



Grace United Methodist Church  
 320 Felgar Road  
 Somerset, PA 15501  
 (814) 443-2906  
 May 17, 2026  
 Chico Alvarez

PRELUDE

“When the Saints Go Marching In/Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”  
*Chords of Praise*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Jennie Kent*

Leader: We come here today not because we are clever, but because God welcomes the slow learners.

**People: We come here not because we are wise, but because God loves us in spite of our folly.**

Leader: We come knowing that the greatest persons will be found among those who humbly serve like Jesus did, and that the brightest ideas and the deepest truth will come from those who see themselves as little children in Christ’s school.

**People: O Lord, open up our mind and our hearts and enable our lives to declare your praise. Amen.**

\*PRAISE SONG “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

\*INVOCATION

**Lord, we humbly come to you this day to tell you thank you. You have shown us so much compassion despite our tongues. We have hurt our neighbors, our friends, and our families. Bridle our tongues, God, that we might speak love and not hate. Bridle our tongues, God, that we might uplift and not tear down. Bridle our tongues, God, that we might continue to win more citizens for the kingdom. It’s in the name of the one who saved us, Jesus Christ, that we pray. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus/Nothing but the Blood of Jesus”  
*Chords of Praise*

CHILDREN’S TIME

EXPRESSION OF NEED AND PRAISE  
 PASTORAL PRAYER  
 LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY “Simple Gifts” *Chords of Praise*

\* DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN “Be Thou My Vision” #451

SCRIPTURES James 3:3-12 *Colten Maylowski*

MESSAGE “Taming of the Tongues”

\*CLOSING HYMN “Take My Life, and Let It Be” #399

\*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, Richard Mostoller, The Family of Shirley Kaufman, Kristy Burkett, Darlene Roberts, The Family of Karen Kooser, Shirley Schlosser, Delores Resh, Kendra Nist, Doris Miller.



*The altar flower vases have been given to the Glory of God by the Holsopple Family. The Altar arrangement has been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of husband Larry, mother Anna Brode, and mother-in-law Mildred Dively by Leona Dively.*



**Today’s “Thinking of You” card will be sent to Doloris Resh. The card is located in the narthex.**

MISSION  
of the  
*Month*



***Faith on Fire Youth Group***

**No Meeting Tonight!!!**

**See you next week!**

**All Youth In Grades 6-12 are Welcome**



Anyone who is interested in becoming a member of Grace United Methodist Church, please see Pastor Justin for more information.



This year, Memorial Sunday will be held on **May 24th**. If you would like to remember and honor family members or friends who are no longer with us, please use one of the forms in the narthex to have the name (s) read aloud during the service. You will be given an opportunity to approach the altar and light a candle in honor of your loved one.



**Saturday, June 6th, 2026  
8 am to 2 pm**

Got things you want to get rid of? Want to take advantage of the crowd a large multi-family sale will bring? Plan to set up during our Yard Sale Day. Space is available all through our fellowship hall or large parking lot. Space can be used to sell your home yard sale items, or craft and vendor items. Please reserve space in advance by filling out a form (available in the narthex) or contacting the church. Proceeds will benefit the OCC fund. Reservations will be on a first come, first serve basis. See Melissa for more details or with questions.



Our Prayer Chain is officially up and running. To request the chain to pray, please call Amy during office hours (M-F 9am to 1pm) at the church office 814-443-2906 or send her a text at 814-233-5977 at any time. You can still sign up to be part of the chain. You will receive a text message from our one call system and no longer have to pass the message to anyone else.



On July 6, 2026, Jay and Peggy Ankeny will celebrate their **75<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!!!**

To help mark this incredible milestone, their daughters; Randee Ankeny, Becky Werner, and their families; are asking for a card shower. If you are able, please send a card or note to:

Jay and Peggy Ankeny  
1465 Jonathan Drive  
Somerset, PA 15501



We will recognize the graduates in our church family on Sunday, June 14, 2026. If someone you love should be on our list, please let Amy know.

Update: The Women of Grace will host a cookie and punch reception in the parlor after this service.



**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED** to help with flower planting and maintenance. We need to care for "God's gardens", as a family. Please consider giving your time and adopting a small area. Gram always said, "A little dirt is good for what ails you!"

**Note: There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex**



Groceries from  
**GRACE**

**DELIVERY DAY:**  
May 22

- Detergent
- Cereal
- Cheesy Potato Mix
- Canned Chili
- Cracker Packs
- Mac & Cheese
- Pasta & Sauce
- Soup
- Veggies
- Toothpaste
- Kleenex



May's  
Challenge

**Small Toys**

- Jump Ropes
- Balls
- Cars
- Dolls



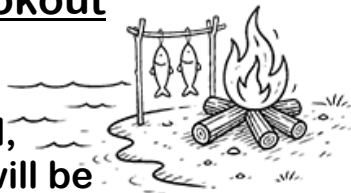
Subs and Pizzas will be sold at our Yard Sale on June 6<sup>th</sup>. We will have Regular or Turkey Subs with or without onions and Pizzas with or without pepperoni for \$10 each. Preorder by May 24<sup>th</sup> on the sheet in the narthex

**Church Campfire and Cookout**  
Saturday, June 13 at 6 PM

Sponsored by Men of Grace

Hot dogs, chips, potato salad, smores, water and iced tea will be provided. Feel free to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Please sign up in the narthex.



Grace UMC's week to donate desserts is May 25-29<sup>th</sup>. More information and the sign-up list are in the narthex. Please add your name to donate if you can.



Mark your calendars for our Day Camp at Camp Allegheny. The fun runs from 9 am to 3 pm, June 29<sup>th</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Cost is \$95 per child and includes lunch. For more information & registration: Pastor James Golla (814)-445-4442 Somersetcircuit@alleghenywestgmc.org



July 26th - 30th 2026

**Something for Everyone 1 to 101!!**

Exploring 5 foundational truths about the nature of God. Embark on a wild, creature-filled Amazon adventure where kids learn that Jesus is Creator. All-knowing, our Refuge, Love, and Forever.

**Elder Justice Day Seminar 2026**



**When:**  
June 18th, 2026

**Time:**  
10:00am - 2:00pm  
(Registration begins at 9:30am)

⇒ Free box lunch from My Girls Deli & Catering

⇒ Presented by the Protection & Advocacy Committee of Somerset County

**Call 814-443-2681 to reserve a spot to attend by June 5th**



"The Protection & Advocacy Committee of Somerset County is a productive community partnership to educate residents about elder abuse, how to report abuse and to educate about available advocacy support."

**Location:**  
Somerset Church of the Brethren; 606 Berlin Plank Rd, Somerset, PA 15501

**Transportation:**  
Free transportation is provided from all Somerset County Senior Centers. Call your local center to reserve transportation