

Grace Notes



Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

March 2022

Journeys

Lent is a spiritual journey. It is the 40-day season of the church year during which we engage in spiritual practices such as prayer and fasting that help us to focus on our walk with Christ. The 40 days of Lent are modeled after Jesus' wilderness journey of fasting and prayer so as to be able to withstand temptation. Everyone in the congregation will be receiving a booklet of daily Lenten reflections to share in this spiritual journey together.

This year Lent will also be a time when one journey ends and another begins. The interim is coming to an end; and it will be time to say goodbye to the interim pastor and welcome your new installed pastor, Rev. Bill Wisneski. Three years ago we could not have imagined what lay ahead—including a lingering world-wide pandemic. But God has been faithful to protect and provide for everything we have needed on the long journey together. And God will be faithful to supply all that the Grace Covenant family of faith will need for all that God will call you to be and do as you move into the future.

It has been a privilege to be with the Grace Covenant family of faith on this extraordinary journey. It has been a time of change and challenges as well as a time of celebration and growth. It is a pleasure to join with the Grace Covenant family of faith now in looking forward to welcoming and celebrating the ministry of Pastor Bill. May God richly bless you in all things as you begin this new and exciting journey.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Melanie

Looking Forward

March

- 1 - Ash Wednesday
Ashes to Go, 7:30 -9 a.m.
Soup and Scripture, Noon
Ash Wednesday Evening Service, 6:45 p.m.
- 6 - ROOTED Youth Group Car Wash
- 9 - Lenten Lunch, Noon
- 13 - Daylight Savings Time, Spring forward
- 16 - Lenten Lunch, Noon
Lenten Supper, 6 p.m.
- 23 - Lenten Lunch, Noon
SHINE, 4:45 p.m.
- 30 - Lenten Lunch, Noon
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April

- 6 - Lenten Lunch, Noon
- 10 - Palm Sunday
- 14 - Maundy Thursday Supper, 6 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Service, 6:45 p.m.
- 15 - Good Friday Vigil, 6:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. and
online til Noon
- 16 - Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m.
- 17 - Easter Sunday Services, 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.
- 23 - Grace on the Greens

May

- 1 - 75th Anniversary Celebration of Grace
- 7 - Mother's Day Tea
- 8 - Mother's Day
- 15 - Youth Sunday

See the church calendar online:

<https://www.grace.to/announcements/weekly-calendar/>



In Sympathy

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the families of Ginny McGachey and Mark Durham.

Baptism

January 30, 2022

Ella-Marie Rose Miller

Granddaughter of Sheila Heinemann

Births

Kai Alexander Farrens

Son of Catelyn Castagno and Jackson Farrens

Grandchild of Bob and Carolyn Castagno

Change of Address

Jan Holliday 2643 Creek Hollow Dr Duluth GA 30096-4378	Elizabeth Laughlin 4416 Sailor Ct Orlando FL 32812-7638
Lydia Hernandez Trickey 16751 Henderson Pass San Antonio, TX 78232-3239	Jane Heppner 1947 Rachel's Ridge Loop Ocoee, FL 34761

Thank You

Dear Congregational Family,

Thank you all so much, especially Rev Ruta, Sheryl and neighbors (you know who you are) for your texts, calls, cards and prayers and for missing me while I was away and recuperating from surgery.

I love you all, Nick Pazar

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the cards, the flowers, the food and all of the ways you have cared! During such a hard time in our family, your kindnesses have meant so much.

With heartfelt appreciation, we thank you.

Love,

Sheryl & David Chernault and Family

Cooking with Grace

Monday March 21 6 p.m. on Zoom

To receive more information, the recipe and Zoom invite, contact Carolyn at Carolyn@findingnewjoys.com.

Book Club

Tuesday, March 22, 7:00 pm

Panera Bread on South Semoran

A Light on the Hill by Connilyn Cossette

Moriyah was taken captive in Jericho and branded with the shameful mark of the Canaanite gods. Now the Israelites are experiencing peace, but Moriyah has yet to find her own. The mark and the disdain of the townspeople keep her from socializing. And marriage prospects were out of the question . . . until now.



Each Wednesday

March 2 – April 6

12 Noon – 1pm

Conway Hall

It's time for Soup and Scripture.

Stop in, grab a soup, stay awhile or take it to go.

Each Wednesday there will be a short scripture shared for you to ponder as we think about God calling us to "Return".

"Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing". Joel 2:12-13

ROOTED Youth Group Car Wash

Our final car wash fundraiser benefiting our students and adult leaders attending our summer mission trip is Sunday, March 6 from 8:30am-1pm. Come to worship and Sunday School, drop your car off with us, give a donation, and when you leave, both your soul and car will be clean!!!! Tell your friends and neighbors!

Small Blessings Child Care

Spring is in the air and God is about making all things new. New life, new blessings and new beginnings. With a new month comes new challenges and our children at SBCC are blooming like spring flowers. What a joy it is to see them grow and have such a love for learning. On April 13 the children will be participating in Hops for Haiti. Volunteers will be needed to help count. Through Hops for Haiti, SBCC families contribute to the support of the Good Shepard School in Port au Prince Haiti. Last school year over \$7,000 was raised. What tremendous support for those who are in need! Thanks be to God for SBCC's children, parents and staff for an astounding ministry at Grace.

