



Amazing Grace

Newsletter

Grace Church

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Pastor's Message

To the faithful of Grace Church: A Global Methodist Community,

My co-laborers in the work of advancing the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the life of the world—from whom is the source of all our hope, promise, joy, and security—

The grace and peace of the Lord our God be with you.

“Megaphone Man” was a consistent character on campus at Penn State. As students crossed the quad at midday, you could hear the crackle of his megaphone, followed by an amplified voice proclaiming the evil of sin and the need to repent and believe the Gospel. I must admit, he often received harsh treatment. In my youth, I too did not respond to his efforts kindly. But looking back, I must say—**at least he was trying.**

In the life of a practicing Christian, we come to worship and hear the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ, and then we go about the rest of our week renewed. Many assume that this, in itself, is evangelism. The preacher proclaims the message laid on his or her heart by the Holy Spirit, and the task is considered complete.

Yet Scripture tells us more is expected.

After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples and gave them a command:

“Go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”

(Mark 16:15–16, CEB)

Christians have the best news ever told!

There is freedom from slavery to sin and moral decay.

There is a right way to live that blesses God and blesses others.

There is hope in suffering and affliction.

There is a promise that injustice will not have the last word.

And there is eternal life through belief in Jesus Christ.

If we cling to the idea that evangelism only happens within the sanctuary, how many—who so desperately need to hear the message of Jesus—will never hear it?

Paul wrote in Romans 10:14–16:

“So how can they call on someone they don’t have faith in? And how can they have faith in someone they haven’t heard of? And how can they hear without a preacher? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who announce the good news.’”

In 1739, after numerous invitations from George Whitefield, **John Wesley finally agreed to preach outside church walls.** On April 2, he wrote in his journal:

"I submitted to be more vile, and proclaimed in the highways the glad tidings of salvation." It was a radical and unorthodox departure from church norms, where preaching had been confined to pulpits within church buildings. But the Methodists saw a great opportunity in their time—to **go out** to those who would never enter a church. Wesley and his fellow preachers went to miners, laborers, the poor, and the imprisoned to proclaim the Gospel and call for a response.

Field preaching became the heartbeat of early Methodism.

It energized class meetings, Methodist societies, and the entire discipleship system. It modeled the **incarnational ministry of Christ**—God meeting people where they were. Field preaching launched a spiritual revolution.

But this call was not limited to clergy.

The Church—**all believers**—is called to share the Good News at gas stations, grocery stores, on front porches, in break rooms, on social media, and even on public transit. As Wesley boldly proclaimed, "**The world is our parish.**" We are called to go into the world with the Gospel. Why? Because the world needs Jesus.

Now, the world may not always receive it the way we hope. But we should not expect to be treated differently from Jesus or His disciples. Jesus said:

"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (*Matthew 5:10*)

He didn't say, "*If people speak against you, stay silent,*" or "*If it makes someone uncomfortable, don't bother.*" No—**Jesus expected pushback**, because the world needs to hear, and people must either accept or reject the message. But all **must** hear.

So where are the "field preaching" opportunities for us today?

Jesus, His disciples, and the early Methodists broke with tradition to reach the unchurched.

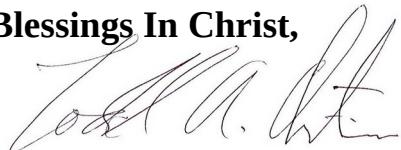
Where can we evangelize today? In schools, at community events, on social media, and in any open space—**these are the fields of our time and our context.**

Megaphone Man, flawed as he may have been, was doing the faithful work. He found a space to meet people in need—**out in the field.**

Let us do the same. Let us find the field opportunities God has given us.

And may we, like Wesley, have the courage to submit to being "more vile," for the sake of the Gospel.

