

Grace Notes

September 2022
"Come Home to Grace"

From the Minister:

Spiritual Experience Opportunities: (participants wanted)

Christian Service: Help with Chicken Bar-Be-Cue or Grace Reaches Out with the Drive-Through Rigatoni dinner on Tuesday, 9/20, starting at 4:00 p.m.

Fellowship/Study: Starting on Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m., we will have a book discussion on grief, the experience of it, how to cope with it, what we learned and how we grew from it. The main book I will focus on is a well-regarded one by C. S. Lewis, *A Grief Observed*. Of course, it has a Christian perspective, but it wrestles with some difficult issues. I will also bring in material from the book I initially thought I would use: *The Beauty of What Remains* by Rabbi Steve Leder and other resources also. My hope is that we would all draw strength from God and each other as we work through this. On that first night, we will decide how often we will meet, for how long, and other logistics. Below is an excerpt from the first chapter of *A Grief Observed*:

"Meanwhile, where is God? This is one of the most disquieting symptoms. When you are happy, so happy that you have no sense of needing Him, so happy that you are tempted to feel His claims upon you as an interruption, if you remember yourself and turn to Him with gratitude and praise, you will be -- or so it feels -- welcomed with open arms. But go to Him when your need is desperate, when all other help is vain, and what do you find? A door slammed in your face, and a sound of bolting and double bolting on the inside. After that, silence. You may as well turn away. The longer you wait, the more emphatic the silence will become. There are no lights in the windows. It might be an empty house. Was it ever inhabited? It seemed so once. And that seeming was as strong as this. What can this mean? Why is He so present a commander in our time of prosperity and so very absent a help in time of trouble?"

This is a good group to which to invite a friend. Come, and we will start the conversation, and prayerfully, God will start the healing.

Pilgrimage: Have you ever been on a pilgrimage? It is a focused opportunity to seek God for answers to problems, to feel peace, to ask for direction in life, to feel closer to God. Who doesn't need these? The problems are, pilgrimage can take a lot of time (days-weeks), expense if you need to travel somewhere to do it, and there is often a bit of risk or danger involved. The people long ago came up with the answer to traveling to Jerusalem, Rome, or Santiago de Compostela: the labyrinth. It is a focused "prayer-walk" if you will, in a controlled, safe space, and takes limited time. If you want to know more and try it for yourself, or reacquaint yourself with the labyrinth, come to the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, September 27. While the labyrinth will be set up all day, I will be present from 6:30 p.m. on, and if there is interest, I'll do a group intro at 6:30 p.m.

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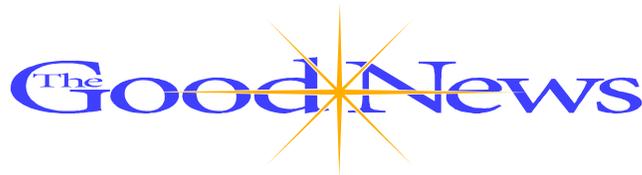
Worship: It is September and traditionally, it is time to “get back to church.” Worship is a discipline that is too easy to find a reason not to go, with all the distractions this world offers. Please come and enjoy the fellowship with God and fellow Christians. Also, the choir is always looking for singers, and we need liturgists, as well!

Preaching in September:

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| 4 | Luke 14:25-33 | “The Cost of Discipleship” |
| 11 | Isaiah 65:17-25 | “Hope for the Future — A Service of Remembrance of 9-11-01” |
| 18 | Luke 16:1-13 | “The Forbidden Parable” |
| 25 | Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 | “Our Deliverance” |

There you have it: opportunities for Christian service, for fellowship/study, for pilgrimage/prayer, for worship. If you have any questions, call Pastor Rob, or those leading specific opportunities.

Grace and Peace, *Pastor Rob*



Good News Around Grace

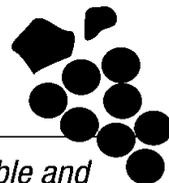
- Pat Young has a new great-grandson! Jack Ryan Brown was born July 28. Welcome, Jack !!!
- Amanda Frost has qualified for the world championship in Xterra Off-Road Triathlon on October 1, in the Italian Alps. Good Luck, Amanda!!!
- GRO will have their first Rigatoni Dinner of the new season on Tuesday, September 20, beginning promptly at 4:00 p.m. Cost will be \$8 for rigatoni & meatballs, roll & butter, salad and cake. GRO will need help for prep at 10:00 a.m., and servers at 3:00 p.m. Of course, cake bakers will need to fire up their ovens again! Sign up sheets will be posted in the dining room after the street fair, or you can just tell Jolane or Diane if you can help out. Thanks!
- Calvin Taylor, world-renowned pianist and recording artist, will appear in a live concert of secular and patriotic music on Sunday, September 11 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church of Salem at 436 East 2nd Street. There is no charge for admission. A freewill offering will be received. CDs and music will be available for purchase. Questions can be directed to the church at 330-337-9555.
- And of course, don't forget our very own Street Fair Chicken BBQ coming up quickly. Schedules are available in the dining room.



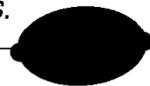
Fruit or false



Spotting true fruits can be tricky. Thankfully, it's much easier to spot the fruit of the Spirit.



Directions: Determine whether each item is a fruit or vegetable and circle the correct letter. Then insert the letters in order below to complete the verses.



