

AMAZING GRACE

I. C H R O N I C L E S.

H Y M N XLI.

Faith's review and expectation.
Chap. xvii. 16, 17.

- 1 **A** Mazing grace ! (how sweet the sound)
That sav'd a wretch like me !
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears reliev'd ;
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believ'd !
- 3 Thro' many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come ;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.
- 4 The LORD has promis'd good to me,
His word my hope secures ;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.
- 5 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease ;
I shall possess, within the vail,
A life of joy and peace.
- 6 The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine ;
But GOD, who call'd me here below,
Will be for ever mine.

As we come to the end of Lent, we are going to look at one more hymn as we focus on the cross. Today's hymn is **Amazing Grace** by John Newton. The following is the story behind the hymn from Premierchristianity.com.

"Newton's story is a powerful tale of redemption and God's grace. As a young man, his life was spent at sea. He became part of the slave trade, rising to the rank of captain and transporting slaves from Sierra Leone to the West Indies. But in 1748, on board *The Greyhound*, a fierce storm arose off Ireland. Newton, fearing for his life, cried out to a God he barely knew. He promised that, if his life was spared, he would devote the remainder of it to God's service. The ship survived – barely – and Newton miraculously made land.

In his gratitude, he never forgot his promise to God and committed his life to serving him. Due to his previous life experience and lack of education, it took more than seven years for him to be accepted into ministry in the Church of England. As Newton preached and ministered to his flock, he developed the habit of writing hymns - many with his good friend and local poet William Cowper - to accompany his weekly sermons and help his listeners understand the message. And so it was that, ahead of his New Year's Day service in 1773, Newton wrote 'Amazing Grace' to accompany his teaching on 1 Chronicles 17:16-17. Little did he and his congregation know that his hymn would go on to be so internationally renowned."

What makes **Amazing Grace** truly special is how it speaks to the human experience, **our experience**. The lyrics convey a deep sense of humility and gratitude, acknowledging that we are all imperfect and in need of divine guidance. *"I once was lost, but now am found / Was blind, but now I see."*

NOTE: [The following verse was added in E.O. Excell's Coronation Hymns, 1910]

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we first begun.

IN CHRIST ALONE

Prayer & Praises

- Sue Deardorff requested prayer for Phyllis Cookendall, (Jeff Henry's Aunt). Phyllis was taken to the hospital with a-fib, and she has had pneumonia and Covid and is in critical condition. Please keep Phyllis and her family in your prayers.
- Ellen Krause requested prayer for her niece, Jen Sutton. Gumby Stambaugh requested prayer for Tommy Tawney, who has lung cancer. Pray for Tommy and his wife, Kathy, during this difficult time.
- Pam Miller requested prayer for Brett to have safe travels home on Thursday. Also, pray for Pam, who is having surgery on April 22nd, and for a good biopsy report.
- Joe Martin requested prayer for a friend who is having eye surgery this week.
- Deb Yost requested prayer for Kala Yost, who had an X-ray done, and they found a fracture in her lower back. She is scheduled for an MRI at the beginning of May.
- Please pray for Bill & Trish O'Bryan's son Matthew and grandson Niko (3 months old), both have Covid.
- Jim & Dorothy Kauffman requested prayer for Eddie Laughman, a friend. Eddie stepped on a nail, and in the process of going for a tetanus shot, they discovered he had some heart issues, and he ended up going to have 3 stents.
- Ellen Krause requested prayer for her mother, Betty Gerber, who had a heart catheterization on Monday.
- Linda Hollinger requested an unspoken prayer request for Randy Hollinger.
- Kathleen Eisenhart requested prayer for Annamae Eisenhower's (her sister-in-law, Dave's wife) family as Annamae passed away Saturday after a year of battling cancer.
- Brad Replogle requested prayer for his wife Brenda, who tore her Achilles tendon. She is having surgery today at OSS York. She will not be able to put any weight on it for 6 weeks.
- Please keep Betty Engle in your prayers for healing from vertigo.



CBC WEEKLY PRAYER POINT

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10 (NIV).

Hearing the news about our world each day can often be disheartening. So much suffering. So much trouble. So much division. So many are fighting against our Lord and His Perfect Word! But do not be discouraged. Do not dismay. As we move towards the celebration of Jesus' death and resurrection, let us be reminded of His ultimate victory! In his beautiful old hymn, Maltbie Babcock wrote, "This Is My Father's World," *"This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget, that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet. This is my Father's world: the battle is not done: Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one."* Amen! Celebrate Jesus' victory! Today and always! Pray for those who suffer. Pray for assurance and certainty in Christ!