Blessings In Christ,



Rev. Todd Christine

Grace Church of Hanover| Senior Pastor



Sunday

1 Cindy Freet

Monday

2 Fred Trone

Tuesday

3 Lynn
Crumbling
Lisa Dover
Eric Trone

Wednesday

4 Rebecca
Hollinger

Thursday

5 Richard Dixon
Ed Gately

Friday

6 Jan Blum
Dwight Harry
Ryan Koch

Saturday

7 Kiley
Birgensmith

8

9 Judy Largent

10 Wilma Lau

12

13 Debbie
Kellenbenz

14

15

16 Woody
Berwanger
Kathy Gross
Mary
Hnatkowicz17 Stacy Koch
Dalton Parker

18 Linda Mixter

19

Payton
Yingling

20

Martha
Knochel

21

Juanita
Rodriguez

22

Dave Clark

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TO YOU

25

Paul Carbaugh
Matt Yingling

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28
Angie
Kaltreider
Linda Mohr

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Rhonda Moore

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Wyatt Parker



Theology Matters

Pastor Matt Sichel

Eastertide has come to a close with the festival of Pentecost, and we have come to a close of this series of Theology Matters, as we look at the final article in the Apostles' Creed. I hope that you have enjoyed learning about the creed. I hope that as you recite it in the future, you will be able to have a better understanding of what we say.

One other fun fact... Did you know that our current hymnal, Our Great Redeemer's Praise, is organized based on the Apostles' Creed? There is also a section in the back which has hymns that were written specifically for worship centered on the creed. Your hymnal is a wonderful resource for your faith, and I encourage everyone to pick it up from time to time and thumb through it, especially if you normally sing from the screen or attend 9am worship. It is full of prayers, songs, readings, and scriptures that can encourage you in your faith.

Article 12: "I believe in . . . the life everlasting, Amen."

Do you have an eternal perspective? Do you consider that things that you do now will not simply reverberate for some finite amount of time, but that they will go on forever? If you understand that to be the case, then how does it affect your life now?

Jesus covers this concept in his teaching on the separation of the sheep from the goats in Matthew 25, as well as in his parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus in Luke 16. But wait, aren't I saved by faith in Christ, and not by what I do? Yes. You are, but the life you live should reflect the Lord you serve. In this way, your deeds will reverberate beyond this temporal life. James says, "faith without deeds is dead," and these deeds, though they are not what saves you, they are the evidence that your faith in Christ is genuine and true.

Why else is an eternal perspective needed? Sometimes our lives become so cluttered with difficulty and darkness, we get extremely discouraged and lose our focus. This is where Satan would love to keep believers, because if he can keep them there, they are no longer useful in the Kingdom. To say, "I believe in everlasting life," helps us to remember that the current troubles and difficulties of this moment do not have to shackle us back to the darkness where evil would love to have us. In these times, Jesus' words are particularly helpful, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

This is the power of the good news of Jesus Christ! Eternal life is the ultimate outcome of our salvation, and the best news is that your eternal life begins the moment you trust Christ for salvation. In freedom, you can look forward confident that Jesus holds your life, and as Paul writes in Romans, "If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord." So, look ahead with confidence, knowing that Jesus is your strength and portion, and your life is kept with him as you trust him more and more every day.

It is my hope and prayer that all of us know Christ, and day by day, we are learning to take his promises as guarantees. You have everlasting, never ending, eternal life in Jesus Christ. Hallelujah!

