Tidings of Grace

Grace United Methodist Church

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Dear Grace Family

Grace United Methodist Church has always been more than a building or a place we gather on Sunday mornings. It's a family of faith—a place where friendships grow, lives are touched, prayers are shared, and God's love reaches beyond our walls into the community.

As we look toward 2027, we have much to be thankful for and even more to look forward to. Our church is entering a season of renewal, building on the strong foundation of faith, generosity, and service that has shaped Grace for generations.

That's the heart behind our stewardship campaign—

Grace Renewed: Rooted in Faith. Renewed for What's Ahead.

Stewardship is about much more than financial giving. It's about recognizing the blessings God has entrusted to us and considering how we can use our time, talents, and resources to make a difference. Every act of service, every prayer, every welcoming smile, and every gift helps make Grace the church we know and love.

As we prepare for the coming year, we invite you to prayerfully consider making a financial pledge to support Grace's ministries and mission in 2027.

Your pledge helps us plan responsibly for the year ahead, supporting the worship experiences, ministries, outreach programs, and opportunities for fellowship that bring us together and allow us to share Christ's love with others.

There is no expectation for everyone to give the same amount. Each of us has different circumstances, and every gift, regardless of size, is meaningful. Carla and I have prayerfully decided to pledge $200 a week as our family's commitment to Grace in the coming year. We share this not as an example of what anyone else should give, but simply as one way we're choosing to support the church we love. What matters most is that each of us gives from a willing and grateful heart.

As Scripture reminds us, "God loves a cheerful giver." — 2 Corinthians 9:7

A pledge is simply an expression of what you hope to contribute during the coming year. It isn't a binding commitment, and we understand that circumstances can change. It's a way for each of us to participate in shaping Grace's future, together.

We also encourage everyone who is able to continue supporting our ministries as we finish 2026 strong.

Most importantly, thank you. Thank you for the countless ways you already support Grace through your generosity, your presence, your prayers, and your willingness to serve. Each of you is an important part of what makes this church family so special.

As we move forward, may we continue to grow in faith, strengthen our connections with one another, and embrace the opportunities God places before us.

Rooted in faith. Renewed for what's ahead. Together, we are Grace.

With gratitude and blessings,

Pastor Terry



Grace Staff Updates

There have been several changes to the Grace staff over the past two months. We're pleased to welcome familiar faces to new roles while also sharing news of a bittersweet departure that came after our October newsletter went to print.

Carol Smith-McGee, Communications Coordinator



Carol joined the staff in September. A Grace member since 2017, she manages our newsletters, website, social media, and other church communications.

Josh, McGee, Audio Technician



After volunteering in the sound booth for a few months, Josh joined the staff in October to support audio operations during worship services. Josh became a member of Grace this year.

Kurt Bradley, Business Administrator



After volunteering to fill the gap following the departure of our previous Business Administrator, Kurt officially stepped into the role in October. Kurt has been a member of Grace since 1986.

Best Wishes

After our October newsletter went to print, we learned that Chris Leysath accepted the position of Organist and Director of Music at St. John United Methodist Church in Augusta.

Please join us in welcoming our new staff members and expressing our heartfelt gratitude to Chris for his ministry at Grace.

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Kids Ministry

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GRACE Kids MINISTRY

Preschool and Elementary Program Schedules

- **First B.L.A.S.T.**
  - 9:05 am—Fellowship Time
  - 9:20 am—Bible Story Telling & Reinactment Time
  - 9:40am—Bible Activity Time
- **Sunday School**
  - 10:00 am—Snack & Classroom Goals
  - 10:10 am—Bible Navigation Teaching Time
  - 10:20 am—Bible Leaflets & Bible Lesson Time
- **Second B.L.A.S.T.**
  - 11:05 am—Fellowship Time
  - 11:20 am—Bible Story Telling & Reinactment Time
  - 11:40 am—Bible Activity Time

Sunday Mornings at Grace

Nursery

- Asbury Building Lower Level
- Infants, Toddlers & 3K children not fully potty trained
- Room 105

B.L.A.S.T.

