



# Grace Notes

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## Milestones Ministry at Grace

Receiving a new Bible, a cross at confirmation, a candle at baptism--these are all the traditional gifts given to children and families at Grace Lutheran when celebrating special moments in church.

Like Grace, congregations have long practiced gifting items as a way to honor and mark "church" milestones.

Notice the word milestone?



Milestones Ministry is not trendy nor is it "new" to Grace. However, the practice and meaning behind Milestones Ministry have evolved into something much more intentional, informal, and yet it still acknowledges and celebrates landmarks in our lives. We recognize God's presence, not only in church activities, but the ordinary events of life as well. Uniting our faith and home benchmarks creates the essence of an individual. For example, it's not just a cross necklace; it was given at confirmation to celebrate the transition into adult church membership. When worn, it serves as a reminder of faith, emotions, and relationships formed during that period of time.

At Grace we currently celebrate the following Milestones:

- Birth
- Baptism
- Anniversary of Baptism
- Holy Communion Instruction
- Bibles
- Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation)
- Receiving a Driver's License
- Graduation: High School, Post-High School
- Bicycles
- Mission Trips

The Milestones Ministry Project which we follow at Grace, as defined by the program creators, Pastors Dr. David W. Anderson and Paul Hill\*, "...is a meaningful, memorable moment in the lives of individuals and communities." This ministry "provides a marker along life's journey, recognizing that experiences are important and God is there, too." So you see, receiving a driver's license (for example) is not a church command, yet it is an essential marker for the individual and a remember that God is with them and blessing them as they go forth in their next steps to adulthood. Even as we age, we continue to meet milestones in our lives: mission trips, retirement, and anniversaries, to name a few. Mission, for example, may involve many generations serving several generations. Growing in faith is *continued on page 2...*





## The Sermon of our Lives

Dr. Sara Georgini is the Series Editor for The Papers of John Adams at the Massachusetts Historical Society and is the author of the book *Household Gods: The Religious Lives of the Adams Family*. On a recent podcast, she

stated that based upon her research and study of 18th and 19th century American life, “most Americans don’t learn their religion from the pulpit; they learn it from each other.” What was true in the 18th and 19th century is even truer today, especially in light of the shift in church membership and attendance Christianity has experienced in the last fifty years.

Indeed, it is possible – maybe even likely – that your neighbor’s observations of the life you live Monday through Saturday will have a greater influence on your neighbor’s views of Jesus and Christianity than any sermon Pastor Hetrick or I will ever preach. Let that sink in. It’s a somewhat overwhelming thought. But it’s also an incredible opportunity, one with the potential to dramatically influence the growth of Christianity. As I said to you on Easter morning, our calling is to respond to Jesus’s grace by being the evidence of the resurrection through the transformed lives we live.

We try very hard at Grace to prepare you to be a “living, breathing sermon of Christ’s love.” Through Super Wednesday Bible studies, Sunday School, and a wide array of youth and family ministry initiatives, we endeavor to equip you with a faithful understanding of God’s Word. But as we do so, it’s not just an intellectual exercise. God desires more than your *head*; God desires your *heart*. And so we hope that all of the learning opportunities we present to you will help you grow in your relationship with God and your neighbor, and will help form your everyday life into the most powerful Christian sermon of all, one marked by the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

### Bringing the Bible Alive in Israel

Remember the first time you saw television on a high definition TV? I’ll never forget it. It made the shows come alive in a new and vibrant way. I experienced something similar when I went to the Holy Lands in 2017. Suddenly the old familiar Bible stories took on new vibrancy. It was life changing. I want you to experience that, too, and so I’m organizing a Grace Lutheran trip to Israel in June 2020. We will explore key biblical sites in Galilee, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem as we walk where Jesus walked. I have also arranged for very special engagement with the people and churches of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jordan and the Holy Lands. I will have further details soon. In the meantime, if you might be interested in being part of this, let me know.

### Finally

I hope you had a meaningful and memorable Lent and Easter Sunday at Grace. I certainly did. It takes a lot of dedicated staff and volunteers to make it happen. And so let me close with my sincere thanks to everyone who gave such stellar effort and made this time so very special for us all. Peace be with you. ~ Pastor Schul

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Faith instruction for both church and home is a keystone in the teachings of Martin Luther. Milestones Ministry mirrors this practice, equipping parents with the tools to form supportive relationships at home in the daily life experiences of their children and, at the same time, allowing church relationships to also support these benchmarks.

### Why is this important?

Across America, trends show declining church membership, sporadic attendance, and many distractions that lead us away from “church.” Grace Lutheran is fortunate to have a strong membership base, but we are not free from priorities that impact regular attendance. What can make a difference? Relationships. When we promote milestones, in a small way, we are inviting the Holy Spirit and investing in a person. Through this outreach, we form relationships; this is Christianity. Jesus called ordinary individuals in ordinary settings to nurture the seeds of faith, grow relationships, and extend grace. Faith is caught, not taught in daily routine.

Milestones use a “five-part structure: name it; equip it; bless it; gift it, and reinforce it.” For example, on May 5<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the Milestone of Mission at our 10:30 worship service. Grace’s Helping Hands group will be leaving for a week of service to Camp Sequanota. Name it: Mission Milestone. Equip it: by providing this group with a 4 Keys guide. Bless it: we call all members forward for prayer. Gift it: each member will receive a small token as a physical and visual reminder of their experience. Reinforce it: there is a follow-up

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gathering of this crew and their families to share their experiences and relationships with all. Also on May 15<sup>th</sup>, we will Bless Bicycles at the Super Wednesday picnic.

Milestones Ministry is but one of the ways your Faith Formation team is diligently working to establish and form relationships for all generations of Grace members. We believe that the continued success of ministry at Grace is through relationships. Without relationships, there is no ministry. Both Cindy and Peter received training in this ministry as part of Youth Ministry Certification School. If you have any suggestions for milestones to be added or any questions, please reach out to Cindy Fritz and Peter Horn: [faithformation@glcpa.org](mailto:faithformation@glcpa.org)

\* Anderson, David W. and Hill, Paul. (2003). *Frogs Without Legs Can't Hear*. Minneapolis, MN. Augsburg Fortress.



