



GRACE MENNONITE
FELLOWSHIP

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June 1, 2025

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

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Pastor LaShonda Russell/540-578-0782/lalaruss78@gmail.com

Welcome to Grace Mennonite Fellowship!

We are glad you are here today to worship with us. Here at Grace, we strive to learn more about Jesus through the scriptures, song & each other. We want to walk along side you on your faith journey! Our hope is that you will feel at home here at Grace.

The Grace family is made up of people from all walks of life and all ages. We pray that you will find where you fit in and let your gifts shine.

Pastor Josh and Pastor LaShonda are available to meet you over coffee, in their office or your home.

Important Contacts

Mike Oswald, Elder Chair
Kent Armentrout, Council Chair
Larry Davis, Head Trustee
Tamra Puffenbarger, Care Team Lead
Kay Kibler, Administrative Assistant
CL Russell, Sound Tech
Bekah Mongold, Visuals



*Please turn your cell phones off or silence them during the service.
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Prelude

Welcome & Opening Prayer **Dawn Mast, Worship Leader**

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Announcements

Music

Offering

Dismiss Children for Children's Church

Message: Pastor Josh Cox
"The Golden Calf"
Exodus 32

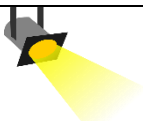
Hymn

Sharing Time

Benediction

Worship Schedule

	June 1	June 8
PREACHING	Pastor Josh	Pastor Josh
WORSHIP LEADER	Dawn Mast	Loyd Whetzel
CHILDREN'S CHURCH PreK-3rd Grade	Angelique Liskey & Logan Wooddell	Julie & Darren Jones
Jr. Church 1st & 3rd Sunday's	Ginger Brubaker & Billie Jo Mohler	_____
TODDLER ROOM	Lam family	Angela Welsh & Camden Russell



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...

"Gathering Together"

Scripture: Acts 1: 12-14; 2:1-14; 21-24; 32-47; 1 Cor. 16:19

GIVING...

Attendance

Last Sunday: 111

One year ago: 122

All Giving Last Sunday:
\$2483

Breakdown of Last Sunday

General Fund: \$2266

Philippines: \$50

Coins: \$167

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General	2669	2295	4185
Pantry	440	405	465
L. Stand			20
VCM	55	55	55
Philippines	100	100	100
Compassion	135	125	150
Youth			10
Totals	3399	2980	4985

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, June 1

Fellowship Meal

Monday, June 2

Food Pantry & VCM

Tuesday, June 3

Church Cleaning

Wednesday, June 4

Men's Luncheon

June Birthdays

2 Hailey Jones

5 Gracie Nelson

6 Micah Golladay

7 JR Marraro, Pam Zens

8 Jean Trobaugh

10 Noah Sturgess

16 Braden Shields

17 Cody Arbogast,
Raleigh Welsh

18 Angelique Liskey,
Pastor Josh

19 Kay Early

20 Ossi Armentrout

21 Marilyn Yoder

23 Beth Crites

24 Sharon Nesselrodt

29 Tracey Layman

30 Doug Puffenbarger

Announcements

***TODAY is our monthly fellowship meal. All are welcome to stay even if you didn't bring a dish. There is always plenty.**

***TODAY, June 1, 3-5pm** - Join the Weavers congregation in a **"Welcome to the Blue Ridge District" celebration at Weavers.** Yard games will be set up for adults and children. Bring a snack to share if you can. Weavers will take care of drinks and maybe some frozen treats. Also bring a musical instrument if you wish to join a mostly impromptu worship jam! In case of inclement weather, Shady Oak fellowship hall will be available.

***We are still taking donations for Bibles at Grace Mennonite.**

These Bibles serve as a vital resource for spiritual growth, guidance, comfort, and a deeper understanding of God's word! We have 3 types of bibles: Pew bibles serve as a way for attendees to have bibles to better engage with scripture during our sermons and teaching. Teen bibles allow all teens to have the same bible to read and learn from. Youth bibles replace tiny print bibles that are hard to use and follow for the youngest! We will be taking donations through the end of June. Forms and envelopes for donations are near the mailboxes and can be put in Julie Jones mailbox when complete. If you have questions, Julie's contact info is on the form or see Kay Kibler.

***We are still accepting recipes for the "Flavors of Fellowship" cookbook.** See Amanda Fauls & Melinda Armentrout.

***Shenandoah Valley unit of MDS** covers all of Western VA and West Virginia. This summer we will be finishing up some small projects in southwest Virginia due to past flooding. If you or a small group could volunteer for two or three days we could use you. We could also see this as a family service project for a family with teenage children willing to serve. Dates can be flexible. Contact Woody Driver at 540-820-9676.

