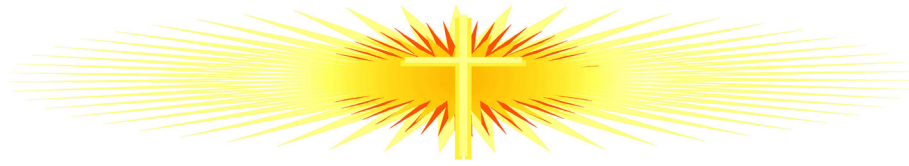


Grace Notes



Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

May 2022

Celebrating 75 Years

On Sunday, May 1 Grace Covenant will celebrate 75 years of mission and ministry to the local community and around the globe. There will be a luncheon following the 10:45 a.m. service in Conway Hall. The Hospitality Committee has been researching foods and fun things to do in 1947 and has put together a 1947-themed meal for all to enjoy. No RSVP is required; and there is no cost to attend. All are welcome.

Things have certainly changed in our community and our culture since the Grace Covenant family of faith first worshiped together as a congregation in 1947. But the sense of shared purpose which inspired those first members to grow a Sunday school ministry for residents of Southeast Orlando into a thriving congregation has endured. Grace Covenant's impact over the years has extended far beyond the orange groves and new homes and first residents of the area.

Over the years the church called seven installed pastors and three associate pastors. Those pastors shepherded the flock through times of growth and decline; and helped the church embrace the ministry opportunities and meet the challenges of their day.

In calling Pastor Bill Wisneski as the next installed pastor, Grace Covenant is preparing to meet the challenges of our day. Pastor Bill brings a new vision for the church in reaching out to newcomers and the next generations to grow the church both spiritually and in number.

God has been faithful to equip and enable the church to grow and flourish in the past. Moving forward with a new pastor we will continue to do so.

Looking Forward

May

- 1 - 75th Anniversary Celebration
- 7 - Mother's Day Tea
- 8 - Mother's Day
- 15 - Youth Sunday
- 16 - Cooking with Grace, 6 pm, ZOOM
- 30 - Memorial Day, Office Closed

June

- 5 - Pentecost Sunday
- 6 - Vacation Bible School Week
- 13 - Music Camp Week (four days)
- 19 - Music Camp Sunday
- 20 - Super Summer Week, through July
- 29 - Super Summer Wednesday

July

- 6 - Super Summer Wednesday
- 10 - ROOTED Youth Mission Trip Week
- 20 - Super Summer Wednesday

See the church calendar online:

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

75th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, May 1 Conway Hall 11:45 am

Scholarship Applications

Applications are now being accepted for Grace Covenant scholarships for the 2022-2023 school year. Students must re-apply each year. To receive an application, email churchoffice@grace.to. Completed applications and transcripts are due by June 15.

The Scholarship Fund is not part of the church budget, but relies on gifts from the congregation. Give online or by check made payable to the church with "Scholarship Fund" in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity!

Change of Address

Cleveland and Winifred Don and Marilyn Schaus
Rutherford

Kathy Roberts - new email

Thank You

Dear Staff Members,
Thank you for your help in arranging that "Cookie Time" after church for my birthday on Palm Sunday. We wanted to do something simple. Now I understand YOU took care of the details! Thank you for providing the cookies and thanks to those who set up a table and chair near the exit door. This all worked out well. We appreciate your help, thank you all!
Sincerely, Wilma Beekman

To Our Church Family,
Thank you ALL for helping make our 6th annual Grace on the Greens golf fundraiser a success! Special thanks to "M" Waddell for providing breakfast, and to Beefy King for donating lunches!! Proceeds from the tournament will off-set costs to our summer mission trip in the Appalachian Mountains!!! ROOTED Youth Group

Small Blessings Child Care

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year has wrapped up and we give thanks to God that SBCC is at full capacity. As this school year comes to a close, the Toddlers, K2 & K3 will have a Program on May 18 at 9:30 am. The End of the Year Party for K4-VPK is on May 19th. VPK graduation is at 10am on May 20. The same day is end of the year party for Toddlers, K2, K3. SBCC will be closed May 30 for Memorial Day. We are looking forward to a super fun-filled summer. We will have a theme each week with a variety of activities. Stay tuned! Thanks be to God, our teachers, staff and parents for a successful school year. What a marvelous ministry to have at GCPC.

Book Club

Tuesday, May 24, 7:00 pm

Panera Bread on South Semoran

"Two Steps Forward" by Sharon G. Brown, the second book of the Sensible Shoes series. Sometimes life really does feel like two steps forward and one step back. Find your own spiritual journey reflected in the lives of the four women we revisit, and discover the way forward. Everyone is welcome!



Music Camp 2022

Music Camp 2022 is June 13-16 from 9-11:50 a.m. for grades K through 8. Campers will help lead worship on Sunday, June 19, at both services.

This year's theme is "Fruit of the Spirit"--sharing love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control in music and crafts.

