

Grace Presbyterian News **August 2018**

Bring Your Cute Baby/Kid Pictures of Yourself

The Christian Education Committee is cooking up a Back-to-Sunday-School breakfast on Sunday, September 9th. Part of the event will be a game where we show baby/kid pictures of church members and let players guess who's who. If you are willing, please send your baby picture or picture as a young child (bonus points if it's one where you're at church!), to Emily Mayne at emilykrech@yahoo.com. You can also bring a copy to her at church so she can scan it and return it to you.

Adult Sunday School Class Continues Study of Galatians

The Adult Sunday School class, led by John Price, is studying Paul's letter to the Galatians. Come and learn more about this important letter, foundational to our Protestant faith.

A Stewardship/Unexpected Expense Update

As of the end of the second quarter of the year, the church's expenses have exceeded income by \$853 for the year thus far. Of some concern is the fact that pledged offering received for the first six months is \$3,929 less than the amount pledged for that period. Fortunately this shortfall in pledged offering has nearly been offset by unpledged offering received, which has been \$3,679 more than anticipated for the first half of the year. Total church income for the first six months has been \$114 above the budgeted figure.

The church has recently incurred two rather large expenses that were not anticipated. It has been necessary to purchase and install a new air conditioning unit to serve the church office at a cost of approximately \$3,400. It has also become necessary to spend approximately \$5,000 for the purchase and planting of additional trees and shrubs in order to be in compliance with a landscaping agreement with the city of Bartlett.

So we ask that if you have fallen behind in your pledge, try to get caught up soon if at all possible. And for those who have not made a financial pledge for the current year, we hope that you will continue to give as generously over the last half of the year as you have given over the first half. On behalf of the session, the Commitment Committee would sincerely like to thank everyone who has faithfully supported the church through their giving this year.

Presbyterian Women Lunch – Tuesday, August 14, at Noon

Presbyterian Women and their families and guests are welcome to meet for lunch on Tuesday, August 14, at 12:00 noon, at Fat Larry's Restaurant, 7537 U.S. Highway 70. The PWs who meet on second Tuesday through the year wanted to stay in touch through the summer this way, so come along if you can.

Presbyterian Women Horizons Bible Study Conference – Saturday August 25; 9:30 am

The Presbyterian Women's Horizons Bible Study Conference meets on Saturday, August 25, beginning at 9:30 a.m., at Pinecrest Conference and Retreat Center, Highway 57, just west of LaGrange, Tennessee, to get an overview/kickoff of the coming year's study book. The study book for the coming year is *God's Promise – I Am with You*

Sunday Schedule at Grace Presbyterian Church in August 2018

Morning Prayer begins at 9:35 p.m. (We pray for those on the prayer list by name.)

Sunday School begins at 9:45 p.m. (Children's Sunday School on hiatus through September 2)

Worship begins at 11:00 a.m.

August Dinner and Games on the Lawn Try Again – August 26, at 6:00 p.m.

Our monthly dinner event for August will be at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 26. We will enjoy food and fellowship and will try again to play games on the lawn such as croquet, horseshoes, and badminton, which had to be cancelled because of the torrential rain and lightning storm on the evening of July 15.

Game Night – Friday, August 31, at 6:30 p.m.

We get together at the church for monthly game night on Friday, August 31, starting at 6:30 p.m. Bring your games and snacks and we will have fun.

Visitors in Worship in July 2018, who signed the register

Mary Aralsingh, Memphis; Mark & Janet Benassi, Louisville, CO; Mike & Maddie Carroll, Southaven, MS; Barbara Colby, Memphis; Jessica Cooke; Gabriel Davenport, Bartlett; Zachary Dickey; Kristy, Aiden, Lydia Drake, Canton GA; Andrew Gafford, Bartlett; Nadiyah Gibbs, Memphis; Sandra and Alaina Hurley, Bartlett; Jim & Judy Henderson, Somerville, TN; Sherry Hathaway Hodges, Lee's Summit, MO; Vic, Shannon, Emma, Lucas, Max Kreuziger, Pardeeville WI; Sena & Jai Mayers; Dan and Roseann Mayo, Bartlett; Jones Peterson, Germantown; Hollie Price, Bartlett; Eduardo Radaza, Bartlett; Roselle Revelle, Bartlett; Martha Starnes, Hapeville GA; Randy, Linda, Bret Starnes, Minneapolis MN; Becky Stirling, Arlington; Tammy Walker, Bartlett; William & Linda Warren, Germantown; Steve White, Olive Branch.

How to become a Member of Grace Presbyterian Church by Pastor Mike Krech

We welcome all people to worship with us and be part of the life of Grace Presbyterian Church at a pace in a way that seems right for them. As I sometimes say, "We want to be welcoming without being pushy." But if you are not formally a member of Grace Presbyterian and would like to become a member, please know that we receive members in three ways. If you have never professed faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and you are ready to do this, then that is the first way. This can be accompanied or soon followed by your baptism. If you have professed faith in Christ and you hold membership in another congregation, I can write to that church and ask them to transfer your membership to our church. If you have professed faith in Christ, but you are not on any other church's roll, then you can be received by re-affirmation of faith. Church membership is an appropriate way to indicate publicly your faith in Christ and to clarify your relationship with our particular congregation. I will be glad to discuss this with anyone who is considering it and try to answer questions that you may have.

August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>Matthew Smith</i>	2	3 <i>Clyde Getman</i>	4
5 9:35 Morning Prayer 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship <i>John Price</i>	6 <i>Nathaniel Smith</i>	7	8	9 <i>Karen Gordon McAdams</i>	10	11 9:30 a.m. Presbytery Meeting at Shady Grove
12 9:35 Morning Prayer 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship <i>John Price</i>	13 <i>Scott Hunter</i>	14 12:00 noon PW Lunch at Fat Larry's Restaurant	15 <i>Bob Harrold</i>	16	17	18 <i>Olivia Cooke</i>
19 9:35 Morning Prayer 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Don McKim <i>Leonardine Campbell</i> <i>Adam Price</i>	20 5:30 p.m. Session Mtg. <i>Chelsea Guenther</i>	21	22	23 <i>Eve Gammon</i>	24 <i>Jenny Pickren Murnan</i>	25 9:30 am PW Bible Study Conference at Pinecrest <i>Ginger Johnson</i>
26 9:35 Morning Prayer 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Communion 6:00 Dinner & Games on Lawn	27 <i>Gabe Davenport</i> <i>Wendi Glenn</i>	28 <i>Elizabeth Pickren Sanders</i>	29	30 <i>Tiffany Bopp</i>	31 6:30 pm Game Night	

**Scheduled to Serve in August
Elder Closing Church Duty**

August 5: Kevin Bopp
August 12: Paula Bishop
August 19: John Price
August 26: Emily Mayne

Usher Schedule

August 5 & 12: Hugh Bishop, Glenda Parker
August 19 & 26: Sandy Kehrli, Jim Pickren

Elders Serving Communion

August 26:
John Gordon, Bob Harrold, Ken Hathaway,
Mary Korowin, Sara Lawson

Scripture Readings for Worship:

August 5: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13; Psalm 51;
Ephesians 4:1-16; Mark 6:45-56

August 12: 2 Samuel 18:5-33; Psalm 130;
Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35,41-51

August 19: 1 Kings 20:22-30; Psalm 121;
Romans 8:31-39; John 6:51-58

August 26: 1 Kings 8:1-43; Psalm 84;
Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

A Prayer for Social Justice

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that the barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease, and that, with our divisions healed, we might live in justice and peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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