

# *Grace Presbyterian News*

## **January 2019**

### **Epiphany Sunday – Lasagna Lunch and De-Christmas the Building**

Sunday, January 6, 2019, is the celebration of Epiphany, centering upon the arrival of the Wise Men to worship the Christ child and thus conclude the Christmas cycle. In worship we will focus upon this theme and the service will include the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Following worship, lasagna will be provided along with any side dishes you may bring. We will eat and then take down the decorations in the sanctuary and elsewhere in the church building.

### **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.

### **Thanks to the Musicians for a Beautiful Advent and Christmas**

We were so blessed with music during Advent and Christmas from the chancel choir and hand bell choir, directed by Charlotte Hicks and Bob Vawter, and soaring solos and descants by Karen Schlichte. Thanks also to our instrumentalists for Christmas Eve, Rickie Cooke, Bob Vawter, and Adelaide Krech, and percussion during lessons and carols from Rickie Cooke, Anna Tate and Karen Schlichte, as well as our Advent wreath candle lighting families, and our visiting organists, Sondra Tucker, Jones Peterson, Betsy Moseley, and Linda Warren. Thank you for the faithful and loving sharing of your talents and gifts.

### **Thanks for Breakfast with Santa Leaders**

We had a wonderful time with many children from the church and day school and extended care on December 8. Breakfast snacks, games, stories, crafts, and lively fellowship abounded. Thanks to all.

### **Thanks for Cookie Sale Contributors**

The Great Cookie Sale on December 8 realized a profit of about \$1350. Thanks to all who made it happen.

### **Thank You for Your Stewardship Response**

The budget approved by the session for 2019 is balanced and includes increased giving for both mission outreach. **THANK YOU** for your generous response and for your ongoing financial commitment to Grace Presbyterian Church. We are also indebted to the countless hours given by so many in tending to the church's physical plant and in extending the ministry and outreach of Grace Presbyterian Church.

### **Ordination and Installation of Elders – Sunday, January 13**

We are grateful to Rickie Cooke, Anna Tate, and Janet Vawter, who have heard and answered the call of God through the voice of the church to serve as elders for the Session Class of 2021. January 13, 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. As we ordain Rickie and Anna and install them along with Janet, we thank them for their leadership past, present and future, and all seek to be faithful servants of Christ.

## Presbyterian Women Meetings in January

The PW Day circle meets Tuesday, January 8, at 10:00 a.m., and the Night Circle meets Monday, January 14, at 7:00 p.m.

### Celebrations of Communion in 2019

The session has approved the dates for the observance of the Lord's Supper in 2019. Our pattern is to celebrate Communion at least once during each season of the liturgical year and a few times during the long season after Trinity Sunday on those occasions when the lectionary Scripture readings most directly reflect the theme of believers gathering at table, or Jesus being at table during his ministry. The 2019 dates for Communion are: January 6 (Epiphany) February 3 (season after Epiphany); March 6 (Ash Wednesday); March 24 (Lent); April 18 (Maundy Thursday); May 5 (Easter season); June 9 (Pentecost); July 21; September 1; October 6 (World Communion); November 3 (All Saints); December 8 (Advent); December 24 (Christmas Eve).

#### **Pinecrest Event – For the Love of Chili – Saturday, January 19, 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

Pinecrest, our camp and conference center on Highway 57 just west of LaGrange, Tennessee, will have chili and fellowship available on Saturday, January 19, 2019, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. for donations. Come, eat well, visit with friends, and see the great outdoors at Pinecrest.

#### **Presbytery-Wide Observance of Martin Luther King Day – Sunday January 20 at 3:00 p.m.**

This January marks the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 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 20, 2019.

