

Grace Presbyterian News

October 2019

Welcome New Members

Akwi Aseh was received into the membership of Grace Presbyterian Church by transfer from the Presbyterian Church of Cameroon in West Africa. We also added her son Affa Takwi, age 10, to our roll of baptized children. Please introduce yourself soon to Akwi and Affa and welcome them.

Young Adults Outing – Saturday, October 5

Young Adults and Families will meet at Jones Orchard (6880 Singleton Parkway, Millington - only 15 minutes from church) on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 3:00 pm to enjoy an afternoon of fall fun. Pick pumpkins, go on a hayride, go through a corn maze, and enjoy the other fall activities while we get to know each other better and let the kids play. Prices are posted on Jones Orchard website (generally \$8/person age 6+, additional cost for rides). Contact Emily Mayne with questions: 901-626-1441

World Communion Sunday – October 6

The first Sunday in October holds a long association with an observance called World Communion Sunday, especially for us American Protestants of the Reformed/Presbyterian family. In the 1930s, a great Presbyterian pastor and leader of the time, Hugh Thomson Kerr, championed the idea that by taking cognizance of the worldwide or universal nature of the church as we celebrated Holy Communion, we might take strides in eliminating the tensions, suspicions, and, frankly, ignorance, that existed at the time among various Christian bodies in the United States. The first observance of World Communion Sunday is often dated to 1933 or 1934 at the church Kerr served, Shadyside Presbyterian in Pittsburgh PA. The movement spread among Presbyterians and in 1940 was endorsed by the Federal Council of Churches, an alliance of Protestant church bodies. In a time when many churches celebrated the Lord's Supper only four Sundays per year, this first Sunday in the fourth quarter of the year, seemed the best date, since the first Sunday in other quarters already had other observances attached (January – New Year; April – often Holy Week or Easter; July – Independence Day.) So we give thanks for the universal church and the fellowship of the Lord's table on World Communion Sunday, October 6.

Presbyterian Women Circles in October

The Day Circle meets Tuesday, October 8, at 10:00 a.m., and the Evening Circle meets Monday, October 14, at 7:00 p.m. We study Lesson Two this month, "Don't Trivialize My Name."

The Stewardship Luncheon - October 20, following worship

The annual Stewardship Luncheon, sponsored by the Commitment Committee, will be held following morning worship on Sunday, October 20. Again this year, the meal will be catered by Coletta's and will feature their delicious lasagna, accompanied by salad and bread. Our Presbyterian Women will provide desserts, and a variety of drinks will be available. The cost of the meal is only \$6 per person, with a maximum cost of \$20 per family. Tickets will be sold on Sunday mornings beginning on Sept. 29 and continuing through Oct. 20. Near the conclusion of the meal, there will be a brief presentation about the financial needs of the church in 2020, and there will be an opportunity for those attending to ask questions. The Commitment Committee hopes that everyone will be able to join us on October 20 for great food and good fellowship as we strive together to provide Grace Presbyterian Church with the financial resources we need in order to continue to have a vital and effective ministry in the coming year.

Taking Dinner to UKirk – Thursday evening, October 24

UKirk is the name for our Presbyterian campus ministry, the U for university and Kirk, the Scottish word for church. We are taking dinner to UKirk on October 24; sign up to help on the sign up sheet in the hallway at church.

Game Night – Friday, October 25, at 6:30 p.m.

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

Get Up and Go Bunch – Friday, October 25

Where: Hagy's catfish restaurant near Shiloh

When: Friday, Oct. 25th

Time: Meet at the church at 10:00 for carpooling as it's about a 2 hour drive

Deadline: Wed., Oct. 23 for reservations. We will also drive through the Shiloh National Park.

Opportunity for December Activity

What: The play "A Christmas Carol"

Where: Theater Memphis

When: Wed., Dec. 4 @ 1:30

Price: \$5.00 plus \$1.05 service charge
\$6.05

If you would like to go, please give Ruth Ellen Cox your money before Oct. 21st when they go on sale, and she will order them for us as a group.

Commitment/Pledge Sunday – October 27

On October 27, there will be an opportunity in worship to place commitment cards on the Communion table. You may also return your commitment cards prior to that date by placing them in the or mailing them to the church/

Fall Festival – Sunday, October 27; 5:00-7:00 p.m.

