



*Grace United Methodist Church
 320 Felgar Road
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 November 13th, 2022
 Pastor Eric G. Raygor*

PRELUDE
 ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Many times in our lives have we felt lost, alone, abandoned.
People: Yet there is One who will never leave our side. We can depend upon God's loving presence to rescue us and to heal our brokenness.

Pastor: Even though we have been battered and blown by storms and struggles, we still can place our trust in God's abiding presence.
People: It is the grace of God that has brought us through and will continue to be with us all our lives.

Pastor: Our lips shall sing and shout forth our praise of God.
People: Let our hearts and spirits rejoice and continually be praising God for all His tender mercies. AMEN.

PRAISE SONG "Here I am to Worship"

***INVOCATION – Lord God of love and peace, open our hearts today to receive the invitation of Jesus to come and be present in our lives. Release us from our smallness and create an atmosphere of confession and healing love in our hearts and our spirits. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name, Amen.**

SPECIAL SOLO "He" *Dave Emert*

CHILDREN'S TIME

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

EXPRESSION OF NEED AND PRAISE

PRAYER

LORDS PRAYER

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
 HYMN "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" # 557

SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 1-1-4, 11-12
 TITLE "What's a Church to Do?"

CLOSING HYMN "Forward Through the Ages" # 555

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

***Those who are able, please stand**

GRACE UMC PRAYER CONCERNS:
 Dennis & Darlene, Roberts, Bruce Holsopple, Kim Howard, Bill Lambert, Ron Shaulis, Judith Henderson, Jack & Arlene Walters, Richard Mostoller, Pat Wickham, Emma Witt, Ken & Bonnie Peterson, Jack & Shirley Ankeny, Shirley Kaufman, Martha Makin, Kristy Burkett, Dorothy Kolinsky

The altar flowers have been given for the Glory of God and in celebration of Rev. Chuck Olson's birthday by Marge Olson.

Today's "Thinking of You" card will be sent to John & Mary Jane Maust. The card is located in the narthex.

The Mission for month of November is Salvation Army's Winter heating fund. We also have heating tags you can "buy" as an alternative to buying a Christmas gift for someone who has everything! (Salvation Army's Warm Hearts Campaign.) – Available in the narthex.

Groceries From Grace list for November: Cereal, Gravy, Spray cleaner, Mashed potatoes, noodles, soup, stuffing mix, Veggies, Yams, Handsoap, Bar of Soap, Toilet paper. Needed by November 16th.

The 2023 offering envelopes are being prepared. If you are currently receiving offering packets and no longer wish to receive them OR if you currently do not receive a packet and would like to receive a packet for the upcoming year, please call the church office or speak with Karen Kooser.

WOMEN OF GRACE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women of Grace will have a meeting on Monday (11/14) at 6:00 p.m. **PUMPKIN ROLL ALERT!** Women of Grace have begun taking orders for our famous pumpkin rolls for Thanksgiving. Order forms are available in the narthex. You can pay with cash or a check payable to “Women of Grace” or pay when you pick up your roll(s). Today is last day to order your pumpkin rolls!

Women of Grace are selling Subway discount cards for \$10 each, in order to replenish much-needed funds for providing outreach support for our congregation and the community. See any W.O.G. member to purchase a card. They make great stocking stuffers! These cards provide some nice savings with many “BOGO” offers. WOG: Pick & sign out your packet of 10 cards on the buffet table in the office.

All women of the church are invited to join W.O.G. for their annual Christmas party, which will be held at Pine Grill on December 12th. Please RSVP to the church office so we have enough seats at the table.

The annual Camp Allegheny Dinner and Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, December 3rd. Please RSVP to Melissa Salyers. Grace is sponsoring two baskets; one “Sweet” and the other “Salty.” You can donate to these baskets in the narthex.

There will be a Special Charge Conference on November 20th at 1:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend and vote.
***Be sure to read the orange sheet that was mailed in your newsletter.**

There is one hour that have not been filled for Salvation Army bell ringing. There is a signup sheet in the narthex. A minimum of 2 people are needed for this shift. Please add full name & tel#.

There will be a Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday, 11/22 at 7:00. All committee members are encouraged to attend.

The Salvation Army Angel Tree tags are now available in the narthex. If you remove a tag from the tree, **PLEASE sign your name and tel# next to the tag number.** Also, the unwrapped gifts should be returned to the church & NOT to the Salvation Army. We deliver the gifts when they are all returned. This makes tracking much easier. Please sign the gifts in when you bring them.

If you are interested in lighting the Advent candle during Sunday worship, please call the church office, or talk to Pastor Eric. It is nice to have families participate in this meaningful part of Advent.



St. Paul’s UCC will be offering a community dinner on Thanksgiving day. The meal is open to the public and will feature a full meal. Dine-in or carry out will be available from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Since the Salvation Army is no longer sponsoring the event, the cost is solely put upon the members of St. Paul’s UCC. You can help in a variety of ways:

To provide financial support, you can make a check payable to St. Paul’s UCC with a memo “Thanksgiving meal,” or if you want to donate cash, either drop it off or mail it to the church at 202 West Union St., Somerset. They are in need of 15 to 20 fruit pies. Also, help is needed for food prep on Tuesday, 11/22 and they will need plenty of serving hands on Thanksgiving Day. There are many choices of jobs and you can donate as much time as you are able. Call Cindy at UCC, 814-445-4534 to make your commitment to help or provide a fruit pie. It is a well-organized event, and is very rewarding!

***There is a list of jobs in the narthex, but it IS NOT a signup sheet. You will need to call UCC to volunteer.**