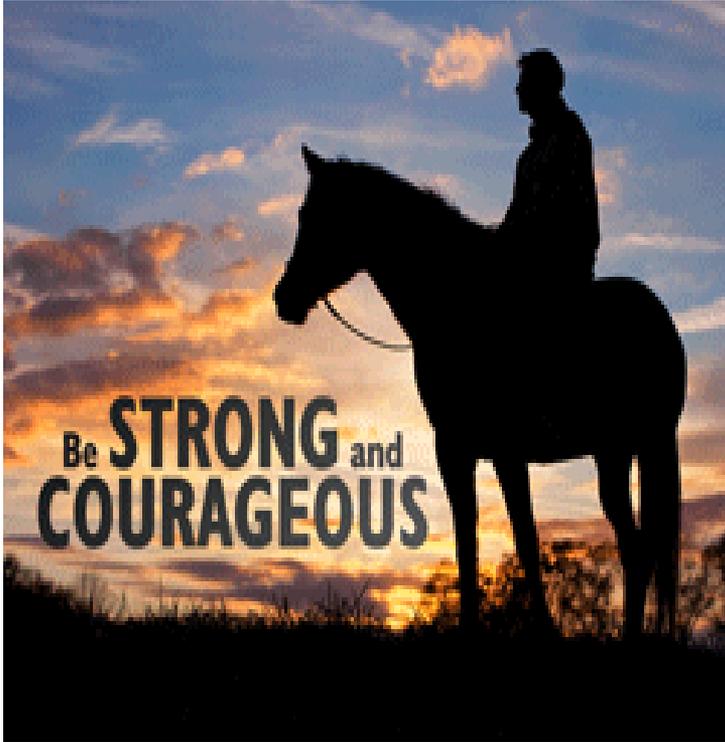


**GRACE UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**



**Pastor Sandy Kraft**  
**November 09, 2025**  
**127 S. Pennsylvania Avenue**  
**Centre Hall, PA 16828**



# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

November 09, 2025

10:00 AM

22nd Sunday after Pentecost



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

## CENTERING WORDS—Isaiah 65, Luke 21

What suffering are we facing in our lives? How do we respond to the turmoil and voices around us? When we are most anxious, most afraid, can we hold onto the promise of God's new heavens and new earth? Can we let ourselves imagine the grace that may yet come?

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

**+CALL TO WORSHIP—**

L: Though the mountains may shake,

**P: We are standing on holy ground.**

L: Though the earth moves under our feet,

**P: Christ alone is our solid rock.**

L: Though the walls may crack,

**P: Our refuge is in the everlasting love of God.**

L: Though structures may come tumbling down,

**P: God is our stronghold.**

L: Though fear may seek to set up camp,

**P: God is our strength and guide.**

**OPENING PRAYER—**

**Lord, the road ahead seems long and treacherous; the task before us is overwhelming. In our discouragement and despair, we turn to you. Speak to us through your Spirit that we may hear again those comforting and reassuring words: "You are not alone, for lo, I am with you always." Fired by your Spirit, we will again be able to go forth to do your work in the world, knowing we are not alone. Thanks be to you, O God. Amen.**

+HYMN —Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus, page 196 UMH

FIRST SCRIPTURE—2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

## PRAYER

+HYMN—Standing on the Promises, page 374 UMH

SECOND SCRIPTURE— Haggai 1:15b-2:9

## THE MESSAGE

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—

**As children of God, we are your church. We proclaim your sovereignty and power over all the earth. We declare you to be the only true God. We believe that you see us and you know us. We will make known your greatness and glory. We trust in your words and know they are true. We are your church, and we belong to you. We choose to follow you and you alone.**



## PRAYER OF CONFESSION—

**O God, we are so independent and self-righteous. We think we have all the answers and there is no problem we cannot solve with our own wisdom and experience. When things don't go as we planned, we are quick to find excuses and blame others. Forgive us, Lord, and teach us to rely on you, Creator and Sustainer of the universe, for the wisdom and guidance we need. Amen.**

*Time of Silent Reflection & Confession  
and Words of Assurance*

## OFFERING

+**THE DOXOLOGY**—page 94

+**HYMN**—O God, Our Help in Ages Past, page 117 UMH

## BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

#### VERSE TO REMEMBER

*But (God) said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.*

—2 Corinthians 12:9

**PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Sandy Kraft  
**Liturgist:** Richard Hedden  
**Pianist:** Aimee Gahagen  
**Acolyte:** Jarrett Peters  
**Greeters:** Phyllis and Van Jodon

**NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE—November 16**

**Liturgist:** Page Gaddis  
**Acolyte:** Jason Deitrich  
**Greeters:** Gale Marshall and tbd  
**Bell Ringers:** Page Gaddis and Carl Cassidy

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**Church Checker:** Matt Powell—Nov. 03 to Nov. 16

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**CHURCH AND PASTOR CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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

