

Sunday’s Ushers: Thank you to our Ushers, **Tim Kilmer, Fred Bailey (steward), Bob Briggs, and Tracey Briggs.** Thank you to our Nursery Volunteer **Kathryn McIntyre.**

September 6, 2026

Miriam Circle Fundraiser - Homemade chicken casseroles are for sale at \$20 each. The 8x8 casseroles are sold frozen and can be reheated for an easy meal! These would make a great gift to a homebound member or friend! Only 11 are left and payment must be made in advance. Contact **Mariah** in the office to reserve yours today!

The school supplies & clothing have been delivered to **Bell Elementary** and they were overwhelmed with all that was donated. Once again, **thank you** for your generosity. A letter from the school will be posted on the bulletin board.

REMINDER - All children in **grades 3 and below** are welcome to join us in **Children’s Church** after the Affirmation of Faith.

Apportionment Special Offering—We will be collecting a special offering for our 2026 Apportionments on **Sunday, September 13.** Please prayerfully consider giving to this important fund that keeps our church doors open!

Groce UMC Rummage Sale will be held **Sept. 11 from 3-6 and Sept 12 from 8-3.** Donations will be collected Sept. 7-9 from 3-5pm at the rear entrance of Asbury Hall. See bulletin boards for details on items accepted. No clothing or large, heavy items! Sign-up sheet for volunteers for the sale is on the bulletin board outside of the office or use the QR code on the right to sign up online.



Church Calendar: September 6-12

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
9:00: Sunday School Class 10:30: Worship Service	<u>LABOR</u> <u>DAY</u> <u>OFFICE</u> <u>CLOSED</u> 11:00: Prayer Group 1:00 Canasta 3:00 Rummage Sale Dropoff	10:30: Crafters 1:45: Tai Chi 3:00 Handbells 3:00 Rummage Sale Dropoff 7:00 SMBB 7:00 BH Exec Mtg	3:00 Rummage Sale Dropoff 5:15 UMM @ VRQ 5:30 Men’s Chorus 6:00 Chancel Choir 6:00: AA	10:30: Isaac Group 1:45: Tai Chi 3:00 Beginner Tai Chi 5:00: Welcome Table	3:00 Tailgate Market 3:00 <u>Rummage</u> <u>Sale</u>	8:00 Handbell Workshop 8:00 <u>Rummage</u> <u>Sale</u> 6:30 Wesley Fundraiser



The purpose of Groce United Methodist Church is to build the family of God through praising God, bringing others to Christ, teaching the faith, strengthening the fellowship, and sending forth in service.

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Gayle Decker—Administrator/Treasurer
Mariah Wright—Secretary
Tammy Peek—Custodian



Sunday Worship Celebration

September 6, 2026

* Where indicated, stand if you are able.

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE “Trumpet Sonata Movement I” Purcell

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Jill Rhinehart

*CALL TO WORSHIP Jennifer Prince

Leader: Christ our Lord invites us to his table.

People: We come hungry for grace and ready to receive.

Leader: Here, the weary find strength, the broken find mercy, and the lonely find a place.

People: Here, we are gathered as one body in Christ.

Leader: Come with your gratitude and your grief, your strong faith and your fragile faith.

People: We come because Christ is gracious, and there is room for us all.

Leader: Come, let us worship God and prepare our hearts for the feast of grace.

Leader: Let us pray. Gracious and loving God, you have called us from many places and gathered us as one family around your table. We come carrying our joys and sorrows, our hopes and fears, our faith and our questions. Quiet our hearts and open us to your presence. Remind us that we do not come because we are worthy, but because you are gracious. Through your Holy Spirit, help us remember the love of Christ, receive the grace you freely offer, and become the people you are calling us to be. Unite us with Christ, unite us with one another, and send us into the world to share the mercy we receive. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, we pray. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #617 “I Come with Joy”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle’s Creed

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.

ANTHEM “In Remembrance” Buryl Red

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 NT pg. 173

MESSAGE “Come to the Table”

RECEIVING GOD’S GIFTS Ushers will come forward

OFFERTORY “Wondrous Love” arr. Purifor

*DOXOLOGY

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE pg. 12-14

COMMUNION PRAYER
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, Amen.

COMMUNION SONGS “How Great Thou Art/As the Deer”

*CLOSING HYMN #431 “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE “Trumpet Sonata Movement II” Purcell

Thanks to today’s special musicians: **Debbie Ross** (flute) and **Bill Ross** (trumpet)

*Our worship service has ended.
Now, our worship through service begins.*

Announcements

The first four pews on both sides are fragrance-free.

The Flowers on the Altar have been given by **True & Jane Morse**, and are dedicated to the glory of God, and to our church staff: **Gayle, Mariah, and Tammy**, all of whom go above and beyond to keep our church running smoothly.