

Good News from Grace

May 2024



Our Purpose

The purpose of our church is to make a difference by serving others through God's love and our faith.

Our time together has been a journey from one long-term pastor to the next—known as the interim time. We have moved through this time with patience and an openness to the ways that the Holy Spirit comes into our lives and stirs us to action. Now it is time to take all that has been learned and continue to practice our good behavior with everyone—inside and outside the walls of the church. You are a very different faith community from two years ago.

Not so long ago, my sermon was about “transitions” and the ways that we witness to others about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Transition translates to change. A multitude of emotions accompany transitions. There is anxiety, nerves, a sense of loss and fear. There is excitement, happiness, gain and faith. Our response to transitions makes all of the difference in the effect on us.

Such is the case with pastoral leadership. You have voted to call a new pastor. This call means that the interim time will end, and yet, the call of a new pastor is the start of a new transition into the future. With new leadership, I trust that you will see the completion of projects started during the interim time and that you will engage new projects/outreach ministries as they “bubble up.”

The most important thing is that you stay focused on moving forward with creative ideas that carry out your vision here at Grace. We have worked through many negative emotions

that were prevalent when I began to serve at Grace. You have turned your anger and dissatisfaction into joy and hopefulness. I pray that you will stay the course of looking to the future; please don't let frustration or disappointment cause you to return to what is easy or familiar (because that is often what we want to do when in stressful and trying situations), but be creative, be open-minded, and be prayerful! Congregations that do so are healthy, vibrant faith communities that make a difference in the local neighborhood and in the wider Church.

Over the next few weeks, I will attend to wrapping up some loose ends, visit the homebound members to say good-bye, and to celebrate our ministry together after the worship services on May 11 and 12.

Finally, I express my deep gratitude for you—**for all of you!** You are a welcoming, kind, caring and most generous community of God's faithful children. Your positive attitude and lay leadership have brought you to where we are. With God's grace and love, and the Lord's hand leading us, let us go forth with excitement and encouragement, stirred and fed by the Holy Spirit. We just never know how the Spirit is going to work in our lives and in our faith communities. Be open to the voice of the Spirit and go where it guides you for you will not be disappointed!

Blessings, Pastor Lois

Join us for Worship!
Saturdays at 5:00PM
Sundays at 9:30AM
 or
[via Live Stream](#)

May 11 & 12—Easter 7
 Celebrate our ministry
 together with Pastor Lois.

May 18 & 19—Pentecost
 Celebrate Pentecost and
 Church Music Sunday

Sunday School
Sundays at 10:45am
September to May

This Month at Grace...

The Sanctuary Lamp Sponsorship for **May** is given by Nancy Whitcomb in honor of Pastor Lois for love and service she has given to Grace.

The Special Benevolence Offering for the **May** is **The Link 4 Youth (formerly Medard's House)**.

To contribute please list the dollar amount next to Special Offering Ministry and list *Link 4 Youth* under comments.

2024 Sponsorship Opportunities

[CLICK HERE](#) to see available dates for 2024. If you are interested in sponsoring one of these weeks you can either sign up on the bulletin board across from the elevator or contact Diane in the church office at 717-737-0439 x15 or ddeppen@gracecamphill.org.

Note: Other Altar Flower dates are available for sponsorship at special request by contacting the church office two weeks prior to the date you wish to sponsor.

If you sponsor a week, but do not plan to take the flowers home please let the church office know prior to that week. We have a member who will deliver flowers to Grace's homebound members.



Senior Helpers

Grace's Senior Helpers are here to get you where you need to go. Contact the church office

Monday - Thursday from 8am - 12noon by phone 717-737-0439 or by email office@gracecamphill.org for a list of members who are available to drive you.

If you'd like to be added to the Senior Helper list to take member places contact the church office.

Lost & Found



Don't forget to check the Lost & Found tub & coat rack in the Library if you are missing items. Grace

will hold the items for one month. If they are not claimed by then the items will be donated. Unable to stop in then call the office (717-737-0439) and we'll look for you.



NOTE: May 19 will be the last Coffee Hour before the Summer Hiatus. Coffee Hour will resume in September 2024.

Good Friday Church Beautification Event

The youth group and adults raked, weeded, shoveled and spread 18 yards of mulch on March 30th.



GYG & JYG Upcoming Events



MAY

- 5 JYG Family End of the Year Event
- 12 No Youth Events
- 19 Graduation Sunday
5:00pm Last GYG Night

JUNE

- 16 - 22 Confirmation Camp

You can view the complete GYG schedule [HERE](#). You can view the complete JYG schedule [HERE](#).

