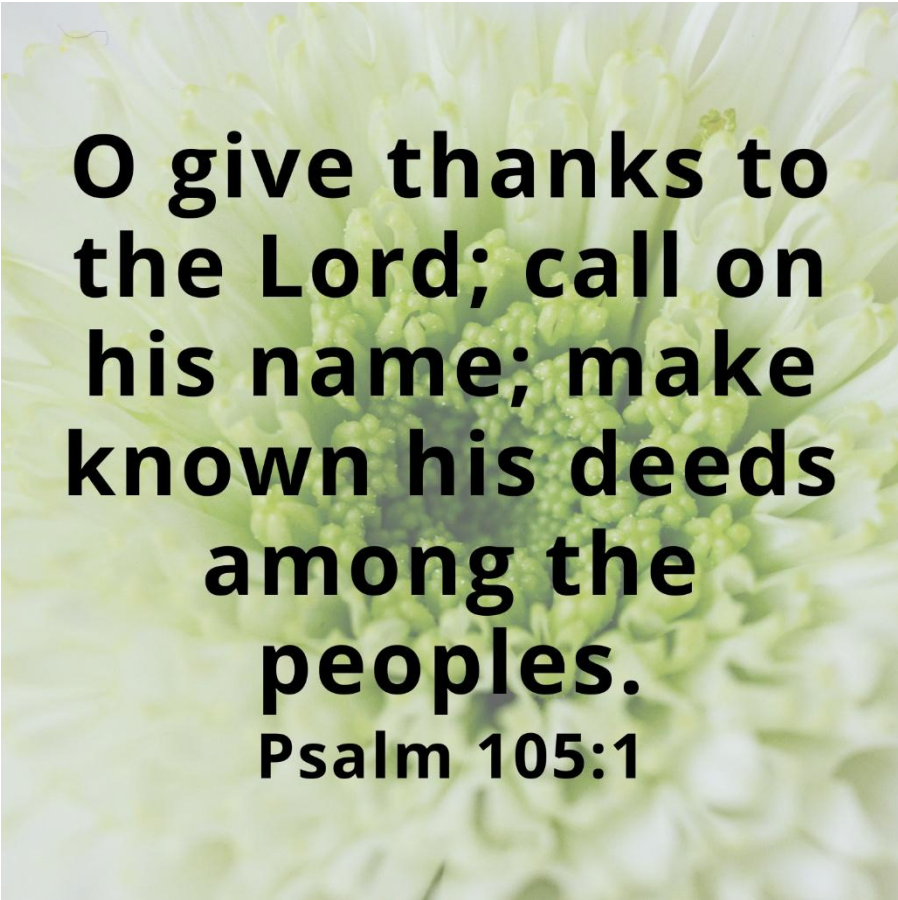


11th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 9, 2026 10:00 am



**O give thanks to
the Lord; call on
his name; make
known his deeds
among the
peoples.**

Psalm 105:1



*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: Across the barriers that divide race from race:

A: Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.

L: Across the barriers that divide rich from poor:

A: Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.

L: Across the barriers that divide Christians:

A: Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.

L: Confront us, O Christ, with the hidden prejudices and fears that deny and betray our prayers.

A: Enable us to see the causes of strife, remove from us all senses of superiority.

L: Teach us to grow in unity with all God's children.

A: To the honor of your name: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Mary Downing

Life often brings storms that fill our hearts with fear, worry, and doubt. Like Peter, we sometimes lose sight of Christ and begin to sink beneath the waves. Yet Jesus does not abandon us. He reaches out his hand, saying, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Trusting in God's mercy and grace, let us come before God with honest hearts and confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Pastor Jerry Cho

Gracious God,

When the winds of life grow strong, we confess that we often give in to fear instead of trusting you. We focus on the waves around us rather than your presence beside us. Forgive us for the times we doubt your love, neglect our neighbors, or fail to live with courage and compassion.

Take us by the hand, lift us up, and strengthen our faith. Help us to keep our eyes on Christ, that we may walk in hope, serve with love, and follow you with renewed trust.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. 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: When Peter began to sink, Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him. Our Lord is just as gracious to us.

P: **God's mercy is greater than our fears, and God's love is stronger than our failures.**

L: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, accepted, and made new.

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.

