

# *Grace Presbyterian News*

## **May 2018**

### **Four Sundays – Four Themes in Worship**

This year the calendar for May falls such that each of the four Sundays has a distinct theme. May 6 is the sixth Sunday of Easter, but a day historically given to prayers for agriculture in rural communities and more generally the glory of God in the beauty of creation. The sixth Sunday of Easter preceded the Rogation Days, which were the weekdays prior to Ascension Day in which God's favor was sought for the crops then being planted. May 13 is the last of the seven Sundays of Easter, and we take note of the Ascension of Christ into heaven, which occurred 40 days following the resurrection. Ascension Day is Thursday, May 10, but we will celebrate the ascension in worship on May 13. The conclusion of the Great Fifty Days of Easter is Pentecost, which falls on May 20 this year. Red is the liturgical color for this day which celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, as recorded in Acts 2. Then, May 27, the Sunday after Pentecost is Trinity Sunday, a day which beautifully caps off what I sometimes call the "busy half" of the church year. God as Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has working in dynamic unity in our worship and our church life as we have made our way through Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost. I hope to see you at worship all four Sundays in May 2018.

Pastor Mike Krech

### **Redbirds Game – Saturday, May 12 – Game begins at 6:35 p.m.**

We have about 30 people signed up to go the Memphis Redbirds baseball game on Saturday, May 12. However, if you missed signing up, there is a good chance you can still go, either taking someone's place who had to cancel late, or we may be able to obtain a few extra tickets. You can meet at the stadium by 6:15 p.m. in time for the 6:35 p.m. first pitch, or carpool from the church by 5:15 p.m.

### **Youth Putt-Putt Outing – Saturday, May 19, at 8:30 a.m.**

Meet at the church for a morning of Putt-Putt and then pizza at Cici's. Cost is \$17, which includes mini golf, rides, game room tokens, and food.

### **Youngish Adult Outing – Saturday, May 19, at 5:00 p.m.**

We meet at the church at 5:00 to decide where to go eat. A nursery is provided.

**Presbytery-Wide Pentecost Worship & Service Project – Sunday, May 20 at Rhodes College**  
Join with other Presbyterians in the area for our annual Pentecost celebration at the Bryant Campus Life Center at Rhodes College, with worship at 4:00 p.m., followed by the service project for the relief of hunger, food and fellowship.

### **Game Night – Friday, May 25, at 6:30 p.m.**

### **Graduates**

Please help us be aware of all graduates in the church family. We would love to recognize them in worship on Sunday, June 3, or on a Sunday in May when they can be present, as their schedules allow.

### **Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings in May**

The Day Circle meets Tuesday, May 8, at 10:00 a.m. at the church.

The Night Circle meets Monday, May 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

## Weekly Events at Grace Presbyterian Church

Sunday Prayer and Praise begins at 9:30 p.m. We sing and pray by name for those on the prayer list

Sunday School 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 (through May 7) 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 (through May 11) at 11:00 a.m.

Mustard Seed program for children on Fridays (through May 18) at 4:15 p.m.

## A Financial Update from the Commitment Committee

For the first quarter of the year, the church's expenses have exceeded income by \$1,197. Pledged offering received over the first three months has been \$3,231 below the budgeted amount. However, unpledged offering received during the first quarter has been unexpectedly strong, coming in at \$3,573 over budget projections. Total church income for the first quarter has been \$870 above the budgeted figure, and total expenses for the period have been \$709 above budget. Since there has been a shortfall in pledged offering received during the first quarter, we encourage those who may have fallen behind in their giving to get caught up in the near future, if possible. We greatly appreciate our congregation's faithful and generous financial support of our church's ministry.

## Help is Needed in Maintaining the Church Grounds

As you may know, we at Grace Presbyterian Church are dedicated to the idea of doing all or most the work in maintaining the church grounds ourselves in order to be good stewards of our financial resources. Because of our church's great expanse of property, there is much to be done, and the Property Committee would welcome some additional help. The church has a zero-turn riding mower and two push mowers, one of which is self-propelled. There are also two string trimmers for edging and trimming. The Property Committee would be happy to provide training to anyone needing it, particularly with regard to the use of the riding mower. You do not have to commit yourself to any particular schedule. Your help would be greatly appreciated whenever you can provide it. Join the few, the humble, the volunteers of the GPC Grounds Crew. Contact Kevin Bopp, Property Committee chair. He will be overjoyed to hear from you.

