

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Pastor Sandy Kraft

July 28, 2024

127 S. Pennsylvania Avenue

Centre Hall, PA 16828



SERVICE OF WORSHIP
July 28, 2024
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CENTERING WORDS—Ephesians 3

God, let the Word you have for us today fall upon our hearts and open us to your presence.

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

+CALL TO WORSHIP—

L: Be still, so God may speak to you in the silence of your heart.

P: O Lord, we need your peace, there is so little in the world.

L: Seek God's peace, and you will find it. Share it and you will be blessed.

P: Lord, we are ready to receive your peace, and to spread love throughout the land.

+OPENING PRAYER—

Lord, when we are tempted to waver from our ideals, we look to the power of your Spirit to keep us on the right path. Help us, we pray, to improve the way we live. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+HYMN—Be Thou My Vision, page 451 UMH

FIRST SCRIPTURE—Ephesians 3:14-21

PRAYER

+HYMN—Take My Life, page 399 UMH

SECOND SCRIPTURE—2 Samuel 11:1-15

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:

O God, not only do we fail to follow your commandments, but when we stray we scheme at the expense of others to cover up our wrongdoing. We ask for your forgiveness, Lord, and pray that despite our shortcomings we may still be found useful in your service. Amen.

Time of Silent Reflection and Confession and Words of Assurance

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—I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me,
page 2153 TFWS

+BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Leader: Pastor Sandy Kraft
Liturgist: Chris Hosterman
Organist: Aimee Gahagen
Acolyte: Riley Winkelblech
Greeters: Jane Taylor and Gale Marshall

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE—August 4th

Liturgist: Merrilee Barner
Acolyte: Jason Deitrich
Greeters: Willie and Erskine Cash

Church Checker: Matt Powell —July 29 to August 11

CHURCH AND PASTOR CONTACT INFORMATION:

Pastor Sandy's cell phone: (570) 575-8225
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TODAY— Vacation Bible School at Grace, 6:00 PM to 8:15

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Aug. 11 Ministry & Missions Meeting, after service,
Library

Aug. 11 Ice Cream Social, 6:00 PM, Ash Hall

Note: Copies of the letter from the Northeastern Jurisdiction College of Bishops are available at both sanctuary entrances.

Samaritan's Purse - 2024
Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Mission

July—School supplies—notebooks, paper, picture books, solar calculator, protractor, rulers

August—Art supplies—markers, colored pencils, sketch books, coloring books, crayons, DIY crafts.

August 11th Ice Cream Social, 6:00 PM, Ash Hall
Benefits Operation Christmas Child



*In Need
of Your
Prayers*

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

07/07/24—no entries

07/14/24—Evelyn Yost, in Juniper for rehab, submitted by Jane

07/21/24—Connie Hartley, submitted by Pastor Sandy; Liz Perez is at Juniper, submitted by Jane; Philip Klimas, submitted by Mindy and Brad Gensimore; Van Jodon, recovering nicely from surgery.

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.



Please keep our homebound friends in your thoughts and prayers

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Barbara Barnaby

Pete Burnett

Bertha Cassidy

Lou Cole

Fred Johnson

Barbara Koll

Elise Nestlerode

Ruth Rudy

Evelyn Yost



July Monthly Mission Penns Valley Youth Center

Their mission is to provide students in the community with hope, worth, and friendship. To do so we provide a fun and safe environment in order to encourage healthy habits and promote wise choices. Teenagers from every walk of life need a place outside of the home and school where they can relax, have fun, meet friends and be themselves. We operate an After School Program that includes tutoring, workshops, healthy foods, gym time and weekly family style dinners. We just contracted with a counselor to have on-site appointments available to students and their families. Over the past 8 years, we have worked hard to build relationships with the Penns Valley School District, local churches and businesses and individuals that are all working together to take care of the students in Penns Valley.



July—soap

August—
toothbrushes

Thank you!

**REMINDER: The month of August the food bank will meet
on August 13th —due to Grange Fair**



BEGINNING TODAY ...

**Launch Your Stellar VBS into an Out-of-this-World
Event!**

Vacation Bible School

at Grace United Methodist Church

July 28th to August 1st

6:00—8:15 PM

Volunteers are welcome to assist!

For more information on VBS or to **volunteer**, please contact Helen directly at 724/344-5225.





PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT



AUGUST 11TH

6:00 PM, Ash Hall

Monetary donations accepted or please donate any items for the shoeboxes from the list available at each sanctuary entrance.

ALL WELCOME!