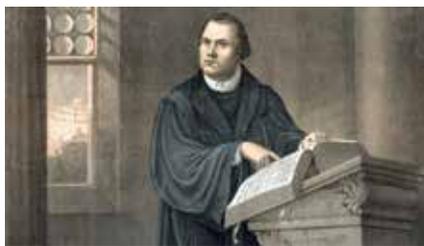
**2019  
Allegheny  
Synod  
Assembly  
Coming  
Soon!**

The Annual Allegheny Synod Assembly will be held from Friday morning, **June 14, through Saturday afternoon, June 15, 2019** at the Blair County Convention Center, Altoona. This year's theme is **"We Have This Treasure in Clay Jars"** - II Corinthians 4:7. The presenter is the Rev. Louise Johnson, president of Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa.

All sessions of the Assembly will be held at the Blair County Convention Center. Friday morning's session will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Hall with worship and opening of the assembly. We will

## A Devotional from Luther

Beginning this month, this devotional column shifts from pondering hymn texts from the Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal to contemplation of some of the writings of Martin Luther. The core of these musings come from an old book that was passed down to me years ago entitled "Devotions and Prayers of Martin Luther." It was compiled and translated by Andrew Kosten and published in 1956. Each devotional consists of a brief scripture verse, followed by an explanation and prayer written by Luther. I will be updating and modernizing the language but otherwise will "let Luther be Luther." I hope these thoughts give you peace and joy.  
-Pastor Schul



*"He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord has them in derision." Psalm 2:4*

When we are oppressed, how can we believe that God is holding our adversaries in derision? At such times it feels like we are reviled and scorned by both God

and people. But in the verse, the psalmist pictures the Lord as an invisible judge who is working to awaken and strengthen our hopes. God cares for us and is serene and fearless. Though we be disturbed, God remains unperturbed in caring for us. We are tossed to and fro, but God sits secure so that the righteous need not be forever uneasy.

This activity of God goes undetected, observable only if you were in heaven. But when suffering, you receive God and rest in faith and hope. In this way all our misfortune and worldly care not only may be easily borne but passed off with a smile.

*Let us pray:* I give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, that you have graciously protected me today; I ask you to forgive me all my sins, where I have done wrong, and graciously to protect me tonight. Into your hands I commend myself: my body and soul, and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

*Martin Luther*

have an opportunity during these two days to act as a legislative body for the Synod, hear and study God's word, sing God's praises, and be renewed in faith and spirit. The Principle Eucharist will be held Friday evening, June 14 beginning with a prelude at 6:45 p.m. at the Blair County Convention Center. PLEASE NOTE there will be no Thursday evening opening worship and no child care for Friday's Principle Eucharist.

More information can be found on the Synod website: [https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/cb9727\\_e7e829a4d033458fa05caf9fecae5fe4.pdf](https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/cb9727_e7e829a4d033458fa05caf9fecae5fe4.pdf)

## Preparing our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Sunday	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Holy Gospel
<b>May 5</b> 3rd Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]	Psalm 30	Revelation 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
<b>May 12</b> 4th Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:36-43	Psalm 23	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
<b>May 19</b> 5th Sunday of Easter	Acts 11:1-18	Psalm 148	Revelation 21:1-6	John 13:31-35
<b>May 26</b> 6th Sunday of Easter	Acts 16:9-15	Psalm 67	Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5	John 14:23-29

### Super Wednesday Is Such A Blessing!!

Every Wednesday, early September through mid-May, 130-180 of our members and friends gather for Children's Choirs, Bible study, Kids Club and Re:Formers (twens). At the center of these activities is a home-cooked meal from our Super Wednesday chefs and servers. The ministry is a great opportunity for fellowship and involvement with our church family. All ages, from our young families to our eldest members and friends, come and enjoy each other and the once-a-week dinner.

It could not happen without all the volunteers who offer their time and talent. Much gratitude to Dave Heubner, head chef; Jason Laine, Super Wednesday team leader; Bill Ammerman, Lois Lynn, Lorraine Lutz, Gail Hoover, Joe and Cindy Nicosia and Joyce Arbutina. The Green Team faithfully manages all those dishes and this year included Jon Peters, Dave and Cricket Hunter, and Susan Buda. We are grateful for the support of our sextons Roy, Stephen and Joe who provide set up and clean up every week. Many thanks also to the Meals on Wheels staff who often overlap with the team and generously provide desserts every week and to Tom and Marge Eakin who continue to do the weekly shopping for food and supplies.

### Mini-series on Composers of Church Music: Johann Crüger (1598 - 1662)



Johann Crüger is a name most readers probably don't recognize, but you sing many of his hymn tunes throughout the church year. Although Martin Luther was buried half a century before he was born, Crüger travelled similar paths to Luther. Crüger studied theology at the University of Wittenberg (Luther was named "Doctor in Bible" there in 1512), pursued musical studies as an avocation throughout his life, was an advocate for music education, and wrote many hymn tunes we still sing today.

Like many of his contemporaries, Crüger and his family suffered countless tragedies between the Thirty Years' War and the plague, including the loss of his first wife, five of their children, and many of the children from his second marriage. Despite heavy losses, he went on to write hymns that are a witness to his inner strength.

In 1647, Crüger edited the most important Lutheran hymnal of the 17th century; nine of his tunes are in our current hymnal. Many are still widely known, including the Lenten hymns *Ah, Holy Jesus* (ELW #349) and *Jesus, Priceless Treasure* (ELW #775) as well as *Now Thank We All Our God*, which we sing at Thanksgiving (ELW #840); the communion hymn, *Now We Join in Celebration* (ELW #462); and the Easter hymn, *Awake, My Heart, with Gladness* (ELW #378). His tunes walk us through the entire church year and the seasons of our lives.

Thank you, Johann Crüger!

