



GRACE MENNONITE
FELLOWSHIP

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October 5, 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 is available to meet you over coffee, in his office or your home.

Today's Message: Pastor Josh

"Table Manners"

Isaiah 5

Please turn your cell phones off or silence them during the service.

Wifi Network: Connect to Graceguest Password JesusSaves

*"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*

Order of Service

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

Sermon by Pastor Josh

****Holy Communion**

Hymn

Sharing Time

Benediction

Worship Schedule

	Oct 5	Oct 12
PREACHING	Pastor Josh	Pastor Richard
WORSHIP LEADER	Anna May Stratton	Wren Whetzel
CHILDREN'S CHURCH PreK-3rd Grade	Angelique Liskey & Logan Thompson	Denise & Kacey Lam
Jr. Church 1st & 3rd Sunday's	Ginger Brubaker & Billie Jo Mohler	<hr/>
TODDLER ROOM	Mathias family	Stratton family
Music Team	Chris Grim's team	Arbogast Team
Secure Church	Michael Fauls	Jacob Armentrout

Youth News

This is a district wide youth event for grades 6-12. Sunday, Oct 26. Heading to The Farm at Court Manor for their HUGE flashlight corn maze! Talk to Austin or Cristina for more information. This sounds like it will be a lot of fun!



There are a number of events coming up soon! You won't want to miss them. Stay in touch with Austin & Cristina!!

GIVING...

Attendance

Last Sunday: 112

One year ago: 108

All Giving Last Sunday:
\$2913

Breakdown of Last Sunday

General Fund: \$2596

Philippine: \$100

Philippine FR: \$217

<i>EASY TITHE</i>	Apr	May	June
General	4025	2910	2940
Pantry	415	405	465
VCM	55	55	55
Philippines	80	60	60
Compassion	125	45	130
Youth	---	---	200
Totals	4700	3475	3850

This Week's Calendar

TODAY

**World Communion Sunday and
Fellowship Meal**

Monday, Oct 6

Food Pantry, VCM

Tuesday, Oct 7

CC, Church Cleaning

Thurs, Oct 9

Sewing Circle

Upcoming Birthdays

Oct 6 Caylyn Arbogast

Oct 10 Renee' DeJongh

Oct 22 Jennifer Norvell

Oct 27 Sandy Tusing

Oct 31 Faith Jones

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

***Operation Christmas Child:** Sallie Crowl will be in charge of this. Containers will be available soon. Start collecting items for boxes!

***Apple Dumpling time again!** Cost is \$5 each. Forms are available now! Share with co-workers, family & friends. Orders are due by Oct 19 to Denise Lam. Pick up on Oct 23rd, from 3-6pm.

***SAVE THE DATE:** Leadership Retreat, Feb 20-22, 2026. Worship Retreat, Feb 27-29, 2026. More details to come.

Area Events

***Oct 7, 5:30pm - Ethiopian Meal and Fundraiser** at Community Mennonite (70 S High St.) with the president of Meserete Kristos Church, Desalegn Adebbe, and the principal of Meserete Kristos Seminary, Gishu Jebecha. Learn from and support our Ethiopian brothers and sisters.

***Oct 23 (Thurs) 5:30-7pm - Workshop on Medicare** at Detwiler Auditorium at VMRC. Those of us nearing retirement face important Medicare decisions; Chan Gingerich from Everence will cover the different parts of Medicare, coverage options, and when and how to enroll. Register for this free, informative workshop by Oct 21. Info at everence.com/everence-events/harrisonburg-va/fall-medicare-workshop.

***Oct 24-26 (weekend) - The SOIL+SEED FESTIVAL at Highland Retreat** is an intergenerational retreat and gathering for families and everyone to rest, worship, sing, play, connect, make memories, and be together. It will feature concerts, times of worship, sing-alongs, hiking, campfires, and opportunities to connect with others around nature, music, and faith in Jesus Christ. ALL ARE WELCOME! Info and registration at thesoilandtheseedproject.org/soil-seed-festival.

***Virginia Mennonite Missions seeks a full-time Mission Mobilizer** who will give leadership to recruiting and orienting new mission workers and teams and helping them create sustainable support systems for fruitful ministry. Qualified applicants should demonstrate an active commitment to Christ and the church, a passion for global mission, and skills in recruitment, training and fundraising. Contact Melanie Sherer at melanie.sherer@vmmissions.org. More details at vmmissions.org/now-hiring/.

Blue Ridge District News

***Oct 19 (Sun) 6:30pm - Blue Ridge District Worship in Song night** at Weavers. Each congregation can lead two songs in their style (and language) of music. Ends with fellowship time over Smileys ice cream and toppings.

LMC News

No new news at this time.



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

Important Contacts

Mike Oswald, Elder Chair
Kent Armentrout, Council Chair
Larry Davis, Head Trustee
Tamra Puffenbarger, Care Team Lead
Kay Kibler, Administrative Assistant
Jacob Armentrout, Sound Tech
Bekah Mongold, Visuals

Prayer List

Pray for our church and those that lead us; pray for those that are homebound; pray for our country and our leaders. Margaret & Roy Palmer, Esther Harman, Stephanie Thomas, Ken Brubaker, and the many unspoken prayers.

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

Dan Benner

Frances Showalter

Virginia Saylor

Liz Landis

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 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.