

Amazing Grace

Dear Church Family,

*“Do not work for the food that perishes,
but for the food that endures for eternal life ...” John 6:27*

John records the miracle of Jesus feeding 5,000 people at the beginning of the sixth chapter of his gospel. Later the crowds followed Jesus and he questioned their motives. They were not following him for who he was and the mission he was calling them to undertake. He said, “You are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.” Then Jesus encouraged them to work for enduring values.

As individual Christians and as a congregation, what motivates our response to Jesus Christ? Do we believe that our relationship to Jesus Christ is purely a personal response? Such a value places little emphasis upon participation in the community of the church. Such a response does not acknowledge that commitment to Jesus unites us with a community of faith which seems to guide our growth in faith, support and nurture that faith, and provide discipline and encouragement for our continuing discipleship.

If Grace Church is to live up to our highest values ... what are they? I can think of four primary values that will best honor God. I will list them in order:

- Making disciples of Jesus Christ
- Relating to the outsider just as Jesus did, with no concern for self or cost
- Knowing, teaching, and sharing the Word of God with others
- Doing whatever is necessary to reach the lost around us. Our congregation’s life will then be marked by disciplined lives, pervasive prayer, constant activities outside the walls of the church, and a constant readiness to change in order to meet more effectively the needs of others.

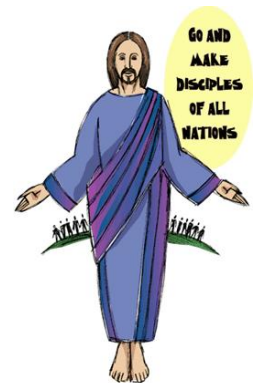
The greatest response we can make to God, as individuals and as a congregation, is the response of communicating Christ’s love to others. May God make us more sensitive to working for the enduring values as we minister together in this new year.

In Christian love,

Rev. John

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To help you prepare to hear God’s Word at worship:

Readings for February 5

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

Readings for February 12

2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
1 Corinthians 9:24-27
Mark 1:40-45

Readings for February 19

2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

Readings for February 26

Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15



Rev. John will be leading a four-week Lenten Bible Study on Wednesday evenings in March from 7 to 8 pm. You're encouraged to take this opportunity to grow deeper in your faith throughout the season of Lent. Child care is available. More information will be forthcoming in the bulletin as the curriculum is chosen and prepared.



This year we will be serving a meal before our Ash Wednesday Worship Service. Watch the bulletin announcements for more details.

Friendship Breakfast Wednesday, February 1

Our monthly Friendship Breakfast is set for Wednesday, February 1, at 8:30 am. The ladies gather in the Youth Room while the gentlemen congregate in the APR for fellowship and a delicious breakfast prepared by Ed Lerch. Don't forget to sign-up at the Welcome Center in the narthex.



Scout Sunday February 12, 2012

Scouts, Scouters and Parents - GUMC is celebrating Scout Sunday on February 12. Show your scout pride and scout spirit by participating. There will be opportunities at each of the three services that day for scouts and scouters in uniform to greet, usher, or perhaps even read that day's scripture lesson. Contact Gary Wagner at wagner0871@aol.com or 652-5602 with questions or to pick your role in the celebration.

Look for tables with information on the scouting program, joining scouts, summer camp opportunities, and troops and packs in our area. Remember, boy and girl scouting have opportunities for youth of all ages.

New Members' Orientation

The dates have been set for the first New Member Orientation Classes of 2012. If you are interested in joining Grace Church, please mark your calendars to attend February 26, at 9:30 am, March 4, at 6 pm, and March 11, at 9:30 am. Classes are held in the Fireside Room. Attendance at all three classes is necessary. New members will join on Sunday, March 11, at the 10:45 am worship service. A reception will be held in their honor following the service in the All-Purpose Room. If you would like to become a member, please contact Tammy Houck at 566-2897 or tshgumc@aol.com.

Join Us in the Spectacular Mountains of Virginia!



