

# June 2025 Graceful Greetings



#### **JUNE 2025 WORSHIP SERVICES**

(Summer Schedule - One Combined Service at 9:30am; No Sunday School)

Sunday, June 1—7th Sunday of Easter/Church Music Sunday Sunday, June 8—Pentecost Sunday, June 15—Trinity Sunday Sunday, June 22—2nd Sunday of Pentecost Sunday, June 29th—3rd Sunday of Pentecost



If you are unable to worship with us in person, our worship services can also be found on our website under the "Worship" tab & on our Facebook page or YouTube channel.



The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, June 19th, in observance of Juneteenth and on Friday, July 4th in honor of Independence Day.. Please feel free to leave a message or email us and we will get back to you as soon as we are able.

#### Save the Date! Women's Retreat

Women from Grace are once again invited to a day-long retreat on Sat., October 4th, to be held at the Farmhouse at Temenos Retreat Center in West Chester. Registration for the retreat will begin this summer. So save the date and stay tuned. (keep in mind that registration will be limited to 20 attendees due to space constraints).



This is a great way to enjoy the company of other women in our congregation and have some fun and learning along the way. Temenos has a beautiful facility, and we will have opportunity to enjoy the nature surrounding it. Coffee, snacks, and lunch will be provided.

The cost for the retreat this will be \$35 per person. Scholarships will be available. Please let Deacon Allison know if the cost is prohibitive. If you have questions, contact Deacon Allison either in the church office or at deaconallison12@gmail.com.

Dear Siblings in Christ,

It's hard to believe that a new season is upon us and that June 9th already marks the sixth month since I began my call among you here at Grace! I count it all a joy!



As summer begins, we are excited to worship with you at 9:30 am during these coming months. Most especially, I am looking forward to feeling that very special energy and excitement which emerges when two worshipping communities become one. As a single worshipping body, our community members are now able to connect and re-connect with one another in fresh ways. We have the blessed opportunity to catch up with our siblings in Christ here at Grace who typically worship at the opposite time or to meet newcomers we've not yet had the chance to meet. Gathered all together we can encourage one another and enjoy new energy rising up in a sanctuary filled with our bodies and voices lifted in prayer, praise, and song.

We hope worship at Grace this summer will feel both a little bit familiar and a little bit like something brand new. Throughout these months we will be offering a rotation of worship styles that will vary week by week.

Some weeks our worship will be more contemporary/non-traditional in style. Sometimes our Spirit of Grace Praise Band will lift our spirits and get us dancing and clapping along, and other weeks we'll sing more contemporary hymns—both songs we know by heart and beautiful new songs we will learn together. The contemporary music—whether praise music or newer hymns—will be interwoven with contemporary liturgies, fresh takes on familiar scripture, poetry, and creative media.

**Some weeks our worship will be more traditional in style:** including our beloved Lutheran liturgy—sometimes spoken with seasonal words for worship, and sometimes sung including congregational favorites, such as the "Kyrie," "This is the Feast," and "Lamb of God." On select weeks, our GLC Chancel Choir will bear God's Word for us by offering beautiful, special music.

We've planned a summer worship season that will provide for a nice balance of contemporary and traditional styles week by week. We hope that you will join us for worship regularly this summer, recognizing the joy that simply being all together brings. We hope that even if a given week isn't your preferred worship style, you'll see the joy in your neighbor as they worship beside you. And in another week or two, when your favorite worship style rolls around again, your neighbor will in turn recognize your joy.

While our Praise Band and Chancel Choir members find rest and renewal this summer by taking a break from their weekly worship leadership, we warmly invite anyone who would like to offer special music to please speak with Joyce Berner. Likewise, Deacon and I would love to invite you to consider stepping into worship leadership. Even if you've never done it before and are feeling curious about trying a new role, summer is a great time to dip your toes into the water by serving as a lector, an acolyte, or a communion assistant. We'd love to support and nurture your curiosity!

Come to worship this summer and be filled with God's grace for you!

