



Grace United Methodist Church
320 Felgar Road
Somerset, PA 15501
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December 21, 2025
Pastor Justin Judy

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Gretchen Allen

Leader: Beloved, God calls to us—like Joseph—through angels and messengers, inviting us to listen for the Spirit’s guidance in the midst of half-truths and distractions.

People: We listen faithfully for the day that all the earth awaits.

Leader: Sometimes, angels surprise us (as they did Mary) with good news too fantastical to believe and yet too real—realer than real—to ignore.

People: We listen faithfully for the day that all the earth awaits.

Leader: For generations, God has sent signs of God’s coming kingdom in unexpected places—the birth of a child, the wisdom of the lowly, the faithfulness of a carpenter.

People: We listen faithfully for the day that all the earth awaits.

Leader: Come! Let us worship God who calls out to us, inviting us to faithfulness as we watch, wait, and work for the day when the whole world knows the abundant love and grace of Emmanuel, God-with-us.

People: Come! Let us worship as we listen faithfully for the day that all the earth awaits.

*PRAISE SONG

“Adore”

*INVOCATION

O Christ, we long for your coming. Hasten that day when those who seek you in every nation will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and sit at the table in your kingdom. Hasten the day when your kingdom will come in all its glory, and suffering and pain and sickness and oppression and death will be overcome forever. Hasten the day when we will be resurrected as a great multicultural family and live in peace, harmony, joy, and love together in your kingdom. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“How Quietly”

Chancel Choir

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Kristen, Jeremy, Taylor & Logan Tsrbay

CHILDREN’S TIME

EXPRESSION OF NEED AND PRAISE

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYNN

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

#224

SCRIPTURES

Luke 1:39-48a

Paige Hartman

MESSAGE

“Near the Beginning!”

*CLOSING HYMN

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Those who are able, please stand*

GRACE UMC PRAYER CONCERNS:

Chuck Salay, Bill Stephens, Ray Tomsik, Joy Gresiek, Judith Henderson, Bruce and Jaye Holsopple, Pat Wickham, Dorothy Kolinsky, Arlene Walters, Richard Mostoller, Shirley Kaufman, Kristy Burkett, Darlene Roberts, Karen Kooser, Shirley Schlosser.



The altar flower vases have to the Glory of God by the Holsopple Family.



Today’s “Thinking of You” card will be sent to Lindsey & Christian Spitler. The card is located in the narthex.

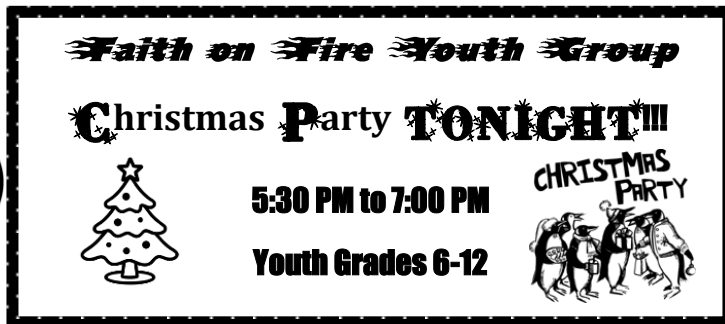


A CHURCH ON A MISSION

December's Mission of the Month will benefit



Our Mission is to provide a continuum of quality services, which promote the emotional, behavioral, educational and physical development of children, adolescents, and their families.



Only 4 Sleeps Left!!!



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Emergency Communications

In an effort to improve communication for groups, the prayer chain, and to improve emergency communications the board has decided to utilize CallMultiplier in order to communicate via voice and text messages. In order to get started, we are asking everyone interested to sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.



Amy would like to thank everyone who took the time to check their information in the directory. She also asks for your assistance once again in checking her work. The draft will be in the narthex for the month of December. If you have a moment, please make sure she has everything correct. If so, please indicate with a check. If not, she apologizes and will get it right. Please correct her.



Offering Envelopes are now available in the hallway. Stop by the table and pick yours up.



CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE

MUSIC at 6:30 PM
SERVICE at 7:00 PM



Musical Prelude

Our **T**raditional **C**hristmas **E**ve **P**relude will begin at **6:30** pm on **C**hristmas **E**ve. **A**nyone with a musical piece to share should sign up on the list in the **N**arthex.



2026 is just around the corner, and it looks like the **Friends and Fellowship Group** will continue to meet on the **2nd Thursday** of each month at **1:00pm**. We have some new people coming, so the group is growing! This group is open to anyone who would like to share some food, fellowship, and lively conversations. Sometimes it's Biblical and other times, it is just a time to be together. During the months of nice weather, we have visited places like Flight 93 Memorial, an antique store, a short hike or two. There is no commitment, just join us when you can.

If you have questions, or would like us to save you a seat, please call or text **Pastor Justin 724-594-4073** or **Christi (Corbett) Shaffer 814-442-6334**.

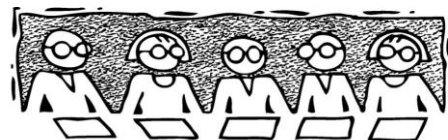
Here are the upcoming outings:

January 8 - Glades Pike Tavern,
(out near the old Jamesway!) 4185 Glades Pike, Somerset

February 12 - Coalfields Diner,
3494 Berlin Plank Rd., Berlin

March 12 - Tailgates,
1640 North Center Ave., Somerset

Come and dip your toe in any time! You will enjoy it!



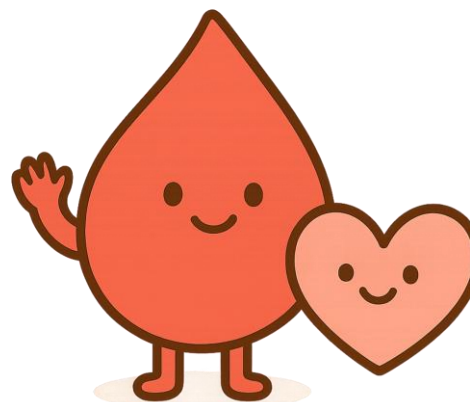
Board Member Orientation



After service on **Sunday, January 11, 2026**, Officers of 2026 are asked to stay after for a meeting/lunch to go over the requirements for each Church position. Not sure if you are an Officer? Please check the list posted in the Narthex.



The Men of Grace will meet in the fellowship hall for breakfast **January 10, 2026 at 8:30 am**. All men are welcome. Please sign up in the narthex so Rich knows how much to make.



**BLOOD DRIVE
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

We are looking for a few good volunteers to help with our Blood Drives. If you are interested in helping with this life saving Donation Drive, please see Pat Foy or Pastor Justin for more information.