GRACE CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT

Annual Meeting and Celebration
October 25, 2026 | 6:30pm
Hosted at Grace McKean

MINISTRY YEAR 2026

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A LETTER FROM PASTOR DEREK



Dear Grace Church,

Two years ago, the word I used for our year was preparation. Last year it was breakthrough. This year, it's unhindered.

That's the last word in the book of Acts. Paul is under house arrest in Rome, still preaching the kingdom "with all boldness and without hindrance." We spent twenty-one weeks in that story this year, and I watched the same Spirit at work right here at Grace. The stories rolling in from the impact of that series are breathtaking.

I watched some of it from an unusual seat. I was on sabbatical from June through September, and I'm deeply grateful to our elders, Aaron and our staff, and Sarah and our preaching team, who carried us through Acts so well. As I mentioned a few weeks ago, God spent the summer reminding me that epiphanies need margin.

And God continues to move through you. Total giving reached $4,849,524, a record for Grace. [Full financials are on page 9.] Through ServErie and people who have activated their calling, countless volunteers have served every sector of our city. Baptisms: 131 people. From Influencer and The Hustle Gospel to Habakkuk, Prodigal God, The Invisible War, and our long journey through Acts, we leaned hard together into God's Word.

This was also the year our Dream Disciple training labs began in earnest, with 63 people in 5 labs. And they work. As I mentioned in a recent message, this summer I had dinner with a college friend who cut ties with me over our differences in faith more than twenty years ago. I used one simple tool from our Intentional Friend lab, a good question to engage the tough part of our conversation. I drove home knowing that I am "partnering with God to restore broken friendships." Our Handcrafted calling trainings saw 149 people step into their two-word Ephesians 2:10 calling.

That's the heart of Awake the Lake: ordinary people understanding their calling and then carrying their faith to the kitchen table, the office, the evening walk around the neighborhood, and the group text. It's the work I want to give the next season of my ministry to, helping ordinary believers in Jesus activate their faith in their everyday spaces.

I believe that armed with a deep love for Jesus and some trained spiritual competencies, we can move the needle in our entire region from Cleveland to Buffalo with gospel influence. Would you take one step this fall? When you hear about one of the upcoming Dream Disciple Labs, or Handcrafted Calling, or LAUNCH, or a group or a team, take a step. Say yes, and sign up.

And I hope you'll join us for our Annual Celebration on October 25 hosted at Grace McKean from 6:30-8:00pm. We'll celebrate and thank God for His faithfulness, and we'll talk together about what's next. There's no Acts 29 in your Bible, because we're it. The mission is still unhindered, and I can't imagine writing the next chapter with anyone else.

I love you guys. I'm honored to be your pastor



Pastor Derek

AGENDA

Ministry Year 2025-2026 Annual Meeting Agenda

October 25, 2026

- Welcome: **Pastor Derek**

- Recognition of New Members *(see page 10 for complete list)*

- Convening of Meeting: **Mike Alabran**

- Minutes of Previous Meeting: **Mike Alabran**
    - MOTION: that the church approves the minutes from the 2024-2025 Annual Meeting **(page 3)**

- Presentation of Election Ballot/Vote: **Derek Sanford**
    - MOTION: that the church approves the names on the ballot for election to office **(page 6)**

- 2025-26 Financial Report and 2026-27 Budget: **Aaron Lundberg**

- Pastoral Licensing: **Pastor Derek Sanford**
    - MOTION: that the church license Aaron Wadin as a minister of the gospel upon unanimous recommendation of the Elders. *(page 12)*

    - MOTION: that the church license Jana Burruss as a minister of the gospel upon unanimous recommendation of the Elders. *(page 12)*

- Closing of Meeting: **Mike Alabran**

- Worship and Prayer

MINUTES

Annual Celebration 2024-2025 | October 19, 2025 | Grace Harborcreek

The 2025 Annual Meeting was called to order by Church Chair Bill Hunter at 6:40pm.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from 2023-2024 Annual Meeting by the Elders of Grace Church. Second by Andrew Silbert. No discussion. All in Favor. None opposed. Motion passes.

There were recognition and celebration of new members. Full list of names was included on page 8 of the Annual Report for 2024-2025.

Ballot

Pastor Derek Sanford presented the ballot. Ballots were handed out when members entered the worship center. Voting is for members only. Skip Papa, Karl Bush, and Cody Cook are up for election to office. They are seeking a two-year term. Elders can serve up to six years. Bill Hunter asked for the motion to approve these names on the ballot for office. The Elders of Grace Church made the motion. Motion seconded by Shawn Thorton. No discussion.

