

Grace Presbyterian News

February 2020



Help Feed the Hungry on February 2

The Souper Bowl of Caring began at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina, on Super Bowl Sunday 1990. It has grown to raise tens of millions of dollars to alleviate hunger over the years, so we hope you will support this effort on Sunday, February 2 with proceeds going to First Presbyterian, Memphis soup kitchen. Please bring your canned goods or monetary contributions Sunday, February 2, where our children and youth will be collecting before and after worship. Youth go to Cici's after worship.

Catered Dinner for Church and Child Care – Friday, February 7, at 6:00 p.m.

We are hoping to have a nice crowd to meet and mix with families from Grace Presbyterian Child Care at our catered spaghetti dinner on Friday, February 7 at 6:00 p.m. Crafts for the children. Please buy your tickets at the table after worship on Sunday, February 2. \$10 per adult; children free.

Widows and Widowers to a Valentine Dinner at Somerville

In the spirit of the Get Up and Go Bunch, Ruth Ellen Cox invites widows and widowers to come to Main Street Eatery in Somerville, for dinner Friday, February 7, at 5:30, carpooling from the church at 4:30 p.m.

Welcome our New Organist – Susan Steppe

Susan Steppe is originally from Alcoa, Tennessee, and grew up in the Alcoa United Methodist Church. She and her family lived in Nashville for more than 25 years and relocated to Memphis in 2007. She has a Bachelor's degree in music performance from Berea College in Berea, Kentucky, where she focused on piano and organ. She has served as the organist at Southminster Presbyterian Church in Nashville and these churches in Memphis: Wesleyan Hills United Methodist, Colonial Park United Methodist, and most recently, Lord of Life Lutheran Church. Susan has a Master of Science degree in Social Work (Administration) from University of Tennessee in Knoxville. She works at Methodist Le Bonheur Community Outreach where she is Program Director for community-based programs to help children, families, and adults manage chronic disease. Her passion is being a church musician, working in partnership with the pastor, director of music, and singers/instrumentalists to lead the congregation in worship. We look forward to Susan's first Sunday with us – February 16.

Welcome New Members

Al and Susie Hayes united with Grace Presbyterian Church at the session meeting January 20, 2020. You have likely met Al and Susie already because they have been very regular at worship the past six months and have attended fellowship dinners, game nights, GrandPals and many other special events. But please take the opportunity to help them feel more welcome.

A Reminder of Weekly Events at Grace Presbyterian Church

Sunday Prayer and Praise begins at 9:30 p.m.

Sunday School for all ages 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.

The new Crafters Club meets Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. (except 2nd Tuesday when PW meets)

Choir rehearsals are held in the sanctuary on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Bartlett Area Chorus rehearses in the sanctuary on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

GrandPals read to children in the preschool on Fridays at 11:00 a.m.

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

Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings in February (Lesson 6 – Hold Your Marriage Sacred)

Night Circle meets Monday, February 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Day Circle meets Tuesday, February 11, at 10:00 a.m. at the church.

Ash Wednesday – February 26 – Services at 12:00 noon and 6:30 p.m.

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, this year on February 26. These forty days invite us to introspection, confession, repentance, and amendment of life. It all begins with that solemn word, “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.” Many of us have no shortage of reminders that life is uncertain and brief. What do we make of this fact? Getting right with God and with neighbor would be a good response. The Scriptures and prayers and the imposition of ashes and Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper help mark a fitting and meaningful start to our Lenten journey.

Get Up and Go Bunch to Calvary Episcopal Church Preaching – Thursday, February 27

Get Up and Go Bunch will depart our church, Feb. 27 at 10:30 a.m. to go to Calvary lunch and preaching. The speaker will be Debbie Blue, of St. Paul MN. Please tell Ruth Ellen Cox if you are carpooling.

Game Night – Friday, January 31 and February 28, at 6:30 p.m.

In case you see this in January, monthly game night is Friday, January 31, and again on February 28. Bring a game and/or a snack and we will have fun.

The Flower Calendar

A flower calendar for 2020 has been posted on the bulletin board. If you wish to provide flowers, please sign on the flower calendar and follow the directions listed there.

