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# Amazing Grace

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Matthew 28:21-22 is familiar to most Christians. It is the Great Commission. Jesus before his ascension to heaven after his resurrection charges his followers to go into all the world with the Gospel and raise up more followers of The Way. Why? Wasn't it enough that this great activity took place and that many eyewitnesses could validate the truth? The answer, simple Christ was to be for the world for all time. Isa. 49:6, 60:3, John 8:12, all speak of this truth, the world was not only to know the name of Jesus but be transformed. I love reading the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles together. Luke's Gospel begins in the outskirts of Israel and culminates in Jerusalem as being the epicenter for the Divine activity of Jesus's death, resurrection, and ascension. In Acts, Jerusalem is the launch pad from which the Gospel would go out to all the known world. The disciples mobilized and took Gospel from this remote desert nation to the capital of all culture and knowledge. Acts take the work of Jesus to its culmination—to effect transformation in the world.

As Methodists, we value influencing our community and surrounding regions. We continue this call to action. "Go, make of all disciple, We

O Lord that comes from thee our Father in thy eternal Word...The task looms large before us; we follow without fear, in heaven and earth thy power shall bring God's kingdom here." -Leon Adkins. This past summer I have had the pleasure of having a conversation with Rev. Dr. Mike Brossman of 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church here in Hanover. We discovered that we share a deep commitment to transforming our churches to impact our community. So that we may take up the call of scripture to truly be a light to the world not just with the proclamation of the Gospel but to orchestrate a relationship between our congregations that will affect real change here in Hanover. I am excited as we begin this new relationship with our sister church. Methodists are disciples who make disciples, it is not something we say but a core value to our belief system. We are going to elevate to the next level in our pursuit of holiness. We have already begun the bridge-building between our communities with the See You At The Pole movement and the upcoming Trunk or Treat. We hope to continue to foster faithful growth that will win souls for Jesus Christ. It is my hope that you join us in prayer and presence as these initiatives roll out. Together we are going to IMPACT HANOVER!

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## Defenders of the Faith

### *“Good Ideas/Bad Ideas”*

“Discernment is not knowing the difference between right and wrong. It is knowing the difference between right and almost right.” — Charles Spurgeon

2 Corinthians is a personal and emotional follow-up letter written by the apostle Paul to the church in Corinth in Greece that encourages believers to embrace and follow the way of Jesus which transforms lives and values generosity, humility, and weakness. In chapter 10, he continues with tough love and dealing with false apostles.

**“For although we live in the flesh, we do not wage war according to the flesh, since the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but are powerful through God for the demolition of strongholds. We demolish arguments and every proud thing that is raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ.” - 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (CSB)**

What strongholds was Paul talking about? (Answer: bad ideas)  
What does demolish mean? (Answer: outright destroy)

We can demolish bad ideas and cultivate good ideas with the 4“I’s”?

**1-Identify** – We must be able to DISCERN good ideas from bad ideas (“chew and spit”); particularly, which ones are from God & which ones are not. Assess the symptoms of the problem, analyze them, and identify the cause. One symptom we are seeing due to bad ideas is that our youth are dropping out of church in record numbers. Something wrong is happening. 70-75% of youth who were being described as significantly involved in church no longer attend church once they are in their 20’s, and only 1/3 will return. Why? Some may think church is irrelevant, many others leave due to intellectual doubt, but many leave due to the other bad (un-Biblical) ideas in education, (social) media, and entertainment. Education in many places has been using indoctrination through propaganda to infect youth with bad ideas. We defined indoctrination a few months ago, but what is propaganda? Answer: misleading words, phrases, or information to influence public opinion often to cover evil or make it appear good.

**2-Isolate** – Isolate the bad idea from the good idea. We need to isolate it and figure out how to stop the spread. Bad ideas can mask as good ideas, but they are just counterfeits. They often attach themselves to good ideas like viruses attach to healthy cells. People can coat their bad ideas with a layer of truth, but they don’t give the whole truth. Why are counterfeit bad ideas alluring to people? Answer: they are easier and often more appealing, make you feel good about yourself (at least for a season), and you can talk yourself into thinking is it REALLY THAT bad? Isolate and remove the bad idea from your life altogether (run from it!)

**3-Inform** – Gently and firmly TELL people the truth and expose

the lies that go against the truth. What good is the truth if it is not told about to others? We need to inoculate others by exposing the bad idea in a controlled way. If you just introduce people to the truth, they believe the truth, until they are introduced to a lie, then they become susceptible to the lie. Echo chambers can revitalize and refresh us, but they can make us weak without exposure and training to refute bad ideas that are all around us. We cannot pretend that bad ideas don’t exist and not be inoculated to them (especially the youth). We need to know the truth AND teach and train in the lies, otherwise society will introduce them. In today’s culture, focusing on only the truth does not give our youth the immunity they need to be ready for the lies. They also need to be introduced to un-Biblical ideas in a safe and controlled environment. Recognize the bad ideas so you can be protected from them. If you don’t recognize it as being bad, you could think maybe there is something to it that I don’t know and can benefit from it.