Pastor Derek discussed the process and reasoning for Pastoral Licensing. The Elders of Grace Church motioned for the licensing of Kerrie Grande and Andrew Silbert. Motion seconded by Melanie Deppen. No discussion. Prayer was done over them by family and friends.

Pastor Derek discussed the process and reasoning for Pastoral Ordination. Upon recommendation by an Ordination Council and the unanimous recommendation of the Elders, a motion was made that the church ordain Will Bakker to the pastoral office, recognizing God's call on his life and affirming his responsibility to shepherd the church for whom Christ died. Motion seconded by Cheylan Exler. No discussion. Prayer was done over Will by family and friends.

Votes will be announced at the end of the meeting.

Financial Report

Aaron Lundberg recognized that the staff does a great job with the budget and finances of this church. Aaron also showed appreciation and a brief description of Tereo Group, along with Pastor Mike Crisman and the

finance team. Gave regards to TJ Hesch and how grateful we are for his time, and we are excited to start with Cody Cook.

- The total amount of giving was just over $4.3 million this year. We are up from $4.1 million from last year. Thank you for your faithfulness.

- From a general fund giving revenue standpoint, we are up 416k
    - Missions/ServErie is down: General fund helps make up the difference.
    - Benevolent fund: we took a pause in the summer due to high giving.

- Resource Allocation : 71% Ministries, 22% Support, 7% Missions
    - Big story : came in under budget by $85,000
    - $436,000 turnaround from what we projected –$17,000 surplus

- In a great place. $525,000 cash on hand currently.

- Operating expenses were under budget by $85k. Reserves are $487k.

- 2026 Ministry Year Proposed Budget: Elders approved and presented to congregation
    - Total Operating Revenue: $4.5 Mill (projected amount—what we budgeted for)
    - Broke down Operating expenses. Surplus before non-cash items $431,486

- “Financial Position” Slide showing the health of Grace Church:
    - $10.1M in Assets
    - $7.4M in Equity
    - $2.7M in Liabilities
    - Thank you to those who gave extra for debt reduction (balance is at $2.69M as of August and we are nearing 2.5M)

Overall, Grace is financially healthy, missionally focused, and positioned to move boldly into the future. Over this past year, we’ve focused intentionally on the discipleship of generous giving as we grow in our Dream Disciple roles to live out God’s story every day, everywhere. If you have questions, we are an open book. Email treasurer@whoisgrace.com with any questions.

Results:

Pastor Derek announced the voting results for Elders, Pastoral Licensing and Ordination. The votes were tabulated, and all elders were affirmed, as were Kerrie Grande and Andrew Silbert for Pastoral Licensing, and Will Bakker for Pastoral Ordination.

Pastoral Licensing – Elders and Pastors gathered up front with Kerrie Grande and Andrew Silbert and presented them with their pastor license. Family and friends prayed over them with the congregation.
Pastoral Ordination-Elders and Pastors gathered up front with Will Bakker and presented him with his ordination certificate. Family and friends prayed over him with the congregation.

Derek's Message:

Derek recently celebrated 30 years here at Grace. He listed and explained his top 30 reasons why he loves Grace so much and shared some memories. He took a deeper dive into Awake the Lake and all that is to come. It's a year of momentum as the early majority of our church family steps forward to personally own the vision through our strategic pathway and Dream Disciple roles. There was a discussion of change of pace, Holy Spirit and prayer, and Now to Next concepts.

Aaron Lundberg moved to close the business portion of the meeting, which Scott Michel seconded. The meeting closed at 7:26pm.

BALLOT

2027 Ministry Year Ballot

MOTION: that the church approves the names on the ballot for election to office.

TREASURER



1 | Cody Cook

CHAIRMAN/ELDERS



***2 | Mike Alabran (Elder Chairman)**



***2 | Nate Burtt (Church Chairman)**



***2 | Greg Hall**



1 | Skip Papa



***2 | Matt Bresee**



***2 | Rob Englert**



***2 | David Case**

STAFF ELDERS (Staff elders are appointed, not elected)



Aaron Lundberg



Scott Michel



Andrew Silbert

LEGEND

***On the ballot for a vote**
1 One-year term
2 Two-year term
● - New on the ballot
● - Previous Elder

NEW ELDER BIOS

Rob Englert



I came to Erie for the first time nearly 25 years ago to attend Mercyhurst College. I never left. I have been in education for over 20 years and currently have the privilege of serving as the Assistant to the Superintendent of the Wattsburg Area School District. My wife and I started attending Grace together in 2009. We now have four children and spend most of our time ferrying them to various sporting events and activities. I love to travel, but anyone who knows me would know that my true passion is the outdoors, especially hunting. I enjoy serving in finance ministry at Grace and have taught several FPU classes. I am excited to learn and grow into the role of an elder at Grace.

