

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 18, 2026 10:00 am



**Extol the Lord
our God, and
worship at his
holy mountain,
for the Lord our
God is holy.**

-Psalm 99:9



*By the grace of God, we seek to love God
and to serve humanity as Christ did.*

The People of Grand Avenue United Methodist Church

Welcome to GRAND AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor: Jerry Cho

Prayer Request Cards are available in each pew. An usher will collect the cards during the service. Pastor will include your prayer request during the Sharing of Concerns and Joys.

Yellow Welcome Cards are available in each pew for our guests to fill out.

Hymns and Songs are in the red United Methodist Hymnal (**UMH**) and the black song book The Faith We Sing (**TFWS**) located in the pew racks. **Indicates those who are able may stand.*

Entrance and Praise

PRELUDE

Mason Thill

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Downing

To our guests, we extend our warm greetings.
To the friends we know, let us renew our welcome.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (L-Leader, A-All)

Mary Downing

L: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

A: Our lives, our gifts, and all that we have belong to God.

L: We live in the world, with responsibilities to our neighbors and our communities.

A: Yet our deepest loyalty belongs to the God of love and justice.

L: Jesus calls us to wisdom, courage, and faithful living.

A: May we give to others what is due, and give to God our hearts and our lives.

L: Come, let us worship God.

A: We come to worship with gratitude and faith.

***HYMN**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

#103 UMH

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Mary Downing

We carry many loyalties and responsibilities, and sometimes we struggle to know what faithfulness requires. We may give too much power to money, status, politics, or our own interests, forgetting that we bear the image of God. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess where our lives have fallen short of love, justice, and faithfulness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Pastor Jerry Cho

Gracious God, you have created us in your image and entrusted us with gifts to use for the good of all. Yet we confess that we sometimes give our hearts to things that do not deserve our deepest loyalty. We allow money, power, fear, and self-interest to shape our choices. Forgive us when we neglect our responsibilities to our neighbors and our community, and when we forget that our lives ultimately belong to you. Give us wisdom to live faithfully in the world, courage to seek justice, and compassion to serve others. Help us reflect your image in all that we say and do. Amen.

Now let us take a moment of quiet reflection to bring our sins individually before our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (L-Leader, P-People)

L: Hear the good news: God does not abandon us when we lose our way. God calls us again to lives of grace, justice, and love. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and renewed. May we go forth remembering whose image we bear and to whom our lives ultimately belong.

P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Forgiven and restored to right union with God let us offer each other the sign of His peace. This is a symbol of our commitment to love our neighbor.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Proclamation and Response

FIRST READING

Exodus 33:12-23

Mary Downing

Page 76, Old Testament in pew Bible

SECOND READING

Psalm 99

Mary Downing

Page 522, Old Testament in pew Bible

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:15-22

Pastor Jerry Cho

Page 23, New Testament in pew Bible

Leader: The Word of God for people of God!

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON The Coin Belongs to Caesar—We Belong to God

Pastor Jerry Cho

***HYMN**

Pass me Not, O Gentle Savior

#351 UMH

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND JOYS

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

Collectively we bring our petitions to the Lord with the prayer He has given us.

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.

AFTER LORD'S PRAYER

Amen

#898 UMH

Sending Forth

***HYMN**

Wonderful Words of Life

#600 UMH

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Mason Thill

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**SPECIAL OFFERINGS RECEIVED 10/11:**

|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| Aluminum Cans          | \$9.75  |
| Craft Booth            | \$52.00 |
| World Communion Sunday | \$30.00 |

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Volunteers, Thank you for serving in our ministry!

Liturgist	Cupbearers	Coffee Host
10/18 Mary Downing	n/a	Dave Guse
10/25 Nancy Haacke	n/a	Cindy Cho
11/1 Marc Eernisse	<i>Needed*</i>	Nancy Haacke
<i>*See sign-up on bulletin board</i>		
Usher	A/V	
10/18 Larry Maechtle	Scott Penkivech	
10/25 Larry Maechtle	Scott Penkivech	
11/1 Larry Maechtle	Scott Penkivech	

Calendar Reminders This Week:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Mon – Fri	10:30am-12:30pm	ADRC Meal Distribution	Kitchen
Tue 10/20	10 am	Stockbox	FAC
Wed 10/21	8 pm	AA Mtg	FAC
Thu 10/22	5:30 pm	Private Group	FAC
Fri 10/23	Newsletter Articles Due		Office

All Saints' Sunday – November 1st

If you have a loved one who has joined the union of Saints since All Saints Day last year, please call or email the church office with their name and relationship so that they can be remembered on November 1st.

