

Grace United Methodist Church
320 Felgar Road
Somerset, PA 15501
(814) 443-2906
November 22 ,2026
Pastor Justin Judy

PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Audrey McQuade*

Leader: Family of God, we celebrate and remember Christ, who reigns over all creation with love and grace, forming us as a family bound together by God.

People: We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and calls us to do the same.

Leader: We gather to recount all the ways we encounter Christ in our midst—in our neighbor who checks in when we're sick, in our unhoused friends who gather for a meal, in our friends who have been wounded in body and spirit.

People: We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and reminds us to do the same.

Leader: We join our voices with Christians throughout the world and throughout time to give thanks and to seek guidance as we grow in love of God, neighbor, self, and creation.

People: We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and inspires us to do the same.

Leader: Come, you blessed by God, with open hearts, open arms, and open doors to welcome and embrace all of our neighbors, because when we love our neighbors, we love Christ among us.

People: We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and empowers us to do the same. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*OPENING HYMN "We Gather Together" #131

*INVOCATION

Sovereign God, the wind blows, the water flows, and the sun shines. All creation declares your majesty. In you, we move, live, and have our being. Be glorified in our worship. Be known by our testimony. We proclaim your goodness from the east and the west, from the north and the south. On countrysides and city blocks, you reign. In deep valleys and skyscrapers, we declare that your realm extends from everlasting to everlasting. We worship you, Holy One, in spirit and in truth. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Malo, Malo" *The Grace Gang & Chancel Choir*
CHILDREN'S TIME

EXPRESSION OF NEED AND PRAISE
PASTORAL PRAYER
LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY
* **DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*HYMN "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" #694

SCRIPTURES Matthew 25:31-46 *Cate McQuade*

MESSAGE "Reign of Christ"

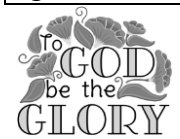
*CLOSING HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God" #102

*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 Kristy Burkett, Darlene Roberts, Shirley Schlosser, the Davis Family, the family of Donna Egolf.



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 Joan Ankeny. The card is located in the narthex.



Mark 13: 24-37

MISSION of the Month

THE SALVATION ARMY

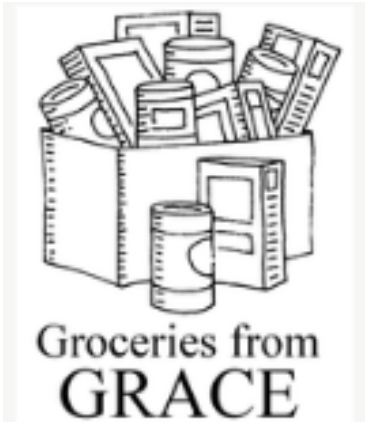
Operation Warm Hearts

DOING THE MOST GOOD

Operation Warm Hearts: Provides heating assistance to eligible families with young children, senior citizens, veterans and/or disabled individuals.

Women Of Grace

The Women of Grace have pumpkin rolls downstairs for those who pre-ordered. A few unclaimed rolls are available on a first come, first serve basis.



December's List

Delivery: December 18, 2026

- Cereal
- Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Rice
- Soup
- Spray Cleaner
- Hamburger Helper
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Ramen Noodles
- Taco Kits
- Veggies
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Cookie Mix
- Paper Towel



Starting at 7 pm on Monday, November 30, we will be having a Monday Evening Advent Bible Study. The study will be based on the tradition of the Advent Candles. No book (except the Bible) is needed and materials will be provided.

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels of Somerset County, Inc., located at 235 W. Church St. Somerset, is hiring a bookkeeper/coordinator. This is a paid position. Key responsibilities include coordinating, overseeing, and verifying daily meal packing, maintaining accurate and updated client lists and routes, invoicing clients, tracking payments, providing customer service, and assisting as needed with other staff responsibilities. Requirements include basic computer experience with email, spreadsheets, word processing; experience with invoicing; strong communication skills; and ability to lift 25 lb. coolers multiple times each day. Hours 7am -1pm M-F. Interested? Email or call Lori Nist at mealsonwheels81@gmail.com or 814-443-2787.

Faith on Fire Youth Group

Faith on Fire will meet tonight. Hope to see you from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm.



After the service on Sunday, November 29, 2026, we will decorate the church for the Christmas season. Please plan to stay after the service as many hands make light work. Lunch will be provided.



The Angel Tree has arrived!!! If you are able, please choose a tag, sign the sheet next to the number on your tag, purchase the gifts requested (no more than $50), attach the tag to the unwrapped gifts, and bring the gifts to the Church by December 6, 2026 to be blessed and delivered on time.

There is also a sign-up sheet for Red Kettle Bell Ringing at Walmart on Black Friday. If you can spare an hour, please sign up.



For the month of December, The Men of Grace will meet for lunch at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall on December 12, 2026. Rich will be making brisket. All men are welcome. Please sign up in the Narthex so enough food is prepared.



CHOIR news

Beginning November 22, 2026, the choir will practice Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the parlor. Anyone who would like to help us make a joyful noise for the holiday season (or longer) is encouraged to attend.

The Laurel Highlands Chorale

The Laurel Highlands Chorale invites YOU to come "CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS" at their annual Christmas concert to be held on **Sunday, December 6th at 3:30 pm** and **Monday, December 7th at 7:00 pm.** Under the direction of Jan Burkett and accompanied by Stephanie Pesi, the chorale will perform favorite Christmas songs such as "Joy to the World", "Noel", and "Silver Bells", along with a few new selections. Intermission music will highlight the "hidden" talents of various members of the chorale. For additional information or tickets, please contact Dorene Friedline at (814) 926-3610 or (814) 442-0460. We look forward to seeing you there!

nursery of Grace

We are so excited to officially re-open the church nursery.

We will serve children ages 0-4 years.

Special thanks to our first volunteers:

Lauren Wendel	Krista Mathias	Karen Witt
Becky Boyer	Sherry Walker	Kristen Tarbay
Kristen Lowry	Kelly Allen	Natalie Hunt
Cindy Wickham	Kate McQuade	Amy Maimone

We would like to welcome you to our team as well. Reach out to Stephanie Judy @ 412-551-8434 or Morgan McQuade @ 814-701-8204 for a volunteer or child registration packet.

And if you would like to give a donation to help us update our room, consider using our Amazon Wishlist to give something we are sure the kids will love.
https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/2DPRMYMWSR4B5?ref%20=cm%20sw%20r%20apann%20ggr-subnav-share%208M9ZPM3QP22IPSFRK0HA&language+en-US



Advent Readings

Anyone interested in reading for the lighting of the Advent Candles, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

