

Grace Presbyterian News

November 2019

Welcome New Member

Nancy Barnes united with our congregation at the October session by re-affirmation of faith. Nancy spent some of her teen years at Raleigh Presbyterian Church after she, her parents, Russell and June Buckman, and brothers Steve and Mark moved to Memphis. After a teaching career that took her to Washington, the Virgin Islands, and Austin TX, Nancy retired to Memphis recently, and we are grateful to welcome her “home.”

All Saints Sunday – November 3

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 3, we gather around Word and Sacrament, thanking God for saints.

Get Up and Go Bunch

The Get Up and Go Bunch has two events scheduled in November and another in early December for which you need to buy tickets in early November. These are:

Storytelling and Music Festival – Balmoral Presbyterian Church, 6413 Quince Road
Friday, November 8. We leave our church at 5:45 p.m. Cost: Free

Away in a Manger Creches from around the world – Bible Museum in Collierville on the square
Thursday, November 21. We leave our church at 9:45 a.m. Cost: \$5

A Christmas Carol – Theater Memphis, 630 Perkins Extended
Wednesday, December 4 at 1:30 p.m. We leave our church at 12:45 p.m. Cost: \$6.05

PREPAY RUTH ELLEN COX BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 for A CHRISTMAS CAROL.

Congregational Meeting to Elect Elders – Sunday, November 10

Congregational Meeting to elect elders, class of 2022, is called Sunday, November 10. The nominees are: Kevin Bopp, Bob Gammon, and Emily Mayne. At the meeting members of the church may nominate other members of the church who are willing to serve.

Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings – Lesson 3 (Keep Sabbath)

Evening Circle meets Monday, November 11, at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Day Circle meets Tuesday, November 12, at 10:00 a.m. at the church.

Presbytery of the Mid-South – Tuesday, November 12, 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. 12 at 9:30 a.m. Elizabeth Velazquez will be our commissioner.

We Host the Community Thanksgiving Service – Sunday, November 24, at 7:00 p.m.

Our Bartlett Ellendale association of churches consists of Bartlett First Assembly of God; Ellendale United Methodist; Faith Cumberland Presbyterian; Fullview Missionary Baptist; Grace Presbyterian; Harmony Church of Bartlett and Trinity (formerly Decatur-Trinity) Christian Church. We meet for worship at Thanksgiving and for the Easter sunrise service, rotating locations and preachers. This year’s preacher will be Larry Woodruff, pastor at Ellendale United Methodist Church.

Thanksgiving Day Meal at the church – November 28 at 12:00 noon

On Thanksgiving Day, November 28, you are invited to feast with other church members at the church, beginning at noon. Ham, turkey and dressing 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.

Game Night – Friday November 29, 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.

Hanging of the Greens – Saturday, November 30, at 10:00 a.m.

We decorate the church for the Advent/Christmas seasons on Saturday, November 30, at 10:00 a.m.

Las Posadas – Friday, December 6

On Friday, December 6 at 5:30 pm, please join us for our first ever Las Posadas. We start in the sanctuary singing Christmas hymns while the children re-enact for us Mary and Joseph's search for a room on the night of Jesus birth. Sing and watch as they eventually find a stable. We will then celebrate with a delicious, catered Mexican meal (\$10/person), fellowship and festivities. RSVP on the friendship pad so we can get an accurate count for dinner. The earlier the response the better, but the last day to sign up is Sunday, December 1.

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.

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

Bartlett Area Chorus rehearses in the sanctuary most Thursdays 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.

Pop-Tab Palooza

Pop-Tab is a way that Grace Presbyterian can support the mission of the Ronald McDonald House in Memphis. Carefully detach your pop-tab or you may call it a tab-top, and bring it to church and place it in the jar on the table in the narthex. This program will run to April 2020.

A Financial Update from the Commitment Committee

The Commitment Committee thanks all our members and friends who made a financial pledge for 2020 to Grace Presbyterian Church on Commitment Sunday. With your pledges, we will be able to keep the lights on and support the church's missions as well as provide funding for the other committees of the Session. Thank you very much. The Commitment Committee is also interested in knowing why, of all the churches in the area, you chose Grace Presbyterian Church as your place to worship. Each Sunday in November, there will be an insert in the morning bulletin. Please seriously contemplate your answer, complete the insert, and place it in the offering plate. It is only an option and signature is not required. We will collect the inserts and, with your permission, post your responses on the website and Facebook page so that others may know that Grace Presbyterian Church is a great place to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thank you in advance for your input. Peace in Christ, Rickie Cooke, Commitment Chair

Large Thanks for Fall Festival Supporters

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.

Visitors in Worship who signed the register in October 2019

Cy and Vivi Baldwin; Heather Bopp; Eddie and Dawn Byrd; Matt and Sue Cloughen; Gerald and Jari Dykstra; Nadiyah Gibbs; Al and Susie Hayes; Sandra Hurley; Elizabeth Jacobs; Cathi Kennedy; Joe King, Russellville AR; Brien, Samuel and Paul Luck; LindaJo and Don McKim;; Roseann and Dan Mayo; Margaret Tolbert; Janet Warren; Michele Warren; Steve White

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 All Saints Day 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre-schoolers 4:15 pm Mustard Seed <i>Alex Fry</i> <i>Cristaldawn Smith</i>	2
3 9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Communion All Saints Sunday 12:00 Bell Choir <i>Alaina Hurley</i>	4 <i>Rosemary Gordon</i>	5	6 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	7 7:00 pm Bartlett Area Chorus Rehearsal	8 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre-schoolers 4:15 pm Mustard Seed 5:45 pm Get Up & Go to Balmoral	9
10 9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Congregational Mtg. 12:00 Bell Choir	11 7:00 p.m. Night Circle of Presbyterian Women	12 9:30 a.m. Presbytery at Pinecrest 10:00 a.m. Day Circle of Presbyterian Women <i>Ruth Ellen Cox</i> <i>Susan Pickren</i>	13 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	14 7:00 pm Bartlett Area Chorus Rehearsal	15 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre-schoolers 4:15 pm Mustard Seed <i>Akwi Aseh</i>	16 <i>Mary Tolley</i>
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24 9:30 Prayer & Praise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Christ the King 12:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Community Thanksgiving Service at Grace Presbyterian	25 <i>Whit Sloane</i>	26 7:00 pm Bartlett Area Chorus Rehearsal	27	28 12:00 noon Thanksgiving Day Meal at the church <i>Donald Hicks</i>	29 No GrandPals No Mustard Seed 6:30 pm Game Night <i>Kevin Bopp</i>	30 10:00 a.m. Hanging of the Greens

Elders Serving Communion

**November 3: Rickie Cooke, Ruth Ellen Cox,
John Gordon, Jean Starnes, Marilyn Wilson**

Usher Schedule

November 3 & 10:

Michelle Clifford & Glenda Parker

November 17 & 24: Bob Harrold & John Price

Lay Reader

November 3: Suzanne Getman

November 10: Becky Stirling

November 17: Bob Harrold

November 24: Janet Vawter

Closing Elder

November 3: Kevin Bopp

November 10: Janet Vawter

November 17: Rosemary Gordon

November 25: Rickie Cooke

Lectionary Readings for Worship:

Nov. 3 (All Saints Sunday):

Daniel 7:1-3,15-18; Psalm 149

Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

Nov. 10: Haggai 2:1-9; Psalm 145;

2 Thess. 2:1-5,13-17; Luke 20:27-38

Nov. 17: Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 98;

2 Thess. 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

Nov. 25 (Christ the King Sunday):

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

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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