



# GRACE VISITOR

August/September 2018



Sunday, July 22, 2018



# *Grace Family News*



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**Remember Grace members and friends who are unable to worship regularly with us in our prayers, with a visit, phone call, card or letter.**



# *Grace Family News*



## **Baptism Celebration**



*Cullen John Finn  
Sunday, July 22nd  
Born April 5, 2018  
Child of  
Neil and Jennifer Finn*

*Bailey Ann Finn  
Sunday, July 22nd  
Born January 20, 2018  
Child of  
Ian and Andrea Finn*

*Charmaine Knox  
Sunday, July 15, 2018*

*Quayjane Lenae Motten  
Sunday, August 5, 2018*



*Congratulations to  
Johnathan Hulsizer  
and  
Lisa George  
Saturday, June 10, 2018*

*Congratulations to  
Byran Graebing  
and  
Brittany Harper  
Saturday, July 14, 2018*

*Congratulations to  
Cole Lankford  
and  
Caitlin Vodenichar  
Friday, August 3, 2018*



# Grace Family News



## Thank You, Grace Church

I would like to express my deep appreciation to Pastor Clagg, the Congregational Council and members of Grace Lutheran Church, for the wonderful event acknowledging the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of my ordination and other important dates, including my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. I am glad that you included Susan in the celebrations because she is a very blessed gift Grace Church gave to me during my ministry. She has been a most valuable asset to my pastoral service, as well as the love of my life. I've been truly blessed.

I remember my ordination very much. It was on June 13, 1963 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Greenville, PA, during the assembly of the Western Pennsylvania-West Virginia Synod of the Lutheran Church in America (LCA). Dr. William Hankey, President (now Bishop) of synod presided and my home pastor in Swissvale, Kenneth Munster was my sponsor. Among my colleagues ordained at the same time were Howard Ravenstahl, Herbert Dubler (my roommate) and Samuel Johns. We were very close for the three years at Gettysburg Seminary. I miss them joining in celebration of 55 years, since they all three have already entered the "Church Triumphant".

I give special thanks to God, that he guided me through the Valley of the Shadow of Death in 2014-15, which has allowed me to continue to service the church, even though in a limited way.

And again, thanks are in order, including all who prepared and served the great luncheon. I appreciate being part of the Grace family and look forward to being able to be part of Pastor Clagg's celebration of his 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary many years from now. I'll only be 112 years old.

Pastor Lawrence Camberg and Susan

## Wild and Wacky Wednesday News



Please accept this gift to be used for your youth group. My mother-in-law is a resident at Rochester Manor + Villa. She looks forward to their monthly visits, as do my husband & I. Your church is blest to have dedicated adults and children to minister to the residents and spread God's love.

God Bless!

Donna + Bill Malneck

# Grace Family News



*Please keep the families of Dale Vodenichar and Anna Cutlip who have entered the Church Triumphant in your prayers.*



## Memorial Gifts

### **Dale Vodenichar**

Chuck and Shirley Andrews

Patty and Rich Avery

Harry and Karen Baker

Robert J. and Cynthia L. Vargo

Donald J. Zajac and Annette R. Zajac

Mike Botinovch and Jill Botinovch

L. Michelle Kretzler and Dennis R. Kretzler

Reda Steinacker

Paul E. and Regina M. Blinn

George and Carol Flickinger

Alta M. Musgrave

Kay Fabyanic

Majorie A. Young

William Gerhardt





# Community Outreach News

## Community Table



### August/September Dinners

8/2 New Hope      8/9 Grace  
8/14 TBA          8/16 Vanport  
8/23 TBA          8/30 TBA  
9/6 Grace          9/13 St. Cecelia  
9/18 St. Cecelia   9/20 Vanport  
9/27 Grace

## Crossroads SHELTER

*3rd Sunday of every month*

*Next: August 19th and September 16th*

*Food and monetary donations are collected during the Processional Hymn at both worship services*

#### Items needed are:

*Single Serve  
microwavable food  
Non-perishable  
food items  
Laundry detergent  
Paper products  
Toothpaste and  
tooth brushes*

*For more  
information on  
this food  
outreach  
ministry at  
Grace, please see  
Harold, /Judy  
Bingle, or contact  
the church office  
724-774-3792.*



**Grace Church produces daily devotions five days each week. The devotions also includes a prayer list and various congregation announcements. To receive the devotions and the announcements email Chick O'Data at [cnodata@aol.com](mailto:cnodata@aol.com)**



# *Endowment News*

*An Endowment Moment...*

## *"The Church Windows"*

11. Bob and Lavada Cleis loved Grace Church. The total amount of their bequest was significant. The bequest has been placed in the Mission Endowment Fund with the condition that the income from the fund be used for the maintenance and care of the church's treasured stained glass windows. The recent restoration was due in large measure to their thoughtful generosity. In addition, the terms of the bequest permits the church to use ten percent (10%) of the fund principal every ten years for other needed maintenance programs of the church.

