

# Tidings of Grace

June 1, 2026

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## *“God Be with You Until We Meet Again”*

*For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven.*  
Ecclesiastes 3:1

Our four years together have been fruitful, albeit not always easy. We came through two storms, the denominational changes and Hurricane Helene. We have celebrated together and we have mourned together. We have said “welcome” to 137 new members, and we have said “goodbye” to many long-term members. We have reached out to new people through Third Thursday and The Way. We have shared the story of Jesus in our costumes at RTB (Return to Bethlehem) and gathered around the nativity singing carols. We have sent mission teams to Bolivia, and we have joined in mission with Salkehatchie, Operation Christmas Child, Project Warm, and the Blessing Box. We danced with the RECing Crew and cried with Grief Share. We baptized new believers and buried old believers. We have read the Bible together and sang songs of faith. We have broken bread and shared the cup of salvation. Your commitment to the mission of Grace, “To Know Christ and Make His Love Known, is lived out faithfully by each of you.

In the *UMC Book of Worship*, there is a liturgy for a departing pastor. A part of it reads:

- I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted.
- I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made.
- As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.
- I release you from turning to me and depending on me.
- I encourage your continued ministry here
- And I will pray for you and your new pastors,  
Rev. Terry Flemming and Rev. Jessica Kight.

As I prepare for a new season in my life with marriage and retirement, I am grateful for the four years I had in your midst. *I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.* Philippians 1: 3-6

I trust that your future and my future are in God’s hands. May you join hands with your new pastors in partnership in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In Jesus’ Love,

*Cathy*

To everything  
there is a season,  
A time for every  
purpose under heaven.

-Ecclesiastes 3:1



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### CHURCH WEBSITE:

[www.gotgraceumc.org](http://www.gotgraceumc.org)

*“To Know Christ and To Make His Love Known”*

Yolanda McCabe, Director of Children & Family Ministry / Contact: yolada@gotgraceumc.org



# BLAST



Join us for Sparks Sunday School!



Upper Level Asbury Building  
9:45am—10:45am

(\*Please see temporary room changes)

**NURSERY - UPPER LEVEL**

\*Infants & Toddlers - Kindermusik 206

**PRESCHOOL - UPPER LEVEL**

\*Potty Trained 3K - 5K - Class 208  
(1st Grade SS Classroom)

**ELEMENTARY**

\*1st Grade - Class 210

2nd Grade - Class 210

3rd Grade - Class 207

4th Grade - Class 209

Bible Learning And Spiritual Training

Sunday Mornings during Worship

8:45, LifeSong Contemporary

11:00, Traditional

BLAST (1ST-4TH), BLAST, Jr. (4k, 5k), Mini (2k, 3K)

Let your children join us after the Children's Message during our LifeSong and 11:00 services

## June Summer Blast:

BLAST SPARK CLASSROOM

Time after Pentecost



The Bible in One Year  
"In the Beginning"

Preschool and Elementary children

6/7 1 Kings: God Gives Solomon Wisdom  
(1 Kings3; Proverbs 1:1-7; 2)

6/14 1 Kings: God Proves to Elijah He is Real  
(1 Kings 18:1-40)

6/21 2 Kings: God Provides for Elisha and a Widow (2 Kings 4:1-7)  
(1 Samuel 16:1-13)

6/28 - 2 Kings: God Shows Josiah Where Scripture Is (2 Kings 22)



CHILDREN'

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS YEAR!

YOUTH



CHILDREN & YOUTH



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEEDS

VBS to be held

Tuesday, June 16-19

- VBS Recreation Volunteer Leaders (Gym) for the week of June 16-19 (8:45am-12pm)
- VBS Welcome & Check-in Table Volunteers
- VBS Decorating Team Members (drop in style starting 6/1 @9am)
- VBS Snacks & Drinks Donations – store bought and homemade treats are welcome! Drop off in the Wesley Center kitchen marked VBS.
- VBS Props – looking to borrow ski equipment, snowboards, snow pants/overalls/jackets, ski goggles, hats to be used as VBS props.
- VBS Stage Decorating on Sunday, 6/14 @10:30am in the Wesley Center



Having Fun During AND After Vacation Bible School!

Students who have just finished grades 6—12 are invited to serve as classroom or activity assistants at this year's Vacation Bible School. It's not too late to sign up!



