

October 1, 2026



Following Jesus, we love, welcome and serve.

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Greetings

Thank you to everyone who helped last Sunday unloading pumpkins and setting up the patch! The winner of the Space of Grace for October (picked from the Pumpkin "unloading crew") is the Birke family!

On that note, we really need people to sign-up and fill those empty-patch shifts! To volunteer to work shifts in the Pumpkin Patch, please register on the [Church/Temple Sign-Up Genius here](#).

This is a BIG Sunday!

Starting at 9:00am, we will meet in Room 15 for a DEIJ "Real" Conversation about the 2026 Election. Join us for a non-partisan discussion with guest, Sherry East, recently elected President of York County League of Women Voters.

Join us in celebrating World Communion Sunday and the start of our Dimes for Hunger collection. Churches around the world celebrate the unity of Christians by sharing the Lord's Supper. ***There will be one worship service only (at 10:15), so we can celebrate together, and all head out to the pavilion for a picnic followed by the Ministry Fair.*** Grace will provide hotdogs, and we are asking everyone to bring a side or dessert. As you line up for food and throughout the picnic, all members and friends of Grace are invited to browse information tables representing the ministries and missions of Grace. Come learn and celebrate the ways we live out our faith together! Please [RSVP in Realm!](#)

Visit our Website

Ready for Worship

WORSHIP LINKS

**SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE**

9:00 am - Sunday School

10:15 am - Worship Service

11:30 am - Grace Family First Picnic
Missions and Ministry Fair

Announcements

Opportunities to Give

**DIMES FOR HUNGER 2026**

Each October we collect the Dimes for Hunger offering. The money is distributed by our presbytery's Hunger Action Team to about 15 ministries within the 5 counties of our presbytery and to feeding ministries in Guatemala, Malawi, and Honduras. Our children collect this offering during worship each Sunday in October and they love to receive your coins, paper money, and checks (made out to Grace Presbyterian) for this special offering and will even have a QR code or use this [payment link](#) if you prefer to give online. Recently our presbytery met the goal of collecting \$2 million since this effort began in 1978! This offering makes a difference to people having to choose between paying rent, getting their prescription medications, and having enough to eat. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.

**IMMIGRATION ALLIANCE: CAFE JUSTO**

Grace is supporting coffee growers in Mexico by purchasing coffee from Cafe Justo to be used weekly for our Sunday coffee service. By using this coffee, we are supporting farmers in Mexico earn a living wage, enabling them to stay in their

homes rather than immigrating to the United States to try to feed their families. We also offer coffee for you to purchase for home enjoyment. Be sure you visit the Immigrant Advocates Committee's table at the Mission Fair on Sunday! More of the delicious coffee arrived! **\$15 a lb.! Whole bean and ground are available!!**



SWEET POTATO PIE BAKING BAGS FOR HISTORIC PARADISE



This year we will once again be collecting items to make a sweet potato pie for families in the Historic Paradise Neighborhood. Our goal is 25 bags.

There will be a collection box by the Fort Mill Care Center basket for the following items:

Sugar
Brown sugar
Flour
Cinnamon
Nutmeg
Vanilla
Evaporated milk

The sweet potatoes have been generously donated by the Future Farmers of America of Fort Mill High School

We will assemble that bags at the November Grace Family First night.
Questions? Contact [Annmarie Clark](#)

Opportunities to Serve

FEED THE YOUTH GROUP

Our youth group eats together to build fellowship at our meetings. If you would be willing to provide a meal (cooked or ordered in) for a youth meeting, please let **Jason** know. We would be very grateful! We usually have 12-14 people at a youth meeting, which begins with dinner at 5pm.

Upcoming dates when meals are needed:

October 18
November 8
November 15

Thank you for your support!



GRACE PUMPKIN PATCH 2026

The Grace Pumpkin Patch is open for business! We are selling pumpkins and mums in and around the Pavilion. Please help make it a success by volunteering to help sell pumpkins and mums in the patch.

Volunteer to work shifts in the Pumpkin Patch

Please register on the Grace/Temple [Sign-Up Genius here](#) or check with the church office about available time slots. Volunteers are particularly needed on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays if you can spare a few hours on those days. Someone will train you at the beginning of each shift if you haven't worked in the patch before. We have volunteers from local schools coming to help with some shifts in the patch but we still need an adult church representative for each shift.

Another 1/4 load of pumpkins is scheduled on Sunday, October 11th at 12:00pm. Your help unloading the pumpkins and placing them in the patch would be a huge help! As you know, we need many hands to make this happen.

The Grace Pumpkin Patch sends financial support to Thornwell Home for Children, Historic Paradise Foundation, Give Kids the World, Isaiah 117 home for foster children, and funds youth & other ministries here at Grace.

See [Jason Davenport](#) with any questions. Thank you for helping make this year's Grace Pumpkin Patch a success!

GRACE MISSION AND MINISTRY FAIR DURING THE CHURCH PICNIC

MISSION AND MINISTRY FAIR

During the Oct. 4 Church Picnic

Browse tables and booths highlighting Grace activities

Get more information and join our ministry teams



Opportunities to Gather

CHURCH PICNIC

October 4th at 11:30 am in the pavilion

Grace will provide hotdogs and buns.

Please bring a side and/or dessert.

RSVP in Realm

GRACE FAMILY FIRST PICNIC AND MISSION & MINISTRY FAIR

October 4th, 11:30am

Join us for a picnic after church on October 4th at 11:30am. It will be a wonderful opportunity to come together, share a meal, discover what our ministry teams are doing, and decide how you might get involved by joining and serving the church and community. We will also have a bocce ball court and corn hole set up for some fun games. Hot dogs and buns will be provided by Grace, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We can't wait to see you there! Please RSVP in Realm or by calling the church office.



WIDOWED FOLK GROUP

October 5th, 11:00am-1:30pm

This is a safe, loving place for those who have ever lost their life partners to share our lives hang out with each other then go to lunch. It is not really a "grief support" group. Count on good fellowship, good food, a few tears, and lots of laughter!

We meet in the conference room at Grace.



-ISH WOMEN TO LANTERNS AND LEGENDS

October 23rd at 7:45pm

Hey Grace -ISH women! Join us for the Fort Mill History Museum Lanterns and Legends tour on October 23rd at 7:45pm. **Tickets are limited**, so be sure to secure yours by ordering at this [link](#). We look forward to seeing you there! Please [RSVP in Realm](#), in addition to purchasing your ticket.



GRACE PRESBYTERIAN FALL CRAFT FAIR

October 24th 9:00am-1:00pm

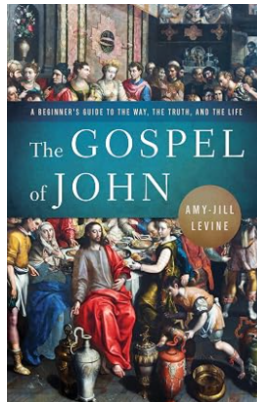
Enjoy coffee and donuts while you shop our Fall Craft Fair (as well as our pumpkins and mums)! **If you are interested in or have any questions about being a vendor**, please reach out to [Jill](#).



MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY

Saturday, October 3rd at 8:00am

We are going to explore 3 "Vineyard" scriptures. Vineyard is a significant biblical image. Our scriptures: Isaiah 5: 1-7; Psalm 80:7-15, and Matthew 21: 33-46. I look forward to our time together. Please respond in REALM or e-mail me directly at samroberson68@gmail.com.



ADULT EDUCATION GROUPS

- Tuesday Study Group (10am on Zoom) We are studying ***The Gospel of John***, by Amy-Jill Levine. It's a great time to start with the group and we would love to have you join us. We watch a video and talk about the book.
- Wednesday Study Group *September 9 - October 14* (6:30pm-7:30pm on Zoom) we are part of the Presbytery study of ***The Color of Compromise***. Join us!

E-mail Joanne for more information about either of these groups.

- Thursday Study Group (10am -11:30am hybrid) We are studying ***Invitation to Romans*** by Pamela Eisenbaum, part of the **Disciple Bible Study Series**. There is a video followed by a discussion about the readings and reflections of that week. This a participant lead study group.

