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Grace Staff

Grace has an after hours "On-Call" number for our Grace Pastoral Staff. Anyone with a pastoral care crisis can call this number and get a pastor. The number is (803) 376-9310.

WEEK AT A GLANCE AT GRACE	
SUN., Dec. 21 <u>Worship Services:</u> 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 11:00am - Kids BLAST & BLAST, Jr, Asbury Bldg., Children’s Wing 6:00pm - Praise Band Rehearsal for Christmas Eve Service, Wesley Center
MON., Dec. 22	Office open
TUES., Dec. 23	9:30am - 12:30pm Pickleball, Curly’s Court gym 1:00pm - Shuffle & Deal Small Group, Youth Wing
WED., Dec. 24	CHRISTMAS EVE—OFFICE CLOSED 2:00pm - Christmas Eve LifeSong Contemporary Service, Wesley Center 5:00pm - Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelight Service, Sanctuary
THURS., Dec. 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS—OFFICE CLOSED 6:00pm - Caring & Sharing Small Group, Lower level Wesley Center
FRI., Dec. 26	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY—OFFICE CLOSED

Christmas Gifts for Staff Members

We are incredibly blessed at Grace to have a team of dedicated professionals whose hard work and excellence benefit not only our congregation but also our wider community. Their contributions make a meaningful impact every day.

To show our appreciation, the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) invites the congregation to recognize their efforts with a monetary gift this Christmas season.

Donations for the staff Christmas gift can be made through any of our usual giving channels. Please designate your contribution as “Staff Christmas Gift.” Additionally, donations will be collected after worship services today, Dec. 21.

Thank you for your generosity in celebrating and supporting our outstanding staff.

Warm regards,
Staff Parish Relations Committee

To give now please scan the QR code.



O HOLY NIGHT

CHRIST IS BORN, GLORIFY HIM!



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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:

Discharged:

Hospice:

Brookdale:

Hammond Square:

NHC NA:

as of December 16, 2025

Damon Haley

Billy Watson, Henry Cribb

Jean Gambill

Ginny Stewart, Judy Cox

Don Smith, Billy Watson, James (Jim) Brooks, uncle of Chris Brooks

Claiborne, Martinez:

Oaks at Habersham, Savannah:

Sterling Estates, Marietta:

Washington Commons:

Prayer Needs:

Hope Williams

Connie Sawyer

CJ Bigger

Cynthia Gordon

Gary Street, Jim Benton, Philip Grabowskii, Bobby Oliver, Bob Young, Damon Haley, Shirley Lankford, Bill Anderson, Bev Whitney, Emily Mumford, Deb & Rob Persons, Beth Ann Young, Diane Banta, Jane Murdock, Faye Jowers, Pam Windley, Marianna Simmons, Dave Varn, Barbara Graybill

Barbara Wallenzine, sister-in-law of Angie Walton

Wendy Ealey, daughter-in-law of Lynn Ealey

Angela Ramsey, sister of Fifi Rogers

OUR PRESENCE:

Worship at Grace:

December 14, 2025, Lessons and Carols

8:30: 24 8:45: 75 11:00: 227

OUR GIFTS:

OUR SERVICE:

Crucifer:

Acolytes:

Count Team:

OUR WITNESS:

Updated figures will be reflected in the Sunday, Dec. 28 bulletin

December 21, 2025

TBD

TBD

Janis Collins, Kathy Batten

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

Sunday Greeters (11:00):

Dec. 21:

Dec. 24:

Dec. 28:

Glenda & Scott Buchanan

Horace Sweat, Cindy Fuller

Kerry Adragna, Melody Bruder

Grateful Givers



Giving envelopes will be available for pick up in the church office on Jan 2. Questions: Contact Emily Mumford, Emily@gotgraceumc.org

Flowers on the Altar for Dec. 21

The beautiful poinsettias are to the glory of God and in memory or honor of loved ones.

There are copies of the poinsettia list in the Narthex on the table with the 2026 Sanctuary flower list.



Sign Up for our Facebook Group

GRACE UMC COLLEGE MINISTRY

PUTT-PUTT

CATCH-UP AND DROP A HOLE-IN=ONE!

12PM, DECEMBER 29 | MEET AT PUTT-PUTT

Putt-Putt Fun Center 3763 Martinez Blvd, Augusta

\$10 per person (bring a friend!) Includes 2 slices of pizza + drink

WWW.GOTGRACEUMC.ORG/CALENDAR TO REGISTER



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December 21, 2025

For You are my hope, O Lord God

Psalms 71:5

“Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

Luke 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory

John 1:14

And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.

Luke 1:14

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son

John 3:16

Hope

Peace

Christ

Joy

Love

“The Fourth Sunday of Advent”

Celebrating Worship



Grace

United Methodist Church

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

December 24, Christmas Eve

Candlelight and Communion Services:

2PM LifeSong Contemporary (Wesley Center) and 5PM Traditional (Sanctuary)

Single Worship Service

Dec. 28 @ 11AM (Sanctuary)

Books for Sale

Cost: \$18.00

Sundays

Coming in 2026

Read the whole Bible in 365 days!

