

AMAZING GRACE

October Newsletter



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Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4: 6-7 (NIV)

Whats Happening Grace:

WEEKLY GRACE CHURCH SCHEDULE

Monday

6:30PM

Defenders
Bible Study

Tuesday

9:30 AM

Greater Grace
Bible Study

Wednesday

12:00 PM

Al Anon

Thursday

10:00 AM

Grace LIFE Group

Friday

1:00PM

Chosen

10:00 AM

Hands on Prayer

4:00 PM

Mosaic Prayer
Squares

11:30AM

Knit Purl Pray
Group

11:00 AM

ACTS 2 Believers
Bible Study

7:30 PM

Chancel Choir
Rehersal

5:30PM

Endless Grace
Dinner and Practice

6:30PM

Thursday Evening
Bible Study

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

October 3-730am-Mens Fellowship

October 3-Youth Group to Cornfusion

October 4-World Communion Sunday

October 4-6pm-No Other Gods Study

October 5-10am-Sunshine Stitchers

October 5-630pm-No Other Gods Study

October 6-7pm-Staff/leadership meeting

October 8-130pm-Healing Team Meeting

October 11-Crop Walk

October 11-6pm-No Other Gods Study

October 12-10am-Healing Team Meeting

October 12-630pm-No Other Gods Study

October 13-6pm-Forged

October 17-11am-2pm Grace Church Fall Fest

October 18-6pm-No Other Gods Study

October 19-10am-Sunshine Stitchers

October 19-10am-Healing Team Meeting

October 19-630pm-No Other Gods Study

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

7:45

A.M.

Traditional Service in the
Sanctuary

8:00

A.M.

Donut and Coffee Hour in
Multipurpose Room

9:00

A.M.

Anchorage Service-Modern
worship Service lead by
Endless Grace Worship Team

9:40

A.M.

Music ministry for the
Cherub Choir and Teen
Praise Band

10:00

A.M.

Sunday School

10:30

A.M.

Upper Room Class

11:00

A.M.

Traditional Service with
Chancel Choir Anthem

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

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October 20-630pm-Ad Council
 October 24-8am-1pm-Blood Drive
 October 25- 6 pm-No Other Gods Bible Study
 October 26- 10am- Healing Team Meeting
 October 26-630pm-No Other Gods Bible Study
 October 27-6pm-Forged
 October 28-915am-Preschool Trick or Treat

October Birthdays:

David Baker JR		10/13
George Cowell		10/6
John Dickerhoof		10/25
David Dutton		10/15
Stephen Kaltreider		10/3
Nancy Matthews		10/2
Patti Reichenbach		10/25
Mae Woodard		10/18

If you haven't added your birthday to the list, there are forms at the hospitality desk. We would love to celebrate with you.

MONTHLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONSTRUCTION:

DUE TO POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION STARTING SOON, THE CRAFT FAIR, LIGHT THE NIGHT, AND THE CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE HAVE BEEN CANCELLED FOR 2026. HOWEVER, THERE MAY BE SOME NEW AND CHNAGED EVENTS FOR OUR GRACE CHURCH FAMILY THROUGHOUT THE REST OF 2026.

Events Board:

Please check the events board weekly for more information and to see sign ups for events and volunteers needs.

WORSHIP:

If you are following along with the scripture readings, we are now reading from the Common English Bible (CEB) during worship services.

From the Pastor's Desk:

What Is the Greatest Obstacle to Revival?

Is it the unbelief of the world or the complacency of the Church?

What does it mean to speak of revival?

This word is used so frequently within evangelical Christianity that I sometimes wonder whether we have lost sight of its meaning. In my experience, revival often evokes memories of a time gone by. It is something remembered, a season when God moved powerfully among His people, preserved in the memories of those

who experienced it. These stories are generally shared with a mixture of gratitude, grief, and longing. We remember what God once did, lament what appears to have been lost, and pray that He might do it again.

In short, we long for revival. Then there are churches that organize events specifically called revivals. These intentional gatherings, often characterized by preaching, worship, prayer, and invitations to conversion, belong to a tradition more accurately described as revivalism. Revivalism refers to the organized methods and religious practices intended to encourage spiritual awakening, renew Christian commitment, and invite people to conversion. There is nothing inherently wrong with organizing such gatherings. Indeed, God has used them throughout Christian history. However, organizing a revival meeting and experiencing genuine spiritual revival are not necessarily the same thing. We can organize the gathering, invite the preacher, prepare the music, and advertise the occasion. What we cannot do is manufacture the renewing work of the Holy Spirit.

This brings me to an important theological distinction. Revival is the gracious and extraordinary renewing activity of the Holy Spirit among God's people, awakening them from spiritual complacency, restoring their love for Jesus Christ, deepening their holiness, and renewing their participation in God's mission. Notice the distinction. Revival is not primarily something the Church organizes for the unbelieving world. Revival concerns the spiritual renewal of the Church herself. That does not diminish the importance of conversion. Quite the opposite! When the Church is awakened by the Holy Spirit, its witness becomes an instrument through which others encounter Jesus Christ. Evangelism and conversion are therefore not incidental to revival; they are among its anticipated fruits.

In other words, revival is not simply about filling our churches with more people. It concerns the Spirit renewing the people already gathered so that their lives more faithfully reflect the person and work of Jesus Christ. Perhaps we have been asking the wrong question. Rather than asking why the unbelieving world has not experienced revival, we ought to begin by asking whether the Church herself needs to be revived.



