



GRACE MENNONITE
FELLOWSHIP

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June 22, 2025

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

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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 alongside 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.

Wifi Network: Connect to Graceguest Password JesusSaves

Prelude

Welcome & Opening Prayer Anna May Stratton, Worship Leader

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Announcements

Music

Offering

Dismiss Children for Children's Church

Message: Pastor Josh Cox
"The Mystery of Christ"
Colossians 1

Hymn

Sharing Time

Benediction

Worship Schedule

	June 22	June 29 Highland Retreat
PREACHING	Pastor Josh	Pastor Josh
WORSHIP LEADER	Anna May Stratton	Brian Bly
CHILDREN'S CHURCH PreK-3rd Grade	Denise Lam & Sharon Nesselrodt	None this Sunday
Jr. Church 1st & 3rd Sunday's	_____	None this Sunday
TODDLER ROOM	Jenny Arbogast & Amy Shrock	None this Sunday



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...

"Making Wise Choices"

Scripture: Philemon 1-25

GIVING...

Attendance

Last Sunday: 112

One year ago: 141

All Giving Last Sunday:
\$3110

Breakdown of Last Sunday

General Fund: \$2720

Philippines: \$50

TShirt: \$40

<i>EASY TITHE</i>	JAN	FEB	MAR
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 22-26

Bible School!!!

Monday, June 23

Food Pantry, VCM

Tuesday, June 24

Church Cleaning

Wednesday, June 25

Thursday, June 26

Friday – Sunday

HIGHLAND RETREAT CAMPOUT

June Birthdays

23 Beth Crites

29 Tracey Layman

24 Sharon Nesselrodt

30 Doug Puffenbarger

<p>Pastor Josh is planning a Membership Class in July. If you are interested in joining our Grace Family, please talk to him.</p>

Announcements



***WELCOME BABY ZILLAH!!**

TODAY is the BABY SHOWER!!

A "Shower Table" is set up at the back of the church where you can put the items you brought. Thank you for supporting Stephanie & Zillah!

***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 winding down accepting recipes for the "Flavors of Fellowship" cookbook.** Don't wait much longer to get your recipes in! 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.

***Vacation Bible School starts this evening!!** A week of fun, fellowship and faith! Don't forget...if you signed up for bringing supper, it's this week!! The congregation is invited to the VBS Celebration Dinner "Theatre" on Thursday evening. This is a potluck meal starting at 5:45pm. Talk to Pastor LaShonda.





Highland Retreat Church Campout is next weekend, 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! Here are a few items that are just a reminder to those who have been coming for awhile and for others that are new to our campout...

****Check in time is 6:00 p.m. and check out time is 2:00 p.m.**

****No smoking (including e-cigarettes and vaping), no tobacco products, no alcohol, no illicit drugs, no profanity or obscene language.**

****Pets are not permitted anywhere on Highland Retreat grounds. Animals that have been 'individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability' as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) may be admitted provided that the animal does not fundamentally alter the program and/or retreat (please contact the office for additional guidance for service animals). Animals that provide comfort and emotional support are not permitted. Service animals in training are not permitted.**

****Cell phone coverage is limited on our grounds. T-Mobile (and other T-Mobile based networks) work well, Verizon (and other Verizon based networks) do not.**

****Standard pool hours are Friday 6:30-9:30 PM, Saturday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM and 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM, and Sunday 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM.**

***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!*

Blue Ridge District News

***June 28 (Sat) 6:30-8:30pm - free Ordinary Time Concert Series** at the amphitheater of Brethren & Mennonite Heritage Center (1921 Heritage Center Way, Harrisonburg); rain location, Harrisonburg Mennonite Church. The Soil and The Seed Project celebrates the release of The Sermon on the Mount album. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, friends!



***Early Church is looking for someone to serve as their administrator.** This is an 8-hour weekly position. If interested, or know someone who could be a good fit, talk to Harrigan (harrigan@earlychurchva.org) for more details. Includes technological and scheduling skills, emailing and organization, good communication skills, prayer, and a deep love for Jesus and for the body of Christ!

This doesn't have to be someone who attends EC.

Pray with Early Church that the Lord will bring the right person!

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 lmchurches.org/connections/fall-leadership-assembly.

UPCOMING THIS FALL....

***Oct 24-26 (weekend) - The SOIL+SEED FESTIVAL at Highland Retreat** (Bergton, VA), a family-friendly retreat that features concerts, times of worship, sing-alongs, hiking, campfires, and opportunities to connect with others around nature, music, and faith in Jesus Christ. More at thesoilandtheseedproject.org/events

Prayer List

Pastor Archie Webster's church in Luray, Highland Retreat Campers & Staff, Jean Martin's granddaughter, Maddy Roderick, Julie Jones, Pastor Paul Mishler & family, Shelly Jorgensen's family, Young men involved in accident a few weeks ago.

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

Dan & Flo Benner



Paul Mishler



Frances Showalter



Millie Early



Liz Landis



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
540-405-1568

Prison Ministry

Grace has a men's jail discipleship class that meets from 8:45am-9:45am each Friday in Rockingham Regional Jail. Out of the class has developed a breakfast with jail volunteers and friends made on the inside that are now free. Talk to Pastor Josh if interested.



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.