

Grace Presbyterian News

June 2017

Sunday, June 4, is the Day of Pentecost – Wear something Red to church, if you can

Presbytery Celebration – June 4, Rhodes College (Bryant Campus Life Center)



Join fellow congregations from across our Presbytery to worship and work together.

We will celebrate the Day of Pentecost.

We will join our voices in a mass choir.

We will be inspired and challenged by renowned preacher Todd Jones.

We will share a meal and make a stand against hunger as we pack meals for Rise Against Hunger.

3:30 – Sign In 4:00 – Worship 5:00 Package the meals for Rise Against Hunger 5:30ish – Dinner

We Recognize our Graduates and Celebrate their Achievements – Sunday, June 4

On Sunday, June 4, during worship we will recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of all graduates in the Grace Presbyterian Church family and linger with them over light refreshments to pat them on the back and wish them well. Please help us know all the graduates of our wider church family from high school or higher levels of education.

We are on Facebook

Like all the hep cats and cool people, Grace Presbyterian Church is on Facebook. We are located at www.facebook.com/GPCBartlett. Please click “Like” on the page to see updates in your newsfeed. The more you “Like,” share and comment on our posts, the more activity our page gets and the more other people will see what’s going on at our church.

We (almost) Never Cancel Worship

After the big storms of Saturday night, May 27, a couple of people called or texted me Sunday morning as to whether we were having church. The answer is, unless it's a white-out blizzard, we **NEVER CANCEL WORSHIP**. We may not have electricity, but Christians worshiped for over 1800 years without electricity. It may be harder than usual to reach church, and if you feel it is not safe for you to come, your absence is excused. But worship is so important, so central to who we are, that we do not cancel worship for trifling reasons like no lights or a little snow. So even if you see on the news that other churches are canceling, or you "hear a rumor" that we are not having church, take it from me, your pastor, **WE ARE HERE WORSHIPPING GOD** at the appointed time.

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A Reminder of Weekly Events at Grace Presbyterian Church

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

Sunday School begins at 9:45 p.m.

Sunday Worship begins at 11:00 a.m.

Bell choir rehearses most Sundays after worship at about 12:00 noon.

Choir rehearses in the sanctuary on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

GrandPals is on hiatus for the summer.

Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering and Church Picnic – Sunday, June 11

We celebrate the work of Presbyterian Women, receive the PW birthday offering and linger for a pot luck church picnic on Sunday, June 11, which is also Trinity Sunday, and the baptism of Evie Mayne.

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

We get together at the church for monthly game night on Friday, June 30, starting at 6:30 p.m. Bring your games and snacks and we will have fun. (Remember the schedule for game night is **LAST** Friday of the month.)

Celebration of Clyde and Suzanne Getman's 50th wedding anniversary

A celebration of the Getmans' 50th anniversary will be held at Grace Presbyterian Church on Saturday, July 1, 2017, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Please RSVP by June 24 to Kristen@gurlen.com or call her at 901.275.4492

The Total Eclipse of the Sun – Monday, August 21, 2017 – A Spiritual Experience

As some of you know, I have seen 5 total eclipses of the sun (1991,1998,1999,2006,2012), in countries (Mexico, Venezuela, Austria, Turkey, Australia) on 5 different continents. In a few weeks a total solar eclipse comes along that is very convenient. The path of totality runs south of St. Louis, through southern Illinois, western Kentucky, and into Tennessee, including Nashville among other places. This magnificent total eclipse stretches from Oregon to South Carolina, in case you already have travel plans outside our part of the country on that day. **YOU WILL NOT SEE THE TOTAL ECLIPSE IN MEMPHIS OR BARTLETT**, and though the near-total here will be fascinating enough, I hope you will consider traveling into the path of totality on the big day. A total eclipse renders most people speechless; the eeriness of the experience is hard to describe to those who have not seen it. The moon fits so perfectly over the disk of the sun, leaving the streamers of the corona, and naked eye flares visible. The sky darkens, planets and bright stars appear, an orange glow fills the whole horizon. I also think of this scripture when I see a total eclipse, "It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed (*eklipontos* in Greek); and the curtain of the temple was torn in two." (Luke 23:44-45) Though the total phase of this eclipse will last just over two minutes, not three hours, the effect will not be lost on its observers. I encourage you to "find the path (of totality)" and enjoy this transcendent spiritual experience.

Visitors in Worship in May 2017 who signed the register

Lisa Free, Bartlett; Ken and Dori Hathaway; Denver CO; Russell Jones, Bartlett; Dan and Roseann Mayo, Bartlett; Shawn McGoldrick, Memphis; Linda G. Perry, Bartlett; Anna Tate, Bartlett; Steve White, Olive Branch.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>Andrew Vawter</i>	2	3
4 9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Pentecost/ Communion Reception after worship 4:00 Presbytery- wide service at Rhodes College	5	6 <i>Evie Mayne</i>	7 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	8	9 <i>Linda Jo McKim</i> <i>Jonathan Roberts</i>	10
11 9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Trinity Sunday 12:00 PW Birthday celebration & Picnic pot luck <i>Josie Clark</i>	12	13 <i>Emily Mayne</i> <i>Mark Pfaffenroth</i> <i>Kerry Wilson</i>	14 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	15	16	17 <i>Everett Lawson</i>
18 9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Bell Choir	19 5:30 pm Session Meeting <i>David Hicks</i>	20	21 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	22	23 <i>Judy Price</i>	24 <i>Denny Korowin</i> <i>Greg Price</i> <i>Bob Vawter</i>
25 9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Linda Jo McKim 12:00 Bell Choir	26	27	28	29 <i>Sandy Kehrli</i>	30 6:30 pm Game Night <i>Rusty Tolley</i>	

Usher Schedule

June 4 & 11: Bob Harrold & Jim Pickren

June 18 & 25: Hugh Bishop & John Price

Closing Elders:

June 4: Ruth Ellen Cox

June 11: Bob Harrold

June 18: Paula Bishop

June 25: John Gordon

Elders Serving Communion

June 4:

**Kevin Bopp, Bob Harrold, Scott Hunter,
Sara Lawson, Jim Pickren**

Lectionary Readings for Worship:

June 4: (Pentecost)

Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104

Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39

June 11: (Trinity Sunday)

Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8;

2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

June 18:

Genesis 18:1-15; Psalm 116

Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:23

June 25:

Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86

Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

A Prayer for Trinity Sunday

O blessed Trinity, in whom we know the Maker of all things seen and unseen, the Savior of all both near and far: By your Spirit enable us so to worship your divine majesty, that with all the company of heaven we may magnify your glorious name, saying: Holy, holy, holy. Glory to you, O Lord most high. Amen.

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