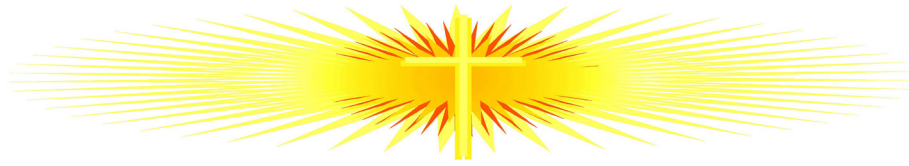


Grace Notes



Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

April 2022

Holy Week at Grace

Holy Week begins Palm Sunday, Apr. 10, with the procession of palms at both services in the Sanctuary. This year Maundy Thursday moves to Conway Reception for an “Upper Room” supper and communion service. The congregation will help decorate the tables and serve soup and bread to one another. There will be music, readings and communion service at the table. Those who attend are invited to dress casually and bring non-perishable foods to be donated as a love offering.

The Good Friday Prayer Vigil sponsored by the Youth returns to the Sanctuary on Friday, Apr. 15. This self-guided Vigil is available in-person 6:30-8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary and online until Noon. The Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday in the Courtyard at 10 a.m.

Easter Sunday services will be 7:30 a.m. in the Courtyard; and 8:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Invite your friends and family to check out the service which will also be live-streamed at 8:45 and recorded for later viewing. If you come in-person, bring a flower for the Cross of Love.

Holy Week is also the traditional time of taking up the One Great Hour of Sharing collection. One Great Hour of Sharing provides support for those in need as part of an ecumenical Lenten spiritual practice in which our PCUSA denomination has participated since 1947. The collection (on Palm Sunday) is split between Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and a program which includes 5,000 projects that empower communities in the US and around the world to develop economic solutions to their own challenges.

Looking Forward

April

- 6 - Lenten Lunch, Noon
- 10 - Palm Sunday
- 13 - Hops for Haiti, 9 a.m.
- 14 - Maundy Thursday “Upper Room”
Supper and Communion Service 6 p.m.
- 15 - Good Friday Vigil, 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. and online
- 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, 8:30 a.m.

May

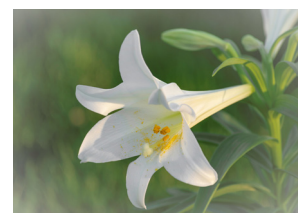
- 1 - 75th Anniversary Celebration Lunch, Noon
- 7 - Mother’s Day Tea, 1 p.m.
- 8 - Mother’s Day
- 15 - Youth Sunday
- 30 - Memorial Day, Office Closed

June

- 5 - Pentecost Sunday
- 6 - Vacation Bible School Week, 9 a.m.
- 13 - Music Camp Week. 9 a.m.
- 19 - Music Camp Sunday
- 20 - Super Summer Week, 9 a.m.
- 29 - Super Summer Wednesdays begin, 9:30 a.m.

See the church calendar online:

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



Births

Elizabeth June Erdmier

Maxine Lucille Chernault

Change of Address

Nelson Flack John & Mary Jane Neusaenger

Hops for Haiti*Wednesday, April 13*

Small Blessings children are fundraising for the Good Shepherd School in Haiti by collecting pledges from families and friends and then hopping. We need "hop counters" from Grace Covenant at 9 a.m. Contact "M" Waddell. nextfallwwad@aol.com or 407-843-3493

Cooking with Grace

Monday April 18 6 p.m. on Zoom

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

Book Club

Tuesday, April 26, 7:00 pm

Panera Bread on South Semoran

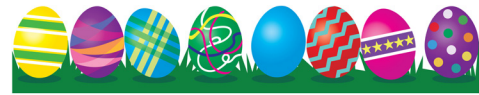
The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek

by Kim Michelle Richardson

In 1936, tucked deep into the woods of Troublesome Creek, KY, lives blue-skinned 19-year-old Cussy Carter, the last living female of the rare Blue People ancestry. The lonely young Appalachian woman joins the historical Pack Horse Library Project of Kentucky and becomes a librarian, riding across slippery creek beds and up treacherous mountains on her faithful mule to deliver books and other reading material to the impoverished hill people of Eastern Kentucky.

Small Blessings Child Care

April is packed full of activities. Class photos and cap & gown photos for VPK will be April 8. Progress reports will be sent home the same day. Small Blessings will be celebrating Easter with parties on April 15. The annual SBCC Art Festival will be held on April 22. Art projects from the Baby Room through K4 classes will be on display. Please don't miss the amazing art works of our budding artists. God bless this ministry at Grace Covenant as well as all the parents, children and staff.

**Easter Egg Hunt***Saturday April 16 10 am*

Children Age 1 – 5th Grade are invited

Tons of fun. Hunt eggs, make crafts and play games!

