

Grace Presbyterian News

March 2020

Welcome New Members

Gerald and Jari Dykstra united with Grace Presbyterian Church at the session meeting on February 17, 2020, by transfer from Advent Presbyterian Church in Cordova. The Dykstras have been worshipping with us, attending Sunday School, Jari the PW, and other activities of the church for several months. Please continue to help make them welcome.

All of March Is Lent This Year

The entire month of March falls in the season of Lent this year, as Ash Wednesday was February 26, and Easter will be April 12. For the five Sundays in Lent, our Sunday morning worship takes on a somewhat different cast or feel, as we begin in silence, sing a hymn of the cross, and confess our sin as the opening acts of worship. Lent as a 40 day season of penitence and preparation leading up to Easter, the festival of the resurrection. The final days of Lent are marked by Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday on April 5, 2020.

Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings in March (Lesson 7 – Do Not Steal)

The Night Circle meets Monday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

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

Tuesday at the Cross March 10, 17, 24, and 31 at 5:30 p.m.

It is appropriate during Lent to take on added spiritual disciplines, and one way to do that this Lent is to join in our Tuesday at the Cross devotional series (Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m., March 10, 17, 24 and 31). This half hour service includes prayer, scripture reading, silent meditation and a brief reflection from Pastor Mike Krech on ways of looking at who Jesus was and is.

Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, March 15

Help Send a Kid to Camp

On Sunday, March 15, come early for a pancake breakfast served by the youth and children. We will start serving at 9 am, with a break from 9:30-9:45 am during Prayer and Praise, and then resume until 10:30 am. Donations will be used to provide scholarships for our youth and children to attend Pinecrest summer camp or other Pinecrest activities. (Youth/Children who are serving are asked to arrive at 8:15 am to get cookin'!)

Church Dinner – Saturday March 21

Our March event plans are for a Saturday Dinner and Movie, March 21, 2020 at 6pm. Dinner is at 6pm and Movie, currently planned to be “The Help”, to start around 7pm. This event is also slated to be an appreciation of all the work done by the volunteers in our congregation. As we wish to desire to minimize the use of volunteer labor for this celebration, we plan to cater this dinner at a cost of \$10/per adult. Menu planned: Meatloaf, green beans, mashed potatoes, salad, rolls, and dessert.

Game Night – Friday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m.

Our monthly gathering for games and snacks is the last Friday of the month, so that will be March 27, at 6:30 p.m. Bring a game and/or a snack and we will have fun.

Presbyterian Women, Presbytery-Wide Annual Gathering

Presbyterian Women from throughout our Presbytery of the Mid South are invited to the annual gathering Saturday, March 28, 2020, at First Presbyterian Church, 1573 North Highland Ave., Jackson TN. The speaker will be Jan Albert, moderator of the PW of the Synod of Living Waters, on the theme *Standing on the Shoulders of Empowered Women*.

Pictorial Directories Are Available

The 2020 pictorial directories began to be distributed after worship on February 23, and should be available after church March 1 and March 8 and perhaps beyond. In the interest of economy there is one pictorial directory per household. Your names are checked off when you pick up your directory after worship; they will not be replaced if lost. We encourage you to use your directory for the purposes of becoming better acquainted with other members of the church. In the interest of privacy, especially for our children, the directories should not be given to persons who do not regularly attend Grace Presbyterian Church nor left lying about at the church on tables, etc.

Bartlett Area Chorus Rehearsals on Thursday Nights

Bartlett Area Chorus is again rehearsing in our sanctuary on Thursday evenings through May from 7:00 to approximately 9:00 p.m. each week (excluding Maundy Thursday). The chorus leaders were very enthusiastic about our space musically, and also our central Bartlett location. So, when you see cars here on Thursday nights, that's what's going on.

Weekly Events at Grace Presbyterian Church

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

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship begins at 11:00 a.m.

Bell choir rehearsal is held most Sundays after worship at about 12:00 noon.

Tuesday at the Cross is held on Tuesdays, March 10, 17, 24 and 31, at 5:30 p.m.

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

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

Mustard Seed (our program for children in the church and extended care) meets most Fridays at 4:15 p.m.

Visitors in Worship who signed the register in February 2020

Eddie & Dawn Byrd; Paul Chapman, Dacono CO; Barbara Colby; Sandra Hurley; Liz Jacobs; Brien Luck; Roseann and Dan Mayo; Don McCracken; Don and LindaJo McKim; Steve White

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Lent 1	2 <i>Patsy Krech</i>	3 1:00 p.m. Peace By Piece Crafters <i>Michelle Clifford</i>	4 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	5 7:00 p.m. Bartlett Area Chorus Rehearsal	6 11:00 a.m. GrandPals read to pre- schoolers 4:15 p.m. Mustard Seed	7
8 Daylight Saving Time begins 9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Lent 2; Don McKim; 12:00 Bell Choir rehearsal	9 7:00 p.m. PW Night Circle <i>Casey Kehrl</i> <i>Linda Young</i>	10 10:00 a.m. PW Day Circle 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Cross	11 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	12 7:00 p.m. Bartlett Area Chorus Rehearsal	13 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre- schoolers No Mustard Seed	14
15 9:00 Pancake Breakfast 9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Lent 3/ Communion 12:00 Bell Choir rehearsal	16 5:30 p.m. Session Mtg. <i>Al Hayes</i>	17 1:00 p.m. Peace By Piece Crafters 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Cross	18 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	19 7:00 p.m. Bartlett Area Chorus Rehearsal	20 No GrandPals No Mustard Seed <i>Suzanne Wood</i>	21 6:00 p.m. Church Dinner (catered) & Movie <i>Bob Gammon</i>
22 9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Lent 4 12:00 Bell Choir rehearsal	23	24 1:00 p.m. Peace By Piece Crafters 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Cross	25 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	26 7:00 p.m. Bartlett Area Chorus Rehearsal	27 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre- schoolers 4:15 p.m. Mustard Seed 6:30 p.m. Game Night	28 9:30 a.m. PW Gathering at Jackson TN <i>Tony Benassi</i> <i>Anna Tate</i>
29 9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Lent 5 12:00 Bell Choir rehearsal	30	31 1:00 p.m. Peace By Piece Crafters 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Cross	<i>Small italicized names are birthdays</i>			

Elders Serving Communion

March 15:
Rosemary Gordon, Harold Howard,
Brooks Keiser, Mary Korowin, Anna Tate

Usher Schedule

March 1: Cole Price & Greg Price
March 8 & 15:
Hugh Bishop & Ruth Ellen Cox
March 22 & 29:
Becky Stirling & Elizabeth Velazquez

Lectors

March 1: Becky Stirling
March 8: Bob Harrold
March 15: Janet Vawter
March 22: Alaina Hurley
March 29: Akwi Aseh

Closing Elders

March 1: Brooks Keiser
March 8: Elizabeth Velazquez
March 15: Rickie Cooke
March 22: Elizabeth Velazquez
March 29: Anna Tate

Scripture Readings for Worship:

March 1: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32;
Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11
March 8: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121;
Romans 8:31-39; John 12:1-8; 19:38-42
March 15: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42
March 22: 1 Sam. 16:1-13; Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
March 29: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130;
Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

A Prayer for Lent

Almighty God, your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness and was tempted as we are but did not sin. Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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