



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

TIDINGS

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DEAR PARTNERS,

On Ash Wednesday we began our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledged that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the ash dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ, and we humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that “now is the day of salvation.” Returning to our baptismal call, we respond to God’s grace by more intentionally bearing the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.
(adapted from *Sundays and Seasons*)

Our overall theme for this season is *Wondrous Love*. Every household will receive a devotional based on this theme. We will gather on Sunday mornings to hear the Scripture texts and sing the hymns of Lent. On Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m., we will worship with *Creation’s Song*. On Wednesday evenings, we gather for soup and sandwich suppers and an intergenerational activity, followed by *Creation’s Song* evening prayer, confirmation class and an adult book study, and Bell Choir rehearsals. During worship, local Lutheran pastors will offer reflections on the questions Jesus asked in the Gospels. All are invited to respond to God’s gracious call to the journey of faith, and to invite friends.

The schedule for Wednesday evenings is:

- 5:00 Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 Knit and Crochet group
- 5:45 Soup & Sandwich Supper
- 6:15 Intergenerational Lenten Activity
- 6:30 *Creation’s Song* Worship with Guest Pastor reflections – *Questioning Jesus*
- 7:00 Confirmation Class
- Adult Book Study – Sabbath Sense
- Bell Choir Rehearsal

Your Partners in Ministry,

Pastor Martha Sims

Pastor Jonathan Boynton

OUR WORSHIP THIS MONTH

Sunday, March 1, 2020 – The First Sunday in Lent – In Matthew 4:1-11, Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one. The readings are: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7, Psalm 32, and Romans 5:12-19. Services of Holy Communion are at 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 1, 2020 – Grace Place – We gather for *Creation's Song* worship with Holy Communion at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4, 2020 – 6:30 p.m – *Creation's Song* with Holy Communion. The theme is "Questioning Jesus," including a reflection on the questions Jesus asked in the Gospels by area Lutheran Pastors.

Sunday, March 8, 2020 – Second Sunday in Lent – In today's gospel, John 3:1-7 Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font, we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world. The other readings are: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121, and Romans 4:1-5,13-17. Services of Holy Communion are at 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 8, 2020 – Grace Place – We gather for *Creation's Song* worship with Holy Communion at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 – 6:30 p.m. – *Creation's Song* with Holy Communion. The theme is "Questioning Jesus," including a reflection on the questions Jesus asked in the Gospels by area Lutheran Pastors.

Sunday, March 15, 2020 – The Third Sunday in Lent – In John 4:5-42, Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith. The readings are: Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11. Services of Holy Communion are at 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 15, 2020 – Grace Place – We gather for The Chimers concert and community dinner to follow beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18, 2020 – 6:30 p.m. – *Creation's Song* with Holy Communion. The theme is "Questioning Jesus," including a reflection on the questions Jesus asked in the Gospels by area Lutheran Pastors.

Sunday, March 22, 2020 – The Fourth Sunday in Lent – In the Gospel reading, John 9:1-41 Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards a spiritual blindness to the things of God. We welcome a special guest preacher, **the Rev. Kelly Bayer Derrick, Assistant to the Bishop of the Virginia Synod.** This is one of the three Sundays in 2020, when we celebrate the **50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women** in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Pastor Bayer Derrick will also serve as presenter for an adult forum at 9:45 a.m. The other readings are: 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, and Ephesians 5:8-14. Services of Holy Communion are at 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 22, 2020 – Grace Place – We gather for *Creation's Song* worship with Holy Communion at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25, 2020 – 6:30 p.m. – *Creation's Song* with Holy Communion. The theme is "Questioning Jesus," including a reflection on the questions Jesus asked in the Gospels by area Lutheran Pastors.

Sunday, March 29, 2020 – Fifth Sunday in Lent—In today's gospel, Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. The readings are: Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, and John 11:1-45. Preschool Singers at 11:00 a.m. Services of Holy Communion are at 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. At 5:00 p.m. we gather for Grace Place, an informal service using *Creation's Song* with Holy Communion.