E-mail [Celia Wilson](mailto:Celia) for more information.

- Adult Sunday School (9:00am in-person) Come and join the conversation on Sundays! Our multi-generational Sunday School class is a great spot to connect with others at Grace and explore your faith! No prep or pre-requisite required, come as you are! As a reminder, our class officially starts at 9:15; we use 9-9:15 to chat and enjoy coffee as everyone gathers.

E-mail [Dre Manoni](mailto:Dre) for more information.



DEIJ LENDING LIBRARY

There are new DEIJ books in the library/conference room that can be checked out/borrowed! The DEIJ shelf is below the TV and there are clear instructions regarding the lending process. However, if you have any questions and/or have any books that you would like to donate, please contact Renee.

Here is a complete list of the books that are currently available for lending, along with a short description of each book.



Upcoming Events

Sign up to work shifts in the pumpkin patch:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45A8A82EAAFBC25-65721209-grace>

The importance of the Pumpkin Patch: this fundraiser helps us keep our summer trip prices much lower than they would otherwise be. It also allows us to do fun activities throughout the year free or at reduced cost because of the funds raised. And just as importantly, the Pumpkin Patch raises money for Give Kids the World, Isaiah 117 House (foster children), Historic Paradise Foundation, and Thornwell Home for Children. These are great ministries doing Jesus' work.

October 4: Church picnic after 10:15 worship service at the pavilion; no evening youth meeting (school fall break)

October 11: 1/4 truck of pumpkins arrives at 12:30pm. Please plan to help unload.

October 18: Grace youth meeting, 5-7pm.

October 25: Trunk-or-Treat 4-5pm (Youth run carnival games for younger children); then youth meeting 5-7pm following Trunk-or-Treat

[Click for this week's youth email](#)

[Here is a link to the Youth upcoming Summer Events](#)

Celebrations and Concerns

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

10/1 Freddy Tripp Jr.
10/1 Sylvia Davis
10/6 Connie Bonebrake
10/6 Dina Errico
10/7 Jim Cozzolongo

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

10/2/1999 Mark and Angela Adams
10/2/2010 R.J. and Dre Manoni
10/4/2019 Ashima Singal and Pankaj Bhirud
10/5/2019 Sara and Russell Varner
10/6/2018 Cristy and Neil Bohlen

PRAYER REQUESTS

As you pray this week, remember:

Gratitude for:

. All our blessings

Pray for:

- Those who are sick or in treatment, including: Grace members Becky, Barry, Mike, and Larry, recovering from a broken hip, and our extended family and community, including Matt's mom, diagnosed with breast cancer
- Those in hospice care (including a friend, Stacy) and making decisions about end-of-life care
- The people of our country and for the world, we pray for justice, and for leadership committed to the same
- Evelyn, Elton, Allie, Stevie, Gil & Binky and others in residential facilities and homebound folks Chuck & Karen, John & Brenda, Agnes, Ruthanna and Larry &

Janet

- People with, and families affected by, mental health and substance use disorders
- Those who serve in the military, including Grace folks Clay, Heath, Carrie, Daniel, David and Jacob, and for those former military folks who struggle
- The victims of natural disasters,
- Our unhoused neighbors
- Those who grieve
- Those affected by the gun violence epidemic in our country
- Those who will be born today and those who will die today

****You can submit a prayer request by e-mailing Joanne during the week or writing it down Sunday morning to give to a member of staff.**

E-info

E-Game - Grace Wordle

Are you ready to combine the wordle craze with this Sunday's worship service? Check out the custom Wordle to see how many guesses it takes for you to solve the puzzle.

Receiving the Message

Did you know that you can watch our worship service each week?

- YouTube - Check out our YouTube channel. You'll find worship services on there as well as other great videos: hymns, anthems, historical pieces, and promo videos.

Looking Ahead

**Is there something that should go in the newsletter or on the website?
Send it in by noon on Wednesday.**

**To put items in the newsletter, send it to Ami by clicking here
To send a note to Joanne, please email her by clicking here**

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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