Children are dismissed to B.L.A.S.T. after the Children's Moment in the 8:45am LifeSong and 11am Traditional Worship Services

- Preschool—Asbury Building Lower Level
  - Potty Trained 3K–5K
  - Room 112
- Elementary—Asbury Building Upper Level
  - 1st–5th grade children
  - Children's wing

Sunday School

- 9:45am-10:45am
- Nursery—will join the preschool class with their teachers when age appropriate
- Preschool—Asbury Building Lower Level
  - Potty Trained 3K–5K
  - Room 112
- Elementary—Asbury Building Upper Level
  - 1st–5th grade children
  - Children's wing

Weekly Bible Lessons

- **Nov. 1—**The Greatest Commandment, Matthew 22:15–22
- **Nov. 8—**Be Humble, Matthew 23:1–12
- **Nov. 15—**Parable of the Talents, Matthew 25:31–46
- **Nov. 22—**Sheep and Goats, Matthew 25:31–46 (Mission Sunday)
- **Nov. 29—**Be Ready, Mark 13:24–36



Grace KIDS packed Operation Christmas Boxes as their 4th Sunday Mission Project in October.

Student Ministry

Rev. Amber Forrest, Minister of Adult and Youth Ministries • amber@gotgraceumc.org

Costumed Students Pack 50 Operation Christmas Child Boxes

On Sunday, October 25, Student Ministry held its annual **Operation Christmas Child Box Packing** with a twist. Halloween came a bit early—candy, costumes, and spooky crafts joined the fun. Thanks to this great bunch of regulars and visiting friends for a fun night of service and silliness!



"Identity" Small Group helps prepare for return to Sanctuary

The UM Hymnals that were moved during our stint worshiping in the Wesley Center have been returned to the Sanctuary pew racks by the four students in our Student Ministry Wednesday night small group. Audrey, Sophia, Skylar, and Odessa were a great help in making sure our 11:00 am worshipers will have their beloved hymnals for our first Sunday back in the Sanctuary!

Volunteer—Serving Our Veterans

Students are invited to join us on Wednesday, November 18th, for a chance to serve our Grace UMC Veterans and our visitors at our annual Veterans Thanksgiving Meal. Help will be needed to serve our guests from the VA Hospital and to welcome those attending the event. Speak with Rev. Amber for more info!

GRACE STUDENT MINISTRY





Calling ALL High School Seniors and College Students

You won't find a better way to spend the week between Christmas and New Year's than at our first-ever Ridge Haven Reunion! This trip (December 28–30) will be open to high school seniors—college seniors.

Let's reminisce and catch up in one of our favorite places! More details to be shared soon, but text **REUNION** in to **833-235-9706** to stay in the loop!

Adult Ministries

Sunday School Happenings



You are invited to join an Adult Sunday School Class—all classes are located in the **Lower Wesley Center**.

Cokesbury—This class is currently using the Adult Bible Study entitled *Faith and Faithfulness*. Several leaders help present the material. For November, our teachers include John Bridges, Jessica Kight, Bob Pettit, and Bill House.

Family Foundations—We are studying *Repentance and New Life* from the books of *Jonah* and *Hosea*. On Nov. 1st Ken McDowell gave a riveting lesson using Jonah 1-3 (Mourning Clothes). Nov. 8th, Byron Neely will focus on Hosea 4 and 6: Showers of Forgiveness—we do expect rain. The Nov. 15th lesson, will cover Hosea 10 and 11, The Holy One in Our Midst. Laura Lusk has Nov. 22nd, and she will Flourish and Blossom—oops, that is the lesson title. John Mullins ends the month with Test or Trust using Isaiah.

Journey—Each week, this class explores the Sunday lectionary readings and questions related to the pastor's upcoming sermon. There's always lively conversation, often touching on marriage, family, and how Scripture speaks to our everyday lives. Please join us on Sunday mornings!

Seekers—The Seekers Class has several members who share lesson responsibilities each month, each choosing their own subject. We are an interactive group who enjoy sharing our faith and growing together through open discussion with lots of laughter and love.

