

**GRACE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**



Pastor Sandy Kraft
October 19, 2025
127 S. Pennsylvania Avenue
Centre Hall, PA 16828



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

October 19, 2025

10:00 AM

19th Sunday after Pentecost



ANNOUNCEMENTS

GLORIED

PRELUDE—Goodness Of God

CENTERING WORDS—Jeremiah 31, Luke 18

God's promises are written on our hearts. Look within, recall them, and claim God's future of peace.

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

+CALL TO WORSHIP—

Leader: What does it mean to worship? Why do we come here with voices raised, to join in praise and song?

People: Worship is the adoration of our God, and so we come to adore him. He has created us, loved us unconditionally, redeemed us and called us his own.

Leader: What more reason do we need to respond with the worship of our lives? I invite you to join together now as we lift up our glorious God.

+SONG—Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King

OPENING PRAYER—

How do we even begin to express in words who you are and what you have done? Your holiness is beyond our comprehension, your worth beyond all price. You would be worthy of worship simply because you are God. And yet, you have chosen to invite us into your story and to call us your children. We are overwhelmed. Our prayer today is that our worship will bring you great, great glory. And we look forward to the day when we will worship you face to face, joining with the angels as we all sing, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

+SONG—My Lighthouse

FIRST SCRIPTURE—Psalm 100

PRAYER

SONG—Gratitude

SONG—Good, Good Father

SECOND SCRIPTURE— Revelation 5:11-14



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—

We believe God's word to the psalmist, that when God sends forth his spirit, all creation is created; and the face of the ground is renewed. We ask God to teach us to do his will, for he is our God, and to let his good spirit lead us on a level path.

We believe the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the LORD of hosts."

We affirm God's word from Paul, that "the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We yearn to be filled with the Spirit, believing that as we sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among ourselves, and as we sing and make melody to the Lord in our hearts, that we should give thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Almighty God, our Father, you have given us power, wealth, wisdom, and strength, but we have been blinded to the cries of the world. We have used your gifts to our own advantage. Forgive us, Lord, and grant us the courage and strength to go forth this day determined to live lives worthy of the Lamb, your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Time of Silent Reflection and Confession and Words of Assurance

OFFERING—Pass It On, page, 572 UMH

+SONG—Graves into Gardens

THE BLESSING

BENEDICTION

Verse to Remember

Your word is a lamp to my feet and light to my path.

—Psalm 119:105

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Leader: Matt Powell
Pianist: Aimee Gahagen
Acolyte: Willow Ash
Hymn Sing Leader: Mary Kay Heiser
Greeters : Anne and Page Gaddis
Glorified members:

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

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE—October 26

Liturgist: Mary Kay Heiser
Acolyte: Nolan Barron
Greeters: Jane Taylor and Rich Hosterman
Bell Ringers: Page Gaddis and Carl Cassidy

Church Checkers: Page Gaddis—Oct. 20 to Nov. 02

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:

09/28/25—Kathy Yarger—fighting cancer, requested by Carolyn Foust

10/05/25—no requests

10/12/25—Marty Ilgen returned to Hershey Medical Center; Family and friends of David Harpster who passed away on October 11th; Tina Harpster (David's wife) recovering from heart surgery at Geisinger—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

Lou Cole

Liz Fink

Evelyn Yost

Note: addresses available at the church office

SOMETHING NEW STARTING **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5th!**



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 will be offering a adult time of Christian conversation comprised of podcast and/or videos pertaining to living a Christian life today.

Wednesdays, Library, 6:00 P.M.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

A 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 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 02—Daylight saving time will end for the year at 2:00 A.M.

November 02—Christmas Child Shoe Box Packing Party, Ash Hall, 1:00 P.M.

November 02—Charge Conference Meeting, GUMC, 6:00 PM

November 08—Soup Sale at Grace, 9:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M. See details in bulletin.

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

November 30—Hanging of the Greens service

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.

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.



The Centre Hall Council of Churches will once again participate in the Trunk or Treat event on October 31st.

If you would like to donate Halloween candy, please put your donation in the box located in the hall. Donations are due by Sunday, Oct. 26.

JOIN US FOR OUR TRUNK OR TREAT!





SOUP SALE!

WHEN: November 8th

PICK UP TIME: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

PICK UP LOCATION:

Grace United Methodist Church, Ash Hall

Choose from: Stuffed Pepper,
Vegetable Beef
Ham & Bean

Cost: \$8.00/quart

To order, please contact Sherri Gilliland at
sbg4@psu.edu.

Also, order form available in the hallway.

(If you forgot to order no problem, walk-ins are welcome)

ORDER DEADLINE IS OCT. 18TH





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!

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



**JOIN UNITED
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WOMEN IN FAITH IN
CELEBRATING OUR
MANY BLESSINGS.**

October 5 through November 9 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 the front of the church.

Jars should be returned to church on November 9.

If you miss that deadline, they can be turned into the office by November 13.

Thank you for being a blessing!

COLLECTION JARS LOCATED ON ALTAR



OCTOBER REQUESTS:

Wow items! Soccer or kick balls, hand pumps, Nerf balls, dolls, stuffed animals

NOVEMBER REQUESTS:

Monetary donations to cover processing /shipping costs for each box.

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.

DESPERATELY NEEDED ITEMS:

colored pencils, coloring books (all ages), sock (all ages), combs, brushes, small balls and pumps, beads & elastic cords, stickers.

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