



ALL THE GOOD NEWS

GRACE CHURCH

October 2026



A MONTH FILLED WITH BLESSINGS

During this month we experience the first signs of cool weather and the approach of fall. Let us give thanks for the enumerable gifts bestowed upon us and look for ways to share those gifts as we spread the gospel. Let us pray for gratitude and thankful hearts as we prepare for the ingathering of our pledges. How we give will help define what Grace Church can achieve in the upcoming year.

I recently heard a sermon where in olden times, it was not uncommon to tithe your child to the church. While I firmly believe that my children are not mine, but God's gift to us to teach and love, I'm not sure I'd be able to actually tithe a child to the church. There is some thought that perhaps Hildegard of Bingen was one of those children. Having experienced visions since she was a child, she was only 15 years old when she began wearing the Benedictine habit and pursuing a religious life. The authenticity of her visions was confirmed by a committee of theologians. She was a talented poet and composer. Her numerous writings include lives of saints, two treatises on medicine and natural history, reflecting a quality of scientific observation that was rare during that time period. She is one of only four women to have been named a doctor of the church.

So, whether she was a "tithe" presented by her parents to the church or not, her life was indeed a wonderful gift to the church and us. Let us prayerfully consider how we can give generously to the God who provides everything we have.

Upcoming events that we celebrate in October include the Blessing of the Animals, our parish Barbeque, our Fall Festival, the installation of new members into Daughters of the King, the Youth Retreat and Trunk or Treat.

I thank God for bringing us to Grace and for each of you and your unique and wonderful ministries.

Thanks be to God

Deb Hand

Sundays

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:30 Coffee Hour



ACTION

GRACE

GRACE FRIDAY NIGHT TAILGATE!

Join us for the annual Friday Night Pre-que on Friday October 9th from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Pre-order your meat and bring a side to share, and enjoy a time to hangout in preparation for the BBQ on Saturday, October 10th. As in years past we are offering racks of baby back ribs and chicken quarters for pre-order as part of the Friday Night Tailgate. A rack of ribs is \$10 and chicken quarters are \$2.50. Please contact Danny Ehler (864) 276-2579 to put in your order and pay via cash, check, or Venmo.



Blessing of the Animals

Come celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 4th during the 10:30 service. The service will be held on the front lawn of Grace. All animals are welcomed, but we ask that you please keep your four-legged furry friends on a leash and under your control. Bring your own chair or grab one from the parish hall.

This is also a time to share your joy and love for the less fortunate animals by bringing dog or cat food, newspapers, and toilet paper wrappers to donate to PAWS in Anderson. There will be two drop off areas around the church.



St. Catherine's Guild News

SAINT CATHERINE'S GUILD NEWS: Our ladies met for lunch on Monday, September 14th, at the church. We discussed community outreach plans and future meetings and activities through the end of the year. We are especially excited about our newest outreach project with Helping Hands, a foster home for abused and neglected boys located near Pendleton. The boys are enjoying the backpacks, bath totes, books, and crocheted octopuses that we delivered in July. The crocheted beanies we also delivered will be appreciated when cool weather finally arrives! We will continue to provide these gifts to new boys when they arrive at Helping Hands. At our meeting this month we also voted to donate money to help with the boys' school supplies. We will not meet in October, but we will meet at noon at the church on Monday, November 2nd, to plan for the Christmas stockings that we send to the homebound in our church, plan our Christmas party and meeting on December 7th, and discuss our future meetings and outreach projects in 2027. This past year we have welcomed five new members. We hope you will consider joining Saint Catherine's Guild. It is a wonderful way to meet ladies in the Grace Church family and reach out to the community. For more information, call or text Anne Martin (864) 561-2187. Please join us for our November meeting!



OUTREACH

Outreach meets Sunday,
October 11th after the
10:30 service.

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The Outreach Committee will be collecting hoodies during the month of October.

Children's sizes will be donated to the children at Homeland Park Elementary School, and adult hoodies will be donated to South Main Chapel and Hope Missions.

Bins will be set up in the gathering area at the back on the church beginning in October.



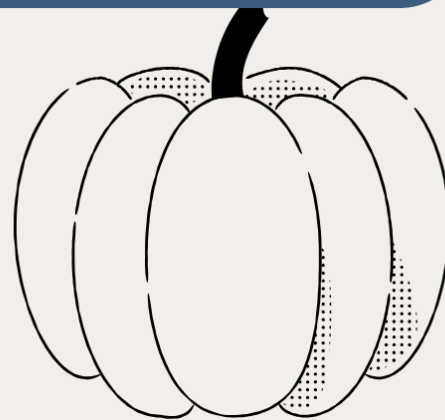
Gatherings at Grace

Women, Wine, and Wisdom

We are reading *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer, a beautiful reflection on nature, gratitude, and reciprocity that feels just right for the harvest season. We meet most Tuesday evenings during the school year from 6:30 PM - 8 PM. Whether you're a longtime member or curious about joining us for the first time, there's always room at the table.