Matt Bresee



My wife Sue and I have been attending Grace Harborcreek for more than five years and have been members for the past two. We've enjoyed serving together on the Guest Experience Team and volunteering with Christmas at the Warner. I am an Erie native and have more than 25 years of leadership experience, having served in a variety of executive roles throughout my career. I am currently an executive and business coach and owner of ActionCOACH Erie.

My wife and I attend Grace with our two adult children, Lindsey and Logan, and our granddaughter, Brynlee. I value my faith, time with family, and opportunities to serve and encourage others, and look forward to serving the Grace family in an even greater capacity through faithful prayer, guidance, and support.

FINANCIALS

2026 Ministry Year Financial Report



GENERAL FUND

Giving Distribution	1229 Giving Units % of all Giving Units
$1 - 499	30.7%
$500 - 999	11.7%
$1,000 - 4,999	36.9%
$5,000 - 9,999	12%
$10,000+	8.6%

Average Giving per Giving Unit: $3,591

TOTAL

Giving Distribution	1598 Giving Units % of all Giving Units
$1 - 499	43.2%
$500 - 999	10.1%
$1,000 - 4,999	28.7%
$5,000 - 9,999	10.6%
$10,000+	7.3%

Average Giving per Giving Unit: $3,035

2026 OPERATING SUMMARY	Actual	Budget	Difference	
Giving				
Ministries/ Operations	$4,413,412	$4,205,167	$208,245	↑ *Includes General Fund giving, ministry income.
Missions	$266,649	$206,000	$60,649	↑
Debt Reduction	$41,706	-	$41,706	↑
Benevolent	$127,757	$115,000	$12,757	↑
Total Operating Revenue	**$4,849,524**	**$4,526,167**	**$323,357**	↑

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	Actual	Budget	Difference	
Personnel	$2,340,444	$2,606,172	($265,728)	↑
Ministries	$672,088	$664,063	$8,025	
Operations	$834,093	$683,341	$150,752	
Missions	$354,777	$197,104	$157,673	
Total Operating Expense	**$4,201,402**	**$4,150,680**	**$50,722**	
Surplus/(Deficit) *before non-cash items*	**$648,122**	**$375,487**	**$272,635**	↑
Depreciation	**$564,127**	**$576,000**	**$11,873**	
Surplus/(Deficit) *after non-cash items*	**$83,995**	**($200,513)**	**$284,508**	↑

Reserves	**$538,622**
Benevolence	**$44,453**
Restricted & Designated Funds	**$583,075**
Debt Balance	**$2,385,681**

* ↑ =Postive

If you would like to see greater budget detail or have questions, please contact Aaron Lundberg (814.480.0189 or aaron@whoisgrace.com)

2027 Ministry Year Operating Budget

	Budget
Total Operating Revenue	**$4,699,700**
Operating Expense	
Personnel	$2,518,268
Ministries	$627,427
Operations	$734,326
Missions	$232,499
Total Operating Expense	**$4,112,520**
Surplus/(Deficit) *before non-cash items*	**$587,180**
Depreciation	**$576,000**
Surplus/(Deficit) *after non-cash items*	**$11,180**

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MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS

Becca Bakker
Will Bakker
Matthew Bendig
Vicki Bendig
Doug Bierer
Karie Bojarski
Toni Crenshaw
Destin DeMarion
Meghan DeMarion
Kait Dolak
Alaina Eisinger
Eleanor Franklin
Bob Hetrick
Collin Hicks
Liz Howe
Dave Lavery
Pat Lavery
Carla Leasure
Daniel McPherson
Jim Merva
Lisa Merva
Colleen Miller
Alex Moldovan
Rachel Moldovan
Kelly Nelson
Deb Whitman
Logan Williams
Bernadette Wilson
Rich Wilson
Wendy Wozniak
Bill Wozniak
Andre' Dawson
Brenda Bane
Dawn Luke
Jeffery Luke
Linda Gabriel
Annette Rilling
Nanci Dunton
Dan Hess
Amy Hess
Aaron Wadin
Sheryl Wadin
Graham Wadin