Graduation Recognition Sunday

We will be celebrating our graduates on Sunday, May 19. If you would like to have someone in your family recognized for any degree, certification or diploma please contact Jesse Woodrow at gracehyg@gmail.com or 717-903-6309 by Friday, May 10 in order to have the information in the Grace Notes.

Youth Food Cards

Karns, Weis and Giant grocery cards in the dollar amounts of \$25, \$50, and \$100 are available at the church office Monday - Thursday from 8am - 12noon.

If paying with cash please have exact change. Checks should be made to GELC.

Sunday School

Sundays 10:45 - 11:30am

The classes are: Kindergarten - 2nd grade and 3rd grade - 5th grade. Both classes meet in the Sunday School Wing, except for the weeks that JYG is in the Youth Room.

You are welcome to bring a friend or invite your neighbor or extended family. Please note we are welcoming 5 year old preschoolers in the younger class.

The **Winter/Spring** Sunday School schedule is available [HERE](#).

Children & Youth—Financial Assistance for Summer Camp

A generous bequest in the amount of \$45,000 was given to Grace by the late Diane Brokenshire who died September 18, 2023. Diane wished to provide for all children and youth (up to age 18) of Grace and those who regularly participate in youth ministry, to attend a faith-based summer camp; those with or without the financial resources to do so. Please send an email to Jesse Woodrow, Children, Youth & Family Minister, indicating the camp that you plan to attend, the dates and the amount of assistance—50% or more. A recommendation of fifty percent of the camp cost along with additional funding (as requested) will be considered for all requests by the Children, Youth & Family Minister and the Senior Pastor. Distributions will be sent directly to the camp.

Email Jesse Woodrow: gracechyg@gmail.com

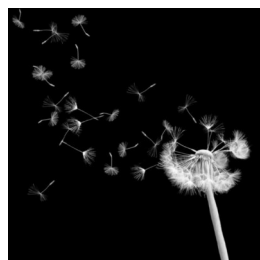
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Sundays, 10:45 am—Conference Room

The Adult Sunday School class began a study “Walking the Bible: A Journey by Land through the Five Books of Moses” by Bruce Feiler. The topics include:

April 28—Finish the story of Joseph May 5—Toward the Promised Land

Join the class for an engaging journey of the ancient people of Israel.

May 5 will be the final class before recessing for the summer.



“Breathing the Word” Bible Study Tuesdays, 1:00 pm - Library

The group continues with a series by A.J. Levine, “Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi.” Plans before a summer recess include:

April 30— The Laborers in the Vineyard (Luke 20:1-16)

May 7—The Widow and the Judge (Luke 18:1-8)

May 14—Potluck lunch and fellowship



Prayer List Additions

Everyone appreciates prayer but not everyone wishes to be added to the “out loud” prayers.

If you are aware of a member of Grace who could benefit from being added to the prayers, please let one of the pastors know. They will contact the individual to find out whether they wish to be added to the “out loud” prayers, ongoing prayers or prayed for “quietly” by the Community Prayer Group.

We hold in prayer especially this week...

Pastor Evan, Judi Fenicle, Mike Hillegas, George H. Osswald, Jo Ann Renshaw, Darlene M, Debbie Aldridge, Paul & Linda Glance, Dr. Robert Little, Kelly Ackley, Al Hughes, Shirley Davis, Dale Swenson, Bob, and Dean Jury.

We hold in ongoing prayer...

Michelle Knight, Roy White, Jenny, Ashley Laird, Kylee Dart, Alyssa England, Jim Blauvelt, Pen Hoover, Pete Psychogis, Tom Hall, Lynn Royal, Bonnie Peechatka, Marcie, Eric Rome, Dana Moore, John McNichol, Kay King, Justin Minnich, and Michelle Hillegas.

We also hold our homebound in prayer:

Betty Bennett, Gladys Cline, Sue Gasswint, Yvonne Gettys, Joan Harman, Janice Hench, Frank Hills, Sis Hoffman, Shirley Hughes, Howard Lauver, Janice Light, Lou Lore, Patti Reed, Bob & Ruth Rhodes, Mary Louise Shetter, Dorothy Shreffler, John Shuey, and Sandy Yetter.

Praying for our Homebound Members

The pastoral staff wishes to lift up this special group of members on a regular basis during the prayers. Each week, a group of homebound members will be included in the out loud prayers.