### Super Wednesday Picnic

The last regular Super Wednesday for this year is **May 8**, and **May 15** is the **Super Wednesday PICNIC**. The picnic is held outside (weather permitting) between the Columbarium and the Miller

Center. Please come--even if you've never come before. Please come--even if it's just for the meal. (Many do that.) Super Wednesday takes a hiatus during the summer but will start again on Wednesday, September 11.



## From Pastor Hetrick

### “Mothers, Mentors and Muses”

Partway through the month we will celebrate the Hallmark greeting card moment of Mother’s Day, but I would like to lift up the possibility of a broader gift we receive from God. Taking my cue from Kent State University, I’d like to suggest that we contemplate “Mothers, Mentors and Muses.” Each year the University identifies those who they wish to celebrate for their role in the life of the community:

A “**Mother**” is “one who has helped ‘birth’ ideas, thoughts and academic endeavors in others, or who serves as a nurturing individual to others.”

A “**Mentor**” is “one who serves as a trusted counselor, colleague and/or role model.”

A “**Muse**” is “one who inspires creativity and artistic/academic passion in others.”

As God’s people across time, our life as church has been blessed by mothers, mentors and muses. A few of these will be the subject of **Super Wednesday Bible Study** as we explore the lives of three diverse influential women in the early Christian church:

Helena, Discoverer of the True Cross and mother of Constantine the Great;

Monica, Mother of St Augustine

Dame Julian of Norwich

In our everyday lives, we know those women given to us by God who have shaped us. Why not use this month as a time to not only give thanks to God for them, but to let them know our gratitude?

Prayer:

*We give you thanks, Lord, for the mothers, mentors and muses among us. We are graced by their wisdom and touched by their knowledge. Bless them, O God, as they are a blessing to us, May we find inspiration in their faithfulness and follow their example by serving you with devotion. Amen*



### Mark Your June Calendar for a Strawberry Festival

On **Saturday, June 1**, our annual Strawberry Festival will be held on the lawn between Harkins Hall and the Miller Center. We will have children’s “carnival” activities from 3-5 p.m. Ben Salinas will be performing magic from 4-5 p.m. A picnic dinner will be held at 5:30 p.m. Our menu this year will be hamburgers, hot dogs, and potato salad along with Creamery ice cream and strawberries. This is hosted by the Women of Grace.

**SAVE THE DATE**, and come enjoy this summer fruit!

## Good Day Café



Stop by and join Pastor Hetrick at Good Day Café for her “office hours” on Thursdays from 1:30-3:30. Share an iced latte, or a treat and good conversation, or prayer except May 30<sup>th</sup> when she and Michael will be out on the Appalachian Trail.

## Happy Valley Hikers and Weeknight Walks

Someone asked, “What is your definition of hike versus walk?”

A walk is more level terrain and about a half an hour. My walks on **Mondays in May** will be at the Arboretum at 7 p.m., each week except Memorial Day.



Hikes are longer and more challenging terrain. Want to get your boots dirty and celebrate creation? Our May hike will

be **Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** to Black Moshannon. There are two possible trails, one 3.67 and the other 7.7 miles. We will hike based upon the group. We will leave Grace at 8:30 a.m. and carpool. For more information, visit: <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/BlackMoshannonStatePark/Pages/Hiking.aspx>



## Finances for 2019

Church FINANCES	Actual Income vs Expense July 2018-March 2019	Budgeted Income vs Expense July 2018-March 2019	+ or (-)	%
Income	\$618,237.66	\$644,000.00	(25,762.34)	4.00%
Expenses	\$614,726.29	\$630,490.09	(15,763.80)	2.50%
Net Income	\$3,511.37	\$13,509.912		

Our financial statement in March is similar to February. Although we are keeping expenses in check (2.5% below budgeted expenses), income remains 4% behind the flat budget our congregation approved at our 2018 annual meeting. Our 4% annual deficit would be easily erased if every family gave just \$5 more per week. That's the equivalent of one medium Starbucks specialty coffee. In addition, please prayerfully consider signing up for monthly automatic bank withdrawal to ensure that your generous contributions can be here, doing ministry, even when you have to be elsewhere. Contact Laurel Sanders at lsanders@glcpa.org for details or visit the GIVE page on our website at www.glcpa.org.

## Building Campaign

Actual Receipts this month	Monthly Mortgage	Fiscal YTD Receipts	Fiscal YTD Mortgage
\$14,078.07	\$15,742.70	\$145,537.09	\$141,684.00

Building donations in March were higher than several preceding months (thank you!) but still below our mortgage commitment. Donations last December covered the shortfall for several months. Our greatest opportunity for future ministry is paying off our mortgage on the building additions so we can expand our outreach and run effective ministry programs.

## Annual Congregational Meeting

A reminder that our congregation will have its annual meeting on **Sunday, May 19 after the 10:30 a.m. worship service**. The meeting will be in Harkins Hall with a light lunch served. The meeting's purpose is to present and then vote on the proposed budget for 2019-2020.

On that day, we will also begin the voting process of electing three council members to begin three-year terms on July 1. There will be six nominees, and you may vote for three. Voting opportunity will start May 19<sup>th</sup> and continue through

Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. All through the week, ballots will be available at the church office. Our constitution does not permit absentee ballots, so you must be present to vote on the proposed budget and for three council members.

The proposed budget and the ballot for the six council nominees will be mailed to you during the first week of May.

The document that includes all annual reports from pastors, council president, treasurer, and ministry coordinators will be available at the Welcome Center on Sunday, May 5.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

~ Pastor Schul

## Council Highlights

At its April 2019 meeting, Grace's Council discussed, reviewed, and approved a proposed 2019-2020 budget for the church and preschool/kindergarten, which will be presented to the congregation at our May 19 congregational meeting.



**Church Softball is BACK!**

The Mighty Casey may have struck out, but your Grace Lutheran softball squad is back for another fun season. Games typically are held on Monday nights with first pitch at 6:30 p.m., and the majority of them are at Spring Creek Park.

It's a fun, casual way to get some exercise and make new friends. Participation is open to both men and women.