MEMBERS REMOVED

The following members have been removed either at their request, because they are deceased, or due to inactivity:

Kimberly Adams
Michael Adams
Rebecca Amendola
Jim Beck
Michelle Carpin
Kristie Chandler
Margaret Chilcott
Andrew Davies
Becky Davies
Doug Doerr
David Donahue
Jessica Donahue
Ivan Erway
April Ewig
Dan Ewig
Amanda Fassette
Matthew Fassette
Matthew Fuller
Melissa Fuller
Pete Gray
Brian Gregory
Nancy Gruver
Joel Guntrum
JJ Herrmann
Melinda Jobczynski
Tim Jobczynski
Matthew Kent
Robert Kightlinger
Jerry Krysiak
Julie Krysiak
James Mahan
Brian Marshall
Melinda Marshall
James McDonald
Glenn McKinney
Tiffany McKinney
Jennifer Morgason
Scot Morgason
Charles Newton
Heather Newton
Charisse Nixon
Ed Nixon
Jared Oliver
Jennifer Prelog
Brooke Proper
Gregory Proper
Richard Proper
Mark Rogerson
Gerald Rooney
Nancy Shaw
Michelle Shouey
Shane Shouey
Stacey Walbridge
Riley Weismiller
Dan Young
Jeanne Young
Carrissa Zinchini
Justin Zinchini

**Please get in touch with us if we have accidentally omitted or added your name. We sincerely apologize for any oversight!*

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PASTORAL LICENSING

Motion: that the church license Aaron Wadin and Jana Burruss as a minister of the gospel upon unanimous recommendation of the Elders.

This year, Grace has the privilege to license Aaron Wadin and Jana Burruss as ministers of the Gospel. Aaron is currently the Pastor of Engagement. Jana is currently the LifeGroups Lead.

A Ministerial license is a form of temporary certification by the local church. We license unordained pastors so they can perform all their office responsibilities while considering the ordination process. Several of our Pastors have been licensed through Grace, including Pastor Derek, Scott, Jim, Sarah, and more. A licensed minister of the Gospel receives all the governmental privileges and legal rights of an ordained minister.

The steps in the process of Pastoral licensing are:

1. The candidate makes their desire for licensure known to the Elder Board.
2. The Elders interview the candidate to determine their eligibility for licensing.
3. Upon the favorable recommendation of the Elders, the candidate is presented to the church body for a vote of approval.
4. Upon an affirmative vote of the church, a license to preach the Gospel is granted to the candidate.

We have already completed Steps 1-3 of this process, and the Elders are bringing a unanimous recommendation to the church body for a vote.

A word from Aaron Wadin:

I was raised in a home by Christian parents who were always involved in music ministry wherever we lived as my father was on faculty at multiple Christian colleges when I was a child. I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior at the age of 6 and followed Him closely through high school, my time at Wheaton College and the University of Cincinnati College - Conservatory of Music.

I grew up playing and loving soccer, basketball and the trumpet. I have made a living as a freelance musician and private music lesson teacher. I toured and performed more than 200 concerts with Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass. I have also performed with Denver and the Mile High Orchestra, Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra, Dayton Philharmonic, Illinois Symphony, and the Chicago Classical Symphony. I have been a semi-finalist in the National Trumpet Competition multiple times in different divisions. My dream from the age of 9 was to make a living in the US Air Force Band. I was able to win 2 of those auditions by the time I turned 23. However, due to my eyesight, I could not pass the physical exam required for entrance, and I got angry at the Lord and started to backslide and live a life of disobedience bound by 12 years of alcohol addiction.

Only due to the transformative power of Jesus Christ, and the many years of a praying wife and mother, I have been sober since 10/12/2012! My wife and I have been married for 26 years, and we have two wonderful children, who were both born very pre-maturely. Our daughter Natalie is now a junior Studio Art major at Houghton University. Our son Graham just started his sophomore year at McDowell High School, loves wheelchair basketball and will sing with the Erie Jr. Philharmonic Choir this season. My wife Sheryl just concluded being the Director of Traditional Worship at a church in NY for the last 5 years and teaches piano lessons.

The Lord called me into full-time ministry as the Executive Director at the UCAN City Mission (Gospel Rescue Mission for men) for a particular time and season. He then opened a door for me to become the interim pastor for 2 years at a small church in the town of Randolph, NY where I grew up. During that time, I volunteered and led a weekly non-denominational service at UPMC's Chemical Dependency Drug and Alcohol Rehab Unit for 16 months.

