

October 2026 Newsletter

Grace United Methodist Church

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Dear Grace United Methodist Church,

The new church “year” is well under way and the church is busy! In total, we have ten different groups from our church that meet in the building every week. It has been wonderful to have the children and youth back each week. And I have really enjoyed the new Message-Lectionary Group and our latest cohort of the Grief Support Group. It is good to learn and grow together in faith!!

During the first part of October we will wrap up our “Pressing On” series that draws from Philippians. Then for the last three Sundays we will delve into the series called “Always Give Thanks.” This series draws from the first part of 1st Thessalonians. Each week Paul’s letter invites us deeper into our faith.

We were recently gifted a group swing that our current playground will not accommodate. What would it look like to add another play area out by the community garden? If you’d be interested in developing this conversation, chat with me sometime! Thanks!

Blessings to you and your family!! – *Pastor John*



September 2026 Finance Update *(Through three Sundays)*

August Giving: \$ 16,393

Year-to-Date Giving: \$ 139,199

Year-to-Date Expenses: \$ 131,819

Overall: \$ 7,380

OCTOBER READING SCHEDULE



Pressing On

The Heavenly Call

September 28 – Exodus 20:1-4

September 29 – Exodus 20:7-9

Sept. 30 – Exodus 20:12-20

October 1 – Psalm 19:1-6

October 2 – Psalm 19:7-14

October 3 – Philippians 3:4b-14

October 4 – Matthew 21:33-46

Rejoice in the Lord!

October 5 – Exodus 32:1-10

October 6 – Exodus 32:11-14

October 7 – Psalm 106:1-6

October 8 – Matthew 22:1-14

October 9 – Psalm 106:19-23

October 10 – Philippians 4:1-7

October 11 – Philippians 4:8-9



Always Give Thanks



Chosen

October 12: Luke 17:11-19

October 13: Exodus 33:12-18

October 14: 1st Thessal. 1:1-6

October 15: Psalm 99

October 16: Matthew 22:15-22

October 17: 1st Thessal. 1:7-10

October 18: Exodus 33:18-23

Tested

October 19: Deuter. 34:1-12

October 20: Psalm 90:1-6

October 21: Psalm 90:13-17

October 22: 1st Thessal. 2:1-4

October 23: 1st Thessal. 2:5-8

October 24: Matthew 22:34-40

October 25: Matthew 22:41-46

Witness

October 26: Joshua 3:7-17

October 27: Psalm 107:1-7

October 28: Psalm 107:33-37

October 29: 1st Thessal. 2:9-13

October 30: Matthew 23:1-7

October 31: Matthew 23:8-12

November 1: 1st John 3:1-3

October 6 - Stagebarn Middle School Teacher Feed

(During Parent-Teacher Conferences)

Show them our love
by helping provide
a baked potato bar!!

- Grab a stickie
note (or more)
- Bring item(s)
on or by Oct. 4

Fall Family Festival - Oct. 23 - 5:30-7:00 pm

*Candy collection has
began!! And there are
many ways to serve!!*



Decorate
a trunk!



Help with
the meal!!



Hand out
candy!



Run a
game!!

Sign up to help out! Clipboards by the candy "trunk"!!



Annual Turkey Dinner

Friday - Nov. 6 - 4-7 pm

Get your tickets at the church
or on the church website!

Adults - \$15 Kids - \$7

If you can help with the dinner,
sign up on the clipboards in Fellowship Hall!!

Grace Kids News

Grace Kids is off and running! Jennifer Hall is stepping into her role as Christian Education Director. In our first two weeks we learned about creation and through October we will learn about how sin entered the world and about the flood.

We will hear about Abraham's call and learn about Isaac's birth. We'll finish the month talking about Jacob and Esau!!



Art with Heart News



"He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!'" (Rev. 21:5).

God creates new things and creates things anew. We imitate that when we get creative through art, music, togetherness, and so much more! Art With Heart is all about growing closer to God through creativity, and we're off to a fun start. If

your 5th or 6th grader is already part of our group, ask about the Doodle Books and our sketch of the week. Still to come, we hope to incorporate some community blessings each month.