If you are interested in joining, contact Peter Horn ([phorn@glcpa.org](mailto:phorn@glcpa.org) or [peter.m.horn@gmail.com](mailto:peter.m.horn@gmail.com)).

CHURCH	FIELD
April 29 .... Access Church .....	Spring Creek 1
May 6 ..... Bye Week #1	
<u>May 13</u> ..... Port Matilda Baptist .....	Spring Creek 1
<u>May 20</u> .... New Hope UMC .....	Spring Creek 1
May 27 ..... Bye Week #2	
<u>June 3</u> .... Faith Baptist .....	Orchard Park
<u>June 10</u> .... First Baptist.....	Spring Creek 2
June 17 .... Runville UMN .....	Milesburg Community Park
<u>June 24</u> .... State College Alliance .....	Orchard Park
<u>July 1</u> ..... St. Paul's UMC.....	Spring Creek 1
<u>July 8</u> ..... Oakwood Presbyterian.....	Orchard Park
July 15 ..... First Baptist.....	First Baptist, Bellefonte
July 22..... Oakwood Presbyterian.....	Spring Creek 1
<u>July 29</u> ..... Access Church .....	Spring Creek 2
August 5... Calvary Baptist .....	Spring Creek 2
August 12 .. Calvary Baptist.....	Orchard Park

*Underlined date means we are the Home Team.*

**SILENT AUCTION  
to benefit Grace  
Lutheran Preschool  
and Kindergarten**

**April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 13<sup>th</sup>**

Our preschool and kindergarten will be holding its 9th annual silent auction in the Upper Commons (next to the Sanctuary) to provide tuition assistance to families in need and arrange for special purchases for our school.

GLPK room parents, with the help of our students' families, have put together themed baskets to auction off. There are also church members, businesses, and others donating items such as jewelry, art, services and more. Thanks to everyone who has contributed items to support our cause!

**Women of Grace**

The Naomi Circle will meet for lunch at noon on **Tuesday, May 7**, at *The View*, in Boalsburg. This will be our last meeting for 2018-2019. Contact Person: Carolyn Fishburn, 238-3907 or ([exfl@pps.edu](mailto:exfl@pps.edu))

Daughters of Eve Circle will hold a potluck dinner for the end of the program year at Bonnie Burris' home **Monday, May 20** at 6:00 p.m. RSVP Bonnie, [bonnieburris@comcast.net](mailto:bonnieburris@comcast.net)

Comfort Makers (*Sewing Group*) will meet **May 14 and 28** at 9 a.m. in the Stinson Library.

Knit Wits (*Knitting and Crocheting Group*) will NOT meet in **May**.

The Garden of Readin' (women's book club) May selection is *The Relic Master* by Christopher Buckley. This is the selection of Susan Hirth, and she will be facilitating the discussions on **Tuesday, May 21** at 10:30 a.m. in the Stinson Library or at 6 p.m. in Fireside (your choice).

**Celebration of the Arts on May 5  
Wanted: parishioner artwork and potluck contributions**

Please loan your artwork, crafts and photos for our annual arts event on Sunday, May 5! Your art will be on display from 8 a.m. through 2 p.m. in Harkins Hall. Following 10:30 worship, you can enjoy soup (thanks to our cooks!), and we are requesting salads, sides and desserts to complete the buffet. From 12:30-1:30 p.m., parishioners will entertain us on stage. You can take your art home afterward (or pick it up later from the church office). Call Laurel at 238-2478 if you have art or craft items to share with your Grace family or if you can provide a dish for the potluck!





We are looking for a person to represent Grace as a board member for Interfaith Human Services. We're also in need of worker bees. Learn about this organization by coming to the Social Ministry & Outreach meeting on Thursday, May

9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room and/or by contacting Janet Lybarger at [jlpayne19@comcast.net](mailto:jlpayne19@comcast.net) or 814-308-8629.

**It's fun! Will you serve?**



*To the members of Grace...  
A most sincere thank you  
for your generous donations  
for the residents at the Oaks.  
Your contributions are greatly  
appreciated.*

*~Bonnie Miller  
ALSM auxiliary member*

Many thanks to **Gerry Slear** for her wonderful leadership of the Food Bank Ministry Team! **We are currently in need of a leader AND worker bees for this ministry.** Food is collected in the narthex before the services on the first Sunday of the month and is then delivered to the Food Bank on a weekday.

**Will you serve?**

Contact Janet Lybarger at 814-308-8629, [jlpayne19@comcast.net](mailto:jlpayne19@comcast.net) and/or come to the Social Ministry & Outreach meeting on Thursday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room.



The Food Bank of the State College Area, Inc. is always in need of donations. The church collects donations monthly in the church narthex on the first Sunday of each month at each worship service. Cash/check donations, grocery store gift cards, and brown paper grocery bags are always accepted. For the complete list, look at their website, <https://www.scfoodbank.org/Page/59>

**New items this month**

- Canned mixed vegetable, canned carrots, canned beets
- Gluten-Free products (any kind, but especially pasta, cereal, etc.)
- Canned pears and/or pineapple
- Salt, pepper, and spices
- Stewed tomatoes
- Spaghetti sauce
- Sloppy Joe/Manwich sauce
- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, Spam, other canned fish)
- Baking mix
- Condiments
- Oil
- Laundry detergent
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Feminine hygiene products



**THANK YOU from  
Out Of The Cold**

Thank you all for your generous support of Out Of The Cold. This year we averaged 17 guests per night. This is higher than we normally average. Being able to leave the cots up most days was very beneficial and greatly appreciated by the overnight volunteers and our guests. The new bins for blankets are a big hit. Penn State washes the blankets for us, and they mentioned how much they liked our new bins. Watch for a bulletin with more statistics on our guests and volunteers soon.



The program ends May 12th.

**You're Invited to join  
The Social Ministry &  
Outreach Steering Team**

Thursday, May 9  
6:30 p.m. Fireside Room

**BE IN THE LOOP!**

Learn about the ministry teams.  
Consider opportunities to help...  
a little or a lot!

