

# Following Jesus



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Connecting This Fall at  
Grace United Methodist Church

Pastor - Alan Atchison

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Maintenance - Mike Liddick

Organist - Charlotte Gingrich

**Noah's Crew Preschool -**

Lisa VanOlden *and* Robin Willier

**Grace Kids -**

Diane White and Tina Fetter

**Elementary/Middle School -**

Alex & Jon Martin

**Jr./Sr. High Youth Ministries -**

Tracy Wertz & Bobbi Jo Riden

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# Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024

8:00 am - Early Worship  
9:00 am - Fellowship Hour  
9:15 am - Sunday School  
10:30 am - Traditional Worship

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Pre-service Music

*Holly Kerwin*

Welcome and Announcements

**\*\*A Call to Worship**

*Sally Hilla*

*Leader* : Let us come before the Lord with joy in our hearts; in praise and celebration of His call to follow where He leads.

***People* : We come, Lord Jesus, seeking to find You in the busyness of our lives. Help us to reach out and find your hand, and to seek Your guidance on this journey.**

*Leader* : As we do our best to navigate the challenges that come in life, let us be reminded that God is working all things together for His Kingdom purposes.

***People* : How we long to know and understand Your divine purpose for our lives. Open our eyes that we might see You more clearly, and follow You more nearly each and every day.**

**ALL** : We commit our days and our lives to following You, O God - even when the way is unclear - trusting that You will lead us to victory.

**\*\*Opening Song of Praise**

*UMH 370*

“ Victory in Jesus ”

**\*\* Prayer of Invitation**

**ALL: Gracious God, we admit that we don't always see or understand Your call to discipleship. We want to follow You, but we want to do it in our own way. Open our eyes in this hour, that we might come to a better understanding of what You desire of us. Empower us by Your Spirit to embrace the work that You lay before us with glad and sincere hearts - thankful of Your calling on our lives. We ask these, and all things, in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

**\*\* Greet One Another with JOY in Your Hearts !**

## **WE CELEBRATE GOD'S WORD**

1st Scripture Reading *Debb Bowman*  
“ Proverbs 1: 1-9; 20-23 “

Special Music *Holly Kerwin*

Our Statement of Faith *Sue Rubendall*  
“ *The Nicene Creed* ” *UMH 880*

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven - Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses - as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from Evil - for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.**

## **THE GATHERING OF THE MORNING OFFERING**

Offertory Chorus *UMH 420*  
“ *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* ”

Our Offering Prayer of Thanksgiving

**ALL: Loving Creator, we dedicate our offerings to the work of Your Kingdom this day. Bless our gifts, and the ongoing work of this church - as we seek to reach out to others, and to share the message of hope that we have in You. Guide and direct us in our work. We pray in Jesus' Name, Amen.**

The Gospel Lesson: Mark 8: 27 - 38

The Morning Message

*Rev. Andrew Hilla*

*“ Are We REALLY Followers of Christ ? ”*

### **WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

\*\* Closing Hymn of Commitment

*UMH 467*

*“ Trust and Obey ”*

\*\* You are invited to stand if you are able

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**Today's Altar Flowers** are presented by Diane and Randy Nestler to the Glory of God, in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary.

### **This Week's Announcements ....**

**Grace UMC Administrative Council** - will meet on Tuesday at 6:30 in the Library.

**Fall Mum Fundraiser** - For those who ordered fall mums, they will be ready for pick-up in the church entryway on Tuesday, Sept. 19th, after noon.

**Donations Being Sought** - Hearts of Grace is seeking donations of jars of jelly to be included in the Sept 26th food distribution. Please deposit your donations in the grocery carts in the church entryway. Thank You!

# Announcements .... ( continued )

## Wednesday Nights at Grace UMC

Our Fall programming is once again in full swing!

6:00 - 8:00 ~ Jr. / Sr. High Youth

6:30 - 8:00 ~ Grace Kids (K - 3rd )

6:30 - 8:00 ~ Elementary / Middle School youth

6:30 - 800 ~ Chancel Choir practice

(1st and 3rd Wednesdays )

Fall Fish Fry's are set to begin on Sept. 27th. Please contact Larry Bellis with questions at (717) 982-4265; Kathy Boyer at (717) 896-9137 to volunteer; or Cindy Matter at (717) 439-0031 to donate pies. Help is needed from 4 - 7 pm .

