Denbigh United Presbyterian Church October 2026

Agents of Grace Sunday – October 18

- The congregation will gather to serve others and our environment. Sign up in the Narthex for a project. A fellowship meal follows the 10:30 worship service, then teams begin their activities. Need a t-shirt? Mark it on the signup sheet. Donations to DUPC may be designated **Agents of Grace** in the memo. Please see more information on page 11 for details about each project.

Fall Upward Soccer Celebration

- Join us for our Fall Upward Soccer Picnic on Sunday, October 25th! We'll begin the morning at 10:30 AM with worship, followed by a celebratory picnic at 11:45 AM. Come celebrate a wonderful season of soccer, fellowship, and the ways God has been working through our Upward community. Bring your family, your appetite, and a side dish to share as we gather for a fun-filled time of food, fellowship, and celebration. We can't wait to celebrate the season with you!

Great Halloween Treat Trail



- Get ready for a **spooktacular night of fun!** Join us on **October 31 from 6:00–7:30 PM** for our **Halloween Treat Trail!** Kids and families can dress up in their favorite costumes and explore the indoor trails throughout the church, where spooky surprises and yummy treats are waiting around every corner. Grab your costume, bring your family, and get ready to **creep, crawl, giggle, and collect some treats** along the way! It's going to be a boo-tiful night of Halloween fun for the whole family!

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Session Update

- The Session did not meet in September.

Congregational Meeting

- The Session will be calling a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, October 11 immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a Nominating Committee.

In-Person and Facebook Live Worship				
Attendance	**9/6**	**9/13**	**9/20**	**9/27**
Worship (in-person)	82	79	79	73
Nursery (+ helpers)	4	4	4	80
Facebook Live	100	N/A	58	38
YouTube	52	44	45	18
TOTALS (as of 9/30/26)	238	127	186	209
Join us Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. live on YouTube and Facebook.				



FINANCE REPORT THROUGH
August 2026

Total Income:	**$225,889.22**
Total Expenses:	**$269,222.37**
Difference:	**(43,333.15)**

Worship With Us This Fall

- On September 13, we began a new worship series "We Are the Church." Along with scripture we will consider the "Great Ends (Purposes) of the Church," according to our *Book of Order*.

The "Great Ends of the Church" are:

- The Proclamation of the Gospel for the Salvation of Humankind
- The Shelter, Nurture, and Spiritual Fellowship of the Children of God
- The Maintenance of Divine Worship
- The Preservation of the Truth
- The Promotion of Social Righteousness
- The Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the World

Join us through October 18 as we explore each of these "Great Ends" and how "We Are the Church." Our new series, "Change Makers", begins November 1.

Sunday's October 2026 Master Schedule

	4 World Communion Sunday	11	18	25
Greeters (front/rear entrances)	ARDARY, PAUL TERRY, PAT HAKE, KWIN	SKAAR, BECKY SPRUILL, DOUG NYENTY, MARTHA	EDWARDS, THEAL LYNCH, CAROL MANDEL, KAYLEIGH	MILLER, MARTHA MINARIK, JOAN
Ushers	SKAAR, BECKY MANDEL, KAYLEIGH	PHILLIPS, SARAH LLOYD, MOSES	STEVENS, SHEILA HAKE, KWIN	O'KEEFFE, FRED HUGHES, JENNY
Youth Reader	MULLEN, EMERY	HAKE, BECCA	UMA, GRACE	CLAYTON, HAZEL
Children's Moment	DAIL, DEBORAH	KYLE, JEAN	SPIVEY, KRISTI	JAMES, MELISSA
Nursery	WOOLLUM, EMILY HAKE, BECCA	MINARIK, JOAN KEFFER, ADDY	SHILDT, JESSICA COLE, SABRINA	AMES, DEBBIE KEFFER, KAM
Welcome Table	SCHMIDT, AMY	EDWARDS, THEAL	JOY, BETTY	MORRISON, BILL
Counters	SKAAR, BECKY SPRUILL, DOUG	AMES, DEBBIE PENNELL, DALE	CRIPPEN, SARA FERRI, MARLENE	HUNT, CONNIE HALL, TERRY
Preparation of Elements	MINARIK, JOAN			
Communion	MINARIK, JOAN MINCH, ELAINE			

Presbyterian Women

The new Presbyterian Women study series, **"United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other,"** is a study of Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Our circles spend time in study, prayer, outreach to the community, and connection and fellowship in a variety of ways.

Our **Presbyterian Women's Day Circle (Esther Circle)** will meet for its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 20 at 10 a.m. in the conference room.

The **Presbyterian Women's Evening Circle (Priscilla Circle)** will meet on October 20 at the home of Dale Pennell.

