



Welcome!

Are you interested in helping? We have a special place to use your talents: Holy Grounds Coffee Bar, Communion Assistants, Van Drivers, Media Room, Bell Choir, Sunday School, helpers, Youth substitutes and aides and more. Please contact the office for more information.

- If you would like to be notified when volunteer opportunities are available, please join our Gravel Hill Volunteers Facebook page or contact [Ashley Zimmerman](#).
- We are in need of Nursery helpers needed, during the 9:15 & 10:30 service, please contact Tiffany Rettew if interested, 717-821-1088
- Hospitality:** This food & beverage ministry is funded by donations only ! It provides Sunday morning coffee, snacks, fruit, cereal, etc. To volunteer please contact [Tiff Rettew](#) for more information 717-821-1088.
- The Caring Cupboard:** For information about its needs, volunteer opportunities and functions, please see the cart in Holy Grounds, visit www.caringcupboard.org or see Ashley Zimmerman.
- Love In A Box/Awaken The Harvest:** Items needed-Individual servings of Applesauce, Jello, Pudding and Fruit cups. Please contact Shirly Keefer for more info, 717-639-4540 - GOD BLESS and Thank you for your support.
- Gravel Hill Partners In Missions:** For more information see Tony Rose or contact (717) 649-0960/email Getarose6@gmail.com
- Gravel Hill:** Collecting aluminum cans every 3rd Sunday of the month. Drop off bagged cans to the Pavilion. **ALUMINUM CANS ONLY.**
- Pickle Ball Courts** are now available. Please see Ashley Zimmerman if you are interested in using the courts. Usage must be scheduled.
- Caitlin's Smiles** provides arts and crafts activities to hospitalized children. They're in need of 24 packs of Crayons and 1 oz mini Play-Dohs to fill their Bags of Smiles and Coping Kits. If you would like to help out, orders can be made through Amazon and delivered directly to the charity. Or you can find a bargain on your own and drop the donation off at Caitlin's Smiles, 3303 N. 6th St, Harrisburg, PA 17110.
- Redners 1% Save-A-Tape Program:** Please turn in receipts to the Missions Table located outside the office. Place the receipts in the labeled drawer. All money raised will support Gravel Hill.
- Need help updating your information or using the [Subsplash](#) app or directory? Stop by the church office - we're happy to help!

Gravel Hill Staff Office Visitation Hours: Mon-Thurs: 9am-Noon and Sun 7:30-10:30am

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THIS WEEK:

Please call the Church office for all your scheduling needs. Thank you!

Sun, Sept 6 8:00am, Traditional Worship
9:15am Service, Praise Worship–
10:30am, Praise Worship
Worship Zone during the 9:15 Service, Fellowship Hall
9:15 am, Youth Sunday School, in Room 201
9:10 am, Ken Staver Adult Sunday School Class, Room 204

Mon, Sept 7 Labor Day, **OFFICE CLOSED**
Tue, Sept 8 10:15am Covenant Craft Meeting, Room 201
Wed, Sept 9 6:14-7:14am, Morning Prayer Group, Chapel
6:00pm, Bell Choir, Choir Room
6:30pm, Grief share, Holy Grounds
6:30pm, Praise team Practice, Sanctuary

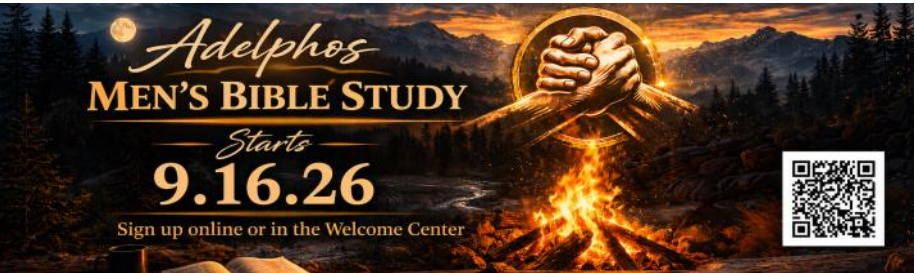
Thurs, Sept 10

Sun, Sept 13 8:00am, Traditional Worship
9:15am, Service, Praise Worship
10:30am, Praise Worship
Worship Zone during the 9:15 Service, Fellowship Hall
9:15 am, Youth Sunday School, in Room 201
9:10am, Ken Staver Adult Sunday School Class, Room 204

UPCOMING:
9/14– 6:00pm, Rooted In Grace Women's Group, Dinner at Rising Sun, sign up in Welcome Center.
9/16– 6:30pm, Pioneer Club, Sign up online and in Welcome Center
9/16- 6:30pm, Adelphos, Men's Group. Sign up online and Welcome Center, Balcony
9/23-5:00-6:15pm, BITL Meal, Fellowship Hall
9/29– 6:15-8pm, Bloom In Faith Women's Bible Study, Sign up online and Welcome Center
10/3- 6:00pm, Brothers In Grace benefit concert for the Caring Cupboard
10/21- Save the date! Women's Fall Retreat at Seltzers from 9am-noon. Please see Fran Brandt for more information.
10/24– 4-6pm, Trunk or Treat– Trunk or Treat Path, Bounce House, Face Painting, Games, Food and more.