Peace + Grace,

Pastor Leah

#### From the Deacon's Desk: We have a winner!

Last month I asked you to name your favorite Bible verse and tell me why. The first person who replied to me - and gets a fabulous prize - is Karen Lewis! Thanks, Karen, for your wonderful - and quick - response to the question.



I only received three responses by the time I am writing this, however. So...that makes me wonder how useful this newsletter - and this column - is to everyone.

What kind of information would you like to see in a newsletter from Grace? What format do you prefer? How often do you or would you read it?

What is the way you most prefer to get Grace announcements and news?

You can email me at deaconallison12@gmail.com, let me know when you see me, or give me a call in the church office at 610.948.3684.

+ Peace! Deacon Allison

For the second year in a row, Grace will have a presence at the Chester County PrideFest in Phoenixville. The event will take place on Bridge St., on Sat., June 7th, noon—5pm. Volunteers are needed to help cover our



booth. This is a chance to show support for LGBTQ+ individuals, allies, and community members to help foster understanding & inclusivity...not to mention have a great time. Last year we were able to provide gifts to two charities that support LGBTQ+ youth and hope to do the same this year. We are also collecting bottles of water to hand out at Pridefest. Donations needed by June 1st. To volunteer, please contact Danielle Lau or Deacon Allison. (dlau751@gmail.com or deaconallison12@gmail.com).



### St. Mary's Shelter catered meal or gift card request for July 7-11.

St. Mary's is no longer accepting home cooked meals. They are requesting grocery store gift cards or catered meals from restaurants to provide meals for their residents. Contact Danielle Lau if interested dlau751@gmail.com

Laurel House School Supply Drive - Grace is collecting school supplies to provide 50 children who are impacted by domestic violence. Collection dates are June 22-July 27. Please check the website or pick up a copy of the complete list of items requested, from either information table at church.

#### **YOUTH NEWS**



Come join us for 2025 VBS on July 13th through July 17th, on an Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers and glistening glaciers pointing you towards Jesus, learning he is a faithful friend and can always be trusted and is your True North.

**Summer Mission Trip 2025**: We're heading to Lutherridge in Aden, NC (near Ashville, NC) to help flood recovery from Hurricane Helene. This ELCA Lutheran Christian Camp sustained significant damages to their property & needs our help with cleanup and reconstruction. Trip dates" July 13-18, 2025. More information to come.

Calling all volunteers!!!!! We are looking for volunteers for VBS this summer and would love for your help. If you are interested and want to learn more on how you can help please email: cey.graceluthrn@gmail.com



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GLC has an open Council position for Youth Committee Chair. Do you have a heart for youth ministry? Are you feeling a nudge from the Holy Spirit to discern a call to serve on our dynamic Council? Please speak with Pastor, Deacon, or Council President



Kurt Meyers for more information.

It is time for another blood drive, on Tues., June 24, 1 to 6pm at St. James U.C.C. Register online at giveapint.org.



#### **Check Out These Ways to Support Your Faith Journey**

**Sunday morning Adult Faith Formation & Fellowship**—Richard Harshaw's group will continue to meet during the summer in the Choir Room for topical conversations on faith and life, and for a time of fellowship. Check with Richard for details regarding date & times.

Judy Stryker's group is on break for the summer.

Bible Study has finished for the summer. We will begin again after Labor Day.





Faith First – Join us for breakfast, devotions and fellowship at Main Street Café. We meet on the last Wednesday of the month at 8:30 am. Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, June 25th. Hope to see you there!

**Morning Grace**—The Morning Grace devotions now are once a week on Mondays. You can sign up to receive them in your email at allisonwilcox.com.

**Interested in joining Grace?** Contact Deacon Allison <u>deaconallison12@gmail.com</u>, to learn more about membership at Grace. Our next information class will begin soon.



**Dear Grace Members, Friends & Guests:** In an effort to update pictures on our website, over the next few weeks & months, you may encounter someone taking pictures of the congregation, a group, class or area of the church. If you would prefer not to have your face or image published on our website and/or other forms of written communications & social media, please step away from the area & contact

the church office at 610.948.3684 or email us, to let us know your preference to not be included in any publications or social media platforms. Thank you.

