

Grace&Peace Gatherings

Women's Bible Study
TOMORROW!
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Grace to you and Peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Galatians 1:3 Issue III, April 2021

NEW AUDIO-VISUAL TEAM

Grace & Peace Church is proud to announce a new team bringing our Worship services online!



When you tune in to YouTube, it's the young team of Austin Rhoads and Jack Susek at the helm!



For years, we had Brian Peppel help us with the sound. When we went online, we were grateful for Paul Shane's expertise. He shared his knowledge with Nick Rhoads, who passed it onto his son Austin. It requires operating three cameras, two laptops—for graphic overlays and YouTube control, and the video switcher. On March 14, he did it solo even though it's a

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A Favorite Author

Marilynne Robinson (b. 1943) is an American author and essayist, and important 20th Century thinker. She's received numerous prestigious awards and written many essays, and achieved a PhD in English in 1977. She is an admirer of John Calvin and his ideas are interwoven in much of her writing.

She received the Pulitzer for her book *Gilead*,

a fictional account of 3 generations of ministers. *"This is an important thing, which I have told many people, and which my father told me, and which his father told him. When you encounter another person, when you have dealings with anyone at all, it is as if a question is being put to you. So you must think, What is the Lord asking of me in this moment, in this situation? If you confront*

insult or antagonism, your first impulse will be to respond in kind. But if you think, as it were, This is an emissary sent from the Lord, and some benefit is intended for me, first of all the occasion to demonstrate my faithfulness, the chance to show that I do in some small degree participate in the grace that saved me, you are free to act otherwise than as circum-

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Women's Bible Study *Beholding & Becoming*

IN-PERSON MONTHLY—meeting in person starting Saturday March 28, and on the last Saturdays through June, at 9:30-11:30 am at G&P.

ZOOM WEEKLY—meeting via Zoom on Tuesdays 7:00-9:00 pm for 8 weeks, beginning April 6.

It's never too late to join the group. Feel free to contact Sarah Walsh at 610-764-3800 if you have questions.

All-church Bible Study *Philippians*

Every-other Thursdays at 7:30 pm:

- April 8
- April 22
- May 6
- ...until July 15

You are all welcome to study His Word together! Lead by Elder SantaMaria via Zoom.

stances would seem to dictate. You are free to act by your own lights. You are freed at the same time of the impulse to hate or resent

HEARD IN THE AISLES

Pastor Mayk was at Worship February 21 to administer Communion. He was also there for Esther Walsh's baptism on the 29th. He is on Sabbatical through the Spring of 2021. Pray for his time away.



Esther Grace Walsh was baptised on February 29. May she always know He is with her!

Esther says, "Come see my chubby legs! Everyone who can, please come worship in person!"
You can [sign-up](#) here.



^ Elders Gabe SantaMaria, Tom Albrecht, Jeff Walsh (also grandpa), and Nick Rhodes witness.



Michelle Mayk is planning to do childcare this Spring, and is ministering with Young Life in Phoenixville. They recently had a successful retreat in MD with high school students from 4 local high schools.



For Daniel Mayk, the word "coach" is key because he works at Coach Men's Store at the Outlets and also coaches a travel sports team!



Grant Seville got inducted into the National Honors Society and won 1st place in the 100 Breaststroke at the Boyertown Y Championships!

CATCH-UPS

- The Dudeks are traveling to MA to visit family, and for Julia to visit Gordon College: 3/31-4/3.
- Renee Mayk's surgery is scheduled for 4/14 at Jefferson University.
- Hailey Allen is working hard to focus on preparing for her 5/14 MCATS (medical school entrance exams).
- Joy Kirkland reports that the Covid vaccine roll out is very slow. It hasn't been announced how foreigners, who are not on the Greek health system will gain access. Church and school are online. [Listen for more!](#)
- Bart & Carole Votta have become grandparents to Isla Winter Grey, born 3/17!
- Margi & Mark Memoli say they have nothing to report—they live "a mummified life!" But they are eager to get their vaccines.

Another Point of View

If you've been worshipping online, this is what it looks like from the front! (pc G. SM)



The Shanes Share

The Shanes are currently all living, schooling, and working at home, as they have been since the quarantine. Paul has taken a new position within his company, and has created a semi-permanent office in the basement. They aren't sure when or if he will return to the company office.

