

Grace Notes



Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

November 2022

PJ Breakfast

Sunday, November 27, Conway Hall, 9:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving is over and now it's time to prepare for Christmas! We get it.....You're tired and just want to sleep in and skip church. How about you sleep in, leave your pajamas on and have breakfast at church. Yes, it is a tiny bit different, but, frankly it will be fun! Church, PJ's, Breakfast and Prizes...Who could ask for anything more?

Grace Covenant Annual Picnic

Sunday, November 13, 2022

11:35 a.m.

Chicken, Pulled Pork

BBQ Beans and Cole Slaw

Please bring a

"Hand Held Dessert"

such as brownies, cookies, cupcakes or bars



I will not leave you or forsake you...

Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:5, 9

Looking Forward

November

1 - All Saints' Day

13 - Annual Picnic

20 - Decorate the church for Christmas

24 - Thanksgiving Day

27 - PJ Sunday

27 - Brunch between services

December

9 - Buddy Break

14 - Blue Christmas Service

24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5 p.m. & 7 p.m.

25 - Christmas Day, No Sunday School hour

January

1 - New Year's Day

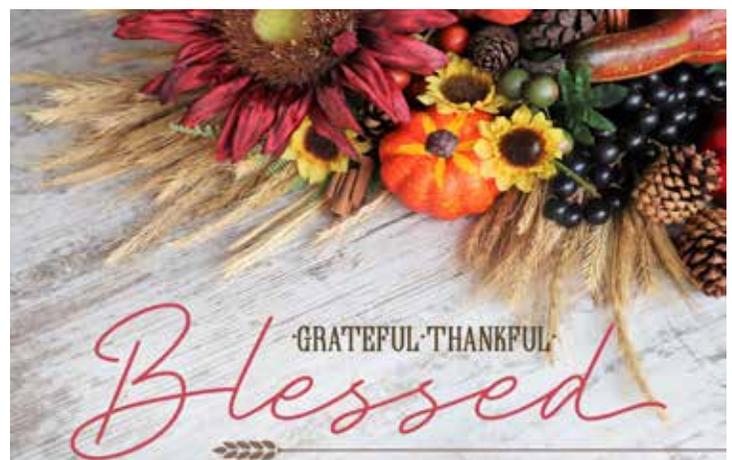
8 - Installation & Ordination

29 - Annual Congregational Meeting

29 - ROOTED Youth Chili Cook-Off

See the church calendar online:

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



New Contact Info

Margaretta Douglas Sylvia Jorgenson

ROOTED Youth Group

ROOTED will meet Sunday evenings from 5:15 - 7pm.
Watch for details on events/news on Facebook: Grace
Covenant PC Youth and Instagram: @rootedgcpc

Monday Night Bible Study

In the Conference Room 7pm
Contact the church office for more information.

DECK 2.0 - Extravaganza

Friday 6pm-11pm November 11
Please join us for some or all of our Crafting Event
For more info, call the church office.

Cooking with Grace

Monday November 21 6 p.m. on Zoom
Contact Carolyn at Carolyn@findingnewjoys.com to
receive more information, the recipe and Zoom invite.

Book Club

Tuesday, November 22, 7:00 pm
Panera Bread on South Semoran
Silent Wife by Kerry Fisher

Lara's life looks perfect on the surface -- gorgeous doting husband, Massimo; sweet little son, Sandro; and the perfect home. But Lara knows something about Massimo and she can't tell anyone. This secret is keeping Lara a prisoner in her marriage. Maggie is married to Massimo's brother, Nico. One day she discovers a letter in the attic that reveals a shocking secret about Nico's first wife. Will Maggie set the record straight or keep silent to protect those she loves?

UPDATE FROM SESSION

In the interest of maintaining transparency and moving expeditiously to fill the pulpit consistently, the task force we recently appointed has received approval from Presbytery for the job description for a temporary pastor, and permission to move forward with hiring a local candidate. This pastor will differ from an interim, specifically in that the contract will be up to a year, is renewable annually

Ruth Circle

This year Ruth Circle is studying "Twelve Women of the Bible" So far we have completed Eve and Rebecca, and in November we will be studying Leah, led by Winnie Rutherford.