**VBS AFTER HOURS**



Student Volunteers will be treated to excursions each day after VBS.

- Tuesday— Lunch @ Snow Cap
- Wednesday—Pool Party @ Hammond Hills Pool
- Thursday—Kayaking @ Augusta Canal
- Friday—Pizza Party @ Splatter Place Register and make selections now!

## Greenway Meet-up

On Wednesday, June 3, Grace students met at the Greenway for a catch-up session before summer got into full swing.

**Pictured:** Hanna, Lily, Claire, Ms. Carmen, Graham, Addy, Elli, and Ms. Amber



Create a cheesy Father's Day gift for your Dad!

SUNDAY, JUNE 21 @ 10AM

Clearly the Best Dad!

**DAD JOKES SCRATCH-OFF TICKETS**

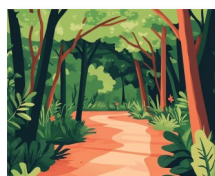
GRACE STUDENT MINISTRY

Splash in the Boro Water Park Adventure

1 July 2026

INCOMING 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS - OUTGOING 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS JOIN US FOR SOME WATER PARK FUN!

GRACE STUDENT MINISTRY



Greenway Meet-Up  
Wednesday, July 8  
7:00PM



Youth Cookout & Fishing @ Keltz Pond  
Sunday, July 12

Youth Director: Amber Forrest, [amber@gotgraceumc.org](mailto:amber@gotgraceumc.org)

## Grace Music Departments



Summer greetings from Sanctuary Music at Grace!

Thank you so much for another immensely successful and impactful program year here at Grace. We have much to be grateful for. Of particular note are our two newest (and youngest) Chancel Choir members, Graham Fox and Jackson Norville; please encourage them in their work for our church!

*Chancel Choir rehearsals will continue through June, but we will not hold Wednesday evening rehearsals in July.*

**Speaking of July, we have some very special musicians lined up for our summer Sundays!**

- June 14 - Danny Stoehr (Augusta native and Mercer Univ. student), guest organist
- July 12 - Dr. Isaac Brinberg (Director of Bands, AU),
- Tuba July 19 - Melissa Schultz (Professor of Voice, AU), Soprano
- July 26 - Brandon Ball (Choral Director, Grovetown HS), tenor

As always, thank you for supporting Sanctuary Music at Grace, our guest musicians, and the work of our church body.



GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



### THANK YOU, LIFESONG COMMITTEE!

**We are extremely grateful to our LifeSong Committee!** This committee is the backbone of our contemporary worship service and they help make important decisions regarding the organization and planning of the service. They are also the first to arrive with smiles on their faces each Sunday morning to assist with the setup of the Wesley Center, the preparation of Communion elements, and the communication of important volunteers like door greeters, ushers and communion servers. These folks are also play a pivotal role in welcoming new visitors to our service and helping them feel right at home when they walk through the doors of the Welsey Center.

**Our current Lifesong Committee members** are Mary Anne Bigger (chair), Mike Smith, Kay Poss, Joe & Ronda Bryce, and Chris & Patti Brammer (with a special shout out to Donna McDowell for stepping up to help with organizing our refreshments sponsors) If you see any of these folks today or this week please let them know how much they are appreciated!

If you would like to join the LifeSong Committee to make an impact on our service, please don't hesitate to contact Michael to discuss ways in which you can serve today!

Michael Keltz at [Michael@gotgraceumc.org](mailto:Michael@gotgraceumc.org)

**Holy Inspiration Takes Many Forms**

Sometimes our faith in God brings us to speak words of truth in hard space. Other times it calls us towards an act of radical hospitality. For some, their faith may flow out in an artistic expression of some kind. Over the last month, several of our members have been inspired to express their faith in tangible ways: writing poetry, creating ceramics, and designing an altar display. May these examples inspire each of us to listen carefully to the Holy Spirit and open us up to our own forms of creative expression of our faith!