David is a junior at West Chester Universi-

ty and misses live classes; he will commute next year. Caroline is finishing up her senior year with 21st Century Cyber Charter school. She plans to follow in Jo-Lynne's footsteps this fall and attend Gordon College in Wenham, MA, a suburb north of Boston. Becca is in the 9th grade at OJR High School. Everyone is hoping for a more normal school experience

A-Musing April

An orangutan was reading the Bible and *The Origin of Species*. The zookeeper asked the orangutan why he was reading *those* two books. He replied, "Well, I'm trying to figure out if I'm my brother's keeper, or my Keeper's brother."



next year.

Nothing much has changed for Jo-Lynne, who already worked from home. While it can get a bit chaotic at times, she is enjoying this extra time with the whole family under one roof. They are all looking forward to gatherings with our church family when it gets warmer, when they can be outside!

The Fridge List



Sat	Mar 27—9:30	MONTHLY B&B Women's Study (#1)
Wed	Mar 31—10:00a	Zoom Café
Tue	April 6—7:00	Zoom Weekly Women's Study (first)
Thu	April 8—7:30	Philippians Study
Tue	April 13—7:00	Zoom Weekly Women's Study
Sat	April 17—10:00	Craft Day
Tue	April 20—7:00	Zoom Weekly Women's Study
Thu	April 22—7:30	Philippians Study
Sat	April 24—9:30	MONTHLY B&B Women's Study (#2)
Tue	April 27—7:00	Zoom Weekly Women's Study
Tue	May 4—7:00	Zoom Weekly Women's Study
Thu	May 6—7:30	Philippians Study
Sat	May 8—3:00	Mother's Day Tea
Tue	May 11—7:00	Zoom Weekly Women's Study
Tue	May 18—7:00	Zoom Weekly Women's Study
Thu	May 20—7:30	Philippians Study
Sun	May 23—Noon	BYO Lunch @the Pavilion
Tue	May 25—7:00	Zoom Weekly Women's Study (last)
Sat	May 29—9:30	MONTHLY B&B Women's Study (#3)
Thu	June 3—7:30	Philippians Study
Thu	June 17—7:30	Philippians Study
Sun	June 20—Noon	BYO Lunch @the Pavilion
Thu	Jun 24—7:00	Women's Book & Movie Club
Sat	June 26—9:30	MONTHLY B&B Women's Study (#4)
Thu	July 1—7:30	Philippians Study
Thu	July 15—7:30	Philippians Study (last)
Sun	July 18—Noon	BYO Lunch @the Pavilion
Fri	July 24—7:00	Women's Book & Movie Club
Sat	Mid-September	Men's event
Wed	Mid-September	Women's event
Sun	Oct 10—Noon	Church Picnic
Sat	Dec 4—2:00	Women's Christmas Tea

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Women's Study Update

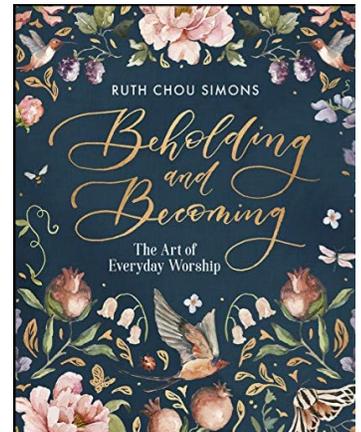
Our study using [Becoming & Beholding](#) will guide us to worship and experience God in the everyday moments.

We will hold this study in 2 formats:

IN-PERSON MONTHLY sessions will meet four times, on the last Saturdays of the month. The first one is scheduled for March 28, 9:30-11:30 AM at church, lead by Emily Susek 610-761-1476. **ZOOM WEEKLY** for eight Tuesday evenings, starting April 6. Note the time change to 7:00 PM, lead by Sarah Walsh 610-764-3800.

You can purchase the book at your favorite

[online store](#), or buy used [here](#). If this is a hardship for you, please contact [Grace Kraybill](#) and you can get a copy as a gift of



the church. Sarah will have an extra copy 3/27 if you don't have time to order it.

Please pray for Sarah and Emily as they prepare to lead.

GATHERINGS for Women

MOTHER'S DAY TEA

On May 8, the women will host a time to honor each woman, whether "mother" to your own children or others'.

If you would like to help, please contact Sarah Walsh or Emily Susek.



CRAFT DAY

On Saturday, April 17, Karin Rhoads will lead women & girls for a morning of crafting.

We will make a wreath for just \$10 per person. We will meet at the church. Watch for an email with details!

From the Hearth

The 2 recipes this month are a great contrast from each other—one gooey and sweet; the other cakey and fruity. All around the world, food is an integral part of bringing people together, showing love, making a home, continuing a story. We, as the bride of Christ look forward to the ending of the greatest story and the wedding banquet to come!

Ultimate Double Chocolate Brownies

2 sticks butter
2 cups sugar
4 eggs
2 tsp vanilla (don't use the fake stuff)
1 cup all purpose flour
1/2 cup cocoa
1/2 tsp salt



1. In a large saucepan, melt butter over low heat; cool.
2. Beat eggs & sugar together; add to butter.
3. Add vanilla and beat (by hand with a large whisk or wooden spoon) till light & fluffy.
4. Add the flour, cocoa, salt; mix well.
5. Fold in the chocolate chips.
6. Spread in buttered 13x9 glass baking pan.
7. Bake for 35-40 minutes in a preheated 325-degree oven.
8. Serve warm or room temp.

Jo-Lynne Shane, April 2021

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Story:

Jo-Lynne says this is seriously the best brownie recipe ever. She's made it regularly for over 17 years. It came from a Pillsbury dessert recipe cookbook received as a wedding present and quickly became a family favorite. These are a rich, dense, gooey type of brownie.

All the Shane kids love these — and their friends too. They have become somewhat of a legend, but I can't take credit. I just follow the original recipe to a T. It's super easy, and it is delicious because it is full of butter and eggs.

Creeping Crust Fruit Tarte

Melt 3-4 Tbsp butter in 9x13 brownie pan

In a separate bowl, mix:

¾ to 1 C sugar
2 C flour
2 tsp baking powder
1-1/4 C milk



Pour in pan over the melted butter (batter will be thick & difficult to cover the whole pan, but it doesn't have to.)
Top that w/ 2-3 C of fruit (frozen, canned, or fresh)

Bake 350 degrees for 35-40 mins.

Grace Kraybill, April 2021

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Story:

Grace loves this “no-fault” recipe. Just throw it together and bake - you can't go wrong! It's not very sweet or caloric and can be a nice breakfast bar or snack, too. We like all kinds of fruit in it but like pineapples or sour cherries best. It usually doesn't last even 48-hours in this house!

New recipes will be featured in every newsletter, so please submit them to Grace Kraybill. A photo would be welcome too!

April 2021

Grace & Peace PCA is meeting at
St. James United Church of Christ
321 S Limerick Road
Limerick PA 19468-1607

Watch on YouTube or sign-up to
attend in person on the [website](#).

www.graceandpeacepc.org/

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photos, email Grace Kraybill any
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that person. He would probably
laugh at the thought that the Lord
sent him to you for your benefit
(and his), but that is the perfec-
tion of the disguise, his own igno-
rance of it."

From the novel *Gilead* (2004)

A young nephew said to me
once, "Auntie, you like books

where nothing happens!" The
abstract and theological consid-
erations of the characters are
what fascinates me. Helping us
see the world through others'
eyes is Robinson's gift.

Robinson's related books are
Home, *Lila*, and *Jack*, which can't
be called sequels so much as
companion books, telling the
story from the vantage of differ-
ent characters from the town of
Gilead.

I first came to know Robinson
from her first book, *Housekeep-
ing*, which was very influential to
me. In it, 2 young sisters are
raised by their grandmother.
Upon her passing, their uncon-
ventional aunt come to raise
them in the very conventional
town of Gilead. It's interesting
how each sister chooses to carve
out a place for themselves.

~ Grace Oh Kraybill

ZoomCafé

Ladies! You're welcome
to meet on March 31,
10:00 AM. Bring a cup of
coffee or tea. Zoom link
is embedded below:

[Wednesday, March 31 at 10:00 AM](#)

- Grace Kraybill

Women's Steering Committee

The leadership team consists of
Becky Albrecht, Grace Kraybill,
Emily Susek, and Sarah Walsh.
We oversee congregational
care, fellowship, and women's
Bible study. Please contact any
of us if we may be of service.

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two-person task! Paul
has also been training
Jack for several weeks
and he is making great
progress, handling the
house as well as the
streaming sounds.
Please be patient if you
see some changes in the
coming weeks.

Both boys are in Sixth
grade at Boyertown Mid-
dle School East. Jack
lives with parents Emily
and Dave, and siblings

Ella and Calvin. He en-
joys soccer, reading,
and riding his go-kart.
Austin lives with his par-
ents Karin and Nick, and
younger brother Dylan.
He plays flag football,
which will start this April.
He enjoys collecting
football cards, and Legos
and Star Wars figures.

Thank you, Austin and
Jack for your service!

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"There is not one blade of grass, there is
no color in the world that is not intended
to make us rejoice."

~ John Calvin

