



GRACE MENNONITE  
FELLOWSHIP

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**October 19, 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:**

**Bishop Randolph (Randy) Smith**

He has served in pastoral ministry for over 20 years throughout Pennsylvania, Delaware, and North Carolina. He currently serves as pastor at Cedar Grove Mennonite Church in Greencastle, PA. Randy describes his calling as "to preach the Gospel, to raise up servant leaders, and to challenge the status quo." His ministry is marked by a deep love for people and a passion to see the Church live out the heart of Christ. Married to his wife, Marianna, for 36 years, they are blessed with three children and five grandchildren. Randy enjoys traveling, having explored 30 of the U.S. states and 16 countries across three continents (so far!). His favorite scripture, John 13:34, 35, reflects his life mission:

*"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

He is also of course a Bishop in LMC specifically.

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

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## **Order of Service**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Opening Prayer**

**Keith Bly, 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: Bishop Randolph (Randy) Smith**

**Hymn**

**Sharing Time**

**Benediction**

## **Worship Schedule**

|                                                                          | <b>Oct 19</b>                                           | <b>Oct 26</b>                                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>PREACHING</b>                                                         | <b>Bishop Smith</b>                                     | <b>Pastor Josh</b>                                  |
| <b>WORSHIP LEADER</b>                                                    | <b>Keith Bly</b>                                        | <b>Margie Clement</b>                               |
| <b>Music Team</b>                                                        | <b>Mathias Team</b>                                     | <b>Davis Team</b>                                   |
| <b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b><br><b>PreK-3rd Grade</b>                        | <b>Doreen Roes &amp;</b><br><b>Sharon Nesselrodt</b>    | <b>Andrea Keckley &amp;</b><br><b>Renee deJongh</b> |
| <b>Jr. Church</b><br><b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday's</b> | <b>Ginger Brubaker &amp;</b><br><b>Billie Jo Mohler</b> | <b>_____</b>                                        |
| <b>TODDLER ROOM</b>                                                      | <b>Angela Welsh &amp; TBD</b>                           | <b>Jenny Arbogast &amp;</b><br><b>Amy Shrock</b>    |
| <b>Secure Church</b>                                                     | <b>Chris Mathias</b>                                    | <b>Jake Buchanan</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: 106**

**One year ago: 137**

**All Giving Last Sunday:**  
**\$2909**

### **Breakdown of Last Sunday**

**General Fund: \$2788**

**Philippine: \$50**

**Philippine FR: \$71**

| <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**

**Sunday, Oct 19**

**Soup & Chili Fundraiser**

**Monday, Oct 20**

**Food Pantry, VCM, Elders**

**Tuesday, Oct 21**

**CC, Church Cleaning**

**Wednesday, Oct 22**

**Thursday, Oct 23**

**Apple Dumpling Fundraiser**

**Saturday, Oct 25**

**Fellowship Hall reserved**

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## **Upcoming Birthdays**

**Oct 22** Jennifer Norvell

**Oct 27** Sandy Tusing

**Oct 28** Joey Coffman

**Oct 31** Faith Jones

***"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***

## **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 due today to Denise Lam. Pick up on Thur, 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.



**\*TODAY 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).

**\*Highland Banquet: Thursday, November 20, 2025. 6:00-8:15 pm,** at **Lindale Mennonite Church fellowship hall** (located on VA Route 42, north of Harrisonburg). Doors will open at 5:45. **If you have interest in being a *table host*, let Kay know and she will contact Highland.** Table hosts typically invite 4-10 other people to join them for the Banquet; then they make their table group feel welcome on the evening of the Banquet and facilitate collecting any donations from their group. Our theme will be "Lengthen the cords of our tent," inspired by Isaiah 54:2. The Banquet program will include some updates on the past year and some exciting plans for the future that will give us opportunities to "lengthen the cords" (ex. some new facility options) and "strengthen the stakes" (ex. infrastructure projects) of the tent that is Highland Retreat.

### **Blue Ridge District News**

**\*This Evening, 6:30pm - Blue Ridge District Worship in Song night** at Weavers. Evening will end with fellowship time over Smileys ice cream with tasty 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, Ken Brubaker, Lindsay, Ralph Martin 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

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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**

*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.

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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***