

Grace Notes

October 26, 2025

Mission Statement

To draw people to Christ,
nourish their spirits, and
prepare them for service to God,
the Church, and the world.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, October 26

REFORMATION SUNDAY

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Kids for Christ
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 4:30 pm Fall Festival and Youth Group

Monday, October 27

- 8:45 am Grace in Motion
- 10:00 am Senior Basketball
- 1:30 pm Caregivers Support
- 7:15 Chorale Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 28

- 9:00 am Organist Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Bible Study
- 1:00 pm Welcome Table
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp

Wednesday, October 29

- 10:00 am Staff
- 10:00 am No Yoga
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 30

- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:45 pm Basketball

Friday, October 31

- 8:45 am Grace In Motion walkers
- 9:00 am Organist Practice

Saturday, November 1

Sunday, Nov. 2/ End of Daylight Savings

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY/Holy Communion

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Kids for Christ
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 4:30 pm Youth Group

Yoga cancelled for two weeks

There will be no Yoga on on Oct 29th and Nov 5th. Our fearless yoga leader, Alie, will be out of town. We will resume on Nov 12th.

GUMC Annual Fall Festival is today, invite your neighbors!



Charge Conference

There will be a Charge Conference on Nov. 10, at 6:15pm, here at Grace UMC, along with The Anchor.

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering For 10/19/2025

In-person Worship Service	8:30 am	24
	11:00 am	164
Online service		82
Operating Funds Received	\$	28,246
Average Receipts Needed Weekly	\$	17,671
Building Preservation Funds Received	\$	305

Apportionments Paid September

September Financial Report

YTD Building Preservation Receipts	\$	34,751
YTD Building Preservation Expenditures	\$	62,736
Balance	\$	(27,985)
YTD Budget Receipts	\$	527,322
YTD Expenses (2025)	\$	640,966
Balance	\$	(113,644)
Organ Fund (YTD balance)	\$	11,539

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

On-line Sunday Worship Services Continue

This is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAK2Z36cUQ1JzE6Ye7TzcGg>

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Use the QR code at right.

Or text: MyGift2Grace to 73256
Gifts may also be mailed to the address above.



THE HYMNS WE SING

As a life-long Lutheran I would be remiss if I did not write about Martin Luther's most recognized and enduring hymn on this observation of the Reformation. Luther composed **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God** (original German title, Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott) sometime between 1527 and 1529 during a period of intense personal and political turmoil. During the early 16th century, Europe was undergoing religious and social changes. Luther's actions in challenging the Catholic Church sparked the Protestant Reformation. The bitter conflict began on October 31, 1517, in Wittenberg, Germany when a Catholic priest (Luther) made a list of complaints against the church and nailed that list to the door of the Cathedral of Wittenberg. This caused upheaval and division between those who wanted change and those who did not. Fearing for his safety, a sympathetic friend led him to the shelter of a castle. It was there that the hymn was likely written as a response to these difficult times. The phrase "A mighty fortress is our God" is inspired by Psalm 46, which speaks of God as a refuge and strength in times of trouble and reflects Luther's conviction in God's protection and strength amidst adversity.

Let me draw your attention to the stained-glass window in our sanctuary depicting Martin Luther (#4 on right wall from right to left). In Grace's printed brochure of the "Stained Glass Tour" it is described this way: "At the top is the proclamation of ninety-five theses Luther nailed to the door of the castle church at Wittenberg. He is dressed as a doctor of the church holding a giant book, the Bible which he translated into German. At the bottom is his personal seal, a black cross on a red heart, which in turn is on a white rose". The seal represents the darkness of our sin on the cross covered with the red blood of Jesus, the heart of God's love. The white rose is the hope of eternal life.

Leslie Bergbower, Organist

Family of Rev. Joshua Knutsen
Sherry Layton
Delaine Lester
Brian Lewis
Frank Licari
Millie
Nick and Brandi (friends
of Nathan Burnette)
Paul Sipson
Louise Thompson
Dan Walters
Dean Windgassen (Brena Conley's
brother in law)
Donna Young



ETNC Anthony Augustine, USN	Maj. Jason T. Hill, USSF
PO1 Sean Baker, USN	SFC Letty Long, USA
Cpl. Matthew Brin, USA	Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC
LCpl. John Capwell, USMC	SSgt. Emily Olinger, USAF
Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC	Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA
Ltjg. Elizabeth Downing, USN	SSgt. James Pritchett, USA
E3 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN	CDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN
E6 William Chase Dubel, USA	SSgt. Andrew Ross, USMC
E3 Caylen Folmar, USAF	Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC
E3 Taylor Folmar, USN	Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC
Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC	Michael Tate, USA
SFC Woodrow Long, USA	E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC

Sun. 10-26 1 Samuel 15:34-16 / 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 / Mark 4:26-34

Mon. 10-27 Eccus. 19:4-17 / Rev. 11:1-14 / Luke 11:14-26

Tues. 10-28 Eccus. 24:1-12 / Rev. 11:14-19 / Luke 11:27-36

Wed. 10- 29 Eccus. 28:14-26 / Rev. 12:1-6 / Luke 11:37-52

Thurs. 10-30 Eccus. 31:12-18, 25--32:2 / Rev. 12:7-17
Luke 11:53--12:12

Fri. 10-31 Eccus. 34:1-8, 18-22 / Rev. 13:1-10 /
Luke 12:13-31

Sat. 11-1 Eccus. 35:1-17 / Rev. 13:11-18 / Luke 12:32-48

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard distributed emergency food to 886 households during the first two weeks of October. This month, Grace is collecting **CANNED MEATS (such as tuna and chicken)**. All sizes, as well as, individual pull tab cans are needed. Hygiene items and bathroom tissue are always welcome. Bins are in the Grace gym lobby. Thank you for any and all support!

UWF is excited to announce we will be having a bazaar on Saturday, November 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Leftover items from the sale will be available on Sunday before and after church.

Donations for items to sell at the bazaar, can include baked goods, dishes, decorations, crafts, plants, jewelry, etc. NO clothing or large furniture will be accepted.

Of course, we want you to shop! Pass the word around to friends, family, and neighbors. Feel free to post on your neighborhood Facebook pages.

Any questions? Call or Text Dianna Florea (937-307-3556). Thank you for your support!

November Birthdays

11/1	Charlotte Bailey	11/14	Faye Robinson	11/23	Randy Musselwhite	11/26	Bettye Broadwater
11/2	Jean Duncan	11/16	Charles Lindsey	11/24	Rod Roberts		Javier Mory
11/6	Louise Thompson	11/17	Roland Jones		Mitch Duncan		Craig Wengerd
11/8	Laura Still	11/18	Michelle Ginocchio		Maureen Palmer	11/27	Muriel Holland
11/9	Carole Ellis	11/19	Jarvis Simmons			11/30	Rebekah Vaughan
	Jo Ellen Hickmon		Mary Neal				

- ☐ Would like to join Grace United Methodist Church
 - ☐ Need Grace UMC name tag(s)
- ☐ Change of address, phone number, or email.
 - ☐ Would like a Congregational visit

If any of the above apply, please check at least one box and drop in the collection plate.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Additional Note or Prayer request: