

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Celebrating the faith, love, and dedication of our pastors!

A few simple ways you can participate this month:

- Drop a card or note of thanks by the church office or in the mail (639 Georgia Ave., North Augusta, SC 29841) sharing how their ministry has encouraged you.
- Keep our Pastors and their family in your daily prayers for strength, health, and joy.
- Mark your calendar for **Sunday, October 25** as we honor them during our services.



Women of Grace Amaryllis & Paperwhite Fundraiser

Beautiful blooms for the holidays or a thoughtful gift for someone special!

- **Cost:** \$22 per kit (includes a bulb, soil disc, & pot, beautifully packaged with a decorative gift tag)
- **Order Deadline:** November 8 at noon
- **How to order:** Order forms are available in Sunday School rooms, from Women of Grace (WOG) circle members, and at the WOG table during select Sunday worship services.
- **Payment:** Cash or check payable to WOG at the time of ordering.
- **Delivery:** December—Church pickup, details to follow.

Join Us!

Wednesday Inspiration Nights at Grace

WINGS



Wednesdays through Nov. 18

5:15 pm—Dinner is Served

6:15 pm—Bible Studies Begin

Flowers for October 25



The beautiful flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of our daughter, Lydia, to Lache Porter on Oct. 13 in Edinburg, Scotland given by Tom and Jennifer Dorn.



We promise to uphold Grace with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witnesses.

OUR PRAYERS

Aiken Regional Deb Persons
Augusta Rehab (Walton) Ed Vincent, Carolyn "Jean" Gambill
Discharged Pam Rawlinson
Brookdale Janet McDonald
Hammond Square Verna Garrison, Ginny Stewart
NHC NA..... Billy Watson
Claiborne, Martinez Hope Williams
Oaks at Habersham, Savannah Connie Sawyer
Sterling Estates, Marietta: CJ Bigger
Prayer Needs Marilyn Adams, Bill Anderson, Sara Anderson, Jim Benton, Nancy & Don Childers, Rose & Philip Grabowskii, Barbara & Rob Graybill, Damon Haley, Faye Jowers, Shirley Lankford, Andy Maxwell, Judy Murphy, Bobby Oliver, Galan Potter, Marianna Simmons, Dave Varn, Ed Vincent, Mary Ann Wilson, Pam Windley, Beth Ann Young

As of 10/23/2026
*New prayer need
**Hospital

OUR PRESENCE

October 18 Worship at Grace: **8:30:13; 8:45: 76; 11:00: 108**

OUR GIFTS as of Oct. 18 (We will have updated figures forthcoming. Thanks!)

	Year to Date		Giving Options
Revenues	\$837,655.82	Includes \$40K Reserves transferred to date to support Infrastructure Repairs)	
Expenses	\$908,035.21	Includes \$134,281.46 Mortgage Principal Reduction	
Net	(\$70,379.39)		

Designated Accounts continue to support our facilities and programs, most notably, our Trustees Repairs 2026 Fundraiser (\$94,120).

In addition, Epworth Work Day donations totaled \$3382.

Please help us finish the year strongly with your contributions to the General Budget.

OUR SERVICE

Oct. 25 Count Team.... Kathy Batten
Sunday Greeters (11:00 AM)
October 25 Elizabeth Flowers, Judy Simpson
November 1 Fran Faulkner, Horace Sweat
November 8 Guwan and Danny Creeden

OUR WITNESS

How will you be a witness in the world this week?

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church

We are blessed by your presence today and encourage you to please sign the attendance pad. We invite you to all activities, which you may find on our website and Facebook. We offer new member classes for the QR code or visit gotgraceumc.org.

- **Need help today?** Text VISITOR to 833-235-9706.
- For **questions about joining our church**, please contact Rev. Terry Fleming at terry@gotgraceumc.org or (803) 279-7525, ext. 203.

Do you have children?

- A **nursery** for infants through 3-year-olds is in the Child Development Center,
- A **mother's room** is available inside the Sanctuary Bride's room/Mother's room off the main Narthex/foyer and inside the Wesley Center, across from the parlor.
- **BLAST** (1st–5th grades) and **BLAST Jr** (3K–5K). Classes are in the Asbury Building, Children's Wing, 1st and 2nd Grade SS classrooms. Children are dismissed to BLAST/BLAST Jr. following the Children's Moment during worship.

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Celebrating Worship



United Methodist Church

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

Honoring Those We've Lost

All Saints Sunday • Nov. 1

As we remember those who have gone before us, members are invited to participate in our All Saints Sunday observance.

- Bring a framed photograph of a deceased loved one for our memorial table and a candle to light in their memory.
- During worship, we will read the names of members and loved ones who have passed away since the last All Saints Sunday (November 1, 2025).