During Week 22 of The Bible Year Class, the members participated by writing a Psalm. Grouped together to write a few stanzas, class members create works of praise, confession, and thanksgiving. The following is the compiled psalm created by the class:

*Praise God all ye people. He is the Almighty, full of mercy.*

*For all our days, in all our ways,  
We lift our praise, our voices we raise.*

*O Lord my god, you are above all other gods.  
You are worthy to be praised. You are faithful in all things.*

*Forgive us for our unfaithfulness.  
We have sinned against you and our neighbors, yet you forgive us always.  
We've been hurtful toward others and unaccepting of their differences.*

*Father, please forgive us for our shortcomings.  
Help us to remember your commandment, especially, to love others as you have loved us.*

*We give thanks to the Lord for He is mighty.  
His grace abounds. He provides for all our needs.  
He hung the stars in the firmament. The beauty of His creation surrounds us.  
His generous mercy knows no bounds. His forgiveness for our transgressions blesses us.  
Praise be to God.*

*Selah*



For many years, those in our Traditional worship services have benefitted from the creative talents of Mrs. Polly Hargrove. Above are pictures from her fiery Pentecost altar display from last month.



One of our Augusta University college students, Sierra Davis, focused her Ceramics portfolio on creations that reflect her faith.

**Women of Grace**

**UPCOMING WOMEN OF GRACE EVENTS**

**Epworth**  
Serving Children & Families  
**Towel Collection**



Women of Grace will be collecting towel sets through June 15.

Let these children know Grace UMC cares!

Please fill the baskets in these locations:  
Asbury Mtg., room (formally Journey SS class)  
and in the Wesley Center.



**Pillow Ministry Event**

Saturday, August 29, 2026  
9:30AM - 12:30PM, Wesley Center

A Day of Service & Fun



Enjoy a light lunch and fun times!

Help us reach our 200 pillow goal for cancer patients!

Happenings Around Adult Ministries

Weekly Groups

Deacon Ministry Update



The time has come! This Sunday, June 7th, I will be commissioned as a provisional Deacon in the South Carolina Annual Conference in Greenville.

Friday, June 5th—early Sunday, June 7th, I will be on a silent retreat at the local Episcopal convent, St. Helena. I will be using this time of quiet reflection as a way to recenter before taking this leap into my next chapter as a clergy person. My return to the world of speaking will be with you all at worship on Sunday morning.

After worship on Sunday, I will be on the road to Greenville. Please pray for me in my travels (as well as our clergy and lay delegates!) and as I participate in the commissioning service Sunday evening. For those who are interested in watching this service, you will be able to do so at (<https://ac.umcsc.org/>). Please note it is not active yet!

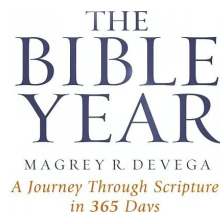
I look forward to continue to do ministry with the people of Grace UMC upon my return!

*“Patience is the companion of wisdom.” - St. Augustine*

During the month of June, we get our fill of poetry as we finish the Psalms and wrap up with the Song of Solomon. Both of these texts are full of biblical metaphor that are meant to spark our imagination and our meditation on the Scriptures.

We also continue to make our way through more of the Bible’s Wisdom literature. This genre is known for its moral teaching—each of the core wisdom books (Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes) have a different approach to living a good life.

Make sure you get your June Bookmark or head to our Facebook group for a printable calendar. There are also a great deal of resources to be found at [gotgraceumc.org/the-bible-year/](http://gotgraceumc.org/the-bible-year/)!



Adult Sunday School Classes

- Cokesbury...LWC
- Experiencing God...LWC
- Family Foundations...LWC
- Journey...LWC (new location!)
- Seekers...LWC
- Stillwell...LWC
- The Bible Year Discussion Group...LWC
- Women of Faith...LWC

Upper Wesley Center (UWC)  
Lower Wesley Center (LWC)

**For Leader contact info, visit [www.gotgraceumc.org/adults](http://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](mailto:amber@gotgraceumc.org)

Small Groups

Mondays

- Wisdom of the Ages (11AM)
- Happy Ukes (6PM)

Tuesdays (\*Seasonal groups)

- \*Ladies’ Bible Study (9:30AM)
- Shuffle & Deal Card Group (1PM)
- \*The Chosen (6:30PM)

Wednesdays (\*Seasonal groups)

- Wednesday Morning Breakfast Crew (8:30AM), Sunrise Grill
- \*Men’s Upper Room (9:45AM)
- \*Upper Room Encouragers (10AM)
- Bridge Group (12:30PM)
- \*Bible Study (6:15 PM)
- \*GriefShare (6:15PM)
- \*Misfits (6:15PM)

