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October 2025 Newsletter

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Dear Grace United Methodist Church,

As we've worked our way through September the church has gotten busy once again. Grace Kids, Art with Heart, and Youth Group are in full swing. Last week we had just over 40 students in the building for these three gatherings. Adult classes are under way. A couple dozen adults are engaged in these classes.

As we turn to October, we will begin a series that looks at the choice to choose faith. Using passages from Luke's gospel each week, we will dive into ways to choose faith instead of the ways of the world.



On November 2 we will celebrate All Saints Sunday, where we recognize those who have gone on to eternal life over the past 12 months. If you have a loved one that you would like recognized, please let Pastor John know.

Beginning on November 9 we will jump into Advent. There will be small group and individual study options to go deeper during this sacred time of the Christian year. There will be more information in the November newsletter!!

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



September 2025 Finance Update *(Through three Sundays)*

Total Revenues through September 2025 —> \$ 146,381

Total Expenses through September 2025 —> \$ 148,437

2025 Year-End Balance —> - \$ 2,056

“CHOOSING FAITH”

READING SCHEDULE

Faith to Change

Sept. 29 — Lam. 1:1-6

Sept. 30 — Lam. 3:19-26

Oct. 1 — 2nd Timothy 1:1-5

Oct. 2 — 2nd Timothy 1:6-14

Oct. 3 — Psalm 137

Oct. 4 — Luke 17:5-10

Oct. 5 — Habak. 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Whole Faith

Oct. 6 — Psalm 66:1-4

Oct. 7 — Luke 17:11-14

Oct. 8 — Luke 17:15-19

Oct. 9 — Psalm 66:5-12

Oct. 10 — 2nd Timothy 2:8-15

Oct. 11 — Jer. 29:1 and 4-7

Oct. 12 — 2nd Kings 5:1-3 and 7-15c

Persistent Faith

Oct. 13 — Psalm 121

Oct. 14 — John 6:25-35

Oct. 15 — Philippians 4:4-9

Oct. 16 — 2nd Tim. 3:14-4:5

Oct. 17 — Jeremiah 31:27-34

Oct. 18 — Psalm 119:97-104

Oct. 19 — Luke 18:1-8

Humble Faith

Oct. 20 — Joel 2:23-27

Oct. 21 — Joel 2:28-32

Oct. 22 — Psalm 65:1-8

Oct. 23 — 2nd Timothy 4:6-8

Oct. 24 — 2nd Timothy 4:16-18

Oct. 25 — Psalm 65:9-13

Oct. 26 — Luke 18:9-14

(All Saints' Sunday Week)

Oct. 27 — Habakkuk 1:1-4

Oct. 28 — Habakkuk 2:1-4

Oct. 29 — Ps. 119:137-144

Oct. 30 — 2 Thess. 1:1-4

Oct. 31 — 2 Thess. 1:11-12

Nov. 1 — Ephesians 1:11-23

Nov. 2 — Luke 19:1-10

Upcoming Events and Meetings at Grace UMC

Weekly Spiritual Grow Opportunities:

- Sun. — 8 AM — Adult Sunday School — Sunday Sch. Room
- Sun. — 9 AM — Worship (in person or online) - Sanctuary
- Mon. — 3 PM — Grace Kids — Fellowship Hall
- Tues. — 3 PM — Art with Heart — Fellowship Hall
- Wed. — 7:45 AM — Women's Small Gr. — Sunday Sch. Room
- Wed. — 1:30 PM — Midweek Chat — Chapel
- Wed. — 5:30 PM — Youth Group — Fellowship Hall
- Thur. — 5:30 PM — Men's Bible Year Study — Fell. Hall
- Fri. — 6:30 AM — Ladies' Bible Study — Chapel

Upcoming Monthly Events and Meetings:

- Oct. 18 — 9 AM — Service Saturday — Meet at church
- Oct. 21 — 6:15/7 PM — Team/Leadership Meetings
- Oct. 24 — Family Fall Festival — 5-7 PM
- Nov. 7 — Annual Turkey Dinner — 4-7 PM



Birthdays for October:

