

Grace United Methodist Church

Monthly Newsletter

November 2026



Sunday Worship Service
is at 10:00 AM

Communion is offered on the
1st Sunday of the month.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Everyone is invited to attend the
Church Conference on
Sunday, Nov. 15th at 11:00 AM.



"BYOD" Meeting on Tuesdays at 9:00 AM
Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM.
Celestial Bells Rehearsals on Weds., Nov. 4th & 11th at 11:00 AM.
Pastor Stephanie & Beth Buettner at ICD Training on Mon., & Tues., Nov. 9th and 10th .
UWF Meeting on Thurs., Nov. 12th at 10:00 AM.
Missions Meeting on Thurs., Nov. 12th at 11:00.
Church Conference on Sun., Nov. 15th after the Worship Service
Trustees Meeting on Tues., Nov. 17th at 9:30 AM.
Pastor Stephanie at Heartland House on Thurs., Nov. 19th at 10:00 AM.

SAVE THE DATE
November 22nd

Harvest Celebration Dinner
After Our Worship Service

TOP 10 THANKSGIVING BIBLE VERSES

by Tony Kummer

God's Word has a lot to say about gratitude and being thankful. Here are our top **10 Thanksgiving Bible Verses** to inspire you and your family this November.

- * Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.
Bible Verse from 1 Chronicles 16:34 NIV
- * And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
Scripture from Colossians 3:17 NIV
- * Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
Thankful quote from 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV
- * Psalm 107:1 Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!
Bible-verses in Psalm 107:1 NIV
- * For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving.
Biblical thankfulness in 1 Timothy 4:4 NIV
- * Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
Thanksgiving scripture from Philippians 4:6
- * Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!
Bible verse from Psalm 147:7
- * Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! **Thankful scripture from Psalm 100:4**
- * Let us come into his presence with *thanksgiving*; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! **Psalm 95:2**
- * The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Corinthians 15:56-57

SOS - SPUDS ON SUNDAY



SOS - Spuds on Sunday - was a great day of food, fun, and sharing. Thanks to all who donated food, scrubbed the spuds, served the meal, and gave an offering to our future mission projects.

WAUSHARA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

Waushara County Food Pantry collection is in progress through November 15th. Please take a bag and fill it or put a monetary donation in the collection canister by the paper bags. Because there are no current plans for a free community meal at St Joseph Catholic Church this Thanksgiving, we anticipate that more families will need to get food assistance through our Pantry.



TREEHOUSE



A Treehouse Meal is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov 10th. If you would like to help provide an item for that meal, please call Judie Batterman at 920-647-1517. Feel free to text.

RERUN SHOES

Rerun Shoes is receiving huge donations from the Plainfield Community, led by their Methodist Women. We expect to ship four-five 50# boxes in November. Shoes are accepted year-round. Thanks to all of you for your constant donations.

WAUSHARA HOLIDAY TOY PROJECT

Waushara Holiday Toy Project is already hard at work. If you would like to donate an hour or two - or three or four - , please contact Judie for the days scheduled. Distribution week is Dec 7-11.



HEIFER INTERNATIONAL



We will be celebrating a "Joy to the World" Heifer International Project in January. If you wish to use that project for Christmas gifting, we can help you with that; otherwise, watch for more info in the Dec. newsletter.

Seniors ON THE Move

We do not have a SOTM event in November, but we do have an event in December.

SOTM will be gathering at Grace UMC on Thurs., Dec. 3rd for a year-end party. We will start at 10:00 AM. We will review 2026 and talk about 2027.

Your friends and neighbors are invited to join us. We will collect a donation on behalf of SOTM for the Angel Tree. Please bring a small plate of treats to share. Coffee and punch will be provided.

See you then!



Making Room for One More

“Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.” — Romans 12:13 (NIV)

November is here, and before long, many of us will be gathering around the Thanksgiving table. There will be turkey and mashed potatoes, stuffing, pumpkin pie, and probably more food than anyone could possibly eat. There will be laughter, stories we've heard a hundred times, and maybe even a little debate about who makes the best pie!

Thanksgiving has a way of bringing people together. And isn't that one of the things we love most about it? It's not really about the food. It's about counting our blessings and the people gathered around the table.

But I've been thinking about something.

What about the people who don't have a place at the table?

What about the widow who will be eating Thanksgiving dinner alone for the first time? Or the neighbor whose family lives hundreds of miles away? What about the person who has been sick, the one who can no longer get out much, or the person who quietly wonders whether anyone would even notice if they weren't around?