Love to you all in Christ,

-Rev. Matt



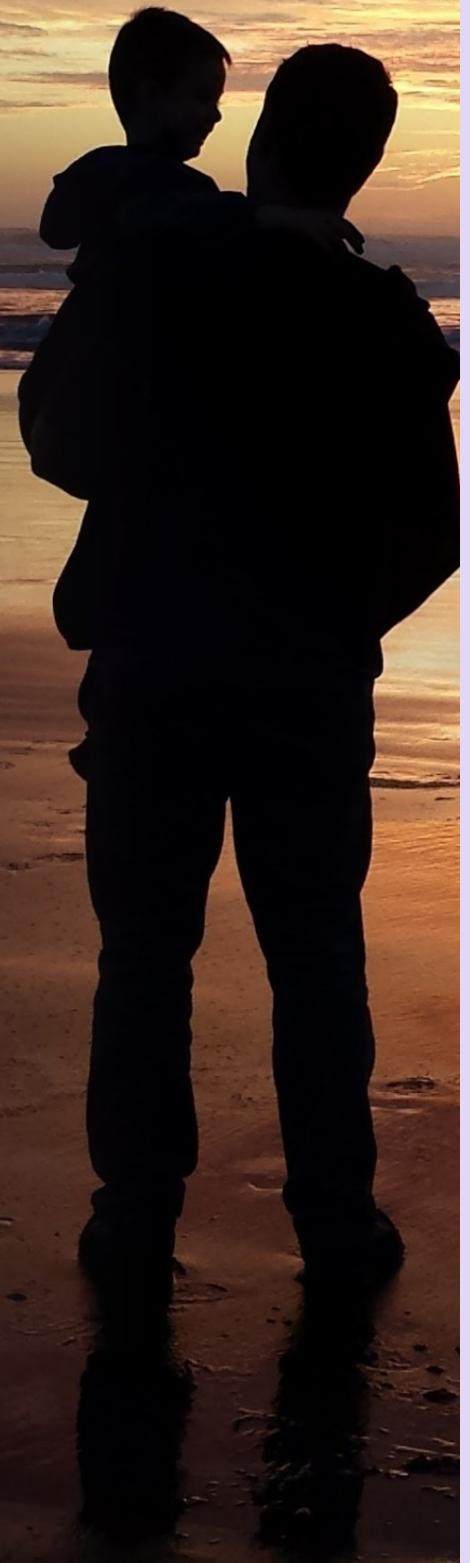
HAPPY Father's Day

GOD TOOK THE STRENGTH OF A
MOUNTAIN,
THE MAJESTY OF A TREE,
THE WARMTH OF A SUMMER SUN,
THE CALM OF A QUIET SEA,

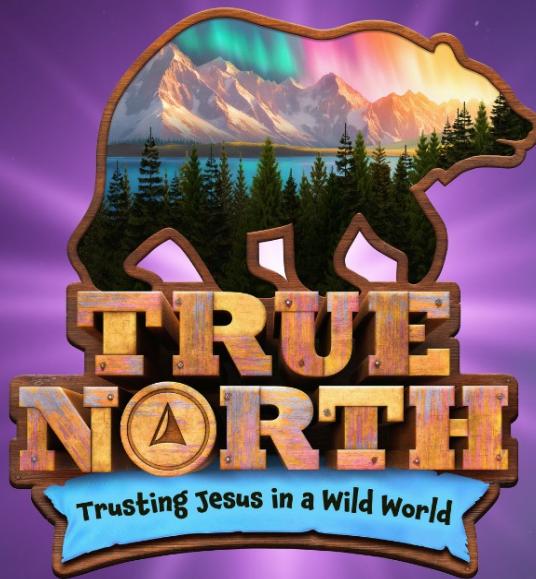
THE GENEROUS SOUL OF NATURE,
THE COMFORTING ARM OF NIGHT,
THE WISDOM OF THE AGES,
THE POWER OF THE EAGLE'S FLIGHT,

THE JOY OF A MORNING IN SPRING,
THE FAITH OF A MUSTARD SEED,
THE PATIENCE OF ETERNITY,
THE DEPTH OF A FAMILY NEED,
FAMILY VACATION PACKAGES

THEN GOD COMBINED THESE QUALITIES,
WHEN THERE WAS NOTHING MORE TO
ADD,
HE KNEW HIS MASTERPIECE WAS
COMPLETE,
AND SO, HE CALLED IT ... DAD



Grace Church of Hanover
Invites you to:



Ages
3-5th
grade

Questions
email Autumn:
achristine@mygrace
church.org

Vacation Bible School

June 23-27, 2025

Dinner
Start Time:
5:30pm

Program
Start Time:
6:00pm

Register here:



55 Albright Drive Hanover, PA
717-637-3100



DONATE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES.

Grace Church Hanover Blood Drive

Saturday, June 28, 2005
from 8AM until 1PM

Grace Church of Hanover will once again host the American Red Cross. This service project requires little effort yet has a huge impact in our community. Every unit of blood donated positively impacts three lives.