From the Pastor's Desk (Continued):

A Church in Need of Revival

One of the most striking biblical passages concerning the spiritual renewal of the church appears in Revelation 2:1-7. Here we encounter the risen Christ addressing the church in Ephesus. Of particular importance is that Jesus is not speaking to an unbelieving world. He is addressing an established Christian congregation. The church in Ephesus had a remarkable history. According to Acts 19, Paul's ministry there was accompanied by extraordinary demonstrations of God's power, public repentance, and the widespread proclamations of the Gospel. Ephesus subsequently became an important center of early Christianity. Yet, by the time we encounter the congregation in Revelation, something has changed.

Notice that Jesus does not begin His address by condemning the church. Rather, He acknowledges its faithfulness:

"I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false." — Revelation 2:2 (NIV)

This is wonderfully fascinating. The Ephesian Christians were not indifferent to doctrine. They were not abandoning their responsibilities. They were working hard, persevering through difficulty, exercising theological discernment, and resisting false teaching. Jesus even commends their endurance for His name and their refusal to grow weary. By many of our contemporary measures, this congregation might appear spiritually healthy. It possessed doctrinal conviction, demonstrated perseverance, and remained engaged in the work of the Church.

Yet Jesus identifies a devastating problem. "Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first."—Revelation 2:4 (NIV). How is it possible for a congregation to remain doctrinally vigilant, faithfully active, and committed to Christian ministry while simultaneously abandoning its first love? The text does not explicitly identify whether this abandoned love primarily concerns their devotion to Christ, their love for one another, or both. However, the New Testament consistently presents love for God and love for neighbor as inseparable expressions of genuine Christian faith. We should therefore resist reducing Christ's accusation to a simple loss of religious enthusiasm. Something fundamental had deteriorated in the congregation's spiritual life. This is precisely where I believe the passage speaks so powerfully to our present discussion of revival. It is possible for a congregation to preserve the activities of Christianity while neglecting the love that gives those activities their purpose.

We can maintain our worship services, defend biblical doctrine, organize successful ministries, invest in our facilities, and continue the work of the Church while gradually losing sight of the One for whom that work exists. And perhaps that is among the most dangerous forms of spiritual complacency. It is not always characterized by inactivity or indifference. Sometimes complacency conceals itself beneath the appearance of faithfulness. Jesus does not permit the Ephesian congregation to remain in that condition. Instead, He issues three commands that provide a remarkable biblical framework for understanding spiritual renewal.

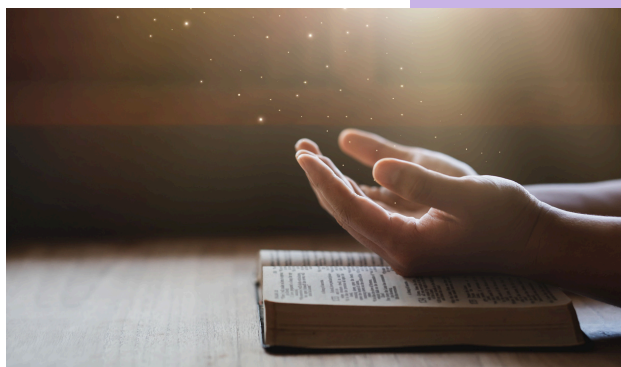
From the Pastor's Desk (Continued):

Remember. Repent. Return.

First, Jesus instructs the congregation to remember how far it has fallen. This is more than nostalgia. Christ is calling His people to recognize the distance between their present spiritual condition and the love that once characterized their life together. Remembering is not an invitation to recreate the past; it is an opportunity to recognize what has been lost. Second, Jesus commands repentance. Revival cannot be reduced to an emotional desire for renewed spiritual experiences. The Ephesian congregation must acknowledge that something is genuinely wrong and respond to Christ's correction. Repentance involves a reorientation of the heart and an accompanying change in conduct. Finally, Jesus instructs them to do the works they did at first. This is particularly important. Christ does not call the congregation to abandon good works, doctrinal discernment, or perseverance. He calls them to recover the love from which faithful Christian activity ought to proceed.

From a Wesleyan perspective, we should recognize the significance of this relationship. Holiness is not merely correct behavior or strict doctrinal conformity. Its governing character is love for God and neighbor. The Church may accomplish many admirable things, but Christian activity divorced from holy love has departed from its intended purpose. There is also a sobering warning. Jesus declares that if the congregation refuses to repent, He will remove its lampstand from its place. Revelation 1:20 identifies the lampstands as the churches themselves. The precise historical implications of this warning are debated, but its central message is unmistakable: Christ takes the spiritual condition of His Church seriously. A congregation cannot presume upon its identity while disregarding the Lord who calls it into existence.

Although Revelation 2 is not the Bible's first summons to covenant renewal, this passage provides an especially direct New Testament example of the risen Christ calling an established congregation to spiritual restoration. It is a compelling place to begin our examination of revival.



From the Pastor's Desk (Continued):

And that brings us back to our opening question. What if one of the greatest obstacles to revival is not the unbelief of the world, but the complacency of the Church?

Perhaps our longing for revival should begin not with elaborate preparations for our next evangelistic event, but with a prayerful examination of our own spiritual condition. Have we become so occupied with the work of the Church that we have neglected our love for Christ? Have our ministries become ends in themselves rather than expressions of holy love? Are we seeking the renewing presence of the Holy Spirit, or are we simply asking God to bless the activities we have already planned? The Ephesian congregation reminds us that faithfulness cannot be measured by activity alone. Jesus calls His people to remember, repent, and return.