## Visitors in Worship who signed the register in April 2018

**Bill Britton**, Millington; **TC Campbell**, Memphis; **Milton and Diana Chambley**, Bartlett; **Gabriel Davenport**, Bartlett; **Charlie, Kristy, Zach, Aiden, Lydia Drake**, Canton GA; **Keith and Turid Dulin**, Bartlett; **Andrew Gafford**, Bartlett; **Nadiyah Gibbs**, Memphis; **Alice Hart**; **Ken and Dori Hathaway**; **Sherry Hathaway Hodges**, Lee's Summit, MO; **Cathy Jessee**, Memphis; **Joe King**, Russellville, AR; **Ryan, Aimee, Addie, and Will Krech**, Destin, FL; **Wanda Little**, Memphis; **Brien & Samuel Luck**, Bartlett; **Roseann and Dan Mayo**, Bartlett; **Shawn McGoldrick**, Memphis; **Don and LindaJo McKim**, Germantown; **Steve McLeod**, Bartlett; **James and Sheryl Moroschak**, Bartlett; **Hollie Price**, Bartlett; **Eduardo Radaza, Jr.**, Bartlett; **Roselle Revelle**, Memphis; **Roger and Ann Wade**, Bartlett; **Geneva Xiang**.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<i>Blake Ragghianti</i>	11:00 a.m. GrandPals read to pre- schoolers  4:15 p.m. Mustard Seed	
6 9:30Prayer&Praise 9:45SundaySchool 11:00 Worship/ Easter 6  <i>Karen Wilson Hicks Matthew Washburn</i>	7 4:15 p.m. Chapel for Extended Care	8 10:00 a.m. PW Day Circle	9 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	10 Ascension Day	11 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre- schoolers  4:15 pm Mustard Seed	12 5:15 Carpool to ball game 6:35 pm Redbirds Baseball Game at Auto Zone Park
13 9:30Prayer&Praise 9:45SundaySchool 11:00 Worship/ Ascension Sunday	14 7:00 p.m. PW Night Circle	15	16 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal <i>Rickie Cooke</i>	17	18 10:00 am & 1:00 pm Day School Program/ Graduation  4:15 pm Mustard Seed	19 8:30 a.m. Youth Putt Putt Outing  5:00 p.m. Youngish Adult Outing
20 9:30Prayer&Praise 9:45SundaySchool 11:00 Worship/ Pentecost/ Communion	21 5:30 p.m. Session Mtg.	22	23 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	24 <i>Jane McGoldrick</i>	25 6:30 pm Game Night	26
27 9:30Prayer&Praise 9:45SundaySchool 11:00 Worship/ Trinity Sunday	28 Memorial Day	29 <i>John Gordon Hannah McAdams</i>	30 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	31		

### **Elders Serving Communion**

**May 20:** Ruth Ellen Cox, John Gordon,  
Sara Lawson, Jean Starnes, Janet Vawter

### **Usher Schedule**

**May 6:** Cole Price & Greg Price

**May 13 & 20:**

Gabe Davenport & Harold Howard

**May 27:** Scott Hunter & John Price

### **Closing Elder**

**May 6:** Paula Bishop

**May 13:** Brooks Keiser

**May 20:** Ruth Ellen Cox

**May 27:** Elizabeth Velazquez

### **Scripture Readings for Worship:**

**May 6:** Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98;  
1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

**May 13:** Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47;  
Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

**May 20:** Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 104:24-34;  
Romans 8:22-27; Acts 2:1-21;  
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

**May 27:** Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29  
Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

### **A Prayer for the Ascension of Christ**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior  
Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that  
he might fill all things: mercifully give us faith to  
perceive that, according to his promise, he abides  
with his church on earth, even to the end of the  
ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

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