



Days of Grace

AUGUST 2026 EDITION

UPCOMING EVENTS



Children's Sunday School @ 9:00 am
Worship Service @ 10:00 am

AUGUST

5th & 19th – Red Cross Blood Drive here at the Church
12th – Women's Ministry – ZOOM @ 7:30 PM
14th – Monthly Movie @ 3:00 PM
15th – PAL – Grace UCC Helpers @ 9:00 AM
26th – Women's Ministry – In Person @ 7:30 PM
30th – 5th Sundays are Special – Continental Potluck Breakfast & Blessing of the Backpacks

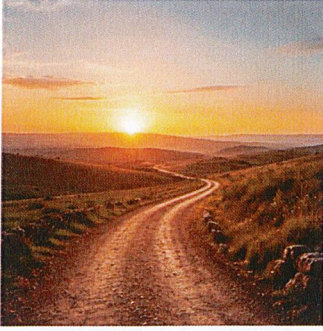
Bible Study Group has been put on hold for the summer and will resume in September

SEPTEMBER

2nd & 16th – Red Cross Blood Drive here at the Church
9th – Bible Study Group & Movie @ 12:30 PM movie @ 2:00 PM
9th – Women's Ministry – ZOOM @ 7:30 PM
11th – Monthly Movie @ 3:00 PM
12th – Blessing of the Pets @ 1:00 PM in the Church parking lot
13th – Confirmation & Sunday School Kick off @ 9:00 AM
19th – PAL – Grace UCC Helpers @ 9:00 AM
23rd – Women's Ministry – In Person @ 7:30 PM



Church Sanctuary is open every Wednesday from
11:00 – 12:00 for
A moment of Peace & Stillness



God rarely shows us the whole journey. God simply invites us to take the next faithful step.

Dear Friends,

This past month, we have been on a journey together. Through the stories from Genesis and the teachings of Jesus, we have explored what it means to be “Changed Along the Way”. One of the truths we have returned to each week is that God rarely shows us the whole journey. God simply invites us to take the next faithful step.

I don’t know about you, but I often wish God would hand me the entire roadmap. I like knowing what is coming next. I like having a plan. I hate surprises—especially the kind that stop me in my tracks. Throughout scripture, though, God rarely gives anyone a roadmap. Abraham didn’t know where he was going. Moses didn’t know how God would deliver the Israelites. The disciples didn’t know where following Jesus would lead them. Time and time again, God simply invited ordinary people to trust enough to take the next step. The same is true for us.

Sometimes that next step is exciting. It is accepting a new opportunity. It is a beginning of something new and different. It is saying yes to something that God has placed on our hearts. Other times, that next step is so much harder. It might mean letting go of something that we’ve carried with us for years. It might mean releasing fear about the future or trusting in God when things are out of our control. Sometimes the most faithful step we can take is opening our hands and making room for God to do something new within us.

As we move into August, our sermon series may be coming to an end, but our journey of faith is still alive! Every new day is another opportunity to be more Christ-like. Every conversation gives us another chance to offer grace. Every challenge is an invitation to trust that God is still working even if we can’t see the outcome.

I’m reminded of Paul’s words to the church in Philippi: “The one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion.” What a reassuring promise! We don’t have to change ourselves by sheer determination. We don’t have to have everything figured out. The God who called us is the same God who continues to walk beside us, guide us, and shape us every step of the way.

As summer continues, my prayer is that you will take a moment to look back over your own journey. Return to the scripture. Where have you seen God at work? What burdens have you begun to release? What seeds of hope and faith has God planted in your life? Give thanks and praise for how far God has already brought you. After all, God rarely shows us the whole journey. God simply invites us to take the next faithful step—and thanks be to God, we never take that step alone.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Amy



WOMEN'S Music Ministry

SECOND WEDNESDAY
of every month,
we will meet via
 **zoom**
@ 7:30 PM

FOURTH WEDNESDAY
of every month,
we will meet
in person
@ 7:30 PM

either outside in
Franklin Street lawn
or in the
gathering place
(weather pending)

Women of all ages
are invited to participate in both.




JOIN US FOR A
MOVIE
Afternoon!

POP CORN

AUGUST 14TH | **STARTS @ 3:00 PM**

FELLOWSHIP HALL

TAKE TIME.
RELAX.
ENJOY THE SHOW! ♥

GOOD MOVIES
GREAT COMPANY
MEMORABLE TIMES
ADMIT ONE

*Bring a friend and enjoy an
uplifting movie afternoon!*



Blessing
of the
PETS

September 12th @ 1:00

Please join us!

All pets and
their people
are welcome!

Let's give thanks
for the joy and
companionship
our pets bring
into our lives.



AUGUST 30TH

5th Sundays
are
Special
at Grace

We will enjoy worship outside
in the parking lot (weather permitting)
at 10am, with a continental
breakfast potluck and Blessings
of the Backpacks and Briefcases.

