



Grace Abounds *November 2024*

Grace Lutheran Church

A Center of Mission and Ministry—Celebrating and Sharing God's Grace!



We are entering a time of the year that will become hectic in a truly short while. Candidates for Church Council will be sought. Special events with our pre-school children are on tap. On November 10th at 3pm we will be gathering on our front lawn for the Blessing of the Animals – a little late due to Hurricane Helene. And I am sure many still have items around your homes that may still need to be repaired following that “once in a lifetime storm.”

Of course, we will be gathering with family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving. And then—we are off to the races toward Christmas. Wow—these and countless more events will certainly keep us all busy.

You have had other followers of Christ share the following with you; “despite the numerous activities we’re looking forward to, we still should take time to make time for God.” And if that means slowing down for even a fleeting period – we should do that!

One of my favorite passages from scripture comes from the Psalmist—Psalm 46:10 – “Be Still and Know that I Am God.” (*It is the screen saver on my phone.*) Words from Scripture that remind us of who God is, and that we can remain in the quiet God provides so we may know Him better while we rest in His peace.

In Matthew 11:28, Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” Even God’s Son knows we need to slow down and not fill our precious time with activities that keep us from finding a healthy balance in life. Even though Jesus found it hard to get away and find peace, our Lord found time to be in prayer with His heavenly Father.

So, as we begin to get anxious about all the responsibilities, we have facing us over the next several weeks, let us remember that even God rested on the seventh day. Let us follow the guide of our Creator, and when we take time to slow down, let us make sure we keep God close and feel His presence to provide calm and rest for our weary souls. We look forward to worshipping with you on Sundays and gathering as the faithful community to be with God.

Blessings always,
Pastor Dave



Reminder:

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 3rd. Please turn your clocks back an hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

Annual Congregation Council Nominations and Election

Annual Congregation Council nominations will be held on **Sunday, November 3**. Each voting member can nominate four individuals who meet the qualifications for voting members. (*Voting members are those who have communed and contributed on record in 2023 and/or 2024*). Council election is set for **Sunday, November 17**. We will be electing four people to three-year terms on Council in addition to a youth council member. We will also be electing our church officers of Vice-President and Secretary.

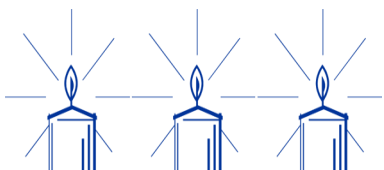


NOVEMBER Birthdays

- 2 - Carolyn Boland
- 3 - Justin Farr
- 4 - Nick Long
- 5 - Robert Hawkins
- 10 - Billy Ackerman, Suzanne Medlock
- 11 - Linda Cromer
- 12 - Peggy Thomas
- 16 - John Barbee, Jason Riley
- 17 - Lynn Wessinger
- 18 - Taylor Metz
- 19 - Lori Derrick, Joshua Nelson
- 21 - Edna Riley
- 22 - Jean Bedenbaugh
- 26 - Jacy Mitchell
- 27 - Tom Neel
- 29 - Rev. James Henricks
- 30 - Jaxon Wessinger

NOVEMBER Baptisms

- 1 - Walt Quattlebaum
- 6 - Terrell Alewine, Andrea Lewis, Wendy Riley
- 7 - Mary Grace Whitlock
- 9 - Buck Black
- 10 - Julie Shealy
- 11 - Kathy Brown, Zoe Frick
- 13 - Nancy Derrick, Lexi Medlock
- 14 - Michael Riley, Gina Wasiluk
- 15 - Dean Harmon, Barry Hartman
- 22 - Nathan Shealy
- 24 - Lauren Derrick
- 25 - Hunter Neel
- 26 - Walker Eldridge
- 28 - Jacob Harmon
- 29 - Ben Derrick



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
November 3

During our service on All Saints' Sunday, Nov. 3, we will remember the lives of our sisters and brothers in Christ at Grace who have passed to life in the church triumphant since last All Saints Day, Nov. 5, 2023:

David Riley
Billy George
Sadie Epting



2024
WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 20

NEWBERRY COLLEGE FALL CONCERT

NEWBERRY COLLEGE SINGERS AND MADRIGALS

DR. JONATHAN HALL
DR. CHRIS SHEPPARD
CONDUCTORS



WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 20 | 7:00 P.M. | GRACE LUTHERAN PROSPERITY, SC

Join us here at Grace —7pm, Wednesday, November 20!



