

Grace Presbyterian News

November 2018

Young Adult Gathering – Saturday, November 3, at 5:00 p.m.

Meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 3, 2018, to decide where to go to eat, and enjoy an evening of food and fellowship together.

Special Sunday School Classes led by Don McKim

The Life and Thought of Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Sunday, November 4, at 9:45 a.m.

Fittingly on Reformation Sunday, October 28, and All Saints Sunday, November 4, Dr. Don McKim is leading a two week series on Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945), theologian, pastor, and martyr. Come and learn on November 4 even if you were unable to attend on October 28. More information about Don's new book on Bonhoeffer can be found at www.AbingdonPress.com/MorningswithBonhoeffer.

All Saints Sunday – November 4

All Saints observance has been reclaimed by many Protestants because in the New Testament the word "saint" means every Christian. We also have the deepening awareness that however intimately God may speak to each of us personally, our faith in Christ is also due to the witness of other people. Parents, grandparents, pastors, teachers, musicians, godly friends, maybe even strangers, have had their roles in our journey of faith, helping us come to know the love of God in Christ. On Sunday, November 4, we gather around Word and Sacrament, thanking God for the saints.

Bolton High School Strings Ensemble Concert – Sunday, November 4, at 3:30 p.m.

We Remember Our Veterans – November 11

GPC has taken note of Veterans Day in recent years and we will do so again by showing the pictures of veterans affiliated with the church, on the screen, before worship on Sunday, November 11. If you have a picture to add to our existing collection, please email that picture with the name of the person to Bob Vawter at bvawter@bellsouth.net. In worship on November 11, we will take note of the 100th anniversary of the Armistice which ended World War I, and meditate upon the things that make for peace.

Community Thanksgiving Service – Sunday, November 18, at 7:00 p.m.

at Harmony Church of Bartlett; 6740 St. Elmo Road

Our Bartlett Ellendale association of churches consists of Bartlett First Assembly of God; Decatur Trinity Christian; Ellendale United Methodist; Faith Cumberland Presbyterian; Fullview Missionary Baptist; Grace Presbyterian; and Harmony Church of Bartlett. This year's preacher will be Jay Earheart Brown, pastor at Faith Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Thanksgiving Day Meal at the church – November 22 at 12:00 noon

On Thanksgiving Day, November 22, you are invited to feast with other church members at the church, beginning at noon. Turkey and ham will be provided. Please bring side dishes that will complement the traditional thanksgiving fare. Fellowship will be wonderful too. Sign up on the friendship pads during the Sundays prior to Thanksgiving.

Sunday, November 25 – Christ the King Sunday Worship

Fellowship Meal to Follow with Hanging of the Greens

This year we thought we would try something a little different, so on Sunday, November 25, bring your Thanksgiving leftovers, for a shared meal after worship and then we will proceed to decorate the church for the coming Advent/Christmas seasons. We hope that some folks can participate in the church decorating after worship on Sunday who might not have been able to do so on the Saturday schedule we previously have used.

A Reminder of Weekly Events at Grace Presbyterian Church

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

Sunday School for all ages 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.

Chapel for the Extended Care is held on Mondays at 4:15 p.m.

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

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

Mustard Seed (our program for extended care children) is held on Fridays at 4:15 p.m.

Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings

Evening Circle meets Monday, November 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Day Circle meets Tuesday, November 13, at 10:00 a.m. at the church.

Presbytery of the Mid-South – Tuesday, November 13, at Pinecrest

Presbytery of the Mid-South, our regional council, which covers PCUSA churches in West Tennessee and beyond, meets at Pinecrest Conference Center on Nov. 13 at 9:30 a.m. Rosemary Gordon will be our commissioner.

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

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

A Financial Update from the Commitment Committee

The third quarter of the year has been completed, and the financial condition of the church is relatively good. As of the end of September, the church's income for the year has exceeded expenses by \$807. Unpledged offering has been particularly strong, exceeding expectations by \$3,471. Of some concern is that pledged offering received for the first nine months has been \$2,367 below expectations. We encourage those who might be somewhat behind in their pledge to try to get caught up by the end of the year, if possible. We are very much on track to have a balanced budget by year's end because of the generosity of our congregation and your commitment to our church's ministry. Thank you for your giving during 2018.