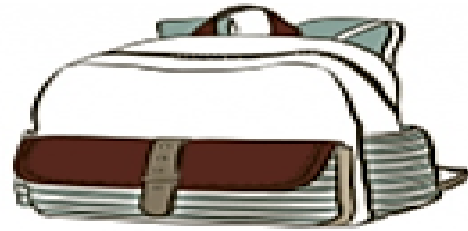
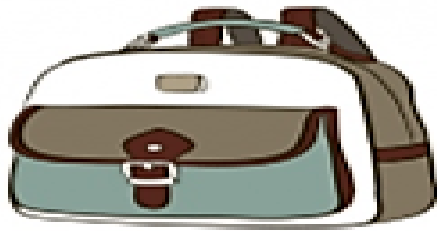
This and other special programs are available to other members of the church who may want to provide for the ministry of the church, the music ministry, the pastoral ministry, youth programs, community ministries, senior programs and general needs.

For more information on how to structure your bequest to Grace Church and satisfy your needs and interests, contact Chick O'Data, Harry Baker or Walt VanDyke.

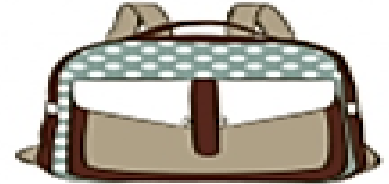




## Community Outreach News



# BACK to school



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Grace is joining hands with  
The Salvation Army-Rochester for a  
**Back 2 School Bash**  
Friday, August 24 from 4-6pm

There will be a cookout in the parking lot with games.  
All children that register will receive a backpack  
filled with school supplies. Registration will be  
August 1-17th at

The Salvation Army Rochester Corps  
378 Jefferson St. Rochester, PA 15074  
724-774-8335 ext #2

Grace will be collecting basic school  
supplies throughout August.  
See Pastor Clagg for more information &  
To volunteer on August 24th.



# Community Outreach News

Grace is one of several Beaver County churches joining hands to **Serve Our Schools** on Saturday, August 11th from 8:30a-1:30p. Together, we will come alongside **Rochester, New Brighton and Beaver Falls** school districts for a morning of volunteer service to assist them in preparing for the new school year. Volunteers are encouraged to sign-up and serve at your neighborhood school or the school your children attend. **See Pastor Clagg for more information, and to sign-up.**

Projects to include, but not limited to:

- interior and/or exterior painting
- grounds beautification projects
- STEM and library space reconfigurations, including book moving
- other projects to be identified

Schedule for day:

8:30am- Kick-off coffee, snack and team 'safety' meeting; complete waiver forms. (At your designated school site).

9:00am-12n Work on designated projects

12:15-1:30 Free Picnic-style lunch at Rochester's High School Cafeteria.

## Back To School Clean Up!



# *Wild & Wacky Wednesday News*



**Wild Wacky Wednesday**

**Sponsored Picnic! Join us at**

**Brady's Run Park Shelter #15**

**next to the playground from 5-8PM.**

**Hot Dogs and Hamburgers**

**will be provided.**

**Wednesday, August 15, 2018**





# Poetry Corner

## Picnic Dilemma

We have all gone to a PICNIC.  
It keeps me in suspense,  
Where did this outing get its name?  
It doesn't make much sense.

According to the dictionary  
The pique is a French derision  
A tiny little piece of food  
Is part of the definition.