Registration is still open! We invite all 5th and 6th graders to get arty with us Tuesdays from 3-5 at Grace UMC. We pick up students at Stagebarn Middle School in the church van and enjoy a snack before getting into some God stories and art. If your child is not a student at Stagebarn, they are welcome, but will need to get dropped off at Grace at 3 p.m. Parents/guardians collect their kids at the church at 5.

Go to: gracepiedmont.com and under Ministries click Art with Heart to register. Thanks!

- Kristin, Sue, and Pastor John

Youth Group News

We are excited to be back together for another year of youth group!

We kicked off our new year on

September 16 with a little friendly

competition—parents vs. kids in a game of kickball! It was a fun evening filled with laughter, teamwork, and plenty of competition. After the game, everyone gathered together for a delicious BBQ and time of fellowship.



Beginning September 23, we will start with a lesson on, A Full Accord. Following that lesson we will move into Pressing On, which includes four lessons designed to encourage our youth in their walk with Christ. We will also continue a tradition of Game Night on the first Wednesday of each month, giving our youth an opportunity to relax, have fun, and build friendships together.

Most importantly, we want to say thank you to our congregation. We are so grateful for the prayers, encouragement, and support you provide to our youth group year after year. Your continued investment in our young people means so much, and we are thankful for the opportunity to partner with you as we help our youth grow in their faith and relationship with Christ.

Please continue to keep our youth, their families, and our youth leaders in your prayers as we begin another wonderful year together! Blessings – Kristal



Significant Dates for Children and Youth Parents:

- October 4 - 3rd/4th... Grade Bible Presentations
 - o Let Pastor John know if your 3rd/4th... grade student has not yet received a Bible from the church!
- December 13 - Children's Christmas Program (*during church*)
 - o "Snow Date": December 20

Weekly Spiritual Grow Opportunities:

- Sun. – 8 AM – Adult Sunday School – Sunday School Room
- Sun. – 9 AM – Sunday Worship (in person or online) – Sanct.
- Mon. – 9:30 AM – Message/Lectionary Study - Chapel
- Mon. – 3 PM – Grace Kids – Fellowship Hall
- Tues. – 3 PM – Art with Heart – Fellowship Hall
- Wed. – 7:30 AM – Young Ladies Bible Study – SS Room
- Wed. – 3:30 PM – Grief Support Group – Chapel
- Wed. – 5:30 PM – Youth Group – Fellowship Hall/Chapel
- Wed. – 6 PM – Church Garden Volunteering – Garden
- Thur. – 5:30 PM – Men's Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
- Fri. – 6:30 AM – Ladies' Bible Study – SS Room
- Sat. – 9 AM – Church Garden Volunteering – Garden

Upcoming Monthly Events and Meetings:

- Oct. 17 – 9 AM – Service Saturday – Church garden clean-up
- Oct. 20 – 6:15/7 PM – Team/Leadership Meetings – Fell. Hall
- Oct. 23 – 5:30 PM – Family Fall Festival – Parking Lot/Fell. Hall



Birthdays for October:

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| - Oct. 1 – Matt Pfister | - Oct. 15 – Glenda Hall |
| - Oct. 2 – Mark Hauan | - Oct. 15 – Ruth Litch |
| - Oct. 3 – Ty Evans | - Oct. 27 – Don Walker |
| - Oct. 6 – Mara Pfister | - Oct. 30 – Zoltan Pierce |
| - Oct. 7 – Nicole Swigart | |
| - Oct. 10 – Nolan Mayes | |
| - Oct. 11 – Adam Elrod | |
| - Oct. 11 – Asher Pfister | |
| - Oct. 12 – John Britt | |



Paul was pleased that the Thessalonians had followed his example of Christian living and had become an example to others.

Choose the correct word that fits the definition. Write it in the grid. Use the letters to complete Paul's words.

A. Large tooth that grinds food: incisor molar cuspid

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B. Ocean movements: tides trickles gushes rains

B

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C. Group of bananas: batch bevy bunch

C

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B2 A1 B2 B1 A4 B1 A2 A5 B5 A2^f

C2 B5 A4 C3 B3 A2^f B1 C5 B4

A3 A2 A5 B3 A4 C3 B3 B5 A2

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A1 A2 B3 B4 A3 B1 A2 A4 A3 A3

B1 C5 B4 C1 B4 A3 B2 B4^v B4 A5 B5."

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