



*Grace United Methodist Church  
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 November 20th, 2022  
 Pastor Eric G. Raygor*

PRELUDE  
 ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: We give thanks to God for the food that endures.  
**People: God forgives our sins and brings the fullness of grace.**  
 Pastor: We are grateful for sustenance of our spirit.  
**People: God gives us courage to work for justice and peace.**  
 Pastor: We are indebted to God for bread for our human journey.  
**People: God, please renew us, binding together faithful people of all ages, backgrounds and circumstances.**  
**All: All praise and thanks be to God, who nourishes our whole being. Amen.**

SPECIAL HYMN            “Count Your Blessings”            (See insert)

**\*INVOCATION – Oh Lord, You have provided for us in ways far beyond what we deserve and we are so very grateful. Help us to be wise enough to use Your blessings to bring honor to Your Holy Name. Open our hearts and help us to be continually thankful. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

ANTHEM                            “Rejoice, Rejoice”

CHILDREN’S TIME  
 RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER  
 EXPRESSION OF NEED AND PRAISE  
 PRAYER  
 LORDS PRAYER

OFFERTORY  
**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**  
 HYMN                            “*We Gather Together*”                            # 131  
 SCRIPTURE                    1 Corinthians 4:5-12  
 TITLE                            “*What Are You Thankful For?*”  
 CLOSING HYMN    “*Come, Ye Thankful People*”                            # 694  
**\*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 by the Holopple family.

Today’s “Thinking of You” card will be sent to Dennis & Darlene Roberts. 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.

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\***

If you ordered a pumpkin roll and have not picked it up, they will be available in the hall after church.

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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 TODAY November 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend and vote.

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.

Items for the December newsletter are needed ASAP. Please send your submissions to the church office or place them in Christi's mailbox in the hallway.

**PRAYER CHAIN**

Our prayer chain leader, Dorothy Dively will be on vacation from 11/21 through 11/30, returning 12/1. During this time, please call Pastor Brenda Shaffer, 814-798-8041 with any prayer requests.

There are a few Salvation Army Angel Tree tags 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.**



## Count Your Blessings

When upon life's billows you are tempest-tossed,  
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,  
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,  
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

### **Chorus:**

Count your blessings, name them one by one,  
Count your blessings, see what God hath done!  
Count your blessings, name them one by one,  
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?  
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?  
Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,  
And you will keep singing as the days go by.

### **Chorus**

When you look at others with their lands and gold,  
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;  
Count your many blessings, money cannot buy  
Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.

### **Chorus**

So, amid the conflict whether great or small,  
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;  
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,  
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

### **Chorus**