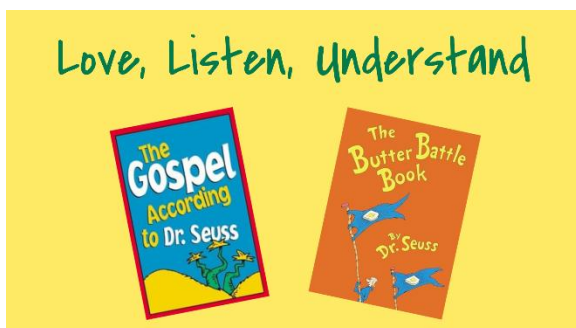


Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – August 17, 2025 – 9:00 am



Meditation Verse: *"Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things."*

- 1st Corinthians 13:7

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Order of Worship

Welcome and Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn: #405 - Seek Ye First

Call to Worship:

Leader: We have come to worship God, the living God,

People: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

Leader: We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

People: Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

Leader: We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,

People: Who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope. All glory to God!

*Passing of the Peace

VBS Songs: Road Trip & Every Move I Make

Scriptures: Matthew 5:38-39 and 1st Cor. 13:4-7

Kids Message / VBS Video

Message: "Listen, Love, Understand"

*Songs of Response: Holy Spirit Rain Down

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Song: Pass It On

*Blessings

*(Please stand as you are able.)

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

- 1) *Grow*. How have you resolved difficult conflicts, disputes, or impasses in your life? How could you use your experiences to help others in similar situations?
- 2) *Pray*. Who are the Zooks and the Yooks in your life – the ones who you are at odds with? Will you hit them, or will you try to understand them? Begin in prayer!
- 3) *Study*. Read Matthew 5:40-48. What deeper understanding do you gain by pushing further into Jesus' teaching against the law of retaliation? Which do you need to practice more in your life?

This Week's Gospel and Seuss Readings:

Monday: Ephesians 2:11-16

Tuesday: Psalm 66:10-12, 16-20

Wednesday: 1st Corinthians 3:10-17

Thursday: Deuteronomy 8:1-10

Friday: James 1:2-8

Saturday: Genesis 22:1-8

Sunday: Genesis 22:15-18

To go a little deeper into the reading for each day this week, go to pastorjohnb.org

Dr. Seuss: *On Beyond Zebra!*

Next Sunday's Message: "Beyond Barriers, Beyond Doubts"
- What if we lived beyond the boundaries that we and others place on us? Abraham was challenged to push the boundaries of his faith. His heart was torn yet he trusted God. He went on beyond to find new heights of faith. We too are called to go beyond and to new depths of faith and service to our God.

This Week at Grace

- Wed. - 1:00 PM – Midweek Chat – Chapel
- Wed. – 6:00 PM - Summer with Seuss – Picnic Shelter
- Thur. – 5:30 PM – Men's Group – Fellowship Hall
- Fri. – 6:30 AM – Women's Study – SS Room

Upcoming Happenings at Grace

- Aug. 19 – 6:15/7:00 PM – Team/Leadership Meetings
- Aug. 20, 27 – 6:00 PM – Summer with Seuss
– Picnic Shelter

Announcements

The Mission of the month for August is Piedmont Fire/EMT

To make a one-time gift to Grace UMC or to the Mission of the Month (or to set up a recurring gift), please scan the QR code. Thank you for your generosity and support!



Please check the sign-up sheets across the hall from the drinking fountains to see when YOU could serve as a greeter, reader, or treat provider.

Don't forget the church garden! Helpers are welcome on Wednesday evenings@6 and Saturday morning@9.

Please keep food and drinks in Fellowship Hall. Thank You!

May God bless you throughout the coming week!!