Sunday, March 29, 2020 – Grace Place – We gather for *Creation's Song* worship with Holy Communion at 5:00 p.m.

Together We Make A Difference



It has been several months since the conclusion of our fall stewardship emphasis where every household of the congregation was invited to consider a financial commitment in support of the mission and ministry we share together.

Through this annual process we are reminded of the capacity among us to make a difference in one another's lives and countless others near and far beyond us. This simple fact alone causes us, members of the Stewardship Committee, to

pause at this point to express again our gratitude for each and every gift that flows from our membership through the offering plate and electronic giving. Together, we do good work; together we make a difference. For your generosity, thank you.

Stewardship Committee
Steve Thomas, Chair

Our Stewardship of Worship	Sunday School	8:15	11:00	Grace Place
January 26	77	122	109	14
February 2	113	128	147	8
February 9	98	106	119	9
February 16	98	87	158	24

Our Stewardship of Worship for Wednesdays	6:30
January 22	14
January 29	16
February 5	23
February 12	18

FOR THE RECORD "Growing in the Grace of Giving" Report of Offerings for 2020

	Anticipated Each Week	Given Each Week				Anticipated Year-to-Date	Given Year-to-Date
		Jan 26	Feb 2	Feb 9	Feb 16		
Promised Offerings Pledged Envelope Giving \$446,041 budgeted for 2020.	\$8,578	\$6,332.20	\$16,117	\$17,199	\$9,457	\$60,046	\$75,778.28
Grace Offerings Non-pledged Envelope Giving \$94,389 budgeted for 2020.	\$1,815	\$3,374.21	\$1,169.60	\$1,531.25	\$1,264.84	\$14,705	\$10,700.65
Faith Offerings Loose Cash/Check Giving \$25,000 budgeted for 2020.	\$481	\$325.36	\$469.77	\$275	\$331	\$3,367	\$2,242.73
Covenant Income Income from fees, interest, grants, \$7,800 budgeted for 2020.	\$150	\$0	\$240	\$0	\$0	\$1,050	\$240
Revell Trust Income \$290,502 budgeted for 2020.	\$5,587	\$5,587	\$5,587	\$5,587	\$5,587	\$39,109	\$39,109
Bartko Fund \$25,900 budgeted for 2020.	\$498	\$498	\$498	\$498	\$498	\$3,486	\$3,486

MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND DISTRIBUTIONS

The Mission Endowment Fund Board (MEFB) met on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 to decide how to distribute the 2019 earnings of \$11,925. The following is a list of those distributions.

List of Distributions from New Applications:

+ VA Synod, ELCA (Educational debt reduction for rostered ministers)	\$ 4,000.
+ The Laurel Center	\$ 2,981.
+ Godfrey Miller Historic Home and Fellowship Center	\$ 2,982.
+ Bethania Kids	\$ 1,962.

Respectfully submitted,
John Henry, MEFB Chairman

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH NEWS

Adult FAITH FORMATION Opportunities:

Wednesday Morning Bible Study - Dwelling In The Word - 7:30 am Continental Breakfast served. Come together and prepare for worship on the coming Sunday by studying the Scripture readings ahead of time. Studying together helps Scripture come alive – Leaders: Pastor Jonathan Boynton, Pastor Martha Sims and lay leaders from the group. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Worship Matters Join Pastor Boynton on Sunday mornings during Lent about the different parts of our Sunday liturgy and some of the occasional services of the church. We will talk about why we do what we do in worship and some of the origins and Lutheran traditions. Sundays, March 1 - 29, 2020 at 9:30 a.m..

Peaceful Neighbor Using the book, *Peaceful Neighbor: Discovering the Countercultural Mister Rogers* as our resource, we will reflect in the season of Lent on God's desire for a creation at peace. Fred Roger's gentleness and convictions of non-violence were shaped by his deep theological convictions. He was an ordained Presbyterian minister who fervently believed in a God who accepts us as we are and who desires a world marked by peace and wholeness and used his children's program as a platform for sharing these values. This class meets on Sundays in the Grace Ministries Outreach Center (GMOC) March 1 – April 5, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Leader: Pastor Martha Sims.