**4-Invest** – Invest in those controlled by the bad ideas, help people once they have been confused by or have embraced bad ideas. Gently and lovingly encourage them with the truth. Introduce them to the truth in increments they can handle. Meet them where they are, but guide them to the ultimate Truth of Jesus Christ.

**1 Corinthians 13:6** (love AND truth go together)

Remember, one of Satan’s tactics is a little lie in truth gradually over time. He will tell you just enough truth for you to believe the lie.

Don’t let bad ideas corrupt you or those around you!



### **Aiding sources and recommendations:**

1-The Secret Battle Of Ideas About God (Overcoming The Outbreak Of Five Fatal Worldviews) – Jeff Myers (2017)

2-Mama Bear Apologetics – Hillary Morgan Ferrer (2019)



## Faith at Work

The Faith at Work ministry began at least 25 years ago with Betty Coney through the Hanover Area Council of Churches. At some point they outgrew the room at the council building and they moved to Grace Church. There they had plenty of space, a large parking lot and no steps (this was important as most of the ladies were older).

Beverly Hoffman started helping in the group after she retired and as Betty's health declined, she mentored Beverly to assume being in charge of the group.

They cut items for Lebanon VA hospital and Tender Care Pregnancy in Hanover and Gettysburg. When Covid hit hard and locked everything down, they could not meet. Also, neither the VA hospital nor Tender Care were able to accept donations.

They were finally able to meet and offer our items this past summer. However, they were told by both facilities that they no longer needed or could use our items. They tried local nursing homes and assisted living facilities, but there was little need there. With that information a decision was made to discontinue this ministry.

Beverly was able to speak with Betty Coney about 2 weeks before she passed and she was comfortable with the decision and stated, "we had a good run".

Their unused items will be packed up and sent to the Redbird Mission in Kentucky. They will continue to meet on Tuesday mornings until they run out of supplies.

In honor of Faith At Works mission in the community we will be having a luncheon on October 31st immediately following the 11:00 service. Everyone is invited to attend this wonderful event. Please bring a dish to share. Sandwiches and drinks will be supplied by the church.

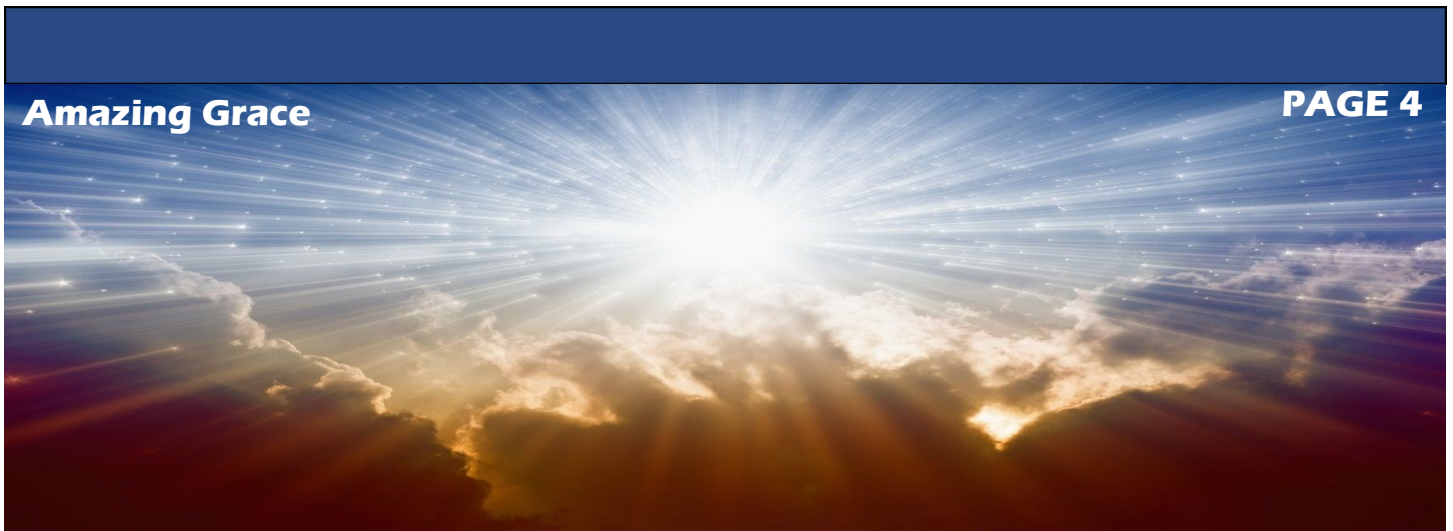
## PAL (Provide a Lunch)

Our next dates for serving are Friday, October 22 and Saturday, October 30. If anyone would like to help, please call Mae Woodard, 717-632-0124 or the church office. It would be from 8:30 to approximately 12:30. If you have never helped before and would like to do so, we would love to have you. We are still not interacting with the customers. The meals are given out in "clam shells" and just picked up.