Fiber, Friends, and Fellowship

We meet every Tuesday, from 10 AM - noon in the parish hall. Join us as we knit, crochet, and get to know one another. Bring any portable project you want to work, on or we do have supplies available. For more information contact Lisa Mattison at lisamattisonrn@gmail.com



Saints & Sinners Dinner Groups

The Saints and Sinners dinner groups will start up in October. This is a great way for newcomers, longtime parishioners, couples or singles, to get to know each other better through fellowship. The groups meet in each other's homes for dinner once a month or you can go out to a restaurant. There is a sign-up sheet, or you can contact Tanya Pusey at 864-359-9878 or email tigerpride49@gmail.com.

Gatherings at Grace

Grief Support

Grace Grief Support welcomes anyone who may be in a journey of loss to meet once a month at Grace for a time of conversation, fellowship, and sometimes lunch. Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 22nd at 10 AM. For more information contact John Taylor at newberryjohn@yahoo.com

Grace Ladies Prayer Group

The Grace Ladies Prayer Group meets every Wednesday at 10 AM in the parish library. All ladies are welcome to join.

Guy's Gathering at Grace

GGG will resume meetings at 6 p.m. Thursday, October 22nd, at the church. Doug Martin will be serving Mexican hominy stew (posole). Please update or add your name, email, and phone number to a list in the Narthex so we can notify you of upcoming meetings and events.



Bridge Card Group

If you are interested in playing or learning how to play Bridge join us every Wednesday from 3 PM - 5 PM in the Grace library. For more information contact Debbie Hand at (316) 617-2409 or at handrab@yahoo.com





FAMILY & YOUNG ADULT NEWSLETTER



What We Learned

Trunk or Treat!

It's that time, yall! The annual Trunk or Treat will be October 31 from 4-6pm at Grace. If you're interested in decorating a trunk, please sign up by the parish hall or talk to Sharon.

Sunday School is Back!

Please join us for the Seasons of Creation Sunday School class in the classrooms at 9:15 on Sundays. We'll be exploring God's creation and ways we can take care of it.

Theology on Tap

Have a beer with the Bishop on October 14! This diocesan event for young adults who want to discuss theology and make new friends will be at 6pm at Community Tap at the Commons in Greenville.

Holy Hike

Let's get outside! Join us for a Holy Hike at Rocky River Conservancy on October 24. We'll meet in the parking lot at 10AM, then complete a gentle hike and receive the Eucharist outside.

Upcoming Events

- October 11: No Seasons of Creation class
- October 14: Theology on Tap
- October 24: Holy Hike
- October 31: Trunk or Treat

Contact Info

Sharon Dorsey

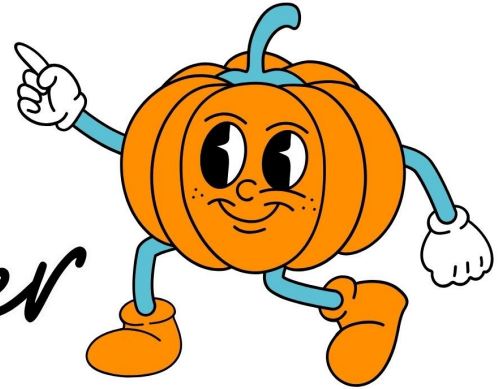
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OCTOBER

Youth Newsletter



DATES TO KNOW

Oct. 1 – EYC Retreat

Payment Due

Oct. 8-11 – EYC Retreat

Oct. 17-18 – Converge
Diocesan Middle School
Retreat

Nov. 20-22 – Happening
#95 (Diocesan event,
Grades 10-12)

WE NEED YOU!

We are in need of volunteers to provide a meal for EYC during the following dates: **10/4, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1**. If you are interested in this opportunity to meet our teens for the evening, please contact Sharon.

CONTACT INFO

Sharon Dorsey

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WHAT'S HAPPENING SOON?

EYC Retreat – October 8-11

Please pray for our teens as they travel to Highlands, NC for their retreat. Parents, please make sure your teen has a permission slip, medical form, and community covenant on file before they leave. Talk to Sharon to get these forms.

Converge – October 17-18

Middle schoolers are invited to Converge, a diocesan retreat at Holy Cross in Simpsonville. Students will have fun and make new friends from other congregations while learning more about God and their faith. Sign up at this link: <https://www.vancoevents.com/us/events/landing/67190>

HAPPENING #95 - SIGN UP TODAY!