***June 6-7 (Fri-Sat) - Motorcycles for Mission.** Motorcyclists from across Virginia ride through the scenic Shenandoah Valley, Blue Ridge and Allegheny mountains, fostering fellowship and supporting VMissions. To learn more and to register:
vmmissions.org/partner/events/motorcycle-for-missions

***Ladies Retreat here at Grace June 21st.** 10am-2pm. Lunch will be provided. All ladies over the age of 18 are invited to attend. You must sign up to attend. There is a sign-up sheet by the mailboxes.

***Vacation Bible School is June 22-26.** A week of fun, fellowship and faith!. Registration is being done online, by a QR code. We still need meals for our leaders/volunteers on Mon & Wed.
Talk to Pastor LaShonda.



Scan to
register

***Highland Retreat Church Campout is June 27-29!** Get your camping gear ready! Check in is Friday evening 6pm. Activities all weekend! Ice Cream Social on Sat afternoon and a potluck supper on Sat evening. Worship on Sun morning with baptisms. This is a great weekend!

***Corhaven**, a retreat center and a [*ministry of Coracle*](#), is rooted in historic Christian faith and dedicated to hosting individuals, families, small groups, and leadership teams as they carve out time in their lives to connect with God. Located an hour and a half west from Northern Virginia and a half hour north of Harrisonburg, the 17-acre wooded property offers a network of trails, a creek with stations for prayer and reflection, fire pits with wood supplied, and a variety of other spaces to connect with God. *You can [learn more about Corhaven](#) and our retreats, and/or to book your next retreat here!*

LMC News

Sept 24-27 (Wed-Sat) - LMC Fall Leadership Assembly ‘No Other Foundation’—this year a longer, four-day assembly celebrating 500 years of Anabaptism. **Wed and Thurs - resourcing event** around team leadership at East Petersburg Mennonite Church. Cost \$60. **Fri eve - partner organization Expo followed by worship service** at Weaverland Anabaptist Faith Community. Expo from 5-7pm includes table displays by LMC resource partners, appetizers and ice cream, giveaway gifts, door prizes, scavenger hunt for the children, MDS Storm Trailer (virtual experience of a tornado). Cost FREE.

Sat - worship, speakers, stories, and seminars at Weaverland Anabaptist Faith Community. Cost \$30.

More info at lmcchurches.org/connections/fall-leadership-assembly.

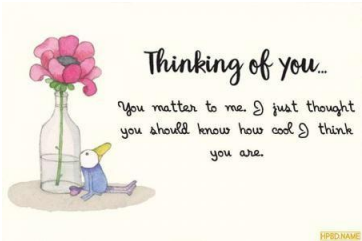
Prayer List

Julie Jones, Pam Zens, Lee deJongh, Renee' deJongh

Please remember our shut-ins
by sending them a card.

Dan & Flo Benner

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Frances Showalter

[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

Paul & Catherine Mishler

[Redacted]
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Millie Early

[Redacted]
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Liz Landis

[Redacted]
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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 from 1-5:30pm for anyone in need of food. If you or someone you know that is facing food insecurities, have them talk to Kay Kibler or Amanda Fauls. We are here to help! We are a mission here at Grace.

Vertical Connections Ministry

This is a clothing ministry open on Mondays from 10am-1pm.

For more information, talk to Glen Adams.



VERTICAL CONNECTION MINISTRIES
MOBILE CLOTHES BANK
540-405-1668



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 flowthrough us to the world.

Prayers for Hope and New Beginnings

Prayer is a powerful force for good. It is in the strength of prayer that brings comfort, hope, and healing. The spring season symbolizes hope and new beginnings. The freezing winter months begin to fade, and the world welcomes new plant life, from wildflowers to flourishing trees. One of the best ways to fully appreciate this time of year is to include some spring prayers in your prayer life.

1. Pray in a Garden

Saying your prayers in a new location can be a great way to revitalize your practice and get a new perspective on life. This spring, make a habit of praying amongst the flowers. Go into your own garden, a public park, or a local community garden and find a spot to connect with God. Pick a spot that is comfortable where you can have a little quiet. As you pray, slowly breathe in and out. Savor the scent of life around you—from the nourishing soil to the fragrance of the flowers. Remember that everything around you was made by God, just like you.

2. Pray by the Window

If you can't make it out to the garden or park, you can still focus on your prayer time by making a comfortable and inspiring prayer spot in your home. Consider making yours next to a window so you can look out over God's creation—like the budding flowers, the new green of the trees, and the returning birds. Make the space comfortable with a good chair and pillows. Bring your bible or devotional to help you pray. Maybe even add a vase of flowers or houseplants to lighten up the space and truly bring you into the spring mindset.

3. Pray When It Rains

"April showers bring May flowers," goes the saying. If there's one thing spring has a lot of, it's rain. While you may long for the clear days of summer, you can use the rainy spring season to commit to praying more often. Make a prayer habit of praying every time it rains. Every time you hear those raindrops hit the window, step away from your work or chores to say a spring prayer. Even just taking a few minutes to check in with God can make a world of difference. Soon you'll find yourself getting excited when the forecast calls for yet another day of rain.