Please pray for these congregations and pastors:

- Sugar Ridge Congregation in Custer, MI seeking Pastoral leadership
- Sunnybrook Congregation in Bristol, TN and Pastor Michael Reece

EASTER from the ASHES – On Easter, Franklin Graham is presenting a special message of hope from the site of the horrible fires in LA County. For those of you who have access to Fox News Channel it will be broadcasted at 12:00 PM on April 20.

Here is a list of other possible options.

Station	NetworkMarket	State	Date	Time
FOX NEWS	US	NATL	4/20	12:00p-12:30p
NEWSMAX	US	NATL	4/20	4:00p-4:30p
DAYSTAR	US & Canada	NATL	4/20	4:30p-5:00p
TBN	US	NATL	4/20	9:00p-9:30p

Important Dates and INFORMATION

This week

Wednesday 4/16

*Life Group 6:30 pm

*Ladies' Choir Practice 7:45 pm

Thursday 4/17

*Holy Thursday Service 7 pm

Friday 4/18

*Good Friday Prayer Vigil 12 pm – 3 pm

Saturday 4/19

*Men's Breakfast 7 am

*Easter Berlin 11 am

Easter Sunday 4/20

*Sonrise Service 6:30 am – St Pauls Red Run

*Come Worship – 9 am

Next Week

Wednesday 4/23

*Sisters Bible Study 9 am

*Life Group 6:30 pm

Thursday 4/24

*The Chosen Small Group 6:30 pm

Saturday 4/26

*Adams County Yard Sale outreach

Sunday 4/27

*Come Worship – 9 am



Please be sure to write your church events on the calendar in the church office, so they can be included in announcement loops and published in the Newsletter and Mid-Week Lift.



LOVE FEAST – We will celebrate Love Feast on May 4 at the new time of about 10:15 AM, in the Gathering Place, immediately following our regular 9:00 AM Worship Celebration in the sanctuary. Love Feast will still involve the traditional three parts.

1. Foot and hand washing stations will be set up separately from the tables and will be separated by male and female. Those who have never experienced this before are encouraged to participate, **or** you can observe quietly from the tables.
2. A common meal of two types of soups (gluten free) will take place after the foot/hand washing.
3. We will share in communion, the bread and the cup, after the meal, around the tables for those who have professed belief in Jesus as Lord and Savior. Those who have not made that profession of faith can observe.

We hope you will all plan on joining us for this wonderful ordinance given to us by our Lord.

Courtney Grim and Joanne Miller will be hosting a book sale on **Sunday, May 18th** to raise money for their IMO trip in 2026.

Purchases are by donation and you can take as many as you want.



Happy Anniversary!

April
16th – Josh & Amanda Stewart



Rain Date: April 19th

Location: East Berlin Community Park

Age Groups: 0 – 2 yrs. 3 – 5 yrs.
6 – 8 yrs. 9 – 12 yrs

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

Help is needed 9:00 am to 12 noon

Responsibilities:

- 1) Set-up & tear-down of display tables & games
- 2) Place prize eggs in the four age groups
- 3) Help to hand out info for Easter Week & VBS
- 4) Help with games & prizes

****Sign-up sheet on bulletin Board in Library area.**

Any questions, see Mark Lipsitz

BAPTISM AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

There have been a couple of people who have expressed interest in being baptized. Our plan is to baptize them in the creek in June. If you are interested in baptism and/or church membership, please see Pastor Gary.



SAFE HAVEN TRAINING – Everyone who works in any ministry of our church that involves children/youth (e.g. Nursery, Sunday School, VBS) is required to provide the church with State Police Clearances **and** Childline Clearances. Julie keeps track of this and will remind you when your clearances are due. Our Safe Haven policy also requires periodic trainings in the area of child abuse and the details of our policy. It has been quite a while since the training has happened so we are asking everyone who is involved with any of our children/youth ministries to attend **one** of two trainings by Pastor Gary in June. The dates and times are: Tuesday, June 17, 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Saturday, June 21, 9:30 to 11:30 AM. A sign-up sheet will be put up in May. Thank you all for your service in our children/youth ministries.