Once I started on staff at Grace Church in December of 2025, I continued to preach monthly at an Independent Living facility in Lakewood, NY where I just finished and closed out my 27th month. I have stayed involved with a professional basketball team, the Jamestown Jackals (now Lake Erie Jackals), in a chaplain role for their players. I am currently in my 3rd season as an Assistant Coach for the Randolph Varsity Boys Soccer team. I am blessed and thankful to get to serve at Grace as the Pastor of Engagement under the Gatherings Function.

A word from Jana Burruss:

Hi Church! I grew up in Wexford, PA attending church regularly with my parents and two brothers. My parents were very involved in all aspects of the church and showed me what it looked like to love the Lord with all your heart, mind, and soul. From a young age, I was captivated by the gospel and wanted to share it with everyone in my life! Throughout high school, I felt that I didn't know how to explain my faith well to my friends who were exploring different faiths. I knew that I wanted to help people and that my faith was a key part of my life. I attended Grove City College which taught me a lot about a Christian worldview, but where I learned to share and explain my faith was through my involvement with Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ).

After college, I moved to Erie and I love it here! I found Grace Church and a love for ministry. First through volunteering with Cru at Penn State Behrend, and second as a missionary with Cru for 12 years, ministering to college students and serving as the Northwestern PA Area Director. During my time with Cru, I met my husband, Brian Burruss. We got married in 2014 and have two kids, Luke (9) and Grace (6). Brian works at McDowell High School as a Physics teacher and runs the Esports program after school.

In the Fall of 2022, the needs of my family and the staffing of our Cru team led me to realize that the Lord was calling me to do something else. In January 2023, I stepped into the role of LifeGroup Director at Grace, providing opportunities for people to belong in community. I know that I'm personally called to shepherd and

disciple people. My favorite thing in ministry is talking with someone and seeing them lean more into the Holy Spirit in their lives, praying with them and caring for them. Over the past two years, I've explored the role of pastor and feel that the Lord is calling me to step into the pastoral role to deepen my skills in discipleship by investing in our church personally: coaching, counseling and caring for them. I'm looking forward to learning more and leaning into my 2-word calling of "guiding journeys" by helping people move forward in faith through purposeful presence and direction.

2025-2026 GRACE CHURCH MINISTRY UPDATES





GRACE HARBORCREEK

Site Lead Karl Bush

Grace Harborcreek has had an incredible year. God is clearly at work and moving in wonderful ways. I feel blessed to step into the Site Leader role at Harborcreek and serve alongside this amazing congregation. Many people have explored their calling through Handcrafted, grown as disciples through Dream Disciple classes, and taken LAUNCH to better understand what it means to follow Jesus as we live out God's story every day, everywhere. Our youth and children's ministries are thriving, LifeGroups are flourishing, and our church continues to pour into one another as we prepare to follow God's calling and direction through the Awake the Lake vision.

I have also seen Grace Harborcreek faithfully serve beyond our church walls. We have come alongside people in difficult seasons through meal trains, rides to appointments, welcoming spaces, compassionate support, and life-giving conversations. Before the school year began, we continued prayer walks at Wattsburg, Iroquois, Northeast, and Harborcreek schools, praying over students, children, teachers, and staff while serving as bold witnesses in our community. We also continued partnering with the Harborcreek Ministerium of churches by participating in the Harborcreek and Iroquois baccalaureate ceremonies, where we prayed over graduating seniors. Through that partnership, we also joined in celebrating the Harborcreek Community Thanksgiving Service. In addition, we gathered with State Representative Bob Merski for a spiritual leaders breakfast and luncheon, where local churches and Christian organizations discussed community needs and ways to support and advocate for our neighbors.

I am deeply thankful for the ministry God has entrusted to us as a church, and I am continually encouraged by the way our congregation reflects His love and follows Jesus. I am also grateful for the opportunity to step into this calling and for all that Mike, Emily, and their family have invested in Grace Harborcreek. I could not have asked for better people to receive this handoff from. I am excited to see how God leads them into their next chapter as they answer His call to share the Gospel overseas, and I look forward to what He will continue to do through Grace Harborcreek for His Kingdom in 2027.





GRACE MCKEAN

Pastor Andrew Silbert

Many times over my life, God has placed a verse or passage of scripture on my heart for a season. This year, Psalm 16 has been consistently present, especially when I think of our church. These words, specifically, from verse 8, "I have set the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken." As I reflect on this past year, those words capture so much of what I've experienced here at Grace. It has been a year of planting, building, and taking faithful steps toward the vision God has given us. Through challenges and celebrations, we have kept the Lord before us, trusting Him to lead us as we faithfully live out His story together.