Thursdays

- Bridge Group (9:30AM)
- Ladies’ Book Club (1st Thur. @ 1:30PM)
- Caring & Sharing (6PM)
- The Way Small Group (6:30PM)



**June Gatherings**

- Monday, June 1—“House of Cards”
- Tuesday, June 9—“Woes”
- Thursday, June 18—“The Same Coin”
- Tuesday, June 23—“Because of Me”
- Tuesday, June 30—“Reunions”

Engage with United Methodists from around South Carolina with *The Advocate*

Our Conference newspaper, *The Advocate*, has been serving South Carolina United Methodists since 1837. More than just a periodical, *The Advocate* has several fun new ways to engage with our UM brothers and sisters across the state:

**Precious Pet of the Month**

Send a pic and a brief description of your furry (or feathered, scaled, finned, etc.) best friend to [news@advocatesc.org](mailto:news@advocatesc.org). Be sure to include your name and our church in your email!

**Advocate Virtual Book Club**

Join a group of other readers to discuss a new book each month in virtual gathering on the first Tuesday and/or Thursday of each month. Learn more about the upcoming book selection and register for the meeting link at [advocatesc.org/about/virtual\\_book\\_club](http://advocatesc.org/about/virtual_book_club).

Rev. Ashley Buchanan, Associate Pastor of Nurture & Missions (abuchanan@gotgraceumc.org)

Dear Grace Family,

As my time at Grace United Methodist Church comes to a close, I simply want to say thank you. Serving alongside you these past four years has been a tremendous blessing in my life and ministry. Together we have worshiped, prayed, laughed, celebrated victories, walked through challenges, and witnessed God's faithfulness in every season.

I am deeply grateful for the relationships we have shared, the ways you have supported and encouraged me, and the privilege of serving as one of your pastors. You have left an imprint on my heart that I will carry with me wherever God leads next.

While seasons change, God's faithfulness remains the same. I am confident that God has wonderful things ahead for Grace UMC, and I look forward to seeing how God continues to work through this congregation to share the love of Christ in our community.

Thank you for allowing me to be part of your story. Know that you will remain in my prayers, and I hope you will keep me in yours.

With gratitude and love,

Rev. Ashley Buchanan

*I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:3-6 NIV*

**Chambi Endowment Scholarship**

Established in 1998 by former medical team members to Bolivia from Grace UMC in honor of Jose Luis Chambi who was brought to the States at age 8 for life-saving surgery and successfully returned to his family.

Endowment supports one student per year in need at the Life and Truth School in Caranavi, Bolivia. Recipients are chosen by the directors of the school (a Christian School run by American missionaries. Criteria is financial need, attendance, behavior, and academic as well as spiritual progress.



Carlos

First recipient was Jose Luis Chambi with many to follow through graduation....and onto dental school. He now works with our medical teams. Most recent graduate was Carlos Alberta Huanca who was the recipient since 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Current recipient is Yasir Jimenez Chipana, a 10<sup>th</sup> grade student.



Yasir

The endowment hopes to be able to provide 2 scholarships a year beginning with the next school year which runs early February – late November in order to avoid rainy season as our seasons are reversed.

Janis Collins

Rev. Patrick Taylor, Associate Pastor of Evangelism & Discipleship (ptaylor@gotgraceumc.org)



**Announcement about The Way**

Please see the Council Corner on page 7 regarding The Way and Rev. Patrick Taylor.

**The Way Covenant**

We are all on The Way, journeying together. God shows up when we gather as neighbors.

I will practice deep listening.  
I will speak kindly.

Everyone makes mistakes. That's ok. I forgive you!  
Thank you, God, that I am especially me.  
Thank you, God, that others are different from me.  
I will see God more clearly because we are together.

We are all teammates in the Mission of God.  
Open our hearts to care for people,  
open our minds to grander possibilities,  
open our doors to those who need sanctuary.  
Amen.