## Helping Hands Ministry

### Work to be done at Camp Sequanota

From Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> through Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> the Helping Hands Ministry team will be traveling to Camp Sequanota to help finish a number of jobs before the summer activities. Most of the work will be dry-walling and finishing the outside of the camp areas. Our goal is to do our best and to work for the glory of God.



The spring team consists of Don Coine, Don Burris, Robert Byers, John Palmgren, Kevin Bender, Susan Ferro, Earl Lybarger, Alison Hoegg, Christine Roe, Steve Roe, and Dennis Snider.

We are always looking for a few good men and women to expand our ministry. Carpenter/maintenance experience is great but not necessary. All you need is the willingness to help others. Please contact Susan Ferro, 814-237-8756 or [ferro71@comcast.net](mailto:ferro71@comcast.net).

## Super Wednesday Service Opportunity

If you attend Super Wednesday dinners, please consider becoming a member of the **dish washing crew**. Help is **urgently needed**, and training (easy process) will be provided. You can sign up for a week per month, or just a month or two throughout the year - whatever works best with your schedule. There are only a few weeks left until Super Wednesday goes on summer hiatus, but please prayerfully consider this activity for when dinners resume in the fall. Reach out to any of the Super Wednesday helpers, Grace Fellowship committee members, or one of the pastors or church staff. They can provide additional information to you.



## Green Tip for May

The annual PA-Interfaith Power and Light **BIKE TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.** leaves State College on **Friday, May 10**. Specific details about time and location have not yet been decided, but check the website at [paipl.org](http://paipl.org) for that information closer to the date. The riders, **including Grace's Jason Whitney**, greatly appreciate a group to send them off and perhaps even ride along for the first few miles of the trip.



Additionally, PAIPL is asking for prayers to pave the way. Details of that are also on their website. The deadline for doing that is set at May 1, but since Grace's own Cricket Hunter is gathering the prayers, she likely can make arrangements with you to include yours for a few days after that.



## Congregational Care

The congregational care committee is seeking your input for **Summer Health Breaks**. Do you have a topic to present? Or do you have a topic you would like to see addressed? If you do, please email Michelle Peiffer at [mpeiffer57@gmail.com](mailto:mpeiffer57@gmail.com) with your suggestions for Summer Health Breaks.

Ideas so far:

- Centre County Office of Aging
- Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse
- Women of Grace
- Presidents and Religion
- Invasive Insects

## New Visitation Program to Start

The Stephen Ministry Team would like to acknowledge its newest team of "**Grace-full Friends**" who recently completed training in April. They are Brian Bills, Helen Brenneman, Bob Byers, Barbara Hackenberry, and Leslie Wagner.

This new program -- which is an addition to the current Stephen Ministry program -- will match up Grace members who would like a friendly visit on a regular basis. If you are living alone (or you know someone who is), miss not being able to come to church, or would just like someone representing the church to visit, please let the church office know (238-2478). We will be happy to send someone over! *Please note that this an extension of pastor visits.*

~June Walter, Grace-full Friends leader

~Brenda Palmgren, Stephen Ministry

## The Bells of Grace PLANT SALE

### NEW THIS YEAR:

#### **Mother's Day Planters and Hanging Baskets—Delivered Wed, May 8**

Want something special for a Mother's Day gift? Hanging baskets and planters will be available for you to pick up on Wednesday, May 8, just in time for Mother's Day gifts. The ½ sheet order form is for the Mother's Day delivery. These plants are also available for delivery on Wed, May, 15.



#### **Annuals and Bedding Plants—Delivered Wed, May 15**

Brighten your garden with annuals purchased from The Bells of Grace! This year we have a selection of Memorial Day planters, herbs, pots of single plants, hanging baskets, and flats of bedding plants. If there is a plant or specific color that you would like, please indicate that on your order form. We will do our best to accommodate your special requests.

What were the beautiful plants growing on trellises in the four planters along the parking lot last year? Those lovely vines are called **Thunbergia**, or **Black-Eyed Susan Vine**. This sun-loving annual will grow on trellises, fences, etc. Another plant for a trellis or fence is the **Mandevilla**. The blossoms are trumpet-shaped and 4" in size. What a beautiful display all summer long!

### Church Planters and Gardens

If you would like to contribute towards the cost of plants for the church planters and gardens, please indicate that on the order form.

**Order Forms:** Return your completed order forms by Friday, May 3 to the church office. Mother's Day selections will be available for pick-up on Wednesday, May 8 from 5-7 p.m. The plants for your gardens will be available for pick-up on Wednesday, May 15 in the church narthex from 5-7 p.m.

Order forms are available in the church office and the Welcome Center in the narthex. The proceeds from the sale of plants will fund music, equipment repair, and seminars for the bell choir.

Questions, contact Anna Carol Buffington, director: (814) 531-4242 or [acbuffington@yahoo.com](mailto:acbuffington@yahoo.com)

### DID YOU KNOW



...that Grace's congregational meeting will be held on May 19 following the 10:30 service? Join us for lunch and an opportunity to vote upon the proposed budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Voting for council members will also commence that day.

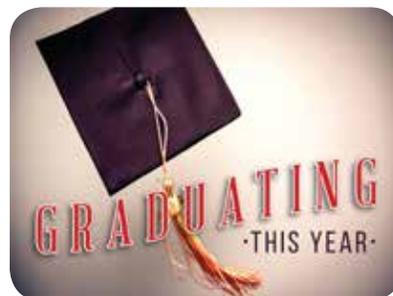


### **Congratulations**

to Penn State students as you finish up your finals and move into summer or graduation! It has been a wonderful year! You have been a blessing to us and our community, and our prayers go with you!

If you are around State College this summer, please email Alicia Anderson at [ara2@psu.edu](mailto:ara2@psu.edu) or fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/VpAVpJ5vS9RQTb5F6> We'll arrange meals, discussion/study times, service and other events depending on interest and availability!

Blessings as summer begins!