Milwaukee Domes Outing – Oct 25th

Join Pastor Jerry and Cindy for an afternoon of beautiful fall flowers, fellowship, and fun on Sunday, October 25, 2026. This group will depart from Church parking lot at noon and carpool to the Domes, returning around 4–5 PM. The Admission is \$8 and there is a sign-up sheet on the hall bulletin board if you are interested.

Charge Conference & Potluck – Nov. 8th

Our Annual Charge Conference will be on Sunday, November 8th in Fellowship Hall after worship. This is when we review our ministry, receive reports, and adopt goals recommended by the church council. We will celebrate with a potluck. There is a sign-up on the bulletin board if you are interested in bringing a dish to share. We are also looking for a volunteer to serve as meal coordinator for the Potluck. Please plan to join the celebration!

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### Advent Study

**11 am - Wednesdays**

**November 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>**

Dave will be leading a four-week Advent study during the month of November. The reason for the earlier starting time is that he will be having hip replacement surgery on December 3rd. The study resource is entitled **Advent Can Still Change the World by Josh Scott**. The study will be held on Wednesday mornings from 11:00 a.m. to noon beginning on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Books are \$16 and available on the counter in the narthex.



### **Current Needs**

Canned meats, canned beans, condiments, large soups, peanut butter, jelly, assorted pasta, and salad dressing.



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Laundry detergent pods (high priority), dryer sheets, hand soap pumps, women's shave cream, toilet paper, toilet bowl cleaner, and earplugs.



### **Giving Tree**

Please bring hats, mittens, scarfs and gloves to church to help our neighbors in need. Place them on the Christmas tree in the narthex. In early November, we will divide them between Family Promise and the Ozaukee Foster Care program.

# DINE TO DONATE WITH



470 E Green Bay Ave, Saukville, WI 53080

When  
October 23rd

From the hours of  
4pm-8pm

20% of all sales at Redstone Kitchen  
will benefit Family Promise of  
Ozaukee County.



## Silent Auction Donations Needed



Our congregation is putting together a money tree and gift basket for the Lighthouse Youth Ministry Silent Auction on Giving Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. We are looking for monetary donations to help create both. Donations can be made by indicating "Lighthouse Auction" on the payment and placing it on the offering plate. All donations are needed by **Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**.



*Giving Tuesday*  
**SPAGHETTI SUPPER**

**DECEMBER 1**  
5 pm to 7:30pm

at Parkside Community UCC  
166 W. Dekora St, Saukville

 **HUGE SILENT AUCTION**

**DINE IN OR CARRY OUT**

  
Gluten Free &  
Vegetarian  
Options  
Available

  
**50/50  
RAFFLE**

**MUSIC BY BELLA MUSIK**

 **LIGHTHOUSE**  
YOUTH MINISTRY

**\$15  
per person**

**10 and  
under free**



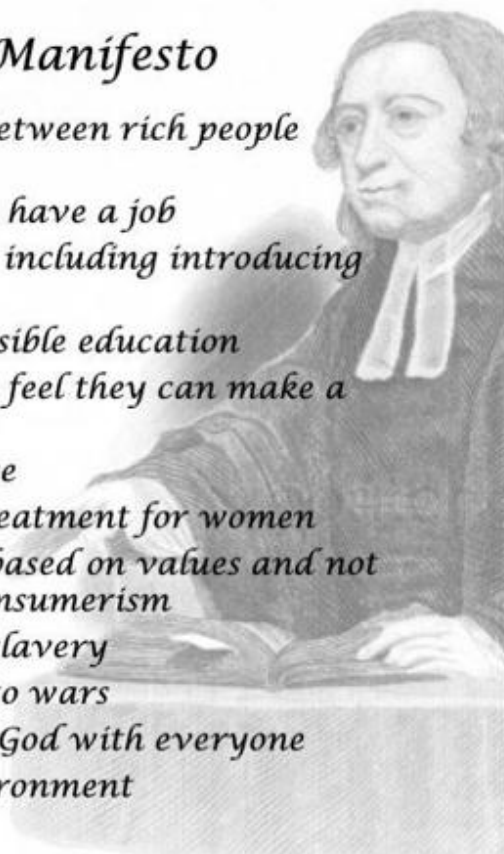
See Jill Eernisse or Dan Benning to get your tickets.

| From Pastor Jerry:

\*Spiritual Vitamins \* (Oct. 18, 2026)

## *John Wesley's Manifesto*

1. *Reduce the gap between rich people and poor people*
2. *Help everyone to have a job*
3. *Help the poorest, including introducing a living wage*
4. *Offer the best possible education*
5. *Help everyone to feel they can make a difference*
6. *Promote tolerance*
7. *Promote equal treatment for women*
8. *Create a society based on values and not on profits and consumerism*
9. *End all forms of slavery*
10. *Avoid getting into wars*
11. *Share the love of God with everyone*
12. *Care for the environment*





## **GRAND AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**Remember Our Endowment Fund**