Lay Readers

At the suggestion of the pastor and recommendation of the worship committee, the session approved having members of the church read certain Scripture lessons during worship on a trial basis during January and February 2019. If you would like to be among these lay readers, please speak to Pastor Mike Krech or sign on the friendship pad during worship. All lay readers are to be people who regularly attend worship and there will be an orientation/training session prior to beginning.

Large Thanks for Fall Festival Supporters

We really had a great time at Fall Festival on Sunday evening, October 28. We had beautiful weather and many people (well over 200) attending, including families from the pre-school, from the neighborhood, and our own GPC children. There were lots of fun games, food, fellowship and costumes that were charming and clever. Thanks to everyone, especially Cristaldawn Smith, our director of children and youth, the Congregational Life Committee, and Christian Ed Committee, and the many folks who helped out in all kinds of ways.

Welcome our New Member Alaina Hurley

Please introduce yourself to Alaina Hurley, our newest member. Alaina has been worshipping with us for the past few months and united with the church by reaffirmation of faith at the October session meeting.

Visitors in Worship who signed the register in October 2018

Nadiyah Gibbs; Ella & Zoe Gough; Dori & Ken Hathaway; Sherry Hathaway Hodges; Alaina & Sandra Hurley; Leta Loring; Roseann and Dan Mayo; Roselle Revelle; Patti Smith; Becky Stirling; Steve White.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 All Saints Day <i>Alex Fry Cristaldawn Smith</i>	2 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre- schoolers 4:15 pm Mustard Seed	3 5:00 pm Young Adult Gathering <i>Alaina Hurley</i>
4 9:30Prayer&Praise 9:45SundaySchool 11:00 Worship/ Communion All Saints Sunday 12:00 Bell Choir 3:30 Bolton H.S. Strings <i>Rosemary Gordon</i>	5 4:15 Chapel for Extended Care	6	7 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	8	9 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre- schoolers 4:15 pm Mustard Seed	10
11 9:30Prayer&Praise 9:45SundaySchool 11:00 Worship/ Veterans pictures; 100 th anniversary of end of WWI. 12:00 Bell Choir	12 4:15 p.m. Chapel for Extended Care 7:00 p.m. Night Circle of Presbyterian Women <i>Ruth Ellen Cox Susan Pickren</i>	13 9:30 a.m. Presbytery at Pinecrest 10:00 a.m. Day Circle of Presbyterian Women	14 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	15	16 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre- schoolers 4:15 pm Mustard Seed <i>Mary Tolley</i>	17
18 9:30Prayer&Praise 9:45SundaySchool 11:00 Worship 12:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Community Thanksgiving Service at Harmony	19 4:15 p.m. Chapel for Extended Care 5:30 p.m. Session Mtg. <i>Cole Price</i>	20	21	22 12:00 noon Thanksgiving Day Meal at the church	23 No GrandPals No Mustard Seed	24
25 9:30Prayer&Praise 9:45SundaySchool 11:00 Worship/ Christ the King 12:00 Pot Luck & Hanging of Greens <i>Whit Sloane</i>	26 4:15 p.m. Chapel for Extended Care	27	28 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal <i>Donald Hicks</i>	29 <i>Kevin Bopp</i>	30 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre- schoolers 4:15 pm Mustard Seed 6:30 pm Game Night	

Elders Serving Communion

November 4:

Ruth Ellen Cox, John Gordon, Harold Howard,
Emily Mayne, Elizabeth Velazquez

Usher Schedule

November 4: Brooks Keiser & Anna Tate

November 11 & 18:

Bob Harrold & Kendall Walker

November 25: Ruth Ellen Cox & Scott Hunter

Closing Elder

November 4: Bob Harrold

November 11: Brooks Keiser

November 18: John Price

November 25: Kevin Bopp

Lectionary Readings for Worship:

Nov. 4 (All Saints Sunday):

Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 116:1-4,8-10, 12-15

Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

Nov. 11: (100th anniversary of Armistice Day) 1 Kings 5:1-12; Psalm 4;

Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 5:1-12

Nov. 18 (Thanksgiving observed):

Deuteronomy 8:1-18; Psalm 113;

1 Timothy 6:6-19; Matthew 6:24-34

Nov. 25 (Christ the King Sunday):

2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132

Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

A Prayer for All Saints Sunday

God of all grace, we thank you that you sent your Son Jesus to break the power of death and bring life and immortality to light through the Gospel. He shared our life, took upon himself our death, and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Look not on us, but on us as found in him, and bring us safely through the judgment to the joy and peace of your presence. Amen.

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