



AMAZING GRACE

OCTOBER

NEWSLETTER

2022

On Sunday, October 2, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee met with the District Superintendent, Dr. Marti Lundy, at her request. She informed us that Pastor Stacee and her family would be leaving the ministry of this church at the end of this month.

On October 30, we will have one service at 9:30AM so that at 10:30AM, we may have an opportunity to fellowship and recognize their time among us.

The committee has completed the required paperwork to begin the process of discerning who should answer the call to be our next pastor.

In the meantime, I would ask you, for the remainder of this month, to take time each day to pray for

- Pastor Stacee and her family as they start the next chapter of their lives
- The Bishop and his Cabinet as they make decisions about placements
- Each other as a community of faith

As Philippians 4:6 says,  
"let your requests be made known to God."

Kathee Stark  
SPRC Chair

## NEWS FROM THE **CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT**

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We were excited to have Aleeya, Claire and Ben receive their Bibles this year! Please keep them and their teachers in your prayers as they spend this year learning how to use them to continue on their Faith Journey.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Children's Christmas Sunday is December 11. We will meet for practice in the morning on Saturday, December 10.



# TRUNK -OR- TREAT

OCTOBER 30  
2PM-4PM

On Sunday, October 30 from 2PM-4PM we will be having our annual Trunk-or-Treat event in the Grace UMC parking lot. This event is a great outreach to the whole community and is a lot of fun for all! Gather up your Fall and Halloween decorations for your vehicle and see if you can win the grand prize for Best In Show! We are also in need of wrapped candy donations. Please drop them off in the collection boxes near the Great Hall or in the Welcome Center.

# MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

## RAGGEDY ANN PRESCHOOL

Our Preschool at Grace UMC has an Amazon wishlist. If you would like to purchase any of the items, please visit [amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/106UJXED1BY3K?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/106UJXED1BY3K?ref_=wl_share).

## BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Blood Drive is this Sunday, October 16 from 10AM-1PM in the Great Hall. Please register at [givebloodnow.com/donorportal/](https://www.givebloodnow.com/donorportal/).

## ANGEL TREE PRISON MINISTRY

Angel Tree is a ministry to help children of prisoners. Beginning in November, we will need volunteers to help call the families of these children. During the week of December 18, we will need help delivering the gifts to each of these families. Please contact Teresa Jodway at [tjodway@comcast.net](mailto:tjodway@comcast.net).

## LINCOLN SCHOOL

We are collecting school supplies and clothing items (no hoodies, please) for Lincoln School. Collection boxes are in the Welcome Center.

## BROADWAY CHRISTIAN PARISH

We are collecting nonperishable food items for the food pantry at Broadway Christian Parish. Collection carts are inside the main doors.

## GRACE CARES

NEXT MEETING:  
OCTOBER 25 | 7PM  
IN THE PARLOR

Anyone interested in calling, writing notes or visiting those that need some extra care, please join us or contact Melodie at [gracecares@gracemethodist.org](mailto:gracecares@gracemethodist.org)

### THE MORE WE KNOW, THE BETTER WE CAN CARE!

The Grace Cares Team would love to care for you! This means we need to know what in your life, or your family's life, needs care, love, prayer and support. Please contact the Church Office (and ask for Melodie) at 574-288-4789 or send an email to the Grace Cares confidential email address at [gracecares@gracemethodist.org](mailto:gracecares@gracemethodist.org) if you or someone you know is in need of care because of hospitalization, illness, grief, or generally struggling. Grace Cares about you!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## SUNDAYS

9AM | In-Person & Virtual Service  
10:30AM | In-Person Service  
10:30AM | Sunday School

## MONDAYS

1PM | Pilgrimage Healing (by appt.)  
7PM | A.A.

## WEDNESDAYS

7:30AM | Bible Study  
6PM | Positive Outlook Basketball

## THURSDAYS

5PM-7PM | Baller Opportunities  
7PM | Choir Rehearsal

## FRIDAYS

5PM-7PM | Baller Opportunities  
7:30PM | A.A.

## SATURDAYS

9AM | Positive Outlook Basketball

## OCTOBER 16

10AM | Blood Drive

## OCTOBER 17

6PM | Board of Trustees Meeting

## OCTOBER 20

5:30PM | Staff Parish Meeting

## OCTOBER 25

6:30PM | Church Council Meeting  
7PM | Grace Cares Meeting

## OCTOBER 26

11:30AM | UMW Board Meeting

## OCTOBER 30

2PM | Trunk-or-Treat

To make an online contribution to Grace UMC, please visit [sbgrace.breezechms.com/give/online](https://sbgrace.breezechms.com/give/online).

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## CROP WALK FOR HUNGER

Grace walkers raised \$7,103 for hunger relief efforts in our community, country, and world by participating in the 2022 CROP Hunger Walk on September 25. Thank you to all the generous donors from our congregation and our friends and family across the country who pledged online. In the past three years, Grace walkers have raised more than \$22,000. Our team ranked 38th in the country for money raised this year. Great job all!