...sometimes we forget to tell others that someone has healed...

Let's be good stewards of our prayer list. If someone has healed, or if someone has moved on to eternal life, please let the church office know. Names will automatically be moved to the ongoing prayers after a month on the weekly prayers, which are read out loud during worship. They will then be removed from the ongoing prayers after another month unless you let us know to keep praying.

For Pastoral Assistance or At Home Communion

Pastor Lois, Interim Pastor
717-579-1875
prvo2005@gmail.com

When you are in the dark, listen, and God will give you a very precious message.

Oswald Chambers

From the Church Council



Council Actions for April 2024

Council approved the transfer of membership of Judy Allen from Trinity Lutheran in Camp Hill.

Council is still looking for volunteers from the congregation to run for Congregational Council.

Council is looking for another volunteer to attend Synod Assembly, preferably a female. Tom Blackburn volunteered to attend as the last male voting member. Council set the date of the Congregational Meeting for June 16, 2024.

Pastor Van Orden's last weekend at Grace will be May 11/12. Pastor Butz's first day will be May 20.

Karen Galle
Secretary

FROM THE TREASURER

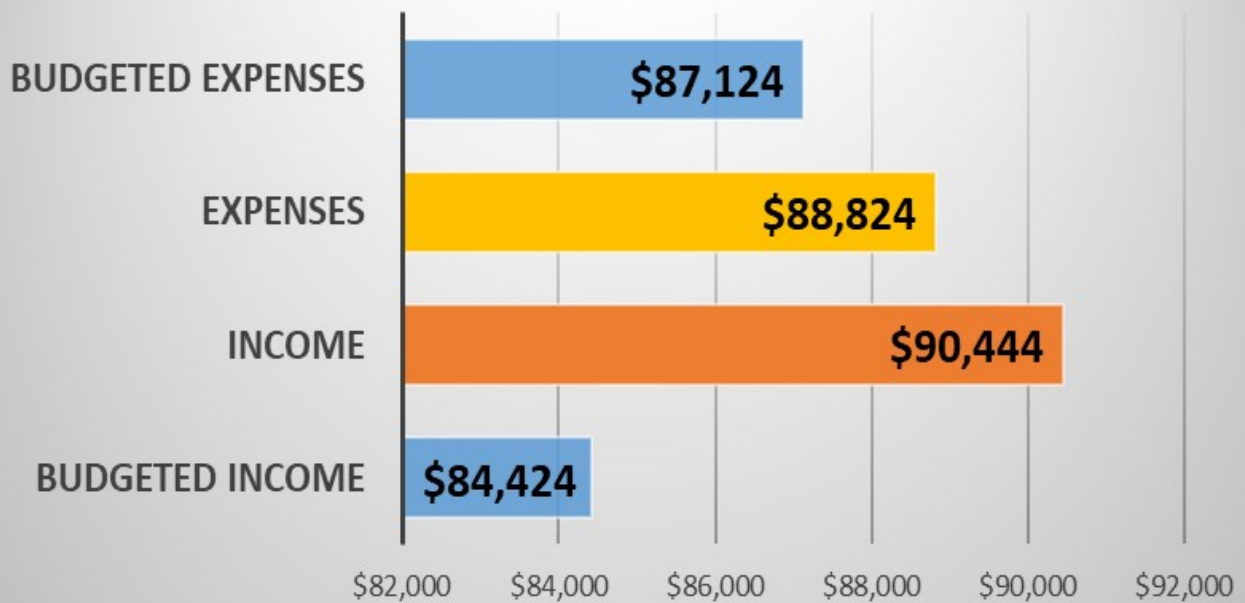


Members and Friends of Grace,

We're in the midst of fundraising for the third organ payment with an anonymous pledge to match donations up to \$20k. Please consider donating to this campaign and we should double our purchasing power in no time.

Susan Dickinson
Treasurer

Grace Lutheran Church, March 2024



Offering Envelopes and Contributions

We have been having some inconsistencies with offering envelopes and contributions turned into the church. Please follow the steps below when completing your offering envelopes.

