



GRACE NOTES

September 2025

Introducing our new Director of Christian Education and his family - Kevin Schoenherr

Hello Everyone,

My name is Kevin Schoenherr (pronounced *Shaner*), and I'm honored to be part of Grace United Methodist Church as the Director of Christian Education.

Originally from Detroit, I moved to Joliet after graduating from Western Michigan University to pursue my teaching career. Since 2008, I've worked in Joliet Public Schools as an elementary PE teacher and have been blessed with a variety of experiences as a teacher, coach, athletic director, administrator, and mentor. Along the way, I continued my education at Concordia University, earning a master's in administrative leadership, and later at the University of St. Francis, where I completed another master's in best practices.

Outside of work, I enjoy sports, landscaping, cooking, and road trips. My greatest joy comes from my wife, Kim, and our five children—Leah, Logan, Lincoln, Loretta, and Levi—who motivate me daily in my work and in my Christian faith.

I'm excited to grow, learn, and explore all that GUMC has to offer while strengthening my relationship with God. My goal is to build upon the strong foundation already established here in Christian education, and I look forward to getting started. I'm eager to meet and work with you all soon.

Take care and be well.

—Kevin



RALLY DAY

**JESUS IS ONE
TOUGH COOKIE**

PHILIPPIANS 4:19

I can do all things through Him who Strengthens ME

**RALLY DAY PICNIC
SEPTEMBER 7, 2025**

After 10:30 am worship service

BRING A DISH TO SHARE

**Lemonade, Grilled Hot dogs and Hamburgers
will be provided.**

COOKIE Contest!!!

**Cookies will be judged based on
appearance, taste,
aroma, originality.**

Sign-up with Jonah Barkley or at kiosk.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

DISCUSSION CLASS

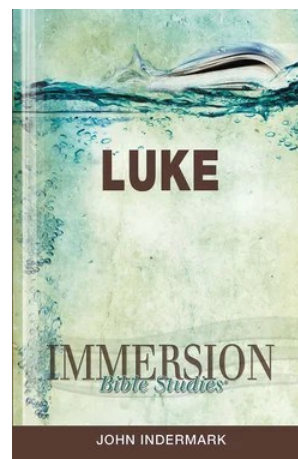
Everyone is invited to join the Discussion Class. We will be meeting Sunday mornings at 9am in the Conference Room in the office. Note: this is a change due to the damage in Grace Place. Each week this group discusses a different topic from a Christian point of view. Occasionally we study a multi-week Adam Hamilton video series. When we do, the topic will be announced in the weekly *What's Happening at Grace UMC* or Grace Notes. Join us on Rally Day - or any Sunday! Any questions, contact Lori or Jay Wait.

METHODIST AWARENESS CLASS

This class meets in the Crafty Critter room starting September 8th at 9am. We will be watching a video by Adam Hamilton. Everyone is welcome to join us. Barb Fisher is the leader for this class. Please contact her if you have any questions.

Fall Bible Study:

Pastor Laura and Debi Shippy are excited to offer a fall bible study "Immersion Studies: Luke" by John Indermark. We will meet Tuesdays 10:00 am in the Library September 9th-October 14th. All are welcome. Please call the office or sign up in the Narthex. If you would like us to order the book it will be \$10 or you may choose to order it on your own. Scholarships available for those that need it.



FAITH AND WELLNESS

Hope you were able to be a part of Grace's outdoor worship service August 24th! It was a great way to come together for worship (express our faith) and celebrate fresh air and sunshine (wellness). It was a great reminder that Grace Church is committed to faith and wellness for above and beyond our F&W team—it's truly a church-wide focus! Well Done!! And Thanks !!

Wednesday, September 3rd at 12 noon our Faith & Wellness team will meet to strategize for our fall and winter offerings. If you have ideas for what we can do, please come to the meeting or contact me—all input is welcome! The meeting will be in Grace library.

Sunday, September 7th, **RALLY DAY!** BP checks will be offered in Grace's library 30 minutes prior to the start of worship.

Enjoy—when fall colors arrive—pick up a pretty leaf and thank God!

Debi Shippy



The first meeting for United Women in Faith for the fall season will be Saturday, September 13 at 10:00am in Grace Place. We will be filling purses for Guardian Angel Domestic Violence Program. Brunch will be served afterward by UWF officers. All Grace women are invited. See you there!

LUNCH BUNCH

Our first **Lunch Bunch** gathering of the fall season will meet in the private room at Jameson's (2755 Black Rd., Joliet) on Tuesday, September 16 at 12:30pm. Please RSVP to Pat Meyers by 9/12/25. Hope you can join us for food and fellowship!



Grace United Methodist Church October 19, 2025

Registration Begins at 12:45 pm

In Grace Place (Entrance is by the Playground)

Walk Begins at 1 pm.

One Mile Course and a 3 Mile Course Or you can walk in the parking lot or in Grace Place.
Water and wrapped Snacks will be Provided

Let's work together—FIGHT Hunger here and throughout the World!!

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!! SIGN UP TODAY!!!

Contact the church office at 815-725-7632 or gracejoliet@comcast.net OR

Diane Morrow at 815-4822439 or dln@mc.net



FELLOWSHIP RESUMES

Starting September 7th we will be enjoying our fellowship hour again. We will serve donut holes from Home Cut Donut Shop, lemonade and coffee at 10:00 am. If you would like to help with this ministry please contact Cathy Kazak.

