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PENTECOST
Holy Spirit
SUNDAY

Grace United Methodist Church

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Pentecost Sunday

May 24th, 2026

8:00 am ~ Early Contemporary Service
9:15 am ~ Sunday School / Small Groups
10:30 am ~ Traditional Service of Worship

Charlotte Gingrich - accompanist

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Gathering Music

Announcements and Lighting of the Candles

\*\* Our Call To Worship

**Leader:** Brothers and Sisters - This is the day that the Lord has promised us – His Power has come to us from on High !!

**People: Let us rejoice, and be glad in it !!!**

**Leader:** The Holy Spirit comes upon each of us to give us strength and courage, so let us stand together in His strength.

**People: Come, Holy Spirit, and fill this place !  
We shall not be afraid! Let Your power fill us  
to overflowing!**

**Leader:** The Lord is with us ! We cannot fail. Let us raise up a great Hallelujah !

**ALL :** Today is a day of celebration. So let us call upon God to release His mighty Power among us, that we might joyfully praise His Name together.

\*\*Opening Hymn

UMH 158

*“ Come, Christians, Join to Sing ”*

\*\* Opening Prayer of Invitation

**Today, O God, as we join together in worship, may we be open to receive a regenerating work of Your Spirit. Allow us to experience Your presence in powerful and life-changing ways. Sanctify us with Your grace, and allow us to drink deeply at the well of living water, so that we might leave this place renewed and refilled with the power of Your Holy Spirit. Empower us to share the hope that we have... all because of Your Son, Jesus. For it is in His name that we pray this day, Amen.**

\*\* Greet those around you, and share these words:

***"The Spirit is among us!!!"***

## **LET US PROCLAIM THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD**

A Reading from the Scriptures

*Scott Teats*

**" 1st Timothy 4: 1 - 13 "** *New Living Translation*

Praising God through Music

*Charlotte Gingrich*

***" Holy Spirit Come "***

A Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Morning Prayers

The Lords Prayer

**ALL: 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.**

We Receive Our Morning Offering

*TFWS 2161*

***" To Know You More "***

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love you with all that I am. With all of my  
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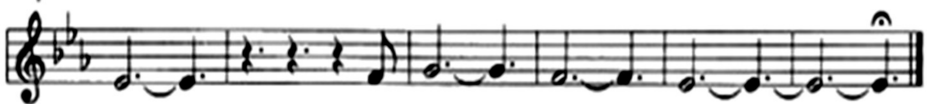


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Our Prayer of Thanksgiving

**ALL: O most merciful and gracious God, who has raised Jesus from death to everlasting life: Receive our gifts this day. Strengthen our resolve to continue to go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit, to share the joy that You give, and the hope that we have - all because of Jesus. Help us to use these gifts wisely, as we reach out to others in Your name. Amen.**

A Statement of Our Faith

*UMH 880*

*" The Nicene Creed "*

The Story of Pentecost - Acts 2

Morning Message:

*Pastor Alan Atchison*

*" Empowered to Make a Difference "*

## **A TIME OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Our Prayer of Confession

**ALL: Eternal God, we thank You for Your ongoing blessings in our lives. We confess that we have not always been as gracious as You are. Help us to be generous in our giving, and to strive to share Your love with those around us. Forgive us for our acts of selfishness - times when we have neglected to share an encouraging word, or to perform a good deed without thought of reward. Forgive us, we pray, and free us for joyful obedience to Your Kingdom purposes. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

The Assurance of God's Pardon

**" In Jesus' Name: You Are Forgiven! "**

We Remember the Story Together

We Share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion

**WE PREPARE TO GO OUT**

\*\* Closing Hymn

*UMH 558*

“ We Are The Church ”

\*\* Benediction and Final Blessings - TAPS

\*\*Indicates the congregation standing, if you are able.



**The Altar Flowers for Today** are sponsored  
in memory of Helen Fromme  
by the Fromme and Miller families.



**Our Special Church Conference**

As a result of the voting yesterday at our special church conference, we have officially approved a merger with the congregation of Hebron UMC. We are excitedly looking forward to working together to share the hope of Christ alongside our brothers and sister from Hebron.

**Hearts of Grace Needs** - we are in need of pancake mix, and, of course - JELLY! for this upcoming food distribution on **Thursday, May 28th**. Please deposit your donations in the shopping carts located in the church entryway or outside the HOG door.

**Funeral Services for Jeff Lenker** will be held on Thursday, with visitation from 9-11am, and a service to follow. Internment will be in Memorial Gardens, Halifax. A light luncheon will be served. If you are interested in helping, please contact Kathy Weiss. Jeff was a lifetime supporter of EMS and Fire services in Millersburg.

## ***Today's Notes and Notices....***

**Summer VBS Volunteers Needed** - Our VBS will be held July 7, 8, and 9 - from 6 - 8:30pm. If interested in helping, please contact Tracy Wertz @ 717-508-6575.

**Baby Bottle Fundraiser** - runs through Father's Day. Please take home an empty bottle, and fill it with your spare change, or simply add a check, and return it to the church. All proceeds go to help fund the work of Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center here in Millersburg.

**Our Miracle Sunday Special Offering** - we gathered in \$428 last week for pastoral education in 3rd world and poor countries. Thank You for your generosity!

**Annual Spring Clean-up** - will continue **Monday evening**, beginning at **6pm**. Please consider joining in as we work at cleaning up the winter debris and sprucing up our church property. Mulching, weeding, trimming of bushes - there is something for every skill level. Hope to see you there!

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study** - is currently working through the **Book of Revelation** at 10am in the Library. Each week there is something new, so bring your Bibles, and come join us for a morning of excitement and adventure!

**Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study** - is currently meeting in the room across from the church office at 2pm each week, and working through the Max Lucado book *Experiencing the Heart of Jesus*.

**Upcoming Bus Trip** led by Pam Mauser  
*Journey to see "JOSHUA"* at Sight and Sound Theatre, Lancaster on Tuesday, July 14th, 2026  
- **For information, or to reserve your seat, please call Pam at (717) 903-3590.**

# Prayer REQUESTS

## **THOSE LIFTED UP THIS PAST WEEK**

For Carson Kauffman - hospitalized with infection/ sepsis  
For "Gabe" Acajabon - back in states awaiting surgery following terrible bicycle race accident  
For Robin Davis - dealing with stomach and numerous challenges  
For Charlotte Gingrich - upcoming gall bladder removal surgery  
For Biz Douty and Alana - undergoing rabies shots  
For Terry Uhler - back at N.D Nursing & Rehab - fighting infection  
For Nikki- diagnosed with liver failure  
For Eddie Coyle - injured hand in chainsaw accident  
For Ruth Anderson - Upcoming additional Chemo treatments  
For Donna Beer's brother - slowly regaining strength on dialysis  
For Sue Kissinger - cancer surgery May 18th  
For Laurel Kolva - continuing health and Parkinson's challenges  
For John Haines - recovering from pneumonia  
For Susan Turnbaugh - back in Hershey Med  
For Dawn Powers - struggling with a number of health issues  
For Craig Teter- continued recovering from GI surgery  
For the family and friends of Jeff Lenker  
.... AND so many more with ongoing challenges!!!

**PLEASE KEEP PRAYING!!!**

### **Our Attendance on May 17th**

Early Worship ~ 49      Sunday School / Fellowship ~ 32  
Late Worship ~ 43      Online Worship ~ 10

### **Our Giving for May 17th**

General Fund ~ \$ 5,010      Designated Causes ~ \$ 1,360  
Missions ~ \$ 130      Building ~ \$ 10

*Miracle Sunday Offering - \$428*