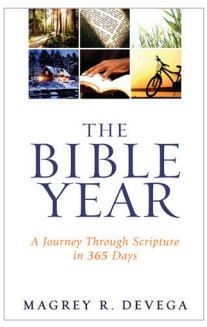
Stillwell—We continue to use the Cokesbury Adult Bible Studies quarterlies in the Stillwell Class. The November theme is *Repentance and New Life*, with scripture passages from Jonah, Hosea, and Isaiah. Lesson titles for the five in November are Sundays are Mourning Clothes; Showers of Forgiveness; The Holy One in Our Midst; Flourish and Blossom; and Test or Trust. The teachers scheduled for these Sundays are Joe Lusk, Barbara Seaborn, Janis Collins, Jerry Fuller, and John Younginer.

The Stillwell's annual Christmas Dinner will be held on *Friday, December 4, 2026*. Mark your calendars!

The Bible Year—The class will finish the Acts of the Apostles as they enter the final two months of their journey through the Bible. They will begin reading the epistles, letters written by Paul and other early Christian leaders to churches and individuals. These letters respond to specific questions and challenges facing growing Christian communities, offering encouragement and guidance as they follow Jesus. The class plans to continue into 2027.

Women of Faith—The class is reading *The Strength to Carry* by Lisa Toney, which asks, "What do you do when life takes a turn you never planned?" Rooted in Luke 1–2 and Matthew 1–2, this Advent Bible study for women follows Mary and Elizabeth through one of the most extraordinary seasons in Scripture. Mary did not choose the path placed before her, yet she met it with courage, humility, and unwavering trust in God. Her story speaks directly to women navigating seasons they did not plan or ask for. If this sounds like a book that may speak to your heart, please join them.

The Bible Year



In November, we finish the book of Acts and begin reading the epistles. As Acts closes, we see the good news continuing to spread as Paul shares Jesus' message in Rome. The epistles give us a closer look at the faith, questions, and challenges of the early Christian communities.

The word "epistle" simply means "letter." Written by Paul and other early Christian leaders, these letters encourage and guide churches and individuals learning to follow Jesus. They address real concerns, including disagreements within the church, caring for one another, and living faithfully in the wider world. As we read, we'll consider the people and circumstances behind each letter and what these teachings mean for our lives today. Their words invite us to grow in faith, practice love, and live together as the body of Christ.

Make sure you get your November Bookmark or head to our Facebook group for a printable calendar. You'll also find plenty of resources at gotgraceumc.org/the-bible-year!

Young Adult Friendsgiving

Good Food, Football & Friends!



Home for Thanksgiving? Join us for a Young Adult Friendsgiving on **Sat., Nov. 28**, beginning at 12:30 pm in the Youth Room (time is subject to change if football kickoffs change).

We're bringing together our young adults for an afternoon of food, friendship, and fun. Enjoy lasagna, garlic bread, salad, dessert, tea, and lemonade while catching up with old friends and making new ones.

We'll have the Georgia and Carolina/Clemson football games on for those who want to cheer on their teams, plus plenty of fun activities for those who would rather skip the football.

Bring a friend and a dessert to share! Whether you're home from college for the holiday or starting your career, we'd love to see you. Come hungry, stay awhile, and enjoy an afternoon together.

Join a Small Group

- **Mondays**
  - 11:00 am—Wisdom of the Ages
  - 6:00 pm—Happy Ukes
- **Tuesdays**
  - 9:30 am—Ladies' Bible Study*
  - 1:00 pm—Shuffle & Deal Card Group
  - 6:30 pm—The Chosen*
- **Wednesdays**
  - 8:30 am—Wednesday Morning Breakfast Crew, Sunrise Grill
  - 10:00 am—Men's Upper Room*
  - 10:00 am—Upper Room Encouragers*
  - 12:30 pm—Bridge Group
  - 6:15 pm—WINGS Bible Study*
  - 6:15 pm—GriefShare*
- **Thursdays**
  - 9:30 am—Bridge Group
  - 1:30 pm—Ladies' Book Club (first Thursday of the month)

*Seasonal groups

For Class Leader contact information, visit www.gotgraceumc.org/adults.