### **Lutheran Student Community Graduates include**

**Tyler Cole**, Health Policy & Administration

**Kaylyn Ebersole**, Music Education

**Amy Estes**, Nursing

**Cassandra Singh-Hueter**, Spanish

**Tyler Trimble**, Aerospace Engineering

**Maggie Van Brakle**, Music Education

## Grace's College Graduates

Congratulations to the following young men and women who will graduate college this spring. We want to celebrate this milestone in worship on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at our 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Please contact Cindy and Peter if we have missed your son/daughter and if we have an error in their college attendance ([Faithformation@glcpa.org](mailto:Faithformation@glcpa.org))



**Jake Castles**, Penn State University, Bachelor of Science, Health Human Development and Park, Recreation and Tourism Management

**Rachel Christian**

**Grant Davis**, Penn State University, Bachelor of Architecture

**Eric Heatwole**, Bloomsburg University, Bachelor of Science, Accounting

**Tessa Kisenwether**

**Christopher Mahon**

**Colleen McDonough**, Temple University, Bachelor of Science in Music, Music Therapy

**Joel Nelson**, Penn State University, Bachelor of Science, Communications

**Mark Pauley**, Penn State University, Bachelor of Science, Material Science and Engineering

**Kyle Peterson**, Millersville University, Bachelor of Science, Occupational Safety & Environmental Health

**Michelle Sanders**, New York University, Anthropology and Minor in Documentary Film

**Dylan Sechler**

**Annika Schul**, Thiel College, Early Childhood Education and Special Education

## Women of Grace - A Baby Shower for the Pregnancy Resource Clinic of State College

The Pregnancy Resource Clinic in State College will be the recipient of our shower donations. The clinic offers a range of free services: medical (e.g. ultrasound), counseling (e.g. parenting for mothers and fathers), and materials assistance. Clients are served without regard to age, race, income, nationality, religious affiliation, disability or other arbitrary circumstances.



**Look for the bassinet in the narthex beginning May 1 and check the Women of Grace bulletin board in the Commons for more information.** The clinic is especially in need of baby shoes, sizes 12-, 18-, 24-months, both boy's and girl's. Other items needed include crib sheets; diapers for older babies (sizes 4, 5 and 6); diaper rash cream; cups, spoons, and forks; teething rings; bibs and burp clothes; and bottles. Additional items include new infant clothing (sizes 0-3, 3-6, 6-9, 9-12 months); baby wash, lotion, and powder (Johnson and Johnson, Baby Magic, or Honest Company); baby wash cloths and hooded towels; infant thermometers and manicure sets; receiving blankets; hardback books; and toys. (A handout containing the list of needs is also available in the bassinet.) As always, the clinic is grateful for \$25 Gift Cards to Target, Giant, Weis, Kohl's, and Sheetz as well as coffee shops, restaurants, or Bath & Body Works. We hope you will join the Women of Grace as we support this clinic. Thank you!

## Finals Care Package

Our High School Youth Group helped to assemble care packages for our Grace college students, including writing a note of support. Thank you HS youth for your help. College students, we hope to see you when you're home for summer break!



## Super Wednesday Comes to an End

**Attention all parents:** Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> will be our last Super Wednesday with scheduled activities for the year. The following week, May 15<sup>th</sup>, will be our end-of-year picnic. We hope your children have enjoyed Kids' Club and our re: Formers groups. We have truly enjoyed getting to know your children and hope to see you again in the fall.

## Calling All Cyclists

**All ages (and all bicycles, (including tricycles and big-wheels):** Bring your bike to our Super Wednesday picnic on May 15<sup>th</sup> for a Milestone Blessing.

Safety is always a priority, but for the fair-weather cyclist, we are now out in strength. This milestone aims to bless you and your bicycle as well as provide a gift as a visual reminder that God is with you, always. Kids and adults, bikes of all sizes and types, are included and welcome!



## Sunday School Year Ends with a Sundaee

**Our last day of Sunday School is Sunday, May 12.** We will celebrate this occasion with our annual ice cream sundaes for breakfast. After gathering in their classroom, classes will come to the Miller Center for ice cream and toppings! Parents, we are looking for “topping” donations: Please drop off candies, cookies, whipped topping, etc. in the main office that Sunday.

Also, on this day, we “move-up” to the next level. Fifth-grade youth will join the middle school Sunday school class, and eighth graders will join the high school class. \*Eighth graders, please meet in the Narthex as we meet and walk to Starbucks together.

## Easter Egg Hunt is Egg-septional

Our annual Easter egg hunt was held the Sunday following the festival of Easter during Sunday school, Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Our children from Nursery through 5<sup>th</sup> grade found over 500 Easter eggs around the church filled with goodies and prizes. A big thank you to the middle school Sunday school class for helping us to hide our eggs! Bigger thanks to our confirmation class for filling all of the eggs; it is quite a task!



## May Calendar:



### Sunday, May 5

Celebration of the Arts following the 10:30 a.m. worship service

### Wednesday, May 8

6:15 p.m. – Last regularly-scheduled Kids' Club and re:Formers

### Sunday, May 12

Last day of children's Sunday school

### Wednesday, May 15

Beginning at 5 p.m. - Super Wednesday picnic with Blessing of the Bicycles

### Sunday, May 19

- 10:00-11:00 a.m. – Munchkin Brunchkin, Miller Center
- 12:00-2:00 p.m. – Confirmation Class, Miller Center
- 6:00-7:30 p.m. – High School Youth Group, Miller Center

### June Preview:



### Sunday, June 2

10:30 a.m. Worship - Senior Recognition Sunday  
7:00 p.m. - Confirmation rehearsal, Sanctuary

### Sunday, June 9

10:30 a.m. Worship - Affirmation of Baptism service, Sanctuary

### Week of June 24-28

6-8 p.m. – Vacation Bible School in the Miller Center

### Friday, June 28

8-10 p.m. – Grace Family Swim Night at Welsh Pool

## Vacation Bible School: Roar! Registration

Join us at Grace for VBS: “Roar! Life is Wild; God is Good.”

