



GRACE MENNONITE
FELLOWSHIP

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August 17, 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.

Wifi Network: Connect to Graceguest Password JesusSaves

Prelude

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Brian Bly, 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

"The Armor of God"

Ephesians 6

Hymn

Sharing Time

Benediction

Worship Schedule

	Aug 17	Aug 24
PREACHING	Pastor Josh	Pastor Josh
WORSHIP LEADER	Brian Bly	Pastor LaShonda
CHILDREN'S CHURCH PreK-3rd Grade	Denise & Kacey Lam	Loyd & Wren Whetzel
Jr. Church 1st & 3rd Sunday's	Ginger Brubaker & Billie Jo Mohler	_____
TODDLER ROOM	Diane Oswald & Melinda Armentrout	Angela Welsh & Camden Russell
Music Team	Arbogast	Cole Knicely
Secure Church	Chris Mathias	Jake Buchanan

Announcements

***The Ladies Luncheon** is this Thurs, Aug 21st, 11: 30, at Vitos in Harrisonburg. All ladies are welcome to attend!

***The next membership class is Aug 23.** If you are interested in joining, please talk to Pastor Josh.

***Small Group Extravaganza! Sat, Sept 6th, 4-6pm.** If you are in a small group, this is for you! There will be games and a potluck meal. If you have been wanting to get in a small group, come and talk to the groups and see where you'll fit in. For more info, talk to Rudy Cox.

***Book Retreat. Sept 12-14.** Bring the book you are currently reading and join some ladies for a weekend of rest & recharging. NO kids or men! Talk to Rudy Cox for all the details.

***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.

Blue Ridge District News

***Aug 24, 7pm - Weavers hosts a Songs for the Valley concert** geared toward songs that churches might use. The two artists, Tenielle Neda and Paul Zach, are worship leaders who write songs for the church. Concert is outdoors, weather permitting. [More info.](#)

***Oct 3-4 (Fri-Sat) - Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale**, an annual, all volunteer event, raising money for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). Includes an auction of quilts, woodwork, handmade items, and more. Food is also a highlight for many people! GMF will be asked to make & sell pies again this year. More at vareliefsale.com.

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.

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

***Save the Date: LMC's Assembly 2026** will happen July 2-5, 2026 at Millersville University, Millersville PA! This conference-wide event is for EVERYONE in LMC, including the whole family and youth groups. Together we will celebrate the work of God among us and mobilize for God's mission beyond us. More info coming soon.



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...

"The Bible Presents Jesus"

Scripture: Matt. 26: 63-64; Mark 8:27-30;

Luke 1:1-4; John 4:42; 20:28-31

GIVING...

Attendance

Last Sunday: 139

One year ago: 123

All Giving Last Sunday:
\$2098

Breakdown of Last Sunday

General Fund: \$1788

Philippines FR: \$210

Philippines: \$100

EASY TITHE	Apr	May	June
General			
Pantry			
L. Stand			
VCM			
Philippines			
Compassion			
Youth			
Totals			

This Week's Calendar

Monday, Aug 18

Food Pantry, VCM, Elders

Tuesday, Aug 19

Classical Conversations begins;

Church Cleaning

Wednesday, Aug 20

Council

Thursday, Aug 21

Ladies Luncheon 11:30 @ Vinneys

August Birthdays

22 Keith Bly, Olivia Faults,
Phillip Lamma

23 Kent Armentrout

25 Mike Oswald

26 Angela Welsh,
Miles Altland

28 Lee DeJongh, Julian Cox

31 Ruth Ann Dixon

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**.