

Grace Presbyterian News

September 2018

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

Hoping you get the newsletter in time, remember that game night for August is Friday, August 31, at 6:30 p.m. Bring a game and/or a snack. Game night in September will be Friday, September 28.

Back to Sunday School Breakfast – Sunday, September 9

Bring your appetites on Sunday, September 9th for a delicious, hot breakfast starting at 9 am. We'll have activities for children and adults, including our Guess Who's Who baby picture slideshow. Then at 10:15, we'll have an abbreviated Sunday School class: adults continue their study on Galatians (previous attendance is not necessary to join this class led by John Price), and children and youth will kick off their Sunday School year after enjoying a summer hiatus.

Please Help our Children Learn

We are looking for volunteer teachers for Children's Sunday School (9:45-10:30 am) and for Children's Church (11:15-11:45 or so). Lessons and materials are provided. Our children love being taught by you as often as you are interested in teaching; teach just once a year or once a month or whatever fits your schedule. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the narthex and hard copy lessons will be available at least one week before you teach. Contact Emily Mayne with questions: 901-626-1441/emilykrech@yahoo.com.

Adult Sunday School Class

The adult Sunday School class, (the Friendship Class) led by John Price, continues its study of Paul's letter to the Galatians, Sundays at 9:45 a.m., meeting for now in fellowship hall.

Presbyterian Women Bible Study Resumes September 10 and 11

After a summer hiatus, monthly Bible study for Presbyterian Women resumes in September. The night circle meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and the day circle meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. The 2018-2019 study is *God's Promise – I Am with You*. This study will look at God's comfort and companionship in various circumstances in the Old and New Testaments.

A Reminder of Weekly Events at Grace Presbyterian Church

Prayer and Praise resumes at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 16.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship begins at 11:00 a.m.

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

Choir rehearsal is held Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

GrandPals resumes in September, Fridays at 11:00 a.m.

Mustard Seed resumes in September, Fridays at 4:15 p.m.

We are on Facebook

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.

Thanks from Pastor Mike

Some people really love summer, and I am among them. I like the days of long daylight hours, warm, even hot, weather, baseball, and vacation. We have had a great summer, with two fun trips of about a week each, doing our usually nerdy things of going to museums and state capitols. But here at church we have also had a good summer, even at a slower pace. Weekly worship is our focal point, with special meals and celebrations along the way. Thanks to our guest preachers, choirs, guest musicians, technical assistants, ushers, Communion preparers, all who keep the physical plant going by mowing grass, trimming shrubs, repairing the building, maintaining equipment, cleaning up the untidy places and beautifying anything. I'm thankful for all who express care and love for fellow church members with visits, words, and cards of encouragement, or by teaching children and other adults, preparing, serving and cleaning up after meals. I am touched by all with generous hearts toward neighbors in need and who seek to extend the outreach and witness of the church through social justice and welcoming visitors and new members. It's been a fast summer; on to autumn we go.

Visitors in Worship in August 2018 who signed the register

TC Campbell; Nadiyah Gibbs; Sandra & Alaina Hurley; Brien & Samuel Luck, Roseann and Dan Mayo; Don McKee; Don & LindaJo McKim; Eduardo Radaza, Jr.; Roselle Revelle; Becky Stirling; William & Linda Warren.

All labor gained new dignity
since he who all creation made
toiled with his hands for daily bread
right manfully.

No work is commonplace, if all
be done as unto him alone;
life's simplest toil to him is known
who knoweth all.

Each smallest common thing he makes
serves him with its minutest part;
man only with his wand'ring heart
his way forsakes.

His service is life's highest joy,
it yields fair fruit a hundred fold:
be this our prayer--"Not fame, nor gold,
but--thine employ!"

John Oxenham, 1920

This beautiful hymn, at left, with its unusual a-b-b-a rhyme scheme, speaks an important word about the dignity and worth of all labor, when seen through the eyes of Christ. We do well to be reminded daily how much the everyday material and spiritual well-being we enjoy rests upon the labor of many who are paid wages that are modest at best.

Labor Day is mostly an end of summer holiday final fling in our culture now, but it reminds us of the worth of work, especially as we see our labor as our Christian vocation, our offering to God, for God's glory and the good of our neighbor.

Pastor Mike Krech

September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>9:35 Morning Prayer 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship</p> <p><i>Katelyn Vawter</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>Labor Day Office Holiday</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p><i>Jean Starnes</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">1/8</p> <p>(8th) 9:00a-2:00p DAR event in sanctuary fellowship hall and kitchen</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>9:00 Rally Day Breakfast with guess who pictures 10:15 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Bell Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>7:00 pm PW Night Circle</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>10:00 am PW Day Circle</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Bell Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>5:30 pm Session Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Bell Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>6:30 pm Game Night</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p>9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Don McKim leading 12:00 Bell Choir</p>						

Usher Schedule

Sept 2 & 9: Scott Hunter & Elizabeth Velazquez
Sept 16 & 23: John Price & Kendall Walker
Sept 30: Michelle Clifford & Ken Hathaway

Closing Elders

Sept. 02: Elizabeth Velazquez
Sept. 09: Paula Bishop
Sept. 16: John Price
Sept. 23: Emily Mayne
Sept. 30: Emily Mayne

A Prayer for Labor Day

Loving Father, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor—in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living. We thank you for the gift and opportunity of work; may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of your name. We lift up to you all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere. May our working and our resting all give praise to you until the day we share together in eternal rest in your Kingdom as you live and reign Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Lectionary Readings for Worship:

September 2:

Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45;
James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-23

September 9:

Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23; Psalm 125
James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-37

September 16:

Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19;
James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

September 23:

Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1
James 3:13-4:3,7-8; Mark 9:30-37

September 30:

Esther 7:1-10; 9:20-22; Psalm 124
James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

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