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| Oct. 1 — Matt Pfister | Oct. 25 — Tamra Backes |
| Oct. 2 — Mark Huan | Oct. 27 — Don Walker |
| Oct. 2 — Ty Evans | Oct. 29 — Halea Toennies |
| Oct. 6 — Mara Pfister | Oct. 30 — Zolton Pierce |
| Oct. 7 — Nicole Swwiebert | |
| Oct. 11 — Adam Elrod | |
| Oct. 11 — Asher Pfister | |
| Oct. 12 — John Britt | |
| Oct. 15 — Glenda Hall | |
| Oct. 17 — Ruth Litch | |



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"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for the One who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds" (Hebrews 10:23-24).

"How is it with your soul?" John Wesley encouraged his small groups to greet each other in this fashion whenever they met. What kind of conversations could that question stir?

If your soul could use a boost, I invite you to check the Bible verse and meditation prompts posted Monday – Friday on PVCC. Discussion in the comments is always welcome! If you find it hard to get to church on Sunday morning, or if you are traveling, consider tuning in to Livestream at gracepiedmont.com. You can also view the previous Sunday's worship later in the week.

If you would like to become more involved in this ministry, please let me know. --Kristin



PVCC is an outreach ministry of Grace UMC on Facebook, seeking to grow our faith, to develop servant hearts, and to share the love and hope of Jesus in an online community.

Service Saturdays — On the third Saturday of each month folks from the church gather to serve for about 3 hours. If you or someone you know (a neighbor or friend) could use some help with a project... please contact Pastor John.

Small Group (or Individual) Study Option

During the month of October we again will offer a four-week series that draws Sunday messages. The reading schedule is on the page to the left, but if you want to go deeper, pick up a copy of the "Participant's Guide" available on the front table as you come into church. You can study on your own or join the Sunday School class at 8:00 on Sunday mornings.

Is faith a gift or a choice? Is it something God does in us or something we do for God? You guessed that the answer is "Yes," no doubt. Faith is a mixture of all that and more. It is a partnership with God as we enter into relationship for our good and the good of the world around us, the community around us. We are choosing every day to live by our faith, to be shaped by our faith, and to submit all our actions and relationships to the measure of faith. In this October 2025 worship series, we invite you to examine what it means to be people of faith. We are the people who are choosing faith.

Week 1:



Week 2:



Week 3:



Week 4:



Grace Kids

The new year has begun wonderfully! We have 16 students in Grace Kids this year. We have learned about Moses and will continue through the Old Testament as we move into fall and winter.

There is no cost to the program but we do ask that you register your student(s) at: www.gracepiedmont.com/gracekids. Thank you!!

— David W., Pastor John, and the Crew



Art with Heart

We invite all 5th and 6th graders to join us Tuesdays after school to be creative, have snacks, and grow in faith.

We've had a great start to the school year! Doing art and learning about God together is a fun part of the week. We have one guest artist willing to lead a class this Fall. If you have a passion for art and a talent in a specific area, please let Kristin know and we'll schedule you in.

Registration is still open online; if your child would like to join us, they are welcome. We pick students up at Stagebarn Middle School on Tuesdays and take them to the church, where we have a snack, talk about God, and enjoy art of all kinds! Adults pick up their students at the church at 5 p.m. If your 5th or 6th grader does not attend Stagebarn, they are also welcome to join us. Just meet us at the church at 3 p.m.

Thanks for sharing your young creators with us!

--Kristin, Sue, and Pastor John

Youth Group News

We kicked off Youth Group on September 10th with dinner and a fun game of sponge water fights! It was a joy-filled night with perfect weather—a great way to start the year together.



This fall, we're following along with the Sunday morning teachings. Our format looks a little different this year: we begin each evening with dinner, then move into worship, followed by the lesson, and close with an activity. We've also welcomed a few new students, so we've been playing name games to help everyone get to know each other.

One way you can support our youth is by providing meals for our gatherings. Sharing dinner together sets the tone for connection and community, and the kids are always grateful. If you feel led to serve in this way, we would love your help — thank you! - Kristal