We will meet during the week of Monday, June 24 through Friday, June 28, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. On Friday we will end Bible School to travel to Welch Pool in State College for a Grace Lutheran swim night (8:00-10:00 p.m.) ages 3 through grade 5. Registration is free and is on our Grace Lutheran Church website or [vbspro.events/p/gracelutheranroar](http://vbspro.events/p/gracelutheranroar)



## Vacation Bible School Help Needed

Do you love children and have a few hours to spare Monday, June 24-June 28 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.? We need volunteers to help with everything from being a guide, assisting with registration, setting up, and prop design. If you think you can help, please contact Cindy or Peter: [faithformation@glepa.org](mailto:faithformation@glepa.org)

## Grace Member (Cross-Generational) Swim Night

On Friday, June 28 from 8:00-10:00 p.m., we will hold our annual Grace swim night at the Welch Pool. Since we will be finishing Vacation Bible School earlier that evening, we are inviting all VBS attendees and family to join in the fun! We hope that you'll join us and bring friends as well as a



## Grace's High School Seniors

Congratulations to the following youth who will graduate from high school this spring. Their milestone will be celebrated in worship on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the 10:30 am service. We will ask both parents and youth to come forward for a blessing as they go in peace to begin this next journey.



*Camryn Bendik*, State College Area High School  
*Nicholas Friedken*, State College Area High School  
*Elizabeth Giacobe*, Bellefonte Area High School  
*Natalie Giacobe*, Bellefonte Area High School  
*Jessica Griel*, State College Area High School  
*Heather Haller*, State College Area High School  
*Troy Heatwole*, State College Area High School  
*Andrew Vanden Heuvel*, State College Area High School  
*Ben Krantweiss*, State College Area High School  
*Sam Krantweiss*, State College Area High School  
*Katy Ulmer*, State College Area High School  
*Ben Vollmer*, State College Area High School  
*Nicholas Wild*, State College Area High School

## Still Looking for Summer Camp Options?

Starting to think about what to do for the kids or as a family this summer? Think about church Camp!

We are lucky enough to be near **two** of our Lutheran camps! Our synod camp, **Sequanota** ([www.sequanota.com](http://www.sequanota.com)), is outside of Jennerstown, and we recommend it. The other camp near us is **Mount Luther** ([www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org)), which is in the Penns Valley area near Mifflinburg. Mount Luther has two weeks of day-camp where you can pick whichever days you would like to attend.

Grace also helps monetarily for the cost of camp. If you attend camp for an overnight program, Grace will pay \$100. If you attend a day-camp program, Grace will pay \$50. Please note this in the online registration form and let us know what week you've picked. Camps will contact Grace with an invoice.

## DID YOU KNOW...

🌸 ... that Declan Flanagan made it into All-State Chorus? Declan is a junior at State High.  
**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Graduation day is tough for adults. They go to the ceremony as parents. They come home as contemporaries. After 22 years of child-raising, they are unemployed.

—Erma Bombeck



**TAKING CARE OF GOD'S CREATION**  
**"FOR EVERYTHING CREATED BY GOD IS GOOD." - I TIMOTHY 4:4**  
**SCIENCE EXPLORATION: DISCOVERING NATURE, ANIMALS**  
**ENRICHMENT CLASSES THEME: ONE BOOK: READER'S CHOICE**

## Dates to Remember!

### Tuesday, April 30

GLPK Silent Auction begins in the upstairs Commons area

### Wednesday, May 1

Marianna's Fundraiser orders available for pick up in room 107 between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. – GLPK curriculum meeting in Fireside

### Thursday, May 2

11 a.m. – Old Friends service in the Sanctuary

### Week of May 6-11

Moms are Magnificent Week Scholastic Book Fair in room 107

### Tuesday, May 7

Young Author and Artist Day in the Miller Center between noon and 12:45 p.m., 2:30 and 3 p.m., and 5 and 6 p.m.

### Wednesday, May 8

Young Author and Artist Day in the Miller Center between noon and 12:45 p.m., 2:30 and 3 p.m.

### Thursday, May 9

Teacher Appreciation Day and Luncheon

### Saturday, May 11

9 to 10 a.m. – Moms Are Magnificent Breakfast in Harkins Hall

### Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day

### Monday, May 13

11:30 a.m. – GLPK Silent Auction ends

### Mon. and Tues., May 13 & 14

10:30 a.m. – Chapel

## Moms Are Magnificent Breakfast

The children of Grace Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten will host a breakfast for a special woman in their lives. Please join your child(ren) on **Saturday, May 11 from 9 to 10 a.m. in Harkins Hall** for a breakfast of pancakes, sausage, applesauce, juice, milk and coffee.

## Young Author and Artist Days

Please join us for our annual Young Author and Artist Days on **Tuesday, May 7** between the hours of noon and 12:45 p.m., 2:30 and 3 p.m. and 5 and 6 p.m. and **Wednesday, May 8** between noon and 12:45 p.m. The Miller Center "Gallery" will be showcasing our GLPK students' writings and artwork.

## Openings for the 2019-2020 School Year

We are currently accepting registrations for the new school year. We offer small structured classes, flexible options, and a caring Christian environment to help children reach their full potential.

- Half-day kindergarten licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 2-, 3-, and 5-day morning classes for children aged 2y 7m, 3, 4 and Junior Kindergarten
- Afternoon enrichment classes (home-packed lunch, monthly themed, experiential classes) as an add-on
- Morning, afternoon, and full-day programs

Please contact us to request a classroom visit or for more information,

E-Mail: [glpk@glcpa.org](mailto:glpk@glcpa.org)

Phone: 814-238-8110

Web: [www.glcpapreschool.org](http://www.glcpapreschool.org)

preschool registration



**Tues. and Wed. May 21 & 22**  
– Busytown Days

### Friday, May 24

School in session for snow make-up day

### Monday, May 27

Memorial Day, No School

**Thursday, June 6** – Last day of school for TTh classes

### Friday, June 7

Last day of school for MWF & M-F classes; Kindergarten graduation at 10:30 a.m.

