

## Storytelling Sunday

HYMN SING  
 GREETING Sam Jones  
 VOLUNTARY *Children's Song Medley* arr. Hayes  
 \*CALL TO WORSHIP  
 Leader: Come, all who long to hear again the stories of Jesus  
 People: Stories so simple a child can understand, yet deep enough to stir the soul.  
 Leader: Come, all who love to tell the story—  
 People: Of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
 Leader: We gather to speak and to listen, to remember and to rejoice,  
 People: For God's Word is living and active, and the stories we tell still shape our lives today.  
 Leader: So let us worship with open hearts and ready voices,  
 ALL: And let the story of God be told again, in us, among us, and through us.  
 Amen.

\*HYMN *I Love to tell the Story* UMH156

CHILDRENS SERMON  
 PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH895

ANTHEM *This Little Light of Mine* Arr. Mabry

BIBLE STORIES Thank you to our storytellers!

\*HYMN *Tell me the Stories of Jesus* UMH 277

\*THE APOSTLES CREED UMH881  
 \*GLORIA PATRI UMH70

OFFERTORY *We'll Understand it Better By and By* arr. Marohnic  
 THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
 \*DOXOLOGY UMH 95  
 PRAYER OVER THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*HYMN *We've a Story to tell to the Nations* UMH569

\*OUR MISSION AT GRACE IS:  
 "To Know Jesus and To Make Him Known to Others"

\*BENEDICTION  
 \*RESPONSE *They'll know we are Christians by our love* TFWS2223  
 \* *Please stand as you are able*

## Prayer Requests

<b>For Recovery of the Sick</b>	Darlene Simpson	Dwight and Family
Paige & Charles Griffin	Theresa Douglass	Carl Allen
Hannah Martin	Kate S.-Judith D sister-in-law	Toni Ramey, Tracy's cousin
Cameron Martin	<b>Family &amp; Friends</b>	Denise Wolfe
Betsy Smoak & Family	NaDaniel Seabrook	Betty Void
Billie Thompson	Lisa Seeger	Peyton Simpson
Lois Pavkov	Christine Mack	Cindy Goodrich & Family
Bernard & Felicia Pressley	Beverly Vercher	<b>The Fanny Crosby Society</b>
Chuck & Sharon Sovick	Kristen	Rita Pardue
Joyce Sweeney	Katie Feaster Family	Doris Bailey
Sam Jones	Cailynn Campos & Partners	Sandra Merritt
Kim and Larry Lott	Terra & Rod Campos	Sharon Bowman
Les Shelton	Linda Reath, Phil G's sister	Jeannette Cooper
Phil Guinn	Martin Hammond, Terry's Dad	Jackie Daniel
Carolyn Seabrook	Jackie Dorn, Carolyn's sister	
Curt VanGelder	Melissa H.	
Charlie Simpson		

### June 22

9:00am—Seekers Small Group  
 9:00am—10:00am Choir Rehearsal  
 10:00am—11:00am Worship Service  
 11:15am—12:15pm Sermon Discussion Grp  
 1:00pm—AA Meeting  
 1:00pm—Girl Scouts-GS Room

### Monday June 23

12:00pm—1:00pm AA Meeting  
 6:00pm—8:00pm Lay Leaders Conference-FH

### Tuesday June 24

12:00pm—1:00pm AA Meeting  
 7:00pm—Girl Scouts Leaders Meeting

### Wednesday June 25

12:00pm—1:00pm AA Meeting  
 6:30pm—7:30pm NA Meeting (AA/NA Room)

### Thursday June 26

12:00 pm—AA Meeting  
 5:30pm—7:30pm VBS

### Friday June 27

Office Closed  
 12:00 pm—AA Meeting

### Saturday June 28

9:00am—11:00am Crochet Group  
 9:30am—1:00pm Farmers Market  
 10:00am—11:00am AA Meeting  
 11:00am—12:00pm Memorial Service for Jim Goodrich  
 6:30 pm—NA Meeting-NA/AA room

### Sunday June 29

9:00am—10:00am Choir Rehearsal  
 9:00am—10:00am Seekers Small Group  
 10:00am—11:00am Worship Service  
 11:15am—12:15pm Sermon Discussion Group  
 1:00pm—2:00pm AA Meeting  
 1:00pm—6:00pm Girl Scouts GS Rm

## Announcements Week of June 22, 2025

**Hungry and Homeless Ministry,** Thank you for your continued support of this vital ministry. The ministry is looking for travel-sized: mouthwash (alcohol-free), shampoo, nail clippers, note pads, size 8-12 crew socks and razors. If you have any questions please contact Maxine or Ruth.

**Blessing of the Backpacks:** Join us at Grace UMC on Sunday, August 3rd for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks during worship! All are invited to bring a backpack, bookbag, or school tote—whether you're in preschool or grad school, a teacher or school staff member—for a special time of prayer and blessing as a new school year begins.

This year, we are collecting school supplies for students at Irmo High School, in partnership with their guidance office. A list of requested items can be found in the bulletin insert. Please note that this outreach is focused on supporting students in our local community at Irmo, rather than providing supplies for our own Grace UMC kids as in years past. Most of our families are well-supplied this year, and any specific needs within the congregation will be met privately.

Thank you for your generosity and your prayers as we bless students, educators, and school communities for the year ahead!

**Vacation Bible:** Joy in the Mess, a messy church model, in the evenings (5:30pm-7:30pm) June 26 and July 10 and 17 at Grace. Messy Church is an interactive and **intergenerational** worship experience that combines faith, food, fellowship, and fun. Everyone is invited NOT just the children. Sign up using the QR code with the dinosaur! Or add your name to the list in the narthex!



**Why do we call it the narthex?** In many churches, the lobby or entry area is called the *narthex*. In early Christian worship, the narthex was a space set apart—a threshold between the outside world and the sacred space of the sanctuary. It was where people prepared their hearts and minds before entering into worship. Historically, it was also where those not yet baptized or those in a time of repentance would gather. Today, we keep the name as a reminder that even our gathering spaces can be holy ground—places of welcome, reflection, and readiness to encounter God.



*A church of the community that equips people with the knowledge and skills to go out into the world to serve, and provides opportunities for all people to experience God's love at work in God's world.*

## BIBLE Storytelling SUNDAY



### WELCOME

We welcome and invite all to experience the love of Christ and continue their Christian journey at Grace. If you are interested in membership at Grace please contact the

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