

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Pastor Sandy Kraft

August 03, 2025

127 S. Pennsylvania Avenue

Centre Hall, PA 16828



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

August 03, 2025

10:00 AM

8th Sunday after Pentecost



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE—

CENTERING WORDS—Colossians 3

Breathe in holy love. Shine with holy light.

NOTE: If you are able, please stand where this symbol appears +

+CALL TO WORSHIP—

L: Come, join and sing! Our God is ruler of all creation.

P: Come, stand and praise! Our God is sovereign over all the earth.

L: Come, lift your hearts! Jesus, our Savior, has risen from the dead.

P: Come, rest your souls! Jesus, our Savior, has defeated sin and death.

L: Come, watch and pray! The Holy Spirit is in this place.

P: Come, be still and listen! The Holy Spirit will guide us all into worship.

L: Come now and worship! Give praise to God, the Father; Jesus Christ, his Son; and the sacred Holy Ghost. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER—

God of glory, fill this, your church, with the power that flows from the resurrection of your Son, Jesus: Amidst the sound and fury of the sinful world, may we signal the beginning of a renewed humanity, risen to new life with Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

+HYMN—Blessed Assurance, page 369 UMH

FIRST SCRIPTURE—Hosea 11:1-11

PRAYER

+**HYMN**—Christ, from Whom All Blessings Flow. #550 UMH

SECOND SCRIPTURE—Colossians 3:1-11

THE MESSAGE

INVITATION

One: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

One: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty (almighty God), creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an

inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and for ever.

Amen.

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY—page 94 UMH

+**CLOSING HYMN** – Rejoice, the Lord Is King #716 UMH

BENEDICTION

VERSE TO REMEMBER

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.” —Matthew 5:14,16



August 7th



Please keep all members, family, and friends in your thoughts and prayers, especially those listed below:

07/13/25—Carol Clark-Baney, death of sister—requested by Pastor Sandy; Grace Callary (friend of Julia Schubert), facing probable lymphoma diagnosis —requested by Helen Schubert; Prayers for Patti Powell (Matt’s Mother) for a smooth transition moving from her home in Colorado to State College to be near family.—requested by Beth Powell; Friends & family of Rev. Doyle H. Klinger Jr. (former pastor at Grace) upon his death—requested by Pastor Sandy; Riley Winkelblech, continued prayers as he under goes continued testing; Prayers for the flood victims across the country.

07/20/25—no requests

07/27/25—no request

To request a name, please refer to the prayer request cards located in the back of the pews and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.



Please keep our homebound friends in your thoughts and prayers:

Bertha Cassidy
Liz Fink

Lou Cole
Evelyn Yost

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Leader: Pastor Sandy Kraft
Pianist: Aimee Gahagen
Liturgist: Richard Hedden
Acolyte: Willow Ash
Greeters / Communion Assistants: Willy and Erskine Cash

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE—August 10th

Liturgist: TDB
Acolyte: Lincoln Evans
Greeters: Merrilee Barner and Sherri Gilliland

Bell Ringers: Page Gaddis and Carl Cassidy

Church Checkers: Kerry Tyson—July 28 to August 10

CHURCH AND PASTOR CONTACT INFORMATION:

Pastor Sandy's cell phone: (570) 575-8225
Email: skraft@susumc.org
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August 10—Ministry and Missions meeting, after the worship service, Library

August 31—Group Event—Sunflower Maze—6102 Nittany Valley Drive, Mill Hall —please meet at the church parking lot at 1:00 P.M. and car pool. Optional group dinner afterwards.

September 10—“Noah”, Sight and Sound Theatre-Lancaster, PA
For additional information, please contact Carl Cassidy at 814/574-2866. Carl will be conducting a short meeting with participants to discuss the day’s details and itinerary.

September 21—Group Event—Fry Brother’s Turkey Ranch and Hiawatha Paddlewheel Riverboat cruise; meet at 12:15 P.M. At the church parking and car pool to Fry Brother’s Turkey Ranch, then move on to the Hiawatha. Return home by 6:30 P.M.