Shrine Mont is a place where people are more important than things; where prayer and reflection, rest and recreation are more important than appointments and tasks. It's a place where people give thanks to God for his creation—from the beauty of the streams, flowers and wildlife which are at home here, to the people who come to this place to celebrate being part of the family of God.

We will capture the essence of the labyrinth in Christianity with a short group study Saturday morning. After which you will be able to experience one for yourself. Or you may choose to visit a wonderful quilt museum or local southern plantation. Some may want to walk the mountain and the stations of the cross. Some may want to visit with the women you never get enough time to know. This will truly be a retreat with time to choose what you want to do. There will be more information available as the time draws closer. So please mark your calendars and plan to experience a wonderful time!

WHEN: Friday night, Saturday and Sunday morning
August 10, 11 and 12, 2012

WHERE: Shrine Mont , Orkney Springs Virginia

COST: 160 + tax pp (double occupancy) for the weekend (this includes meals)

If you would like to know more about Shrine Mont, go to www.shrinemont.com.

Upcoming Dates To Remember

Wednesday, February 1 – Friendship Breakfast 8:30 am
Saturday, February 4 – Progressive Dinner
Wednesday, February 8 - GUMY Sub Sale Pick-up from 4 to 6 pm
Saturday, February 11 – Valentines Dinner 12 noon
Sunday, February 12 – Scout Sunday
Choir Concert at Grace 3 pm
Sunday, February 19 – Youth Sunday
Wednesday, February 22 – Ash Wednesday Supper (TBA) and Worship 7 pm
Thursday, February 23 – GCPS Fundraiser at Isaac's 4 to 9 pm
Sunday, February 26 – GUMY Soup Sale at Grace
Wednesday, March 7 – Friendship Breakfast 8:30 am
Lenten Bible Study starts 7 – 8 pm
Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10 – GUMY 30-Hour Famine
Sunday, March 11 – Grace's Annual Blood Drive
New Members' Reception
Sunday, March 18 – Dinner/Potluck and GUMY Talent Show
Saturday, March 24 – Table of Grace Holiday Meal from 4 to 6 pm
Sunday, March 25 – 100-Voice Choir Sings

Love In The Name Of Christ (Love INC) is a network of churches that links volunteers and resources to people in need. Love INC has over 135 affiliates in thirty states that help more than one million people in need annually. The mission is carried out through over 8,000 churches and more than 200,000 volunteers.

The Greater Hershey affiliate opened its doors in May of 2007 and includes sixteen local churches covering Hershey, Hummelstown, and a portion of Elizabethtown. Grace Church is an active supporter of Love INC of Greater Hershey. In 2011, members of Grace gave over 560 volunteer hours; and over 350 items were donated to the personal care closet. Each year, Grace generously supports Love INC through its unified budget.

Although Love INC is guided by a Board of Directors and has a small part-time staff, by and large the services provided directly to those in the community come from the gifts and talents of individual volunteers. The Clearinghouse is Love INC's local office and is housed in the First UM Church of Hershey. Here staff and volunteers take client need requests and coordinate with individuals who are able to meet the specific need. Some opportunities for service include transporting people to appointments or work, providing meals and personal care items to families in need, and assisting with senior care. In 2011, over 80 families affected by the flood were directly served by Love INC. Volunteers also assist with various administrative needs, including basic computer



Love INC

of Greater Hershey

skills, mailings, and a variety of tasks at the Love INC office.

Love INC has some exciting new developments for 2012! With our Spring Creek Parsonage finding the need to turn away many potential clients due to full capacity, the Board of Directors has voted to open a second Parsonage in Union Deposit. Zion Lutheran Church of Union Deposit (our newest partner church) has offered the use of their Parsonage for families and caregivers of adult medical patients from the Medical Center. The home is currently being furnished and the plan is to open it in early March. However, volunteers are needed to help keep the new Parsonage up and running. Time commitment is flexible and could range from a couple of hours a week to a few hours a month. Of the 560 total volunteer hours given by Grace members last year, 250 of those hours were served at the Spring Creek Parsonage.

