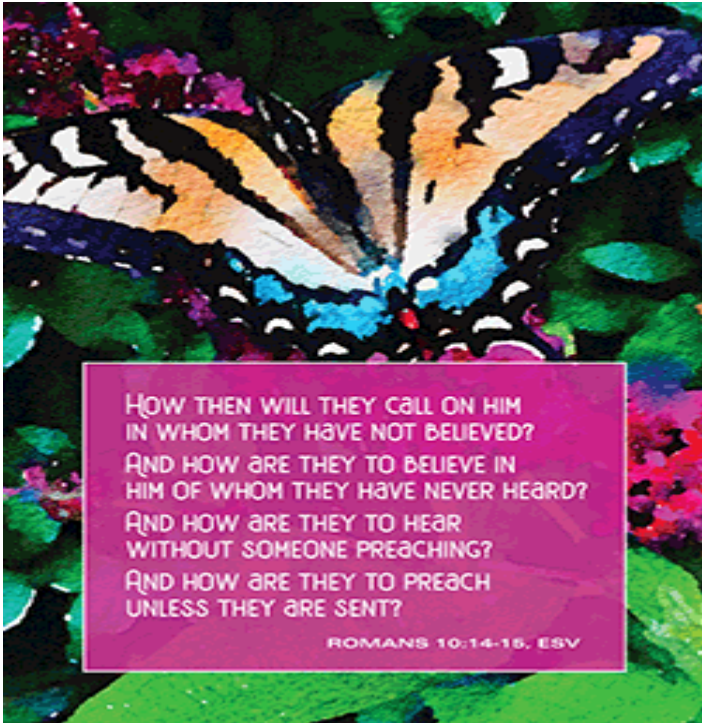


GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 09, 2026



Pastor Sandy Kraft
127 S. Pennsylvania Avenue
Centre Hall, PA 16828



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

August 09, 2026
10:00 AM

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CENTERING WORDS—

If you find yourself in raging waters, deep waters, do no fear.
Look ...trust ...your rescue is near.

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

+CALL TO WORSHIP—

Leader: Hidden behind the clouds is a warming sun;

People: Behind the flood of tears is a longing for comfort.

Leader: Deeper than worry is the persistence of grace;

People: Buried in the dry earth is a seed waiting to sprout.

Leader: On each side of a wall is a yearning for reconciliation.

People: In every silence is a song waiting to be sung.

OPENING PRAYER—

O Eternal God, speak to each of us the word that we need, and let your Word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Cleanse, quicken, and refresh our hearts; direct and increase our faith. Grant that we, by our worship at this time, may be enabled to see you more clearly, to love you more fully, and to serve you more perfectly; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+HYMN—Stand Up and Bless the Lord, page 662 UMH

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON—Matthew 14:22-33

PRAYER

+HYMN—He Touched Me, page 367 UMH

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON—Romans 10:5-15

THE MESSAGE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—

We proclaim this word of faith: If we confess with our mouths that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts that God raised Christ from the dead, we will be saved! For belief comes from our hearts and leads to our justification, and we testify to that truth with our words — and, indeed, with our very lives! The good news is that anyone who trusts in Jesus Christ need never doubt God’s love. God is eager to receive each one of us, regardless of background. Everyone who calls on God will be saved and richly blessed with the gifts of God’s grace and love.

—Based on Romans 10:8b-13

PRAYER OF CONFESSION—

Lord, we hear the words: “Faith comes from what is heard; and what is heard comes through the word of Jesus Christ.” Yes, and we nod our heads in assent when we hear: “How are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?” But we have been slow to respond to the call to be one of those messengers. Send your Spirit upon us, Lord, that we may be counted among your faithful messengers of the Good News. Amen.

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY—Page 94, UMH

+CLOSING HYMN—Take My Life, and Let It Be, page 399
UMH

BENEDICTION



VERSE TO REMEMBER

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in
all generations. Before the mountains
were brought forth, or ever you had
formed the earth and the world, from
everlasting to everlasting you are God.

