



GRACE MENNONITE
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April 13, 2025

**Sunday School 9am Worship Service 10am
Office hours: Tues & Thurs. 10-2**

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**Welcome to all our guests this morning!
We are glad you are here! We look forward to seeing you again!**

Prelude

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Whetzel's, Worship Leader's

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Music

Announcements

"Mission Moment"

Glen Adams/Vertical Connections Ministry

Offering

Dismiss Children for Children's Church

Message: Pastor Richard Early

"The Joy of the Lord Is What We Are To Demonstrate"

Luke 19: 28-40

Hymn

Sharing Time

Benediction

*Please turn your cell phones off or silence them during the service.
Wifi Network: Connect to Gracequest Password JesusSaves*

	April 13 Palm Sunday	April 20 Sunrise Service	April 20 Easter Sunday
PREACHING	Pastor Richard	Pastor LaShonda	Pastor Josh
WORSHIP LEADER	Loyd & Wren Whetzel	_____	Pastor LaShonda
CHILDREN'S CHURCH PreK-3rd Grade	Renee' deJongh & Pastor LaShonda	_____	Angelique Liskey & Logan Wooddell
Jr. Church 1st & 3rd Sunday's	_____	_____	Ginger Brubaker & Billie Jo Mohler
TODDLER ROOM	Eli & Anna May Stratton	_____	Angie Welsh & Camden Russell

April Birthdays

6 Randall Lam, Gene Stewart	18 Austyn Thompson
16 Jocelyn Thompson, Naomi Richards	19 Chan Gingerich 20 Tim Coffman

Baptism is an outward testimony of an inward transformation.

If you are interested in being baptized, please talk to Pastor Josh. We have someone that is wanting to take the next step in their faith and we want to include others if there is an interest.

***All are invited to Breakfast next Sunday! Breakfast will be provided by a group of men that love to cook! You do NOT need to bring anything. This will be during the Sunday School hour.

THIS WEEK...

Sunday: Breakfast during Sunday School hour; Palm Sunday

Monday: Food Pantry, Clothing Ministry

Tuesday: CC Home School Group; Church Cleaning

Wednesday: Great Community Give; Church Council

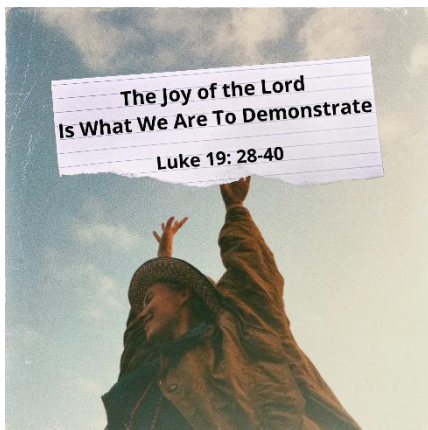
Thursday: Ladies Luncheon; Maundy Thursday Service

Friday:

**Grace Mennonite Fellowship
Lacey Spring, VA
Sermon by Pastor Richard Early
Palm Sunday April 13, 2025
"The Joy of the Lord Is What We Are To Demonstrate"
Luke 19: 28-40**

What is the Joy of the Lord?

1. Joy is the demonstration of what our minds are seeing. Luke 19:37...the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God loud voices for all the miracles they had seen.



2. Joy is the demonstration of what our hearts are feeling

a. Example: Luke 19:1-10 Zacchaeus the tax collector

3. Joy is the demonstration of what we are doing.

Luke 31:36 "When He went along, people spread their cloaks on the road".

4. Joy is the demonstration of strength.

Luke 19:39-40 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" "I tell you, he replied, if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

In embracing God's empowerment, the joy of the Lord gives us His strength to face any challenge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- "KISS A COW" Philippines fundraiser has begun! Pastor Josh will kiss a cow when we raise \$5000. To date we have raised \$1302. Get an envelope from the display board in the hallway with an amount you can give. Proceeds will get the Vitor's here to Virginia.

-We need your recipes for our new cookbook for Grace! Find your favorite recipes and get them to us asap. We would like to have all recipes to us by April 20th. Look for Recipe Sheets at the mailboxes. Thank you for helping us make this cookbook a success. The funds will be going towards the new pavilion.

-Mennonite Women of Virginia's first gathering of 2025 will be on Annual Missions Day at Lindale Mennonite Church on Saturday, April 26. The event starts at 8:30 am with fellowship and coffee and will conclude with lunch together around 1 pm.

-Ladies, mark your calendar for June 21st. We will be having a Ladies Retreat here at Grace. Details are coming soon!

-Vacation Bible School! Save the Date for June 22-26. More details to come!



HOLY WEEK **Grace Mennonite Fellowship**

Palm Sunday, 10am. Pastor Richard Early will be sharing a message of JOY!

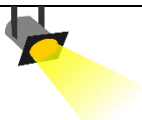
Maundy Thursday, 6:30pm. Communion & Foot Washing

Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30am. Pastor LaShonda Russell will be giving the message.

Easter Service, 10am. Pastor Josh Cox will be speaking of the RESURRECTION!

Prayer Requests: Renee' deJongh's family; Shane; JJ; Tusing family; Liz Landis; Sharon Ritchie's family; Jennifer Norvell's son; Sandi Sloop; Jean Martin; Loyd & Wren Whetzel

Remember our shut-ins: Dan & Flo Benner, Frances Showalter, Paul & Catherine Mishler, Millie Early.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN FAMILY MINISTRY

Children's Church News

As a parent, have you wondered what your children will be learning today in Children's Church? Today's lesson...

"Jesus Died For Us"

Scripture: Mark 11:27-33; 12:1-12; 15:26; 16:7

****Service project with the Youth on April 16th here at the church.**

GIVING...

Attendance

Last Sunday: 160

One year ago: 122

All Giving Last Sunday:

\$5990

Breakdown of Last Sunday

General Fund: \$4455

Philippines: \$50

Vitor Fundraiser: \$293

T-shirts: \$782

Ephrata Mennonite School:

\$410

Ministries of Grace

GMF Philippines Learning Center Grace has a school in the Philippines, that is for 3-5 year old children. We have been supporting them since 1999. For more information, please talk to Wayne & Joanne Showalter.

The Lacey Spring Food Pantry is open on Mondays for anyone in need of food. If you or someone you know that is facing food insecurities, have them talk to us. We are here to help! We are a mission here at Grace Mennonite Fellowship.

Vertical Connections Ministry

We are a clothing ministry open on Mondays from 10am-2pm. For more information, talk to Glen Adams.



Grace Mennonite Fellowship

Mission Statement

We will endeavor to faithfully give ourselves to prayer, worship, and study of the Bible. We acknowledge that God invites us to practice love, forgiveness, and hospitality to all humanity. We commit ourselves to invite others to faith in Jesus and to seek God's peace in our homes, work, neighborhoods, & the world.

Vision Statement

God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as a witnessing community of love, grace, joy and peace; so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.