We live in a world where people can be surrounded by others and still feel terribly alone. And sometimes, the people who need a little kindness the most are the very ones we don't notice.

Jesus was especially good at noticing people.

Throughout the Gospels, we find Jesus making time for those others overlooked. He welcomed children, ate with tax collectors, touched lepers, listened to the hurting, and reached out to people who had been pushed aside.

Jesus didn't just make room for the important, the popular, or the people who had something to offer Him. **He made room for everyone.**

And He calls us to do the same.

Now, making room for one more doesn't always mean setting another plate at the Thanksgiving table. Sometimes it means picking up the telephone and calling someone you haven't spoken to in a while. It might mean inviting someone to sit beside you at church, delivering a meal, sending a card, or taking a few extra minutes to really listen when someone asks to talk.

Sometimes it means noticing the person who hasn't been in worship lately and letting them know they've been missed.

From the Pastor's Desk

And sometimes it simply means saying, "Come on in. There's room for you here."

That's one of the things I love about Grace United Methodist Church. We have people who genuinely care about one another and about our community. I see that love expressed in so many ways through our ministries, our missions, our visits, our prayers, and the countless little things people do that never make it into the bulletin or newsletter.

But I also believe God is continually calling us to widen that circle of love.

There are people right here in our community who are lonely. People who are struggling. People who are looking for friendship, encouragement, and a place where they belong. Some are searching for God and don't even realize that's what they're looking for. And perhaps God is counting on someone like you or me to extend the invitation.

This November, as we count our blessings and give thanks for all God has provided, I want to encourage each of us to ask one simple question:

Lord, who can I make room for? Who needs a phone call? Who could use an invitation? Who needs to hear that they matter? Who might be waiting for someone to reach out?

You may never know how much one simple act of kindness means to another person. That phone call you almost didn't make, that invitation you nearly talked yourself out of, or those few minutes you spent listening might be exactly what someone needed that day.

And here's something else I've discovered: when we make room for others, God often blesses us in ways we never expected.

So this Thanksgiving, let's do more than count our blessings. Let's be a blessing.

Let's keep making room at our tables, in our lives, and especially in our church.

Because there is always room for one more in the family of God.

And wouldn't it be wonderful if everyone who walked through the doors of Grace United Methodist Church knew, without a doubt, that they were welcome, wanted, and loved?

May God bless you and your families this Thanksgiving season.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Blessings,

Pastor Stephanie

Rev. Stephanie J. Taylor



2026 Stewardship



Greetings members and friends of Grace United Methodist Church. We hope this letter finds you enjoying the fall weather and preparations for the upcoming holiday season. Thanksgiving and Christmas are fast approaching!

The other season that is upon us is the annual Stewardship Campaign. We have spent 2026 talking about the 5 Practices of Fruitful Congregations, and the members and friends of Grace UMC have answered God's call. We have done things that are new and exciting, supported local and global missions, and we have faithfully served the necessary everyday needs of the church. All this work is important to keep God's church alive, growing, and seeking out opportunities to share God's love with those that are hurting, struggling to make sense of this crazy world, or looking for a church home. But our individual faith journey requires a next step.

Is God calling you to embrace EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY? Can you give more of your time, talent, service, or financial commitment? Can you think differently about how you are planning your financial support? Do you feel called to serve on a committee, join in to support a local mission, help with the maintenance of our building, or increase your giving to support the capital campaign, the renovations of the parsonage, or the important work of the church?

This year we will be enclosing several pieces of information to consider as you make your decisions—the proposed 2027 budget and the financial report of the parsonage improvements. We hope this helps you better understand the exciting plans underway for next year.

Please take time to reflect on your 2026 faith journey and how your 2027 faith journey will help you take that next step along the discipleship pathway.

We encourage you to complete and return the estimate of giving card to provide guidance for planning 2027. If you have not returned an estimate of giving card before, we recognize that this is an act of faith and trust in God. Might this be your next step on your discipleship pathway? You can mail it in, put it in the offering plate, or bring it with you on Sunday, November 22, as we celebrate at the Harvest Dinner after the service.

Beth Buettner, Stewardship Chair
Pastor Stephanie Taylor



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1 10:00 AM Worship Communion ALL SAINT'S DAY	2 Church Office Closed	3 9:00 AM Men's "BYOD"	4 10:00 AM Christianity 101 11:00 AM Celestial Bells Rehearsal	5	6 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	7
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