## RUTH'S HARVEST

We will be starting Ruth's Harvest soon. That is the program where food is given to the students on Friday to take home with them. Please bring your donations to the church, single serving entree, breakfast, snack and drinks. The schedule is not out yet as to when Grace serves. If you would like to help, please call Mae Woodard, 717-632-0124 or the church office and leave your name. You will then be called when it is our time to serve.

10-1	Chantel Bankert Kristen Nickey
10-3	Daniel Clark Stephen Kaltreider Verna Smith
10-5	Joseph Freet Meredith Howard
10-6	John Kauffman
10-7	Ginger Miller
10-8	Robert Miller
10-10	Ann Miller Anna Ryan
10-11	Annette Carbaugh Jessica Gross Vivian Harrison Adam Martin
10-13	Barbara Chronister
10-15	Richard Bailey Ryan Miller Noah Parker
10-16	Peggy Dement Charlotte Yingling
10-17	Tara Smith
10-21	David Bankert
10-24	Connie Butt
10-25	Gay Adkins Patti Reichenbach
10-26	Darren Myers
10-27	Jack Freet
10-29	Christopher Cue Danielle O'Brien Stephen Warner
10-31	Carol Pecher Aston Pritchard



## TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 16th  
2pm-4pm

First United Methodist Church  
200 Fredrick Street  
Hanover, PA 17331



## Save the Date

Saturday

November 20th



8:00am-2:00pm

55 Albríght Drive

[Mygracechurch.org](http://Mygracechurch.org)



See You at the Pole Southwestern Middle School.



The Garden of Grace was a huge success this year. Thank you to all the folks who helped to make this mission possible.



### PATH

Please Visit Our Church Website for the Path Calendar.

Sunday School Kickoff was a success! We are really looking forward to a great year with these kiddos! Thank you to all the volunteers! And a special thank you to Miss Deb for all the games!

- YMCA Fall Fest (North Hanover) - Oct 2nd. Grace will have a tent at this community event. We'll have games and prizes! Contact Melia Garrett or Meredith Howard if you are available to staff our booth.

- Trunk or Treat - Oct 16th. 2-4pm

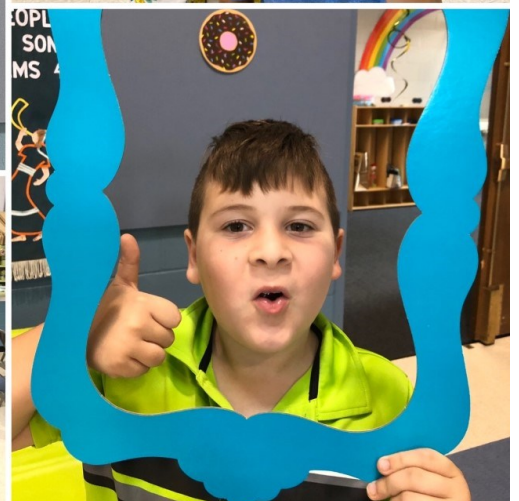
- First UMC is hosting Trunk or Treat this year in their parking lot.

- Please sign up to decorate your vehicle! You can participate as a family or with your ministry!

- Preschool Sunday - Oct 24th 11am - Jennifer Freeman and the preschoolers will join us for worship.

- First Responder Pizza Deliver - Oct 24th 11am

Hanover Halloween Parade - Oct 28th - Save the Date! We are interested in joining the parade this year. We'd love your help and ideas! Contact Melia Garrett or Meredith Howard to get involved.



Greetings all,

Over the next four weeks, beginning Monday, Oct. 4th, I will be temporarily limiting my time at the office to being only Tuesday and Thursday mornings. I will continue to engage in all of the areas of ministry and worship that I have been and of course for all pastoral care needs. And of course, will be available by phone (my office phone forwards to my cell phone) and email. I want to emphasize that I am only affecting my office time hours.

The reason for this temporary disruption is because over the past six years I have been working extremely hard toward the process of full ordination in the United Methodist Church. I am at the point where I need to focus on finishing writing my papers and submitting them before the deadline. These papers are time-consuming and large in length. I covet your prayer for this endeavor as I believe I am called by God to ordained ministry and service.

Todd Christine, M.Div.