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Daily Readings | Small Groups

Sermons | Seminars

THE BIBLE YEAR

A Journey Through Scripture in 365 Days

MAGREY R. DEVEGA

To Know Christ and To Make His Love Known

8:30 a.m. Traditional, Sanctuary		
THE CHURCH GATHERS		
Prelude	Christopher Leysath, organ	
Welcome & Announcements	Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson	
♦ Passing of the Peace	Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson	
Leader:	The peace of the Lord be with you.	
People:	And also with you.	
Call to Worship	Rev. Patrick Taylor	
Leader:	Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.	
People:	Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term,	
Leader:	that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.	
Lighting of the Advent Wreath, “Candle of Love”	Rev. Patrick Taylor	
(Please see 11:00 Lighting of Advent Candle reading)	BOW #262	
Opening Prayer (in unison)	UMH 231	
	Rev. Patrick Taylor	
♦ Hymn of Praise	Hark! “The Heralds Angels Sing”	UMH 240
TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD		
Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 7:10-16 (Pew Bible OT p. 492)	Rev. Patrick Taylor
♦ Hymn of Preparation	O Little Town of Bethlehem	UMH 230 (v. 1-3)
Gospel Lesson	Luke: 2:8-18 (Pew Bible NT p. 44)	Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson
Sermon	“He Came, We Go”	Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson
Pastoral Prayer, Lord’s Prayer	Rev. Patrick Taylor	
TO RESPOND IN FAITH		
Offering	Rev. Patrick Taylor	
Offertory	Christopher Leysath	
♦ Doxology	Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow	UMH 95
♦ Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles’ Creed	UMH 881
	Rev. Patrick Taylor	
TO GO FORTH IN SERVICE		
♦ Hymn of Commitment	Go Tell it on the Mountain	UMH 251 (v. 1-2)
♦ Benediction	Rev. Patrick Taylor	
♦ Please stand as you are able		
Accompanist: Christopher Leysath, organ		
Reference key: BOW-Book of Worship TFWS-The Faith We Sing UMH-United Methodist Hymnal		

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome & AnnouncementsRev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson

VoluntaryIn Dulci Jubilo - Johann Michael BachChristopher Leysath, organ

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

♦ Call to WorshipRev. Patrick Taylor

Leader: Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

People: Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term,

Leader: that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.

♦ Processional HymnO Little Town of BethlehemUMH 230

♦ Passing of the PeaceRev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath, “Candle of Love”Josh & Ely Kauffman

1 John 4:7-8 NRSV

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Reading

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our loving savior.

May we continue to love him because he first loved us.

Make our hearts ready as he will return in glory one day.

O come, O come, Emmanuel.(BOW #262)

Opening Prayer (in unison)UMH 231Rev. Patrick Taylor

Children’s TimeAmber Forrest

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

AnthemSing of Mary, Pure and Lowly - Palmer & MeloChancel Choir

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament LessonIsaiah 7:10-16Rev. Ashley Buchanan

(Pew Bible OT p. 492)

Pastoral Prayer, Lord’s PrayerRev. Ashley Buchanan

♦ Hymn of PreparationLove Came Down at ChristmasUMH 242

♦ Gospel LessonLuke: 2:8-18Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson

(Pew Bible NT p. 44)

Sermon“He Came, We Go”Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

OfferingRev. Patrick Taylor

OffertoryDivinum Mysterium - Wilbur HeldChristopher Leysath, organ

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

♦ Advent Doxology (to the tune of O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

♦ Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

UMH 881

Rev. Patrick Taylor

TO GO FORTH IN SERVICE

♦ Hymn of Commitment

Go Tell it on the Mountain

UMH 251

♦ Benediction

Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson

Choral Benediction

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, Verse 3

He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth;
love, joy, and hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains,
shall peace, the herald, go,
and righteousness, in fountains,
from hill to valley flow.

♦ Please stand as you are able

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Bible Basics

An Intro to The Bible Year
Begins January 14th @ 6:15PM

Learn more about the major themes,
books, and content of the Bible

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 those interested in learning more about Christian faith, baptism, and becoming a part of our faith community. Go to <https://gotgraceumc.org/im-new> or scan the QR code.

Need help today, text Visitor to 833-235-9706.

For questions about joining our church, please contact Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson at cjamieson@gotgraceumc.org, (803) 279-7525, ext. 203.

Do you have children?

- * A nursery for infants through 3-year-olds is in the Child Development Center, Asbury Building.
- * A mother's room is available inside the Wesley Center, across from the parlor and inside the Sanctuary Bride's room/Mother's room off the main Narthex/foyer.
- * BLAST and BLAST Jr. classes are in the Asbury Building, Children's Wing, 1st and 2nd Grade SS classrooms.