Before we ask God to awaken the world through His Church, perhaps we should ask Him to awaken His Church.

Blessings In Christ,



GRACE

MISSIONS

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with Ruth's Harvest and PAL.

We welcome anyone who would like to help. In case you are not familiar with these two programs, Ruth's Harvest is the packing of bags with food for the school children to take home to have food over the weekend.

Provide a Lunch (PAL) is a meal served every day at the Council of Churches to anyone who wants to walk in and get a meal.



Ruth's Harvest Dates:

- 2026
 - October 15
 - November 12
 - December 17
- 2027
 - January 21
 - March 23
 - April 29

We are accepting single serve entrees, vegetables, fruits, snacks, breakfasts and drink items here at church. Please place them in the bin marked "Ruth's Harvest" under the coffee bar across from the front entry door.

Provide A Lunch (PAL):

Fridays: Saturdays:

October 2 August 29
November 13 October 31
December 24



If you are interested in helping, please call Mae Woodard at 717-632-0124.

GRACE

MISSIONS



Hanover Area Council of Churches

Needs for 3rd Quarter 2026

Ministry	Special Needs this Month
 PROVIDE-A-LUNCH 1963 <i>daily lunch from 11:30a-12:30p</i>	-White or Wheat Bread Loaves -Hot dog/Hamburger Rolls -Coffee Creamer -Splenda or Sweetener *Please no expired food donations
 RUTH'S HARVEST 2013 <i>weekend food for children</i>	<i>Will you consider hosting a back to school food drive in August to support the weekend backpack program for children? Contact us today for the wish list items!</i>
 CLOTHING BANK 1968 <i>FREE clothing for those in need</i>	-NEW Bra's & Underwear (Men & Women) -Dryer Sheets -Plastic Hangers -Summer clothing for all ages -Men's Clothing (all sizes) -Children's Clothing 5T and up
 MEALS-ON-WHEELS 1970 <i>Food delivery for homebound</i>	-Adult Hygiene Wipes - Dried Fruit Snacks (no nuts due to allergies) - Handheld Fans -Cooling Towels
 CHANGING LIVES SHELTER 2007 <i>Only Emergency Shelter in Hanover</i>	-Sunscreen - Personal Hygiene Items + Feminine Hygiene Products -Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash (Travel + Full Size) -Men's Boxer Underwear & Colored T-shirts (Med, Lg & X-Lg) -Women's Underwear (Sm, Med & Lg) -Hairbrushes -Toilet Paper



VOLUNTEER

SCAN ME



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Name: Mrs. Angie Kaltreider

Role/ Ministry position:
Organist

How long have you served at our church?

31 years

What do you enjoy most about serving here?

I love the people. They are like my family.

Favorites

Favorite Bible Verse:

John 3: 16

Favorite Worship Song or Hymn:

Awesome God

Favorite Snack or Treat:

Whoopie Pie

Favorite Restaurant or Coffee Order:

New Era Restaurent & Grillrilla

Coffee: Affogato Coffee at Cultivated Coffee in the Olive Garden.

Favorite Hobby:

Watching TV

Favorite Movie or TV Show:

The Breadwinner

Favorite Season of the Year:

Fall



FACES OF GRACE

Just For Fun

What was your very first job?

Store Clerk at Folmers Market

One thing people may not know about you:

I Have 2 of the cutest grandsons, Mason & Cameron.

If you could have dinner with anyone from the Bible, who would it be and why?

Jesus, I would like him to hug me and hold me because He loves me.

What is your go-to comfort food?

Dunkin Butter Pecan Iced Coffee

Cats, dogs, or something else?

Definitely Dogs, especially Doodles.

If you had a superpower, what would it be?

Invisibility, so I could be present and people wouldn't know it.



Faith and Encouragement

What inspired you to serve in ministry?

I wanted to share my musical talents with everyone. .

What has God been teaching you recently?

To pray more for others.

What encouragement would you like to share with the church family?

I hope that I can uplift others and help to create a worshipful atmosphere.

How can we be praying for you?

Pray that God would guide and direct my musical selections to help others feel the Holy Spirit, and guide my hands as I play each Sunday.

Quick Favorites

Coffee / Tea – COFFEE

Sweet / Salty – SWEET

Sunrise / Sunset – SUNSET

Books / Movies – MOVIES

Mountains / Beach – MOUNTAINS

Early Bird / Night Owl – NIGHT OWL

Pancakes / Waffles – WAFFLES

Contemporary Worship – CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP





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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES AT GRACE

**Your progress
drives *impact!***



**Grace Church,
you've already made a difference!**

Grace church hosts 3 blood drives a year. We always need volunteers to help make the morning go smoothly. Please come and be a part of saving lives, a different way, here at Grace.

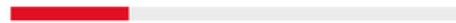
Your Progress Report

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Units Collected in 2025

78



Units Collected in 2026



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Carve out a
new tradition.

Give Blood!



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GRACE CHURCH HANOVER

55 Albright Drive
Hanover, PA 17329

Saturday, October 24th
8AM to 1PM

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Blood Drive news
Please see the sign-up
sheet on the events board
if you are willing to help.

