

# **GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



## Ruth 4

“Blessed is the LORD who has not left  
you without a redeemer today, and may  
his name become famous in Israel.”

**Pastor Sandy Kraft**

**November 10, 2024**

**127 S. Pennsylvania Avenue**

**Centre Hall, PA 16828**



# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

November 03, 2024  
10:00 AM

Welcome

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

**PRELUDE:**

**CENTERING WORDS**—Psalm 127:1 CEB

“Unless it is the Lord who builds the house, the builders’ work is pointless.”

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

## **+CALL TO WORSHIP—**

Leader: The story of Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz is one of love, loyalty, and responsibility.

**People:** As we gather together to worship God Almighty, the Father of us all, let us receive his love, renew our loyalty, and accept our responsibility for our families, loved ones, and neighbors.

**All:** Come, let us worship.

## **+OPENING PRAYER—**

**Almighty God, we give you thanks for lives set free from despair when things go wrong. Enable us to see clearly one another's needs so that we may be a ministering community. Give us strength to do your will and courage to accept our responsibility for others. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**+HYMN—**Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee, page 89 UMH

**FIRST SCRIPTURE—**Mark 12:38-44

## **PRAYER**

**+HYMN —**Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah, page 127 UMH

## SECOND SCRIPTURE—Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17

### THE MESSAGE

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

There is one hope, one calling, to which we are called.

**The hope in our lives is Jesus.**

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**The call we must answer is God's.**

There is one faith, one hope, one Lord of us all.

**The Lord of our lives is Jesus.**

There is one baptism, one Father, one Mother of all.

**The Creator who calls us is God.**

We are one body, one family, one church,

**woven by the Spirit with bonds of peace.**

With Christ's children throughout all of this earth,

**we are one body in unity and love.**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We confess, Lord, that sometimes when we put our trust in you we use that as an excuse for doing nothing ourselves. Wake us up, we pray, that we may seek your will and then plan and *strategize to carry it out. Amen.***

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

**MISSION MOMENT** —Operation Christmas Child, Kelly Wian

**OFFERING AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:**

We offer all of ourselves to God: prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. May we rejoice that we co-create with God and are God's instruments in this world.

+**THE DOXOLOGY**—page 94

+**CLOSING HYMN**—Onward Christian Soldiers, page 575 UMH

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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*Monday, November 11th*

## **PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Sandy Kraft  
**Liturgist:** Matt Powell  
**Organist:** Aimee Gahagen  
**Acolyte:** Linda Hosterman  
**Greeters:** Sherri Gilliland and Brad Gensimore

## **NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE—November 17th**

**Liturgist:** Merrilee Barner  
**Acolyte:** Riley Winkelblech  
**Greeters:** Gale Marshall and Jane Taylor

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**Church Checker:** Tim Ash —Nov. 04 to Nov. 17

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## **CHURCH AND PASTOR CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**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:

10/20/24—Barbara Barnaby, requested by Audrey Oakes

10/27/24—no requests

11./04/24—Family of Margie Studebaker, requested by Carolyn Foust

*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.*

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Please keep our homebound friends in your thoughts and prayers:

Barbara Barnaby

Bertha Cassidy

Lou Cole

Fred Johnson

Elise Nestlerode

Ruth Rudy

Evelyn Yost



- Nov. 13            Missions Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Library
- Nov. 17-24        Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Week
- Nov. 29            Christmas Tree Lighting at St. Luke, 7:00 PM

## Calling All Angels

An Advent Study of Fearlessness and Strength Step into Advent where stories of angelic encounters come to life, echoing the timeless message of overcoming fear. Just like the characters in the nativity story, we're invited to embrace courage and join in God's transformative work.

*Please signup on clipboard that will be passed around.*





## UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENT:

**November 16th**—Tour of Loganton. This outing will include a tour of the Schrack Farms Dairy. The nationally award winning farm has been recognized as the 2018 Innovative Dairy Farm of the year, Logan Mills Covered Bridge, a stop at Kauffman's Store (where everything is under one roof!). Dine at Santino's "A Taste of Authentic Italian Cuisine". Meet at the church parking 8:00 AM

## **November 22nd**—Dinner at the Spruce Creek Tavern, Spruce Creek, PA

Spruce Creek Tavern is an iconic venue in central Pennsylvania for good eats and drinks in a cozy atmosphere for friends and family. It is famous for its wings and fries. Also, available is a big menu with plenty of comfort food options .