Want to start a new Sunday School Class or Small Group? Let us help you share the news! amber@gotgraceumc.org

Protect Yourself from Online Scams

A Special Presentation by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED)

Scammers are getting more creative, using emails, text messages, phone calls, and other online tactics to trick people into sharing personal information or sending money. Knowing what to look for is one of the best ways to protect yourself.

Join us on **Wednesday, November 11, at 6:15 pm** immediately following the WINGS meal, as representatives from the SLED share practical tips for recognizing scams, avoiding common tricks, and keeping your personal information safe.

This special presentation will take the place of our regular Wednesday evening Bible studies. GriefShare will meet as scheduled.

Everyone is welcome to attend, so come learn how to stay one step ahead of the scammers.

How to Spot a



- Wednesday, November 11
- 6:15 pm in the Wesley Center (immediately following the WINGS Meal)

Reminder

The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 26th and 27th for Thanksgiving.



Hear the Promise: Grace UMC's 2027 Lenten Devotional

We're beginning to create **Grace's 2027 Lenten Devotional**, and we hope you'll be part of it!

This year's theme is "Hear the Promise." We're reflecting on worship songs and hymns that have helped us see God's promises in our lives.

Has a hymn or worship song stayed with you over the years? Maybe its words helped you during a hard time, reminded you of God's faithfulness, brought comfort, strengthened your faith, or changed how you see Scripture. We'd love to hear your story.

We're inviting Grace family members to write a short devotional about a favorite hymn or worship song. You don't have to be a writer, just tell us why this song matters to you, what promise of God you hear in it, and how it has shaped your faith.

These reflections will come together as our *2027 Grace UMC Lenten Devotional*, giving us a chance to hear God's promises through the songs that have shaped our congregation's faith.

If you'd like to contribute, please contact **Pastor Jessica** at jlkight@gotgraceumc.org or to get the writing guidelines.

Women of Grace

Amaryllis and Paperwhite Fundraiser



Brighten your home or share a beautiful gift this holiday season while supporting the Women of Grace (WOG). **Amaryllis and Paperwhite kits are just $22 each** and come ready for gifting in a vintage burlap bag with a decorative gift tag.

Order forms are available in Sunday School rooms, from WOG circle members, and at WOG tables during LifeSong and the 11:00 Traditional Worship Services.

Order/payment deadline is Sunday, November 8, at noon.
Cash or checks payable to WOG are accepted. Kits will arrive in December, just in time for holiday giving!

Join a Cirlce

The Women of Grace invite all women to connect, grow in faith, and build friendships through fellowship, prayer, and service. Whether you're new to Grace or a longtime member, there's a circle for you. Explore the groups below and find one that fits.

- **Susanna Wesley Circle—**First Sunday, 6:00 pm, Conference Room; Contact: Michele Chiswell
- **Florrie Derrick Circle—**Third Monday (September–May), 10:00 am, Youth Wing; Contacts: Carolyn Dickson and Mary Jane Wisenbaker
- **Knox-Wilhelm Circle—**Third Monday, 1:30 pm, Asbury Meeting. Room; Contacts: Anne Comer, Dawn Porter, and Jean Taylor
- **Sunshine Circle—**Third Tuesday, 10:00 am, Asbury Building., 5th Grade Sunday School classroom; Contacts: Sue Lotspeich and Sheran Proctor

United Methodist Men

Fellowship, Food & Local History

Join the United Methodist Men on Tuesday, November 17, as guest speaker James O'Neal shares the fascinating history of the Hammond House and his journey restoring this historic property.

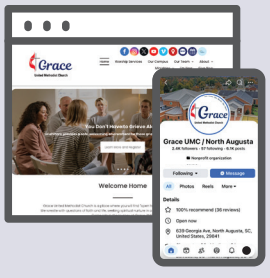
The United Methodist Men welcome men of all ages for an evening of good food, friendship, and fellowship. Whether you're a longtime member or joining for the first time, there's a place for you at the table.

- Tuesday, November 17, 6:30 pm in The Wesley Center
- Dinner: Choice of steak or pork—$12.00

Come enjoy a great meal, connect with others, and discover a piece of our local history.

