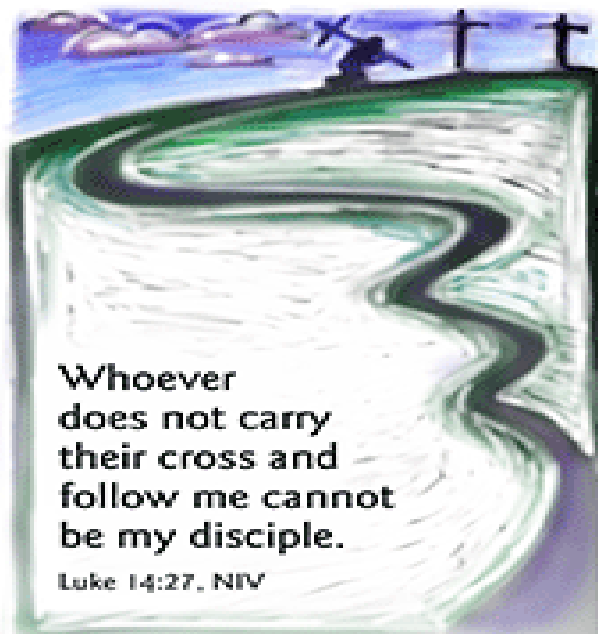


GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**Whoever
does not carry
their cross and
follow me cannot
be my disciple.**

Luke 14:27, NIV

Pastor Sandy Kraft

September 07, 2025

127 S. Pennsylvania Avenue

Centre Hall, PA 16828



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

September 07, 2025

10:00 AM

13th Sunday after Pentecost



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CENTERING WORDS—Jeremiah 18, Psalm 139, Luke 14

God knows us better than anyone and loves us more deeply than we can fathom. Even when we become less than God created us to be, God continues to love us and have faith in us.

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

+CALL TO WORSHIP—

L: Jesus calls us to take up our cross and follow him. Are you willing and able to pay the cost of being a disciple of Jesus?

P: Come, and as we worship together, let us look at the cost of being a disciple!

+OPENING PRAYER—

Almighty God, make us loyal followers of our living Lord. Knowing the cost of being a disciple of Jesus, may we always obey his commands and demonstrate his Spirit of love and forgiveness in all that we say and do. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

+HYMN—Are Ye Able, page 530 UMH

FIRST SCRIPTURE—Jeremiah 18:1-11

PRAYER

+HYMN—I Surrender All, page 354 UMH

SECOND SCRIPTURE—Luke 14:25-33

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.

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

CLOSING HYMN—Where He Leads Me, page 338 UMH

BENEDICTION





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

08/17/25—no requests

08/24/25—no request

08/31/25—Sherri Taylor, cancer; Amanda Fuller, cancer; Susan Romanini, hip replacement recovery; Marty Ilgen in Hershey Medical Center; Sylvia Dysard, recovering from heart attack, requested by Merrilee Barner; Evelyn Yost in Centre Care, requested by Jane Taylor; Fred Johnson, requested by Patty Johnson

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: Nolan Barron
Greeters / Communion Assistants:
Mindy and Brad Gensimore

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE—September 14th

Liturgist: Page Gaddis
Acolyte: Jarrett Peters
Greeters Mary Kay and Wally Heiser

Bell Ringers: Page Gaddis and Carl Cassidy

Church Checkers: Kerry Tyson—Sept. 8 to Sept. 21

CHURCH AND PASTOR CONTACT INFORMATION:

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NOTE: OFFICE CLOSED SEPTEMBER 10TH



September 10—"Noah", Sight and Sound Theatre-Lancaster, PA

For additional information, please contact Carl Cassidy at 814/574-2866.

September 11—UMW meeting, 7:00 P.M., Library

September 17—Men's Group Meeting, 6:30 P.M., Library

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. **Please sign up on clip board**

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.

October 05—Group Event at Colyer Lake, hike the trail and enjoy the tailgate picnic afterward, 2:00 P.M. More details to follow

October 18—United Women in Faith District Annual Day—St. Paul's UMC, for more information see flyers on the table in the hallway.

November 8th—Soup Sale at Grace, 9:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M. See details on next page!



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: Stuffed Pepper,
Vegetable Beef
Ham & Bean

Cost: \$8.00/quart

To order, please contact Sherri Gilliland 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





September Mission

OUT OF THE COLD

Centre County provides emergency shelter nightly 9 p.m.-7 a.m. from mid-October to early May. Hosted by 16 congregations and seven partner agencies the shelter rotates sites approximately every 2 weeks. Guests must call 814-852-8864 to register for the evening. First time guests will complete an intake interview upon arrival. No weapons, alcohol or illegal drugs are permitted on site. Once admitted to the program, guests can register at the shelter to stay additional nights. Each evening a hot meal is served and breakfast is available before departure in the morning. If a guest is working, or otherwise unable to attend the day shelter, a packed lunch may be provided.

CENTRE HALL –PENNS VALLEY FOOD PANTRY

REMINDER: Food Pantry crew meets every third Tuesday of the month.



September—shampoo

October—Toilet paper

Thank you!



SEPTEMBER REQUESTS:

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

OCTOBER REQUESTS:

Wow items! Soccer or kick balls, hand pumps, foam Nerf balls, dolls, stuffed animals

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.

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

BEAUTIFUL DAY AT THE SUN FLOWER MAZE!

A GREAT TIME HAD BY ALL!