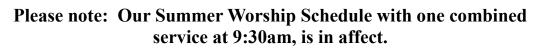
**Do you have a digital camera? Do you like to take pictures?** If you have pictures or have taken recent pictures of a church event, we would like to see them (if you are willing to share). We may be able to use some on our website or in other social media platforms for the church.

**Assisted Listening System Available for Services:** Have trouble hearing during services? Please reach out to an Usher when you arrive if you'd like to use an assisted listening device. We have 2 models: a loop around the neck that works directly with most hearing aids; and an over-the-ear speaker. Each has personal volume control.



## **JUNE Worship Assistants**

Thank you all for your service!





Counting Teams 6/1	6/8	6/15	6/22	6/29
Fraunfelters	Brown/Henson	Shiley/Fritz	Matzke/Harshaw	Meyers/Troiano
<u>Reader</u>				
6/1	6/8	6/15	6/22	6/29
Trish McGarry	Tina Meredith	Will Moyer	Kate Petel	Margie Alloway
Children's Serm	on			
6/1	6/8	6/15	6/22	6/29
Darrell	Angela	Pastor Leah	Jack	Tina
Tech Table				
6/1	6/8	6/15	6/22	6/29
Rick/Dan	Austin	Jim	Dave	Rick/Dan

Altar Guild Team—Shiley, Reese & Alloway

## **Communion Assistants**

**Trustee**—Paul Wolf

6/1—S. Firering, R. Harshaw, M. Alloway & K. Brown

6/8—G. Peak, J. Perry, J. Fraunfelter & D. Fritz

6/15—K. Reese, J. Curran, B. Johnson & D. Lewis

6/22—S. Firering, R. Harshaw, T. Meredith & K. Mills

6/29—J. Kamertz, K. Meyers, W. Moyer & K. Petel

### <u>Ushers</u>

6/1—Karen Thompson & Greg Eynon
6/15—Celeste Peteritas & Mark Rehrer
6/29—Susan & David Firering
6/8—Rick Pennypacker & Judy Stryker
6/22—Tammy Jordan & Madison Johnson

(Changes to this schedule may occur after printing; assistants should be alert for updates.)

#### **JUNE Prayer Focus**

- 1. Say something nice / National Say Something Nice Day
- 2. Spring treats / National Rocky Road Ice Cream Day
- 3. Chickens/National Egg Day
- 4. Safe driving / Drive Safe Month
- 5. Sweet things/National Doughnut Day
- 6. WWII / D-Day Anniversary 1944
- 7. Headache sufferers / Headache Awareness Week
- 8. Enjoyment of healthy food / Fruit and Vegetable Month
- 9. Farm animals/Donald Duck Day
- 10. Enjoyment of each other /Hug Week
- 11. Vegetables/ National Corn on the Cob Day
- 12. Fresh air / 'Open Window Day'
- 13. Caring for our bodies /Men's Health Week
- 14. Our flag and what it means / Flag Day
- 15. Our fathers at Grace/Fathers' Day
- 16. Enjoying life/ Fresh Veggies Day
- 17. Root Beer Day (historic drink made from sassafras) root
- 18. Fishing/Go Fishing Day
- 19. God's creation of beautiful flowers / Rose Month
- 20. Relaxing in the sunshine/ Today is Summer
- 21. International Yoga Day
- 22. Our nation / Pledge of Allegiance recognized in 1942
- 23. Scleroderma sufferers /Scleroderma Awareness Month
- 24. Summer campers / National Camping Week
- 25. Korean war veterans / War began in 1950
- 26. Bicyclists / bicycle patented in 1819
- 27. Sufferers of HIV / National HIV testing day
- 28. Peace / WWI Versailles Treaty signed in 1919
- 29. Amateur photographers/Camera Day
- 30. People with disabilities / Helen Keller Deaf/Blind Awareness Week

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DEADLINE FOR THE JULY 2025
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IS Monday, June 16th

