Announcements

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

Next Sunday is our **Blessing Box Sunday**! Most needed this month is Vienna Sausages.

The **Flowers on the Altar** have been given by **Carol Arrowood** in honor of **Maro Slaughter**, a proud veteran and Work Horse of the Welcome Table.

Sunday's Ushers: Thank you to our Ushers, **Michelle Troxell (steward), JoAnn McGough, Bob Briggs, and John Stovall.** Thank you to our Nursery Volunteer **Sandra Crouch.**

The Youth will be hosting a **spaghetti luncheon** on **Nov 15** after the worship service. The meal will be by donation and benefit our Youth Ministry.

4th Quarter Apportionments—We will be collecting a special offering for our 2026 Apportionments on **Sunday, November 22**. Please prayerfully consider giving to this important fund that keeps our church doors open!

Advent Poinsettias are now available to order! Order forms will be available at the back of the Sanctuary. Plants are **$8 each** and can be dedicated to a loved one**.**

Advent Study Group— Join **Debbie Ross** each Tues. morning of Advent (**12/1, 12/8, 12/15 and 12/22**) in the pink room at **11am**. Sign up outside the Church Office, books will cost about **$12**.

Miriam Circle will be collecting donations of deodorant for Community School. Any type is appreciated. Place your donation in the box outside the office.

Church Calendar: November 8-14

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
9:00: Sunday School **10:30:** Worship **5:00** Youth	**11:00:** Prayer Group **3:00** Handbells **6:00** Girl Scouts **6:00** Guitar League	**10:30:** Crafters **1:45:** Tai Chi **4:15** PP Mtg **6:00** Basket Guild **7:00** BH Exec Mtg **7:00** SMBB	**5:15** UMM @ VRQ **5:30** Men's Chorus **6:00** Choir **6:00:** AA Mtg	**10:30:** Isaac Group **1:45:** Tai Chi **3:00** Beginner Tai Chi **5:00:** Welcome Table **6:45** Cub Scouts	**3:00** Tailgate Market	**10:00** Council on Aging Medicare Class

November 8, 2026

CONSECRATION SUNDAY



Artwork by Brother Martin Erspamer, OSB

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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Sunday Worship Celebration

November 8, 2026

* Where indicated, stand if you are able.

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE **“More About Jesus”** *arr. Sweney*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Jill Rhinehart

*CALL TO WORSHIP Jennifer Prince

Leader: Come, people of God, and prepare your hearts for worship.
People: We come seeking the light of Christ.
Leader: Jesus calls us to be watchful, faithful, and ready.
People: We will keep our lamps burning with faith, hope, and love.
Leader: Even when the journey is long and the night seems dark, God remains faithful.
People: We will trust in the Lord and walk in God's light.
Leader: Come, let us worship the One who was, who is, and who is to come!
All: Amen!
Leader: Let us pray. Gracious and loving God, we come before You today with grateful hearts. In the busyness of life, we sometimes lose sight of what matters most. Help us to be watchful, faithful, and prepared for Your presence in our lives. Fill our hearts with Your love, strengthen our faith, and guide us to live each day with purpose. May our worship draw us closer to You and inspire us to shine Your light into the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #399 **“Take My Life, and Let It Be”**

PRAYER OF YEARNING
Leader: Let us come before God, acknowledging our need for His grace and our desire to grow closer to Him.
All: Gracious and loving God, we yearn for a deeper relationship with You. Yet we confess that too often we allow the busyness of life to distract us from Your presence. We fill our days with responsibilities and worries, leaving little room to nurture our faith. Sometimes our lamps burn dim, and we forget to seek the light only You can provide. Awaken our hearts, renew our spirits, and help us to recognize Your presence in our everyday lives. Teach us to live faithfully, love generously, and remain ready to follow wherever You lead. Fill us with Your grace, that our lives may shine with the light of Christ. In His holy name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE
Leader: Hear the good news! God's love never grows dim, and His grace never runs dry. Even when we become distracted or weary, God continues to call us into a deeper relationship with Him. Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and strengthened for the journey ahead. May we go forward with hearts filled with hope and lamps burning brightly.
People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

ANTHEM **“I’ll Fly Away”** *Young Music Artist - Ella Stenov*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/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.

SPECIAL MUSIC **“Be Thou My Vision”**

SCRIPTURE **Matthew 25:1-13** *NT pg. 28*

MESSAGE “Keep Your Lamps Burning”

RECEIVING GOD’S GIFTS Ushers will come forward

CONSECRATION SUNDAY:
As the music plays, we come to a moment of dedication. You are invited to bring your pledge cards forward and place them on the altar rail. This is our opportunity to respond to God’s blessings and to participate together in the ministry we share as a church family.

OFFERTORY **“Something For Thee”** *Lowry*

*DOXOLOGY

***CLOSING HYMN TFWS #2176 **“Make Me a Servant”**

SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

POSTLUDE **“It Is Glory Just to Walk with Him”** *Lillenas*

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