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WEEK AT A GLANCE AT GRACE

SUN., May 18 ***Worship Services:*** **8:30 & 11:00,** Traditional, Sanctuary **8:45**, Contemporary Wesley Center	8:45am - Kids BLAST & BLAST, Jr, Asbury Bldg., Children's Wing 9:45am - Sunday School for all ages, Church Campus 9:45am - Path to Grace New Member class, Conference room 11:00am - Kids BLAST & BLAST, Jr, Asbury Bldg., Children's Wing 11:00am - High School Senior Recogniion Sunday, Sanctuary 6:00pm - North Augusta HS Baccalaureate Service, Sanctuary Refreshments after Baccalaureate Service, Wesley Center
MON., May 19	9:15am - Jazzercise (M, W,F, Sa), 6:15pm (Tu, Th) Curly's Court Gym 10:00am - Women of Grace Florrie Derrick Circle, Youth Wing 10:45am - Jazzercise with 4k/5K CDC Field Day, Curly's Court Gym 11:00am -Wisdom of the Ages, Conference room 1:30pm - Women of Grace Knox-Wilhelm Circle, Journey SS class 7:00pm - Grace Happy Ukes, Conference room
TUES., May 20	9:30am - 12:30pm Pickleball, (T, Th) Curly's Court gym 9:30am - Ladies Bible Study, Journey SS class 9:30am - Staff Mtg., Conference room 10:00am - Women of Grace Sunshine Circle, Asbury Bldg., 5th Grade SS class 1:00pm - Shuffle & Deal Small Group, Youth Wing 6:30pm - UMM Meal & Program, Wesley Center
WED., May 21 **WINGS Schedule:** **Door Open:** 5:00pm **Meals:** 5:15pm **Programs:** 6:15pm	8:30am - Wednesday Morning Breakfast Crew, Sunrise Grill 10:00am - Upper Room Encouragers, Journey SS class 10:00am - Men's Upper Room Study Group, Conference room 12:30pm - Wednesday Prime Time Bridge, Wesley Center Church Parlor 6:15pm - Family Group Praise Team, Church Parlor & Wesley Center 6:30pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary Choir Room 7:00pm - Praise Band Rehearsal, Wesley Center
THURS., May 22	6:00pm - Caring & Sharing Small Group, Lower level Wesley Center
FRI., May 23	4:30pm - Girl Scout Troop 5775 Mtg., Youth Wing

Scan the QR code at left for your WINGS meals, fill out a green WINGS registration card or go to our Grace Website www.gotgraceumc.org/WINGS. Then scan the QR code on the right to make your payment! Thank you!

LEARN ALL ABOUT THE "HAPPENINGS AT GRACE"

Go to the Grace website: www.gotgraceumc.org and refer to your weekly E-News and monthly Newsletter for all the "Happenings at Grace!" Check our Grace FB too!

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

Living Our Vows

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

OUR PRAYERS: **May 16, 2025**
Piedmont Hosp.: Billy Lotspeich, Ann Rushton
Wellstar MCG: Marianna Simmons
Recently discharged: Dave Varn, , Bobby Oliver (NHC), Gayle Keel

Sympathy to: Linda Mayson in the death of her sister, Nancy Major, who passed to eternal life on May 15 in Jacksonville, FL

Hospice: Henry Cribb
Walton Rehab: Barry Whitney
Hammond Square: Jean Bergstrom, Ginny Stewart, Judy Cox
NHC NA: Bobby Oliver, Billy Watson
Pepper Hill: (Aiken) Jane Murdock
Oaks at Habersham, Savannah: Connie Sawyer
Washington Commons: Cynthia Gordon

Prayer Needs: Marilyn Adams, Deb Persons, Bev Whitney, Beth Ann Young, Ryan Rowland, Pam Windley, Diane Banta

OUR PRESENCE: **May 11, 2025** (Mother's Day)
On Campus: **8:30:** 21 **8:45:** 165 **11:00:** 186

OUR GIFTS:
Revenues thru **May, 2025**
Month to date: $ 52,044
Year to date: $427,847

April Revenue Report

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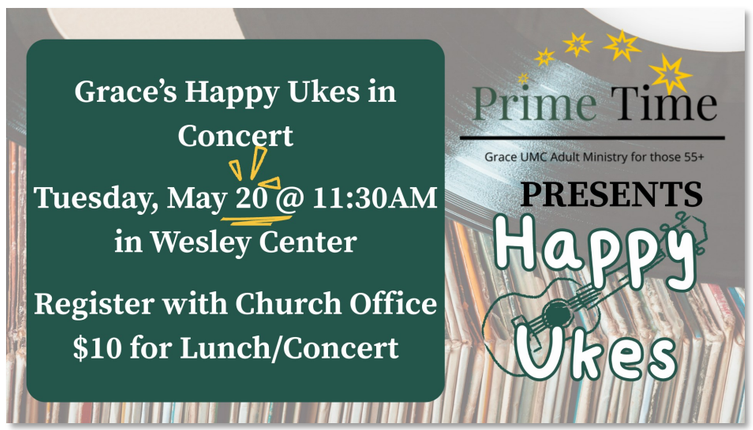
OUR SERVICE: **May 18, 2025**
Crucifer: Avery Ethun
Acolytes: Harper Ethun
Count Team: Judy Price, Terry Billiter

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

Altar Flowers for May 18, 2025
The flowers on the Altar are to the Glory of God
and in honor of my parents, Joe & Terry Billiter
Given by Mary Jo & Jim Newman along with our children,
Catherine and Jay.