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES AT GRACE



CHICKENS, BEANS AND BIG *Dreams*

Hanover CROP Hunger Walk

October, 11, 2026 | 1pm - 5pm

Codorus State Park - Marina Day Use Area
Registration will be held at St. Paul's Dubs Annex Building

crophungerwalk.org/chw/event/hanover

All Are
welcome and
encouraged
to come



REGISTER
Here

Please register to the Grace Church Team, and we will meet to walk together if interested. Keith Garrett has collection envelopes if needed.

PATH youth, if you need a ride, please reach out to Mr. Darren.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES AT GRACE

This year we are planning a fall picnic for our family here at Grace. Everyone is invited!!

Bring a dish to share. The events committee will have items for s'mores and a candy apple bar. If you love making soups, chilis, and other main dishes, we will need them for fall fest.

Crafts and Missions:

We will have scarecrow making; you bring the clothes, and the church will have the straw, twine, and stakes.

We will have a pumpkin patch for the kids, and an area to paint and decorate those pumpkins.

There will be an area to paint, where you can paint a picture for yourself, but also paint a picture for our shut-ins.

There is also an area where we will be making bracelets, one for you and one for the Operation Christmas Child boxes.

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT AND MORE:

Crafts not your thing, okay we have something for you too. There will be a corn hole tournament. Grab a partner, and give a donation for our missions' team, and play to win. The first-place team will win a prize. There will also be other outside games like ladder ball, yardzee and more.

Stomp rockets, the playground, and more for all ages as well. Come out for Food, fellowship, crafts, games and Fun!!!

General Conference 2026-

The Beauty of Holiness

What a blessing it was to be elected and then for Grace Church to allow me to attend General Conference 2026. In May of 2025, we were preparing for the annual conference; the members of the Northeast Conference were invited to nominate themselves to be General Conference delegates.

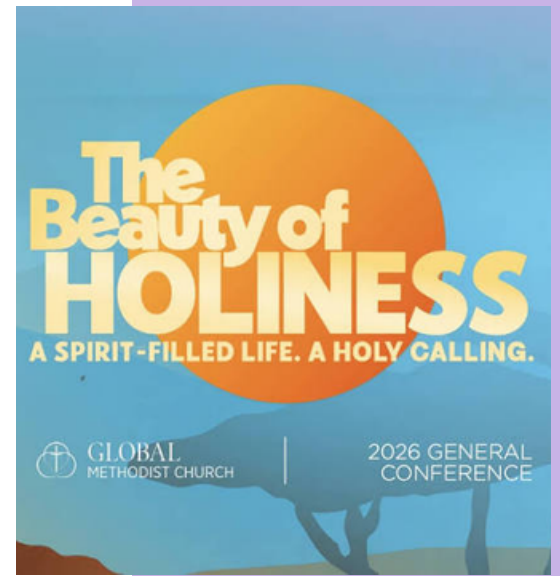
Just a little information about GMC polity: the local church, such as Grace church, belongs to a conference; ours is the Northeast Conference, and just like the local church, there must be a business meeting once per year, which is called our annual conference. Both clergy and lay delegates represent the local churches at the Annual conference. Then all of the annual conferences belong to the general conference, which is the worldwide body. Each annual conference sends clergy and lay delegates to represent them. The General Conference meets every 6 years.

Since Todd and I came into ministry, I have felt a pull to be involved. I know my gifts are to be used for the church. I felt a pull to put my name in as a nominee to represent the Northeast; however, at the time we did not know where we would be going or the exact dates. As someone who does not really travel, not knowing where you may be going was a great source of anxiety. Then, as it was announced Johannesburg, South Africa, that anxiety only grew; however, the peace of being a nominee, and then a voted lay delegate, never left me. Well, maybe right up until the cancelled first flight, but that is a different story.

The work delegates put into the general conference is not just for the 8 days you are actually there. Every delegate is placed on a committee that looks at specific parts of the Book of Doctrine and Discipline, and debates the changes that have been proposed. These pieces of legislation need to be read and picked apart before arrival, with changes ready to present. Hundreds of hours are clocked before the opening of general conference. I loved every second of it. I enjoyed it, even in the moments when I was frustrated because I didn't understand something. The first three days are full of working in those committees to approve, reject, and amend the legislation given to us, and preparing to present it to the entire conference.

Then the last 4 days are moving through that legislation and voting. Most of the legislation is approved as recommended by the committee it comes from. Some are debated. There was a sense of celebration in all we did. The debate was amenable and was always about the heart of the change, never about the people, character, or some underlying issue. The global church is beautiful and is striving to spread the Gospel, and they want to get it right. The weight of what we were doing could be felt each time we were called to order.

Also, just as we have been focusing on prayer at Grace Church, prayer was the first item on our agenda each morning, every important vote, and every time together. The Spirit was there, invited, and moving in our midst. Paired with inspiring worship, speakers, and daily communion, we were focused on the work of the Spirit first, the main reason we were there, and our focus was not altered.

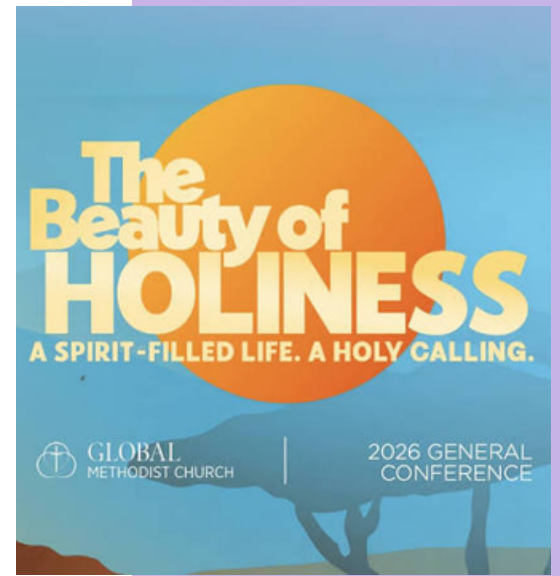


General Conference 2026- The Beauty of Holiness

There were many highlights of the conference, one being the Spirit of Africa Night, where we experienced a small taste of what Africa has to offer, culturally and culinarily. Worship each day, but specifically Tuesday Morning, with Rev. Dr. Diane Ury, was powerful., I believe that service is on the YouTube channel if you would like to view.

