October 29, 2026

Grace
Presbyterian Church (USA)

Following Jesus, we love, welcome and serve.

View Grace's Statement of Welcome

Greetings

Visit our Website

Thank you for everyone's generosity in giving your time to the pumpkin patch...our final day will be October 31st. Please let Jason know if you'd be willing to help close down the pumpkin patch at the end of the season. We need to move tables and signs, stack pallets, move remaining pumpkins and store wagons/wheelbarrows. This can be done October 31st and November 1st based on **your** availability. Thank you for your help all month and for helping us push through to the finish line!

This Sunday is our Grace Family First Night - Thanksgiving Edition! We will eat turkey together and whatever sides/desserts you choose to bring. Afterward, we will hear from the Joyful Noise and Half Notes, and put together the Historic Paradise Baking Bags that we have been collecting items for over the past month. See below for more details.

The 2026 Dimes for Hunger total received was $2,276.20. Last year was $1,428.05. What a significant increase year over year! The kids did a GREAT job shaking you down :) Thank you for your support of this important Presbytery-wide project as we help to feed the hungry, nearby and far away.

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 - Hospitality Team
5:00 pm - Grace Family First Night (Thanksgiving Edition)

Announcements

Opportunities to Give

SWEET POTATO PIE BAKING BAGS FOR HISTORIC PARADISE



We are collecting items again this year to make a sweet potato pie for families in the Historic Paradise Neighborhood. Our goal is 25 bags.

We still the need following items to reach our goal:
Sugar 14
Flour 11
Nutmeg 08
Vanilla 11
Evaporated milk 06

The sweet potatoes will be generously donated by the Future Farmers of America of Fort Mill High School.

We will assemble that bags at this Sunday's Grace Family First night. Please contact Annmarie Clark if you have any questions.



GREAT CHICKEN CHALLENGE FOR FORT MILL CARE CENTER

The fourth annual Great Chicken Challenge has kicked off! Between now and Thanksgiving, we are collecting frozen whole chickens to donate to FMCC for their Thanksgiving baskets. Not every family needs a full-sized turkey, thus the chickens. With food insecurity at an all-time high, the need is greater than ever. Please grab a whole frozen (or not) chicken, bring it to church and place it in the freezer in the kitchen. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Blackhurst.



BEYOND OUR *Walls:*
TOGETHER WE EXTEND THE LOVE OF *Christ*

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES

Each October we focus on how our financial gifts along with the ways we serve impact the church and it's mission in the world. This year we are particularly focusing on "extending the love of Christ." Your giving to Grace allows us to do all the things we do for worship, fellowship and Christian education, but it also allows us to do amazing work in the community as we connect and serve with partners who

are literally transforming the world. Grace was a wide impact, and it is possible because of your gifts.

As we ponder how we can reach out in 2027 your pledges help us form a plan or a budget for how we will do so. Each family is asked to consider your pledge for 2027 and to return a paper pledge card in the white offering box or to the office or to complete an online pledge card here by Sunday, November 1. Thank you to the households who have already made their pledge.

Thank you for your faithful giving and for making it possible for Grace to extend the love of Christ beyond our walls!

Opportunities to Serve



HISTORIC PARADISE NEIGHBORHOOD TRUCK OR TREAT
Friday, October 30th, 5:15pm-6:00pm
Historic Paradise Foundation is hosting a trunk or treat event this Friday from 5:15-6:00pm and is looking for folks to help.
Check out this sign up genius or contact Annmarie Clark for more information or you would like to participate



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 on November 8th, 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.

Thank you for your support!

Opportunities to Gather



NOVEMBER GRACE FAMILY FIRST NIGHT:THANKSGIVING EDITION

You are ALL warmly invited to join us at our November Grace Family First Night to celebrate Thanksgiving together. Grace will be providing the turkeys, and we request that you to bring your favorite side dish or dessert that you usually enjoy on Thanksgiving. Your presence means a lot to us, and we are truly grateful for you! It is important that you RSVP on Realm!



WIDOWED FOLK GROUP

Monday, November 2nd at 11:00am

This is a safe, loving place for those who have ever lost their life partners to share our lives and support each other. Count on good fellowship, good food, a few tears, and lots of laughter!



FEM AND THEM

Monday, November 9th at 6pm

Please join us for food and conversation at Akahana Asian Bistro! Please RSVP in Realm or call the church office. We look forward to seeing you there!



GRACE GROOVY MOVIE

Tuesday, November 10th, 12:00pm

We will be meeting for lunch and a movie on November 10th at 12:00PM. Our gathering will take place in room 7 where we will enjoy lunch together. After that, we will move to room 11 to watch Monuments Men together! We look forward to spending time with you! Please RSVP, especially if you want us to have lunch for you!



GUYS' SUPPER CLUB

Tuesday, November 10th at 6pm

Please join us for fellowship and discussion! We would love to have you join us! Please RSVP here or by calling the church office. Hope to see you there!

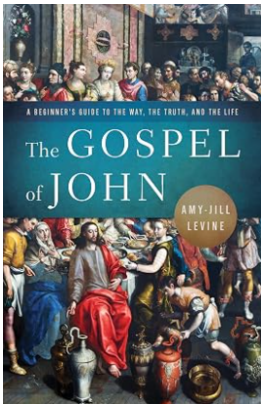
Opportunities to Learn



MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY

Saturday, November 7th at 8am

Please RSVP on Realm here or contact Sam directly here.



ADULT EDUCATION GROUPS

- Tuesday Study Group (10am on Zoom) We are studying ***The Gospel of John***, by Amy-Jill Levine. We would love to have you join us. We watch a video and talk about the book.

- Wednesday Study Group 730pm on Zoom We're finishing Richard Rohr's The Tears of Things. Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America: A Guide to Reclaiming the Good News of God's Grace is up next.

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.



MEMBERSHIP LUNCH AND LEARN

Sunday, November 22nd at 11:30

Lunch and Learn is time to learn more about Grace – our history, staff, missions and programs. It's also an opportunity to get to know you and for you to get to know us and have your questions answered. There is no obligation to join the church at that time, but if you are ready, that's when people are received into membership. If you would like to attend this Lunch and Learn, please RSVP to Joanne.

This week's activities:

Sunday, November 1: Sunday school 9-10am

Grace Family First Night, 5pm, Thanksgiving edition! Come enjoy dinner with your friends and help sort/pack baking bags for our friends at the Historic Paradise Foundation.

Friends are welcome at GYG events...just sign up friends by the RSVP deadlines when those apply and bring them along!

Here is a link to this week's Youth Email

Here is a link to the Youth upcoming Fall Events

Celebrations and Concerns

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

10/29 Dwight Mercer
10/30 Sharon Wells
10/30 Shepherd Varner
11/01 Steve Kisslinger
11/02 Ray Smith
11/02 Carrie Cicciarello
11/02 Karen Cable
11/02 Tyler Palmer
11/03 Karen Cox
11/05 Maria Ellison
11/05 Neil Bohlen
11/05 Colin Donovan

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 a friend Hilary, recovering from a bilateral mastectomy
- 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

For our elections next week

- 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

. 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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