We hope you will join us for this new study series! You are welcome to attend regularly or join us for an individual lesson—whichever works best for you.

For more information about our day or evening circle, please contact:

♦**Day Circle — Amy Schmidt:** (757) 713-1345

♦**Evening Circle — Debbie Ames:** (757) 880-7494

Prime Timers

♦Join us for a Patriotic lunch at Mission BBQ on Jefferson Avenue in Newport News on Tuesday, October 13 at 11:30 a.m. Reservations may be made after worship on October 4 and 11. Join the fun and wear red, white, and blue!

♦We also invite you to our November event, Friendsgiving lunch! This will take place at Cracker Barrel on Jefferson Avenue on November 12 at 11:30 a.m. In addition to their regular menu, they offer a turkey dinner on Thursdays. Reservations can be made after worship on November 1 and 8. See you there!

Stewardship

Annual Stewardship Campaign for 2027: Time, Talent, and Treasure

- While stewardship of our God-given resources is a year-round way of life, we emphasize our opportunities to express gratitude to God through pledging a portion of our income for the ministries of the church. You will receive a letter and a 2027 pledge card in September. Additionally, we invite you to complete a "Skills Inventory" and a "Time and Talent Survey" to reflect areas of the church's ministries in which you are interested in sharing your time and talents. Please prayerfully consider your pledge as well as how you feel called to serve God through the ministries of DUPC. We invite you to submit your completed pledge card, Skills Inventory/Time and Talent Survey on or before October 11. We will offer an opportunity during the October 11 worship service for you to bring forward your pledge as an act of worship.

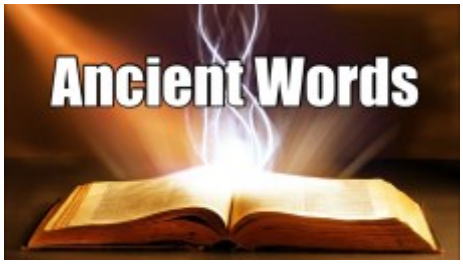
Special Offering – World Communion Offering on October 4

- The prophet Micah's charge to "love kindness" is uniquely embodied when people around the world join together around Christ's table of grace. The prophet calls us to recognize the inherent worth of every person, to practice welcome, and to make room at the table for all God's children. This is expressed in action, often involving mercy, faithfulness and steadfast commitment. Experience the grace that comes from reconciling all peoples from all nations around the corner and around the globe through the ministry of this offering. Feast joyfully, give generously. The table is set, and all are invited!

Adult Education

Adult Sunday School Class—Fall Quarter—Ancient Words

- Ancient Words is our Sunday morning Bible study based on a plan for reading and studying the Bible in a systematic way. It is known as the Uniform Series and has been used in a number of Christian denominations for over 150 years. It has been the primary adult Bible study at Denbigh United for over 50 years. The fall quarter of study began on September 6 and will continue to November 29. This quarter will take us through a variety of Old Testament books to dispel the myth that there is a God of wrath there, but a God of mercy in the New Testament. The class meets in the Library Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:15. A short participant's book is available at a nominal cost. The lessons are dated from week-to-week in case you can't make every lesson. Whether you are well-grounded in the Bible or want to be, you are welcome.



Children's and Youth Ministries

Sunday School Classes

Children's and youth Sunday School classes are offered weekly at 9:15 a.m. Breakfast is provided. We hope to see you there! Please contact Kathy Baldwin, Jean Kyle, or Jessica Shildt if you are interested in volunteering to teach Sunday School, drive children to and from church, or sit with children during worship. Join us for Fun, Fellowship, and learning about our Faith!

Kathy ***kmbwin@gmail.com***, **Jean** ***jsekyle@cox.net***, or **Jessica** ***jessica.shildt@gmail.com***

Sunday School Lessons

Sunday October 4:
Lesson 5: Noah Builds the Ark—Genesis 6:5-22
Bible Point: God wants us to obey.

Sunday October 11:
Lesson 6: God Floods the Earth—Genesis 7–8; 9:8-16
Bible Point: We can count on God's promises.

Sunday October 18:
Lesson 7: People Build a Tower at Babel—Genesis 11:1-9
Bible Point: We put God first.

Sunday October 25:
Lesson 8: Abram Follows God's Direction—Genesis 12:1-8
Bible Point: We can always trust God.