W.I.L.D. Women to host Lenten Gathering meal on Wednesday, March 11th. Please see the sign up board in the Admin. Hallway. We will not meet on March 9th.

W.I.L.D. Women Spring Retreat forms are available!

Please sign up ASAP we need 25 W.I.L.D Women to make this retreat happen
Friday, April 3 Saturday, 4 - San Damiano Spiritual Life Center, White Post, VA
\$125.00 cost Forms are on the WILD Bulletin Board or see T. Shafferman

DINNER & A MOVIE . . . SUNDAY, March 22nd 5:30 PM
Showings in both: Eisenberg Hall & GMOC Assembly Hall
Dinner, Popcorn & Candy Provided - Donations welcomed!



Women of Grace will gather on **Tuesday, March 17th** in the G.M.O.C. Assembly Hall at 10:30 am. We will be using a new resource *Manna & Mercy* by Daniel Erlander. All Women of Grace are invited to attend.
Leaders: Pastor Martha Miller Sims, Pastor Jonathan Boynton

Bible & Brew – Adults are welcomed to attend Bible & Brew held at Piccadilly Brew Pub the fourth Monday of each month. Plan to join us **Monday, March 23rd**, Come for fellowship and discussion. For more information, contact Pastor Jonathan Boynton or T. Shafferman. tshafferman@gracewin.org.

Communion Instruction Sunday, April 26th Grace welcomes young children to commune in the sacrament given freely by God not as a reward for completing a class but as a gift shared within the community of God's people. If your child is of the age Kindergarten through 3rd grade and would like to attend this offering on Sunday, April 26th at 12:30 p.m. in the Staff Room in the Admin. Building, please contact T. Shafferman to receive materials.

FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH NEWS

7th, 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation Students - Just a reminder, that beginning in Lent, we will start our Confirmation classes. Each Wednesday during W.O.W. - 5:45 pm Dinner, 6:30 pm Worship, 7- 8 pm class learning, Parents are asked to attend Dinner & Worship. It all begins on Wednesday, March 4th, March 11th, March 18th, March 25th, and April 1st. Parents are asked to attend a brief meeting on March 4th at 7:00 pm in the church library. **All** are expected to attend. Thanks!

G.L.O.W. Kids to meet on Sunday, April 19th for a Painting Party at Easely Created. Lunch provided in Eisenberg Hall at 12:15 pm to register go to Easely Created website cost: \$25 - we need 25 participants for this event to happen. Please contact T. Shafferman for more info. or scholarship assistance.



Sunday, March 1st - Jr. & Sr. Youth Group

12:15 - 2:00 pm Lunch is provided.

Sunday, March 15th - Jr. & Sr. Youth Group

12:15 - 2:00 pm Lunch is provided. Service Project for Winchester House Residents. We will be playing BINGO at the Godfrey Miller Fellowship.

Sunday, April 5th - Jr. & Sr. Youth 12:15 pm - 2:00 pm Scavenger Hunt. Friends are welcome.

Friday, April 10th - 9:00 am till 2:00 pm ALL Youth to meet to help prepare for Easter Brunch. Many hands are needed for set-up, cleaning, and preparing food for the brunch. Please sign-up on the Youth bulletin Board to provide an item for the Brunch.

Sunday, April 12th EASTER BRUNCH - Youth are asked to arrive by 9:00 am. If you attend 8:15 am worship, please arrive after service and plan to help with clean-up. Thanks!

Looking for HELP! If you are interested in assisting with our Easter Brunch we would love to have the help. We are in need of food recruitment, set-up help on April 10th from 9am-2:00 pm, and clean-up the day of the brunch Sunday, April 12th. Please contact T. Shafferman, if you are interested in assisting with this fundraiser event. Donations will go toward the Youth Servant Camp 2020.

