



GRACE MENNONITE
FELLOWSHIP

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July 27, 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.

*"For it is by grace you have been saved,
through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God."
Ephesians 2:8, NIV*

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.

Prelude

Welcome & Opening Prayer **Wren Whetzel, Worship Leader**

Worship leader: Lift up your hearts

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Worship leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Announcements

Music

Offering

Dismiss Children for Children's Church

Message: Pastor Josh

"Come To God with Freedom & Confidence"

Ephesians 3

Hymn

Sharing Time

Benediction

Worship Schedule

	July 27	Aug 3
PREACHING	Pastor Josh	Brian Bly
WORSHIP LEADER	Wren Whetzel	Ellie Stratton
CHILDREN'S CHURCH PreK-3rd Grade	Andrea Keckley & Renee' DeJongh	Jenny Arbogast & Amy Baker
Jr. Church 1st & 3rd Sunday's	_____	Ginger Brubaker & Billie Jo Mohler
TODDLER ROOM	Quinlan's	Mathias family
Music Team	Doris Davis	Chris Grim team
Secure Church	Jake Buchanan	Michael Fauls



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...

"Prayers of Thanks"

Scripture: Luke 17:11-19

GIVING...

Attendance

Last Sunday: 113

One year ago: 108

All Giving Last Sunday:
\$2572

Breakdown of Last Sunday

General Fund: \$2222

Campout: \$350

<i>EASY TITHE</i>	Apr	May	June
General			
Pantry			
L. Stand			
VCM			
Philippines			
Compassion			
Youth			
Totals			

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, July 27

Monday, July 28

Food Pantry, VCM

Tuesday, July 29

Church Cleaning

Wednesday, July 30

CC Meeting 9-12

July Birthdays

27 Larry Davis

30 Wayne Showalter

31 Butch Delp

HOUSEKEEPING...When using the church, please remember to leave things better than you found them, turn off lights, and make sure the doors are **closed and locked**.

Glen Adams with Vertical Connection Ministry, is NOT accepting clothing at this time. Please do not leave clothing at the church unless you have talked with Glen. Thanks!

Announcements

***Pastor Josh is planning a membership class in July.** If you are interested in joining, please talk to him.

***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.

***Pastor Josh will be on vacation this week.** If you need Pastoral Care, please reach out the Pastor LaShonda or one of our Elders.

Blue Ridge District News

***Aug 9 (Sat) - Putt For Missions** at Mulligan’s Golf Center (141 Carpenter Ln, Harrisonburg). A day of mini-golf fun and fellowship in support of the work of VMissions. The event begins at 9:00 am for families and friends, and the special youth round begins at 10:30 am. Youth team, come and meet other teams from different churches. To learn more and register: vmmissions.org/partner/events/putt-for-missions.

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.

***August 9th is this year's annual Rt. 11 Yard Crawl.** We will be renting out spaces for people to set up in the church parking lot. You can rent two parking spaces for \$20 and each additional space is \$10 if you need more room. Proceeds will be going towards the pavilion. Included in this event will be a bake sale and Randall's BBQ chicken sale. All proceeds from those two sales will also be going to the pavilion. We will have a large banner at the end of the road directing people to the church. To reserve a space please contact Amanda Fauls. Church members will have first option on spaces and if there are any spaces left, it will be opened to the general public. **Only 20 spaces available!**

Prayer List

Prayers for Renee' deJongh's family, Sandy Tusing, Virginia Saylor, Esther Harman, Georgia Wilson, Pam Zens, Faults grandson, Brian Fleming's co-worker, Richard & Kay Early, Litten family.

PRAISE GOD for the great sermon from Pastor LaShonda!

CONGRATULATIONS to Cristina Tlaxcala. Baby Isaiah arrived last Thursday! Both baby and momma are doing well.

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

Dan Benner



Liz Landis



Frances Showalter



Paul Mishler



Millie Early



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

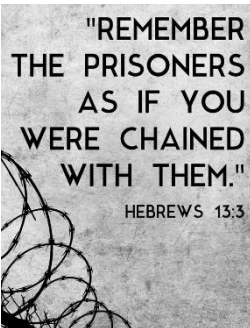
is open on Mondays from 1-5:30pm for anyone in need of food. If you or someone you know that is facing food insecurities, have them talk to Kay Kibler or Amanda Faults. We are a mission of Grace.

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.



(this is not an official logo for BRD)

Bishop, Peter Eberly

Bishop, Jason Rhodes Showalter

1. Grace Mennonite Fellowship
2. Eastside Church
3. Early Church
4. Trissels Mennonite Church
5. Mosaic of Grace
6. Iglesia Cristiana Enciende una Luz
7. Weavers Mennonite Church