



GRACE MENNONITE  
FELLOWSHIP

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**October 12, 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 Richard Early**

**"How crucial is it to be Involved and Valued in THIS Church?"**

**Luke 17:11-19**

**Matthew 28:19**

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

*Wifi Network: Connect to Gracequest 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**

**Wren Whetzel, 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 Richard Early**

**Hymn**

**Sharing Time**

**Benediction**

### **Worship Schedule**

	<b>Oct 12</b>	<b>Oct 19</b>
<b>PREACHING</b>	<b>Pastor Richard</b>	<b>LMC Bishop</b>
<b>WORSHIP LEADER</b>	<b>Wren Whetzel</b>	<b>Keith Bly</b>
<b>Music Team</b>	<b>Arbogast Team</b>	<b>Mathias Team</b>
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b> <b>PreK-3rd Grade</b>	<b>Denise &amp; Kacey</b> <b>Lam</b>	<b>Doreen Roes &amp;</b> <b>Sharon Nesselrodt</b>
<b>Jr. Church</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday's</b>	<b>_____</b>	<b>Ginger Brubaker &amp;</b> <b>Billie Jo Mohler</b>
<b>TODDLER ROOM</b>	<b>Stratton family</b>	<b>Angela Welsh &amp; ?</b>
<b>Secure Church</b>	<b>Jacob Armentrout</b>	<b>Chris Mathias</b>

## 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!!

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

### **Attendance**

**Last Sunday: 152**

**One year ago: 132**

**All Giving Last Sunday:**  
**\$4567**

### **Breakdown of Last Sunday**

**General Fund: \$4387**

**Philippine: \$50**

**Philippine FR: \$70**

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

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## **This Week's Calendar**

**Monday, Oct 13**

**Food Pantry, VCM**

**Tuesday, Oct 14**

**Care Team, CC, Church Cleaning**

**Wednesday, Oct 15**

**Church Council**

**Thursday, Oct 16**

**Ladies Luncheon, Vinneys**

**Sunday, Oct 19**

**Pavilion Fundraiser!**

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## **Upcoming Birthdays**

**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 overseeing this event this year. 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 **TODAY** to Denise Lam. Pick up on Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 3-6pm. **Proceeds are for the new pavilion.** Still looking for a few more people to help with making the dumplings.



**\*Next Sunday is the fundraiser for the pavilion. Lunch after church. Soup, chili, salad & dessert. Proceeds to benefit the cost of the new pavilion!**

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

### **Area Events**

**\*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](https://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](https://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. Contact Melanie Sherer at [melanie.sherer@vmmissions.org](mailto:melanie.sherer@vmmissions.org). More details at [vmmissions.org/now-hiring/](https://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.

## **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, Margie Clement, Ladies going to the conference, Tammy May, Dawn Rummel, Glen Adams' friend Lindsay, Mary Heatwole, Diana Garcia & baby Mateo's family, Ken Brubaker, and the many unspoken prayers.

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

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**

*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.*

## **Important Contacts**

**Joshua Cox, Lead Pastor**

**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**