September 26—Group Event—Goose Day Drone Show—please meet at the church parking lot at 5:00 P.M. and car pool to Lewis-town. Enjoy the festival atmosphere with food and crafts prior to the 9:00 Drone Show.

November 8th—Soup Sale at Grace, 9:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M.

**NOTE: Soup sale moved from September 13 to
November 8th**



SOUP SALE!

WHEN: November 8th

PICK UP TIME: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

PICK UP LOCATION:

Grace United Methodist Church, Ash
Hall

Choose from: Stuff Pepper,
Vegetable Beef
Ham & Bean

Cost: \$8.00/quart

To order, please contact Sherri Gilli-
land at sbg4@psu.edu.

Also, order form available in the
hallway.

(If you forgot to order no problem,
walk-ins are welcome)

ORDER DEADLINE IS OCT. 18TH



August Mission

Agape House Community Program and PreBorn

Agape House Children's Home is a rescue home for abandoned babies and a reception center in Kampala, Uganda saving the lives of innocent babies and providing counseling for teenage mothers to make good decisions regarding the care of their children. This home can house 40 children ages 0-5 years old. Agape House Babies Home gives these children the opportunity not only to have a chance at life, but also to have a family, the chance for relationship with their biological mothers, a safe place to sleep, good food, and medical care. Without your support Agape cannot continue to provide this loving home for these children.

CENTRE HALL –PENNS VALLEY FOOD PANTRY

REMINDER: The Food Pantry meets the third Tuesday of each month



Food
Pantry
Needs

August—laundry detergent

September—shampoo

Thank you!



AUGUST REQUESTS:

Coloring books, crayons, markers, colored pencils, small sketch books, etc.

SEPTEMBER REQUEST:

Combs, brushes, cups, small water bottle, sunglasses, flip-flops, hair accessories, etc.

ALL YEAR:

Monetary donations (must notate Operation Christmas Child-**OCC** on the memo line of the check), empty shoeboxes, old clean T-shirts to be made into jump ropes (stained is fine, but no tears)

NOTE: All donations accepted regardless of the monthly category. Donation Box is located inside the back entrance door (bottom of steps).

Reminder: NO used items, liquids or soap, food/seeds, weapons or scary/war related items.

DESPERATELY NEEDED ITEMS:

colored pencils, coloring books (all ages), sock (all ages), combs, brushes, small balls and pumps, beads & elastic cords, stickers, soap and washcloths.

Questions? Please contact Sherri Gilliland 814-777-0053, or the church office. Thank you!



Grace is looking for volunteers to assist with the Young Children's Sunday School sessions that are held during the regular church service.

Please contact Mindy Gensimore if you would like to assist or have questions, she will be glad to help you. Thank you!



PARKING LOT ATTENDANTS NEEDED!

For Grange Fair parking at Grace — see sign up sheet. For more information, please see Dave Bressler

This is a fun time!

**Message from United Methodist Committee on Relief
UMCOR:**

Please join us in praying for safety, comfort and peace for those in the Holy Land. Since this conflict began in October 2023, the need in Gaza is and remains overwhelming.

UMCOR is actively responding to the humanitarian crisis by awarding grants to local partners in Israel and Gaza and the surrounding region. Partners are using funds for relocation support; food and hygiene kits for internally displaced people; support of students and their continued learning; psychosocial treatment and trauma counseling to women and children; delivery of medical supplies and medicines; and telemedicine services for disabled children in need of follow-up care, but without safe access to a clinic.

In early October, Global Ministries issued a joint statement on the attacks with the World Methodist Council and the Methodist Church in the United Kingdom. On Friday, Nov. 11, The Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church issued a call for peace. On Monday, Nov. 13, Global Ministries General Secretary Roland Fernandes joined Churches for Middle East Peace and thirty American Christian leaders in calling for support of an immediate ceasefire, de-escalation and restraint by all involved.

You can give to UMCOR's international disaster response and recovery efforts at: <https://advance.umcmmission.org/p-641-umcor-international-disaster-response-and-recovery.aspx>.