College Students Care Packages

The Education Team plans to send out care packages to our College Students to remind them that they are loved! Please send a message to gracejoliet@comcast.net to confirm the school location, major, mailing address, and contact information (phone/email).

GRATITUDE CORNER

We give thanks for all those who participate in the significant undertaking of weekly worship: liturgist, music, A/V, usher, counter, altar decor, communion, flowers, acolyte, bulletin, sermon, prayers.

UWF PURSES MINISTRY



Ladies, it's time to stuff purses for folks served by Groundwork. We have the purses and items ready...we need your help on Saturday, 9/13/25 at 10am in Grace Place. Brunch will be served after by UWF Officers.

Just wanted to say **THANK** you to everyone who brought food, sent cards, texts after my surgery. The food was delicious. Michael & I enjoyed the home cooked meals.

Thank you for all your prayers.

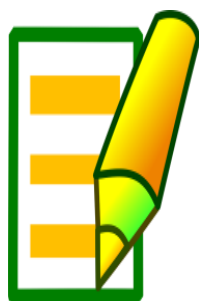
Barb Fisher





HIGHLIGHTS

ABOUT US



Summer of 2025 we had fun: VBS, End-of-Summer Bash,
Restaurant Club outing, Birding
Summer of 2025 we were busy: working on Rally Day,
lots of prayers, special music, blood pressure checks,
ASP, Tree of Life, Grace Cares Meals

September 23—

Steve and Linda Meister



9/1 Jamie Citarelli

9/2 Peggy Weems

9/3—Matthew Runnels

9/6—Chloe Black, Theresa Whitney

9/7—Joyce Hecht

9/9—Barbara Fisher

9/10—Jack Bitterman

9/12—Cyrus Angel, Diane
Loucks

9/18—Christina Bessette

9/19—Cathy Kazak, Brian Fahn-
strom

9/20—Melody Fahnstrom

9/24—Steve Schoenrock

DAYBREAK SHELTER

DAYBREAK meals are returning! Monday, October 20th dinner and Tuesday, October 21st breakfast.

Sign up sheets for donations are on the bulletin board in the narthex. Thanks for your continued support.

Diane Lutz



Thank you Steve Meister, Mautise Boswell, & Chris for representing Grace United Methodist Church on the Lakota Mission Trip.

Your dedication to the missions are to be commended.

Thank you for leaving part of our congregation with them.

We serve the Lord through your hands.



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 31 AUGUST Last 9:30 Worship | 1 Labor Day  | 2 | 3 BELLS AND CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES | 4 | 5 | 6 Rally Day Set up |
| 7 Rally Day 8:30am Prayer 10 am Blood Pres- sure Screening 9am Christian Ed 10am Fellowship 10:30 Worship 11:30am Potluck in Grace Place | 8 6:30 pm SPRC Mtg | 9 10am Bible Study 6:30 pm Trustees | 10 6:15 Bells 7:30 Choir | 11 7 am Men's Breakfast | 12 | 13 10am UMC Purse Ministry |
| 14 8:30am Prayer 9am Christian Ed 10am Fellowship 10:30 Worship | 15 | 16 10am Bible Study 12:30 pm Lunch Bunch Jamesons | 17 11:30am Food Pantry 6:15 Bells 7:30 Choir | 18 7 am Men's Breakfast | 19 | 20 |
| 21 8:30am Prayer 9am Christian Ed 10am Fellowship 10:30 Worship | 22 ADRIENNE | 23 10am Bible Study IS OUT | 24 6:15 Bells 7:30 Choir OF THE | 25 7am Men's Breakfast OFFICE | 26 | 27 |
| 28 8:30am Prayer 9am Christian Ed 10am Fellowship 10:30 Worship | 29 | 30 10am Bible Study 6:30p Finance Mtg ZOOM | | |  | |

Sunday School Registration 2025-2026

Name_____

Address_____

City/State/Zip_____

Phone #_____E-Mail_____

Birthdate_____Baptized? Yes/No Date_____

Parents' Name_____

Grade in School_____

Medical Information

Emergency Contact/phone_____

Allergies_____

Medications_____

Medical Condition(s)_____

Please let us know if your child has been diagnosed with any special needs that their Sunday School teacher needs to be aware of. The teachers want to do all they can to make sure your child's Sunday School experience is a positive one.

Photograph Consent

I hereby give consent to Grace UMC to photograph my child for display in the classrooms, hallways and in the common areas of the church. And I understand that the photographs may be used in the Grace Church newsletter and/or on the Grace Church website.

Signature_____

Grace United Methodist Church

Permission, Medical Authorization and Release of Liability

(Each person must fill out a separate profile)

Date_____

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of

(Last) _____ (First) _____ (MI) _____

A minor, do hereby consent to said minor attending the following church function: **Sunday School**

On the date of: **September 2025 - May 2026**

I do hereby release and absolve said Grace United Methodist Church, its employees, agents, the sponsors of the function, and any church members from any and all liability or damages or personal injury caused to said minor as a result of his participation in and travel to or from said function.

I further agree to indemnify the Grace United Methodist Church, its employees, agents, the sponsors of the function, and any church member for any damage or injury caused by said minor.

I hereby authorize any necessary emergency medical treatment to be given to said minor, and specifically authorized any adult sponsor, attending physician, or hospital to consent to medical treatment for the minor which said sponsor, attending physician, or hospital may deem necessary under the circumstances. The following information is provided and may be relied upon in an emergency:

Allergic Reaction to Medication_____

Chronic Illness_____

Health Insurance Company_____

Emergency Contact & Phone #_____

Parent or Guardian Signature_____