For more information, please contact the church office or  
Carl Cassidy at (814) 574-2866

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Cookie donations needed for the Tree Lighting at St. Luke Lutheran Church—Friday, Nov. 29 @ 7:00PM.

Hot Chocolate & cookies to be served.

Drop donations off at St. Luke on the 29th!

Thank you!



## Looking ahead ...Christmas Events!

### Friday Dec. 20

—house decorating judging

7:00 PM—meet at Trinity for Christmas Caroling

### Saturday Dec. 21

8:00-11:00 AM—Breakfast with Santa at Centre Hall Fire Co

10:00 AM - 12 noon—Children's Crafts at Trinity

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM—Craft Vendor Fair at Grace

2:00—4:00 PM—Paint and Pour at St. Luke

### Sunday Dec. 22

1:30-3:30 PM—Cupcake Caravan at Grace

2:00 PM—Penns Valley Men' s Choir Concert at Trinity

3:15 PM—Centre Hall Community Choir Concert at Trinity



## Do you enjoy singing?

Please consider signing up to participate in the **Centre Hall Community Choir** Concert on December 22nd at Trinity Church.

Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, November 20th at 7:30 PM at Trinity. If interested and more details, please contact Mary Kay Heiser at 814 364-1626

## **From the Finance Committee:**

**For the past 3-4 years our budget donations have fallen short of meeting our annual expenses by an average of \$22,000. Bills have been paid by using reserve funds accumulated in the past. It is apparent that this is not sustainable and should it persist, reserves will be depleted within four years.**

**We are encouraged by recent attendance trends and Pastor Sandy's leadership and energy. Our hope is that this renewed energy will lead to increasing attendance and revenue. We can be certain that God has a plan for Grace. As it says in Jeremiah 29 verse 11, God has "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." The Finance Committee encourages all members to be in prayer for God to reveal what that future is for our continued ministry in the community.**

**The Committee would ask that each member consider one of two options. First, would be to donate one additional month's giving before the end of the year. Second, the Committee would ask that you consider a donation to the budget if you plan on doing year-end giving.**

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## **SURVEY RESPONSES**

**Please return your church survey no later than December 31st.**

**Blank copies of the survey are available at both sanctuary entrances.**

**Collection box is located at front of the sanctuary.**



## **JOIN UNITED METHODIST WOMEN/UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH IN CELEBRATING OUR MANY BLESSINGS.**

October 13 through November 17 is designated as a time to count our many blessings. You are invited to join us in our Thank Offering collection. When you have something to be thankful for, no matter how insignificant it might seem, please consider making a daily donation of 25 cents (or more) during this time of thanksgiving. You may want to keep a list of the blessings to brighten your day and to serve as a reminder of God's faithfulness.

The funds collected will be used to support mission projects for women, children and youth.

Collection jars are available at either entrance. Jars should be returned to church on November 17.

If you miss that deadline, they can be turned into the office by November 25.

Thank you for being a blessing!



## **November Monthly Mission**

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

The Centre Hall / Penns Valley Food Pantry is chartered by the churches in Centre Hall and Penns Valley 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.



November—sandwich bags

December—dish detergent

Thank you!

**Food Pantry meets every third**

**Tuesday of the Month!**



## **November requests:**

Monetary donations to cover shipping of boxes. Also, personal notes, pictures, cards or letter to include in the boxes on your behalf.

## **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!

- ♦ Of course, we will accept ANY donations regardless of the monthly highlighted category.
- ♦ Donation Box will be placed in the hallway at the back entrance.
- ♦ Reminder—NO liquids, food, weapons or scary/war related items.

**Shoebox packing party crew. Thank you!**



Questions? Please contact Kelly Wian directly or the church office. Thank you!