7th Day 5th & 6th Grade Synod Retreat

We give thanks for the following youth and their families who supported them in attending 7th Day. This event is sponsored by the VA Synod and is held each year at Eagle Eyrie Retreat Center in Lynchburg, VA. They are:

Spencer Barte	Liam Ritchey
Trevor Barte	Danika Kline
Lucas Hornbaker	William Thomas
Kyle Johnson	
Chaperones: Jonathan Hornbaker & T. Shafferman	



YOUTH SERVANT CAMP BEACH TRIP

Forms have been mailed - the time is here!
Servant Camp 2020 Kure Beach, North Carolina.
June 14th - 20th cost: \$250.00
Forms are due by Sunday, April 12th
7th - 12th Grade Youth are invited to attend this great event. Many Servant opportunities, Fellowship, Games, Worship, Study, Water park, all ocean front.

For more information please contact
T. Shafferman at tshafferman@gracewin.org or
540-662-6678

20's/30's Group Are you in your 20's or 30's? This group generally meets the first Sunday of the month. Our next meeting is Sunday, March 1st location TBD. For more information please contact Pastor Boynton at jboynton@gracewin.org or Sara Power at powerhouse525@gmail.com

In Our Prayers

Members who have been in the hospital or are in need of our prayers of healing: **Susan Helsley, Virginia Jones, Polly Manuel, Doug Miller, Ellen Pearce, and Barbara Wilson, Karen and Marshall Norman.**

Prayers of Comfort

Christian Sympathy is extended to **David Herdman**, upon the death of his uncle, Leslie Fey; to **Gretchen Saunders** upon the death of her brother, Steven Shrader; to **Kay Hallett** and family upon the death of her son, Peter Hallett; and to **Becky Stern**, upon the death of her aunt, Patricia Swanson Ondish.

Chancel Flowers



Opportunities for donating Chancel Flowers are available April 19 and April 26 and the entire month of May. (Chancel Flowers are not available during Lent - March 1 - March 29) Call Joan in the church office (662-6678) to reserve your Sunday!

Ordering Flowers for Worship

Flowers are signs of life, growth and beauty of creation. If you would like to donate the flowers for worship in memory or honor of someone in your life, please contact the church office to sign up for a given Sunday. You will deal directly with the church. The cost is \$45; make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church and have flowers noted on the memo line. Going forward, we will be using Winchester Floral to provide floral arrangements. Unless requested otherwise, flowers are delivered to members in the hospital, skilled nursing, in special care at home, or re-purposed for church events.



The Rev. Kelly Bayer Derrick, M.Div, S.T.M will be our guest preacher and adult forum presenter on Sunday, March 22, 2020 as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Pastor Bayer Derrick is Assistant to the Bishop of the Virginia Synod. Prior to serving in the Synod office, Pastor Bayer Derrick served as Pastor of St. Philip Lutheran Church, Roanoke since her ordination in 2007. In addition, she is a Visiting Professor of Religious Studies at Hollins University. Pastor Bayer Derrick is passionate about the gospel and about God's call and command to love God and love our neighbors. She is committed to and an innovative leader in ministries of social justice, equality, accompaniment – globally and locally, Christian formation, youth and more. She is also deeply committed to our Synod, the ELCA, and our ecumenical and interfaith partnerships.

Welcome to Our New Facilities Manager, **Peter Stevens**

After a lengthy search and recommendation by the search committee, Congregation Council voted to hire **Peter Stevens** as our new Facilities Manager. Peter retired two years ago and brings extensive experience in facilities management and knowledge of buildings and their systems. He started on February 10, 2020 and works 30 hours per week. We give thanks to the search committee members, **John Matticks, Ned Fredrickson, Pastor Jonathan Boynton, and Pastor Martha Sims**. Please help us welcome Peter to the Grace family.



