

Grace Notes

November 24, 2024

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 24

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship Service
4:30 pm Youth

Monday, Nov. 25

9:00 am Grace In Motion (walkers)
9:30 am Organist Practice
10:00 am Basketball (seniors)
5:30 pm Bootcamp
7:00 pm Chorale practice
7:00 pm Basketball (Peyton's group)

Tuesday, Nov. 26

9:00 am Organist Practice
9:00 am Bible Study
5:30 pm Bootcamp
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, Nov. 27

5:00 pm Basketball (Lion Heart)

Thursday, Nov. 28 (Office Closed)

Friday, November 29 (Office Closed)

Saturday, November 30

Sunday, December 1

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship Service
4:30 pm Youth



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No Yoga this Wednesday, due to Thanksgiving week.

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 11/17/2024

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am 19
11:00 am 185

Online service:

Operating Funds Given \$ 9,470
Average receipts needed weekly \$ 15,362
Building Preservation Given \$ 1,115

Apportionments paid through October

October Financial Report

Building YTD Preservation Fund Rcpts. \$ 40,832
Building YTD Preservation Fund Exp. \$ 29,886
Balance \$ 10,945

Budget YTD Receipts \$ 523,720
Expenses YTD (2024) \$ 634,939
Balance Receipts vs Expenses \$ (111,199)

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

On-line Sunday Worship Services Continue

This is the link:

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

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Give through Square at our website
or try our newest way to give by text:

**MyGift2Grace
to 73256**

Checks may also be mailed to the address above.

Christmas Love Offering for Grace Staff

The Staff Parish Relations Committee will once again this year be collecting a Love Offering to recognize the Grace Church staff at Christmas. These wonderful men and women work hard for the church all year. With this special offering we would like to recognize their extraordinary efforts with a little something extra during the holidays. If you would like to contribute to this effort, your donation can be made in several ways.

- Write a check payable to Grace UMC with Love Offering on the memo line.
- Pay with cash placed in an envelope with Love Offering on the front.
- Make an online donation through PayPal. Please remember to make the notation that it is for the Love Offering.

Check or cash contributions can be made by placing them in the offering plate or by mailing them to the church office. **Donations will be accepted at church through Sunday, December 1.** Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this endeavor.

Staff Parish Relations Committee
Ron Moore, Chair



Looking ahead at Special Dates!

November 28 — Thanksgiving Day—Happy Thanksgiving (office closed Thursday and Friday Nov. 28 and 29)

December 1 — First Day of Advent

December 8 — Children's Christmas Party at Islands Fresh Mex Grill in Ogden (6838 Market Street), 5 pm

Dec. 15 — Sing Noel! A Musical Celebration – 4 pm

Dec. 24 — **Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Services** – 5 pm and 7 pm; Office closes at noon

December 26 — Office closed

December 29 — One service at 11 am, no 8:30 am service

December 31 — **Last day for Year-End Contributions 2024**

January 1— New Year's Day (office closed)



COME RIDE THE BUS!

Grace is planning a trip to Myrtle Beach, SC on Saturday, December 7, to see the amazing Alabama Theater Christmas Show. Go to www.Alabama-theatre.com for a preview of this year's show. We currently have about 20 tickets on hold, but need to hear from you to know if we need more or less. The first 15 to sign up can ride the church bus and we will caravan the rest.

The show will be the 1:30 matinee and lunch on your own at the Blueberry Grill before the show. Arrive at 9:15 so we may depart by 9:30 am. Depending on the final number of confirmed tickets, the show will be around \$50 per-person (again, this doesn't include lunch nearby at Barefoot Landing).

These tickets sell out very quickly so we can only hold them for a short time before they are released back for sale. If you are interested, send an email to Karen Wrenn at kwrenn2151@att.net or check the bulletin board. Let us know how many tickets you will need. You may also call Karen at 410-615-4768, if you have any questions.

Children's Christmas Party

Join us to celebrate this Advent season at Islands Fresh Mex Grill in Ogden (6838 Market St) at 5 pm on Sunday, December 8th. We will provide kids meals for the children in attendance. We will also have an ornament exchange so bring a wrapped ornament if you would like to participate.

