

Grace Hebron United Methodist Church

September 13, 2026



Part Two: Grace Hebron UMC — 10:00–11:00 AM Where We Continue

Gathering Music / Arrival from Hebron

Welcome

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Today we greet one another not as guests in each other's house, but as members of one household of faith.

Declaration of Purpose

Opening Hymn Lord, You Have Come to the
Lakeshore #344 4 verses

Opening Prayer

Pastor Kim

Litany of Reconsecration

Leader: We do not consecrate empty walls, but a living body of Christ gathered under this roof.

People: We dedicate ourselves anew to worship, to service, and to love of neighbor.

Leader: Two histories, two congregations, now woven into one new work of grace.

People: We ask God to make us one, as branches grafted onto a single vine.

**All: We consecrate this congregation, Grace
Hebron United Methodist Church, to the glory of
God and the building up of Christ's Church.
Amen.**

Banner Reveal

Special Music --- Wake Up, Church, Wake Up
GHUMC Choir

Scripture Reading — John 15:1-12 (NIV)
Judy Snyder

Sermon - "Connection with God" Pastor Kim

Stewardship Moment with Hymn of Response
One Bread, One Body #620, 3 verses

Offertory Prayer **Unison**
Receive our gifts, God, and use them to bless not
only your church, which is your body, but to
transform us into people who show the world by our
love that you are all in all. In the name of our one
Lord, we pray. Amen.

Holy Communion Hymnal, pages 12-15
Invitation

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who
love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and who
seek to live in peace with one another. This table
has never belonged to Grace alone, or to Hebron
alone. It has always belonged to Christ, who calls

scattered branches to be gathered into one vine. So come — not because you have earned a place here, but because Christ has already made room for you. Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Unison

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not always abided in you. We have clung to old divisions and called them faithfulness.

We have guarded what was ours instead of trusting what could be shared. We have feared what it might cost to become one people, one body, one vine. Forgive us. Graft us again into Christ, that what has been separate might truly become one, and what has been withheld might be given freely for the sake of your kingdom.

Pause: reflect, confess, listen

Words of Assurance

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Leader: Glory to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving for a Newly Merged Congregation

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You have been faithful to your people in every generation. You planted the seeds of faith in Grace United Methodist Church and in Hebron United Methodist Church, two congregations who, in their own place and their own time, sought to know you and to make you known. Today we give you thanks that the same vine has fed two branches, and that you are grafting them now into one. As we come to this table for the first time as Grace Hebron United Methodist Church, we praise you for calling scattered people into one body, and for the promise that whoever abides in Christ, and Christ in them, will bear much fruit. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Before he gave his life to save us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Leader: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. Pour out your Spirit, too, on this new congregation, Grace Hebron United Methodist Church. As two have become one at this table, make us one in ministry, one in mission, and one in love for our neighbors. Where our histories differ, teach us to listen. Where our habits differ, teach us patience. Where our hopes align, give us courage to pursue them together. By your Spirit make us one

with Christ, one with each other, and one in service to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Leader: And now with the confidence of God's children let us pray:

The Lord's Prayer:

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.

Receiving the Bread & the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving hymnal

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Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. And as we have come to this table for the first time as one people, send us out as one body — abiding in the vine, and bearing fruit for your glory. Amen.

Closing Hymn - Lord of the Dance #261, 5 verses
Wish Prayer & Blessing Spoken Responsively

Leader: May you go from this place abiding in the vine, and may the vine abide in you.

People: So that our life bears fruit that remains.

Leader: May God the Father, who has been faithful to Grace and to Hebron across the years, be faithful to you still.

People: God will, in every year yet to come.

Leader: May Christ the Son, who calls scattered branches into one body, hold you together in love,

People: Christ will, even when the work of becoming one is hard.

Leader: May the Holy Spirit, who has gathered you at this table, send you now into the world —

People -- to love boldly, to serve joyfully, and to lead courageously.

Leader: And now may the blessing of God Almighty — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — rest upon you and remain with you, this day and always.

People: Amen.

Postlude Sent out to carry the Light of Christ

Today's Notes and News.....

Tuesday morning Bible Study - Is beginning a study on the Letters of Paul - starting with the 1st Letter to the Thessalonians. Class meets at 10am in the Library. Finishing 2nd Timothy chapters 4 & 5. Starting Isaiah on September 8.

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study - is currently meeting in the room across from the church office at 1 pm each week, and working through the Max Lucado book, Experiencing the Heart of Jesus.

Pray Forward—Pastor Kim is leading a weekly prayer time in which we seek God's unfolding plan for our church. Held on Thursday at 9 am in the Chapel.

September 14—hoagie orders due

Are you gifted in ways that might enhance the worship experience? Are you talented in the areas of music, technology, creativity, or design? Would you enjoy learning and working together with a team that helps to plan worship and prepares the worship space? If you said **YES** to any of these questions, please attend Pastor Kim's **Worship Committee on Thursday, September 17, at 6:30 pm.** We will meet in the library, and will be discussing plans for **World Communion Sunday, All Saints Sunday, the Thanksgiving season, and Advent.**

Kitchen Food Safety Training Our kitchen was recently inspected and re-licensed by the PA Department of Agriculture! While our non-profit status waives formal certification requirements for kitchen staff and volunteers, the Department strongly encourages anyone involved in food prep or serving (Egg Project, Fish Fry, Youth, Bazaar, Yard Sale, Subs, Chow-Chow, Fellowship Time, Funerals, etc.) to attend a **2-hour training session on Monday, September 21** from **6-8 pm**. Please sign up on the table in front of the office. Your participation helps keep our food service safe and welcoming for everyone! Our state inspector will be conducting this presentation.

The **2026 Fry dates** are **September 25th, October 16th and November 6th, 4 - 6:30 PM.** Help is needed for morning, afternoon/fry and clean up shifts. A number of jobs have been filled but there are still openings. Sign-up sheet is located in the lobby. Pies and cakes are also needed for desserts. Contact: Jobs - Kathy Boyer, [717-896-9137](tel:717-896-9137) (no texting), Pies & cakes – Cindy Matter, [717-439-0031](tel:717-439-0031)

Sunday, September 27th we will be having an official **“Welcome Dinner” for Pastor Kim**. It will be an indoor picnic featuring “Bellis” chicken, mashed potatoes filling, green beans, corn and dessert. This will also serve as a Kickoff to October’s Pastor Appreciation Month. Please plan to join us to officially welcome Pastor Kim and show her how much we already appreciate her and her leadership.

A **Christmas Bazaar** planning meeting will be held on **September 28th at 6:00 pm**. Additional details will be provided as we continue to plan this event. Please bring your ideas for additional booths to sell products to raise money for the church and missions. The bazaar on will be held on November 5 from 9 am until 7 pm. Additional details will be provided as we continue to plan this event. If you would like to volunteer, donate crafts for the craft table or have any ideas on additional stands and cannot attend the meeting, please feel free to contact Lisa Adams at [717-649-5971](tel:717-649-5971)

The chow chow makers have been busy preparing the vegetables for the chow chow. However, we are in need of quart and pint jars. If you have any to donate, we will place a box under the coat rack. If you need assistance loading or unloading your jars, please contact Lisa Adams at [717-649-5971](tel:717-649-5971) and we can arrange for someone to help you. If you would like to participate in helping make the chow chow, we will have a signup sheet available for you to provide your information

October 18, 6pm, Charge Conference at Trinity UMC
In Elizabethville

October 21 6-7:30, Grace Hebron Treat Trail
Looking for people to decorate a space inside the Family Life Center and hand out treats.
Questions -see Bobbi Jo or Tracy

THOSE TO BE LIFTED UP IN PRAYER...

Amelia Orr - struggling with pain from bulging disc
Dawn Powers— continued health struggles
Craig Teter for GI Healing.
Unspoken—eating disorder
Evelyn Zerfing-started PT
Dawn Sterling—Healing for hip
Sandy Hamilton-continued struggles after heart surgery
Kim Radel-continued healing from knee replacement
Bill Smith—accident
Dennis Schaffner—stroke recovery
Gerry Lauver—stroke recovery
Todd Boyer—heart attack
Carson Kauffman—emotional struggles
Nikki Hooper—radiation for breast cancer
Sebastian Shiro-diagnosed with cancer
Eliska Louder—mass on liver
Doug Merrimen— cancer struggles
Steven Whary—covered with tumors
Rachel Fulkrod-back in hospital
Jim Coyle Jr. -health struggles
Peggy Philips—trouble with artery in leg
Bruce Wolfe—cancer
Shirley Brousius-hospital
Helen Shepley-fall-hip & arm fractures
Oren Ackerman-hospice
“Smiley” Mike Shaffer—hospital with COVID
Brooke Jury/going thru difficult times, seizures, pain,etc
Donna Mallos – Hospice
Vicki Wommer-Benign mass removed from kidney
Kerri Cover-major health issues
Ashley Turbin – cancer
Family of Alicia Hoover Murphy
Family of Joel Minnich

Matthew Ashbury

Kelsie

Family of Dan Crabb

Family of Alicia Hoover Murphy

Danielle Marshall

Kori Bell—surgery recovery

Joel Wiest-awaiting a kidney

Robin Davis—waiting on answers on health struggles

Evelyn Lebo-diagnosed with breast cancer

Travel Mercies

Celebration of Unity Service

Ongoing Prayers For:

Wayne Perkins, Gerry (Tubs) Troutman, Lillian Neiswender, Ruth Anderson, Jim & Sue Turnbaugh, Gary & Kay Matter, Terry Uhler, Linda Heckdorn, Don & Peg Lebo

*Please update the office or pastor if names can be removed. Thank you!

Praise

Nic Rocca – graduated boot camp

Bowie is doing great

Lions Club Collection Box: A collection box is located in the office for any unused eye glasses and hearing aids for donation.

Weis Cards: Now available in the office and from Vicki Long.