude is always one that warms my heart. As the smell of pumpkin spice and cinnamon apples fill the air it causes us to stop and take a breath. During that breath we may look around and see the changing of the leaves. This beautiful masterpiece that takes place as the chlorophyll retreats out of the leaves and we see the true colors hidden underneath. Psalm 8:9 comes to mind "LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! The seasons are God's time marker. We say good bye to summer and look to the transition of the fall.

Transition is on my mind this season. The church leadership is writing to the Bishop and District Superintendent about my appointment here at Grace and in turn I am writing as well. (Don't worry, we expect to be together for a good long time). I consider the vitality and viability of our church during this season. As a whole financially our church is in a good place. As a leader though, I am always concerned about the state of our church and its ability to provide vital impact to our community through mission and discipleship opportunities. While the church is able

to exist on our weekly tithing, I want to ask the question "do I believe Grace Church needs to continue after I am taken from this world?" Maybe ask, "Do I believe in the work and presence of Grace in the hearts of our congregation and surrounding community?" Basically, do you believe Grace Church needs to exist after us? I sit around meetings and hear the amazing life changing work that is taking place through our hands and feet, I ask myself "What does Grace Church need once I am no longer, and perhaps you as well?" Am I willing to give a gift in death that will support Grace Church in the years after?

While the questions are somewhat morbid, I believe they are faithful. I as a pastor fully intend to tithe off of my estate after my death so that I continue to support Christ's church and its work in the world. I wonder if you have ever considered that? I would like to ask you to be prayerful about leaving a Legacy Gift to ensure Grace Church's vitality and future by naming Grace Church in your interest. A Legacy Gift is one that is set apart in a Will to be designated for supporting your church. If you already have a will and do not want to change it significantly, you may consider adding a "codicil" which is an amendment to your will and specify a gift for Grace Church. Bequests do not have to be money but have a variety of options—Please ask your financial planner.

Why is this important? Many of you have given your lives to Christ through the work of this church and have seen your family, extended family, friends, neighbors, and community members impacted by the faithful work and financial support you have give at Grace Church. Giving a Legacy Gift is a sign of gratitude and affirmation. Thankfulness for God's great work in your life and this church and the support for its continued vibrant existence. Malachi 3:10 says "*bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the LORD Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.*"

God calls us as Christians to consider the work of the church and promises his abundance in our faithfulness. If you have any questions and desire further conversation myself or the council members would be happy to sit down with you. Please be in prayer and ask God to reveal to you how you might give.

Blessings,



Rev. Todd Christine

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From the Church Mouse

As I was leaving my mouse house on Sunday, and traveling through the kitchen, I noticed some things that I feel I must talk to you about. While the kitchen is there for the use of all members, some rules must be adhered to.

When using the stove, burners or oven, the gas has to be turned on at the valve at the back right hand side of the stove. All stove top pilots must be lit. After you have finished your "project", you again must turn off the gas at the valve. Make sure all food is out of the ovens. Clean up any spills that have happened. Also, there are 2 drip pans under the burners, they should be washed - wiped - clean.

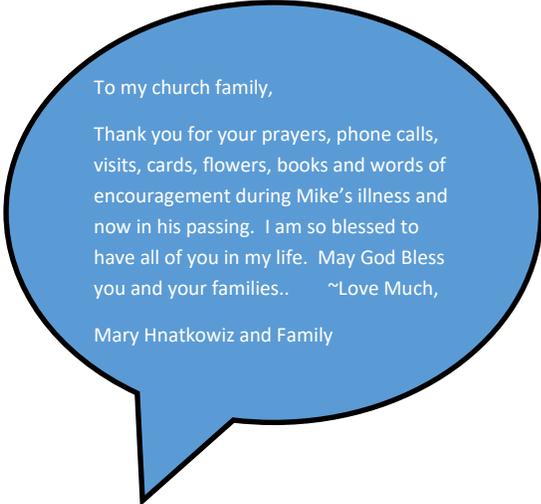
The refrigerator: Label and date all foods in the refrigerator. If you know they will not have an immediate use, please remove them to your home, or someone else's. They tend to stay in there and grow molds. The same goes for the freezer.

Please put away all utensils, dishes, pots and pans that you have used. Don't leave them on the counters. Same goes for food stuffs. Immediate use, or remove from the kitchen. Also, the church does not have laundry service. Please wash your rags and towels.

My friend, Kim, worked really hard to get the kitchen in good shape for our Health Department inspection. We got an excellent rating. Lets try to keep it that way.

