



GRACE MENNONITE
FELLOWSHIP

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August 24, 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 Anna May Stratton, Worship Leader

Responsive Reading

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
"Revenge & Forgiveness"
Jonah

Hymn

Sharing Time

Benediction

Worship Schedule

	Aug 24	Aug 31
PREACHING	Pastor Josh	Pastor Josh
WORSHIP LEADER	Anna May Stratton	Mike Oswald
CHILDREN'S CHURCH PreK-3rd Grade	Wren Whetzel & Kacey Lam	Andrea Keckley & Renee deJongh
Jr. Church 1st & 3rd Sunday's	_____	_____
TODDLER ROOM	Angela Welsh & Camden Russell	Jenny Arbogast & Amy Shrock
Music Team	Cole Knicely	Mathias Family
Secure Church	Jake Buchanan	TBD



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 Today"

Scripture: Romans 1:1-17; 15:1-6, 23-24; 1 Cor. 15:1-4
Galatians 1:11-12; Ephesians 4:20-32

GIVING...

Attendance

Last Sunday: 121

One year ago: 124

All Giving Last Sunday:
\$5031.60

Breakdown of Last Sunday

General Fund: \$2592

Pew Bibles: \$457

Pavilion FR: \$1882.60

Lemonade Stand: \$100

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

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, Aug 24

Church reserved at 5pm

Monday, Aug 25

Food Pantry, VCM

Tuesday, Aug 26

Classical Conversations,
Church Cleaning

Wednesday, Aug 27

Bible Study

Saturday, Aug 30

FH Reserved at 5pm

August Birthdays

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 ALL doors are **closed and locked**.

Announcements

***Small Group Extravaganza! Sat, Sept 6th, 4-6pm.** Anyone that is in a small group is invited to get together with other small groups. There will be games and a potluck meal. If you have been wanting to hear more about being in a small group, come talk to those who are in a group. Find out more about starting one. For more info, ask 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

***TICKET info 8/20 Aug 24 (Sun) 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 outdoors, weather permitting.

Artist info [here](#). Ticket info at [ITickets](#) or [Bandsintown](#).

***Sept 6 (Sat) 6:30pm** - Blue Ridge District churches welcome New Creation's Prevention+Awareness Coordinator, Anna Nalle, as she shares insight into the local reality of human trafficking. At Eastside (1061 S. High St, Harrisonburg).

Area Events

***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.

Prayer List

Pray for our church and those that lead us; pray for those that are homebound; pray for those that are struggling with health issues; pray for those that are struggling with financial concerns; pray for those that have family discontent; pray for our country and our leaders.

Please remember our shut-ins by sending them a card...
(addresses can be found in the directory)

Dan Benner

Liz Landis

Frances Showalter

Paul Mishler

Virginia Saylor

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 Fauls.

Vertical Connections Ministry

*This is a clothing ministry open on Mondays from 10am-1pm.
For more information, talk to Glen Adams.*

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.



Bishop, Peter Eberly
Bishop, Jason Rhodes Showalter

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Eastside Church
Early Church
Trissels Mennonite Church
Mosaic of Grace
Iglesia Cristiana Enciende una Luz
Weavers Mennonite Church