

Grace Notes

November 16, 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, November 16

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
2:00 pm Bounce family fun day
4:30 pm Youth Meetings

Monday, November 17

8:45 am Grace in Motion
10:00 am Senior Basketball
1:30 pm Caregivers Support
5:00 pm Trustees
7:15 pm Chorale Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 18

7:00 am Youth Women Bible Study
9:00 am Organist Rehearsal
9:00 am Bible Study
5:30 pm Bootcamp

Wednesday, November 19

10:00 am Staff
10:00 am Yoga
10:00 am UMW Leadership Team
1:00 pm Homeless Task Force
2:00 pm Organ Practice
6:15 pm Grace Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 20

5:30 pm Bootcamp
6:45 pm Basketball

Friday, November 21

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

Saturday, November 22

10:00 am Sanctuary decorating for TG altar
1:00 pm kitchen in use –WT and Anchor
3:00 pm Chorale practice (choir room)

Sunday, November 23

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 Meetings

Stewardship Campaign Update

Budget Pledged \$505,470 Building Pres. Pledged \$31,920

Other \$300 Households represented 80

Thank you to all who continue to support Grace through your baptismal vows, by your presence, your prayers, your gifts, your service, and your witness. Also, thank you for being part of this journey of faith and generosity. Together, let us step forward into 2026 and beyond, trusting in God’s abundance, so that Grace UMC can continue to be a place where lives are touched, hope is shared, and God’s love overflows into our world.

Sunset Park Book Update

We unfortunately can no longer give books away at Sunset Park Elementary. Our new plan is to use our church bus as a “Book Bus” and take the books to needy neighborhoods and day cares. This won’t happen until possibly March or April, because we need books! Please start collecting books appropriate for grades preschool through 5th grade. We have a missions closet across from the nursery under the stairs or you can put them in the Welcome Center and we will get them there. Thank you for your participation! Together we can make a difference in the lives of children. -Grace Missions team

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering

For 11/9/2025

In-person Worship Service

8:30 am 28
11:00 am 149
Online service 130

Operating Funds Received \$ 15,685
Average Receipts Needed Weekly \$ 17,671
Building Preservation Funds Received \$ 720

Apportionments Paid Through October

October Financial Report

YTD Building Preservation Receipts \$ 36,226
YTD Building Preservation Expenditures \$ 62,736
Balance \$ (26,510)

YTD Budget Receipts \$ 574,312
YTD Expenses (2025) \$ 697,054
Balance \$ (122,742)

Organ Fund (YTD balance) \$ 11,826

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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website: gracedowntown.church

Use the QR code at right.

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



New Altar Flower Chart up!

It’s getting to be the time of the year when we all start looking forward to the next year and all it will bring to us. Before we move forward, we need to complete our obligations for this year and with that in mind, I would like to thank everyone who has signed up to provide our Grace church altar with beautiful flowers throughout 2025. The flower chart for 2026 is available for sign-ups. Please prayerfully consider signing up for next year. The cost is \$55.00 per bouquet. Thank you for your continued support.

Jenny Lewis, Altar Guild

THANK YOU

Grace United Methodist Church Chancel Choir

What Sweeter Music: Lessons
and Carols

Composed by John Leavitt
Accompanied by Chamber Orchestra



Sunday, December 14
10:30 am, Sanctuary

Prayer Requests

The family of Betty Arnette
Dot Ballard
Joyce Blauvelt
Lindsey Brown
Janice Fladd
Audra Florea
Eric Holloway (Jennifer Rasmussen's father)
Joseph Huppmann
Jasmine
Pastor Jack Jones
Maria King
Family of Rev. Joshua Knutsen
Brad Large
Sherry Layton

Delaine Lester
Brian Lewis
Frank Licari
Marilyn (friend of Belinda Mayhew)
Billie Jean Millard
Paul Sipson
Louise Thompson
Dan Walters
Debra Walters
Dean & Sue Windgassen
Grace Staff and Volunteers
All those whose lives are affected by war and natural disasters



Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

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

If you have a prayer request, please contact Marilee Tremlett at mtrem3@icloud.com.



Thank you to those who helped the Missions committee pack 100 bag lunches for Good Shepherd last Monday! We will be doing it again after the beginning of the year so folks can watch for the date...Volunteers will be needed.



Youth Happenings

December events

- DECEMBER 2ND WOMENS BIBLE STUDY @7
- DECEMBER 7TH SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45AM-10:45AM
NO SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH
- DECEMBER 9TH WOMENS BIBLE STUDY @7
- DECEMBER 14TH SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45AM-10:45AM
YOUTH 4:30-6PM GIFT PACKING
- DECEMBER 16TH WOMENS BIBLE STUDY @7
- DECEMBER 21ST SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45AM-10:45AM
YOUTH 4:30-6PM GIFT DELIVERY
- DECEMBER 28TH NO YOUTH
- DECEMBER 30TH WOMENS BIBLE STUDY @7

Vision

No Children in our community should be without toys

This year gifts collected are supporting The Good Shepherd families and other children in need.

Mission

For the month of December please bring gently used/new toys, wrapping paper, gift bags
whatever! On the 14th we will pack these and on the 21st we will deliver them!

Praying the Scriptures
Week Beginning Sunday, Nov. 16, 2025

Centering Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me.

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 105: 1-11, 45b

- Sun 11-16 Genesis 29:15-28/ Romans 8:26-39 / Matthew 13:44-53
- Mon 11-17 Hab. 2:1-4, 9-20 / James 2:14-26 / Luke 16:19-31
- Tues 11-18 Hab. 3:1-10(11-15)16-18 / James 3:1-12 / Luke 17:1-10
- Wed 11-19 Mal. 1:1, 6-14 / James 3:13-4:12 / Luke 17:11-19
- Thu 11-20 Mal. 2:1-16 / James 4:13-5:6 / Luke 17:20-37
- Fri 11-21 Mal. 3:1-12 / James 5:7-12 / Luke 18:1-8
- Sat 11-22 Mal. 3:13-4:6 / James 5:13-20 / Luke 18:9-14

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

The following is a list of items that we collect in November to help clients prepare Thanksgiving meals.

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| Canned Pumpkin | Also these staples: |
| Sugar (5 lb) | Mac & Cheese |
| Flour (5 lb) | Knorr Rice or Pasta |
| Instant Potatoes | Tomato Sauce |
| Turkey Gravy | Spaghetti |
| Canned Cranberry | Peanut Butter |
| Evaporated Milk | |

*If you have heavy items, boxes are helpful. We have put a few near the collection area.



Lighting of the Advent Wreath 2025

If you would like to participate in this year's lighting of the Advent wreath, please scan the QR code or click the link in our enews! Benny will contact you with the reading and other directions pertaining to your date chosen. Please note there is only one combined service on Dec. 14th. Thank you! Anne

Communion Server Link

If you are able to help with Communion, please sign up by scanning this QR Code to see the dates available on the sign up form. We need you!

