

February 2026 Newsletter

Grace United Methodist Church

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Dear Grace United Methodist Church,

Hello church! In this newsletter, I want to share that I was recommended for Associate Membership in our conference. Step 1 was submitting an autobiography and my responses to the sixteen Doctrinal Questions found in the Book of Discipline. Step 2 was a site team interview – thanks to those who were on the team! Step 3 was traveling to Pierre to meet with four teams made up from members from the Board of Ordained Ministry. The four interviews were: ‘Pastor as Theologian... as Leader... as Person... as Preacher.’ Step 4 will be to go before the clergy session at Annual Conference in June for their approval. As a local licensed pastor, I would lose my pastoral rights (for the sacraments of baptism and communion) upon retirement. As an Associate Member, I retain these rights, much as if I were ordained.

Thanks for your time!! Blessings to you and your family throughout this new year!! – *Pastor John*



January 2026 Finance Update

Total Revenues through January 2026 —> \$ 6,798

Total Expenses through January 2026 —> \$ 17,548

2026 Year-to-Date Balance —> \$ - 10,750

“GLORY REVEALED” AND LENT READING SCHEDULE

Call to Action

February 2 – Isaiah 58:1-9a

February 3 – Isaiah 58:9b-12

February 4 – Psalm 112:1-10

February 5 – 1st Cor. 2:1-5

February 6 – 1st Corin. 2:6-16

February 7 – Matthew 5:13-16

February 8 – Matthew 5:17-20

Glory Revealed

February 9 – Exodus 24:12-14

February 10 – Matthew 17:1-6

February 11 – 2nd Peter 1:16-18

February 12 – Psalm 2

February 13 – 2nd Peter 1:19-21

February 14 – Exodus 24:15-18

February 15 – Matthew 17:7-13

Lenten Series:

Renewed in Mercy

A Clean Heart

February 16 – Matthew 4:1-7

February 17 – Romans 5:12-19

Ash Wednesday - February 18 –

2nd Cor. 5:20b-6:10

Mercy on the Wilderness Road

February 19 – Genesis 2:15-17

and 3:1-7

February 20 – Psalm 32:1-7

February 21 – Psalm 32:8-11

February 22 – Matthew 4:8-11

Guided by the Promise

February 23 – Genesis 2:1-2

February 24 – Genesis 2:3-4

February 25 – Psalm 121

February 26 – Romans 4:1-5

February 27 – Romans 4:13-17

February 28 – John 3:1-3

March 1 – John 3:4-17

Companion for the Journey

March 2 – Exodus 17:1-4

March 3 – Exodus 17:5-7

March 4 – Psalm 95:1-7

March 5 – Psalm 95:8-11

March 6 – Romans 5:1-5

March 7 – Romans 5:6-11

March 8 – John 4:5-42

2026 “Second Sunday” Events at Grace UMC (or Third!!)

This year we will gather on the second Sunday each month for a time of fellowship, food, and fun. We will gather at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Each month the church will provide lemonade, coffee, water, and the paper products. Details for the first couple of months are below!!

Second
Sunday

February 15th – BG² – **DATE CHANGE!!!**

Bring your favorite board game (BG) to play with others! (Yahtzee, Monopoly, Battleship, Dominos...) And bring your “bestest” baked good (BG) to share during our time of fellowship.



March 8th – Cookies and Canvas – Join us for a “Canvas-to-Paint” kind of experience!! Please **SIGN UP** on the clipboard that will be on the Table in the entry area starting February 15. The cost will be \$10 (bring it on the 8th) and we will have an activity for younger children too!

Ideas for the next gatherings??? Let Pastor John know your thoughts! Thanks!!

Service Saturdays — On the third Saturday of each month folks from the church gather to serve for about 3 hours. On February 21st we will cook (at 9:30) and serve (at 11:00) the Rapid City “Jesus’ Hands” street meal at the Denver Park.

Grace Kids

Moving into February we continue in the New Testament! During the month of February we will study Palm Sunday, the Resurrection, and Paul's conversion. We will NOT meet on February 16th. Thanks for sharing your children with us each week!! — *David Weeks 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.



Happy Winter!

We have some fun projects planned for February. We'll be crafting Valentines for some seniors in our area, and hopefully another service activity near the end of the month. More details to come!

We love seeing our 5th and 6th graders on Tuesdays. If your student is unable to be with us, please let us know ahead for planning purposes and so we know who to pick up (or not) at the school. Thanks!

Stay warm, all!

--Kristin, Sue, and Pastor John

Youth Group News

Hello Church Family,
Our youth group has jumped back into lessons centered on the ongoing struggle between good and evil. We're exploring these themes by comparing the challenges faced by characters in *Stranger Things* with real-life struggles we encounter every day. Together, we're discussing how easy it can be to be led astray — and, more importantly, how we can be proactive in avoiding those pitfalls.



Sub sandwich order forms will be going out on the second Sunday of February, and sandwiches will be available for pick-up on Super Bowl Sunday, February 8th. We truly appreciate your participation and generosity in supporting this fundraiser. The youth will gather the night before for dinner and to prepare the sandwiches together.



Thank you for your continued support of our youth ministry.

Blessings,
Kristal

Piedmont Valley
Community Church



“Let us hold unwaveringly 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).

Greetings from PVCC!

These are turbulent times in our nation, and in our world. I find hope in my church community, in reading about God’s everlasting love, and in acts of kindness and grace I witness, or am able to participate in. I pray the same for all of you.

Reminder: At the end of April, we will continue Livestreaming Worship on Facebook, and the Grace United Facebook page will remain active, but PVCC will no longer be a part of our online presence. Until then, I will continue posting prayer requests and the Bible Verse of the Day on PVCC and encourage you to take part in any discussions that follow!

In peace,

--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.



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:

- Feb. 18 – 6 PM – Ash Wednesday Service – Sanctuary
- Feb. 21 – 9 AM – Service Saturday – RC Street Meal



Birthdays for February:

- Feb. 1 – Alasen Jacobs
- Feb. 1 – Keeley Pfister
- Feb. 6 – Abby Britt
- Feb. 8 – Carson Hautala
- Feb. 13 – Grant Quasney
- Feb. 16 – Madison James
- Feb. 16 – Jaxon Toennies
- Feb. 17 – Dom Pfister
- Feb. 19 – Liz Sagaser

- Feb. 19 – Tiana Rust
- Feb. 20 – Sawyer Pritts
- Feb. 20 – Delores Hagman
- Feb. 21 – Dana Koupal
- Feb. 24 – Don Puckett
- Feb. 24 – Judy Wetering
- Feb. 26 – Avin Martin



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