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November 2, 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 Cox
"Don't Be Afraid To Ask For A Sign"
Isaiah 7

"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 Bekah Mongold, 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: Pastor Joshua Cox

Hymn Sharing Time Benediction

Worship Schedule

	Nov 2	Nov 9	
PREACHING	Pastor Josh	Pastor Josh	
WORSHIP LEADER	Bekah Mongold	Ginger Brubaker	
Music Team	Grim Team	Arbogast Team	
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Jenny Arbogast &		
PreK-3rd Grade	Amy Baker		
Jr. Church	Ginger Brubaker &	Jones Family	
1 st & 3 rd Sunday's	Billie Jo Mohler		
TODDLER ROOM	Cristina Tlaxcala &	Melinda Armentrout	
	Austin Altland	& Diane Oswald	
Secure Church	Michael Fauls	Jacob Armentrout	

GIVING...

Attendance

Last Sunday: 113 One year ago: 90

All Giving Last Sunday:

\$5396

Breakdown of Last Sunday

General Fund: \$2051

Philippine: \$50

Apple Dumpling FR: \$3295

EASY TITHE	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

Sunday, Nov 2 Fellowship Meal Monday, Nov 3 Food Pantry, VCM

Tuesday, Nov 4 Election Day, CC, Church Cleaning

Wed, Nov 5 Men's Luncheon, Town Hall Meeting 7pm

Please remember to schedule meetings or other activities thru the church office.



Upcoming Birthdays

Nov 5 Sue Whetzel
Nov 9 Glen Adams, Cindy Rahe
Nov 12 Ollie Cox
Nov 13 Logan Thompson,
Faith Jorgensen
Nov 25 Andrea Crawford
Nov 26 Nancy Callahan

Please turn your cell phones off or silence them during the service. Wifi Network: Connect to Graceguest Password JesusSaves

Announcements

*Today is our monthly fellowship meal! All are welcome to stay and eat even if you forgot to bring something. There's always enough.
*Information Corner/Area is being brought back! Over the next few weeks, we will be pulling this together for our visitors. There will be information about Grace, where to take children for their time of worshipping and other things a newbie needs to know about us! We will be asking for volunteers to help our visitors with this each Sunday!

<u>REMINDER...</u>Congregational Meeting this Wed, Nov 5th, 7pm in the fellowship hall. We will be talking about the church moving forward and other items of concern for us.

Make plans to be here.



*Operation Christmas Child: Sallie Crowl will be overseeing this event this year. Containers will be available soon. Start collecting items for boxes!

*There will NOT be a Thanksgiving meal here at Grace this year. Please share with your circle of people so we can get the word out. Plans for 2026 are in the works. This could be a great opportunity to invite someone you know that doesn't have family close by to your home for Thanksgiving! Start planning!

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

Area Events

*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. GMF has a table for 10 people and those seats have been reserved! We can start a second table if more are interested in sitting together! Highland's 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 No new news this week. **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. Logan Thompson, Margaret Palmer, friends of Kyla Weaver.

<u>Please remember our elderly by sending them a card...</u>

Dan Benner Frances Showalter Virginia Saylor Butch Delp 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

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.

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

These are the churches in the Blue Ridge District

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

Our Bishops

Bishop Peter Eberly Bishop Jason Rhodes-Showalter