

# *Grace Presbyterian News*

## **May 2019**

### **Great Hymnwriters Study – Each Sunday in May at 9:45 a.m.**

Drs. Linda Jo and Don McKim are leading us through a study of great hymnwriters. This study began the last Sunday in April and continues each Sunday in May at 9:45 a.m. On April 28, Don got us off to a great start, noting how central congregational singing has been to Protestant Reformed worship and highlighting the Psalters, collections of Psalms set to metrical tunes. We look forward to continuing the story of how deeply the faith of the church and our unity in Christ has been conveyed through the great hymns of the church.

### **Get Up and Go Bunch – to Cedar Hall, Tuesday, May 21**

The Get Up and Go Bunch will go to Cedar Hall on Tuesday, May 21, for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and a tour of the ante-bellum home. The cost is \$20 per person. Ruth Ellen needs you to tell her one week ahead of time (that is by Tuesday, May 14) so she can reserve our number. Cedar Hall is located at 3712 Broadway Road in Ellendale.

### **Barbecue Potluck Lunch following Worship on May 26**

On Sunday, May 26, bring side dishes and desserts to accompany barbecue for a potluck lunch after church. Afterwards, linger for some non-competitive, all-in-good-fun Bible/church trivia.

### **Thanks to Those Who Teach our Children**

Many thanks to the volunteers who have taught Children's Sunday School and Children's Church this year. Our children benefit from hearing the Bible stories and learning Christian and Presbyterian beliefs from different teachers' perspectives, and they are strengthened in their church relationships with adult believers. Children's Sunday School will be on hiatus for the summer, and we have one dedicated teacher for Children's Church until August, so we hope you enjoy your respite and will be willing to return or teach for the first time in September.

### **A Financial Update from the Commitment Committee**

The faithful and generous financial support from this congregation for the church and its missions demonstrates the dedication and commitment of all its members. We greatly appreciate you. The church income for the first quarter is slightly under budget by \$1,535 of which only \$711 is from the pledged offerings. The expenses for the same period are over budget by only \$1,008 due to yearly payments made that are budgeted throughout the year. The net budget for the first three months is over by \$2,543. All in all, the church is doing okay for the first quarter of 2019. We have money in the bank and the love of Christ in our hearts. We thank you not only for your financial support, but for the time and talents you give so freely to this church.

### **Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings in May (Lesson 9 in the study book)**

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

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

**Game Night – Friday, May 31, 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 2, or on a Sunday in May when they can be present, as their schedules allow.

## **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, including the Great Hymnwriters series, 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.

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 10) at 11:00 a.m.

Mustard Seed program for children is on Fridays at 4:15 p.m.

## **Maintaining the Church Grounds**

At Grace Presbyterian Church we are dedicated to doing as much of the work as possible 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 2019**

Heather Bopp; Milton and Diana Chambley; Keith and Turid Dulin; Nadiyah Gibbs and Braylen Taylor; Ken and Dori Hathaway; Sherry Hathaway Hodges, Lee's Summit, MO; Sandra Hurley; Ryan, Aimee, Adelaide, and Will Krech, Destin, FL; Roseann and Dan Mayo; Shawn McGoldrick; Don and Linda Jo McKim; James, Sheryl, and Maddie Moroschak; Linda G. Perry; Catherine Ponder, Walnut Ridge AR; Roselle Revelle; Katie Smith; Roger and Ann Wade; Laura Winfrey.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m. Bartlett Area Chorus Rehearsal	11:00 a.m. GrandPals read to pre- schoolers  4:15 p.m. Mustard Seed <i>Blake</i> <i>Ragghianti</i>	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Easter 3/ Communion/ Linda Jo McKim 12:00 Bell Choir	<i>Karen Wilson</i> <i>Hicks</i> <i>Matthew</i> <i>Washburn</i>		7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m. Bartlett Area Chorus Rehearsal	11:00 am GrandPals read to pre- schoolers  4:15 pm Mustard Seed	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Easter 4 12:00 Bell Choir  <i>Jon Settlemires</i>	7:00 p.m. PW Night Circle	10:00 a.m. PW Day Circle	7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m. Bartlett Area Chorus Rehearsal  <i>Rickie Cooke</i>	10:00 am & 1:00 pm Day School Program/ Graduation  4:15 pm Mustard Seed	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Easter 5 12:00 Bell Choir	5:30 p.m. Session Mtg.	12:30 p.m. Get Up & Go Bunch to Cedar Hall for Lunch & Tour 7:00 p.m. Bartlett Area Chorus Rehearsal	7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m. Bartlett Area Chorus Rehearsal	<i>Jane</i> <i>McGoldrick</i>	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Easter 6 12:00 BBQ Potluck and Bible/Church Trivia	Memorial Day	7:00 p.m. Bartlett Area Chorus Rehearsal	7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  <i>John Gordon</i> <i>Hannah</i> <i>McAdams</i>	Ascension Day  7:00 p.m. Bartlett Area Chorus Program	6:30 pm Game Night	

### **Elders Serving Communion**

**May 5:** Paula Bishop, Harold Howard,  
Scott Hunter, Jean Starnes, Marilyn Wilson

### **Usher Schedule**

**May 5 & 12:** Anna Tate & Kendall Walker  
**May 19 & 26:** Ruth Ellen Cox & Glenda Parker

### **Closing Elder**

**May 5:** Rosemary Gordon  
**May 12:** Rosemary Gordon  
**May 19:** Rickie Cooke  
**May 26:** Kevin Bopp

### **Lectors**

**May 5:** Suzanne Getman  
**May 12:** Becky Stirling  
**May 19:** Janet Vawter  
**May 26:** Bob Harrold

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

**May 5:** Acts 9:1-9; Psalm 30;  
Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19  
**May 12:** Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23;  
Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30  
**May 19:** Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148  
Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35  
**May 26:** Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67  
Revelation 21:10,21-22:5; John 5:1-9

### **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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