Also, there was the election of this first-ever full-time bishop for the denomination. But the most important item was the adoption of the articles of faith for our denomination (see the next article for more information on that). The other highlight of the conference for me was that everyone in that room, whether American, European, African, male, female, clergy, or laity, had their voice heard and no one was asked to stay silent. Everyone was encouraged to ask questions and received an answer. Clergy did not look down on laity, they listened and dialogue was had on EVERY topic. The Global Methodist church is a grassroots, laity-led movement, and what we say is what I saw, which was revolutionary, as a laity in another Methodist denomination.

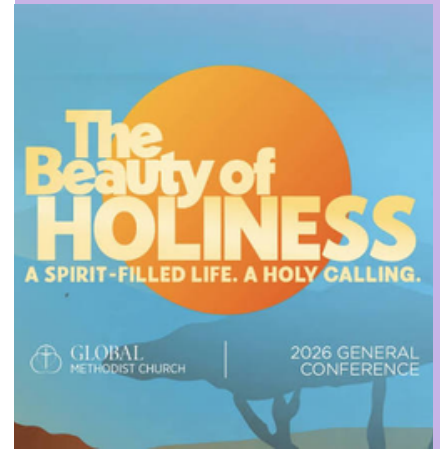
Overall, my time in South Africa was life-changing. Seeing the Spirit moving there, and hearing the stories of the way Jesus is moving all around the world. Witnessing and experiencing the weightiness of the decisions being made, but also the unity in doing it right, with no hidden agendas, except to live into the mission of the Global Methodist Church. The spirit was tangible in the spaces, conversations, and meetings throughout the entire time we were there, and you cannot help but be changed while in the presence of the Spirit.



General Conference 2026-

The Beauty of Holiness:

Articles of Faith



We Are Global Methodists

One of the most significant moments of the 2026 General Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa, was the adoption of the new **Articles of Faith of the Global Methodist Church**. To someone outside the Church, that may not sound particularly exciting. It may even sound like another piece of denominational legislation—words debated in a committee room, amended on a conference floor, voted upon, and then placed somewhere in a *Book of Doctrines and Discipline*.

It was much more than that. I do not believe it is an exaggeration to call what happened in Johannesburg historic. Two years earlier, at our Convening General Conference in Costa Rica, the Global Methodist Church authorized the work of bringing together a unified doctrinal statement that would clearly answer a fundamental question: ***What do Global Methodists believe?***

Until then, we continued to carry two historic doctrinal standards inherited from previous Methodist traditions: the Methodist Articles of Religion and the Evangelical United Brethren Confession of Faith. When those two churches united to form the United Methodist Church in 1968, both documents were retained, even though they did not always speak with exactly the same voice. A commission led by the great Methodist theologian Albert Outler attempted to address the problem, but the two statements were never actually brought together into one unified confession.

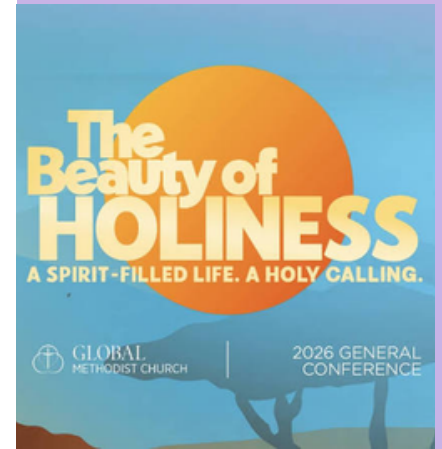
The Global Methodist Church inherited that unfinished work. Costa Rica gave the assignment. Johannesburg answered it. In 2026, I had the privilege of being in the room when it happened. A remarkable group of theologians, pastors, and lay leaders had spent months doing the difficult work of bringing these historic documents together. The writing task force included some of the most respected theological voices within the denomination and represented different seminaries, nations, and perspectives across the global Church. Jason Vickers and David Watson co-chaired that writing team, with scholars and leaders including Matt O'Reilly, Kenneth Collins, Gabrielle Kopas, David Zamora, Luther Oconer, and Esther Kukah participating in the work. Their task was not to invent a new Christianity. It was to ask how the faith we have received could be articulated faithfully, clearly, and recognizably as Wesleyan Christianity.

What do we believe about God? About Jesus Christ? About the Holy Spirit and the Trinity? What do we believe about sin, salvation, the Church, the sacraments, sanctification, Scripture, resurrection, judgment, and eternal life? Those are not secondary questions. They tell us who we are. Delegates in Johannesburg carefully debated and refined the proposed Articles. The result was not a generic statement of Christianity broad enough to offend no one. Neither was it an attempt to make the Global Methodist Church simply another expression of modern American evangelicalism.