Children's Sunday School				
	**9/6**	**9/13**	**9/20**	**9/27**
Teachers	4	3	5	2
Students	21	19	23	24
Visitors	—	—	1	1
TOTALS (as 9/30/26)	**25**	**22**	**29**	**27**

Congregational Care Committee



Marlene Ferri with Darlene Mays-Tittman





Sandi Murawski with Darlene Mays-Tittman

CCC Members

Betty Joy
Carol Lynch
Carolyn Vassos
Janet Morrison
Marlene Ferri
Nancy Phillips
Sara Crippen
Your Name Here
Joan Minarik, Chair, 757-329-1582
Deborah Dail, Senior Pastor



The next scheduled meeting will be
Wednesday, October 7, 2026
at 10:00 a.m. in the Library.

We strive to care for members and friends through all seasons of life.

National Collection Week: November 16-23, 2026

DUPC's Collection Deadline: November 15, 2026

We will again collect shoe boxes filled with gifts to be sent to boys and girls in need around the world. Each box is an opportunity for a boy or girl to experience the love of God in a tangible way and hear the gospel. Many boys and girls who receive shoebox gifts also join in the Samaritan's Purse follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey.



Ways You can Help!

1) ***Pray.*** for the children who will receive a gift.
2) ***Pack a shoebox***. Use your own shoebox or a pre-printed shoebox, which will be available at the church. Instructions will be in a brochure for your convenience.
3) ***Donate items***. If you are unable to fill a shoebox, you can donate smaller toys, hygiene items, and school supplies (no liquids or edible items). Our Youth will take these items and fill boxes.
4) ***Donate money***. Donations to help pay for postage will be needed for these boxes. Please make checks out to **DUPC** (Memo: Operation Christmas Child)

All supplies and brochures will be available in the narthex on October 4.

Please bring your box back on or before **Dedication Sunday, November 15, 2026**. Thank you for considering becoming a part of this ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Morgan at (757) 358-1046.



Bonnie Williams took pictures of **Nancy Williams**, **Barbara Norman**, and **Janet Morrison** after they assembled **30** Operation Christmas Child boxes last year.

Outreach

Evangelism

- In September, our worship service was viewed **438** times on Facebook, and **246** times on YouTube.

Menchville House

- It's important to realize that homelessness doesn't always look the same. Families can be staying in hotels, sleeping in their cars, or moving from place to place, which means they don't have safe, permanent housing.
- Most needed items: toiletries, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, paper towels, and snacks. Donation box in the Narthex.

THRIVE

- The Boys and Girls Club has moved out of their side of the building, which gives THRIVE the opportunity to have 3,300 more square feet of space. There are lots of renovations and updates to be done. Crossroads Community Church donated $10,000 towards those repairs. Waters Edge Church sent a group of volunteers to start the priming and painting needed. No date yet for the grand opening.
- September is Hispanic Heritage Month, and THRIVE celebrated on the evening of September 15, by highlighting Prosperar(prosper), THRIVE's bilingual department. They assist Spanish speaking families in learning more about the community services and support available to them. THRIVE also tries to keep Hispanic food brands stocked in The Market for the families.
- Pantry items needed: rice, tuna, spices, pancake mix, spaghetti sauce, toothbrushes

Clothes Donation Ministry

- The next event will be on Sunday, November 15, with set up on Saturday, November 14. Anyone wishing to assist in this ministry, please contact Sheila Stevens at (757) 718-5100.

Individual Family Needs

- Provided food and non food items, to three families.
- Provided baby formula to a community member.
- Transported a DUPC member to the pharmacy for prescriptions.

Agents of Grace Projects: Sign Up Today!