## Come To Our Spring Scholastic Book Fair! Dinomite Book Fair: Stomp, Chomp, and Read!

**When:** May 6-11

**Where:** Room 107

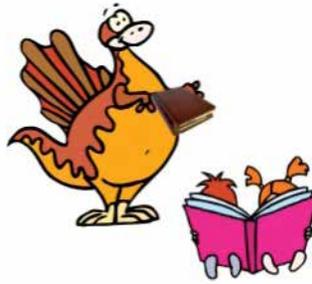
**Hours:** Weekdays (while school is in session) - 8:45 to 9:15 a.m. and noon to 12:30 p.m.

During Young Artists and Authors Day

Tuesday, May 7th – noon to 12:30 p.m., 2:30 to 3 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8th – noon to 12:30 p.m., 2:30 to 3 p.m.

Saturday, May 11 – 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. (last day)



The book fair is sponsored by Grace Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten and is open to **all members of Grace Lutheran Church** as well as our preschool & kindergarten families. There will be new books available to purchase for all ages. Another convenient way to purchase books with thousands of Scholastic titles is available online <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/gracelutheran>.

**The online Book Fair will be open from April 28th – May 11th.** The book fair earns points for our school that can be used to purchase books for our classrooms, school library, or as teacher resources. Please note, Scholastic Book Fairs tax rules have changed. Therefore, sales tax will be charged with all purchases.

## Substitute teacher positions for 2019-2020

Grace Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten is searching for substitute teachers for the 2019-2020 school year. Substitute teachers with a bachelor's degree in elementary education or early childhood education is beneficial but not required. Send cover letter and resume to Cathy Smarkusky, GLPK Director, at [csmarkusky@glcpa.org](mailto:csmarkusky@glcpa.org).

## Soles4Souls

Our school was asked to be a donation site to collect shoes to help fight global poverty. We collected 247 pairs of shoes between our school families and church congregation members. Thank you so much for all your support.

## April Highlights



Spring has sprung. The students are outside digging in garden boxes, planting seeds, and enjoying our playground.



Spring and Easter crafts and bulletin boards filled our school's hallways.



# May Worship Volunteers



## LECTORS - Ann Burke (364-5096/ [ambrmb1@verizon.net](mailto:ambrmb1@verizon.net))

8 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
May 5 - Open	May 5 - Open	May 5 - Open
May 12 - Open	May 12 - Brian Christian	May 12 - Terry Roof
May 19 - Open	May 19 - Open	May 19 - Open
May 26 - Open	May 26 - Open	May 26 - Open

*Please call the church office, 238-2478 or Ann Burke (364-5096/ [ambrmb1@verizon.net](mailto:ambrmb1@verizon.net)) if you can lector in May*

## GREETERS - Sue Forster (876-2029/[sforster@cvim.net](mailto:sforster@cvim.net))

8 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
May 5 - June Krumrine	May 5 - Gerry Slear	May 5 - Gerry Slear, Marilyn Peterson
May 12 - Martha Musser	May 12 - Open	May 12 - Joann McCormick
May 19 - Kay Weigand	May 19 - Karen and Mark Mrsa, Kelly Conron	May 19 - Sue Forster
May 26 - Nancy Reinert	May 26 - Open	May 26 - Leslie Elder

## WELCOME CENTER HOSTS - Sue Forster (876-2029/[sforster@cvim.net](mailto:sforster@cvim.net))

9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
May 5 - Joann McCormick	May 5 - Sue Forster
May 12 - Open	May 12 - Open
May 19 - Sharyn Everhart	May 19 - Barbara Fiscus
May 26 - Open	May 26 - Sue Forster

## ACOLYTES - Stephanie Fozard (238-7935/[steph@fozards.com](mailto:steph@fozards.com))

8 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
May 5 - Ryan Pencek	May 5 - Open	May 5 - Netta Horn, Mirabella Bills
May 12 - Open	May 12 - Jacob Fritz, Carter Fozard	May 12 - Lincoln Hockenberry, Renee Buda
May 19 - Open	May 19 - Fiona Knowles, Caitlin Knowles	May 19 - Nicholas Kewitt,
May 26 - Open	May 26 - Carter Fozard, Ben Seaton	Regan Housknecht
		May 26 - Sophia Bills, Emilio Schul

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Sally Keiser-Bankert (571-3672/[sallykb@verizon.net](mailto:sallykb@verizon.net))

8 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
May 5 - Don Widener	May 5 - Carl Bankert, Sally Keiser-Bankert	May 5 - Dennis Glocke, Bob Voigt
May 12 - Nancy Reinert	May 12 - Nick Downs and Mardi McDonough	May 12 - Brian Bills, Beth Shafranko
May 19 - Don Widener	May 19 - John Diercks, Rachel Wolkenhauer	May 19 - John and Brenda Palmgren
May 26 - Cindy Nicosia	May 26 - Carl Bankert, Sally Keiser-Bankert	May 26 - Paul and Leslie Wagner

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sally Keiser-Bankert  
(571-3672/[sallykb@verizon.net](mailto:sallykb@verizon.net))

## COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Joyce Arbutina  
(237-4512/[joycearb@comcast.net](mailto:joycearb@comcast.net))

## SOUND BOOTH

Karl Hosterman  
(355-4818/[karl@centreccommonline.com](mailto:karl@centreccommonline.com))

8 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
May 5 - George Weigand	May 5 - Open	May 5 - Lester Griel, Jr.
May 12 - Carla Rossi	May 12 - Leslie Wagner and Lois Lynn	May 12 - Lester Griel, III
May 19 - George Weigand	May 19 - Open	May 19 - Richard Brenneman
May 26 - George Weigand	May 26 - Open	May 26 - Wayne Pauley



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## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**8 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion**

Piano and flute accompaniment

**9 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion**

Organ accompaniment

Sunday School

**10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion**

Organ accompaniment

Children's Message

**6 p.m. Prayer & Praise Worship with Holy Communion**

Christian praise songs with Psalm 151 worship team

Casual worship in the Sanctuary



The Rev. Scott E. Schul, Senior Pastor

The Rev. Carolyn K. Hetrick, Pastor

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