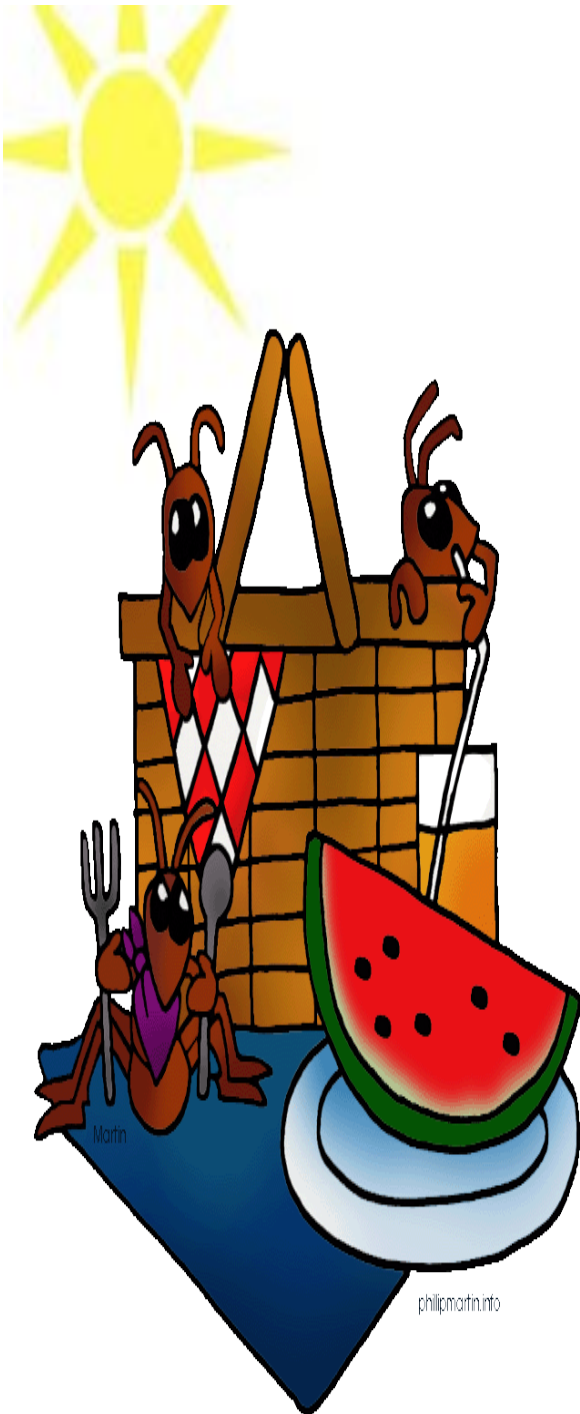
The nicue was added just to rhyme  
To make it debonair.  
And so we take our bits of food  
Outside ,where we can share.

Each one brings something to the feast  
As we gather there together.  
It is such fun to greet each one  
No matter what the weather.

Yum, yum we look for hotdogs.  
Corn and beans are there  
Potato salad and watermelon  
Will now round out the fare.

But most of all the fellowship  
Of friends and family.  
Define the meaning of the word.  
And what PICNIC means to me.

*-Dolores Fruth*



# Synod Assembly News

## Actions of the 2018 Synod Assembly

**Adopted** the proposed Synod Budget for 2019 with a \$750,000 commitment of Mission Support to the ELCA.

**Adopted** the following Mission Support Formula for 2019:

As congregations, we ask our members to give proportionately according to the gifts God has entrusted to them. As the Church, we ask our synods to give proportionately as they have been blessed. As the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, we encourage each congregation to also give proportionately. Each congregation is asked to give a minimum of 12% of its current operating expense to synodical Mission Support. If you are below 12%, please set a goal for your congregation to grow to at least 12%, according to the gifts God has entrusted to you. If it will take more than one year, take a faithful step toward that goal in 2019. The Synod Council may request consultation with congregations which have decreased their commitment from the previous year.

**Adopted** amendments to bylaw 101.43 as follows:

101.43 The Committee on Minutes shall assist the secretary of the synod by recording the minutes of each session of the Synod Assembly. The secretary of the synod shall review and compile the minutes of the Synod Assembly and present them to the Synod Assembly Council for approval.

**Adopted** bylaw 104.13 Committee on Constitutions and Bylaws

There shall be a Committee on Constitutions and Bylaws appointed by the Synod Council. This committee shall encourage and assist the congregations of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod in bringing their constitutions up to date and keeping them consistent with the Model Constitution for Congregations; and review periodically the Synod's Constitution and together with the Executive Committee propose to the Synod Council amendments for recommendation to the Synod Assembly.

**Adopted** changes to Compensation Guidelines for Ministers of Word and Sacrament for 2019 as follows:

(a) changed 2018 to 2019 throughout

(b) increased base salary by two percent (2%), from \$35,140 to 35,843;

(c) increased housing allowance by two percent (2%) from \$16,245 to \$16,570;

(d) amended paragraph "For Congregations Providing a Parsonage" as follows:

The pastor should receive free use of the parsonage including maintenance and utilities ~~Pastors normally pay for their own long-distance telephone calls unless otherwise agreed upon.~~ (i.e. telephone, internet, electric, gas, waste and recycling pickup, sewage, water).