Family Promise

March 6 - 12

Grace Covenant and Conway United Methodist Church partner in the Family Promise Dinner Program. The current families are:

Family of 3 - 1 Adult, 1 Teen, and 1 Toddler

Family of 3 - 1 Adult, 2 Children

Family of 3 - 1 Adult, 1 Child, and 1 Baby

Family of 2 - 1 Adult and 1 Teen

Please register online to provide a meal.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4AABAC-2CA3F85-conway3>

Session Summary

February 17, 2022

Authorized the Terms of Call for Rev. Bill Wisneski (as approved by the congregation) to be sent to Presbytery.

Received the report of the Personnel Committee on the hiring of a new Facilities Coordinator.

Approved a proposed revision to the Endowment Policy regarding the Non-Recurring Capital Expense Fund.

Approved the following Special Offerings for 2022: One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Thornwell and Christmas Joy.

Reviewed the status of ongoing items including renovations to the restrooms in Share the Care, a new use agreement with Meals on Wheels, plans for the 75th Anniversary celebration luncheon, and updates to the Administrative Manual.

Accepted Youth Director Mike Beam’s resignation. Mike will be staying on until Aug 8 to finish the school year and lead the summer mission trip.

Accepted Rev. Ruta’s resignation with an effective date TBD based on Rev. Wisneski’s planned arrival. Rev. Ruta reviewed the Presbytery Separation Ethics Policy which governs the termination of the pastoral relationship of the departing pastor.

Appointed Bonnie Keller and Nancy Venable as Commissioners to Presbytery. Members of Session and the congregation are invited to attend the online meeting on Saturday, March 5 during which Rev. Wisneski will be received as a member of Central Florida Presbytery. Registration information is available in the church office.

Removed Ginny McGachey and Mark Durham from the rolls due to death.

Scholarship Policy Changes

The deadline to apply for a GCPC Scholarship is now June 15. This adjustment will make it easier for students to get their most recent transcripts to the church.

Completed applications, including transcripts, are due in the church office no later than June 15. If this deadline cannot be met, the student must notify the church office at 407-898-6571 or at churchoffice@grace.to. If notification is not made, the student may forfeit the opportunity to receive a scholarship for the calendar year. Paper copies of the application and policy guidelines can be found in the church office. In addition, electronic versions can be emailed.

Beginning in calendar year 2023, Scholarship applicants will be required to complete 15 hours of service to the church in order to be considered for a GCPC scholarship. This can include helping with such things as VBS, Music Camp or a Buildings & Grounds work day. Because service hours will be documented on the scholarship application beginning in 2023, the hours should be accumulated between now and June 15, 2023.

ROOTED Youth Group

ROOTED meets from 5:15pm-7pm on March 6 and 27. We’ll have dinner, games, music, prayers, announcements, and a lesson. Bring your friendz!!!

March 17th, hey, that’s St. Patrick’s Day, we will have an afternoon of water games right here on the lawn of Grace Covenant!!! More details to come so watch our social media outlets!

For more details on our events and other news, friend us on Facebook: Grace Covenant PC Youth, and on Instagram: @rootedgpcpc

Happy Birthday

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| 2 Vincent Ibarra | 17 Bob Garrison |
| Dan Parmele | Kristyn Schultz |
| 3 William Blair | Nolan Schultz |
| Seth Woodrow | Savannah Smith |
| 6 Susie Findell | 19 Ella-Marie Miller |
| 8 Joseph Burns | 20 Nicolas Ramirez |
| 10 Darby Grierson | 21 Carlee Turner |
| 13 Dylan Umpierre | 22 Kylee Seaver |
| Jordyn Whitmer | 24 Carl Hoeltke III |
| 14 Marian Bauer | Cortland Smith |
| 15 Kim Seaver | Chris Barley |
| 16 Judi Volzer | 26 Carter Gonyea |
| | Noah Gonyea |

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| 27 Eisele Ibarra | 11 Adam & Shannon |
| Hieu Pham | Osborne |
| Rick Henderson | 13 Jim & Wendy |
| 30 Katie Howe | Malcolm |
| 31 Doris Weller | 16 Rob & Sarah Lee |
| | 19 Don & Sarah Lein |
| | 29 Jason & Kristyn |
| 10 Murray & Sandi Lee | Schultz |

Happy Anniversary

- 10 Murray & Sandi Lee



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**GRACE COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday Worship

8:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Online

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9a.m. - 3 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m.- noon

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Return Service Requested

Plan Ahead Lenten/Easter Schedule

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March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6, 13

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March 2, 9, 23, 30

Shine, 4:45 pm

March 16 and 30

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April 10 Palm Sunday

April 14 Maundy Thursday

Supper, 6 p.m.

Service, 6:45 p.m.

April 15 Good Friday

Prayer Vigil, 6:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

online until Noon

April 16 Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m.

April 17 Easter

Easter Services, 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.

Please continue to support the work of the church by mailing your tithes and offerings to the church or by making a donation through the church website. Go to the "Online Giving" page at www.grace.to and click on the 'Give Now' button.