1. Use an envelope for all contributions. Envelopes can be found in either narthex, in the library, in the parking lot hallway by the bulletin board or requested from the church office.
2. Write your name or envelope number on the envelope. If you need your envelope number you may contact Diane Deppen in the church office. If it is your first time using an offering envelope please fill out the information in the purple box. (*This can also be used to make any changes to your information.*)
3. Place contributions **for one family member only** in an envelope. If there are multiple family member such as parents and confirmed youth, each one needs to complete their own envelope.
4. Complete the information in the green box. If you mark Special Offering Ministry the contribution will go towards the Monthly Special Benevolence. If you wish to contribute to a specific campaign or organization such as the Organ Fund, Youth Ministry, etc. then select Other and indicate the amount. Under Comments you may write the name of the organization(s) and the amount for each one if there are multiple selections.
5. Each envelope should contain only one (1) check. Please do not write separate checks for each organization.



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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Camp Hill, Pennsylvania

Making a difference by serving others through God's love and our faith

Name: _____

Date: _____

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If giving for the first time please complete this section:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Regular Giving: \$ _____

Special Offering Ministry: \$ _____

Property & Maintenance: \$ _____

Other: \$ _____

Comments: _____

Donations via check is preferable to cash. An alternative to check or cash donations is online giving for either a one time or as a reoccurring payment. To set up online giving please go to <https://www.gracecamphill.org/give> on our website and select the Give Online Now button. This will take you to the online giving page where you can set up your account.

Questions may be directed to Diane Deppen at ddeppen@gracecamphill.org or by calling the church office: 717-737-0439 x 15.

THANK YOU! And an update from Seminarian Hope Pankake

Greetings, dear siblings in Christ!

First and foremost, I would like to thank the donors to the Seminarian Fund at Grace. These contributions have been invaluable to me during this first year of school. As you can imagine, expenses add up quickly in the higher education field. I can assure you that all I've learned thus far has deepened my faith and has further solidified my call to serve and help others strengthen their relationship with God.

As my first academic year wraps up, here are the classes I have taken so far at The United Lutheran Seminary:

1. Biblical Greek
2. Systematic Theology (this class was titled Creation/Sin/New Creation and we explored key aspects of Christian theology such as Creation, the Trinity, Sin and Heaven)
3. Environment and Faith (we learned about environmental history, ecological theology, and how to lead outdoor ministry)
4. Introduction to Preaching the Gospel
5. Reading and Telling the Story (an intro Bible class to learn about the geography and history of the Bible Land, and how to critically read the Bible)
6. The Story of Jesus (a study of who Jesus was and is, while studying the Gospels)



I am registered for two week-long intensive classes this summer; one in June and one in August before the fall semester starts again in late August.

A bit about how I am called to serve:

Lutherans are a priesthood of all believers so that makes each one of us ministers of our faith, but in the ELCA there are two groups of people who are called to go through theological training and a candidacy process. These two rosters for ordination are Word & Sacrament, which is a Pastor, and Word & Service, which is a Deacon.

We all know the role of a Pastor but maybe aren't as familiar with a Deacon, which is my call. A good image to think of is a bridge between the church and the world. Deacons are called to take the church into the world and then bring the world into the church, and to equip people to live their faith out in the world. The word Deacon comes from the Greek word Diakonia, meaning servant. Maybe you've heard of it before. Diakonia is the care that Christians offer to all of creation, through Christ's compassion and teachings.

Deacons are not ordained in the sacraments: communion and baptism. They serve alongside a Pastor in a congregation or serve in community organizations.

I have a few more years of seminary and internships before I'm ready for a call but I wanted to give you all a small overview of my journey with some background info on Deacons in the ELCA. I hope to share more with you as the months go on.

The members of Grace have been a tremendous inspiration and support to me during this first year of seminary. Your prayers are very much appreciated and fully received. You all will forever be an inspired part of my call. Thank you!

Peace and love to you in Christ's name,

Hope Pankake



Greetings Grace,

We want to extend our sincere thanks to all the musicians and choir and bell choir members who contributed to our Easter celebrations. Your dedication and talent added depth to our worship experience, and we're grateful for your commitment!

We're excited to share that the installation of our new organ is underway, made possible by your generous support! This upgrade will enhance our worship services and provide a beautiful backdrop to our praise.

Mark your calendars for Church Music Sunday on May 19th, where we'll celebrate the role of music in our faith and spiritual experiences.

Thank you for your ongoing support and contributions to our church community.

Blessings,
Kris & Emily Hartman

Grace Yard Sale

Grace will participate in the Highland Park Yard Sale Saturday, May 18 from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm.