In May, Love INC will be hosting a Love INC Bike-a-thon and Bike Drive. This will be our first major effort to raise awareness of our Bicycle Ministry and to host a fun family-centered community event. The Hershey Middle School will be helping with the bike drive. We will be collecting adult and children's bikes, having them refurbished, and distributing them throughout the community to those in

need. Perhaps you will consider becoming involved with this event, or donating a gently used bike.

Now through February 13, Love INC is taking orders for their second annual Share The Love campaign. This Valentine's Day, let Love INC beautifully wrap a long stemmed red rose, add a personalized message from you, AND deliver your gift to that special someone's home or place of employment. Celebrate those you care about while supporting Love INC, for a suggested donation of \$10. Order forms are available in the narthex, on Love INC's website, or by calling their office.

On behalf of Love INC, I offer a sincere thank you to the many individuals from the Grace Church Family who faithfully give of their time and talents. But as one can see, Love INC is an ever-growing outreach with many avenues to serve more individuals right here in our own community. As the point contact person for Grace, I invite each of you to prayerfully consider supporting Love INC. For more information, to make a client referral, or to become involved, go to www.loveincgreaterhershey.org, or contact myself, Susan Schulteis, at 566-9548, ticeandsuz@verizon.net, or the Love INC office at 835-0101.



Mark Your Calendars

Fundraiser at Isaac's Restaurant

Grace Christian Preschool is having a Community Night Fundraiser at Isaac's Restaurant in Hummelstown located next to Gold's Gym, on Thursday, February 23, from 4 to 9 pm. Grace Christian Preschool earns 25% of all orders that evening. Invite your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors! A flyer will be prepared to take along with you. Look for more details in February's bulletin announcements.



Grace Christian Child Care is looking for a nurturing caregiver to love and tend our babies in the Little Roos Classroom from 2:30 to 6 pm. Two years experience is required. Call 566-6575 and ask for Sherry or Christine.

TAX PREPARATION HELP

Low- to moderate-income families (generally those with a yearly income of \$49,000 or less) can receive free tax preparation services January 31 - April 17 at sites in Dauphin, Cumberland and Perry counties.

The effort is part of the Money In Your Pocket Campaign, a community collaboration of organizations committed to the economic stability of local families. The program aims to increase use of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), and the Child Tax Credit (CTC).

The EITC is a tax refund offered by the federal government to supplement wages for low-income workers. This year, people who earned wages less than \$49,000 can increase their federal income tax refunds from \$2 to more than \$5,000, depending on their individual circumstances.

For more information, please see the bulletin board at the main entrance to the Church or contact Bob Watkins at 315-9135.

This & That



Got the Spirit? *Finding God in the Everyday...2012* is the theme for this year's camping ministry through the Susque-

hanna Conference. Check out their website at www.susumcamps.org to learn more about the United Methodist Summer Camp Programs. You can even register on line! If you would like to review a brochure, or go the paper registration route, contact Sandy Grimes at 566-2897. Discounts are available for early registration. Get up and enjoy the great outdoors!

GUMY NEWS

I can do everything through him who gives me strength. (Philippians 4:13)

Help support GUMY by purchasing a delicious 9" Italian Sub for \$3.50 ea. Place your order through any GUMY member or the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Subs will be available for pick-up from 4 to 6 pm, on February 8th. Thank you!

GUMY will be sending Valentine's Day candy to our college students. If you're interested in donating, please drop off bags of candy to the Youth Room by February 12th. Thanks!

February 5 – GUMY Super Bowl Party at Rebecca Brownell's House. The fun starts at 5:30 pm. Please bring canned goods which will be donated to the Hummelstown Food Bank. Youth 7th through 9th grades - bring a sweet or salty snack. Youth 10th - 12th grades - bring a beverage. Advisors, please bring a covered dish. Youth are responsible for getting a ride to and from Rebecca's home. Please contact a GUMY Advisor if you need help with transportation.

