

HAPPENINGS AT GRACE

JANUARY MEETINGS:

- Finance Mtg. Jan. 10, 5PM, Chapel
- SPRC Mtg. Jan. 10, 6:30 PM, Chapel
- Church Council, Jan 12, 6PM, Chapel

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

- 830 Gathering, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
- LifeSong Contemporary Worship, 8:45 a.m. service, Wesley Center
- Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. (Children, Youth & Adults)
ADULT Classes presently meeting: Stillwell (Asbury Chapel)
Cokesbury SS classes (Wesley Ctr. Lower level Cokesbury class)
- "BLAST Jr." (4K & 5K) and "BLAST" for ages 1st-4th grade, dismissal during LifeSong (8:45) & Traditional Worship (11:00)
- Traditional Worship, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary
- DRAMA Children & Youth , 5:00 PM, Wesley Center
- YOUTH at Grace, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM, Youth Wing

SMALL GROUPS MEETING OR SCHEDULED TO BEGIN SOON:

- Ladies Bible Study, led by Mary Chris Newell, jmcnewell23@gmail.com
9:30 AM, Tues mornings, begins Jan. 19, Youth Wing
- TACOS (Thriving as Christians Outside the Service), led by Michele Picciano
6:30 PM, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, Wesley Center, lower lever, class D
- Digging Into the Bible, led by Cheryl May & Jen Thomas, Wed., 7:00 PM, on-line
Contacts: Camay@bellsouth.net; JenRichThomas@hotmail.com
- Upper Room Encouragers, led by Laura Lusk, Sr., lauralusksenior@aol.com
10:00 AM, Youth Wing
- Wisdom of the Ages, led by Rev. Tommy Wilkes
11:00 AM Thursday mornings, Conference room
- Foster Moms Bible Study, led by Laurie Matthews, 803-507-1263
ZOOM mtg., 7:00 PM 1st & 3rd Thursdays
- Caring and Sharing, led by John Mullins
6:00 PM Thurs. evenings, Wesley Center, New Life Classroom

Staff Transitions and Thanks

Thanks to Cameron Quinn who has been serving since March of 2014 as Blast Director at Grace. Thanks to Andrew Doolittle who has served as Director of Contemporary Worship since August of 2017. We are thankful for their years of service to Christ's church at Grace and hope the best to them in their future endeavors.

Rev. Thomas Wilkes, Sr. Pastor of Grace UMC

Andrew Doolittle has announced that he is stepping down from the two positions he currently holds at Grace- Contemporary Music Director and Media Specialist. Andrew is a life-long member of Grace, and joined the staff in August 2017 as Contemporary Music Director. He took on the added role of Media Specialist in September 2020.

He will be missed by those of us at Grace, and we wish him the best in his future endeavors. Please join me in thanking Andrew for his hard work at Grace.

Yours in Christ,
Jim Stafford
Chair, Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT GRACE:

Director of Contemporary Worship
MEDIA Technician
Please send your resume to Marianne Harlan at marianne@gotgraceumc.org

This Week at Grace

We promise to uphold Grace United Methodist Church with our prayers,
our gifts, our worship and our service.

- Our Prayers:** as of January 8, 2021
Morgan Robins, Tori Weathersby, Judy Murphy, Mike Long, Martha Claire Farmer
Jennie Jenkins -sister of Hope Williams
- Sympathy to:** Helen Campbell in the death of her mother, Gussie Rourk Davidson, on Jan. 3 in Goose Creek, SC
Barbara Presley in the death of her husband, Buddy Presley, Jan. 3, Rose Hill, VA.
Bill (Ann) Anderson in the death of his mother, Grace Anderson, died on Jan. 3
- NHC Rehab:** Bobby Oliver

OUR GIFTS: The Lord's Treasury as of Sunday January 3

2021 General Budget

Revenues year to date, from 1/1-1/3/21 \$12,077.50

2020 Financial records are in the process of being closed and the summary will be provided in next week's Newsletter and Bulletin.

The 2021 Budget, which will also be included in next week's communications, will be finalized by the Finance Committee and Church Council at their upcoming meetings.

Have you made your pledge to the General Budget for the 2021 year?

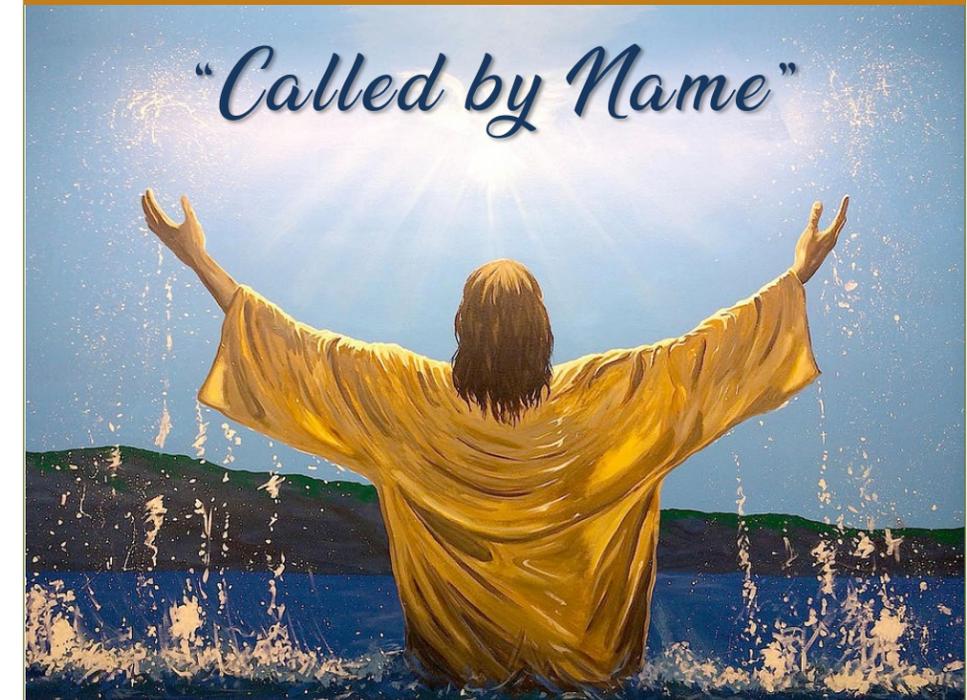
Thanks to those who already have!