Connect with Grace

Staying connected with Grace goes beyond Sunday morning. Follow us online to keep up with church news and events.



- **Website:** www.gotgraceumc.org
- **Facebook:** GotGraceUMC
- **Instagram:** gotgraceumc
- **YouTube:** GotGraceUMC

WINGS

Wednesday Inspiration Nights at Grace (WINGS)

WINGS offers a midweek opportunity to connect, share a meal, and grow in faith. Join us for dinner and fellowship, then stay for one of our small groups, with opportunities for all ages to learn, connect, and grow together.

Wednesdays through November 18

- **Time:** Doors Open: 5:00 pm • Dinner Served: 5:15 pm—6:10 pm
- **Location:** Wesley Center

Our weekly fellowship meal (followed by programs for all ages) is a great way to meet the other People of Grace AND get out of cooking dinner for your family!

Cost—

- Adults: $10.00
- Kids (10 & under): $8.00

Meal Schedule—

- **November 4—**Baked ham, au grain potatoes, butter beans, cornbread, and dessert (shut-in meal delivery)
- **November 11—**Mexican casserole, black beans, Mexican rice, queso and salsa with chips, and dessert
- **November 18** Veteran's and Thanksgiving Meal—Turkey, dressing, gravy, sweet potatoes, broccoli casserole, glazed carrots, ceam corn, rolls, and desert

Kids' Option—Eat from adult menu with fruits, vegetables, and a healthy snack available

Payments can be made when registering on Realm Connect or in-person (cash/check/card). Please register for dinners by the by noon the Monday before in one of the following ways:

- Realm Connect App or onrealm.org/GotGraceUMC
- Complete a Registration Card during worship and place it in the offering
- Register online at www.gotgraceumc.org/wings
- Call Church Office—803-279-7525
- Scan QR code below

We appreciate your cooperation in paying for meals that you register for, as food is ordered in advance based on registration numbers.

After Supper, Join One of Our Small Groups

- **Grief Share**, led by Kevin Hendrick and Pam Emory-Siedling, GriefShare—a caring, supportive place for those grieving the loss of a loved one as they navigate the journey through grief.
- **Grace x 5**, led by Pastor Terry—explores five distinct ways God works in our lives, offering a practical framework for recognizing God's presence and discovering how we can live out our faith each day.
- **Student Bible Study**, led by Pastor Amber—Grades 6–12 continue their exploration of the Lord's Prayer and discover what it teaches us about God, who we are, and how we are called to live.
- **Wednesday Night Kids—**Children gather in the Family Center gym for a short devotion followed by interactive games, fun, and fellowship with friends. Activities begin at 6:15 pm and end at 7:00 pm, with pickup by 7:05 pm.

Scan the QR code to learn more and register for WINGS meals and small groups.

Sanctuary Music

Advent is Coming!

As fall leads us towards Advent, our Chancel Choir continues to assist with worship. This is a transition time for Traditional Worship Music under the leadership of **Angela Davis** and **Carla Fleming**.

You're Invited to Join Us



Rehearsals now include Advent music. If you have ever considered trying choir or getting involved again after an absence, Advent is a wonderful time in our church year to join us. You may join for this season or, if you love worshiping through music as much as we do, you may choose to stay. **Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Choir Room** adjacent to the Sanctuary. Give us a try! Contact Angela at 803-640-4424 if you have any questions or just show up to a practice.

Raise your voice in song with our Chancel Choir.

LifeSong

Michael Keltz, Contemporary Worship Director
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A Heart of Thankfulness

November is a wonderful time to pause, reflect, and give thanks for the many ways God is at work in our lives. Sometimes we see His blessings in the big moments, but often it's the little things—a kind word, a helping hand, a meaningful conversation, or a reminder of His faithfulness—that fill our hearts with gratitude.

I'd love to hear from you!

What is something you're thankful for this season, and how have you seen God at work in your life?

Maybe it's a blessing you've experienced, a person who has made a difference, a prayer God has answered, or a difficult season that has strengthened your faith.

Send me an email and share your story (michael@gotgraceumc.org). Your story may be just the encouragement someone else needs as we enter this holiday season.

