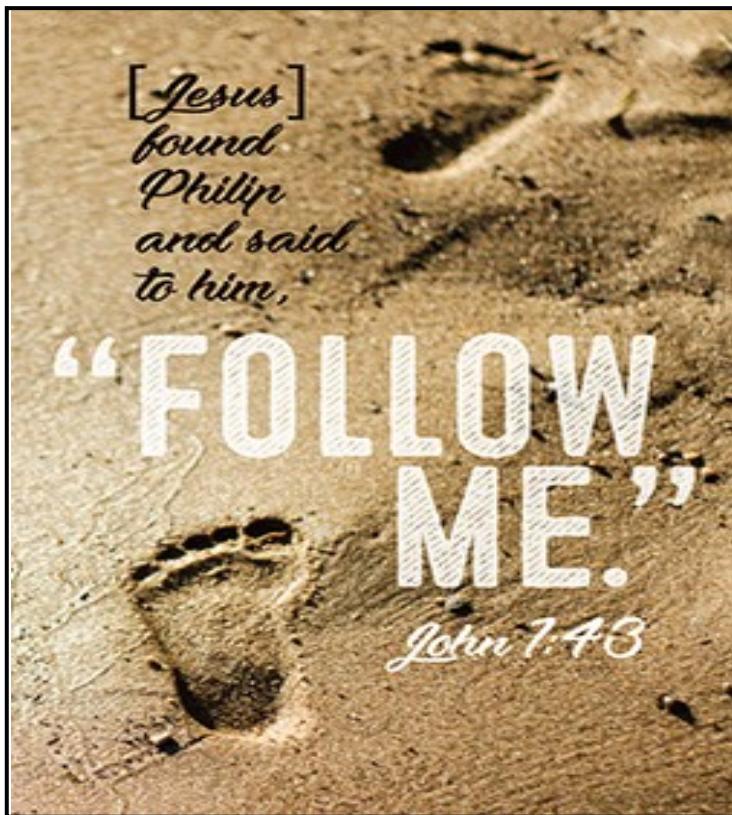


GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Pastor Sandy Kraft

January 18, 2026

127 S. Pennsylvania Avenue

Centre Hall, PA 16828



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

January 18, 2026

10:00 AM

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany



ANNOUNCEMENTS

GLORIFIED

PRELUDE—Heart of Worship

CENTERING WORDS—1 Corinthians 1, John 1

Even the smallest person can change the world. Even the least among us can be a light that banishes the darkness.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP—

L: John the Baptist exclaimed as he saw Jesus: “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”

P: Two disciples heard him and they followed Jesus.

ALL: We have come this morning to worship Jesus, the Lamb of God; let us also be prepared to follow him as faithful disciples. Come, let us worship.

OPENING PRAYER—

Gracious God, we are students in search of a Teacher, we are disciples longing for the Master, we are sinners redeemed by the Savior, we are Christians following the Christ. We come to worship you and the Teacher, Master, Savior and Christ whom you sent to us. May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God, our Strength and Redeemer. Amen.

+SONG—Jesus Messiah

FIRST SCRIPTURE ISAIAH—49:1-7

PRAYER

+SONG—Trust in God

SECOND SCRIPTURE—John 1:29-42

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE MESSAGE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—

Jesus Christ, as we know him from Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we must trust and obey in life and in death. Christ is God's assurance that all our sins are forgiven. He is also God's claim upon our whole life. Through him we are joyfully delivered from the chains of this world, liberated for free and grateful service to his creatures.

The Christian church is the congregation of sisters and brothers in which Jesus Christ acts in word and sacrament through the Holy Spirit. We are a church of pardoned sinners, and we must testify in the midst of a sinful world. With our faith as with our obedience, we show that we are solely Christ's property. We follow his direction, always expecting his appearance.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION—

Heavenly Father, we know that you sent your Son into the world as “the Lamb of God,” that through him the world might be saved from sin and reconciled to you. However, we are too easily satisfied with the knowledge that you love us and that we are your children. We fail to live the kind of lives you expect of your children. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to find that abundant life reserved for those who know how to be your children fully and completely. Amen.

Time of Silent Reflection and Confession and Words of Assurance

OFFERING—Come Jesus Come

+**CLOSING SONG**—Made for More

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE—Awesome God



VERSE TO REMEMBER

He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

—Matthew 16:15-16

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Leader: Sandy Kraft

Liturgist: Page Gaddis

Acolyte: Nolan Barron

Pianist: Aimee Gahagen

Glorified members:

Alice Peters, Page Gaddis, Van Jodon, Brad Gensimore, Randy Montgomery, Jeremy Peters and Jack Oakes

Greeters: Gale Marshall and Jane Taylor

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE—January 25

Liturgist: Kelly Wian

Acolyte: Jarrett Peters

Greeters: Audrey Oakes and Cindy Kellander

Bell Ringer: Page Gaddis

Church Checker: Rich Hosterman, Jan. 12 to Jan. 25

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:

12/28/25—Sandy Podgurski, recovering from fall and in rehab.

01/04/26—no requests

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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

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



TONIGHT—Pot Luck Italian Dinner and movie, 5:00 P.M., Ash Hall, the movie is the film version of the Sight & Sound production of “Moses”, more details to follow. Everyone welcome! **BRING A COMFORTABLE CHAIR IF YOU LIKE!**

01/19/26—Council of Operations meeting, 6:30 P.M., Library

01/26/26—Events meeting, 10:00 A.M., Library

02/08/26—Donut Sunday, 8:30-9:45 A.M., Ash Hall

03/21/26—King of Kings, Blanchard Church of Christ and dinner at the Hublersburg Inn, more information to follow.

09/16/26—Sight and Sound Theater, “Joshua”, 3:00 P.M. ticket price is \$85.00. More details to follow.



2025 YEAR END STATEMENTS NOW AVAILABLE

If you would like a copy of your 2025 Annual Giving statement, please contact the church office and we can mail it to you. Or, stop by the office during regular office hours. Thank you!



January Mission

Central Pennsylvania World Hunger Association (Meat Canning) is the mission for January. This is the 39th year for meat canning. The goal this year is to can 30,000 pounds of turkey. Through the support of donations, they have been able to feed five and a half million people in central PA. The Association keeps 10% of the canned meat here in Central PA for local needy people. Meat is distributed in March to various agencies such as The Salvation Army, Meals on Wheels, Mother Hubbard's Cupboard & others. Please mark your donations Meat Canning or January's monthly mission. Thank you!



January—tissues

February—toilet paper

Thank you!

REMINDER—

The Food Pantry crew meets every third Tuesday of the month.



JANUARY REQUESTS:

New clothing (size 2T—Small adult) socks, underwear, hats, gloves, shoes

FEBRUARY REQUESTS:

WOW ITEMS! Soccer/kick balls, hand pumps, nerf balls, dolls, larger toy car or trucks.

ALL YEAR:

Monetary donations (must note 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 Coordinator Kelly Wian (call/text 814-360-0257), or the church office. Thank you!