This year we are still working with Servants Heart, which finds families in need and delivers food on a weekly basis. Our group is collecting \$10 gift cards to be used for turkeys for the upcoming Holidays. During the Christmas Season gifts of toys will be provided to the children up to age 12. Ruth Circle meets the second Monday of each month at 10:00 in the Conference Room. Anyone who wishes to join us, we would love to have you. Barbara Hart

Small Blessings Child Care

There is always something to be thankful for. We at Small Blessings are very thankful for a new playground and turf. The old playground lasted beyond its expected life span. Safety is our utmost priority for our little pumpkins. This new playground and turf was funded by ARPA (Covid relief fund). We will also have our sidewalk and sunshades pressure cleaned. Now that the weather has changed to cooler and bright sunny skies, this couldn't come at a better time. It is such a joy helping our babies develop in new ways, playing and learning. Our toddlers are discovering God's world that includes life's simple things, twigs and leaves on the playground. It's a blessing watching the children show their love for learning and with the new season Autumn/Fall they are creating beautiful arts and crafts to celebrate what God has granted us. Grace Covenant is incredibly grateful and unbelievably blessed and gives thanks for our children, parents and staff at Small Blessings.

Daily Bread

808 W. Central Blvd. 11:15am - 1:00pm Wednesdays
November 9 and December 7

Daily Bread is a Christian Service Center program which provides nourishing meals to the homeless of our community throughout the year. Carpooling is encouraged. Contact the church office to join the team.

and could become a permanently installed position at any point in the future, if we should so choose.

We can now submit a candidate for approval to Presbytery's Committee on Ministry.

We will continue to update you as events unfold and covet your continued support for one another and this process, trusting always in God's leading.

Session Summary

Session held a stated meeting on October 21, 2022. October 2nd we celebrated World Wide Communion Sunday. The early service had communion by intinction; the late service had elders serving communion to members in the pews. This is the first time since March 2020 we have served communion. Gluten free bread was provided as well.

On Oct 3, a Called Session meeting was held with Dan DeBevoise moderating the meeting regarding the Next Steps moving forward for Session and the church. A Task Committee was created to prepare a Job Description for a Temporary Pastoral arrangement.

“Interim” pastors have additional special training in finances, healing hurting congregations. They most typically cannot become the Installed Pastor.

A “temporary” pastor is a minister who is on an annual contract, which can be renewed annually. They can performing all of the pastoral duties, but do not have the Interim training. Unlike “interim”, a Temporary Pastor can become an Installed Pastor if desired at a later time.

On Oct 6, Dan DeBevoise was designated as the Committee on Ministry (COM) prime contact for GCPC with Helen DeBevoise serving as back-up.

Our Oct 20 “regular” session meeting heard all of the committee reports.

Buildings and Grounds was granted monies to make some much needed repairs for Roofing Smith, Memorial, Conway Hall), and mechanical repairs in Conway Hall/Small Blessings for \$13,650.

There are other outstanding repairs which are anticipated for 2023.

Additional steps were taken approving the Task Committee’s Job Description, and to request permission from Presbytery to allow us to begin a search for a new pastor. Since the Oct 20th meeting, Presbytery granted permission for GCPC to search for a Temporary Pastor.

We promise to keep everyone posted as progress develops.

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

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

Calling All Previous

and Future Advent Singers

We would like to have all the singers who have sung our Advent song “Light One Candle” to participate in a special service with the Chancel Choir on December 18 for both services (this includes our new people this year). You will be helping to read and sing “Light One Candle” during the Choir’s cantata. Please contact Barbara Browning if you are available for these very special services.

Email: pianosuccess@yahoo.com or 407-760-0996 (cell). Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Share the Care

It’s not too early to think about Christmas! The Outreach Committee is collecting items for Share the Care. Please leave items in the Narthex or bring them to the church office by November 28 so that we can make any additional purchases needed.

Here is their wish list:

Colored pencils, Christmas ornaments, Large print word search (English or Spanish) Easy Adult/Dementia coloring books. (Search Amazon for Easy Adult coloring books) Adult squeeze balls (hand strengthening), Individual sugar-free pudding or jello cups, Hand lotion, Baby Powder, small wooden or plaster of paris shapes without paint or markers, artificial flowers.

They DO NOT want:

Anything that is juvenile (toys, children’s stuffed animals, children’s/cartoon, coloring books, etc) #2 pencils, markers, or crayons, Hotel soap or shampoo, Toothpaste and toothbrushes, Candy or chewing gum, No open or partly used products.



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**GRACE COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday Worship

8:45 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

Online

Office Hours

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

Friday: 9 a.m.- Noon

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To

Gardens of the Bible

Four week series

Sundays

November 6 - 27

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Conway Hall



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.