ROOTED IN FAITH
Women's Group Dinner
Rising Sun
September 14th at 6:00 PM
Please sign up in the Welcome Center



Adelphos
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Starts
9.16.26
Sign up online or in the Welcome Center

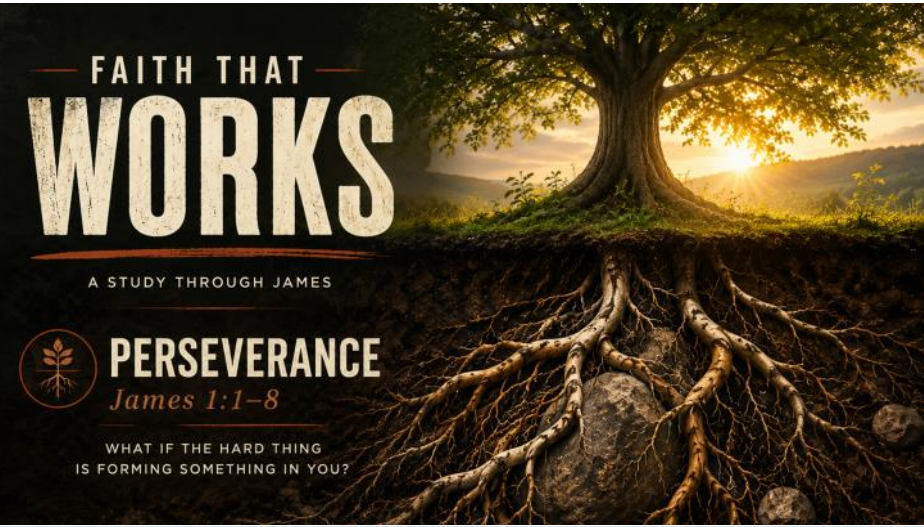


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Give Today. Help Our Community. Support Our Church.

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COMMUNITY AID DONATION BIN
LOCATED IN THE PARKING LOT

ALL DONATIONS RECEIVED give a percentage back TO OUR CHURCH
FUNDING OUTREACH & CHURCH EVENTS
Thank you. FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



FAITH THAT WORKS
A STUDY THROUGH JAMES
PERSEVERANCE
James 1:1-8
WHAT IF THE HARD THING IS FORMING SOMETHING IN YOU?

Today is September 6, 2026

8:00am Worship Service
Begin your Sunday with a traditional worship experience featuring beloved hymns, familiar choruses, and an inspiring message in the Sanctuary.
If the Sanctuary doors are closed, please wait in the lobby until they are opened. Our Praise Team is preparing for worship. Thank you for your patience.

9:15am Worship Service
Enjoy a vibrant worship experience with contemporary music led by our Praise Team and a relevant, Christ-centered message.

9:10-10:10am Sunday School
Children are welcome after 9:00am in Fellowship Hall, where adult supervision is provided. Youth meet in Room 201. Nursery available during this service. **Please help us keep all children safe by following the Gravel Hill Safe Sanctuary Policy. Thank you!**

10:30am Worship Service
Experience uplifting worship led by our Praise Team and a meaningful message designed to encourage and strengthen your faith journey.~

This weeks bulletin is available at www.Gravelhillumc.org under Worship~
Please submit any information for the Bulletin by Wednesday at 9am.

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH? The van driver is Bill Yohn Please call 717-679-3592 by Noon the Saturday before, to schedule a ride.



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WELCOME TO SUNDAY WORSHIP
8:00 a.m. SANCTUARY SERVICE

If words are preceded by an asterisk (*), please stand. If you are able

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: “Blessed Assurance” Donna Rhine

*Call To Worship:

Leader: When life is hard, God is still present.

People: Give us wisdom, O God.

Leader: When our faith is tested, God is still at work.

People: Make us steadfast and mature.

All: We worship the God who gives generously to all who ask.

*Collect:

God of wisdom, we bring You the hard places we would rather escape. Give us neither shallow answers nor false strength. Form steadfast faith in us, and teach us to ask for the wisdom we need for today. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn: “How Firm A Foundation” 529 (UMH)

*Apostle’s Creed: (ON SCREEN)

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Offertory: “No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus” Donna Rhine

*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Scripture: James 1:1-8

Message: “When Life Gets Hard” Pastor Zimran Khan

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

*Hymn: “Trust And Obey” 467 (UMH)

Postlude: “Joy Unending” Donna Rhine

Benediction: Pastor Zimran Khan

Song Leader: Lawrence Funck
Liturgist: Keith Campbell

Organist: Donna Rhine
Acolyte: Diana deMackiewicz

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. services

9:15 & 10:30 Message: “When Life Gets Hard”

Scripture: James 1:1-8

9:10 am Children's Worship Zone is in Fellowship Hall

9:10 am Youth Sunday School, Room 201

9:10 am Ken Staver Adult Sunday School Upstairs in Room 204

Families are always welcome in worship! If your little one needs a break during the service, our Cry Room is available at the back of the Sanctuary. It provides a comfortable space where you can care for your child while still listening to and participating in the worship service. Thank you for joining us as we worship together!