- **Project 1- Visitations**
  Visit people in our congregation who are homebound, in a care facility or hospital, or anyone who may simply appreciate a visit. We will visit in teams. Open to teens and adults. 10 Visitors needed. Time commitment: 2-3 hours
- **Project 2- Hallmark Moment (Card Writing)**
  Reach out and touch somebody. Join us in writing caring notes of encouragement and prayer for people on the "tender loving care" list and others. Enjoy fellowship and prayer with other card writers. Cards and postage will be supplied. Open to all ages. 8 people needed. Time Commitment 2-3 hours or as long as you can stay. Flexible.
- **Project 3- Feed the Hungry (Children's Project with Adult Supervision)**
  Children count and sort food donated by our congregation for the THRIVE food pantry. Load the bus with all the donations. Open to children and adults who wish to assist the children. No limit on number of children who can participate. Time commitment 1.5 to 2 hours.
- **Project 4- Lunch Bunch**
  Set up, cook, serve, and clean up after the lunch provided for all Agents of Grace volunteers and others. Open to children, teens, and adults. 6 people for this team. Time commitment: one hour before church, one hour during luncheon, one hour or so for clean-up.
- **Project 5- Hymn Sing**
  Sing for and with the residents of several retirement communities. Rehearse at church, then travel together or alone to retirement communities. Open to children, teens, and adults who enjoy singing. No limit on # of participants. Time commitment: 3-4 hours (after-lunch rehearsal at church; travel to residential communities and sing).
- **Project 6- For the Beauty of the Earth**
  This project will create a natural barrier of wildflowers, pollinator plants, and native plants between the soccer fields and Denbigh Blvd. Join us to beautify the grounds of the church as we establish this new area with plant bulbs, seeds, and fresh dirt and compost! Open to all ages. 8 participants for this project. Time commitment 3 hours.
- **Project 7- Menchville House Meal**
  Prepare a meal for the residents of Menchville House – a transitional home for homeless men, women, and children. Deliver the meal. This team is filled.
- **Project 8- Crop Walk for Hunger**
  Walk with others in Newport News to support causes that address food insecurity. Meet others on this 3-mile walk and enjoy fellowship with one another. Denbigh United will make a financial contribution. Open to teens and adults. Unlimited # of participants. Time commitment: 3-4 hours.
- **Project 9– Butterfly Garden**
  Create a butterfly garden on church grounds. Open to all ages. 4 participants needed. Time commitment: 2 hours
- **Project 10- Donations**

1. Donate food or cleaning supplies from the grocery list for THRIVE.
2. Donate money to help with Agents of Grace projects. Checks payable to DUPC; memo: **Agents of Grace Supplies**.
3. Donate money for the Crop Walk. Checks payable to DUPC; memo: **Crop Walk**.

- **Neighbors in Need**

  Do yard work for neighbor(s) in our community who need assistance. Open to teens and adults. 6 participants needed. Time commitment: 1.5 hours.

Virginia Peninsula Foodbank (VPF)



Other News

Peninsula Modern Quilt Guild Retreat

- The Peninsula Modern Quilt Guild, of which Iris Lewis is a member, used Second Hall for one of their many service projects. To express their gratitude, they bought a tremendous amount of food, as well as monetary donations for the DUPC food pantry. Many thanks and appreciation for their generous donation.



Before



After

Newsletter

November 2026 Digest Deadline

Monday, October 19, 2026

In our Thoughts and Prayers . . .

Anneliese Collins
Aurelia Grant
Bernie Rogers
Bill and Ellen Percival
Brennon Andrews
Candace Gray
Carol Weaver
Dave and LuAnn Jusino
Dave Anson
Don Bickhart
Evalene Hicks
Geoff Rogers
George Ashby
Gerry Ellis
Helen Thiessen
Jackie LedBetter
Jeanne Kent
Jim Robinson
Joe, Brenda, and Sho Bender
Joan Apley
John and Betty Mayes
Karen and Harold Wertz
Joan Minarik
Nell Sienko
Owen Spivey
Robin Huffman
Sandra and Tara Fairfield
Shannon Scott
Tommy Joy
Toni Powell
Verni Saunders
Will Cooper



OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Michael Cohen	***Cameron Dail***	***Grey Davenport***
Lazaro Durruty	***Nixon Fombele***	***Morgan Henretta***
Kevin Huss	***Tom Joyner***	***Daryl King***
Buck Maple	***Josie Maple***	***Jacob Mayes***
Jake Blackburn	***Joshua Silva***	***Gabriel Williams***

RESERVES

Savannah Gore, Derek James, Christian Jones, and Jeff Shildt

OUR MISSIONARIES

Bruce and Deb Robinson
Meredith and Sandy Elder

We express our sympathy to the following families. May God bring comfort and hope to all who grieve.

† *To the family and friends of* ***Bob Secord*** *who died on June 19.*

† *To the family and friends of* ***Betty Richtmeyer*** *who died on June 2.*

† *To the family and friends of* ***Donald Yeatts*** *who died on July 2*

† *To the family and friends of* ***Michael Minarik*** *who died on September 5.*



October 2026
Birthdays/Anniversaries

DAY	NAME
1	Dave Green
1	Deborah Dail
1	Steve Ruggles
A2	Matthew and Wylie Crane
2	Verni Saunders
3	Alexis Singletary
3	Ellen Percival
3	John Phillips
6	Al Ragsdale
A7	Rick and Linda Kerns
7	Don Bickhart
8	Brennon Andrews
8	Trace Hall
9	Grey Davenport
13	Liz Burroughs
15	Casey Nance
15	Ella Gonzalez
15	George Ashby
15	Gerry Ellis
15	Jane Poulin
15	Preston DuHamel
A16	Will and Samantha Marakos