You, as a member can help.

- You may be a blood donor. This will take about an hour of your time. Go on line to RedCrossBlood.org and register.
- You may work the blood drive.
 - **We need help setting up in the morning.** Set up begins at 6:45 AM with the Red Cross Staff arriving at 7AM
 - **Greet and sign in donors.** Donors begin arriving at 8:00AM and continue through the day until 1:00PM
 - **Visit with donor's post donation at the Canteen and sign donors up for our next blood drive in October.** The first donor to finish donating is usually about 8:30 AM and continues through the day until about 1:30PM
 - **Clean up after the drive begins about 1:30PM** and does not take long.
- Pray in thanksgiving for the American Red Cross, the Blood drive workers and our blood donors.

There are 50 openings for donors at this blood drive. Should we fill all of those slots we will have a positive impact on 150 lives. Please sign up to help with the blood drive in the welcome center when you enter the church. You may contact Belinda Maxwell or Linda Mixter for any questions you may have.

Encountering GOD



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH
Northeast

Summer Camp

Experience the awe of God and the movement of the Holy Spirit as we go deep in our faith journey at this year's summer camp for the Northeast Global Methodist Church. Your child or youth will encounter the Holy Spirit, go deeper in their discipleship walk with Jesus Christ, and be equipped to defend the Christian faith. This will all be combined with faith building activities, powerful daily worship, and practical hands-on-lessons that will transform your child's relationship with Jesus Christ. This five day camp will directly impact your child/youth, your family, your church, and your community. Be part of this new journey and come expecting the movement of the Holy Spirit. (Financial Aid is available)

- July 7-11th at Penn Grove Retreat Center,
6419 Pamadeva Rd, Hanover, PA 17331
- Campers in 3rd-12th grades
- Cost per camper \$250

Scan
Application Form





JUNE 5TH
2025

BUILDING COMMITTEE

COUNCIL HAS APPROVED AND SIGNED THE CONTRACT FOR REPAIR OF THE ROOF AND STEEPLE CLEANING. WE EXPECT THE WORK TO BEGIN IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS AND WE WILL LET YOU KNOW AS SOON AS WE HAVE A DATE.

COUNCIL IS VERY CLOSE TO ACCEPTING AND SIGNING A CONTRACT TO START THE DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS NEEDED FOR THE NARTHEX EXPANSION AND THE PORTE COCHERE.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT THROUGH PRAYER AND THOUGHTFUL GIVING AND FOR YOUR PATIENCE THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS.

BLESSINGS,
KIM SMITH
GRACE COUNCIL CHAIR



Ruth's Harvest

A big thank you to everyone who has helped to pack and deliver the bags of food to the schools this year especially our 2 youngest helpers. The last day for Ruth's Harvest this year is May 28, 2025.

**Please hold your donations until August.
We have a storage problem.**

**Thank you again,
Mae Woodard**

Grace Preschool

Providing a quality Christian education

REGISTRATION FOR
GRACE PRESCHOOL
IS NOW OPEN FOR
THE 2025-2026
SCHOOL YEAR.

