



Grace United Methodist Church
320 Felgar Road
Somerset, PA 15501
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August 2, 2026
Pastor Justin Judy

PRELUDE “The Red, White & Blue” by John Peterson *Trish Diamond*
ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Audrey McQuade*
Leader: As we gather and as we disperse, as we rise and as we sleep, as we eat and play and work,

People: We offer God praise.

Leader: As we wash our car, scrub the dishes, rinse the grime of the day from our hands,

People: We offer God praise.

Leader: As we feel the tips of the grass on our feet, the wind against our face, the sun on our backs,

People: We offer God praise.

Leader: Come, let us worship God who creates, redeems, and sustains us to live out our praise in all we do!

People: We come as people formed by grace to offer God praise with our whole selves now and in all the ordinary moments of our lives! Amen.

*PRAISE SONG “How Great is Our God”

*INVOCATION

Awesome and majestic God, your creative power, your glory and holiness were experienced by your people of old as clouds and fire guiding them to freedom. They believed that no one could see your face and live. How blessed, therefore, are we, for you have revealed your face to us in Jesus—the human face of your love. You also equip us for our journey through life and beyond, by breathing new and everlasting life into our very beings, through the gift of the Holy Spirit. They believed that it was your presence with them which made them a chosen and special people. We praise and adore you, O God, for making our lives so special, by choosing to share your life with us in and through Jesus. May this time of worship and the service of our lives reveal our thanksgiving and our wonder that you should so care for us. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC “America, Honor God” by Gary Lanier *Trish Diamond*
CHILDREN’S TIME

EXPRESSION OF NEED AND PRAISE
PASTORAL PRAYER
LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY “For God and Country” by John Rasley *Trish Diamond*
* DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” #474

SCRIPTURES Genesis 32:22-31 *Tony Maimone*

MESSAGE “The Struggle”

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN “God Be with You till We Meet Again” #672

*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, Kristy Burkett, Darlene Roberts, Shirley Schlosser, Kendra Nist.



The altar flower vases have been given by Lori Nist and Judy Gelpi in loving memory of Richard Gelpi.

Today’s “Thinking of You” card will be sent to John and Mary Jane Maust. The card is located in the narthex.

MISSION of the Month



UMCOR Relief Supply Kits

UMCOR
Cleaning Kit



UMCOR
Hygiene Kit



UMCOR/CWS
Menstrual
Hygiene Kit



The Mission of the Month for August will raise funds to purchase items to create UMCOR relief supply kits. Purchasing through UMCOR ensures the correct products at the best possible price. Once the items are purchased, assembly of the kits will be planned and advertised

August



Groceries from
GRACE

Cereal

Lysol Wipes

Canned Pasta

Mac N Cheese

Mashed Potatoes

Noodles

Ramen Noodles

Rice

Soup

Taco Kits

Tuna

Tuna Helper

Veggies

Shampoo/Conditioner

Paper Towels

Delivery Date : August 21



The Somerset Historical Center



Mountain Craft Days



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.

Bring your backpack, laptop, or other school supplies to the 10:30 service on **August 30, 2026** for our annual **Blessing of the Backpacks**. We will bless the supplies and pray for a safe and successful school year. All students are welcome!!!

Mountain Craft Days are quickly approaching. Many different opportunities to help are available. In addition to manning the booth, we need help to prepare, set up and clean up. Check out the signups in the narthex to find your spot.



The Friends & Fellowship Group will meet at Moo Echo Dairy, 3671 Glades Pike, Somerset. August 13th at 1:00 pm



Once again, Dave and Mary Alice Emert have graciously offered the use of their beautiful property on Bicycle Road for our All Church Picnic on Saturday August 15th. Fishing and games begin at 3 pm with food served around 4 pm. A sign up sheet is in the narthex.



July's Challenge

Time for School Supplies!!!

Goal

450 Packs of Crayons, Colored Pencils, or Markers

2000 Pencils

450 Pencil Sharpeners

450 Erasers

Scissors-Kids size are good

Soft Sided or Small Notebooks