Please join us with your lawn chair
in the parking lot as we welcome
our neighbors and friends for
worship and fellowship.

WORSHIP.
FELLOWSHIP.
COMMUNITY.
ALL ARE WELCOME!



PROVIDE A LUNCH (P-A-L)



Grace is still preparing the meal every 3rd Saturday at Hanover Area Council of Churches for the PAL lunch! Contact Linda or Craig Bixler with any questions. Sign-ups for upcoming months are in the Gathering Place

GATHERING PLACE REFRESHMENTS



Our Gathering Place on Sunday mornings is abuzz with great fellowship and caring hearts. Won't you consider joining us before and/or after the service? We're also seeking new people to offer to provide snacks.... Nothing fancy needed 😊. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board

LECTOR SIGN UP



If you are interested in being a part of the morning worship service by serving as a Lector, please see the bulletin board in the Gathering place to sign up. Thank you.

PRAYER REQUESTS



If you have a prayer request, please call, text, or email Pastor Amy Fawks who will then add your request to the Bible Moment and Prayer Line (717-346-1703). You may leave messages on the Prayer Line or reach her at 717-698-6366. You can email her at FawksAmy@gmail.com.

AUGUST FILM



This 2024 film was called "a taut adult drama." It is about a trial and a person with a big moral dilemma. The film will be shown Friday August 14th, at 3 PM in Fellowship Hall. The film runs for 114 minutes and is rated **PG-13**. Snacks provided. Doors locked at 3:15.

WOMEN'S MUSIC MINISTRY



On the second Wednesday of every month, we will meet via zoom. @ 7:30 PM & on the fourth Wednesday of every month we will meet in person @ 7:30 pm either outside in Franklin Street lawn or in the gathering place (weather pending) **Women of all ages are invited to participate in both.**

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE



The Personnel Committee continues to complete human resource responsibilities as outlined in the Constitution and By-Laws and has remained busy with monthly routine tasks. Just a gentle reminder to help our valued Staff: Please make sure that you are utilizing forms for requests for the Sexton and Office Manager. Should you need copies or other tasks completed by the Office Manager, please make the request several days -week ahead, depending on the task. Thank you!

CURRENT CONSISTORY MEMBERS - 2026

Co - President – Vickie Arnold . . . 717-476-1492
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 Becky Boyer . . . 717-881-9116
 Susan Dienes - . . . 717-870-1288
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GRACE UCC STAFF

Pastor - Amy Fawks . . . 717-698-6366
Organist/Dir. of Music -
Office Manager/Bookkeeper-
Karen Samuelson . . . 717-688-9891
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Prayer Line and Bible Moment . . . 717-346-1703

2026 Committees & Teams

Administrative Committees (bold denotes chair)

- **Budget & Finance:** Brad Arnold, Richard Boyer, Linda Bixler, Pastor Amy Fawks, Chelsey Topper
- **Deacon's Fund:** Pastor Amy Fawks, Victoria Arnold, Craig Bixler, Rebecca Boyer, Fay Emlet
- **Education Fund:** Linda Bixler, Brad Arnold, Richard Boyer, Pastor Amy Fawks, Chelsey Topper
- **Memorial Fund:** Pastor Amy Fawks
- **Nominating:** Victoria Arnold, Pastor Amy Fawks, Jenn Weaver, Judy Rummel
- **Personnel:** Joleen Fennell, Angie Boyers, Fay Emlet, Pastor Amy Fawks, Pam Kreitz
- **By-laws & Policy:** Dormant in 2026

Trustees: Leonard Bankert, Craig Bixler, Pastor Amy Fawks, David Fawks, Mike Mummert, Chelsey Topper

Worship & Music Team

- **Worship & Music:** Pastor Amy Fawks, Victoria Arnold, Martha Channell, Susan Dienes, Pam Kreitz
- **Hospitality:** Victoria Arnold, Pastor Amy Fawks, Angie Boyers, Anita Kincaid, Chelsey Topper
- **Head Usher:** Consistory
- **Altar Guild:** Susan Dienes, Rebecca Boyer, Pastor Amy Fawks, Joleen Fennell, Anita Kincaid, Chelsey Topper

Church Relations

- **HACC:** Craig Bixler, Linda Bixler
- **Conference Delegates:** Pastor Amy Fawks, Craig Bixler, Linda Bixler, Jenn Weaver, Chelsey Topper

Empowerment Team

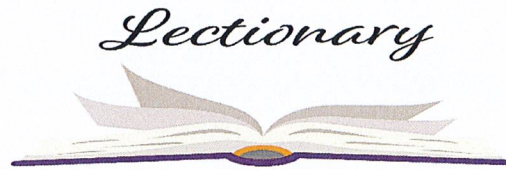
- **Visitation:** Pastor Amy Fawks, Craig Bixler, Linda Bixler
- **Pastoral Relations Team:** Pastor Amy Fawks, Rebecca Boyer, Charlie Fennell, Jenn Weaver
- **Stewardship:** Chelsey Topper, Pastor Amy Fawks