REGISTER NOW



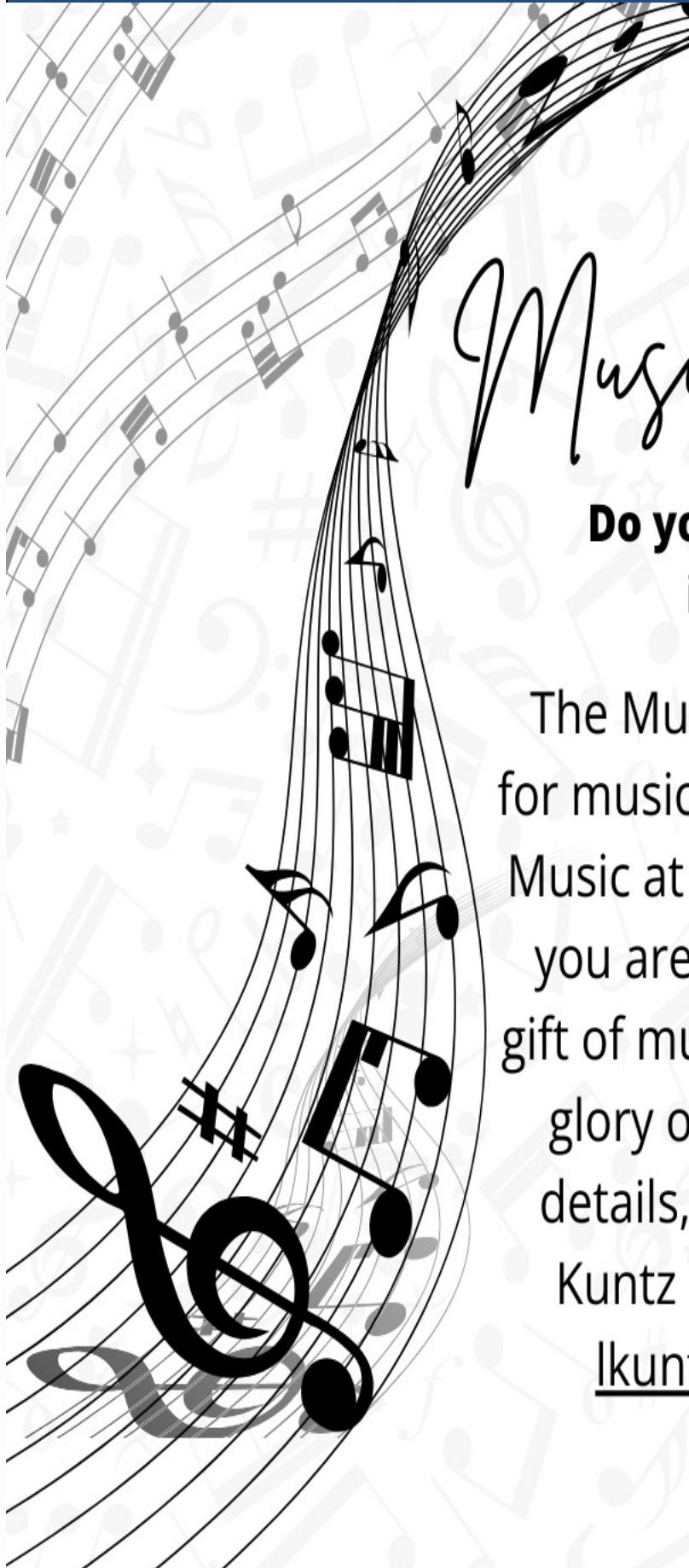
PreK Class has
openings for
the remainder
of this year!



Jennifer Freeman
717-632-3140
GracePreschool@mygracechurch.org

3-4 YEARS
Mon - Fri
9 - 11:30 am

55 Albright Dr. Hanover PA



Music Ministry

**Do you sing or play an
instrument?**

The Music Ministry is looking for musicians to provide Special Music at our 7:45 am service. If you are willing to share your gift of music with others for the glory of God, or want more details, please contact Larry Kuntz at (717) 965-0444 or lkuntz123@gmail.com.



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Online LAITY EQUIPPING (L.E.T.) TEAM COURSES