**PLEASE NOTE: THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH**



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

**10/19/25**—Family and friends of Phyllis Barr (Carolyn Foust's mother)

**10/26/25**—Mindy Fultz and Kristen Cowher, requested by Dan Gensimore

**11/02/25**—Family and friends of Helga Beuing (Anne Kapinus's mother)—requested by Susan Hedden; Marty Ilgen is now in Encompass Health; Sherri Taylor is cancer free!—requested by Merrilee Barner

*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. Or, call/email the church office. Thank you.*



Please keep our homebound friends in your thoughts and prayers:

Bertha Cassidy

Liz Fink

Lou Cole

Evelyn Yost

**SOMETHING NEW**  
**on Wednesday evenings**



As schedules fill with activities and holidays, many people are longing for peace and rest. We will be offering a simple, open-house-style evening featuring prayer with quiet music and candlelight as a place of welcome for anyone in need of prayer or a space to pray. **This will be in the sanctuary Wednesday evening from 5:00 –7:00 P.M. beginning November 5th.**



**In addition to the Wednesday Night Prayer Open House, Richard Hedden is offering an adult time of Christian conversation comprised of podcast and/or videos pertaining to living a Christian life today.**

**Library, 6:00 P.M.**

# FINANCE COMMITTEE

## **Messages from the Finance Committee—**

The Finance Committee is working on the 2026 budget. Please email all budget requests for 2026 to Chris Hosterman, [chosterman@hotmail.com](mailto:chosterman@hotmail.com) no later than November 17.

Year to date operating donations are up 24% from 2024 and just shy of 2025 budget. If we have strong giving in the 4th quarter like 2024, we should be in great shape by year end 2025. We would encourage you to consider year end donations to the operating budget. Well done GUMC!





**November 05**—Wednesday Night Prayer, 5:00-7:00 P.M.,  
church sanctuary

**November 05** —Adult Christian Conversation, 6:00 P.M.,  
Library

**November 13**—UMW meeting, 7:00 P.M., Library (please  
bring thank offering and contribution for Christmas of HOPE)

**November 15**—**Poinsettia orders due\***

**November 16**—”Blessing of the Shoeboxes”

**November 23**—Thanksgiving Service, 3:30 P.M.

**November 30**—Hanging of the Greens service

**November 30**—Potluck following the worship service.

**December 14**—Coffee Cakes/fruit will be serviced from 8:30-  
9:45 A.M. during the **Christmas Sale**.

**\*Order forms available at each entrance  
of the sanctuary. Please place order form  
in offering plate, or drop off to the**



## Upcoming Group Events:

**November 14—Private tour of the Penn State College of Ag. Sciences Pasto Agricultural Museum** (2710 West Pine Grove Road, Gate K Pennsylvania Furnace, PA 16865).

Please meet at the church parking lot at 4:00 P.M. to car pool. Optional dinner at the Spruce Creek Tavern at 6:00/6:30 P.M. If interested, please sign the sign-up sheet to be passed around during the service. (Note: donations appreciated: \$5.00/person and \$10.00/family). *Explore the intersection of science and history. The Museum's collections include artifacts that illuminate rural and agricultural work and life. On display are tools and technologies, processes and practices related to wood working, beekeeping, animal husbandry, planting and harvesting.*

**December 11—Christkindl Market, Mifflinburg** Please meet at the church parking lot at 4:00 P.M. to car pool.

*Mifflinburg's version of an authentic Christmas Market, inspired by the 700-year old traditional German Christkindl Markt, or Christ Child Market, is a festive event prepared by the town's churches, organizations, schools and residents.*



**Decem- ber 20—  
Holiday Light on the Lake** at Lakemont Park, Altoona.  
Meeting at the church parking lot at 3:00 P.M. and enjoy dinner prior to attending the light show. More details to follow.

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## **The Centre Hall / Penns Valley Food Pantry**

The Pantry was chartered by the churches in the Centre Hall and Penns Valley areas and operates out of the basement of Grace United Methodist Church. This organization provides monthly food assistance for low-income families and assists with winter fuel bills. The Food and Fuel Bank operates with canned and dry food donated by local churches, businesses, private individuals, and civic groups as well as government surplus foods. Monetary donations are used to purchase additional food and support the fuel assistance fund. Please mark your donations Food Bank or November monthly mission.

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**Upcoming Event to benefit the  
Centre Hall—Penns Valley Food Pantry  
Community Christmas Concert  
— Sunday, December 14**

**3:00 P.M. Saint Kateri Church, Spring Mills**

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



November—sandwich bags

December—dish detergent

Thank you!



### **NOVEMBER REQUESTS:**

Monetary donations to cover processing /shipping costs for each box. A personal card, note, or picture to include in a box from you!

### **DECEMBER REQUESTS:**

**PRAYER**—pray for the volunteers who process the boxes, deliver the boxes, the children receiving the boxes, the volunteers who teach the Gospel lessons and the families who come to know Jesus!

### **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.

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

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**NOVEMBER BULLETIN**

**BOARD MESSAGE**

*Thank you Patti Schwier for your creative and inspirational messages!*