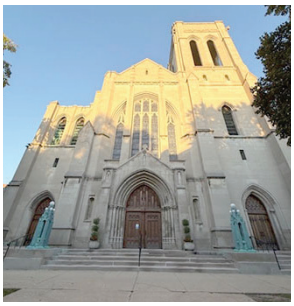
Let's celebrate God's goodness together and remember to give thanks in all circumstances!

From Pastor Jessica

Rev. Jessica Kight, Associate Pastor
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This month, I traveled to Chicago for the **HeyPreacher! Cohort Gathering**, joining eight other pastors from South Carolina and clergy from across the country to learn together and explore ways to enhance our preaching. It was a chance to connect with others who love preaching and want to bring God's Word to their congregations in meaningful ways.





Pictured above, left to right, are S.C. Pastors Joe Patton, Judith Know, Fadetra Boyd, Meg Sweeney Cook, Matt Alexander, Antionette Gaboton-Moss, Mallory Forte, Sha'Rome Henry, and me!



Pictured to the right are the exterior and interior of Historic First United Methodist Church, Evanston, IL.

We were blessed to meet at the historic First United Methodist Church in Evanston, Illinois. We also took a field trip to the Museum of Contemporary Art and had time to explore the city before flying home.

We'll continue learning in small groups throughout the year. Our group will work with a coach, share ideas, and learn from one another. Together, we'll explore how to bring the message of Scripture to life in ways that are both dynamic and faithful. Each month, we'll be asked to "experiment" with a new idea in our sermons and reflect on what we learn from the experience.

I'm looking forward to my first experiment in November! You'll all be part of this learning process as I put new ideas into practice, and I welcome your reflections along the way. I'm grateful for the opportunity to grow as a preacher and to share that growth with a congregation. My hope is that what I learn will help us hear Scripture with fresh attention and connect its message to our everyday lives.

I'd like to thank Yolanda McCabe and the Children's Ministry team, along with everyone who decorated a trunk for this year's Trunk-or-Treat. This was such a special event for Grace and a wonderful opportunity to connect with children and parents in the North Augusta community.

And let's not forget the AMAZING chili chefs in our Grace family! Thank you all for sharing your time and talents and helping make this event such a joy.

The grace and peace of God be with you!

Pastor Jessica

Missions Update

Mission Spotlight

Community Ministry of North Augusta

Serving Our Neighbors, Sharing God's Love

Community Ministry of North Augusta (CMONA) serves individuals and families facing difficult circumstances through food assistance, emergency support, and compassionate outreach. Grace is grateful to partner with CMONA in sharing God's love and meeting the needs of our neighbors.

A Little Extra Love

Grace recently supported CMONA's Self-Care That Fits Real Life workshop by assembling 32 goodie bags for participants. Following our Trunk-or-Treat festivities, volunteers gathered to prepare these gifts, offering encouragement to those exploring ways to make time for rest and renewal in God's presence.



Community Ministry of North Augusta

Help Our Neighbors Have a Happy Thanksgiving

Grace members, families, and groups are invited to fill a sturdy bag or laundry basket with nonperishable foods to help local families enjoy Thanksgiving dinner and meals throughout the holiday weekend.

Suggested items include:



- Stuffing mix and instant mashed potatoes
- Canned sweet potatoes, vegetables, beans, and fruit
- Cranberry sauce and applesauce
- Gravy mix, rice, and macaroni and cheese
- Canned or dry milk
- Cookies, dessert mixes, and cereal
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Pasta and sauce
- Canned meats and soups

Label your donation with its contents and "From Grace UMC" (include your group or class name if desired).

Deliver **directly to CMONA's Food Pantry**, 531 Belvedere Clearwater Road, November 11–13, from 9:30 am–3:00 pm. Please do not bring donations to the church.

Thank you, Grace family, for putting faith into action and helping make Thanksgiving brighter for our neighbors.