Proclamation and Response

FIRST READING	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	Mary Downing Page 32, New Testament in pew Bible
SECOND READING	Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b	Mary Downing Page 525, New Testament in pew Bible
GOSPEL READING	Matthew 14:22-33	Pastor Jerry Cho Page 15, New Testament in pew Bible

Leader: The Word of God for people of God!

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON	Faith Overcomes Fear	Pastor Jerry Cho
*HYMN	Help Us Accept Each Other	#560 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
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Sending Forth

*HYMN	Precious Lord, Take My Hand	#474 UMH
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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE	Mason Thill
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Volunteers, Thank you for serving in our ministry!

Liturgist

8/9 Mary Downing
8/16 Nancy Haacke
8/23 Cindy Cho

Cupbearers

n/a
n/a
n/a

Coffee Host

Pat Craig & Mary Downing
Guse & Jones
Lighthouse Potluck

****See sign-up on bulletin board***

Usher

8/9 Larry Maechtle
8/16 Larry Maechtle
8/23 Larry Maechtle

A/V

Scott Penkivech
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Calendar Reminders This Week:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mon – Fri	10:30am-12:30pm	ADRC Meal Distribution	Kitchen
Tue 8/11	All Day	Primary Election	Fellowship Hall
Wed 8/12	8 pm	AA Mtg	FAC
Thu 8/13	5:30 pm	Private Group	FAC
	7 pm	Admin Council	Zoom

Book Club Interest

Cindy Cho is interested in starting a Book Club at Grand Avenue UMC! If you enjoy reading, thoughtful discussion, and fellowship, we'd love to hear from you. If you are interested in participating, please contact Cindy at 920-373-3419.



The flyer has a green and white polka-dot background. At the top, there are several green dollar signs and coins. A dark green horizontal bar contains the title 'FINANCE SEMINAR' in white capital letters. Below this, a white rectangular box with a thin green border contains the main text and a bulleted list. The text is in a black sans-serif font. The list items are preceded by green bullet points. At the bottom, the date and time 'Aug. 20, 2026 at 7:30PM' are written in a large, bold, dark green font, followed by 'Fellowship Hall' in a slightly smaller, bold, dark green font. The bottom of the flyer features green geometric shapes and a row of small green dots.

FINANCE SEMINAR

Have you ever wondered...

- What happens to the money you give to the church?
How is it handled? Where does it go?
- How the church is doing financially? Are we in trouble
or are we living in the lap of luxury?
- How you can know when church finances change?

Your finance committee thinks transparency is important,
so we are planning a one-hour seminar to be held in
Fellowship Hall at 7:30PM on August 20, 2026.

All are invited. If you come, you will:

- Learn how funds are handled from the moment you
give them until the moment they are spent
- Learn how giving restrictions and memorial gifts are
honored
- Learn what financial reports are prepared every month
- Learn how to receive them monthly and how to read
them
- Learn how to evaluate the church's financial condition
in thirty seconds or less from these reports
- Have an open-ended opportunity to ask questions

Aug. 20, 2026 at 7:30PM
Fellowship Hall



Current Needs

Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Disinfecting Wipes, Unscented Baby Wipes, Unbreakable Plastic Bowls, Travel Size Mouthwash, and Toilet Bowl Cleaner.

Upcoming Meal Week

Our next opportunity to serve meals at the Portlight Shelter is **August 24th to 28th**. Please consider helping with this mission by providing a side dish, helping serve a meal, or being a meal leader. Funds are available for reimbursement of your meal costs. Use the newsletter link or contact the church office to sign up.

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## Ecumenical Worship and Potluck Sunday, August 23 at 10:00 am

Our Lighthouse partner congregations will come together for an ecumenical worship celebration on Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> here at GAUMC.

This special service will focus on our call as the Body of Christ to "Do Something" to show our love for both God and our neighbors and celebrate what God has been able to do through our ecumenical efforts. Photos and stories will be shared from the Lighthouse service trips to Nashville and Chicago. Everyone is invited to stay after worship for a potluck-style cookout. Lighthouse Youth Ministry will provide burgers and hot dogs, members of GAUMC are asked to bring salads (you can sign up on the bulletin board), and the other churches will be bringing items as well.



## Current Needs

Canned meats, canned beans, condiments, large soups, peanut butter, jelly, assorted pasta, and salad dressing. Also, new or gently used bath towels, sheets, and blankets.



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**Join us each Sunday for worship at 10:00 am**

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Bishop: Dan Schwerin / District Superintendent: Rev. Dr. InSun Lee

**Remember Our Endowment Fund**