Our mission focus will be collecting children's books for a local group to give to those in need. If your family plans on attending or you have any questions please reach out to Kelsey Keenan. Kelsey@gracedowntown.net

Prayer Requests

The family of Tom Bartron	Dan Walters
Tammy Burnette	Family and friends of Becky Whisnant
Kitty Eure	Dean Windgassen
Christine Garvin	Barry Zigler
Manaline Gibson	Caregivers everywhere
Lorelei Hauptmann	Unspoken, in our hearts
Dennis Ihnat	Those whose lives are affected
Kimberly, Izzy, & Colleen	by storms and floods
Famly of Brian Little	War-torn countries
Belinda Mayhew	
Bill Perks	
Luke Russo	

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	PFC Schuyler Marshall, USA
Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC	SSgt. Emily Olinger, USAF
Ltjg. Elizabeth Downing, USN	Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA
E3 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN	SSgt. James Pritchett, USA
E6 William Chase Dubel, USA	CDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN
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.

Grace United Methodist Church Chancel Choir and Grace Ringers

present

Sing Noel! A Musical Celebration

including
**Choir anthems, a 4-hands on piano
duet, an organ/piano duet, and
handbell selections**

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**Sunday
December 15
4:00 pm**

From the Treasurer

PLEASE, Please, Please! When making contributions and or payments to Grace for more than 1 budget item, (flowers, budget, building preservation), make separate checks for each item. Our newly automated accounting system does not like combined check payments. This increases the likelihood of errors and extra work for staff. Thank you!

Ushers, liturgists and sound operators needed!

Please consider giving some time to help with the 8:30 am Sunday morning worship. This service has lost several volunteers lately. If you would like to serve, or temporarily fill in during the busy Thanksgiving and Advent Season, we would love to have your help!

Ushers—Contact Bob High or Darrell Davies
(rshcch@gmail.com) (darrellcdavies@yahoo.com)

Liturgists—Contact Rick Zigler (rzigler@aol.com)

Sound Operators—Debbie Cole
(cole_25663@msn.com)

**Starting in January-
Communion Helpers**—Steve Stanfield-Switzer
ssanfieldswitzer@gmail.com

**The list continues to grow... Anyone interested
in joining our Grace Security team? - See April
Lester or Jen Stenerson.**

Sunset Park Elementary 2024/2025 book drive

It's time to once again begin collecting books for the students at Sunset Park Elementary. We want to provide each child with a book at the end of the school year.

As you begin to shop for Christmas, please keep these students in mind. You can shop for inexpensive K-5th grade books at secondhand stores, Walmart, etc. We need everyone helping to make this goal a reality. Remember, if many do a little, much can be done! Thank you,
—Jane Carrico

MHC lends a helping hand!

Please continue to place your donations in the grocery cart near the elevator in the Welcome Center.

- ◆ Travel size personal hygiene items (soap/body wash, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors,
- ◆ Feminine hygiene products (all sizes)
- ◆ Grocery size paper bags with handles
- ◆ Plastic grocery bags
- ◆ Reusable durable grocery bags

Thank you to Grace UMC members! Your donations continue to make a difference each week especially when our supplies become very low.

Angel Tree deadline approaching

The Angel Tree offers you the chance to share the Joy of Christmas with others less fortunate.

Individuals or groups may pick up a tag with wish lists attached. Thank you for those who have already picked up a tags and the ones who have dropped off! Only a few tags are left on the tree!

Families are encouraged to share a tag to buy presents with other families if a list seems too long. All gifts will need to be placed under the tree by December 1. Please do not wrap the items, they will be wrapped later, but DO return the tag. Thank you for your gifts and bringing a smile to a child or family. Contact Regina Milihram (rmilihram@gmail.com) for more information.

Methodist Home for
Children's

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

Adopt an Angel and help
provide Christmas for a child.
Shop for gifts, or donate a gift
card, bring them back to
church, and make Christmas
special for a child or family in
need.

For more information contact the church office or
Regina Hawse, Methodist Home for Children

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