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.—Psalm 107:1

Our Faithfulness

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

Our Prayers

as of November 3, 2026

Upcoming Surgery

- Buddy Oldfield(11/06)
- Jim Benton (11/09)

Discharged

- Deb Persons (Hospice)
- Cindy Fuller
- Pete Crawford
- Wanda Oldfield
- Pattie Brammer
- Don Hostetler (father of Karen Mays)

Augusta Rehab (formerly Walton)

- Ed Vincent
- Carolyn "Jean" Gambill

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



Our Gifts

In Memory of...

- *Kimberly Alexander*, sister of Christy Jones
  - by Carla and Larry Ellis, Youth Program
  - by Christy and Damon Haley, General Budget
- *Jack Crumley*, father of David Comer, by Carla and Larry Ellis, Youth Program

Due to the recent transition in our Business Administrator position, financial reports are not available for this month's newsletter. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through this transition and look forward to resuming regular financial updates soon.

Our Service

Forty Grace members currently serve as greeters for our 11:00 am worship service, welcoming members and visitors with warm smiles and friendly greetings. Their hospitality helps everyone who enters our doors experience God's love and the welcoming spirit of our church family. **Thank you to our dedicated Grace Greeters for sharing God's love each Sunday.**

11:00 am Traditional Service Greeters—

- **November 1—**Horace Sweat and Fran Falkner
- **November 8—**Guwan and Danny Creeden
- **November 15—**Marilyn Braddy and Judy Pierce
- **November 22—**Carolyn and Jim Dickson
- **November 29—**Harriett and Dick Day

Our Witness

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



Giving Thanks for Our Grace Family

As we gather with family and friends this Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the many blessings God has placed in our lives. Among those blessings is our Grace family—a community of faith that supports one another, shares in life's joys and challenges, and extends God's love to our neighbors.

This season, may we take time to appreciate the simple gifts of life: the warmth of friendship, the comfort of faith, the joy of serving others, and the countless ways God's grace surrounds us each day.

As we give thanks for all we have received, may we also look for opportunities to share those blessings with others.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Thanksgiving.

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November Meetings and Events

- **Nov. 8, 4:00 pm—**SPRC Meeting in the Asbury Conference room
- **Nov. 8, 5:00 pm—**Finance Committee in the Asbury Meeting Room
- **Nov. 10, 6:00 pm—**Church Council Meeting in the Asbury Chapel
- **Nov. 11, 6:15 pm—**Avoiding Online Scams in the Wesley Center
- **Nov. 17, 6:30 pm**—UMM in the Wesley Center
- **Nov. 18, 5:15 pm—**Veterans and Thanksgiving Meal in the Wesley Center
- **Nov. 26–27—**Church Office Closed
- **Nov. 28, 12:30 pm—**Young Adult Friendsgiving in the Youth Room

Church Calendar: www.gotgraceumc.org/calendar
LWC=Lower Wesley Center

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Get Involved at Grace

Honoring Our Veterans

Wednesday, November 18 WINGS Dinner & Program

Calling all Grace UMC veterans! We invite you to join us for a special evening of appreciation and recognition during our November 18 WINGS dinner and program.

- When: November 18th, 5:15 pm
- Where: The Wesley Center
- On the Menu:
  - Turkey
  - Dressing and gravy
  - Sweet potatoes
  - Broccoli casserole
  - Glazed carrots
  - Cream corn
  - Rolls
  - Desert



We are grateful for the service, sacrifice, and dedication of the men and women who have served our country, and we look forward to honoring the veterans within our Grace family.

Invitations are already on their way, but veterans are encouraged to contact the Church Office to RSVP.

We look forward to celebrating and thanking you for your service.

Volunteer Spotlight

Meet Our Newsletter Folding Crew

Helping Keep Our Grace Family Connected



Each month, a dedicated group of volunteers gathers to assemble, fold, label, and seal our printed newsletters, preparing them for delivery to members of our Grace family.

It's a behind-the-scenes ministry that makes a big difference, helping ensure our church family stays informed, connected, and engaged in the life of Grace.

To our wonderful newsletter folding crew, **thank you for your time, dedication, and willing hearts!** Your faithful service is a reminder that even the simplest acts of kindness can have a meaningful impact. We appreciate all you do to keep our Grace family connected.