You can still pick up "My 2021 Pledge" card in the Narthex/ church exits or, at the church office, or if you received yours by mail, returning it by one of the following ways:

- ♦ emailing Marianne Harlan at marianne@gotgraceumc.org,
- ♦ mailing it to the church
- ♦ dropping it off

2021 pledge update: we mailed 402 packets to church members
Pledges received to date: 176 pledges for 2021 totaling \$829,494.00
Pledges received last year at this time: 196 totaling \$923,537.00
Compared to total pledges for 2020: 215 totaling \$968,656.00

Age Range	Total number of pledges	Total amount	Average pledge
17 and under	2	300.00	150.00
18-24	0	0	0
25-39	1	10,800.00	10,800.00
40-59	22	178,084.00	7,951.48
60-79	95	405,070.00	4,226.98
80+	45	204,360.00	4,541.33
No age in database	11	30,880.00	2,817.78



Celebrating Worship



8:30 Gathering Worship Service

January 10, 2021

"To Know Christ and Make His Love Known"

Grace United Methodist Church
639 Georgia Ave. | North Augusta, SC 29841
www.gotgraceumc.org | 803-279-7525

830 Gathering Service, Sanctuary

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Randall Haase

Invitation to God's Word

Call to Worship

Pastor O magnify the Lord with me and let's exalt God's name together.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Church And also with you.

Pastor Our God is a God of power and strength!

Church God has created each of us with tender care.

Pastor Our God is a God of majesty and awe!

Church God walks with each of us every step of the way.

Pastor Our God is a God of glory and wonder!

Church God loves each of us with tenderness and passion.

Pastor Our God calls us each by name.

Church God calls each of us to unite in worship together!

Prayer of Invitation

Hymn of Invitation

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

UMH465

1. Holy Spirit, Truth divine,
dawn upon this soul of mine;
Word of God and inward light,
wake my spirit, clear my sight.

2. Holy Spirit, Love divine,
glow within this heart of mine;
kindle every high desire;
perish self in thy pure fire.

3. Holy Spirit, Power divine,
fill and nerve this will of mine;
grant that I may strongly live,
bravely bear, and nobly strive.

4. Holy Spirit, Right divine,
King within my conscience reign;
be my Lord, and I shall be
firmly bound, forever free

Prayer of Confession

Creator of the universe, we stand amazed at your power and glory.

We are eager to worship you and offer our praise,

but we are often reluctant to answer when we hear you calling our name.

We sing our songs of tribute in the sanctuary,

but shy away from the river, lest we be baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Forgive us when we forget your promise to be with us always, O God.

Renew us with the power of your ever-present love,

and strengthen us to proclaim your justice throughout the world.

We pray in the forgiving name of Jesus. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Hear the words of our creator,
spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

"I have called you by name.

You are mine. Do not fear, for I have redeemed you."

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Pastor May the peace of the Lord be with you.

Church And also with you.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

Pastoral Prayers and 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.

Offertory Prayer

Doxology

**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. Amen.**

Proclaiming God's Word

Hymn of Proclamation

This Is the Spirit's Entry Now

UMH 608

1 This is the Spirit's entry now:
the water and the word,
the cross of Jesus on your brow,
the seal both felt and heard.

2 Let water be the sacred sign
that we must die each day
to rise again by his design
as followers of his way.

3 Renewing Spirit, hear our praise
for your baptismal power
that washes us through all our days.
Lord, cleanse again this hour.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43 1-7

Rev. Randall Haase

Gospel Reading

Mark 1: 9-11

Sermon

"Called by Name"

Rev. Randall Haase

Responding to God's Word

Hymn of Commitment *Child of Promise, Child of Blessing*

UMH 611

Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign,
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.

Child of love, our love's expression,
love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits,
into joy and laughter lead.

Child of joy, our dearest treasure,
God's you are; from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you:
live as one who bears Christ's name.

Child of God, your loving Parent,
learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
trust and love God more than all.

◆ Affirmation of Faith

Apostle's Creed

UMH 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Blessing

You are each precious in God's sight.

We go from this place, claiming our identity as children of God.

God has called you by name.

We go into the world to answer God's call. Alleluia!

Dee Dee Carn, Pianist

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