Do you have a 10th-12th grader interested in their faith? If so, join us for Happening, a diocesan event ran by teens for teens where they can explore big questions about God, faith, and Christian living. Sign up at this link: <https://www.vancoevents.com/us/events/landing/68516?>



Hi Grace Church! Dust off the old recipe cards and pull out “mama’s famous casserole” instructions... Grace is updating its cookbook and we need YOUR HELP! We are working on coming up with a seamless way to gather all the recipes in one place. As we work on the submission process, please prepare your recipes you’d like to share! Additionally, if you have any interest in helping put the cookbook together, please reach out to either Bill Scott (scottwn2003@yahoo.com) or Kirri Kinley (kirrikinley@gmail.com). We look forward to your recipe submissions!



Organ Spooktacular

On Monday, November 2nd there will be an organ and guests program in the church at 5 p.m. Admission is free. Guests will include the angelic organists-Rodney Cleveland, Dr Will Thomas Cleveland and Steve Grant. The wicked witch will be Tim Kelly. Mike Rippy, Don Colman, and John Woodson will be the victims, not to mention several other notorious characters in our parish. DON'T MISS THIS ONE.



Memorials

Received July 16, 2026 through August 15, 2026

In Memory of Rebecca Castles by:
Rebecca & John Robinson

If donors prefer to remain anonymous, please indicate this with your Memorial or Honorarium

STEWARDSHIP

As of 08/31/2026

YTD 2026 Revenue \$300,432

YTD 2026 Expenses \$306,824

YTD 2026 (Deficit) (\$6,392)

Birthdays

1st Elise Talbert
 1st Jane Trammell
 1st Ian Tucker
 5th Joe Ormes
 8th Judy Murch
 8th Tony Guiseppi-Elie
 8th Anna Kloeck
 9th Jim Harris
 9th Carol Miller
 9th Boyd Galloway
 10th Brett Williams
 11th Susan Anderson
 11th Janice Pennell
 12th Donna DeHoll
 13th Sonja Sokol
 13th Virginia Hinnant
 15th Ryan Camak
 15th Frances Bates
 17th Mary-Harris Edwards
 17th Conrad Foster
 19th Lawrence Campbell
 19th Ian Rockwell
 21st Doug Martin
 22nd Rob Willis
 22nd James Ripley
 24th Cindy Tallent
 24th Douglas Mosteller
 25th Carol Avinger
 28th Don Colman
 30th Mary Winiarski
 30th Will Magaha

Baptismal Newbirth Days

1 st Susan Anderson	10 th Sandy Kress
1 st Sara Cheek	12 th Jimmie McGaw
1 st Jodie Webb	17 th Barbara Davis
2 nd Ryan Camak	20 th Bill Hinnant
3 rd Maggy Cox	21 st Andy Prince
3 rd Kay Ormes	23 rd Sarah Kloeck
5 th Annie Hughes	23 rd Jerry Peeler
9 th Annette Guiseppi-Elie	24 th Brenda Richardson
10 th Jennifer Burgess	27 th Luke Kent
10 th Powell Hickman	

Save The Date

-Grace Annual BBQ is October 10, 2026.

-It's almost fall, y'all! Save the date for the Fall Festival on October 18 after the 10:30 service.

-The annual EYC Holiday Vendor Market will be held November 7 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.. If you are interested in having a space, please talk to Sharon Dorsey.