Session Chairs and Officers for 2020

The elders who serve on the session each chair a committee, and here is the lineup for 2020. If you have interest in certain areas of the church’s life, speak to the appropriate elder about how to help:

Care – Anna Tate

Child Care – Brooks Keiser

Christian Education – Emily Mayne

Commitment – Rickie Cooke

Congregational Life – Janet Vawter

Mission Outreach – Bob Gammon

Property – Kevin Bopp

Worship – Rosemary Gordon

Clerk of Session – Elizabeth Velazquez

Treasurer – Jere Lawson

Visitors in Worship who signed the register in January 2020

Heather Bopp; Eddie & Dawn Byrd; Gerald & Jari Dykstra; Al & Susie Hayes; Sandra Hurley; Awaing Itamba, Liam & Kaylee; Liz Jacobs; Ryan, Aimee, Addie, Will Krech, Destin FL: Brien, Samuel, Paul Luck; Dan & Roseann Mayo; Don McCracken; Don and LindaJo McKim; Martina Tafah; Janet Warren; Steve White.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <i>Patti Smith</i>
2 9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Epiphany 4/ Communion/ Souper Bowl of Caring Bell Choir after worship Youth to Cici's <i>Charlotte Hicks</i>	3	4 1:00 pm Crafters Club	5 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal <i>Linda Tolley</i>	6 7:00 pm Bartlett Area Chorus	7 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre- schoolers 4:15 Mustard Seed 4:30 Carpool to Somerville 6:00 Dinner with Child Care families <i>Marilyn Wilson</i>	8 9:30 am Presbytery at Farmington <i>Kathy Cooke</i>
9 9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Epiphany 5 Bell Choir after worship	10 7:00 pm Night Circle of PW	11 10:00 am Day Circle of PW	12 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	13 7:00 pm Bartlett Area Chorus <i>Hugh Bishop</i>	14 No GrandPals 4:15 Mustard Seed	15
16 9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Epiphany 6 <i>Nancy Barnes</i> <i>Vickie Washburn</i>	17 5:30 p.m. Session Mtg.	18 1:00 pm Crafters Club <i>Janet Vawter</i>	19 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal <i>Mary Korowin</i>	20 7:00 pm Bartlett Area Chorus	21 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre- schoolers 4:15 Mustard Seed	22
23 9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Transfiguration Celebrate Charlotte's 35 th with the church	24	25 1:00 pm Crafters Club <i>Don McKim</i>	26 Ash Wednesday Worship 12:00 Noon & 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	27 10:30 am Get Up & Go to Calvary preaching 7:00 pm Bartlett Area Chorus	28 11:00 am GrandPals 4:15 Mustard Seed 6:30 pm Game Night <i>Suzanne Getman</i>	29

Elders Serving Communion

February 2:

Ruth Ellen Cox, Emily Mayne, Jean Starnes,
Elizabeth Velazquez, Marilyn Wilson

February 26 (at 6:30 p.m. only): Paula Bishop,
Rickie Cooke, Bob Harrold, Sandy Kehrli,
Elizabeth Velazquez

Ushers

February 2: Glenda Parker & Anna Tate

February 9 & 16: Harold Howard & John Price

February 23: Cole Price & Greg Price

Lay Readers

February 2: Alaina Hurley

February 9: Akwi Aseh

February 16: Bob Gammon

February 23: Suzanne Getman

Closing Elder

February 2: Janet Vawter

February 9: Kevin Bopp

February 16: Rickie Cooke

February 23: Anna Tate

Scripture Readings for Worship:

Feb. 2: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15;

1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

Feb. 9: Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 112;

1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Matthew 5:13-20

Feb. 16: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm

119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

Feb. 23: Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2;

2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

Feb 26 (Ash Wednesday): Joel 2:1-2,12-17;

Psalm 51; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10;

Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

A Prayer for Children

Great God, guard the laughter of children.

Bring them safely through injury and illness,
so they may live the promises you give.

Do not let us be so preoccupied with our
purposes that we fail to hear their special
vision of the truth; but keep us with them,
ready to listen and to love, even as in Jesus
Christ you have loved us, your grown up,
wayward children. Amen. (From *The
Worshipbook*, 1970)

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