DAY	NAME
18	Autumn Goodwin
18	Charlotte Eason
A19	Kevin and Calicia Huss
A21	Bill and Jane Martin
21	Marcia Bowers
21	Nicole Singletary
22	Juanita Singletary
23	Katie Canaday
24	Harrison Hall
24	June Tessarolo
24	Stephanie Moser (Jusino)
25	Bill McCullough
25	Debbie Richardson
A26	Ben and Gerry Ellis
27	Kathleen Avery





October 2026

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous AoG—Agents of Grace CCC—Congregational Care Committee ChR—Choir Room CR—Conference Room CX—Cancelled
CX/R—Cancelled/Rescheduled EW—Education Wing FWF—Faith Weaver Friends GS—Girl Scouts K—Kitchen LRPC—Long Range Planning Committee
N—Narthex NURS—Nursery OA—Overeaters Anonymous OL—Online OS—Outside P—Parlor PL—Parking Lot PEO—Philanthropic Education Organization
PEP—Parents as Educational Partners PSW—Preschool Wing RR—Reverent Ringers S—Sanctuary SH—Second Hall SHF—Second Hall Foyer
SF—Soccer Field SS—Sunday School TAS—The Agape School V—Vacation Worship V&P—Worship Vision and Planning Team Zm—Zoom

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Calendar | Denbigh United Presbyterian				**1** 5:30 Upward Soccer Practice	**2** ***Session Re-ports Due***	**3** 9:00 Upward Soccer Games 10:00 AA (SH, L) 10:00 Al-Anon (Rm 9)
4—World Communion Sunday 9:00 Choir (ChR) 9:15 Ancient Words SS (L) 9:15 Children's/Youth SS (EW) 9:15 Confirmation Class (Rm 3) 10:30 World Communion Offering/ Communion (S, N, OL) 6:00 Children's Handchime Choir (ChR/CR) 6:45 Youth Handbells (ChR)	**5**	**6** 10:30 Agape School Tour & Story Time 7:00 OA (Rm 9)	**7** 10:00 CCC (L) 12:30 Finance Team Meeting (CR)	**8** 5:30 Upward Soccer Practice 7:30 Session Mtg. (CR/ZM)	**9**	**10** 9:00 Upward Soccer Games 10:00 AA (SH,L) 10:00 Al-Anon (Rm 9)
11 9:00 Choir (ChR) 9:15 Ancient Words SS (L) 9:15 Children's/Youth SS (EW) 9:15 Confirmation Class (Rm 3) 10:30 Worship (S, N, OL) 6:00 Children's Handchime Choir (ChR/CR) 6:45 Youth Handbells (ChR)	**12** **Church Office Closed** 4:30 KidzN'Grief (SH,SHF,N,EW)	**13** 11:30 PT Patriotic Brunch (Mission BBQ)	**14** 12:30 Finance Team Meeting (CR)	**15** 5:30 Upward Soccer Practice	**16**	**17** 9:00 Upward Soccer Games 10:00 AA (SH, L) 10:00 Al-Anon (Rm 9)
18—Agents of Grace Sunday 9:00 Choir (ChR) 9:15 Ancient Words SS (L) 9:15 Children's/Youth SS (EW) 9:15 Confirmation Class (Rm 3) 10:30 Worship (S,N,OL) 11:30 Agents of Grace Luncheon/ Missions 6:00 Children's Handchime Choir (ChR/CR) 6:45 Youth Handbells (ChR)	**19** **Digest Deadline**	**20** 10:00 Esther Circle (L) 6:30 Finance & stewardship (CR) 7:00 Priscilla Cirlce (Pennell's) 7:00 OA (Rm 9)	**21** 12:30 Finance Team Meeting (CR)	**22** 5:30 Upward Soccer Practice	**23**	**24** 9:00 Final Upward Soccer Games 10:00 AA (SH, L) 10:00 Al-Anon (Rm 9) 10:00 P.E.O. Meeting (CR)
25—Upward Soccer Celebration 9:00 Choir (ChR) 9:15 Ancient Words SS (L) 9:15 Children's/Youth SS (EW) 9:15 Confirmation Class (Rm 3) 10:30 Worship (S, N, OL) 11:45 Picnic (ChR/CR) 6:00 Children's Handchime Choir (ChR/CR) 6:45 Youth Handbells (ChR)	**26** 4:30 KidzN'Grief (SH,SHF,N,EW) 7:00 Worship V&P (Zm)	**27** 7:00 OA (Rm 9)	**28** 12:30 Finance Team Meeting (CR)	**29**	**30**	**31** 10:00 AA (SH, L) 10:00 Al-Anon (Rm 9) 6:00 Great Hallow-een Treat Trail

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