Sub Orders Due! 7th-9th graders, submit sub orders to Kelly Hubler at kellyhubler@comcast.net. 10th-12th graders submit sub orders to Stacey Forshey at forsheyfamily5@comcast.net.

February 8 – Please join us in making subs immediately after school. The more the merrier! Subs can be picked-up from 4 to 6 pm.

February 12 – GUMY 6 to 8 pm – Event to be announced.

February 14 – GUMY Advisors' Meeting at 7 pm.

February 19 – Youth Sunday. Please join us as GUMY Youth share their spiritual journey during all three services. (NOTE: No GUMY event in the evening.)

February 25 – Assist Pat Cassel in making chicken rice soup - 9:30 am

February 26 – GUMY Soup Sale Fundraiser - Pick up your order of Pat Cassel's famous Chicken Rice Soup. Sign-up sheets available in the Narthex.

GUMY/TY Event. Old man winter is in full force, so you know what that meansthe highly anticipated Snowtubing at Ski Roundtop! Cost is \$15 p/person which includes snowtubing, food and beverage. Please be at the church by 4:30 pm. We'll return to the church at 8 pm.



GUMY Events - Looking Forward...

March 4 - GUMY B.O.B

March 9 and 10 - 30 Hour Famine

March 11 - No GUMY

March 18 - Pot Luck Dinner/GUMY Talent Show

June 21-26 - Philly Extreme 2012 Summer Mission Trip. Cost is \$90 p/person. (GUMY will pay \$60 for a total cost of \$150 pp). Additional information is available from Stacey Forshey. Sign-up sheet in Youth Room. Registration must be received by March 1.

The results are in. The Grace Birthday Bash Potluck Dinner held on January 15th was a huge success! Entertainment was in full force and everyone enjoyed the Angel Choir, Junior Praise Team, Youth Praise Band, and the Creative Ministries Team ... each providing amazing performances. Of course, we can't forget the very entertaining Lip Sync Puppet Contest! Wasn't it fun watching the contestants trying out their puppet skills? And, it was overheard several times that "this is not as easy as it looks!" A big congrats goes out to Jacki Kratz for taking first prize in the Lip Sync Puppet contest! Also, thanks to the \$70+ in donations. GUMY can now fund another ticket for Dare2Share. A big round of applause goes out to everyone that organized, participated, and attended this event.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>TLC = Team Leaders for Christ WBS = Women's Bible Study GCP = Grace Christian Preschool GPS = Grace Puppet Squad</p>			<p>1 Friendship Breakfast 8:30 am WBS 9:30 am Handbells 5 & 6 pm Youth Choir 5:50 pm Angel Choir 6 pm Junior Praise 6:30 pm Volleyball 6:30 pm GPS 6:30 - 7:45 pm Adult Choir 7 pm</p>	<p>2 God's Girls 2:45 pm Jump for Joy 7 pm</p>	<p>3 Basket Bingo for the Warren Family ALS Fund Kitchen Opens 5 pm Bingo 7 pm</p>	<p>4 Progressive Dinner 20 & 30 Somethings Begins at 5:30 pm at Grace</p>
<p>5 Children's Chime Choir noon Spring Musical Practice 2:15 pm Confirmation Class 4:30 to 5:45 pm GUMY Super Bowl Party at Brownell's 5:30 pm</p>	<p>6 Widows & Friends 1 pm</p>	<p>7 Grace-ful Moms 9:30 am Jump for Joy 7 pm</p>	<p>8 WBS 9:30 am Sub Sale Pickup 4 - 6 pm Handbells 5 & 6 pm Youth Choir 5:50 pm Angel Choir 6 pm Junior Praise 6:30 pm Volleyball 6:30 pm GPS 6:30 - 7:45 pm Adult Choir 7 pm</p>	<p>9 God's Girls 2:45 pm Jump for Joy 7 pm</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Table of Grace Holiday Meal noon in APR</p>
<p>12 SCOUT SUNDAY Venture Crew 2 pm Grace Music Program 3 pm Prayer Shawl 3 pm GUMY 6 pm</p>	<p>13 Widows & Friends 1 pm Praise Band 6:30 pm</p>	<p>14 Jump for Joy 7 pm GUMY Advisors' Meeting 7 pm</p>	<p>15 WBS 9:30 am GPS 4 - 5 pm Handbells 5 & 6 pm Youth Choir 5:50 pm Angel Choir 6 pm Junior Praise 6:30 pm Volleyball 6:30 pm Adult Choir 7 pm</p>	<p>16 God's Girls 2:45 pm Jump for Joy 7 pm</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 YOUTH SUNDAY Children's Chime Choir noon Spring Musical Practice 2:15 pm Confirmation Class 4:30 to 5:45 pm No GUMY this evening</p>	<p>20 Widows & Friends 1 pm Board of Trustees 7 pm</p>	<p>21 Grace-ful Moms 9:30 am Finance 6 pm TLC 7 pm Jump for Joy 7 pm</p>	<p>22 WBS 9:30 am </p>	<p>23 God's Girls 2:45 pm Isaac's Restaurant GCP Fundraiser 4 to 9pm Jump for Joy 7 pm</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Soup-making with Miss Pat 9:30 am</p>
<p>26 Soup Sale New Members Class 9:30 am Spring Musical Practice 2:15 pm Prayer Shawl 3 pm GUMY/TTY Snowcubing 4:30 - 8 pm</p>	<p>27 Widows & Friends 1 pm Praise Band 6:30 pm</p>	<p>28 Jump for Joy 7 pm</p>	<p>29 WBS 9:30 am Handbells 5 & 6 pm Youth Choir 5:50 pm Angel Choir 6 pm GCCC Board of Directors 6 pm Junior Praise 6:30 pm Volleyball 6:30 pm GPS 6:30 - 7:45 pm Adult Choir 7 pm</p>			