The following is what Peter wrote to tell us something about himself:

I was born and raised on Long Island, New York. My wife Linda and I fell in love in high school and we just celebrated our 55th wedding anniversary this past December. We have five children, ten grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Linda and I both responded to the call of the Lord on our life around the same time in 1974 and HE has been with us ever since. We attend Winchester Grace Brethren Church, where I am a Deacon and Linda serves on the Hospitality Committee.

Before leaving New York, I worked for Long Island Lighting Company, for 14 years. *By the grace of GOD*, I was able to work my way up to become the first African-American Power Plant Shift Supervisor in the company's history. We left New York in order for me to take a position with Combustion Engineering as a Shift Supervisor in a coal fired Co-Generation Plant in Schuylkill County, PA. Since then I have worked in resource recovery facilities in Detroit, MI, Dickson, MD and Lorton, VA for Combustion Engineering/Covanta Energy for 18 years. After leaving Covanta Energy, I went to work for a government contractor, (IAP and Chenega Facilities Management) at Walter Reed Army Medical Center as the Boiler Plant Manager and Deputy Facility Manager for 14 years before I retired two years ago.

We believe that GOD has given us a ministry of hospitality and service. Linda and I love ministering to people through our family's catering service and helping the needy in the community. We want to share the gifts that GOD has given us with fellow believers and as a way of bringing unbelievers to a saving knowledge of JESUS CHRIST. I also enjoy working out and walking.

Service and Outreach Ministry Council Community Dinner

We are pleased to announce that Grace is once again hosting our Community Dinner with Special Chimers Concert on Sunday March 15, 2020. At 5:00 p.m., we will gather for a concert by The Chimers in the sanctuary and by 6:00 p.m. we will be eating a meal together. This is an evening of music, dinner and fellowship with our special friends who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. Thanks to our volunteers and the generosity of you, the congregation, we are able to feed those in need. It calls to mind the miracle of the loaves and fishes....somehow just when we are short of resources, more appear. We would love it if you would join us and sit with our guests as we eat together.

We have plenty of opportunities to assist with this extremely important event. Please contact Jody Bloomfield jbloomfield@miworldwide.com or Anne Ashby aashby443@gmail.com to volunteer for setup on Saturday or support during the dinner. We are also accepting monetary donations for food, please note on a check "Service and Outreach" or "Community Dinner."

On behalf of the Service and Outreach Ministry,
thank you for living in service of others.

Service and Outreach Helping Hands for the month of March

Highland Food Pantry

We will serve our neighbors in need by helping this ministry.



March 17 we will meet in Church alley to carpool at 5:30 or arrive at Highland Presbyterian Church at 5:45.

Please sign up on our website under Service and Outreach Ministry or let **Pastor Boynton** know you are planning to come so that he can let the pantry plan accordingly.



Thank you! ~ **Service and Outreach Ministry Council**

EASTER LILY/WORLD HUNGER ORDER FORM - 2020

(Note: Form must be completed to be acknowledged in the bulletin.)

This Lent/Easter season Grace is again offering two options for honoring/remembering your loved one(s). **Option one** is the traditional **lily** purchase to decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. (If you have not picked up your purchased lily by Monday, April 20, it will be removed.) **Option two** is to make a monetary donation to the **ELCA World Hunger Appeal**. Both options will be acknowledged in the Easter Sunday bulletin and may be ordered by completing this form and placing it in an offering plate. Orders will, also, be taken in the church office (662-6678) through **Thursday, March 26**. Plants and World Hunger donations are **\$14.00** each this year; checks should be made payable to "Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church" with "Lily/World Hunger" annotated on the memo line.

Number of **plants** ordered (\$14.00 each) _____

Number of **ELCA World Hunger Appeal** Donations (\$14.00 each) _____

Given by _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Pictorial Directory time is here

again. If you were unable to participate last time or have joined our congregation or if you didn't like your pic. You are in luck! On **Friday, April 17th and Saturday, April 18th** we will have the opportunity to sign-up to participant in the **Church Directory 2020**.

Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex or you may call T. Shafferman to sign-up at 540-662-6678. You will receive a FREE 8X10 and we must have twenty-five members to participate.

Every member household will receive a Church Directory.



Nurture Corner

Stewardship of the Body is a self-sustaining group that meets to support one another in healthy living through sharing information and goals. The group is limited to 8 participants and there is room for more.

To sign up or for more information, **contact Norma Fredrickson at normatfred@gmail.com or Kathye Taylor at taylorcompany@comcast.net**

When: Twice monthly on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 5:15 – 6:15 p.m.

Where: at Grace in the Café (in Eisenberg Hall)

Cost: None



Historical Tidbit: Teresa Lehman Shafferman and her commitment to Christian Education

In early March 1996, **Pastor Utt** asked **Teresa Lehman** to be our Education Ministries Assistant. She was well known for her enthusiasm and commitment to Vacation Bible School and other children's educational programs in our congregation. Her primary responsibilities would center around working with the Christian Education Committee in planning educational activities, recruiting teachers, encouraging participation, and providing resources for Sunday School classes, Vacation Bible School, First Communion, and Confirmation. She was to attend staff meetings and help integrate all of the educational activities with other parish programs. The job description called for her to work 10-20 hours per week at \$10.00 per hour with costs to be covered from the Associate Pastor's line item in the 1996 budget. The position was understood to be temporary and transitional while council initiated a study of our future staffing needs. Pastor Utt said, "I look forward to working with her and watching the fruit of her good work and enthusiasm for our congregation's educational ministry."

Teresa responded in the next article of *TIDINGS* by stating, "Christian Education is a very important part of our church and I am very excited about our future at Grace. The possibilities are endless when we all get involved and share our talents. I am looking forward to working together with you, and welcome hearing your ideas and suggestions."

So here we are in 2020 and none of us can imagine Faith Formation at Grace Church without thinking of Teresa. Her many gifts and huge smile have made Christian Education an integral part of our mission and ministry. Teresa's job description has evolved to a full-time position with benefits. The "fruit of her good work" has certainly blossomed as she has touched the lives of so many of us. Thank you, Teresa!

Mary Froehlich,
Archivist
froeh@comcast.net

Electronic Giving

Electronic Giving offers another option to support the mission and ministry of the congregation. For those who choose to give this way, the following options are available.

1. On the Grace website (www.gracewin.org) there is an "Online Giving" link at the top right of the home page. The instructions are easy to follow and can be used for a one time or recurring gifts. Additionally, you can choose whether you want to use your bank checking/savings account (no fee to Grace) or a credit card/debit card (a small fee charged to Grace or the user if you choose). Set up your account once and giving is simple.
2. You can also access the same link by scanning this QR Code with a smart device camera.



If you are interested in learning more about how electronic giving works or need help setting it up, please call the church office at 540-662-6678.

Stephen Ministry

"I Don't Know What to Say."

Those who experience the grief that comes with a great loss feel as if they are the only ones who have ever gone through this terrible experience. Stephen Ministry training prepares Stephen Ministers to care sensitively for all others going through these difficult times.

A Stephen Minister would like to be there for you. He or she will listen and care. If you or someone you know needs a caring friend to listen and support, call **Christie McKee** at (540) 431-1932, for a referral or talk to **Pastors Sims** or **Boynton**, we can help.

You/they are not alone in this community. If you know someone in need of help beyond our community, referrals are possible beyond Winchester as well.



David Ray



You Are Invited
 Join us for the
Preschool Sunday Service
 at
Grace Lutheran Evangelical Church
 on
Sunday, March 29th at 11:00 a.m.

