

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 11, 2026



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



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

October 11, 2026
10:00 AM

20th Sunday After Pentecost



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CENTERING WORDS—Psalm 106, Philippians 4

Rejoice in the Lord always. Rejoice in the Lord. Rejoice.

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.**

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

OPENING PRAYER—

There are as many ways to pray as there are people. There are as many ways to worship as there are people. All of them are good. The point is to do it. In our time together, let us open our hearts to God as we pray. Let us open our hearts to God as we worship. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE—Ephesians 5:18-19

PRAYER

SECOND SCRIPTURE—Colossians 3:16



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—

We believe these “foolish” mysteries of God’s kingdom: that those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for Christ’s sake will save it; that some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last; that we should love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us; that Christ’s power is made perfect in our weakness.

We believe that God has made foolish the wisdom of the world.

We believe and proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to some and foolishness to others, but to those who believe, the power and wisdom of God.

We believe that God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and that God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION—

Lord, we thank you for the new life you have given us that enables us to enter your kingdom now and for all eternity. We confess that we find it difficult always to love the way Jesus taught. With grateful hearts we claim the forgiveness you have promised, and seek the power of your Holy Spirit to show forth your love in all our words and deeds. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Time of Silent Reflection & Confession and Words of Assurance

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY—Page 94, UMH

BENEDICTION

Verse to remember...

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

—Psalm 100:1-2

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Leader: Pastor Sandy Kraft
Liturgist: Merrilee Barner
Acolyte: Emma Evans
Pianist: Aimee Gahagen
Greeters: Jane Taylor and Rich Hosterman
Electronic Technicians: Jack Oakes, Jeremy Peters

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE— October 18, 2026

Liturgist: Kelly Wian
Acolyte: Lincoln Evans
Greeters: Anne and Page Gaddis

Bell Ringer: Lincoln Evans

Church Checker: Brian Heiser — Oct. 05 to Oct. 18

CHURCH AND PASTOR CONTACT INFORMATION:

Pastor Sandy's cell phone: (570) 575-8225
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Please keep all members, family, and friends in your thoughts and prayers, especially those listed below:

09/20/26—Please pray for Amanda Fulton, young mother with brain cancer, she is requesting prayers to pass peacefully—requested by Merrilee Barner

09/27/26—Friends and family of Bertha Cassidy (Carl's mother)

10/04/26—no requests

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!

Lou Cole
Evelyn Yost

Liz Fink

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



TODAY—Donut Sunday, 8:30 to 9:45 AM, Ash Hall

NEW DATE October 15- All women are invited to the United Methodist Women meeting in Ash Hall to celebrate Harvest at 6:30 p.m. We will have a meal featuring pork and sauerkraut. Those attending are invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share. The topic is Celebrating the Feast of the Tabernacle. An offering will be collected for our local missions. Please call Jane Taylor [814-777-1099](tel:814-777-1099) or Phyllis Jodon [814-364-1993](tel:814-364-1993) with any questions.

10/17/26—Group Event—Hike Scripture Rocks Park (Brookville) / Kinzua Bridge. See the Kinzua Bridge. Then visit Scripture Rocks Park. The park consists of 1.5-miles of gravel-covered pathways, winding through more than 60 boulders carved with the philosophy and tribulations of Douglas Stahlman in the early 1900s. Afterwards, . Lunch at the BP Inn, Brockport. More details to follow ... Plus, Fall foliage should be at it's peak that week!

10/18/26—Operation Christmas Child preparation meeting, Library, 1:00 P.M.

10/24/26—All women are invited to the Mountain Valley District United Women in Faith Annual Day at Grace UM Church. The program “Empowered by the Spirit” is a time of worship, learning and discussion as we hear about how the Holy Spirit equips and empowers women. Registration is from 9:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. and concludes with lunch. Registration forms are available in the church lobby. No charge for first time attendees!



11/01/26—Annual Operation Christmas Child Packing Party, Ash Hall, 1:00 P.M. — *This is a good opportunity to invite family and friends to join a time of faith, fun and fellowship!*

SAVE THE DATE!SIGHT AND SOUNT THEATER,JONAH

September 16, 2027



Message from Finance Committee:

Through August, ordinary giving is just 2% less than expenses year to date. 2026 expenses have not increased from 2025. 2026 Ordinary giving is also running about 4% higher than 2025. 2025 total giving was supplemented by a large one-time donation which is not expected this year. We have always had strong fourth quarter giving. As you do year-end giving, please consider a donation to budget operating expenses. By fully funding our budget, all the ministries that Grace supports can continue in the future.

Thanks to all for your stewardship!

Any questions should be directed to Chris Hosterman.



OCTOBER MISSION

Keystone Family Alliance

Keystone Family Alliance is comprised of representatives from different churches around the state of Pennsylvania. We aim to educate, motivate, and equip every Christian in the state of Pennsylvania of the needs of orphans and vulnerable children, both locally and globally. Everybody can do something to positively impact these children, and the Alliance wants to help you find YOUR something. We bridge the gap between the desperate need of the child welfare system and PA churches. Agencies and caseworkers struggle to find new foster and adoptive families to meet the current overwhelming need. What is your something? To learn more visit keyfam.org



October—toilet paper

November—Sandwich bags

Thank you!

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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.

OCTOBER REQUESTS: 300 yo-yos, Slinkies or gadgets, 100 Matchbox / Hot Wheels cars, 200 girls hair accessories and / or jewelry

NOVEMBER REQUESTS: Monetary donations for shipping

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!