**The Way**  
Sweetwater Community  
**Yard Sale**  
SAT. JUNE 20  
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
@ Corner of Sweetwater & Randall Rd:  
417 Randall Rd., 29860

**RESCHEDULED**

**YARD SALE SPACES AVAILABLE**  
**VENDORS, CRAFTERS, FOOD**  
**TRUCKS WELCOME**  
**TABLE SUPPLIED FOR: \$10**

Contact The Way via social media or Patrick @ 931-802-3617 ptaylor@gotgraceumc.org

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

**OUR PRAYERS:** **as of June 3, 2026**  
**Discharged:** Ed Vincent, Noah Vaught, Kevin Scaggs, Bev Whitney  
**Sympathy to:** JoAnn McKie, Rachel Covar, Anna Stoy and family in the death of Forrest Mckie, husband & father respectively, who passed to eternal life May 28.  
 Lynn & Charlie Ealey in the death of their daughter-in-law, Wendy Ealey, who pass to eternal life on May 27.  
**Brookdale:** Janet McDonald, Jean Gambill  
**Hammond Square:** Verna Garrison, Ginny Stewart  
**NHC NA:** Betty DeBaere, Billy Watson  
 James (Jim) Brooks, uncle of Chris Brooks  
**Claiborne, Martinez:** Hope Williams  
**Oaks at Habersham, Savannah:** Connie Sawyer  
**Sterling Estates, Marietta:** CJ Bigger  
**Prayer Needs:** Bill Anderson, Sara Anderson, Jim Benton, Nancy Childers, Tom Dorn, Rose & Philip Grabowski, Barbara Graybill (sister of Beverly Blevins), Damon Haley, Faye Jowers, Julie Kerr (mother of Kelsey Shull), Shirley Lankford, Patsy Miller, Judy Murphy, Bobby Oliver, Marianna Simmons, Dave Varn, \*Bev Whitney, Mary Ann Wilson, Pam Windley, Beth Ann Young

**OUR GIFTS: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**

**IN MEMORY OF:**  
**Cynthia Gordon**  
 (General Budget) Wayne & Linda Broome, Pat & Emory Bowen  
**Forrest McKie**  
 (Children’s Ministry) Yolanda McCabe  
 (Youth Ministry) Angela Davis, Linda Broome  
 (Youth & Children’s Ministry) Bev & Barry Whitney, Stan & Jan Godwin  
**Georgia Miller, daughter-in-law of Don & Patsy Miller**  
 (General Budget) Jane Street  
**Chuck Renew, brother of Jewel Napier**  
 (Epworth Children’s Home) Sandra Travis  
 (General Budget) Elizabeth Flowers, Jane Street  
**Bob Sweeney**  
 (CMONA) Sandra Travis  
 (General Budget) Rob & Barbara Graybill, Kathleen Stallworth  
**Ted Thompson**  
 (CMONA) Barry & Bev Whitney

**IN HONOR OF:**  
**The Marriage of Cathy Jamieson & Chris Theodosakis**  
 (Children’s Ministry) Maureen Trimper  
 (Discretionary fund) Terry & Lena Roof  
 (General Budget) Jo Ann Mason, Randy & Carol Stewart, Warren Crispens, Mary Jane Wisenbaker, Debbie Traugott, Carolyn Williams, Ed & Kitty Farnell, Kevin & Terry Scaggs, Thomas Sink, Kimberly Sizemore, Carol Ward  
**Rebekah Bryant**  
 (The WAY) Donna Hutto  
**Ashley Buchanan**  
 (General Budget) Carolyn Williams  
**Ryan Hendrick**  
 (Bolivia) Janis Collins  
**Sally McKibben’s 90th Birthday**  
 (Choir Fund) David & Beverly Blevins  
**Kevin Scaggs**  
 (General Budget) Carolyn Williams

**OUR GIFTS:** Month to Date Revenues and Expenses through 5/31/26  
**Month to date Revenues:** \$82,512.72 **Year to date Revenues:** \$470,150.30  
**Month to date Expenses:** \$107,478.00 **Year to date Expenses:** \$503,220.26  
**Net:** (\$24,965.28) **Net:** (\$33,069.96)

This is the season for Graduations, Weddings, Vacations, and other events! As you make your plans, don't forget that GUMC continues to fulfill its Mission, and your Financial Support is important throughout the year. Please consider giving to our Discretionary fund.

**OUR SERVICE: June Sunday Greeters (11:00):**  
 June 7th: Billy Usry, Pam Emory Siedling  
 June 14th: Wanda & Buddy Oldfield  
 June 21st: Mary McCormack, Cindy Fuller  
 June 28th: Todd Holgate, Ginger Mosley

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

**News from our May Church Council Meeting**



The May Church Council meeting included a charge conference with D.S. Chris Lollis to approve housing allowance for our incoming pastor and Amber Forrest’s

compensation package. He also discussed the future of The Way, which will become independent of Grace as of July 1, 2026. A letter went out on Friday via E-News from D.S. Lollis and is available by scanning the QR code or by [clicking here](#).



