

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – August 16, 2026 – 9:00 AM



Meditation Verse: *“Look at how good and pleasing it is
when families live together as one!”*

- Psalm 133:1

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Order of Worship

Welcome and Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn #2270 – He Has Made Me Glad

Call to Worship:

Leader: Family of God, we gather today to unite our voices and our lives in praise to God!

People: How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

Leader: We gather to celebrate how God binds us together to live, work, play, and rest as the Body of Christ!

People: How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

Leader: We gather to remember how God has worked through us to share Christ's love with one another and our neighbors through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and witness.

People: How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

Leader: Family of God, today we come as diverse and unique members of the Body of Christ to learn and grow not in uniformity but in unity to love God, self, neighbor, and all creation.

People: How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity! Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Passing of the Peace – When has a song or hymn brought you especially close to God and to those worshipping with you?

*Hymn #368 – My Hope Is Built

Apostles Creed

Scripture: Psalm 133

Kids Message

Message: "Unity of Praise"
-Anointing with Oil

*Song of Response: All of Creation

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing: It Really Is (Amazing Grace)

*Blessing

*(Please stand as you are able.)

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

- 1) Grow. How can you put your voice to work this week, using the gifts and talents that God has given you, drawing others into the family of God?
- 2) Pray. Do some digging in and growing deep this week – our VBS goals. Spend some time in prayer this week, seeking to discern where and how God might use you to help build the kingdom of God in this time and place.
- 3) Study. Read our VBS stories from this week: Mark 10:46-52, John 6:1-15, and 2nd Kings 5:1-14. What do these stories teach you about welcome, inclusion, and belonging?

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Aug. 17 – Exodus 1:8-14

Aug. 18 – Psalm 124:1-5

Aug. 19 – Romans 12:1-2

Aug. 20 – Exodus 1:15-2:10

Aug. 21 – Matthew 16:13-20

Aug. 22 – Romans 12:3-8

Aug. 23 – Psalm 124:6-8

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

Next Sunday's Message: "Power" – Join us as we explore the complex theme of power by highlighting unconventional biblical leaders who bravely used their influence to defy oppression and champion truth. Recognizing that power itself is simply a tool, these texts will challenge us to examine how we wield our own influence and confess where we fall short. Through focused prayers, hymns, and storytelling, we will come together to seek the wisdom and humility to use our power faithfully for God's purposes.

This Week at Grace

- Sun. – 9 AM – Worship (in person or online) – Sanctuary
- Wed. – 6 PM – Church Garden Volunteering
- Thurs. – 5:30 PM – Men's Group – Fellowship Hall
- Fri. – 6:30 AM – Ladies' Bible Study – SS Room
- Sat. – 9 AM – Church Garden Volunteering

Upcoming Happenings at Grace

- Aug. 18 – 6:15/7 PM – TEAMS/Leadership Meeting
 - Many Youth and Adult Offerings starting this fall.
- Please register online @ gracepiedmon.com/events

Announcements:

The Mission of the Month for August is the Sturgis/Meade County Animal Shelter.

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 from the drinking fountains to see when YOU could serve as a greeter, reader, or treat provider.

If there is a Hymn/Song that you'd like to sing during worship on Sunday's, please leave a note with song and # in the donation box.

May God Bless You throughout the coming week!