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Class of 2025

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION

Sunday, May 18

Celebrating Worship

Grace
United Methodist Church
Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

Congratulations to our 2025 Senior High Graduates

Alex Brooks
USC - Aiken

L.B. Cannon
USC Honors College

Katie Ellis
University of Wisconsin - Madison

Bradley McCabe
USC - Aiken

Christian Norville
Coastal Carolina University

"To Know Christ and Make His Love Known"

11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Graduate Speakers:

Alex Brooks, LB Cannon, Katie Ellis, Bradley McCabe, & Christian Norville.

Welcome & Announcements — Rev. Patrick Taylor

Voluntary — *Oh, the Glory of Your Presence* - S. Fry — Larianna Goss, soloist

♦ **Chiming of the Trinity** *(Please stand when chiming begins)*

♦ **Call to Worship** — Alex Brooks

Leader: As one season of life concludes and a new one begins, we praise the God who is with us through it all.
People: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.
Leader: We trust his promise that he will never leave us or forsake us.
People: The Lord is our helper. We will not be afraid.
Leader: So let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God.
People: We praise you today and always.

♦ **Processional Hymn** — *To God Be the Glory* — UMH 98

Passing of the Peace — Bradley McCabe

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Opening Prayer — Bradley McCabe

Children's Time — L.B. Cannon

(Children may come forward if comfortable, then they will be dismissed to go to BLAST/BLAST Jr.)

Scholarship Presentation (See list far right)

Women of Grace, Michele Chiswell, Rebekah Bryant, Director of Youth Ministries

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson — Acts 11: 1-18 (Pew Bible NT p. 99) — Alex Brooks

Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer — L.B. Cannon

♦ **Hymn of Preparation** — *The Gift of Love* — UMH 408

♦ **Gospel Lesson** — John 13: 31-35 (Pew Bible NT p.82) — Katie Ellis

Sermon — Katie Ellis

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Offering — Christian Norville

Offertory Anthem — *He Never Failed Me Yet* - Robert Ray — Chancel Choir & Larianna Goss

♦ **Doxology** — UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

♦ **Affirmation of Faith** — The Apostles' Creed — UMH 881 — L.B. Cannon

TO GO FORTH IN SERVICE

♦ **Hymn of Commitment** — *They'll Know We Are Christians* — FWS#2223

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land; *Refrain*

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: *Refrain*

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: *Refrain*

Prayer for Graduates and Sending Forth — Rebekah Bryant, Director of Youth Ministry

You, Great Teacher, guide us all as students of life lived in faith;
From our earliest days, you have walked with us in our struggles and in our celebrations.
You are the light that is passed from generation to generation in the journey of life.
You are the one walking with these graduates as we bless them in your name.
Continue to walk with us all, in the seasons of our lives.
May your bright flame from the lamp of knowledge guide us in all our ways.
May your warmth comfort us through the pages of this book of wisdom.
May your cool baptismal waters continue to refresh us in every ending and new beginning.
May our souls always be fed at Christ's table,
may our hearts always be open in the presence of the Holy Spirit,
and may our minds continue to grow in grace & truth in the presence of our great teacher.
Amen.

♦ **Choral Benediction** *May the Road Rise to Meet You*

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be at your back,
may the sun shine warmly on your face.
May the rain fall softly on your fields,
and until we meet again, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.

♦ *Please stand as you are able*

Reference key:
BOW-Book of Worship
TFWS-The Faith We Sing
UMH-United Methodist Hymnal

Awarding the Certificates to our Scholarship Recipients

Bonnie Lucille Beneteau Scholarships
Logan Eidell
Alex McCabe
Grace Stone
Mills Stone

Michael Hargrove Scholarships
Alex Brooks
LB Cannon

Julie Anne Crawford Hendrick Scholarship
Cara Chiswell

United Methodist Men Scholarship
Christian Norville

Wallace and Marge Taylor Scholarships
Bryan Outlaw
Catherine Newman
Tyler McCabe
Sean Fowley

Martin I. Terry and Sue Grigsby Terry Scholarship
Bradley McCabe

Dr. W. G. Watson
Amber Forrest

Women of Grace Scholarships
Katie Ellis
Ellis Waters

New Return to Bethlehem Coordinator

Following the December 2024 resignation of Christi McClintock, Drama Director and RTB Coordinator, the Staff Parish Relations Committee did a search for a new Return to Bethlehem Coordinator. (Drama Director was put on hold, with RTB the main priority for now).

The Committee is pleased to announce that one of our new members, Elisa Atkins, has been selected for the RTB Coordinator. Elisa is a graduate of Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School and has a B.A. in Music from Augusta University. She has been a soloist and played scenes in various musical and drama productions, and has skills in dance, wardrobe and makeup for stage, and music education. She has been a choral member and soloist in several United Methodist churches, prior to landing in our choir last year, and joining Grace in April.

Please reach out to welcome Elisa, and work with her for the success of Return to Bethlehem 2025.