Noise offering every 3rd Sunday all donations support children’s camp ministry

Welcome! We’re glad you’re here!

If you are visiting Gravel Hill, please be sure to fill out a Connect Card in the back of the pew. You’re welcome to place it in the offering plate or hand it into the Church office. Thank you and we hope to see you again!



If you would like to provide Sunday morning altar flowers from Palmyra Greenhouse, please call the church office to reserve your selected date. Altar flowers may be purchased in honor or to memorialize someone special and/or occasions. An Altar Flower Request form must be filled out and returned with \$45.00 before flowers are ordered. Make checks payable to Gravel Hill UMC.

ALTAR FLOWERS SPECIAL NOTE: You are welcome to take home the flowers you purchased, however please do not take the altar flower vases home, Large cups (located in the Sacristy) are provided for you to take home the flowers you've ordered for any given Sunday. **Thank you!**



Please turn in the entire Redner's register/sales receipts to the drawer in the Mission Table outside the office. Receipts will be collected regularly, and the money raised will support Gravel Hill.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELP
All Ages. Every Week. Eternal Impact.
♥ Teach a lesson
♥ Help with activities
♥ Be a light in a child's life

We Need YOUR HELP!
Make a difference. Share your faith. Invest in the next generation!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT ALONE—WE'LL SUPPORT YOU!

PIONEER CLUB HELP NEEDED
Fun. Faith. Friendship.
★ Lead a group
★ Assist with activities
★ Encourage kids to grow in Christ

Interested? **CONTACT KRIS** | Kris@gravelhillumc.org

We’re Praying For You:



Contact the church office with requests.
Changes may be made periodically.

Please join the Gravel Hill Prayers page on Facebook.

Ruthann Albright, Gladys Hoke, Nancy Peffley, June Yohn, Sydney (Cousin to David Hartman), Jeff Arntz, Joyce Lochinger, Karl Smith, Luke Martin, Tim Pankake, Roy Summers, Isaac and Michael LaFrance, Nancy & Ray Baker, Natalie (friend of Amy Hines), Laura Gould, Hayden Wolverton, Rick Hoffman, Paul Flury, Patrick Walmer, Phyllis and Denis Tangen, Barb Crawford (Lorraine Wise’s friend),

Long-term Requests: Matthew Hines (Deployed– Son of John and Amy Hines), Ken Royer, Sue Walters, Patti Hogue, Carole Shearer, Jan Pennybaker (Nancy Peffley), Bonnie Clark, Arlene Whitman, Connie Bernatos, Shirley Suchy, Steph Bashore, Molly Conway (9 Year old who received heart transplant), Sherry Sterling, Linda Eyer, Karen Ayers, Jill Good, Chris Good, Terry Nagle.

Gravel Hill Partners In Missions–

NEXT Partners In Mission meeting will be 10/6/2026 at 6:30pm in the Heritage room

Awaken The Harvest clothing collection now through 9/27, Winter Clothing for all ages, men’s shoes, socks, gloves and underwear. Place in Grace Space box.

WE NEED TECH & VIDEO ROOM HELP!
Help make our worship services run smoothly and share God's love through technology.
No experience? No problem! We'll train you. All you need is a willing heart.

SOUND & AUDIO | CAMERAS & VIDEO | LIGHTS & MORE

Interested? **CONTACT CLINTON** | worshiplateader@gravelhillumc.org

PIONEER CLUB!
Faith! Friends!
FUN • FAITH • ADVENTURE
Games, Bible stories, crafts, songs, and so much more!
STARTS SEPTEMBER 16TH!
AGES 4 THROUGH 5TH GRADE

SIGN UP IN PERSON! Visit the Welcome Center to sign up.
SIGN UP ONLINE! Scan the QR code to register.
QUESTIONS? Contact Kris at kris@gravelhillumc.org

Financial Corner Update July 2026

Budget for 2026 - \$402,000
Budget for 3rd Quarter - \$94,900
Offering for 3rd Quarter - \$25,419

Budget	YTD	\$234,831
Offering	YTD	\$208,532
	YTD	< -\$26,299 >



Ladies Luncheon
September 24, 2026
Moose's LZ Bar and Grill
(near Indiantown Gap)
211 Fisher Ave.
Jonestown, PA 17038
Depart from Church at 11am.

MEN'S MORNING OUT
Friday, September 18, 2026,
SHADY MAPLE
Sign up in the Welcome Center.
7:00am depart from the church. For more information, call Bill Yohn 717-679-3592.