**Some other news included:**

The new Safe Sanctuary policy was approved, volunteers are needed for the Grace VBS June 16-19, the CDC renovations are going well with completion this summer and no cost to Grace UMC. There will be receptions for our outgoing and incoming Senior Ministers in June. Also, Rev. Taylor expressed gratitude for the growth at The Way and the support this mission has received from people at Grace.



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## June Meetings

**Please Note:** \*Asbury Mtg., room (was Journey SS class)

- **Women of Grace Executive** June 7, 4PM, Asbury Mtg., room
- **Susanna Wesley Circle**, June 7, 6PM, Asbury Mtg., room
- **Kindermusik Camp**, June 8-10, Asbury room 206
- **The Chosen**, June 9, 18, 23, 30, Asbury Chapel
- **Pastor's Farewell Drop-In**, June 14, 10AM, Wesley Center
- **VBS**, June 16 –19, 8:45AM - 12PM, Grace Campus
- **Grace at 3rd Thursday**, June 18, 5:30, Cavalier's Coffeehouse

**Preaching schedule for June:**

June 7 & 14, Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson  
Rev. Ashley Buchanan Liturgist

June 21, Rev. Ashley Buchanan, Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson Liturgist  
June 28, Rev. Terry Fleming, Rev. Jessica Kight, Liturgist

\*Please look in Newsletter for other small groups & events.

**Church Calendar:** <https://www.gotgraceumc.org/calendar>

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**Child Development Center:** 803-279-7528

**After Hours "on-call" # for Grace Pastors**  
803-376-9310

**Hospital Visitation & Pastoral Care:**

M/Th: Cathy, T/W: Ashley, F: Patrick

**Weekend:** Pastoral Rotation Schedule

### GRACE STAFF

Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Ashley Buchanan, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Patrick Taylor, Associate Pastor  
Dr. John M. Newell, III, Support Pastor  
Dr. John M. Younginer, Jr., Pastor Emeritus  
Emily Mumford, Business Administrator  
Karen Bach Mays, Administrative Assistant  
Chris Leysath, Director of Music Ministries  
Michael Keltz, Director of Contemporary Worship  
Amber Forrest, Director of Adult & Youth Ministries  
Yolanda McCabe, Director of Children and Family Ministries  
Dana Lykins, CDC Director; Linda Dollar, CDC Finance  
Nancy Payne, Kitchen Manager  
Thomas Wall, Media Technician  
Mary Chris Newell, Director of Kindermusik

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## HIGHLIGHTS

# Welcome

New Members

Our New Members  
joined in all three  
services in April & May.  
**Responses to:**  
**"Why I Joined Grace"**

### JON SCIANCE

Transferred from Wesley UMC and joined in our 8:30 Traditional service.

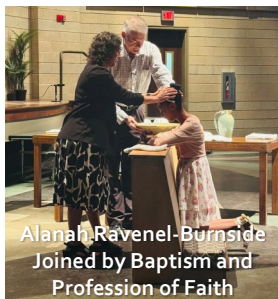


"I moved to this area both for work, and out of a belief that my ability to grow both spiritually and as a person was stunted in my hometown with a steadily shrinking congregation. Having found a welcoming community in Grace United Methodist Church, I am looking forwards to discovering just how I can use the gifts cultivated by the laity and ministry who helped to raise me."



**BARBARA BARNETT**  
Joined by Profession of  
Faith in the LifeSong  
Contemporary service

"I joined Grace to feel like I'm part of a community that loves God."



Alana Ravenel-Burnside  
Joined by Baptism and  
Profession of Faith

**Josh McGee** (Carol Smith-McGee)

Joined by Baptism and Profession of Faith in the LifeSong Contemporary service.



"Grace feels like a family and home, which I had not felt previously with churches I had attended before. Grace and it's members have also been very supportive of me and my family through tough times we have faced recently."



**Carol & Randy Stewart**  
Transfer from Warren Baptist and joined in our 11:00 Traditional service.

"We've been on a journey over the past few years, and returning to Grace filled us with a sense of peace, like we literally found our way home."