General Conference 2026-

The Beauty of Holiness:

Articles of Faith



The goal was to confess the historic Christian faith through a clearly Wesleyan and Methodist theological lens. The denomination itself now describes these Articles as its “normative doctrinal standards,” affirming the creedal faith of the universal Church, our Protestant inheritance, and our particular Wesleyan-Methodist emphases.

Perhaps nowhere was the importance of that task more evident than in the discussion surrounding Holy Scripture.

The language proposed for the Scripture article drew significantly from the Lausanne Covenant, the influential evangelical statement adopted in 1974 and associated with leaders such as Billy Graham and John Stott. The drafting commission specifically noted that the Scripture article made use of Lausanne language. One phrase became particularly important: Scripture is “without error in all it affirms.” That language brought to the surface a conversation that has existed within evangelical Christianity for generations: the relationship between biblical inerrancy and biblical infallibility.

Those two words are sometimes treated as if one means, “I take every sentence of the Bible literally,” while the other allows interpretation. That is not really the issue. Every serious reader of Scripture interprets. When Jesus says, “I am the door,” no orthodox Christian believes Jesus is claiming to be made of wood with hinges. When the Psalms speak about the sun rising and running its course, the biblical writer is not attempting to settle questions of astronomy. Genre, context, poetry, metaphor, history, prophecy, and narrative all matter.

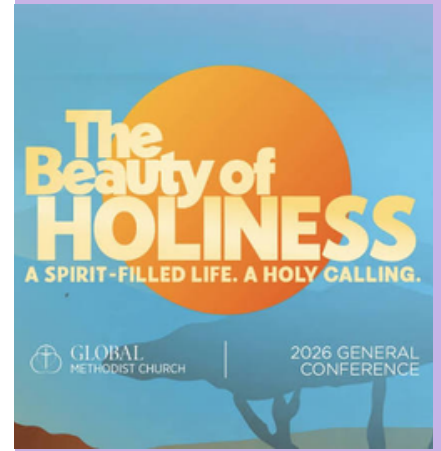
The real question is deeper. What are we saying about the truthfulness of Scripture? Inerrancy generally emphasizes that Scripture is without error in everything that it actually affirms. Infallibility emphasizes that Scripture is wholly trustworthy and cannot fail as God's Word and as the Church's rule for faith and practice. There is substantial overlap between those convictions, but the language carries different histories and different theological emphases. That was the elephant in the room. The Global Methodist Church had to decide how a Wesleyan denomination would affirm the complete authority and trustworthiness of Scripture without simply importing another tradition's theological statement and making it our own.

The Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy, adopted in 1978, has been enormously influential within conservative evangelicalism. But the question before us was not whether Chicago was a good or bad statement. The question was whether the Global Methodist Church needed to adopt an outside evangelical document as its confessional standard, or whether we could speak clearly and faithfully from within our own theological inheritance. Johannesburg answered that question.

General Conference 2026-

The Beauty of Holiness:

Articles of Faith



The final Article on Holy Scripture declares that the Old and New Testaments are divinely inspired and authoritative and that Scripture is “true in all it affirms, entirely trustworthy, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice.” It also retains the historic Methodist confession that Holy Scripture contains all things necessary for salvation and recognizes the continuing work of the Holy Spirit in illuminating the Word for the Church. That balance matters enormously.

The Global Methodist Church has affirmed an unmistakably high view of Scripture. We are not embarrassed by biblical authority. We are not treating Scripture as merely one voice among many. We confess it as inspired, trustworthy, authoritative, and the Church's infallible rule of faith and practice. At the same time, we did not simply borrow someone else's confession. We said it as Methodists. Scripture stands within a larger Wesleyan vision of God's grace, the work of the Holy Spirit, salvation through Jesus Christ, the means of grace, holy living, and the transforming work of sanctification. And that brings us to why the Articles of Faith matter so much.

The Articles accomplish something Methodists attempted but never completed after the merger of 1968. They give the Global Methodist Church one normative doctrinal confession. They tell the Church what we are committed to teaching. They establish boundaries against false teaching. And they give the generations coming behind us a theological inheritance they can receive, teach, defend, and pass along. The preliminary text itself says that the Articles are to be taught in our churches and serve as constitutive standards guarding the faith entrusted to the saints.

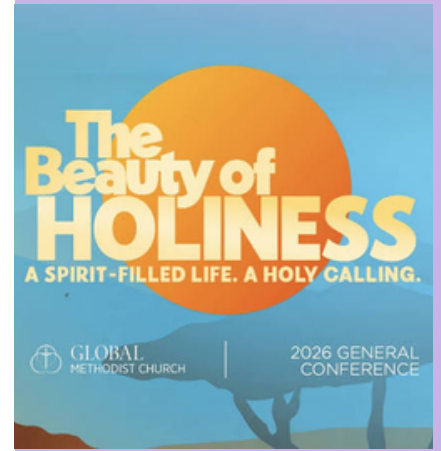
This is why Johannesburg was historically significant. Every young denomination eventually has to answer a difficult question. It is not enough to explain why we left something. Eventually, we must explain what we are becoming. A church cannot build its identity forever around the controversies that gave birth to it. There comes a moment when it must stop defining itself primarily by what it is against and say clearly what it is for. That is what happened in Johannesburg. We moved from start-up to self-definition.