—Psalm 90:1-2

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Leader: Pastor Sandy Kraft
Liturgist: Matt Powell
Acolyte: Julia Schubert
Pianist: Aimee Gahagen
Greeters: Susan and Richard Hedden
Electronic Technicians: Jack Oakes, Jeremy Peters

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE— August 16, 2026

Liturgist: Page Gaddis
Acolyte: Emma Evans
Greeters Jane Taylor and Rich Hosterman

Bell Ringer: Lincoln Evans
Church Checker: Matt Powell — August 10 to August 23

CHURCH AND PASTOR CONTACT INFORMATION:

NOTE: Pastor Sandy will be away from Tuesday August 11th through Friday August 14th. **Pastor Jim Jacobs will be covering, his number is 814 571-5046**

Pastor Sandy's cell phone: (570) 575-8225
Email: skraft@susumc.org
Church office phone number: 814-364-1701
Church office email address: gumc127@gmail.com



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

07/19/26— Prayers for Daisie Miller, waiting on cancer test results—requested by Jane Taylor

07/26/26—Prayers for Mike Meyer (Merrilee's brother-in-law) had a stroke; Prayers for Amanda Fulton, young mother with cancer—both requested by Merrilee Barner; Prayers for Judy Nastase (friend of Phyllis and Van) she is having her second bout with cancer—requested by Phyllis Jodon; Prayers for Sean Herron, being treated for a cancerous brain tumor—request by Morgan Hedden.

08/02/26—Prayers for Tina Harpster, heart issues—requested by Merrilee Barner; Prayers for Curt Brown (Laurie Judy's husband) having surgery on August 20th—request by Audrey Oakes.

REMINDER: *To request a name to be printed in the weekly church bulletin, please refer to the prayer request cards located in the back of the pews and place it in the offering plate. Or, call or email your requests to the church office. Thank you.*

Please keep our homebound friends in your thoughts and prayers!

Bertha Cassidy
Liz Fink

Lou Cole
Evelyn Yost

NOTE: addresses available in the directory, or contact the church office.

UPCOMING *Events*

08/09/26—TODAY—M&M Meeting, Library, immediately following the worship service.

08/09/26—TODAY—Dotterer Farms Sunflower Maze, meet at 1:45 PM and car pool from there. *See sign up sheet or contact Carl— there is still time to go with us!*

09/10/26—Juniata County Fair/Port Royal Speedway. Watch the PA Posse defend their home turf as the national High Limit racing series comes to Port Royal. Also take in the county fair at the same venue. *More information to follow.*

09/16/26—Group Event—Sight and Sound Theater, “Joshua”, 3:00 P.M. Ticket price is \$75.25 for those who have already signed up.

Please either drop you payment off to the church office or place it into the offering plate. **Payment due by August 20th.**

For those that are interested, we will have a brief meeting in Ash Hall to discuss trip details following the August 23rd worship service.

09/25/26—Goose Day Drone Light Show, Lewistown, 9:30 P.M. More details to follow.

NOTE: Change in the August Glorified service date: Traditional service will be August 16 and Glorified will play August 23.



August Mission

Agape House Community Program and PreBorn

This 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.



REMINDER—For the month of August the Food Panty Crew will meet on the second **Tuesday (8/11)** instead of the regular third Tuesday of the month.



August — laundry detergent

September — shampoo

Thank you!



2026 Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child"

*"For I am about to do something new. See, I have
already begun! Do you not see it?" ~Isaiah 43:19*

We have revamped our "Category of the Month" Campaign to be more specific. We are asking for these specific donations OR **monetary donations so that we can purchase items in bulk** at a lower cost. Please make sure your checks/envelopes specify "OCC Donation" before placing in the offering plate or mailing to the church. We will continue to accept other items but are specifically highlighting these needs.

AUGUST REQUESTS: 100 Boxes of Crayons (24 ct.) and / or colored pencils, 100 coloring books, 100 kids scissors (blunt ends)

SEPTEMBER REQUESTS: 300 small puzzles, games, playing cards, 300 foam gliders or harmonicas

Empty Shoeboxes (It costs of \$157 to order 200 preprinted OCC shoeboxes!)

Old T-shirts – to be transformed into jump ropes! (stained, faded, small holes – all okay!)

More information?

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/Operation Christmas Child>

Questions? Please contact Coordinator Kelly Wian
(see the church directory for her contact information) or, call the church office. Thank you!