Your friend,
The Church Mouse

Many Thanks



To my church family,

Thank you for your prayers, phone calls, visits, cards, flowers, books and words of encouragement during Mike's illness and now in his passing. I am so blessed to have all of you in my life. May God Bless you and your families.. ~Love Much,

Mary Hnatkowiz and Family

Outreach Ministry @ Grace Church,

On September 10, my husband Robert Thomassy was admitted to ICU at Hanover Hospital. During his very short stay there the nurses presented him with the Mosaic Prayer Square. I cannot begin to tell you what that meant to myself and family. On September 15th he passed away. I will be forever grateful for your prayers and for warmth the quilt gave to him and to us. We will always cherish it. Thank you for your beautiful word.

Gratefully,

Linda Thomassy and Family.

- 11-3 Britt McKee
- 11-3 Ronnie Wentz
- 11-4 Avis Beard
- 11-5 Landon Becker
- Nichole Hinkle
- Michele Parker
- Christine Zoller
- 11-6 Leo DeSantis
- 11-11 Annabelle Johnson
- Steve Dyke
- Gia DeSantis
- 11-12 Isabella Bulson
- Janet Miller
- 11-15 Emma Miller
- Jerold Howsden
- 11-16 Marilyn Resh
- Kris Parker
- 11-18 Jolisa Lalbeharry
- 11-23 Dylan Griffiths
- Tysha Reed
- Kenneth Wentz
- 11-24 Patricia Orndorff
- 11-29 Anne Wentz
- 11-30 Emily Howard

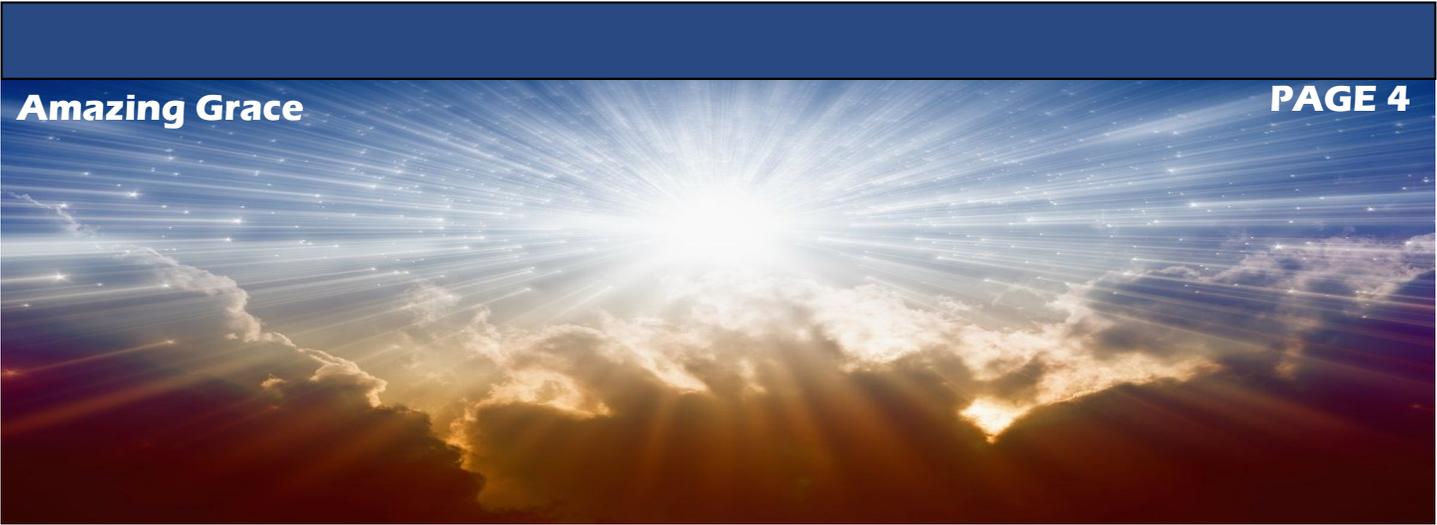
CONNECTING WITH COUNCIL

October Council Highlights

Chair: Linda Mixter

Members: Denny Blum, Ron Carter, Pastor Todd Christine, Karen Coons, Ed Davis, Duane Myers, Amanda Myers, Amber Myers, Brian Jenkins

- Council moved to invest all interest from all investments in the Santander Money Market account to the Paul Harbaugh Trust Fund thus maximizing interest rates.
- The Staff, Parish Relations Committee recommended and the Council decided to remove the Director of Children's Ministry position and replace it with the Young People's Ministry Director. This position will be for 15/hr a week with a salary of \$15,000/yr.
- Church Charge Conference will be held at First Church in Hanover on Dec. 11th at 6:00 pm.
- Council authorized up to \$500.00 for advertisement for the events committee. This money will come from the line item advertising/marketing.
- Council has tabled discussion on the Outside Storage Shed and the Parking lot.
- Staff and congregation should remember to close all fire doors and ensure all lights are turned off when exiting the building. Utility bills continue to rise.