Basic Bible Training

TUESDAYS FROM 6-9 PM



SEPTEMBER 16TH , 23RD , 30TH

OCTOBER 7TH , 14TH , 21TH

**REGISTRATION OPENS AUG. 4TH,
CLOSES SEPT. 1ST**

 Contact person: brendaroof@gmail.com

Global Methodist History, Polity, Theology

MONDAYS FROM 6-9 PM



SEPTEMBER 15TH , 22ND , 30TH

OCTOBER 6TH , 13TH , 20TH

**REGISTRATION OPENS AUG. 4TH,
CLOSES SEPT. 2ND**

 Contact person: arlenedschmidt@gmail.com

6 Sessions
per Course

 Fee \$20

Open QR Code
for more
information



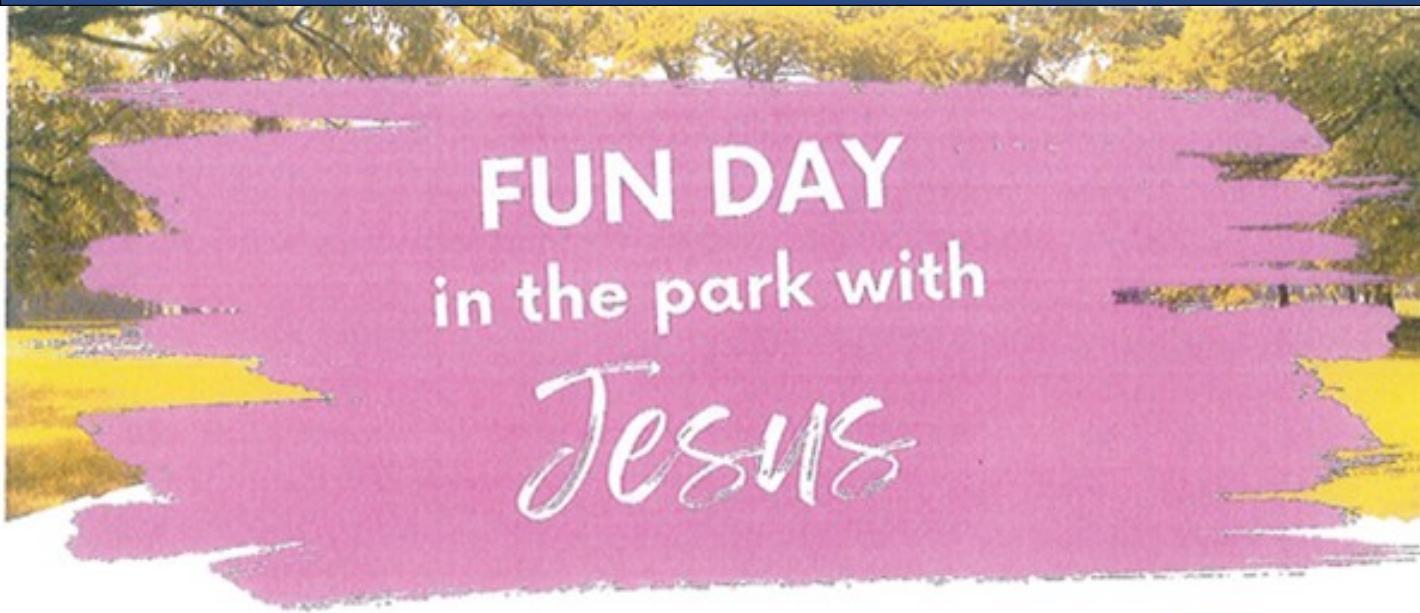
Final Planning Meeting
for the
**FUN DAY IN THE
PARK WITH JESUS**



June 10, 2025 at 6pm

Valley Forge Restoration Center
3 Center Square
Hanover, PA 17331

Contact Pastor Ronald Thomas for details
(223) 291-1208



FUN DAY in the park with Jesus

**June 14, 2025 from
12pm-5pm**



**Wirt Park
Hanover, PA**



FREE

- Fish Fry
- Hamburgers and Hotdogs
- Games
- Children's Bounce House
- Face Painting
- Praise and Worship Music



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Pastor Ronald Thomas
Valley Forge Restoration Center
(724) 321-1999

Sponsored by
the local church body and
community businesses



FAITH FEST

presented by

children's AID SOCIETY
Southern Pt. District Church of the Brethren



FRIDAY, JUNE 27

4:30 PM - PLAZA CELEBRATION & FELLOWSHIP
presented by Genesis Church

5:30PM - GATES OPEN
5:45 PM - CONCERT BEGINS
6:30 PM - GAME STARTS

PRE-GAME CONCERT

WORSHIP TEAM FROM DAVID'S BIBLE CHURCH

POST-GAME TESLA LIGHT SHOW

BY TESLA OWNERS CLUB OF PENNSYLVANIA

**CONTACT MATT TO GET YOUR GROUP TICKETS
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