

The Bi-Monthly
Newsletter of Grace
Church of Pen Argyl



Grace Notes

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FROM THE PASTOR

May-June, 2026

Well, this will be my last newsletter to you, brothers and sisters in Christ, my friends. I've struggled with how to say farewell to you. There's a stack of cards on my desk saved to respond to Christmas! I've given serious thought to sending them out as Easter cards but now we're approaching Pentecost. I've struggled.

I've noticed, as I've preached through many of the Letters of Paul with you over the years, that Paul did NOT lack for words to his churches. He didn't send out monthly or bi-monthly letters as I do but, still, his Letters are so profound that they, with the Gospels and the Revelation, form most of the New Testament canon: the Letters to the Church recognized as Inspired by the Holy Spirit to be the very Word of God to us.

I leave you knowing that it is upon this Word that you stand – a people of the Book. And so I can say, as Eugene Peterson paraphrases Paul's 2nd Letter to the Thessalonians, "You need to know, friends, that thanking God over and over for you is not only a pleasure; it's a must. We have to do it. Your faith is growing phenomenally; your love for each other is developing wonderfully. Why, it's only right that we give thanks. We're so proud of you; you're so steady and determined in your faith despite all the hard times that have broadsided you. We tell everyone we meet in the churches all about you." (2 Thessalonians 1:3-4)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

There will be NO Sunday school on Confirmation Sunday, May 24. Also, May 31 will be Sunday Funday. All children are invited to join us for a fun morning learning about Jesus through songs, stories, crafts, games and snacks. We will meet in church and dismiss for class together following the Children's Message.



MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST



There will be a Men's Breakfast on Saturday, May 9th at 7:30 am in Fellowship Hall. All men are invited and welcome to bring a friend.

WOMEN OF GRACE

The Women of Grace are meeting on Monday, May 11th at 5:30pm for dinner and a Father's Day craft. All women are welcome to join this night of gathering and fellowship.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes are held after worship and fellowship for approximately an hour. DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

5/3

5/17

Students will be confirmed on Sunday, May 24, 2026 during the 9:30am service. All are welcome to join a reception in Fellowship Hall following the service.

MISSIONS AND SOCIAL CONCERNS

We will be holding our Baby Bottle Boom-A-Rang starting Mother's Day, May 10th. Your donations need to be returned by Father's Day, June 21st. All money goes directly to the Pregnancy Resource Center of the Poconos located in Stroudsburg. We recently received a card from them thanking us for our "support in saving babies and helping so many families in our communities".

CRAFT NIGHT

Has God given you a talent to be crafty? Do you want to learn a new craft? Or, do you just want to spend some time with the most AWESOME Christians you know? If you are interested, please reach out to Sue Brobst, Pat Weber or Jessica. More details to follow.


It has been one of the greatest privileges of my life to serve Grace Church, to be with you. When I came here, I never thought I would retire from here. We've been through some hard times, it's true - from the type of hard times Paul was referring to in his Letter, the Thessalonian church faced "persecutions and afflictions" of a type that, thankfully, we have not. But covid (I'm not going to dignify that with capitals) had its own difficulties. And there were some divisions and competitions. Remember, it's always for, with and about Jesus. The church must ever anchor in the One who is our atonement and salvation. "You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord." (Ephesians 2:19-21, NLT)

My hope is that as many of you as are able will make it a priority to go on a mission trip at least once in your life. It will be life-changing to serve Jesus in that way, to put your faith to action. You are faithful in giving. Many of you tithe. But there's something about going to a place where you pick up tools and work as Jesus' hands and feet in another person's life that is so amazing.

Lastly, remember our name: Grace. Give to all God's grace in Jesus, the Son of God who died and rose again for us. "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power

that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.” (Ephesians 3:20-21, NIV)

With the love of Christ and true fondness,



Pastor Tim Fisher

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Join us for VBS
July 6-10
6-8pm

Get ready for an unforgettable adventure with Snowball Mountain Challenge: Find Your Strength in God! Your children are invited to an exciting winter sports event where they become Challengers, gearing up for frosty games, snowy surprises and hands-on lessons about resilience and faith. They will come to realize that with the strength God provides, they can share their gifts, be brave, give their all, pray and hope.

“I can do all things through him who strengthens me,
Philippians 4:13



BIRTHDAYS

May 5: Mary Ann Repsher
May 6: Patty Bray
May 12: Sharon Wilson
May 28: Donald Gold
May 29: Pastor Robin Fisher

ANNIVERSARIES

May 5: Gilmore & Barbara Honey
Pastors Tim & Robin Fisher
May 18: David & Louise Edelman
May 26: David & Kris Baker
May 27: Dick & Nancy Stiles
May 30: Scott & Jill Frawley

BIRTHDAYS

June 5: Richard Freeman
June 7: Bonnie Miller
June 11: Shirley Lutz
June 18: Nancy Michler



ANNIVERSARIES

June 5: Robert & Priscilla
Bartholomew
June 12: Ronald & Martha Sandt
Andrew & Lana Quinn
June 17: Kenny & Christy Brewer
June 23: Walter & Mary Lou Cole
June 25 Joe & Beth Snyder
June 29: Kenton & Sue Brobst

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