October Memorial Gifts

Gifts to the Current Budget Fund

In memory of David Riley
by McSwain-Evans Funeral Home

In memory of Billy George
by McSwain-Evans Funeral Home
by Dale & Julie Shealy & Family
by the Dick Shealy Family
by Kenneth Waites Family

In memory of Sadie Epting
by Dale & Julie Shealy & Family
by Karen Jenkins

In memory of Leonard Wright
By Dale & Julie Shealy & Family

In memory of Beverly Jean Meyers by
Roberta Meyers Capó

In honor of Emmett & Edwina Wicker by
Kevin & Diane Wicker

Gifts to the Scholarship Fund

In honor of the anniversary of Jessica and Matthew Shealy's baptism by Judy Bedenbaugh

The Backpack Ministry

It's time to pack weekly weekend food bags for 10 needy children who attend Prosperity-Rikard Elementary School.

Please pick up a list of needed items on the narthex board. Items include non-perishable, nutritional food items. Check the list and place your donations in the red wagon in the narthex. Thank you!



Grace People in the News



Raelynn Wessinger made Honor Roll for the First Nine Weeks at Pomaria-Garmany Elementary School!



Grace Family: Cissie & Bob Dibble; Marysue Rivers; Evelyn Harmon; Pastor Al Potter; Glenda & Everett Crafts; Heather & Bob Harris.

Residential Care: Allene Dawkins (*Springfield Place, Unit 4 Rm.207*); Wendy and Michael Riley (*J.F. Hawkins, Rm. 221*).

College Students: Bryce Medlock (*Bluefield University*); Lexi Medlock (*SE Esthetics Institute*); Payton Metts (*Piedmont*); Taylor Metz (*MUSC*); Bailey Stewart (*USC-Union*).

Extended Family: Amanda Holt (*Andrea Lewis' daughter*); Heyward Adams (*Anna K. Singley's son*); Stacy Martin (*Robert's daughter-in-law*); Kathy Buchanan (*Beverly Hawkin's cousin*); Libby & Billy Bedenbaugh; Michael Torrence (*Jeanna Hall's brother*).

Military: Staff SGT. Anderson Dibble (*Marines/ Stone Bay, NC- The Dibble's granddaughter*); Everett Crafts V (*Air Force - Glenda/Everett Craft's grandson*); Walker Eldridge (*USCG/Seattle, WA*).

God's World: Hurricane Victims; Victims of gun violence; Haiti, Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, and neighboring countries; those affected by wild-fires, flooding, hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, and other natural disasters; military families; homeless; jobless/underemployed; refugees; those suffering due to unrest and fighting throughout the world; our enemies.

To add or remove a name from the Prayer List, please contact the office at 803-364-3331, leave us a note, or email us at: gracelutherenprosperity@gmail.com.



Serving in November

Assisting Ministers

- 3 Melodie Waters
- 10 Teresa Cooper
- 17 Lillie Waters
- 24 Sally Dominick

Altar Greenery/Flowers

- 3 Brad & Melodie Waters
- 10 Roberta M. Capó
- 17 Nathan, Camryn & Jonathan Shealy
- 24 Linda Cromer

Livestream Operators

- 3 Jessica Shealy
- 10 Johnny Merck
- 17 George Dawkins
- 24 David Luther

Acolyte

Hannah Moates

Communion Assistant

Camryn Shealy

Communion Preparation

Wayne & Sue Mitchell

Communion Clean up

Dale & Julie Shealy

Crucifer

Nov. 3 All Saints Day- Jonathan Shealy

Nov. 24 Christ the King Sunday- Thomas Mewbourn

Torchbearers

Nov. 3 All Saints Day

Thomas Mewbourn, Jaxon Wessinger

Nov. 24 Christ the King Sunday

Camryn Shealy, Lillie Waters

Ushers

Sue & Wayne Mitchell, Dale Shealy,
Deron Shealy, Emmett Wicker

Greeters

Mike Shealy, Jonathan Shealy

Offering Tabulators

Wade & Sally Dominick, Chop & Teresa Cooper

Altar Guild Judy Bedenbaugh, Nancy Derick

Pew Helper Jessica Shealy

Front Sign Edwina Wicker

Sanctuary Lamp Sponsor



During the month of November the Sanctuary Lamp burns to the glory of God and in honor and memory of all of our service men and women, especially: H.L. Fellers- WWI, Robert M. Meyers- WW II and Korea and Collier Neel, Jr.- peace time. Given by Sharon, Katherine, and Roberta.



