

# ***Grace Presbyterian News***

## **January 2020**

### **Welcome New Members**

Matt and Sue Cloughen joined Grace Presbyterian Church at a session meeting on December 22, 2019, by transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Littleton, Colorado. The Cloughens moved to Memphis from the Denver area back in the summer and have been worshipping with us and participating in many church activities. Please introduce yourself to them and continue to make them welcome.

### **Pictures for the Pictorial Directory – After Worship, January 5**

As we compile an updated pictorial directory for 2020, you can have your picture taken by Bob Vawter after worship on January 5. If you are happy with the picture you already had in the 2019 directory, that can be used again for the 2020 directory.

### **De-Christmas the Sanctuary – Saturday, January 11, at 10:00 a.m.**

We will take down the Christmas decorations Saturday, January 11, at 10:00 a.m. Come on out and help.

### **Installation of Elders – Sunday, January 12**

We are grateful to Kevin Bopp, Bob Gammon, and Emily Mayne, who have heard and answered the call of God through the voice of the church to serve as elders for the Session Class of 2022. January 12, as we also focus in worship upon the Baptism of the Lord, is a good Sunday for all of us to be reminded of and to re-commit ourselves to our baptismal covenant of membership in the Body of Christ and to use our talents for the glory of God and the good of the church.

### **Presbyterian Women Meetings in January (Lessons 4 and 5)**

The PW Night Circle meets, Monday, January 13, at 7:00 p.m. Day circle meets Tuesday, January 14, at 10:00 a.m.

### **Presbytery-Wide Observance of Martin Luther King Day – Sunday, January 19, at 3:00 p.m.**

Each year on the Sunday preceding the national holiday, our presbytery holds a service and program in memory of Dr. King's work on non-violent racial reconciliation and the ongoing task and joy of unity in Christ. This year's service will be at Parkway Gardens United Presbyterian Church, 1005 East Shelby Drive, at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 19, 2020.

### **Crafters Club Begins Tuesday, January 21, at 1:00 p.m.**

A new Crafters club focusing on knitting, crocheting, etc. is being formed. The first meeting will be Tuesday, January 21, at 1:00 p.m. Contact Suzanne Getman or Becky Stirling for more information.

### **Game Night – Friday, January 31, at 6:30 p.m.**

### **A Reminder of Weekly Events at Grace Presbyterian Church**

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

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 rehearses in the sanctuary on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Grand Pals read to preschoolers on Fridays at 11:00 a.m.

Mustard seed (program for children) meets on Fridays at 4:15 p.m.

## Visitors in Worship who signed the registration in December 2019

Heather & Holly Bopp; Eddie & Dawn Byrd; Paul, Alyssa & Payton Chapman, Broomfield CO; Matt & Sue Cloughen; Gerald & Jari Dykstra; Nadiyah Gibbs, Chattanooga; Al & Susie Hayes; Sherry Hathaway Hodges, Lee's Summit, MO; Sandra Hurley; Elizabeth Jacob; Joe King, Russellville AR; Ryan, Addie & Will Krech, Destin FL; Brien, Xi, Samuel & Paul Luck; Dan and Roseann Mayo; Don and LindaJo McKim; Martha Starnes & Beverly Friedlander, Hapeville GA; Roger & Ann Wade; Steve White

A letter from Sierra Fry about her mission opportunity.

Sierra is the daughter of Karen Wilson Hicks, step daughter of Daniel Hicks, and granddaughter of Marilyn Wilson.

Sierra is a student at Evangel University, Springfield, Missouri.

I'm sharing this letter to tell you how excited I am about an opportunity I have coming up. I have been given the opportunity to go on a mission trip to Europe this summer and I would love for you to partner with me! I will be traveling with Sinfonia, Evangel University's traveling orchestra to Belgium, France, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Poland, Czech, and Hungary from May 2, 2020 to May 22, 2020.

While we are there we will be traveling to many different churches and community areas to spread God's love through music. We get many opportunities to bring people to God through our talents and through sharing our own walks with Christ.

I cannot travel to Europe without the financial and prayer support of a community. It would be unrealistic to attempt to fund this trip on my own, and it would be arrogant not to ask for prayer, since I will be serving in a way that I've never had to before. That's why I'm inviting you to partner with me. Together, we can both be a small part of what God is doing to uplift the community in Europe.

If you feel led to give financially, you can do so online or by mail. My goal is to raise \$3,500 by March 24, 2020. However, my next payment of \$1,000 is due by January 20, 2020. You can donate online at:

[Shorturl.at/bthln](http://Shorturl.at/bthln)

Or, you can mail cash or check to:

4543 Lake Vista Dr.

Memphis, TN 38128

If you feel led to support through prayer, I would love for you to pray for these three areas during our trip:

That our orchestra would stay healthy and safe.

That our efforts would have a lasting impact on the communities.

That God would use this trip to do immeasurably more than we could ask or predict for in these communities and His kingdom.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the trip or how you can partner with me. Thanks for reading!

Your friend,

Sierra A. Fry

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
5 9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Epiphany/ Communion 12:00 Pictures taken for Directory <i>Rick McAdams</i> <i>Karen Schlichte</i>	6	7	8 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  <i>Bill Byrd</i> <i>Eric Washburn</i>	9	10  <i>Sue Cloughen</i>	11 10:00 am De- Christmas Sanctuary
12 9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Baptism of the Lord/ Install Elders 12:00 Bell Choir	13 7:00 p.m. PW Night Circle	14 10:00 a.m. PW Day Circle	15 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	16	17	18
19 9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Bell Choir 3:00 Martin Luther King Service at Parkway Gardens <i>Becky Stirling</i> <i>Elizabeth Velazquez</i>	20 Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday  5:30 p.m. Session Mtg.	21 1:00 pm Crafters Club (Knitting, crocheting; etc.)	22 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	23	24 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre- schoolers  <i>Daniel Hicks</i>	25  <i>Lee Guenther</i>
26 9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Bell Choir  <i>Martha Krech</i> <i>Caitlyn Walker</i>	27 Mike at Synod of Living Waters, Franklin TN	28	29 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	30  <i>Frances Kitterman</i>	31 6:30 p.m. Game Night	

### **Elders Serving Communion**

January 05: Rosemary Gordon, Bob Harrold,  
Brooks Keiser, Mary Korowin, Sara Lawson

### **Ushers**

January 05: Ruth Ellen Cox & Becky Stirling  
January 12 & 19: Chuck Walker & Kendall Walker  
January 26: Glenda Parker & Anna Tate

### **Lectors**

January 05: Suzanne Getman  
January 12: Becky Stirling  
January 19: Bob Harrold  
January 26: Janet Vawter

### **Closing Elder**

January 05: Emily Mayne  
January 12: Rosemary Gordon  
January 19: Emily Mayne  
January 26: Rosemary Gordon

### **Readings to prepare for Worship:**

**Jan. 05:** Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72;  
Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

**Jan. 12:** Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29  
Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

**Jan. 19:** Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40;  
1 Cor. 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

**Jan. 26:** Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27;  
1 Cor. 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

### **A Prayer for Epiphany**

Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls,  
who brought the nations to your light and kings  
to the brightness of your rising: Fill the world  
with your glory and show yourself to all nations  
through him who is the true light and the bright  
morning star, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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