Happy Birthday Greetings To

2/1	Barbara Gebhart Margaret Louer Gina Yocum Jacquelyne Endy Samantha Hollier	2/11	Annie Sierer	2/19	Ashley Lynch
2/2	Wanda McDonough Michelle Cottingham	2/12	Evelyn Howell Meghan Mast	2/20	Ron Bell Ellie Holey
2/3	Colette Cocco Morgan Crouse Thomas Herr Mason Lupp	2/13	Robin Bubnis Dylan Wanner Connor Leiby	2/21	Rob Harper Kiley Strohm Brandon Wanner Alexandra Sierer Benjamin Sierer Nicholaus Janak
2/4	John McGinn Ashleigh Simpson Carter Erwin	2/14	Pam Dykes Anne Hartzfeld David Sierer	2/22	Dale Forshey
2/5	Caleb Ocker	2/15	Heather Adams Jennifer Russell	2/23	Tiffany Cartwright Shane Boyer
2/6	Don Woodburn Rob Zomok Erica Ndlovu	2/16	Dean Cray Mark Yocum Robert Fallat	2/24	Barbara Wagner Brandon Harper
2/7	Ann Biser John Zitko Tommy Klock	2/17	Sally Terry Alex Wagner	2/25	Mark Trout Trey Klock, III
2/8	Kimberly Dotts Kennedy Brown	2/18	Earl Cassel Gretchen Yingst John Harman, Sr.	2/26	Meghan Swavely Andrea Zomok
2/10	Yvonne Abela Nick Ruddle	2/19	Mike Turner	2/27	Kenneth Cook Sherry Bechtel Kyle Ercol Alexander Klipa
2/11	Ray Davidson Mary Cook		Jim Janak Dave Van Hook Liz Lynch	2/28	Arlene Fisher Tina Marie Lerch Charlisse Elliott



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