

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome, everyone, to OCM Grace Church! We are happy that you are here to worship the Lord together! May the Lord bless you richly with His steadfast love and joy!

Memory Verse for the Week – Luke 14:13

But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,

Today:

- **Children's Ministry:** Lesson today: A giant staircase to heaven
- **Life Prep Classes:**
 - Youth:** Choices lesson 3
 - Young Adults:** Meet in Bergen House
 - Adult:** Jesus The God Who Knows Your Name, by Max Lucado
- Please join in the October birthdays lunch at 1 pm, followed by a concert of prayer for Missions Sunday in the sanctuary from 1:45 – 2:30 pm

Mark the Date:

10.10 – Women of Grace 10 am. Unshakable Hope by Max Lucado
10.11 – Mission Sunday - Speaker Rev. Jerry Schmoyer; Workshop: Rev. Aaron Shum
10.18 – Bergen New Bridge Medical Center Volunteering
10.22 – CEF Fall Dinner - come have dinner and learn about how to reach children with the Gospel

Baptism Class starts today: All who are ready to obey the Lord's call for this exciting step of faith please speak with Pastor John. The classes will be held on 10/4, 10/18, 10/25; 11/1. The baptism will be on Sunday, November 8.

2027 Deacon Board Nominations: The board of deacons is beginning the process for nominating deacons for 2027. Please prayerfully consider members of our church who will fit the Biblical requirements for deacons posted on the bulletin board. The term for deacons is four years. Suggestions for candidates can be made to Pastor John, Minister Sandy, Alfred Lee, and Erin Miu for consideration until 10/4. Thank you for your prayers in this important time in our church.

Grace Festival Choir is calling for singers! We will offer special music at the church anniversary service on 11/8. Practice dates: 10/11, 10/25, 11/1. Please talk to Li-Chan.

Volunteering Opportunities: Bergen New Bridge Medical Center; Homeless Shelter - see PJ

Pastoral Search Committee:

Alfred, Alex, Candi, Maris, Marissa, Sebastian, Susan, and Yacer.

Offering:

Two ways of giving: Zelle via church account, ocmgracetreasury@outlook.com; mail checks payable to OCM Grace Church to 90 Mt. Vernon St, Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660, Attn: Treasury (specify for missions or general fund in memo)

Offering Summary		General Fund	Mission Fund
Target % of Budget Received (YTD)	273 / 365 days	75%	75%
Actual % of Budget Received (YTD)	Thru 9/30/2026	70%	84%

Attendance for 9/27: 38

OCM Grace Church

October 4, 2026



"Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. Luke 12:35-37"

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

Erin Miu (Christian Education, Building/Service; Treasury)

Alfred Lee (Fellowship; Mission; Secretary)

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God Summons Us

Call to Worship

Susan

Philippians 2:5-7

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God
a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.

Confession of Sins

Apostles Creed

Praise

Sebastian

God Speaks and Strengthens Us

Blessing for the Children

Pastor John

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Matthew 4:8-11

Alex

Sermon

Pastor John

The Marks of a Christian Leader: Worship and Serve the Lord Your God Only

We Respond to God

Song of Response

Intercessory Prayer

Pastor John

Offering

Susan

God Sends Us

Announcements

Susan

Benediction

Pastor John

Silent Prayer

OUR PRAYERS

*Pray supplications, prayers, and intercession for all people.
For leaders in high positions. 1 Tim. 2:1-2*

Dear Lord, we pray humbly that you would help us to learn the wisdom of being poor in spirit, like you. Help us not to be attached to the things of this world, but to live for your sake, being led by you. In Jesus' Name, Amen

Praise:

- Praise the Lord for the Bergen homeless shelter volunteering last Wednesday. 45 people were served lunch in the Name of Jesus. Praise the Lord for the Street Fair Outreach on Saturday.

Personal needs:

- Health and recovery: Celine's father; Coty's sister Amy; PJ's sister Nancy; Peter Konopka; James Loy; Willie's wife Lyndell; Kwong and Kwong's mother; Albert; Marco's dad (Brother Kin Fat Chen); Maris and Darren; Kathy Mui.
- Peace and strength: Yacer
- Special protection: Peter Mui; Mary Bruno

Our Church:

- The theme this year, *Keep Your Lamps Burning*, will take root in our lives through the Holy Spirit.
- The growth of children and youth ministries.
- The young adults group will form a strong bond and encourage one another to walk closely with Jesus while navigating new stages of their lives.
- Need deacons for the next term, beginning in Jan. 2027.
- Search for the new Pastor.

Our Nation:

- For all levels of government and all public servants to humbly seek God's wisdom and lead in His love and righteousness.
- For God's Spirit to bring reason, calm, justice, and peace to the nation.
- For Spiritual revival and turning to Christ

Our World:

- For peace; for the suffering in all war-affected areas.
- For all who suffered under extreme weather and natural disasters.
- For Japan, Venezuela, Colombia and all those impacted by the earthquakes.
- Please pray for Nepal flood victims, and the ongoing flood rescue mission

Missions:

- For the Gospel of God's love and salvation to reach every nation.
- For missionaries we support: Donna Baptiste, Calvin Chan; Kenny/Cindy Chau; Daniel/Karla Grenz; Paul and Dorothy Lacy; Gordon Law; Linda Schramm; Jerry Schmoyer; Esther T.