

October 8, 2026



Following Jesus, we love, welcome and serve.

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Greetings

Visit our Website

It's been a busy week here!

Thanks to all who made our education hour so successful, and World Communion worship so meaningful, and our picnic and Ministry and Mission Fair tasty and fun!

During the week, the van has gotten its decals, gutters cleaned (and a few added,) carpets have been cleaned, stucco power washed, and floors washed and waxed, along with pumpkin sales happening every day. Jason is the primary staff person who has made all that happen, and we are grateful.

Read on for what's coming up next! (hint- more pumpkins coming Sunday; we have confirmation that they have left New Mexico and are on the way.)

Ready for Worship



WORSHIP LINKS

[Digital Bulletin](#)

[Livestream of the 10:15 service](#)

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

8:00 am - Worship Service

9:00 am - Sunday School

10:15 am - Worship Service

11:30 am - Half Notes

11:30 am - Local Mission Team

12:00 pm - Pumpkin Patch Truck Delivery

7:00 pm - Session

Announcements



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to those who volunteered from Grace at Habitat for Humanity on Saturday! Great work!

Opportunities to Give



DIMS 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.

\$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 will be 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

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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.

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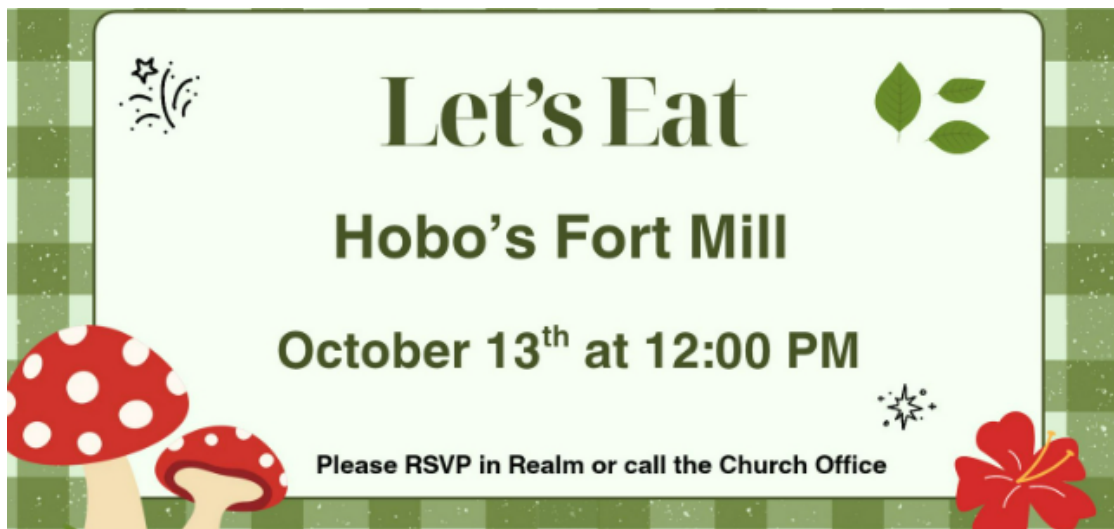
Opportunities to Gather



GAP TO THE HAMILTONS

Friday, October 9th at 6pm

Reminder that we are invited to the Hamilton's for fellowship this Friday. As always, please bring a GAPpetizer or dessert. Steve will take us on another specially curated wine tasting, but as always- wine tasting not required. Come for the fun. Please [RSVP in Realm](#) so we just need to give our hosts an idea on head count. Carpooling is good as parking is tight, so ride with a friend and start the conversation before you arrive.



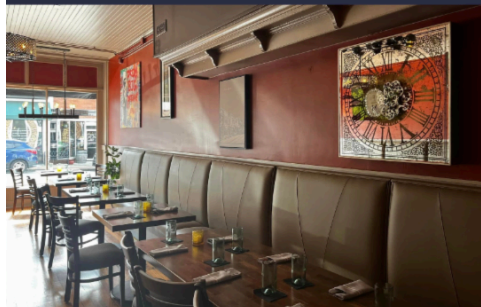
LET'S EAT

Tuesday, October 13th at 12:00pm

The weather is getting cooler, which means it's the perfect time to dine outdoors! We would love for you to join us at Hobo's in Fort Mill on October 13th at 12:00. We are looking forward to seeing you there! Please [RSVP in Realm](#).

GUYS' SUPPER CLUB

Tuesday, October 13TH @ 6PM
at Fort Mill Eatery



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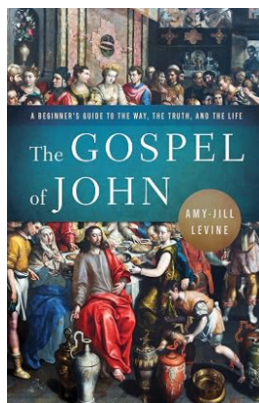


GRACE PRESBYTERIAN FALL CRAFT FAIR

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.

Opportunities to Learn



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](#) 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](#) for more information.



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 11: 1/2 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

Celebrations and Concerns

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

10/09 Easton Ruth
10/09 Asher Rutland
10/09 Ethan Rutland
10/09 Karen Gesl
10/10 Mary Adams
10/11 Stump Eppes
10/11 Cece Sizoo-Roberson
10/12 Kate Triplett
10/12 Byron McLean
10/14 Mary Beth Mercer

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

10/9/2014 Mark and Michele Nestel
10/10/1987 Frank and Nan Jurnak
10/10/1981 Tom and Karen Blackhurst
10/15/1988 Claire and Geoff Brown

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 and a friend Hilary, diagnosed with breast cancer
- Those in hospice care 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, 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, including the Rivers/Goodman family in the loss of Stevie
- . 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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