



GRACE MENNONITE
FELLOWSHIP

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November 30, 2025

Sunday School 9am Worship Service 10am
Office hours: Tues & Thurs. 10-2 (may be subject to change)

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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:

Brian Bly

"God is Gracious"

Luke 1: 1-25

*"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

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

First Sunday of Advent: Cameron & Caelin Wilson

Announcements

Music

Offering

Dismiss Children for Children's Church

Sermon: Brian Bly

Hymn

Sharing Time

Benediction

Worship Schedule

	Nov 30 1st Sunday of Advent	Dec 7
PREACHING	Brian Bly	Christmas Program
WORSHIP LEADER	Mike Oswald	Brian Bly
Music Team	Davis Team	Grim Team
CHILDREN'S CHURCH PreK-3rd Grade	Cody Arbogast & Richard Early	Christmas Program
Jr. Church 1st & 3rd Sunday's	_____	TBD
TODDLER ROOM	Mathias Family	Quinlan Family
Secure Church	TBD	Michael Fauls

Announcements

***This morning, Cristina Tlaxcala will be getting baptized!**

***Grace Christmas Program is Sun, Dec 7th during the worship service.**

***Dec 13 - Highland Retreat woodcutting day.** Help stock the woodsheds at Highland. Come alone or bring family, friends, Sunday School class, neighbors... Work the morning (9am-noon) and/or the afternoon (1-4pm) and enjoy a warm and tasty lunch on them! More details and RSVP at highlandretreat.org/get-involved/work-days.

***Dec 13 - 2-5pm - SLAQ's annual Shenandoah Christmas Bazaar** at the Hersberger Barn (5749 Wengers Mill Road, Linville). Enjoy fun for the whole family with hay rides, caroling, good food, holiday photo booth. View silent auction items

at slaq.betterworld.org/auctions/christmas-bazaar-auction; 100% of auction proceeds will go to supporting SLAQ's programming, including the Newcomer Adventure Day Camp this Spring (provides 3 days of outdoor recreation in the Shenandoah National Park for recent immigrant and refugee middle school youth). SLAQ is a ministry of VMissions.

***Leadership Teams...SAVE THE DATE:** Leadership Retreat, Feb 20-22, 2026. Worship Retreat, Feb 27-Mar 1, 2026. More details to come.

***UPCOMING...Families, couples, individuals: join The Prime Timers of Weavers for a one-day bus (coach) trip on Mar 24 (Tues) to see "Joshua" at Sight & Sound in Lancaster, PA.** After the 11am show we will stop for a later lunch at Katie's Kitchen, which will be at your own expense. Your ticket will be reserved when your payment is received. Checks should be payable to Weavers Mennonite Church with Sight & Sound on the memo line; bring to the church office or mail to 2501 Rawley Pike, Harrisonburg, VA 22801. Or call the office for electronic option: 540.434.7758.

Blue Ridge District News

***Weavers Mennonite Church:** Dec 13 & 14 (Sat & Sun) 5:30-7pm - "Walk Through Bethlehem" live nativity at Weavers (2501 Rawley Pike). All are welcome! Bring your neighbors!

Also at Weavers Mennonite Church: Christmas Eve, 6pm - Service of Lessons and Carols in Shady Oak at Weavers; Scripture reading, traditional hymns, and candle lighting.



GIVING...

Attendance

Last Sunday: 165

One year ago: 145

All Giving Last Sunday:

\$3041

Breakdown of Last Sunday

General Fund: \$1991

Philippines: \$50

Nigeria: \$1000

<i>EASY TITHE</i>	July	Aug	Sept
General	3958	3015	3140
Pantry	405	385	425
VCM	45	55	45
Philippines	50	60	1050
Compassion	90	130	100
Totals	4548	3645	4760

This Week's Calendar

Sun, Nov 30

Baptism

Mon, Dec 1

Food Pantry, VCM

Tues, Dec 2

Church Cleaning

Wed, Dec 3

Men's Luncheon

Sat, Dec 6

Church Reserved from 12-4

Sun, Dec 7

Christmas Program & Fellowship Meal

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

December Birthdays

Dec 2: Doris Davis

Dec 7: Larry Heatwole

Dec 8: JT Baker

Dec 9: Scott Le May, Scott Liskey

Dec 10: Kay Kibler, Brenda Showalter

Dec 11: Linda Alger

Dec 14: Mariah Clement

Dec 15: Esther Harman

Dec 17: Frances Showalter

Dec 26: Adam Keckley

Dec 30: Bram Arbogast, Noah Richards

Camden Russell, Marlene Melhorn

Dec 31: Jeany Shifflett

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

Wifi Network: Connect to Gracequest Password JesusSaves



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.

Prayer List

Pray for our church and those that lead us; pray for those that are homebound; pray for our country and our leaders. Specific prayers: Palmers, Stephanie Thomas, Archie Long family, Levina Miller's family.

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

**Thank you to those who purchased poinsettias
to help decorate our sanctuary**

	IN MEMORY OF	IN HONOR OF
Joe Adolph	Bill & Erma Roadcap	
Joe Adolph	Ralph Adolph	
Doug & Tamra Puffenbarger		For the glory of God
Keith Bly	Shelby Bly	
Larry & Doris Davis	Peggy Smith	
Larry & Doris Davis	Dean Davis	
Ginger Brubaker	Milt & Lucille Stokes	
Ginger Brubaker	Clyde Brubaker	
Larry Heatwole	Wanda Heatwole	
Harold & Vickie Moyers	Harold & Anna Mae Moyers	
Harold & Vickie Moyers	Roland & Lula Heatwole	
Harold & Vickie Moyers	Ronnie Heatwole	
Judy Comer	Roland & Lula Heatwole	
Judy Comer		Neadie Sheffer
Judy Comer	Dorothy Fulk	
Judy Comer		Marty Heatwole
Diane Oswald	Mom (Maddie)	
Chris Grim	Shirley Grim	Jesus Girls
Senta Lanier		For the glory of God
Shelley Jorgensen	Lane Jorgensen	
Virginia Saylor	All our loved ones	
Kay Kibler	My Dad	
Zillah Jean	Agnes Jean	