MISSION CENTRAL

The health care kits the ladies who attended our retreat assembled were taken to Mission Central recently. While there Bobbi and Linda helped a group from York check school bags. These bags were sewn and filled by a church group from Virginia and now are ready for distribution. Thank you each for your help in reaching out to others through our Methodist ministry.



Ruth's Harvest Date's

December 1st @9:00 a.m.

February 9th @9:00 a.m.

March 16th @ 9:00 a.m.

May 4th @9:00 a.m.

During the school year Ruth's Harvest supplies weekend meals for qualified students from the elementary schools of Hanover who are eligible through the free and reduced lunch program. Every week volunteers pack bags of nutritious food for students to take home on Friday. Packing will take place at St. Matthews Church. 30 W. Chestnut St. Hanover, PA 17331

Heavenly Boutique
 is open he 1st and 3rd Saturday from 9—12pm. Lots of Great Deals!!





“ Making disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in our community through caring, in-depth Bible study, available to all.”

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TUESDAYS FROM 7 - 8 PM
 BEGINNING NOVEMBER 2022
 WE WILL EXPLORE THE BOOK OF DANIEL
 STARTING DECEMBER 12TH AND END ON MAY 2ND

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
 PLEASE CONTACT MARY Z.
 MAREZALES@ICLOUD.COM
 443-789-8727

Registration Deadline:
 November 30th

Wednesday, November 9th @ 9:30am



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Finding Hope & Healing
 Your First Holiday's



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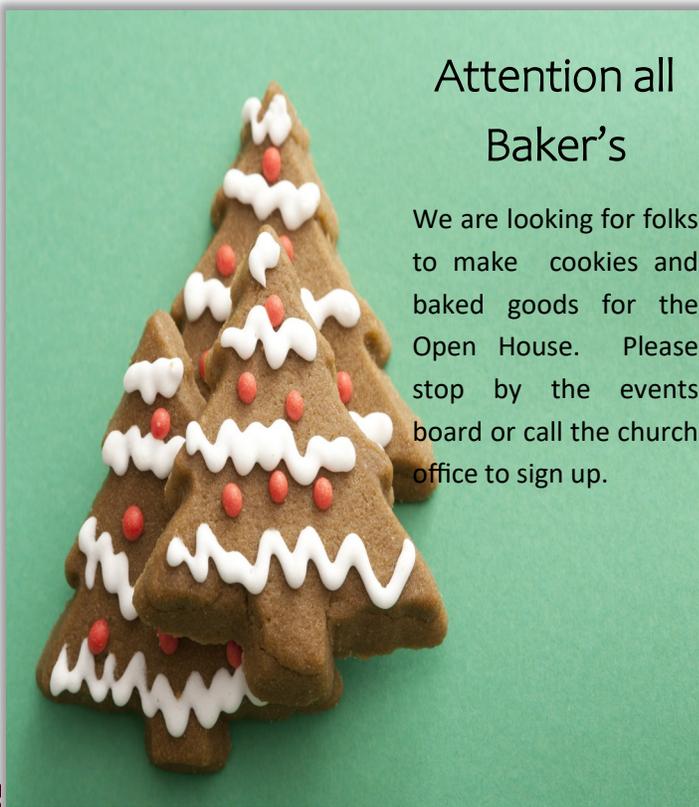
CHRISTMAS Open House

SATURDAY DECEMBER 3RD, 4PM TO 7PM

Grace Church

55 ALBRIGHT DRIVE, HANOVER PA 17331
717-637-3100

- INDOOR NATIVITY WALK
- BAKE GOOD AND COOKIE SALE
- FREE COOKIE AND DRINK
- OPEN KITCHEN
- TRAIN DISPLAY
- LIVE MUSIC
- LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE



Attention all Baker's

We are looking for folks to make cookies and baked goods for the Open House. Please stop by the events board or call the church office to sign up.



Come join us and help get our church ready for the Christmas season. Be on the lookout for upcoming decorating days. We will be trimming the inside and outside of the church. We will need all hands on deck to make this event successful. Thank you in advance for your support.



WE WILL BE HAVING WORKSHOP DAYS FOR MAKING HOLIDAY DECORATIONS AND FOR GROUPS TO WORK ON THEIR NATIVITY WALK DISPLAYS.

Monday's

Friday's

October 31st 6:30-8:00
 November 7th 6:30-8:00
 November 14th 6:30-8:00
 November 21st 6:30-8:00
 November 28th 6:30-8:00

November 4th 10:00-12:00
 November 11th 10:00-12:00
 November 18th 10:00-12:00