Together, we remember their lives, celebrate their faith, and give thanks for the love they shared.

"To Know Christ and Make His Love Known"

Disclaimer: Please be advised we video/photograph our services.

11:00 am Traditional Worship Service

ENTRANCE

Welcome and Announcement

Rev. Amber Forrest

SPRC Moments

Barbara Meeks

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Amber Forrest

Leader:

The peace of the Lord be with you.

People:

And also, with you.

Prelude

Just a Closer Walk with Thee, arr Wolaver

Carla Fleming, piano

♦ Chiming of the Trinity

(please stand when chiming begins)

♦ Call to Worship

Rev. Amber Forrest

Leader:

We gather today to answer a call that stretches our hearts:

People:

To love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind.

Leader:

Christ reminds us that the second command is like the first:

People:

To love our neighbors as ourselves-even when it demands our patience, our comfort, and our pride.

Leader:

Like gentle caregivers sharing not just the Gospel, but our very lives,

People:

We ask God for the courage to show up when connection is costly and love is hard.

Leader:

Come, let us worship the God who first loved us through the cross.

People:

Let us open our hearts to receive grace and leave ready to give it away.

♦ Processional Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH 384

Children's Moment

Rev. Jessica Kight

(Children may come forward if comfortable, then be dismissed to go to BLAST [3k-5th gr.])

Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Rev. Amber Forrest

(Pew Bible NT p. 158)

Anthem

Oh How He Loves You and Me

Chancel Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

♦ Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed (UMH 881)

Rev. Jessica Kight

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

♦ Gloria Patri

UMH 71

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen. Amen.

The Offering		Rev. Terry Fleming
Offertory	<i>Consecration Medley arr. Labenske</i>	Carla Fleming, piano
Doxology		UMH 95
	<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i>	
♦ Gospel Reading	Matthew 22:34-46 <i>(Pew Bible NT p. 122)</i>	Rev. Terry Fleming
Sermon	“Loving When It's Not Easy”	Rev. Terry Fleming
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		Rev. Terry Fleming
SENDING FORTH		
♦ Closing Hymn	<i>The Gift of Love</i>	UMH 408
♦ The Benediction		Rev. Terry Fleming
♦ Congregational Response	<i>Irish Blessing</i> <i>May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face. May the rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.</i>	
Postlude	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling arr. Carla Fleming</i>	Carla Fleming, piano

Legend:
BOW: Book of Worship • TFWS: The Faith We Sing • UMH: United Methodist Hymnal
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Sermon Notes:

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Grace has an **after-hours number for our Grace Pastoral Staff**. Anyone with a pastoral care crisis can call this number and get a pastor— **803-376-9310**.

Week at-a-Glance at Grace	
Date	Time/Event
Sun., Oct. 25	8:30 & 11:00 am—Traditional Worship, Wesley Center 8:45 am—LifeSong Contemporary Worship, Wesley Center 8:45 & 11:00 am—Kids BLAST & BLAST, Jr, Asbury Bldg., Children’s 9:45 am—Sunday School for all ages, Church Campus 5:00pm—Kindermusik, Asbury room 206 6:00pm—Grace Student Ministry, Youth Wing
Throughout the week	Grace Child Development Center (CDC), CDC Wing Jazzercise will be off after Oct. 15 – Nov. 30. (Will resume in Dec.)
Mon., Oct. 26	11:00am—Wisdom of the Ages, Conference room 6:15pm—Grace Happy Ukes, Conference room
Tues., Oct. 27	9:00am—CDC Trunk or Treat, RTB Field 9:30 am—12:30pm (Tu/Th)—Pickleball, Curly’s Court gym 9:30am—Ladies Bible Study, Asbury Mtg. room 10:00am—Sunshine Circle, 5 th Grade SS class 1:00 pm—Shuffle & Deal Small Group, Asbury Mtg., room 6:00pm—Bradley Childbirth Method Class, Kindermusik room 6:30pm—Charge Conference, Asbury Chapel
Wed., Oct. 28 WINGS Meals 5:15PM WINGS Programs 6:15PM	8:30 am—Wednesday Morning Breakfast Crew, Sunrise Grill 10:00 & 11:00 am— Kindermusik, Asbury Office Bldg., room 206 10:00am—Women’s Upper Room Encouragers, Asbury Mtg. room 10:00am—Men’s Upper Fellowship, Conference room 12:30 pm—Wednesday Prime Time Bridge, Wesley Center Parlor 6:00 pm—Praise Band Rehearsal, Wesley Center 6:30 pm—Chancel Choir practice, Sanctuary Choir room
Thurs., Oct. 29	9:30 am—Thursday Prime Time Bridge, Youth Wing Annex 10:00am—Kindermusik, Asbury Kindermusik room 206 11:00am—Program Staff Mtg., Conference room