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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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To:

Vacation Bible School Stellar - Shine Jesus' Light

June 5 - 9

9am - 11:45am

Register online at grace.to/grace-kids/



Music Camp Instruments Around the World

June 12 - 15

9am - Noon

Register online



Grace Notes

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

May 2023

Effective Frequency

How many messages do you have to send to get your message across? The term for the number of times someone has to hear a message before acting on it is called "effective frequency." In the business world, you will hear that a message isn't fully received and acted on until you have sent it somewhere between 7 and 20 times! I suppose that means I should show up every Sunday for 7 to 20 weeks and preach one line: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Luke 10:27)

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Looking Forward

May

- 6 Mother's Day Tea
- 14 Mother's Day
- 21 Youth Sunday
- 28 Pentecost Sunday
- 28 Memorial Day, Office Closed

June

- 3 Buddy Break
- 5 Donut Decorating Breakfast
- 5 - 9 Vacation Bible School
- 10 - 17 Montreat, Sr. High School
- 12 - 15 Music Camp

July

- 4 Independence Day, Office Closed
- 23 - 27 The Great Escape, Jr. High School
- 30 Fifth Sunday Funday

See the church calendar online:
<https://www.grace.to/announcements/weekly-calendar/>

New Contact Info

Lucas Chen

Small Blessings

Christ is risen! Hallelujah! SBCC is also rejoicing over the intensity of their hoppers for “Hops for Haiti” with 15,098 hops counted and pledged \$5,125 for our partner school in Haiti. Grace Covenant gives a tremendous thank you to all who participated. After all, the Easter bunny and Easter eggs originated as pagan symbols of Spring and rebirth. What a perfect time of year to have this cherished event. Small Blessings program for Toddler, K2 & K3 is May 18. End of the year parties are May 19. Blessings to VPK with graduation at 10am on May 24. God Bless this continued Ministry at Grace Covenant.

Ruth Circle

Ruth circle will have its final meeting of the spring in May. We will resume our meetings in September and our study of women of the Bible. In May, The circle looks forward to a luncheon at Conway Hall after our Bible study. Our meeting is May 8 and we look forward to celebrating as a circle.

Book Club

Tuesday, May 23, 7pm
Panera Bread, S. Semoran
Maria
by Eugenia Price



Grace Notes

Deadline

The next deadline for Grace Notes is May 15 for the **combined** June-July issue.

Grace Covenant Scholarship News

The Grace Covenant Scholarship Team is accepting applications for undergraduate college scholarships for the 2023-2024 school year.

Students must re-apply each year. Applications are available in the church office

- hard copy or digital - churchoffice@grace.to

Completed applications are due to the church by June 15, including a copy of the applicant's transcripts.

D.E.C.K 2.0

6pm -11pm

Second Fridays

Discover, Explore, Create, & Know the joy of cultivating your creativity with other crafters. Drop in for any amount of time. Questions: contact the church office.

The Scholarship Fund is not a part of the church budget, but relies solely on contributions from the congregation. To contribute, please indicate "Scholarship Fund" on envelopes found in the pews or make your check payable to the church and indicate “Scholarship Fund” in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity!

ROOTED Youth Group

Sunday evenings

Middle school 4:15 - 6:00 pm

High school 5:00 - 7:15pm.

Watch for details on events and news on Facebook:

Grace Covenant PC Youth and Instagram:

@rootedgpcpc

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Please contact the church office for a list of the birthdays and anniversaries.

One of my long-term goals for Grace Covenant is to have a staff member whose primary job is church communication. This person would be responsible for worship media, newsletter production, social media, and other ways we keep the church informed of our ministry and witness. In the meantime, I do a lot of this work with the help of staff and volunteers.

In order to maximize “effective frequency,” it helps to have multiple methods to get the word out. And since people tend to open text messages more frequently than emails, using a text service is a smart move to increase your reach. So I created a Flocknote account for the church to be able to quickly text and/or email church members and friends

as needed. This is helpful because many people have either a phone number or an email listed, but not both. With Flocknote, we hope to expand our reach. Depending on its success, I may even switch to it for the Grace Cov-e-news emails that I send on Fridays.

One advantage of Flocknote is that we can use it to create subgroups. I created groups for deacons, elders and staff, as well as a group called “Grace in Action” that a few folks have already joined. We will message that group with opportunities to serve as they occur.

Many of you should have already received a text/email from Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church that looks

different from the Friday emails and ordinary emails sent from our grace.to address. You may opt out of such messages if you like, and instructions to do so are included with each email/text. If you have not seen a text or an email from Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church that looks different from what you usually see, there are two ways to sign up: by texting the keyword MARK1234 (caps not required) to the short code 84576 on your phone, or by signing up at the website gracecovorl.flocknote.com.

Of course, we will still mail Grace Notes . It may not have all the same information, since email and text is more timely. But we want to keep our flock connected in every way possible. Who knows--

maybe I'll sign us up for a carrier pigeon service next! Thanks for your understanding and flexibility as we try new things.

RECAP:

To receive text updates, text MARK1234 to the number 84576 (not a phone number, but a "short code" set up expressly for text services). And you can sign up on the following website - gracecovorl.flocknote.com

Help the Kids at Grace!

Friends,
We are gathering supplies for all of our children's summer activities. Next time you go to the store, take the list and pick up an item if you can. If you prefer to give a monetary donation towards these supplies, drop a check into the offering box and mark it
SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Thanks in advance for all of your help!

PS: We still need plastic gallon jugs for our building project in June. Our goal is 500 jugs we currently have 380

The List

Paper Plates (the cheap kind)
Playdough 90 cans (assorted colors)
Pipe Cleaners (Black) 400
Tin Vegetable/soup cans (progresso) emptied and washed 40
Water Color Paints
Elmers School Glue 1 gal. jug
Solid color Straws (bending/flex)
Dark Blue Crepe Paper Streamers, 4 rolls
Green Crepe Paper Streamers, 4 rolls
Red Crepe Paper Streamers, 4 rolls
White Crepe Paper Streamers, 4 rolls

Marbles 100
Painters Tape 2 white rolls/2 blue rolls
Masking Tape 4 rolls
Glue Dots (lots)
Glue Sticks (purple to clear)
Bright Multi Color Yarn 2 skeins
Colored Paper Clips
Sharpie Markers – all colors
Black Sharpie Markers - 30
Fabric Markers
Hot Glue Sticks
Stapler (2)
Red solo Cup 9oz 100
Blue solo Cup 9oz 100
Quart Size ziplocks 500
Gallon Size ziplocks 500
Salt – 2 (morton table salt)
Wooden Stir Sticks 300
Epson Salts (plain)
Spray Adhesive 6 cans
White Spray Paint 6 cans
2 gal of CLEAR ELMERS GLUE
Baking Soda 4 boxes
Coffee Filters (100)