Trunk or Treat Donations are being sought for our community outreach event in October. Please place your candy donations in the bin in the church entryway.

Community Closet Distribution - Our next free clothing give-a-way will be held on Saturday, October 5th, from 10am - 3pm. Please talk to Alex Martin or Bobbi Jo Riden if you would be interested in helping.

Sunday School Help - we are in need of someone to help teach the elementary Sunday school class one Sunday per month. The lessons are already prepared.

### **Our Attendance : September 8th**

8:30 Worship ~ 35    Sunday School ~ 22

10:30 Worship ~ 31    Online Worship ~ 11

### **Our Stewardship - Sept 8th**

|              |          |                          |        |
|--------------|----------|--------------------------|--------|
| General Fund | 2,460.00 | Faith Promise / Missions | 235.00 |
| Building     | 0.00     | Designated Outreach      | 515.00 |

Weekly budget for expenses : 6,821.00

Budget **shortfall : 4,361.00**

# **Please lift up these people and families in your prayers ....**

**The United Methodist Church - it's pastors, leaders, and families**  
**Our federal government, the presidential candidates,**  
**and the upcoming election process**  
**Our Noah's Crew teachers and students**

## **Those Facing Health and Other Challenges**

Jane Hepner - double knee replacement surgery  
The Rincon family - lost everything in a home fire  
Dr. Lee Bzdil, MASD Superintendent - hospitalized following accident  
Jack Almony - broken ribs and back injury  
Keira Petery - dealing with kidney stones  
Beth Nestler - upcoming tests  
Elana and Seth Cramer and family - death of a 6mo. old baby  
Lindsay Hepner - continued recovery from a bad fall  
Jeff Wommer - home, continued healing from brain surgery  
Ina Schoffstall's sister, Donna - pneumonia and respiratory issues  
The family of Megan Carl at her passing  
Jack Troutman - recovering from a stroke  
Matthew Cook - bad fall w/ Bruised ribs and broken hand  
Isaac Wilt - Behavioral / mental challenges  
Sarah Bakermans daughter, Madison - soft bone disease  
Wayne Perkins - receiving IV antibiotics at home  
Greg Riden - recovering from stroke  
Calton Minnich - 2 yr.-old with extremely rare disease  
Lisa Specht - recurring medical problems  
Nicolle Nestler - complications with pregnancy  
Dale Smyres - underwent 3rd brain surgery for bleeding  
Kori Bell's mom, Cheryl - continued falls  
Carol Uhler's niece, Tonya - recovering from Crohn's surgery  
Debb Bowman's cousin, Brenda Klinger - Undiagnosed illness

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## **Prayer Requests - continued**

Karen Riland - undiagnosed health challenges  
Miriam Rubendall - declining health  
Kim Sittlinger - memory and balance issues  
Renee Watkins - in need of heart/Lung transplant  
Linda Schlegel - heart problems  
Jodi Ellis - ongoing health challenges  
Brooke Jury - treatments for brain tumors  
Sandy Altland - suffering from Dementia  
Don Lebo - recently hospitalized with kidney dialysis challenges  
Ray Smith - kidney failure

### **Those battling cancer**

Becci Jury - beginning chemo for bladder cancer  
Tricia Rebuck - brain cancer  
Christie Shook - abdominal cancer  
Sandy Oxenrider - liver, pancreatic, and lung cancer  
Ashley Lazar - Breast Cancer  
Bailey Romberger - diagnosed with brain cancer  
Greg Hand - dealing with cancer  
Paisley - 12 yr. old - bone cancer  
Kim Headdings - Pancreatic/Liver Cancer  
Dave Sealy - bladder cancer  
Emily Hand - Cancer  
Dave Schlegel, Sr. – cancer treatments  
Jack Geyer – cancer treatments  
Christina Conrad - Breast Cancer  
Jaima Kishbaugh - breast cancer  
Larry “Hap” Barnhart - kidney and bladder cancer  
Debb Bowman’s cousin, Brenda Klingler - breast cancer

### **Those on Hospice Care**

Katie Hallman, George Lazar,