



Grace United Methodist Church
320 Felgar Road
Somerset, PA 15501
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September 13, 2026
Pastor Justin Judy

PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Gretchen Allen

Leader: Followers of Christ, we live in a world where we hurt one another, where sin divides us one from another and makes us enemies instead of neighbors.

People: Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.

Leader: The divisions in our world seem like too much to overcome, and we wonder if this forgiveness thing really works anymore. Maybe it worked for Jesus, but not for us.

People: Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.

Leader: We find ourselves tempted by easy answers and quick solutions, reticent to do the slow and difficult work of reconciliation.

People: Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.

Leader: In this place, may we encounter Christ who meets us in the places where we want to give up, where we despair that life-giving change is even possible, with abundant grace to sustain us on the journey.

People: God, form us today as people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us. Amen.

*PRAISE SONG

"Holy Forever"

*INVOCATION

Liberating God, we worship you. We praise and adore you for opening up a new future for us when your love and compassion, your mercy and grace became enfleshed in Jesus Christ. He delivered us from the bondage of evil and sin through his death on the cross. The impossible once more became reality when love defeated evil once and for all. We pray that this time of worship will be a true offering of our wonder and praise that you should care for us so deeply and so faithfully. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Be Thou My Vision"

Logan Ling

CHILDREN'S TIME

EXPRESSION OF NEED AND PRAISE

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

* **DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*HYMN

"How Great Thou Art"

#77

SCRIPTURES

Matthew 18:21-35

Amy Maimone

MESSAGE

"Freedom is a Joy and a Burden"

*CLOSING HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

#384

*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 family of Sandy Younkin.



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



Today's "Thinking of You" card will be sent to Brandy Alvarez for her Birthday. The card is located in the narthex.

MISSION of the Month



September



Groceries from
GRACE

Delivery Date:
September 18, 2026

Cereal
Oatmeal
Detergent
Applesauce
Beef Stew
Cheesy Potato Mixes
Cracker Packs
Manwich
Pasta & Sauce
Soup
Veggies
Soap Bars
Toothpaste
Garbage Bags

September's Challenge

Anything that fits in a shoebox
& a prayer!



The Somerset Historical Center



Mountain Craft Days

Proceeds to
benefit



CHRISTMAS



PROGRAM

Christmas Presentation

A CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 17TH FOR ANY AND ALL WHO

WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE.

IF A GROUP OF 10 OR MORE CAN BE FORMED, A PLAN WILL BE MADE.

ANYONE IN THE CHURCH CAN PARTICIPATE — KIDS AND ADULTS

SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX OR SPEAK TO MELISSA.

**A Giant
THANK YOU
to everyone who
helped
(or who are still
helping)
make this year a
success!!!**



To prepare for



October 25, 2026



**September 14, 2026
6:30 pm in the
Parlor**



**September 20, 2026
After church in the
Parlor**



"The motion passes to form a committee, to select a task force, to see why we can never get anything done in our board meetings."



**September 23, 2026
6:30 pm in the Parlor**



**September 27, 2026
After church in the
Parlor**



*The Women of Grace will meet
Monday, September 14, 2026
at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
All women are welcome.*



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.



October 23 , 2026

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A Prayer for September

Gracious Loving God,

As we are starting a new season this month, and getting into the full swing of the new school year, let us pause to remember that you are ever present with us everywhere we go.

Let us remember those who may not be able to fully celebrate the joys of changing of the seasons, due to lack of senses, healthcare, transportation, employment, appropriate and accessible education, family or community support, enough healthy food to serve the household.

Gracious God, help us embrace not only those whom we know and see everyday, but also those who are living in the margins of life here in our communities and those around the world.

Guide and direct our every thought, action and words that we say each and every day.

Thank you God for today.
In your name we pray,
Amen.

Submitted by Deaconess Katie Peterson



If you have anything you would like included in the October Words of Grace, please give it to Amy by September 15, 2026.