SERVANT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

April 19

Easter Berlin Egg Hunt – 9 AM to 12 PM – See Mark for more information

April 26

Adams County Yard Sale – 8 AM to 12 PM (One hour increments)

See Pastor Gary for more information

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Tuesday, May 6th


We will be visiting with the Fruit Belt Farmers in Aspers, PA. A dinner will be served, followed by fellowship with the workers. You are all welcome to attend. Please contact Sue Deardorff if you are interested in going along. We will leave the church at 4:30 p.m.



**The CHOSEN
SEASON 4**

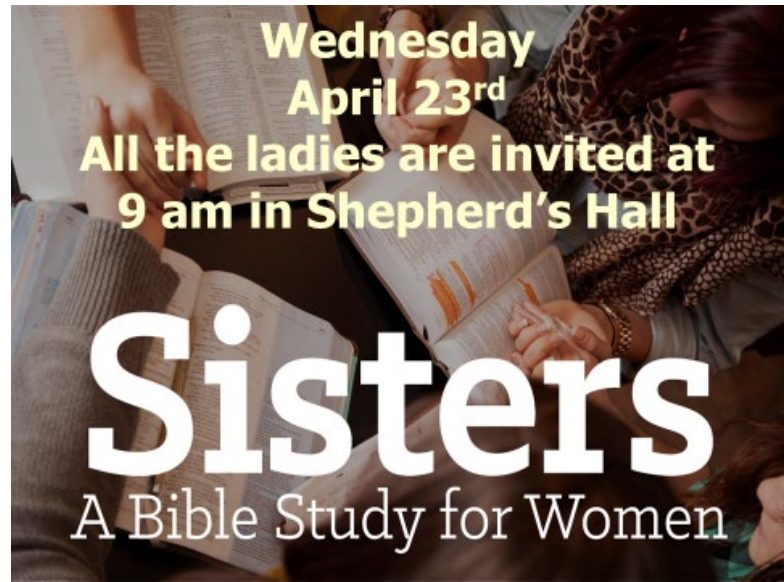
Small Group Study
Thursday, April 24th at 6:30 in the sanctuary.
Led by Dave Titzell

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



April 16th – Barbara Shelley
April 19th – Cory Grim
April 19th – James Miller
April 22nd – April Shaffer
April 24th – Eileen Riddle
April 25th – Deb Yost
April 25th – Deb Dentler

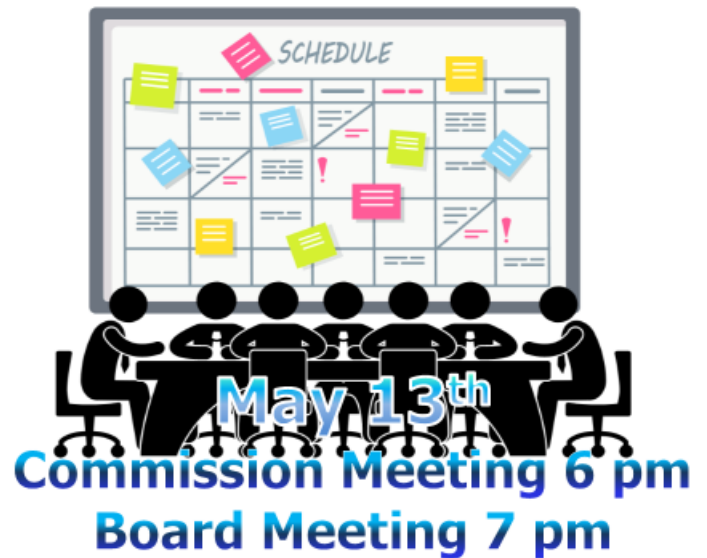
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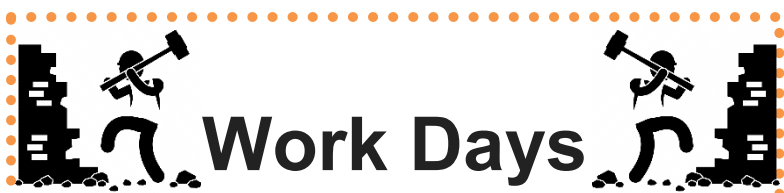
**Wednesday
April 23rd**
**All the ladies are invited at
9 am in Shepherd's Hall**

Sisters

A Bible Study for Women



May 13th
Commission Meeting 6 pm
Board Meeting 7 pm



Work Days

April 24, 25, 26

Primarily demolition work in the rooms next to Shepherds Hall
See Joe or Randy for more info.