We will host a fall festival on Sunday evening October 27. Help out by hosting a game, decorating your car for Trunk or Treat, bringing goodies for the treat walk, helping with set up or clean up, being a part of the kitchen crew, or donating food or candy and small prizes. Sign-up sheets are on the table outside the sanctuary. Please sign up soon so we know where coverage is needed. Contact Cristaldawn at revmiss2002@yahoo.com for more details.

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 rehearsal is held Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

GrandPals meet Fridays at 11:00 a.m.

Mustard Seed meets Fridays at 4:15 p.m.

Ways to Help Teach and Serve our Children

Please sign up to take a Sunday teaching children's Sunday school, children's church, which gathers following children's time in worship, and Mustard Seed, our program for church kids and extended care kids, which meets on Friday afternoons.

Visitors in Worship in September 2019 who signed the register

Cy & Vivian Baldwin, Heather Bopp, Derita Bran, Michelle Busby, Eddie & Dawn Byrd, Paul Chapman, Broomfield CO; Matt and Sue Cloughen, Diana Coley, Gerald & Jari Dykstra, Patsy Fite, Munford TN; Nadiyah Gibbs, Patricia Gillespie, Al & Susie Hayes, Sherry Hathaway Hodges, Lees Summit, MO; Sandra Hurley, Joe King, Russellville AR; Brien, Samuel & Paul Luck, John Maki, Dan and Roseann Mayo, Ed & Linda McCreight, LindaJo & Don McKim, Catherine Ponder, Walnut Ridge AR; Martha Starnes, Randy & Linda Starnes, MN; Janet & Michele Warren, Dorian & Edward Weems, Steve White, Anita Wyatt, Rachel Young, Brighton TN

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal <i>Sara Lawson Sharon Ragghianti</i>	3	4 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre- schoolers 4:15 pm Mustard Seed	5 3:00 p.m. Young Adults to Jones Orchard
6 9:30Prayer&Praise 9:45SundaySchool 11:00 Worship/ World Communion Sunday 12:00 Bell Choir	7 <i>Garrett Guenther Gerald Ragghianti</i>	8 10:00 am PW Day Circle	9 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	10 <i>Rebecca Black</i>	11 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre- schooler 4:15 pm Mustard Seed	12
13 9:30Prayer&Praise 9:45SundaySchool 11:00 Worship 12:00 Bell Choir	14 7:00 pm PW Night Circle	15	16 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	17	18 No GrandPals (fall break) 4:15 pm Mustard Seed	19
20 9:30Prayer&Praise 9:45SundaySchool 11:00 Worship/ 12:00 Stewardship Dinner	21 5:30 pm Session Meeting	22	23 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	24 Take dinner to UKirk	25 10:00 am Get Up & Go to Shiloh 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre- schoolers 4:15 pm Mustard Seed 6:30 pm Game Night	26
27 9:30Prayer&Praise 9:45SundaySchool 11:00 Worship/ Reformation Sun. Pledge Sunday 12:00 Bell Choir 5:00 Fall Festival	28 <i>Susan Lawson Kathe Walker</i>	29	30 <i>Kelly Bopp Bialk</i>	31 <i>Sue White</i>		

Usher Schedule

Oct. 6 and 13: Brooks Keiser & Anna Tate

**Oct. 20 and 27: Harold Howard &
Elizabeth Velazquez**

Lay Reader

October 6: Suzanne Getman

October 13: Becky Stirling

October 20: Bob Gammon

October 27 Bob Harrold

Elders Serving Communion

**October 6: Bob Harrold, Brooks Keiser, Mary
Korowin, Sara Lawson, Emily Mayne**

Closing Elder

October 6: Emily Mayne

October 13: Emily Mayne

October 20: Ruth Ellen Cox

October 27: Brooks Keiser

Lectionary Readings for Worship:

October 6: (World Communion)

Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 37:1-9

2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:1-10

October 13:

Jeremiah 29:1,4-7; Psalm 66:1-12

2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

October 20:

Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

October 27: (Pledge & Reformation Sunday)

Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18; Luke 18:9-14

A Prayer for World Communion Sunday

Holy God, we thank you for setting a table
before us and for calling disciples from every
place to feast together. We praise you for the
faith that makes us sisters and brothers in
Christ and for the blessed tie of love that binds
us as one. We glorify you for your Spirit at work,
building one holy church in the world to serve
Jesus Christ, the true vine and bread of life,
our Lord and living Savior. Amen.

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