The 2025 Altar Flower and Sanctuary Lamp Chart is posted on the narthex board. Sign up now to reserve your special dates.

WORSHIP
ATTENDANCE

Sunday	Sanctuary	* Online	Total
9/29	29	-	29*
10/6	53	10	63
10/13	55	6	61
10/20	90	18	108
10/27	55	16	71



9/29	* No SS
10/6	19
10/13	20
10/20	20
10/27	22



Please have your articles and announcements for the December Newsletter in by November 18th.



Church
FINANCES

Our Offerings for October Through October 27

(Does not include October EFTs)

MINISTRY BUDGET Our Monthly Need: \$13,634

Given during month.....	14,569.83
Given year-to-date.....	108,079.31
Goal through Oct. 27	136,344.10

MAINTENANCE/UPKEEP FUND

Given during month	1,017.00
Given year-to-date.....	21,291.49

PARSONAGE FUND

Given during month.....	0.00
Given year-to-date	0.00
Fund Balance, Oct. 27..	4,640.38

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Given during month	137.00
Given year-to-date	1,046.95

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Given during month	50.00
Given year-to-date	345.00

CAMPERSHIP FUND

Given during month	0.00
Given year-to-date	150.69

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND

Community Assistance.....	0.00
Given year-to-date	180.00
Bookbag Food Ministry	50.00
Given year-to-date	896.74
Thanksgiving Meal	50.00
Given year-to-date	50.00
Total year-to-date	1,126.74

SPECIAL 2024 OFFERINGS YTD

Scholarship Fund Match 2023	386.38
Lenten Offering	698.12
Youth	115.79
Disaster Response	1,145.00
Souper Bowl (Feed Thy Neighbor)	326.51
Easter Lilies	231.00
Bereavement Meal Fund	978.62
Christian Schools	0.00
Love Offering (Henricks Family)	960.00
Love Offering (Torrence Family)	1,817.00
Love Offering (Newberry College- Pantry)	167.00
MCH Football Meal	285.55
VBS Love Offering	20.00
VBS	464.00
Poinsettias	12.50

BUDGET **Update**

MINISTRY BUDGET

Needed Thru October 27:	\$ 136,344.10
Given thru October 27:	\$ 108,079.31
Amount Behind Goal:	\$ 28,264.79

Manna House

2 lb. bags of Grits is the November need. Donations can be left in the Manna House box in the narthex. Thank you for your support!

Dear Grace,

As everyone knows, Wayne and I are involved with the food pantry. Recently our older Grace Youth helped pack bags and distribute food to the clients. I think it was a real eye opener for them and I was amazed at how hard they worked!

Manna House had a cleaning day set for Aug. 10, and no one showed the last time we did this and I was concerned about the help needed to wipe shelves, mop the floor and defrost the freezer so I took a chance and started asking our older youth if they could help. Everyone said yes right away and others just volunteered. Mind you the cleaning day was a Saturday morning!

I just want to give a huge shout out to our Grace Youth and to the parents/grandparents bringing them up in church and teaching them about service to others. Peace,

Sue & Wayne Mitchell

Thanksgiving Meal Bags

Once again, Grace will distribute Thanksgiving Meal bags of non-perishable food items to members of the community on Sunday, Nov. 24. We ask for the congregation's help in providing the following list of items for our meal bags. Please bring your donations to the church no later than Monday, Nov. 18, to allow time to supplement donations as needed.

Thanksgiving Bag

Stuffing mix (boxes/ bags)	Canned Corn
Chicken Broth (boxes/ cans)	Canned Green Beans
Canned Sweet Potatoes	Cornbread Mix
Mac and Cheese Boxes	Canned Pie Filling
	1-2 lb. bags of Sugar
	Gravy Mix Packets

Council Meeting Minutes for October 8, 2024

Council Chair called meeting to order.

Deborah Ruff presented Fall devotions from Isaiah.

Motion to adopt reports as presented made by Deborah and seconded by Lynn Wessinger.

Motion to add Council Chair to list of people that can access safe deposit box at First Community made by Lynn and seconded by Robert.

Lynn made a motion to use ministry driven budget for 2025 with second by George Dawkins. Recommendations will be sent back to Finance team for council approval in November.

Annual Congregational meeting to be held December 8th after service.

Advent/Christmas offering will be designated to Lutheran Disaster Response per motion by Sally Dominick and seconded by Lynn Wessinger.

