

Grace Presbyterian News

February 2017



Help Feed the Hungry on February 5

The Souper Bowl of Caring began at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina on Super Bowl Sunday 1990. It has grown to raise tens of millions of dollars to alleviate hunger over the years, so we hope you will support this effort on Sunday, February 5 with proceeds going to First Presbyterian, Memphis soup kitchen. Please bring your canned goods or monetary contributions Sunday, February 5.

Young Adult Outing – Saturday, February 4

Young Adult Outing is on Saturday, February 4. We meet at the church at 5:00 pm to determine the evening's agenda. A nursery is available for children ages 6 and under. Contact Emily Mayne for questions or day-of updates: 901-626-1441.

Special Sunday School Class – February 5 through March 12

Bob Gammon will lead a special 6 week class on the novel *The Shack* by William Paul Young. This book opens up several religious questions such as suffering, forgiveness, and God's grace and love.

Valentine Dinner and Movie – Saturday, February 11, at 6:00 pm

Youth Pizza and Games - Sunday, February 19

Join us after worship on Sunday, February 19 for pizza and group games. Bring a friend to worship and our gathering!

A Reminder of Weekly Events at Grace Presbyterian Church

Sunday Prayer and Praise begins at 9:30 p.m.

Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:45 p.m.

Sunday Worship begins at 11:00 a.m.

Bell choir rehearsal is held most Sundays after worship at about 12:00 noon.

Chapel for the Extended Care is held on Mondays at 4:15 p.m.

Choir rehearsals are held in the sanctuary on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

GrandPals read to children in the preschool on Fridays at 11:00 a.m.

Mustard Seed program for children is held on Fridays at 4:00 p.m.

Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings in February

Night Circle meets Monday, February 13, at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Day Circle meets Tuesday, February 14, at 10:00 a.m. at the church.

Game Night – Friday, February 24, at 6:30 p.m.

A Financial Update From the Commitment Committee

Now that 2016 has come to an end, the Commitment Committee is pleased to report that the church's income for the year exceeded expenses by \$3,606. In particular, total offering received during 2016 was \$2,598 above the budgeted amount. The congregation of Grace Presbyterian Church has clearly taken a major step forward over the past year to strengthen and stabilize the church's financial standing.

In addition, the session of the church has approved a balanced budget totaling \$182,500 for 2017. Not only does this budget provide additional funding for some sessional committees to assist them in their work, but it also provides just over \$1,000 to support a Christian mission project in Asia, led by a Presbyterian minister in partnership with our presbytery. It is most gratifying to see our church contribute to a global mission initiative in addition to increase funding for our mission in the local community

The session is profoundly grateful to all those who supported the church so generously through their giving in 2016 and to everyone who is now providing financial support in 2017.

John Price
Commitment Committee Chair

Pincrest

Pincrest has announced its summer camp dates. Camps are available for children who have completed kindergarten through graduating high school seniors. If you register by March 16, they offer a \$30 discount. More information is available at camppincrest.org or by calling 901-878-1247. At the Youth Gathering on Feb 19, we will discuss the possibility of having our youth attend camp during the same week.

Session Chairs for 2017

The elders who serve on the session this year each chair a committee, and here is the lineup for 2017. If you have interest in certain areas of the church's life, speak to the appropriate elder about how to help:

Care – Ruth Ellen Cox
Child Care – John Gordon
Christian Education – Emily Mayne
Commitment – John Price
Congregational Life – Paula Bishop
Mission Outreach – Sara Lawson
Property – Kevin Bopp
Worship – Bob Harrold
Clerk of Session – Jean Markham

Be Sure to Meet our Newest Members

Please introduce yourself to Bob and Eve Gammon, and Rick, Karen, and Hannah McAdams, who united with the church in late December and early January, and also welcome back Mabry Guenther, who grew up at Raleigh and Grace Presbyterian and has been back in Memphis and in worship recently.

Visitors in Worship who signed the register in January 2017

Bill Britton, Millington, **TC Campbell**, Memphis; **Nadiyah Gibbs**, Memphis; **Shawn McGoldrick**, Memphis; **Don and LindaJo McKim**, Germantown; **Dan & Roseann Mayo**, Bartlett; **Chris Patton**, Cordova; **Jerome Schlichte**, Cordova; **Martha Starnes**, Hapeville GA; **Randy & Linda Starnes**, Maple Grove MN; **Anna & Steve Tate**, Bartlett; **Thomas family**, Olive Branch MS; **Linda Young**, Bartlett.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	2 <i>Charlotte Hicks</i>	3 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre-schoolers 4:00 pm Mustard Seed	4 5:00 pm Young Adults Meet at church
5 9:30Prayer&Praise 9:45SundaySchool 11:00 Worship/ Communion Souper Bowl of Caring Bell Choir after worship <i>LindaTolley</i>	6 4:15 pm Chapel for Extended Care	7 <i>Marilyn Wilson</i>	8 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal <i>Kathy Cooke</i>	9	10 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre-schoolers 4:00 pm Mustard Seed	11 6:00 pm Valentine Dinner & Movie
12 9:30Prayer&Praise 9:45SundaySchool 11:00 Worship Bell Choir after worship	13 4:15 pm Chapel for Extended Care 7:00 pm Night Circle of PW <i>Hugh Bishop</i>	14 10:00 am Day Circle of PW	15 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	16 <i>Vickie Washburn</i>	17 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre-schoolers 4:00 pm Mustard Seed	18 <i>Janet Vawter</i>
19 9:30Prayer&Praise 9:45SundaySchool 11:00 Worship Bell Choir after worship Youth Pizza & Games after worship <i>Mary Korowin</i>	20 4:15 pm Chapel for Extended Care 5:30 p.m. Session Mtg	21	22 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	23	24 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre-schoolers 4:00 pm Mustard Seed 6:30 pm Game Night	25 <i>Don McKim</i>
26 9:30Prayer&Praise 9:45SundaySchool 11:00 Worship/ Transfiguration Bell Choir after worship	27 4:15 pm Chapel for Extended Care	28 <i>Suzanne Getman</i>				

Elders Serving Communion

February 5: Kevin Bopp, Brooks Keiser, Mary Korowin, Sara Lawson, Jim Pickren

Usher Schedule

February 5: John Price & Elizabeth Velazquez

February 12 & 19: Sandy Kehrli & Jim Pickren

February 26: Bob Harrold & Frances Kitterman

Closing Elder

February 5: Sara Lawson

February 12: John Price

February 19: Jean Markham

February 26: John Gordon

Lectionary Scripture Readings for Worship:

Feb. 5: Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 112;
1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Matthew 5:13-20

Feb. 12: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matt. 5:21-37

Feb. 19: Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18; Psalm 119:33-40
1 Corinthians 3:10-23; Matthew 5:38-48

Feb. 26: Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 99
2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

A Prayer for the Transfiguration

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah; and in the voice from the cloud you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us, with Christ, heirs of your glory and bring us to enjoy its fullness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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