This year, we broke ground together on the Awake the Lake vision God has given us. Our desire was for more of us to personally own that vision and see ourselves as participants in what God is doing through Grace. We wanted that ownership to move beyond Sunday morning and ripple outward into the places where we live, work, learn, and play. Our Grace McKean family has seen encouraging evidence of that movement. 85 people were baptized, 108 completed Handcrafted, 55 completed a Dream Disciple Training Lab, and 84 completed LAUNCH.

These numbers represent intentional steps of growth, but more importantly, they represent people saying yes to Jesus, growing in their faith, discovering how God has wired and called them, and taking greater ownership of His story. Every number represents a story, and together those stories tell us that God has been faithfully breaking new ground among us.

Our mission has never changed: Following Jesus as we live out God's story every day, everywhere. It is more than a statement. It is the full-time adventure we have been invited into. As we keep the Lord before us, He continues to shape who we are, where we go, and how we live.

And there is good work ahead of us this next season, my friends.

We want to see what God has begun take deeper root and spread farther. We want to become a church where people are not only growing in their own faith but helping others grow. Where disciples make disciples and God's story continues to move outward through our families, friendships, workplaces, neighborhoods, and communities.

I'm deeply grateful for what God has done this year and for every person who put a hand in the middle and said, "I'm in!" For many of us, taking an intentional step in our discipleship this year meant putting a shovel in the ground. We've helped break ground for what God wants to do in and through us, and together, we've begun cultivating what He wants to grow through Grace. Now we get to tend what has been planted, helping faith take deeper root, grow, and multiply into the lives of others. And the invitation is for all of us: there is another step to take, more ground to break, more seeds to plant, and more lives for God to reach through us.

As Psalm 16 reminds us, "I have set the Lord always before me." So, let's keep our eyes on Him and move forward with confidence, trusting the One who began this work to bring forth a harvest in His time.

Thank you, Grace McKean family, for continuing to say yes to Jesus and to the story He is writing among us. There are still many lives to reach, stories to live, and narratives to redeem. I can't wait to see what God does next.





SERVERIE

Kerrie Grande, Care and Support Pastor
Lisa Holman, ServErie Lead

This year, ServErie explored new ways to serve while deepening connections across Erie County. We remained focused on building relationships and mobilizing volunteers to be the hands and feet of Jesus where we live, work, learn, and play. Looking ahead, we will continue this work while leveraging ServErie and partnerships to help people bless their world.

As we entered the new ministry year, Kerrie assumed the role of Care and Support Pastor, and ServErie transitioned leadership to longtime ServErie volunteer and former board member, Lisa Holman. This transition brought renewed energy and a continued commitment to ServErie's mission of connecting people with meaningful opportunities to serve throughout Erie County.

Recently, we began partnering with the Nonprofit Partnership to strengthen connections between local nonprofits and volunteers. Although this collaboration is still in its early stages, there is much to be excited about. We believe this partnership will be a catalyst for moving ServErie 365 forward and creating even more opportunities for people to connect and serve.

Recent Highlights:

- ServErie Saturday October 10: More than 100 volunteers served 10 local nonprofits, bringing energy, compassion, and a willingness to serve wherever needed. We look forward to many more ServErie Saturdays in 2027!

- UPMC Regional Community Celebration: UPMC hosted its Regional Community Celebration on September 16, recognizing ServErie as one of 12 nonprofit community champions and presenting us with the Foundations for Healthy Communities Champion Award.

- Hamot Health Foundation Partnership:
    - In February 2026, we embraced a new service opportunity at the overflow homeless shelter. In partnership with Hamot Health Foundation and Luther Memorial Church, more than 115 volunteers served over seven nights to greet residents, serve food, clean, and support more than 65 people each night. The work was demanding but offered a meaningful way to be present and care for our Erie neighbors.

    - For the third time, we partnered with Hamot Health Foundation for Erie's annual RAM (Remote Area Medical) Clinic this September, which provided free, high-quality medical, dental, and vision care. During three days of setup, clinic operations, and teardown, ServErie volunteers provided eight meals and snacks for the clinic's medical, dental, vision, and general volunteers.

This was a year of growth and renewed commitment to Erie County, and we cannot wait to see what God does next!

NOTES