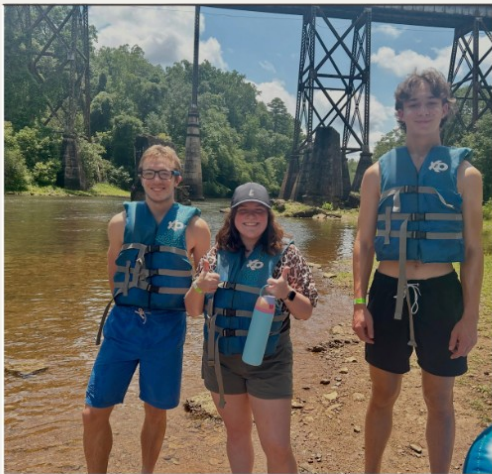
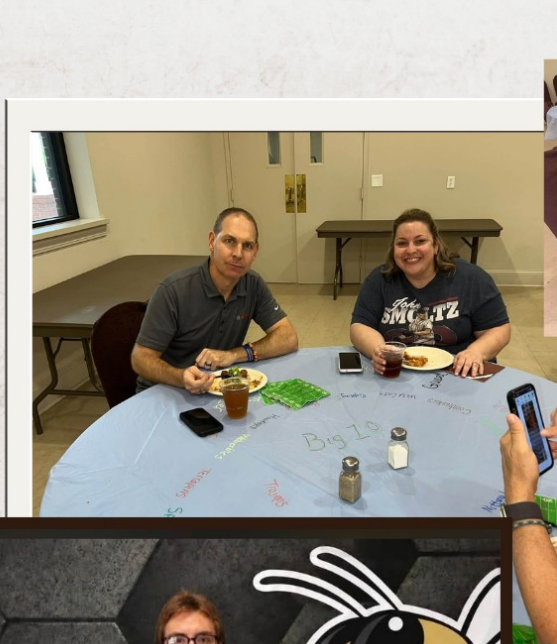
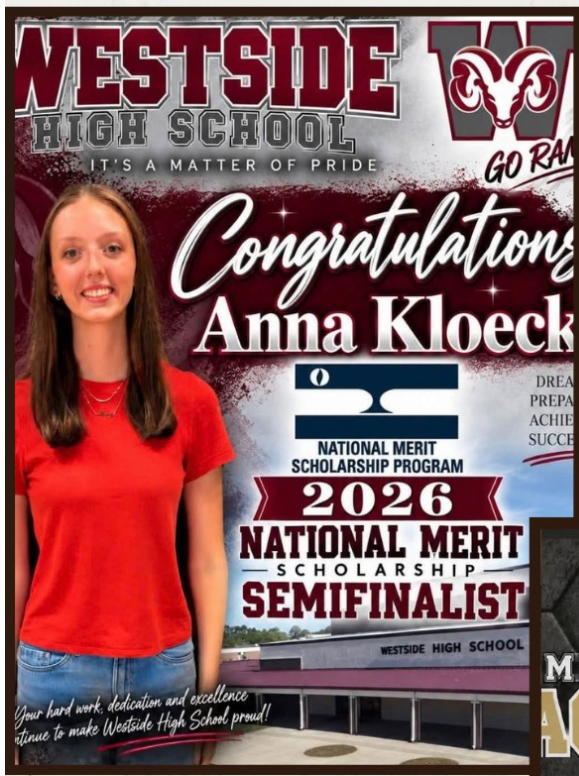
Fall Festival

Fall Festival will be Sunday, October 18th after the 10:30 service. There are sign-up sheets in the cloister. Come be apart of this fun festive fall day. For more information contact Cyndi Dougherty (613) 766-3619

PRAYER LIST

John Bostater: by Kathy Bostater
Karlann Bostater: by Kathy Bostater
Bill & Anne Jameson: by Kathe Harris
Michael Bays - Cancer
Jean Wilson: by Pam & Joe Herold
Sharon Honeycutt - Jodie Webb's Mother
Robyn Bundy: by Stuart Adamo
Mary Oppermann: by Joey Opperman
Matt McAlister: by Marty Jenkins
Mary Anna Scott - Pat Bradham's Sister
Mitchell Fullerton: by Susan & Steve Fullerton
Dewell Garner: by Linda Hoffman
Tammy Chamblee: by John Heeny
Lake Morris: by Lynne Prince
Carroll Price: by Heather Morhardt
Doctor Rajeev Malik: by Gill Powell
Rogers' Family: by Sara Cheek
Stephen Heeney: by John Heeney
Bonita Glover - Healing: by John Heeney
Erwin Karl: by Pam & Joe Herold
Beckham Owens: by Maxwell Jeffers
Stephanie Flaherty: By Jackie Lenhart
Larry Strong: by Jodie Webb
Irene Rose: by Pam & Joe Herold
Lola Josey: by Linda Hoffman
Millie Chamberlean: by Lisa Tucker
David Bradham: by Pat Bradham
Sutton Jeffers: by Maxwell Jeffers
BHS' 67 gals: by Pam & Joe
Riley Gilbert: by Jackie Lenhart
Bill Shaver: by Linda Hoffman
Jeff Nelson: by Kirri & Brent Kinley
Pam Herold: by Joe Herold
Sam & Cayce Baker by Cindy Baker
Jeane Dixon by Brett & Rebecca Dixon
Ruby Eppler: by Cindy Baker
Captin Tracy Pumford by: Janet Rippy

Matthew Sharkey
Susan Fullerton
Linda Wilson
Joe Ball
Mason Winarski
Joshua McMillan
Amelia Hanks
Diane Obright
Connie Whiteside
Alex Gundry
Missy Parson
JoAnn Watson
Kervin Family
Bill Speer
Eddie Benenati
Sandy Sloan
Greta Jacobsen
Bob Cooper
Suzanne McMahan
Vivian Fink
Gary Bechert
Lib Christeson
Frederick Hall
Sarah Reeder
William Moore
Rick Schlup
Debi Frantz
Judy and Mark Blakenship
Kathy Benson
Martha Gregory





HELLO October

Office Hours

Monday 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The Grace Code

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