#### **Game Night – Friday, January 25 at 6:30 p.m.**

#### **Tapestry – A Leadership Training Event – January 25-26, at Batesville, Mississippi**

Every two years our Presbytery of the Mid-South joins with the Presbytery of St. Andrew in north Mississippi for a leadership training event. This time around it is St. Andrew's turn to host and the event will be at the Batesville Presbyterian Church in Batesville, Mississippi. Friday night begins with a keynote address by Dr. Lee Ramsey, professor of pastoral theology and Memphis Theological Seminary. On Saturday there are three rounds of "break-out" or small group seminars on a number of topics ranging from the new Book of Common Worship, officer training, VBS, Presbyterian history, care in grief and loss, missions, children's ministry, music, and more. Brochures are available on the table in the narthex or talk more to Pastor Mike, who is planning to go for the Saturday sessions.

### Visitors in Worship in December 2018

**Bill Britton**, Millington; **Holly Bopp**, Bartlett; **Charlie, Kristy, Zach, Aiden & Lydia Drake**, Canton, GA; **Andrew & Linda Gafford**, Bartlett; **Kevin, Whitney, Caroline & Anna Cate Getman**, Memphis; **Nadiyah Gibbs**, Memphis; **Jim & Judy Henderson**, Somerville; **Sherry Hathaway Hodges**, Lee's Summit, MO; **Sandra Hurley**, Bartlett; **Steve & Susan Hyatt, Aidan, Ella and Zoe Gough**, Bartlett; **Kennedy family**; **Ryan, Aimee, Addie & Will Krech**, Destin FL; **Richard, Wendy, Asher, Piper, Charis, Toby, Verity, Judah Lawson**, Jackson TN; **Brien & Samuel Luck**, Bartlett; **Seth Mayne**, Memphis; **Dan and Roseann Mayo**, Bartlett; **Shawn McGoldrick**, Memphis; **Don and Linda Jo McKim**, Germantown; **Linda G. Perry**, Bartlett; **Rachel Jones Peterson**, Cordova; **Adam Price**, Oklahoma City; **Danielle Radtke**, Bartlett; **Martha Starnes & Beverly Friedlander**, Hapeville GA; **Tolbert family**; **Roger & Ann Wade**, Bartlett; **William Warren**, Germantown; **Dave, Karen, Corey & Caleb Weiss**, Havertown, PA; **Daniel Whitaker**, Hickory Wythe; **Steve White**, Olive Branch, MS; **Tim, Ben, JT and Garrett Whitehorn**, Memphis

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5 <i>Rick McAdams Karen Schlichte</i>
6 9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship / Epiphany / Communion 12:00 Lasagna Lunch & de-Christmas building	7 4:15 p.m. Chapel for Extended Care	8 10:00 a.m. PW Day Circle <i>Bill Byrd Eric Washburn</i>	9 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	10	11 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre-schoolers	12
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20 9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship / Epiphany 3 12:00 Bell Choir 3:00 Martin Luther King Service at Parkway Gardens	21 Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday 5:30 p.m. Session Mtg.	22	23 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	24 <i>Daniel Hicks</i>	25 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre-schoolers 6:30 p.m. Game Night <i>Lee Guenther</i>	26 Tapestry at Batesville MS <i>Martha Krech Caitlyn Walker</i>
27 9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Epiphany 4 12:00 Bell Choir	28 Mike at Synod of Living Waters, Franklin TN	29	30 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal <i>Frances Kitterman</i>	31		

### **Elders Serving Communion**

January 6: Ruth Ellen Cox, Bob Harrold,  
Scott Hunter, Emily Mayne, Marilyn Wilson

### **Ushers**

January 6: John Price & Elizabeth Velazquez  
January 13 & 20: Brooks Keiser & Glenda Parker  
January 27: Jim Pickren & Anna Tate

### **Lectors**

January 6: Bob Gammom  
January 13: Janet Vawter  
January 20: Bob Harrold  
January 27: Becky Stirling

### **Closing Elder**

January 6: Rosemary Gordon  
January 13: Brooks Keiser  
January 20: Rickie Cooke  
January 27: Janet Vawter

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

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

**Jan. 13:** Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29  
Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-22

**Jan. 20:** Isaiah 62:1-7; Psalm 36;  
1 Cor. 12:1-12; John 2:1-11

**Jan. 27:** Nehemiah 8:1-10; Psalm 19;  
1 Cor. 12:12-31; Luke 4:14-21

### **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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