We are a church rooted in the historic creeds of Christianity. We stand within the Protestant tradition. We receive Holy Scripture as inspired, authoritative, trustworthy, and the infallible rule of faith and practice. We proclaim salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. We believe the Holy Spirit does more than forgive sinners—He transforms them. And as Wesleyans, we continue to proclaim that God's grace intends to produce holiness of heart and life, even the historic Methodist doctrine of entire sanctification.

General Conference 2026-

The Beauty of Holiness:

Articles of Faith



The Articles of Faith therefore reach far beyond one week of meetings in Johannesburg. Years from now, most people will not remember which amendment was offered from which microphone or how long a particular debate lasted. They may not remember who chaired a committee or who spoke for or against a particular sentence. But they will inherit what we decided. That is what made the moment so powerful for me as I sat in that room. We were not merely deciding what the Global Methodist Church believes in 2026. We were helping determine what kind of Church our children and grandchildren will inherit.

This is who we are.

This is the faith we have received.

And this is the faith we intend to proclaim.

Printed preliminary articles of faith are at the hospitality desk, or follow this link to the online version:

<https://irp.cdn-website.com/1876eae9/files/uploaded/2026-09-23+-Articles+of+Faith+%28Petition+01441%29.pdf>



The Congregational Care team will be collecting items throughout the year. Please bring all donations to the church, and place in the container marked for Congregational Care. Thank you so much for your donations.

SMALL GROUP FOCUS

Forged At Grace



When I first started really investing in my church and taking my faith and discipleship seriously, Wednesday nights were the night to do it. There were small groups in almost every room in the church. Young children, youth groups, adults, all meeting and studying together--but separate.

As we transitioned into ministry, something that was missing, something that had changed, was these Wednesday evenings at the church. Youth groups met on different days; junior youth groups or the elementary school kids were not meeting at all, and bible studies for adults were no longer in the evenings.

Early in my transition into the Children's Ministries coordinator role here at Grace, I saw our youngest members of Grace and the need for them to have more than 1 hour on Sunday to learn about God. When speaking to the PATH youth team, they were brainstorming a new way to have youth group. Pastor Todd was looking for a way for all of Grace to learn and study together. Then it came together, as I remember back on those Wednesdays--Forged was born. A night where there is fellowship, a meal where all generations gather around the table to share in food and conversation. Then we break off, and we learn, together. A night where the church is alive, not on Sunday Mornings.

A **forge** is a place of intense heat and pressure where raw iron is forced into partnership with the very tools meant to master it. It is the ultimate arena of transformation, where **one hard iron tool physically sharpens, reshapes, and perfects another**. At Grace Forged, we reshape, grow, and sharpen.

We invite you to Forged at Grace every 2nd and 4th Tuesday. Dinner begins at 6 pm, studies begin at about 6:40 p.m. Grace Roots children's ministries, PATH Youth, and Adult classes are offered.

~Blessings, Autumn Christine~








WE ARE HIRING!!!!

**Tree Fort Assistant
(Child Care Aid, Nursery)**

Our Tree Fort is for children from ages of about 2 to 6 years old

**EVERY SUNDAY MORNING FROM 8:30AM
TO 12:30PM GUARANTEED**

Employees will need :
current background checks
and MinistrySafe Course
*Can be obtained during hiring process

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**Employees of
Grace Church
recieve discounts for
our Preschool
program.*

**Volunteers
needed**

As we start our fall programming, coverage will be needed again in the Treefort. At least 1 volunteer will be needed at each service, . Please see the schedule on the events board, and sign up if you are able to help.



PATH YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES OCTOBER SCHEDULE

October 3:
12pm Cornfusion Trip

October 13:
6pm Forged

October 24:
12pm Rain Date:
Cornfusion

October 27:
6pm Forged: Strange, Shocking,
Bizarre Bible Stories: Costumes
encouraged

Coming Soon: Youth Sunday-
11/8/2026

Coming Soon: Operation Christmas Child
Packing Event: 11/8/2026

Coming Soon: RVR Winter Meltdown
1/22/2027-1/24/2027



GROWING & GOING

Youth Ministries Updates and Info!!



Grace
Preschool



GRACE ROOTS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Operation Christmas Child Collection

Help share Jesus Love to Kids around the world!!

For the next 6 months, we will be collecting items for our Operation Christmas Child packing event. Each month will be a different category of item, ensuring we have many different items for our boxes.

Remember: All items must fit in a Shoebox!!

At that event, all of our collected items will be put out for us to pack those boxes together as a church family, write cards, and pray over together. It's a wonderful time of community building and outreach as we work together to share Jesus love.

Questions
Amber or D
Myers



Remember: All items must fit in a Shoebox!!

October

Toys

Ball	Magnets
Frisbee	Kalidescope
Building Blocks	Toy Cars
Slinky	Interactive Toys
Yoyo	Other small toys and figures

DO NOT INCLUDE

- Soap
- Food, candy, or gum
- Toothpaste
- Used or damaged items
- Scary or war-related items
- Wearable traditional camouflage
- Seeds or organic matter
- Liquids
- Medication or vitamins
- Money
- Breakable items (eg snow globes, glass containers)
- Matches, fire starters, or aerosols
- Knife, saw, or razor blades

Place all items in collection bin in Lobby

Questions see
Amber or Darren
Myers

GROWING & GOING

Youth Ministries Updates and Info!!

Grace Church

Grace Presbyterian

GRACE ROOTS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



**LUNCH WILL
BE PROVIDED**

Sunday

November 8th

12:15pm

Packing Party



We have been
collecting and now
its time to put
together the boxes
to send out from
Grace Church

All items will be sorted and set up for
volunteers to prayerfully pack boxes
that will go to Boys and Girls, of
different age ranges. We also have a
station where you can write Cards for
each box, and many other ways to help.
Not just for the kids, we want all of
Grace Church to come out!!