Facilities Team will get quotes for handicap plan.

Johnny Merck will be chair of By-Laws committee and needs two more members other than Pastor Dave.

Building Culture of Generosity - still learning about Stewardship which should be year-long for all members. Other churches have seen 50% increase in household giving with this plan. Will proceed after first of year.

Council and Church Officer nominations will be held November 3rd with elections on 11/17.

Vision Team Updates given.

Shepherding concerns discussed.

Next meeting will be Tuesday November 12th at 6:30 in the Ministry Center.

Meeting adjourned by Council Chair.

Respectfully Submitted,

Candace Frick, Council Secretary



November 12
6:30 p.m.

September Financial Reports

	<u>Balance 9/1</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Balance 9/30</u>	<u>Additional Information</u>
Current/Budget Fund	\$ 70,634.21	\$ 11,717.38	\$ 28,100.67	\$ 54,250.92	\$ 11,304.13 CD
Maintenance Fund	\$ 61,328.10	\$ 1,245.19	\$ 35,170.64	\$ 27,402.65	n/a
Sunday School Account	\$ 2,991.53	\$ 140.45	\$ 12.84	\$ 3,119.14	n/a
Christian Schools Acct.	\$ 14,053.28	\$ 10,208.26	\$ 7,083.34	\$ 17,178.20	n/a
CS Educational Fund	\$ 7,459.41	\$ 998.34	\$ 696.16	\$ 7,761.59	n/a

Current Fund Balance does not include designated monies for the LED Bulb Fund (\$534.37); Bereavement Meal Fund (\$1,575.61); Choir Fund (\$325) or Sydney Shealy Memorial Gift (\$307.74) contained within the Current Fund Checking Account.

NOVEMBER



2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Thanksgiving Meal Bag Ministry Opportunity this month. Please bring your donations by November 18th.</p>						<p>1</p> <p>2</p> 
<p>3 <i>All Saints Sunday</i></p> <p>9:15 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Council Nominations</p>	4	<p>5 Election Day</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study</p> <p>7:30 pm Choir</p>	7	8	9
<p>10</p> <p>9:15 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 3:00 Blessing of the Animals Service</p>	11	<p>12</p>  <p>Council Meeting 6:30 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study</p> <p>7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	14	15	<p>16</p> 
<p>17</p> <p>9:15 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Council Elections</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Thanksgiving Bag Donations Due</p>	<p>19</p> <p><i>Newsletter DEADLINE</i> December Newsletter Articles Due</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Newberry College Choir Concert</p> <p>7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	21	22	23
<p>24 <i>Christ the King Sunday</i></p> <p>9:15 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 12:00 GYM Time w/ Pastor Dave Thanksgiving Meal Bag distribution 1-3</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Poinsettia Orders Due</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>9:30 am <i>Newsletter Team</i></p>	27	<p>28 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i></p> 	29	30



Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 24
GYM Time 12-1:30 p.m.
"Get to know the Pastor"

Saturday, December 7
Parade Float Decorating
(tentative)

Sunday, December 8
Prosperity Christmas Parade

Sunday, December 15
Youth Christmas Program (tentative)

Friday, December 20
Youth Christmas Caroling (tentative)

*There will be no GYM time on the
4th Sunday in December.*



Say "cheese!"

Several Grace Youth gathered around the photo booth set up at the Homecoming meal on Sunday 10/20 for a fun photo-op!



Monthly GYM Time
Sunday, Nov. 24

Pastor Dave is joining us for our November GYM Time themed "Get to Know the Pastor" on Sunday, November 24th.

The afternoon's activities — including a Pasta with the Pastor meal and a Q & A time — will be centered around Grace Youth getting to know Pastor Dave and Pastor Dave getting to know Grace Youth! All Youth are welcome!

** We need volunteers to help provide for our GYM Time meal of spaghetti & salad. There's a sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board. Thanks for your support!



While our regular October GYM Time was pre-empted by the installation service for Pastor Dave, Grace Youth and family gathered afterward to pack the bags for our Backpack Ministry.



We need everyone's help carrying out the ministries of the Lord here at Grace. Please prayerfully consider how you can use your time and talents and complete this form and return it to the church office no later than **November 3, 2024**. Extra forms are on the table in the narthex.