	Fruit	Vegetable	:		Fruit	Vegetable
Apple	V	P	:	Pepper	O	U
Carrot	E	O	:	Spinach	R	S
Tomato	Y	R	:	Watermelon	H	P
Grape	C	F	:	Broccoli	G	N
Eggplant	T	D	:	Pumpkin	T	Y
Celery	I	N	:	Pear	F	C
Banana	K	M	:	Asparagus	L	R
Cucumber	N	W	:			

But the fruit of the Spirit is lo__e, j__ __, pea__e,
 pa__ie__ce, __ind__ess, go__dne__s,
 fait__ful__ess, gen__leness, sel__-cont__ol.

GALATIANS 5:22-23, ESV

Answer: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control

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IX. Unfinished Business: Heartland has agreed to the parking lot contract from September to May for \$300/month. All previous stipulations from previous years apply. Heartland will continue to remove snow during the week and will not park on the lot if we close it for church use.

X. New Business: Chris spoke how blessed we are to have received the generous funds and donations. This is all part of God's plan for the bigger picture. Sharon Frost made a motion to have a recognition banquet for the surrounding Police Departments, to be held in the spring of 2023. Committee to be chaired by Jim Brinker; second by Leslie Eisenbraun, motion carries.

XI. Committee Reports:

- Street Fair (Diane) – had a meeting to discuss upcoming plans.
- Evangelism (Leslie) – meeting at the Frost's house. Next meeting is September 17th at the Eisenbraun' house.
- Worship Design and Music (Rob) – Started reaching out for everyone's favorite hymns. There's a survey on-line. Brought back the Sunday morning Liturgist.
- GRO (Diane) – nothing to report
- Pastoral Relations (Rob) – have not meet.
- Endowment (Sharon) – funds are being moved to the Trust dept of Stifel
- Property (Chris) – Jerry installed a new garbage disposal in the kitchen. Bill Hoover painted the wall by the fire-place.
- Elders (Jack) – nothing to report
- Women's Guild (Diane) –nothing to discuss

XII. Adjournment & The Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting September 12th, 2022, at 7pm.



Sandy & Gary Tharp
September 23, 1972

Jules & Rob Joy
September 15, 1990

Ginny & Larry Snyder
September 13, 2003

Adda & Matt Bell
September 17, 2005

Sandra & Ross Cline
September 1, 2006

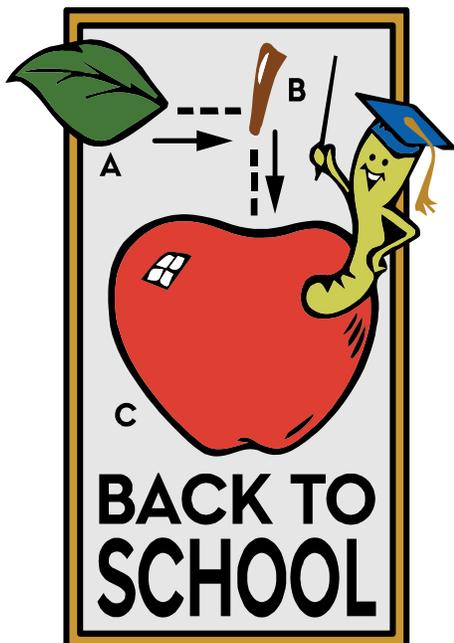
Beth & Jason Palette
September 19, 2009

Chelsea & Andrew Kimble
September 4, 2010

Julie & TC Bunevich
September 9, 2012



- 9/1 Andrew LaVogue
 9/7 Bruce Herrmann
 9/8 Bill Greenawalt
 Emilie LaVogue
 9/12 Tom Bell
 9/13 Jenny Barnett
 9/17 Debbie Rohm
 9/22 Philip McMaster
 9/23 Herb Roble
 David Greenawalt
 9/24 Brenda Hanna
 9/26 Kim Hoover
 9/27 Jo Berryman
 9/29 Sue Moore



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I want to send out a huge thank you to my Grace Church family for all the calls, cards, food, flowers and most importantly prayers during my recent shoulder surgery. I guess this is God's way of telling me to slow down and I don't have to constantly be busy.

—Thanks again, Cathy Hoover

Dear Grace Church Family,

Thank you all so very much for sending food for us after our accident! It was very appreciated, not to mention delicious (as always)!

We can't find the words to tell you how much your prayers, calls and thoughtfulness means.

—Thanks again, the Lanterman's We are so blessed! Pat, Wayne, Blanche, Jen, Jessie & Steve, Finn, Lily & Ivy

Dear Grace Church,

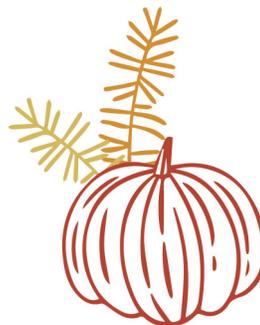
Thank you for your recent gift to the NACCC in the amount of \$2,500. The NACCC will apply your contribution to Ukraine refugee relief efforts.

—Grace and Peace,

Rev. Dr. Ashley Cleere, Ex. Director, NACCC

Those Ministering This Month:

Usher: Mark Frost
Elevator Attendant: Steve Barnett
Candles: Lisa Bircher



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