The service will start the
 Week of The Young Child at our Preschool

Monday Music ~ Tasty Tuesday ~ Work Together Wednesday ~ Artsy Thursday ~ Family Friday

Congregation Council and Congregation Meeting Highlights

On Saturday, February 7, 2020, the Congregation Council, met for its annual retreat and monthly meeting at Godfrey Miller Home Fellowship Center. The following are highlights. Retreat highlights:

- The trustees, **Jerry Kerr**, **Roger Milburn**, and **Gene Fisher**, shared information with the Council about insurance coverage, and funds they manage from financial gifts and bequests given to Grace.
- A discussion was begun about how Congregation Council can best support the implementation of the goals of the new Long-Range Plan by Ministry Councils. There will be a joint gathering of Congregation Council, Ministry Council chairpersons, and staff members to continue to the discussion.
- **Pastor Boynton** led Council members on a tour of the Grace facilities.

Highlights of the regular meeting:

- Approved the search committee's recommendation to hire **Peter Stevens** as Facilities Manager, to begin February 10, 2020.
- Approved changing the agenda of Congregation Council meetings to include a "consent agenda" which allows routine matters to be decided en bloc (in one decision). Action items will be dealt with separately.
- Approved the pastors' housing allowance included in the budget for 2020 with the correct wording for IRS purposes.
- Made the annual appointment of **Kay Hallett** as Grace representative to the Shenandoah Fellowship Foundation.
- Approved the Facilities Master Plan Task Group recommendation to begin interviewing architects for a renovation project for the Administration and Education Building. This recommendation did not include a request for funding at this time.

AN UPDATED VIEW OF THE GODFREY MILLER FELLOWSHIP CENTER AND A PLEA FOR HELP...

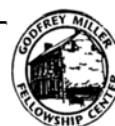
Our roof and walls are no longer leaking thanks to all the roof and chimney work that has been done. We have had a great year with over 10,000 visits. Worshipping at Easter and Thanksgiving Services, enjoying games with their neighbors and making new friends.

However, we have said goodbye to several friends who were members of our book club and are looking forward to rebooting the club this spring. If you haven't joined a book club, please consider the Belle Amies. **Also needed: a couple of people who can help sew our Teddy Bears.** Almost 400 bears were distributed for area children this year.

Our part time (16 hours per week) food coordinator position is open. This person plans, purchases, cooks and cleans for our Wednesday and Thursday lunches. These lunches are a wonderful source of our social programming.

Lastly, I'd like to share the sentiments one participant sent with her donation in December "Just a small donation for the large contribution Godfrey Miller makes to my life and so many others." All of us at Grace are a part of this program for seniors in our community. Please check out www.godfreymillerhome.org for more information.