Grace will host a Blessing of the Animals Service on Sunday, November 10, at 3 p.m. on the front lawn. You may bring your pet or pets with you or, if you have concerns about their behavior, you may bring a picture to be blessed. Invite your friends and neighbors to bring their pets and be a part of this special service.

Advent/Christmas Offering

The Congregational Council has designated the Advent/Christmas Offering to go to Lutheran Disaster Response this year. We are receiving your donations already and will forward those as they come in.



Special Christmas Gifts

If you would like to make a special Christmas gift to Grace in memory or in honor of someone, please place your donation in the offering plate or bring it to the church office no later that Sunday, Dec. 1. Christmas gifts will be listed in the special poinsettia bulletin insert on Sunday, Dec. 8. Mark your envelope "Christmas Gift" if you would like it to be included in the insert.

Advent Kick off—December 1st



The Care and Fellowship Team will sponsor an Advent Kickoff walk-through on Sunday, Dec. 1st after worship. We invite you to bring a favorite Christmas item to display. We will have tables set up in the ministry center for displays and a form for you to complete telling why the item is special. Someone will be in the ministry center during Sunday School to help set up displays and during the worship service to watch over items. Please plan to walk through the ministry center after church on Dec. 1st and view everyone's favorite Christmas items. We will not have a meal this year since that is Thanksgiving weekend.

The team will also sponsor an Advent service project for the Newberry College Wolfes' Pantry. We will be collecting bars of soap, shampoo, and conditioner. (Multipacks are fine. College student volunteers will be separate them.) You may bring items to the kickoff on December 1st or bring them on December 8th or anytime during that week.



Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary for the December 8th service and can be picked up after worship on Christmas Eve. Cost of Poinsettias is **\$12.50 per plant**. These will be wrapped in green paper. **TO ORDER**, please take one of the designated envelopes, complete the information, and enclose your payment. Place the envelope in the offering plate, return it to the office, or leave it in the drop box. **Order deadline is Sunday, Nov. 24.**

Novus Way Ministries

NovusWay Ministries offers Christian summer camps, retreats, and rentals for conferences and events in North Carolina, Georgia and Florida. (Lutheridge, Lutherock, Luther Springs, and Lutheranch) They have been hit hard with the recent hurricanes. Lutheridge and Lutherock had significant damage and recovery efforts are underway. If you would like to give to help these efforts, you can give online at www.novusway.org/give and select "hurricane recovery/where needed most."

Homecoming

We celebrated 165 years of Grace at Homecoming on Sunday, October 20, with a wonderful worship service, delicious covered dish meal, and lots of fun and fellowship. Check out our Facebook page if you want to take a peek at some of the great pictures taken.

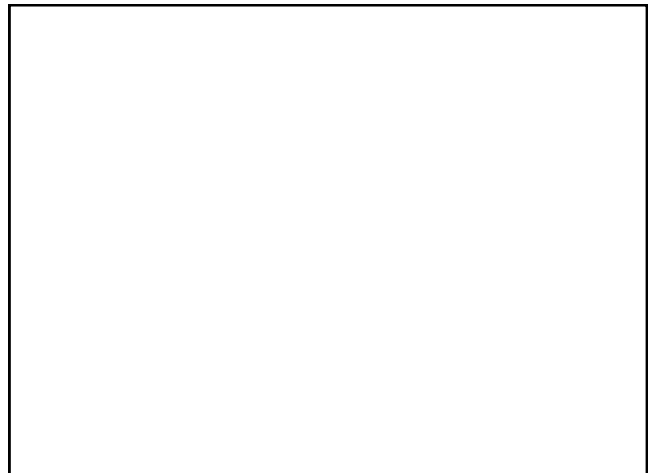


Grace honored our Golden Age members on Homecoming Sunday.

Members of Grace volunteered their time at Manna House last month serving 19 individuals on Tuesday and 24 individuals on Thursday. God's work, our hands!



Ways you can
SERVE



Pastor Installation Sunday—October 27, 2024

Another wonderful Sunday at Grace as we installed our new pastor, Rev. David M. Adams.



Pastor Dave with Rev. Michele Fischer



Pastor Dave and wife Diane



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Coming Up at Grace

November 3
Church Council
Nominations



Blessing
 of the
 Animals

November
10 at 3pm



November 17
Church Council
Elections



November
24th



November 24
Thanksgiving Bag
Distribution 1-3pm



Advent
Kick-Off
Walk-Through
December 1st



Chrismon Tree
Decorating
December 5



Tuesday
December 10
Preschool's
Christmas
Program