Good Friday

Brought back because of its powerful content and people loved it, our church-wide Good Friday Prayer Vigil is Good Friday, April 15. The church will be open from 6:30am-8:30am for this 20-minute guided prayer time. Or if you need to stay home, you can download the guided prayer time from our website. It should be done in a quiet place with few distractions, sometime between when you wake up and noon. It will help to focus on why we have Holy Week and prepare us for the glory of Easter.

ROOTED Youth Group

ROOTED meets 5:15pm - 7pm, April 3 and 10. We'll have dinner, games, music, prayers, announcements, and a lesson. Bring your friendz as we only have TWO more times we meet before announcing the winner of our "Bring your Friendz to ROOTED" contest on May 22.

Children's Ministry needs our help with the Children's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16, by hiding Easter eggs and shepherding the lil' chee-wees around from 9am - 10:45am. Contact Mike if you can help.

THEN stick around for our very own Youth/Young Adult Easter egg hunt from 10:45am - 11:15pm. And we'll have a Lunch Bunch afterwards!

For more details on our events and other news, friend us on Facebook: Grace Covenant PC Youth, and on Instagram: [@rootedgpcp](https://www.instagram.com/rootedgpcp)

Take Me Back to 1947**75th Anniversary Celebration***Sunday, May 1 Conway Hall 12 Noon*

Join in the fun for a great meal served with plenty of nostalgia from the time. You will even get to play with your souvenir plate at home!

Music Camp*June 13 - 16 9 - 11:45 a.m.**Grades K - Rising 8th grade*

Singing, orff, crafts and more! Call the church office for more information.

Session Summary

March 17, 2022

Session affirmed the hiring of new Facilities Coordinator Robert Bond. Admin & Personnel is working with Youth on updating the job description for Youth Director.

A new Sexual Misconduct Policy, Children & Youth Protection Policy, and Childcare Policies & Guidelines were approved. Revisions to the Administrative Manual index and Session Operations were also discussed.

Gary Carver, Rob Cumbus, Diana Ibarra, Bruce Lampman and Joe Waddell (Bldg & Grounds) were re-appointed voting members of the Memorial Hall Bathroom Ad Hoc Renovation Committee. Grace Covenant's Pastor and Facilities Coordinator, and the Share the Care President were re-appointed ex officio. MHBARC was authorized to develop and execute a selection process to identify a successful bidder and contract to be presented to Session.

A space use agreement with Seniors First (Meals on Wheels) was authorized.

Thank You

Dear Friends and Family in church,

I want to thank each and every one of you for all your prayers and concerns for my family this past year.

It was a long year with much uncertainty and fear - we almost or could have lost two of our men. But with your prayers and God's grace and mercy, we received two miracles. Bill and Jerrod are doing great! I love you all and I miss being there with you! (I love visits from my church family.)

Thank you again through Christ, Jo Blair

Sixth Annual Grace on the Greens

Golf Tournament at Twin Rivers Golf Course

Saturday, April 23

You can help us with our 6th Annual Grace on the Greens Golf Tournament fundraiser! Can your business help with buying hole signs or other sponsorship levels? What about playing in the fundraiser for only \$320/foursome or \$85/individual? Our goal is to raise enough money so our students can attend our summer mission trip for free after they've made their deposit. Mission trips have been impacting our students' journey in faith in amazing ways by putting the words we teach them about helping others into real world applications, daily quiet time devotions, and unique bonding experiences through sweat and laughter! This year's tournament will be on Saturday, April 23, at Twin Rivers Golf Course in Oviedo (same distance to North Shore where we previously played). Shotgun start at 8:30am. Please contact Mike (mike@grace.to, or (407) 898-6571 for more information.

Exploring Membership

Interested in what it means to be a member?

Thinking about joining in the future? Join Pastor Melanie Sunday, Apr. 3 for lunch and conversation about all things Presbyterian.

Facilities Coordinator

In March, we welcomed Robert "Bobby" Bond as our new Facilities Coordinator. Bobby and his wife, Gaye, are long-time members of the community and regular worshippers at Grace Covenant over the years.

In Sympathy

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Cal Hahn who died March 18, 2022.

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Please contact the church office for a copy of the birthday and anniversary list.



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GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship

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

Online

Office Hours

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

Friday: 9 a.m.- noon

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Lenten/Easter Schedule

March 30 Lenten Lunch, Noon

March 30 Shine, 4:45 pm

March 30 Lenten Supper, 6 p.m.

April 6 Lenten Lunch, Noon

April 10 Palm Sunday

April 14 Maundy Thursday "Upper Room" Supper
and Communion Service, 6 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.



Grace on the Greens

Saturday, April 23, 2022

Twin Rivers Golf Club

2100 Ekana Dr.

Oviedo, FL 32725

Vacation Bible School

June 6 - 10

9 - 11:45 a.m.

Online Registration

Opens March 27

Ages 3 - Rising 5th Grade



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.