There are a lot of items that were stored on the stage that will be sold. The proceeds will be added to the organ fund. Here's how you can participate:

1. Help price items 9:00 am, Saturday, May 11 in the Fellowship Hall.
2. Assist with bringing items upstairs the evening of Friday, May 17
3. Set up Saturday morning at 6:30 am.
4. Work for a few hours during the sale.
5. Tear down at 1:00 pm.
6. Rent a \$10 space for items of your own you'd like to part with. ***This is for Grace members only***; however, we may consider extending it to the community next year. Grace will not be accepting any items to sell.

This is also a fantastic opportunity to participate in this wonderful community-wide event, and show our neighbors Grace hospitality!

Contact Krista Snavelly to reserve a space, and to serve, snavellykrista@gmail.com

Grace Lutheran Church

1610 Carlisle Rd.

May 18, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

In conjunction with the Highland Park Yard Sale



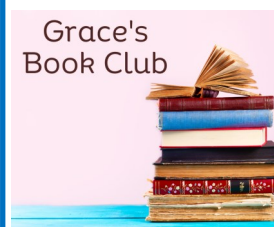
Trindle Spring Lutheran Church

14 State Road, Mechanicsburg

Second Saturday Meal - May 11, 2024

4-6pm

The menu will feature:
Baked Ziti, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread
Cherry Cobbler
Assorted Breads, Rolls & Muffins
Assorted Desserts
Hot and Cold Beverages



Grace's Book Club

Grace's Book Club will next be reading "Strange Sally Diamond" by Liz Nugent.

Garnering media attention when she tries to incinerate her dead father, reclusive Sally Diamond, beginning to discover the horrors of her early childhood, steps into the world for the first time and soon finds her trust issues severely challenged by a sinister voice from her past she does not remember.

About the Author

Liz Nugent worked as a stage manager in theatres in Ireland and toured internationally before writing extensively for radio and television drama.

Unravelling Oliver was published in 2014, hit the number 1 spot for several weeks and won Crime Novel of the Year at the Irish Book Awards.

Lying in Wait, published in 2016, went straight to number 1 and was chosen for the Richard & Judy Book Club. It won the Radio 1 Ryan Tubridy Listeners Choice Award at the Irish Book Awards.

In October 2017, Liz won the Irish Tatler Woman of the Year Award in Literature.

Skin Deep was published in 2018. It also went straight to number 1 in the bestsellers charts and scooped two awards at the An Post Irish Book Awards in Nov '18: Crime Novel of the Year AND the Radio 1 Ryan Tubridy Listener's Choice Award.

Little Cruelties (Our Little Cruelties) was published in 2020. Another number 1 bestseller, it topped the charts for fifteen weeks, was nominated for Crime Novel of the Year at the Irish Book Awards, long listed for a CWA award at Theakston Crime Festival at Harrogate. It was listed as one of the most recommended thrillers of the Year by the New York Times.

Liz was presented with the James Joyce Medal for Literature (via Zoom!) in February 21 and was a Guest of Honour at Iceland Noir in November 21.

Join the book club on **Tuesday, May 7 at 7pm via Zoom** to discuss this book.

[CLICK HERE](#) for login information.



"Serve. Pray. Speak" Award

Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania is pleased to share that the Ms. Susan Ryder, will be recognized on May 9 with the "Serve.Pray.Speak." award in recognition of her devotion to service and justice, following the example of Jesus.

She was nominated by Bishop James Dunlop and will be recognized at our 45th anniversary

celebration along with advocates from every synod in Pennsylvania on the evening of our annual Lutheran Day in the Capitol.

We invite you to join us in Harrisburg for a day of education, advocacy and inspiration as we gather as church together for the sake of the world God loves. Register here for the whole day, or join us for the evening celebration <https://www.lutheranadvocacy.org/about/lutheran-day-2024/>. We hope to see you there!

Tracey DePasquale

Director, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania



Kentland Retreat Center Facebook Page

Help us promote all the wonderful changes at Kentland by liking the Kentland Retreat Center a ministry of Grace Lutheran Church Facebook page.

If you hold an event consider posting your photographs to the page. Please be aware that there is an Unofficial page out there just listed as Kentland Retreat Center. Please do not post to this page. The more likes we get to our page the more prominent it will be when searched for in Facebook.

You can find a link to our Facebook page on the website at <https://www.gracecamphill.org/kentland>; log into Facebook and search for Kentland Retreat Center a Ministry of Grace Lutheran Church or click [HERE](#).