GODFREY MILLER FELLOWSHIP CENTER SCHEDULE March 1—31, 2020



<p>Mon. 3/2— 10:00 am Hand and Foot 10:00 am Party Bridge 10:30 am Knitting 2:00 pm Arthritis Range of Motion 7:00 pm Bowers Duplicate Bridge</p> <p>Tues. 3/3— 10:00 am Mahjong! 10:00 am Canasta 10:30 am Painting Class 12:30 pm Bowers Duplicate 12:30 pm Pinochle</p> <p>Wed. 3/4— 10:00 am Dominos, Party Bridge 12:00 noon Lunch 2:00 pm Arthritis Strengthening Class</p> <p>Thurs. 3/5— 10:00 am Mahjong! 10:00 am Party Bridge 12:00 noon Lunch 12:30 pm Meet the Author of "9 Kids 23 Cars" by Rose Trochlil 2:00 pm Chair Yoga</p> <p>Mon. 3/9— 10:00 am Hand and Foot 10:00 am Party Bridge 10:30 am Knitting 12:00 noon Kiwanis 2:00 pm Arthritis Range of Motion 7:00 pm Bowers Duplicate Bridge</p>	<p>Tues. 3/10— 10:00 am Teddy Bear Hugs 10:00 am Mahjong! 10:00 am Canasta 12:30 pm Bowers Duplicate Bridge 12:30 pm Pinochle</p> <p>Wed. 3/11— 10:00 am Dominos, Party Bridge 12:00 noon Lunch 2:00 pm Arthritis Strengthening Class</p> <p>Thurs. 3/12— 10:00 am Mahjong! 10:00 am Party Bridge 11:00 am MOBB 12:00 noon Lunch 2:00 pm Chair Yoga</p> <p>Mon. 3/16— 10:00 am Hand and Foot 10:00 am Party Bridge 10:30 am Knitting 2:00 pm Arthritis Range of Motion 7:00 pm Bowers Duplicate Bridge</p> <p>Tues. 3/17— 10:00 am Mahjong! 10:00 am Canasta 10:30 am Painting Class 12:30 pm Bowers Duplicate Bridge 12:30 pm Pinochle</p>	<p>Wed. 3/18— 10:00 am Dominos, Party Bridge 12:00 noon Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Luncheon 2:00 pm Arthritis Strengthening Class</p> <p>Thurs. 3/19 10:00 am Mahjong! 10:00 am Party Bridge 12:00 noon Lunch 2:00 pm Chair Yoga</p> <p>Mon. 3/23— 10:00 am Hand and Foot 10:00 am Party Bridge 10:30 am Knitting 12:00 noon Kiwanis 2:00 pm Arthritis Range of Motion 7:00 pm Bowers Duplicate Bridge</p> <p>Tues. 3/24— 10:00 am Mahjong! 10:00 am Canasta 10:30 am Painting Class 12:30 pm Bowers Duplicate Bridge 12:30 pm Pinochle</p>	<p>Wed. 3/25— 10:00 am Dominos, Party Bridge 12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm Bingo and Ice Cream Social 2:00 pm Arthritis Strengthening Class</p> <p>Thurs. 3/26— 10:00 am Mahjong! 10:00 am Party Bridge 12:00 noon A Thai Luncheon prepared by Thera Clark and the play "Patajara" \$25 per person 2:00 pm Chair Yoga</p> <p>Mon. 3/30— 10:00 am Hand and Foot 10:00 am Party Bridge 10:30 am Knitting 12:00 noon Kiwanis 2:00 pm Arthritis Range of Motion 7:00 pm Bowers Duplicate Bridge</p> <p>Tues. 3/31— 10:00 am Mahjong! 10:00 am Canasta 10:30 am Painting Class 12:30 pm Bowers Duplicate 12:30 pm Pinochle</p>
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For a full calendar of upcoming events check our website www.godfreymillerhome.org. If you have any questions or to sign up, please call 667-5869 and ask for Sharon Thornton (Sharon@godfreymillerhome.org).
"Celebrating History while Building Community"

- *Lenten Season ~ Wondrous Love*
- *Mission Endowment Distributions*
- *First Communion Instruction ~ April 26*
- *G.L.O.W Kids ~ Sunday, April 19*
- *Welcome to our new Facilities Manager ~ Peter Stevens*
- *Community Dinner and The Chimers concert ~ March 15*
- *Pictorial Directory pictures ~ April 17 and 18*
- *March Calendar and Worship Assistants*

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship Service: 8:15 and 11:00
Holy Communion is celebrated at all services.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Grace Place: Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS
 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Monday - Friday

Prayer Team
We invite all who are interested in caring for others through prayer to join the prayer team.
 Contact **Becky Swanson Stern, at prayerchain@gracewin.org**

Prayers for those in our Military Services should include:
Seth Anton, Brian Baker, Brett Bozeman, Stuart Carper, Andrew Flanigan, Corey Flanigan, Elizabeth Grove, Ben Grove, Ellen Haines, Mitra Haines, Pastor Nate Huffman, John Lyons, Tyler Manuel, Kristjan Rauhaula, Brandon Reeve, Ted Schulz, Christine Sears, Alex Simpson, Danny Smith, Ronald Snyder, Cassie Trulock, and Scott Zerull.

The deadline for input to the next issue of *TIDINGS* (covering April 1–30, 2020) is 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 18, 2020

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