Instructors Selina Fernandez (singing), Juan Martinez (ukulele) and Jennifer Griffin (movement) are returning. Another class will be announced. Students will need to bring a pair of gloves (any kind). Ukuleles are available by request. Cost: \$20 per student, \$10 for siblings. Register online at www.grace.to.

Campers will help plant and use Fruit of the Spirit ornaments to decorate a Music Camp Tree (Nellie Stevens Holly Bush) to emphasize our theme. The \$200 expense of the tree is not in our budget. Donate online or by check payable to the church. Put "Music Camp Tree" on the memo.

Contact Barbara Browning for more information.

Are You Graduating?

Calling ALL graduating college and high school seniors!! We would love to acknowledge your accomplishment on Youth Sunday, May 15. For college graduates, we would like: your name, college, type of degree, and area of study. For our high school seniors, we would like: your name, high school, and next step in your path (name of college, military branch, work, etc.). PLEASE give this information to Mike BY Monday, May 9 or contact the church office. Thank you!

ROOTED Youth Group

Our Youth & Young Adult Planning Day will be held on Sunday, May 1, during ROOTED. If you are interested in giving feedback from this past year, AND want to share in planning the '22-'23 calendar activities, let Mike know by Thursday, April 28. You can participate via ZOOM.

ROOTED this month meets on May 1 and 22 from 5:15pm-7pm. We'll have dinner, games, music, prayers, announcements, and a lesson. We will announce our "Bring Your Friendz to ROOTED" contest.

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

Session Summary

April 15, 2022

Received the report of the PNC regarding Pastor Bill's first day in the pulpit on June 19. Pastor Melanie's last day will be Sunday, May 29.

Approved a job description to search for a new Youth Director.

Received reports from Session Committees and Boards of the church, with information items including: a new compressor for Conway Hall; an expanded summer day camp program; an update on the review of the church's finances; scheduling a food packing event; increased support from Small Blessings; and the Foundation's tax status.

Approved the proposal for a "replacement-in-kind" renovation of Share the Care facilities; and appointed three elders to negotiate the renewal of the Share the Care space use agreements. Continued updating the Administrative Manual with approval of four sets of guidelines.

Called a congregational meeting for Sunday, May 1 to correct the composition of the ONC and to elect an elder. Approved baptisms of two babies, the addition of one new member and the removal of three others.

Vacation Bible School

June 6 - 10

9 a.m. - Noon

Online Registration

Opens March 27

Ages 3 - Rising 5th Grade



Meal Packing with Grace in Action

Save the date! Saturday, May 21st 9:00 a.m.

Outreach is partnering with My Neighbor's Children for a wild meal-packing event for the benefit of the Ukrainian refugees. Just show up wearing closed toed shoes and your best rhythm to participate in assembly-line style packing. Peppy music will spur your spirit! Join the 75th anniversary of our church's founding by serving with Grace in Action. This is why we are here - to be the hands and feet of Christ as we glorify His name through service.

Hungry Kids in our Community !

On the first Sunday of each month we collect food and other items for Dover Shores Elementary. They have a pantry to stock back-packs with food for children to take home on the weekends. Please bring non-perishable items requested by the school:

Cereal (dry or instant), juice boxes, low sugar snacks, peanut butter, canned pasta meals, jelly, honey, crackers (plain or cheese/peanut butter), canned meat (spam, chicken, vienna sausages, tuna), fruit (individual cups or dried), beef jerky, canned (full strength) soup and stew, powdered milk, plastic storage bags.

Socks and underwear for kids K-5. Accidents happen sometimes.

Leave items in the wooden box by the north door in the Narthex or drop off in the office.

Thank you for helping hungry children in our community.

Cooking with Grace

Monday May 16 6 pm on ZOOM

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



Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Contact the church office for a 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: 9a.m. - 3 p.m.

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**SUNDAYS - June 5 through July 24
FAMILY AFFAIR
9:30 am – 10:30 am**

FAMILY AFFAIR is families gathering together to enjoy life together! We will meet in Conway Hall and spill out into the courtyard. The theme for our first **FAMILY AFFAIR** is... **MINUTE TO WIN IT**. Families of all shapes and sizes will experience a great time filled with laughter, conversation, coffee, fun, prizes, snacks.... Families, bring your kids in the strollers, bring your young children, bring your older children, bring your neighbor, bring your friends –

EVERYONE WELCOME!

See you Sundays at 9:30am in Conway Hall!



**Vacation Bible School, Super Summer
Wednesdays, Summer Day Camps**

Time to gather supplies for all of our summer kid activities Visit the Sticky Note wall in the Narthex on Sunday, May 15 and Sunday, May 22. Each sticky note has a supply that is needed to enrich the lives of the children in our summer programs. Next time you are at the grocery or craft store, drop a few of the listed items into your cart. If shopping isn't for you, you can send a monetary donation to the church for supplies. Make sure to note it on your donation **GRACE KIDS SUMMER**. All supplies are due back to the church by Sunday, May 29. Thank you for helping make this the best summer ever at Grace Covenant!

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.