Grace Lutheran Church Facebook Page

While you are logged into Facebook you can also like our regular church page if you haven't already. Each week we post the Grace Notes and monthly post the Good News from Grace newsletter to this page as well as other activities going on at the church as well as with organizations we follow such as Hope Academy PA, New Hope Ministries, Family Promise of Harrisburg Capital Region, The Giving Pantry just to name a few.

You can find a link to the Facebook page in the weekly eblast, on the website at www.gracecamphill.org or by clicking [HERE](#).

History of Kentland Retreat Center Book

If anyone is interested in purchasing a copy of the History of Kentland Retreat Center book that was made to highlight the recent renovations please contact Diane at ddeppen@gracecamphill.org or 717-737-0439. The options are:

8x6 softcover book	\$ 24.00
8x6 hardcover book	\$ 29.50
11x8 softcover book	\$ 36.00
11x8 hardcover book	\$ 41.50
14x10-1/2 hardcover book	\$ 62.00 **

*** This is the size of the book in Library and at Kentland*

Payment can be done via credit card or by check. Checks would be made out to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church with History of Kentland Retreat Center on the memo line. If paying by check the order will not be placed until the check has been received. The books will be sent to the church and the office will contact you when they are available for pick up.





5/1	Keeley Gribb Gary Weller	5/12	Elizabeth Redclift	5/21	Kevin Budzinski Olivia Hartman Megan Kauffman Glen Ressler Kelly Weigle
5/2	Robert Sakson	5/14	Ian Budzinski	5/22	Jacquelyn Behney
5/3	Scott Sultzaberger	5/15	Robert Fletcher Brian Small Kathryn Smith Chelsea Sultzaberger	5/23	Dave Atwood John Foster
5/4	Chad Martier	5/16	Gabrielle O'Haren Katelyn Yeager	5/24	Ann Hoffman
5/5	Audrey Egley	5/17	Alexander Behney Levi Chesky Shirley Davis Rick Kaufmann Eric Lundvall Alice Richards Shaun Sultzaberger	5/25	Bet Peters
5/7	Megan Goetz Pastor Evan Houck	5/18	Christine Hakes	5/26	Patricia Reed
5/8	Benjamin Galle	5/19	Colin McQuade Bill McQuade	5/27	Landon Progin Donald Schell Krista Snavely
5/9	Christy Fry	5/20	Lauren Bozart Trevor Fry Melissa Meador Hailey Seeger Jared Weber Susan Weller	5/28	Xavier Briel Christian Hyde
5/11	Thomas Blackburn Demetria Johansen Bonnie Miller			5/29	Barry Fenicle

The Community Meal at Grace



2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month

The Community Meal
2nd & 4th Wednesday each month from 5:30
- 6:30pm
in the Social Hall.

May 8
&
May 22

More information at
<https://www.gracecamphill.org/service>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dillsburg Picklefest 2024

May 11 | 8am - 3pm | Greenbriar Lane, Dillsburg

This year's Picklefest street fair is held in conjunction with Publick Tyme (featuring historical reenactment, a farmers market, vendors, live music, lots of delicious food and a Biergarten) at Dill's Tavern. This family-friendly event features art and craft vendors, live music and pickle-themed

2024 Spring Concert Series at West Shore Theatre

May 14 | 7pm | 317 Bridge Street, New Cumberland

Harrisburg Jazz Collective

May 19 | 3pm | 317 Bridge Street, New Cumberland

Very Fine Gentlemen - Jazz/Funk

PA Greek Fest 2024

May 17 - May 18 | 11am—8pm | 1000 Yverdon Drive, Camp Hill

Be "Greek for a day" and be wowed by spectacular food, succulent desserts, extraordinary dancing, traditional music, and fun for all ages. Cash only for food, beverage and Greek grocery stores. ATM on site. Free parking available on the church property. More information [HERE](#)

Trinity Lutheran Church Concert Series

May 19 | 4:00pm | 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill | Free

Trinity Concert Series presents a Hymn Festival with David Cherwien. Join Trinity's Concert Choir and members of area churches for a festival of great music.

New Cumberland Memorial Day Parade

May 27 | 11:30am—2:00pm | Park Ave. & Bridge Street, New Cumberland

In the American spirit of paying our respect to those who gave up their lives so we could remain free. A brief Memorial Ceremony will be held at 11:30am at the VFW Memorial located in Veteran's Park at Park Avenue and Bridge Street in New Cumberland Borough. The parade will begin immediately following the Memorial Ceremony (approximately 12noon) and proceed down Bridge Street to third Street, turning left and ending at Market Square.

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