**PLEASE JOIN
US EVERYONE
IS WELCOME**



Questions?? Contact Amber
or Darren Myers



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**GROWING
&
GOING**

Youth Ministries Updates and Info!!



**Grace
Preschool**



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY





Dress Up and Trick or Treat

October 28th--Grace Preschool

Our Preschool Students will be Trick or Treating in the morning. We are looking for people/ groups willing to be here to hand out candy to the kids that morning. Please sign up so we know how many stations we will have.

Timing will be start time about 915am to 1015am



GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH EMBLEM

- Pray with a grateful heart for Christ's mercy.
- Pray for the GMC to be an environment to display God's glory, with faithfulness to God.
- Pray that we are transformed in Christ-likeness by the Spirit.
- Pray for the Lord's harvest of people of all ages as we pass on our faith and equip leaders.
- Pray that we will always be ready to give an answer, gently and respectfully, when asked about our faith, our lifestyle, or our Christian perspective.
- Pray, with a thankful heart, for the reason for our Christian hope.

1 Peter 3:15 "Instead you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it."

Let others see your hope in Christ? Are you prepared to tell them what Christ has done in your life?

MUSIC MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



Mark your calendars:

The HSO, directed by Larry Kuntz has 2 upcoming concerts:

A Scary Costume Ball Featuring Concertmaster Andrew Jones

Sunday, November 1, 2026 at 3:00pm,
and

A Happy, Happy Holiday

A Holiday Pops Concert

Featuring Soloist Beatrice Gilbert

Saturday, December 19, 2026 at 3:00pm



Throughout the Spring you turned in your top ten, plus some favorite worship songs. From those lists we made a playlist for the church to listen. Hear what your family is worshipping with, and maybe you will find your new favorite. If you don't hear your favorite, we can add new songs, please turn them into Autumn in the office.

Grace Church of Hanover-Favorite Songs

~Spotify List~



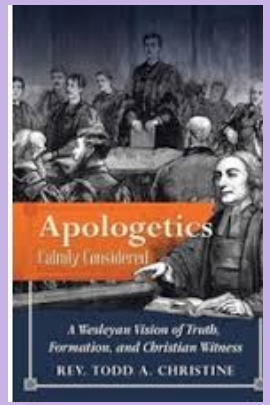
Grace Church of Hanover-Favorite Songs

~Amazon Music List~

These are the codes for the Grace Church of Hanover Playlist, at Spotify and Amazon Music. Both are free services, that you can use. If you have a subscription, it will be ad-free.

ANNOUNCEMENT

New Book Release: Apologetics Calmly Considered



Grace Church of Hanover Pastor Releases New Book on Wesleyan Apologetics and Christian Formation

The Rev. Todd A. Christine, Senior Pastor of Grace Church of Hanover and an Elder in the Global Methodist Church, is pleased to announce the release of his first book, *Apologetics Calmly Considered: A Wesleyan Vision of Truth, Formation, and Christian Witness*.

Drawing from Scripture, the Wesleyan tradition, and the broader Christian intellectual heritage, *Apologetics Calmly Considered* presents a fresh vision for Christian apologetics—one that moves beyond simply defending the faith through arguments to forming disciples whose lives bear faithful witness to the gospel. Rather than asking only, How do we prove Christianity is true? The book explores the deeper question, What is apologetics for? Christine argues that the defense of the faith finds its highest purpose not in winning debates, but in leading people toward Christlikeness through grace, truth, and holy love.

Written with pastors, church leaders, students, and thoughtful laypeople in mind, the book offers a distinctly Wesleyan perspective that seeks to recover apologetics as a ministry of discipleship. It emphasizes that reason is a gift of God, but that reason is most faithful when it serves the work of spiritual formation and the mission of the Church.

The book has already received strong endorsements from leaders across the Global Methodist Church and beyond. Northeast Conference Superintendent Rev. Steven M. Taylor writes that *Apologetics Calmly Considered* "has the ingredients to reorient the church," calling Christians to move beyond merely defending the faith intellectually and toward lives deeply rooted in "truth, grace, holiness, and holy love."

Rev. Dr. Bob Kaylor describes the work as "a framework for a distinctly Wesleyan approach to apologetics," noting that it encourages both bold Christian witness and transformational discipleship while inviting the church to embody the message it proclaims.

Similarly, Ken Loyer, Ph.D., commends the book for presenting "a holistic approach to defending the faith" that emphasizes "relational presence, transformed character in Christ, and bold proclamation of the gospel," making it "a helpful reframing and a vital resource for discipleship."

Rev. Christine holds a Master of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary and has devoted more than fourteen years to pastoral ministry. His work centers on Wesleyan theology, Christian formation, apologetics, and discipleship, with a passion for equipping the Church to proclaim and embody the gospel in an increasingly skeptical culture. *Apologetics Calmly Considered: A Wesleyan Vision of Truth, Formation, and Christian Witness* is now available in paperback, hardcover, and e-book editions.

"The goal of apologetics is not merely to defend the faith, but to form a people whose lives make the gospel believable." That conviction lies at the heart of *Apologetics Calmly Considered* and reflects its invitation to the Church: to recover apologetics as a ministry of truth, holiness, and faithful Christian witness.

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Soon!!!

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