



GRACE MENNONITE  
FELLOWSHIP

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**August 31, 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**

**Mike Oswald, 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**

**\*\*Receiving of New Members**

**Announcements**

**Music**

**Offering**

**Dismiss Children for Children's Church**

**Message: Pastor Josh**  
**"The Day of The Lord"**  
**Joel 1-3**

**Hymn**

**Sharing Time**

**Benediction**

## ***Worship Schedule***

	<b>Aug 31</b>	<b>Sept 7</b>
<b>PREACHING</b>	<b>Pastor Josh</b>	<b>Pastor Josh</b>
<b>WORSHIP LEADER</b>	<b>Mike Oswald</b>	<b>Trent Mazer</b>
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b> <b>PreK-3rd Grade</b>	<b>Andrea Keckley &amp; Renee deJongh</b>	<b>Jones family</b>
<b>Jr. Church</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday's</b>	<b>_____</b>	<b>Ginger Brubaker &amp; Billie Jo Mohler</b>
<b>TODDLER ROOM</b>	<b>Jenny Arbogast &amp; Amy Shrock</b>	<b>Lam family</b>
<b>Music Team</b>	<b>Chris Grim Team</b>	<b>Mathias Family</b>
<b>Secure Church</b>	<b>Calvin Liskey</b>	<b>Michael Fauls</b>



# **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN FAMILY MINISTRY**

## **Children's Church News**

Today's lesson...  
...no info at time of printing

## ***GIVING...***

### **Attendance**

Last Sunday: 140

One year ago: 108

**All Giving Last Sunday:**  
\$2833

### **Breakdown of Last Sunday**

General Fund: \$2398

Philippines: \$100

Pavilion FR: \$75

Highland Campout: \$60

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

## **This Week's Calendar**

Monday, Sept 1

Labor Day holiday

Tuesday, Sept 2

Food Pantry, VCM

Church Cleaning

Wednesday, Sept 3

Men's Luncheon

Saturday, Sept 6

Small Group Gathering, 4-6pm

## **Upcoming Birthdays**

**Aug 31** Ruth Ann Dixon

**Sept 1** Tamra Puffenbarger

**Sept 2** Chris Mathias, Harold Moyers

**Sept 3** Rudy Cox

**Sept 6** Donnie Knically

**Sept 7** Virginia Saylor 

**Sept 8** Barbara Strawderman

**Sept 11** Violet Stratton, Judi Weaver

**Sept 21** Donna Rhodes

**Sept 22** Sallie Crowl

**Sept 23** Mya Whetzel

**Sept 25** Sherwin Tusing, Abigail Valentin

**Sept 27** Ethan Russell, Buz Arbogast

**Sept 28** Elmer Stoops

**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**

**\*We welcome into membership today: Jeffory Fauls, Sr, Jeffory Fauls, Jacob Fauls, Candy McCoy, Brian Fleming, Tiffany Kennedy & Tammy Lewis.**

**\*Small Group Extravaganza! Sat, Sept 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 could volunteer for two or three days we could use you. We could also see this as a family service project 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 — Tienielle 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 - Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale**, an annual, all volunteer event, raising money for Mennonite Central Committee. There will be an auction of quilts, woodwork, handmade items, with food and more. GMF will making & sell pies again this year. More at [vareliefsale.com](http://vareliefsale.com).

### **LMC News**

**\*Sept 24-27: 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](http://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 our country and our leaders. Also for Blakelyn Quinlan, Nancy Callahan. Praises for Angie Williams, Helen Greenberg. Our sympathies go out to Nathan Lapp and family on the passing of Renee.

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

Dan Benner  
Frances Showalter  
Virginia Saylor

Liz Landis  
Paul Mishler  
Millie Early

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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.*

### **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



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