(e) amended "Continuing Education" paragraph as follows:

Congregations that have called full-time pastors are recommended to contribute \$1000 for continuing education with a \$700 minimum; and full-time pastors are to contribute \$300. Congregations that have called part-time pastors are to contribute an amount proportional to the terms of the call. Registration fees, materials, lodging, meals and travel expenses are included in continuing education expenses. Two full weeks, including two Sundays, of continuing education per year is expected for both full-time and part-time pastors. We especially encourage congregations to support the pastor's attendance at the synod theological convocation held each October. At



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the request of the minister of word and sacrament, a portion of cash salary may be reallocated as continuing education allowance.

Referred Compensation Guidelines for Ministers of Word and Service for 2019 back to the Committee on Ministry.

Adopted a Memorial that the congregations of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod lift Bishop Donald McCoid and his wife Sandra, their family, and the Metropolitan New York Synod at least once a month through the Prayers of the Church during this time of interim ministry and transition; and to inform the Metropolitan New York Synod that we are praying for Bishop Donald McCoid and his wife Sandra, their family, and the Metropolitan New York Synod during this time of interim and transition.

Adopted a Resolution expressing gratitude to Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, the ELCA AMMPARO strategy and ELCA-Advocacy for their care, expertise and advocacy for migrant minors and their parents; and reminding congregational leaders to make use of their expertise in congregational education and service; and affirming the public voice of presiding bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the ecumenical partners and interfaith leaders concerning the well-being of migrant minors and migrant families; and expressing care for migrant minors, their parents and those required to separate children from parents by our prayer, advocacy and action including appealing to our federal senators and representatives concerning the injustice of separating children from parents while asylum and other immigration proceedings are underway.

Adopted a Resolution to donate \$5000 to our Companion Synod in Madagascar to support rebuilding churches, blind schools and other humanitarian recovery efforts following the cyclones of 2017 and 2018, after consultation with ELCA Global Mission staff concerning best way to distribute funds; investment income from the Congregation Legacy Fund to be used for the donation.





# August/September 2018

**Thursday, August 2**  
Community Table @6p

**Tuesday, August 7th**  
Property @7p

**Thursday, August 9th**  
Community Table @6p  
Church Council @7p

**Wednesday, August 15th**  
Church Picnic at Brady's Run  
5p-8p Dinner @6p

**Sunday, August 19th**  
Food Pantry Sunday

**Tuesday, August 21st**  
Community Table @6p

**Thursday, August 23rd**  
Community Table @6p

**Thursday, August 30th**  
Community Table @6p

**Monday, September 3rd**

*Happy Labor  
Day!!*  




**Thursday, September 6th**  
Community Table @6p

**Sunday, September 9th**  
Rally Day/Breakfast @9:30a  
Regular Worship Hours Resume  
8:30/10:45a

**Tuesday, September 11th**  
Property @7p

**Thursday, September 13th**  
Community Table @6p  
Church Council @7p

**Sunday, September 16th**  
Food Pantry Sunday

**Tuesday, September 18th**  
Community Table @6p

**Thursday, September 20th**  
Community Table @6p

**Thursday, September 27st**  
Community Table @6p

**Mon-Fri**  
Meals on Wheels  
Tiny Tots

**Every Wednesday**  
Wild Wednesday @6p  
Bible Study @7p

**Every Friday**  
McGuire Service @1:30p

**Last Sunday for Summer  
Worship Schedule 8:30/10a  
Sunday, September 2nd**

**Regular Worship Hours Resume  
8:30/10:45a  
Sunday, September 9th**



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**Facebook: [facebook.com/GELCPA](https://facebook.com/GELCPA)**

**Summer Worship Services-Ends 9/2**

**8:30 and 10:00 AM**

**Regular Worship Services-Resumes 9/10**

**Office Hours**

**9-3P Monday-Thursday**



### **Vision Statement**

*As disciples of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves to God's service by following the teachings of our Lord and Savior. We will study the word of God, share His love, and expand His kingdom by nurturing, sharing freely, and working together.*

**Pastor**  
**Gregory S. Clagg**

**Music Director**  
**Cherl Himes**

**Organist**  
**Eric Armstrong**

Meet  
**Our Church**  
Staff

**Admin-Secretary**  
**Kathy Clagg**

**Financial Secretary**  
**Sue Hage**

**Custodian**  
**George Vlaich**