Faith Formation

- **David Fawks, Jenn Weaver,** Linda Bixler, Pastor Amy Fawks, Joleen Fennell, Anita Kincaid

Outreach Team

- **Craig Bixler,** Janette Becker, Linda Bixler, Rebecca Boyer, Angie Boyers, Pastor Amy Fawks, Joleen Fennell, Pam Kreitz, Chelsey Topper, Marsha Theisson



AUGUST

August 2nd - Genesis 32:22-31 & Psalm 17:1-7, 15, Isaiah 55:1-5 & Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21,
Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21

August 9th – Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 & Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b, 1 Kings 19:9-18 &
Psalm 85:8-13, Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-23

August 16th – Genesis 45:1-5 & Psalm 133, Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 & Psalm 67,
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32, Matthew 15 (10-20), 21-28

August 23rd – Exodus 1:8-2:10 & Psalm 124, Isaiah 51:1-6 & Psalm 138,
Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20

August 30th – Exodus 3:1-15 & Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b, Jeremiah 15:15-21
& Psalm 26: 1-8, Romans 12:9-21, Matthew 16:21-28

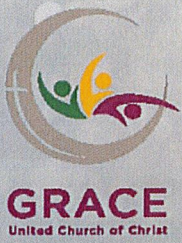
SEPTEMBER

September 6th – Exodus 12:1-14 & Psalm 149, Ezekial 33:7-11 & Psalm 119:33-40,
Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20

September 13th – Exodus 14:19-31 & Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21, Genesis 50:15-21
& Psalm 103: (1-7), 8-13, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35

September 20th – Exodus 16:2-15 & Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45, Johah 3:10-4:11 & Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30, Matthew 20:1-16

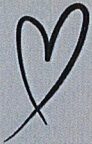
September 27th – Exodus 17:1-7 & Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16, Ezekial 18:1-4, 25-32 &
Psalm 25:1-9, Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32



A NEW WAY TO GROW TOGETHER

**A Confirmation & Youth Faith Formation Journey
For Grades 6-12 | Starting September 13, 2026**

FIVE PILLARS OF FAITH



Community & Belonging

Friendship, hospitality, radical welcome and discover what it means to be part of the Body of Christ



Worship & Wonder

Music, sacraments, and creative expressions of faith



Service & Compassion

Put faith into action through service, generosity and caring for neighbors



Scripture & Story

Engaging the Bible as God's living story. Discover how God is still speaking in our lives today through Scripture, conversation, and creativity



Prayer & Spiritual Practices

Explore different ways to connect with God through prayer, silence, music, art, and practices that sustain faith beyond church

WHAT TO EXPECT

Monthly gatherings • Hands-on activities • Service opportunities
Digital resources • Intergenerational events for the whole congregation

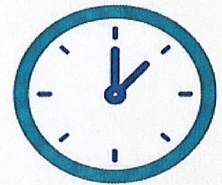
Our hope is simple: to help young people build a lifelong relationship with Christ while creating meaningful connections with one another and with the entire Grace UCC family.

Watch for more information as we prepare to begin this exciting new journey.

Second Saturday in **August** COME PLAY GAMES!



On **Saturday, August 8**
at **1PM** we will gather in
FELLOWSHIP HALL
to play games.



Please bring your favorite game
to share with others. It can be any type of game:



★ **BOARD GAME**

★ **TALKING GAME**



★ **CARD GAME**



★ **ELECTRONIC GAME**



★ **MAKE BELIEVE GAME**

? **RIDDLE GAME**

★ **ANY KIND OF GAME
THAT IS FUN TO PLAY.**



*If you don't have a game to share,
come and learn how to play a
game someone else brings.*



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August

WORD SEARCH



Find the words listed below. Words may be forward, backward, up, down or diagonal.

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WORDS TO FIND

AUGUST
BLESSING
CHURCH
COMMUNITY
DISCIPLE
FAITH
GRACE
HOPE
JOY
KINDNESS
LOVE
PATIENCE
PEACE
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SERVICE
WORSHIP

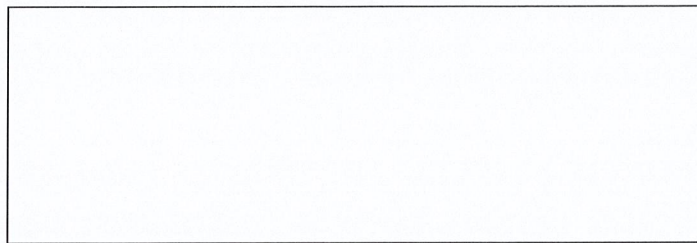
*His mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is Your faithfulness.*

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23





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CHRIST CALLS US TO REACH OUT WITH LOVE AND SHARE GOD'S GRACE

WELCOME EVERYONE!

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