

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

- 5 Newcomer's Q&A, 10:30AM & 12PM
- 5 Session Meeting, 12:30PM
- 5 All children and youth music rehearsals resume
- 6 Cancer Support Group, 2:30PM
- 7 Elder & Deacon Training, 7PM
- 8 Spice of Life (50+) Lunch, 12PM
- 11 Quilt Ministry Meeting, 9AM
- 12 Youth Dinner and Fellowship, 5:45PM
- 14 Elder & Deacon Training, 7PM
- 15 Career Transition Support Group, 9AM
- 18 Gotta Have Fun game night, 6:30PM
- 20 Church Offices closed for the MLK holiday
- 21 Committee Meeting Night, 7PM
- 21 Elder & Deacon Training, 7PM
- 26 Combined Worship, 10AM
- 26 Ordination & Installation of Officers
- 26 Annual Congregational Meeting, 11AM
- 28 Deacon Meeting, 7PM

FEBRUARY

- 1 Men's bible study, 8:30AM
- 2 Scout Sunday
- 2 Souperbowl of Caring
- 2 Newcomer's Q&A, 10:30AM & 12PM
- 2 Youth Super Bowl party, 5PM
- 3 Cancer Support Group, 2:30PM
- 5 Career Transition Support Group, 9AM
- 8 Quilt Ministry Meeting, 9AM
- 8 Marriage Ministry Large Group Event, 6PM
- 9 Youth Dinner and Fellowship, 5:45PM
- 12 Spice of Life (50+) Lunch, 12PM
- 15 Men's Breakfast, 8:30AM
- 15 Confirmation Dinner



If I were a potential Pastor/Head of Staff, doing the due diligence that is part of discerning God's call, this is the impression I would have of GPC. The congregation is welcoming, and favorably committed. Ample opportunity exists for spiritual nurture, fellowship, and mission outreach. Worship settings are available for those who prefer a more contemporary format, and those who are more comfortable with a traditional order of service. Music plays a central role in worship, taking full advantage of the choral and instrumental ability of children, youth, and adults. The session is comprised of dedicated ruling elders who strategically govern the church, serving on committees that take full advantage of their God-given talents. Gifted staff members are working collegially to enhance the congregation's various ministries. The board of deacons is always looking for ways to care for congregants, a ministry accentuated by a group of committed Stephen Ministers. Every aspect of church life is supported by a team of people who continually lift the congregation up in prayer. An intentional effort is being made to balance financial receipts and expenditures. A crucial investment in infrastructure improvements is being addressed by a capital campaign that is off to an impressive start. The congregation's Day School, with a census of approximately 160, has an outstanding reputation, providing Christ-centered care. If I were a potential Pastor/Head of Staff, doing the due diligence that is part of discerning God's call, I would be favorably impressed with the health, vitality, and commitment of GPC. Standing on the threshold of 2020, it is clear to me that this part of the body of Christ will not have any problem whatsoever attracting a capable, loving, and dedicated pastor to walk with you into the future God has in store. If I were 40 years younger, I would definitely apply for the position. Grace and peace to you in the year ahead.

Pastor Jim



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MO Ranch Women's Conference, May 29-31

Grace is taking a group of women (13 have committed to date) to the Mo Ranch Women's Conference May 29-31. The cost is \$350 for the weekend. Details about the event can be found on the Mo Ranch website. If you are interested in attending, please contact Pastor Laura asap. (check your Connection Card)

Offering Envelopes

If you requested offering envelopes, please pick up your box in the Narthex. We have a few boxes available that are unassigned. If you would like a box of numbered envelopes, please sign the page on the table in the Narthex.

Online Giving

For Budget-General Fund tithes and offerings, we will no longer distinguish each year by name. Beginning January 2020 and subsequent years, we will use the name **Budget-General Fund**. If you have set up an automatic gift, please edit the name of the fund to **Budget-General Fund** by going to this webpage:

<https://www.gracepc.org/give/>

If you paid a pledge early in December, or have questions at any time, please email John Moody, Director of Finance john@gracepc.org or call at 469.429.6808. Thank you for your generosity!

God loves a person who gives cheerfully 2 Corinthians 9:7

Grief Group

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, join others experiencing "Death and Grief" for an eight-week group experience, beginning on February 18. Stephen Ministers will lead the Small Group through "Recognizing," "Reacting," "Recollecting," "Relinquishing," "Readjusting," and "Reaching Out". We will meet in the parlor at 7PM. There is a small fee to cover the cost of materials. Check your Connection Card, or contact Mike Shaw, broncosrbest@verizon.net for more information.



Make sure you stop in the Sanctuary and check out the Advent project that our children, youth, young adults, adults, and staff worked on during the 4 weeks of Advent. Each group completed a panel, and when they come together, they tell the story of Jesus birth.

Sanctuary Flowers

If you would like to purchase flowers for the Sanctuary, the 2020 sign up book can be found on the table in the narthex, underneath the TV. The cost is \$90, and you are welcome to take the flowers home following the 11AM service.

\$ 25,000 Matching Funds Capital Campaign Update

As reported by the moderator of our finance committee at the combined service last Sunday, we have a very successful capital campaign underway. As of Tuesday December 31, 2019 we have reached our first \$25,000 matching funds goal and are well on our way to meeting our second \$25,000. Matching funds goal.

As of Thursday, January 2, 2020 our matching funds donations toward our second \$25,000. matching funds challenge are \$1,785.00. A good start for this second challenge.

On Friday 12/27/19 we received another \$ 25,000.00 matching funds challenge from a family wishing to remain anonymous. This will not only go toward the air conditioner replacements, lighting updates and CE building inside painting but also include a much needed upgrade to our sound and audio visual systems. This will benefit our music program and enhance our worship experience.

This gives us a total of \$75,000 in matching funds which once matched will be at \$150,000, or approximately 37% of our anticipated needs.

Praise God for these dedicated member families and their willingness to give for the glory of God.

We all need to prayerfully consider our financial situation and our ability to assist in this effort.

General Fund Pledge Update

•2020	163 Pledges	\$804,814
•2019	155 Pledges	\$747,380.

This is an increase of \$57,432. over our 2019 pledges. Thank you to all who have pledged to the 2020 general fund.

Parenting in the Trenches: Practical Tools for Ages 2-24 – Part 1

Parents, Grandparents and caregivers of ALL ages are invited to Part 1 of our parenting workshop with The Rev Daniel Gowan and his colleague, Dr. Dina Hijazi. Rev Gowan is both a Licensed Professional Counselor and an ordained minister in the PCUSA. Dr Hijazi is a licensed psychologist. They consult with local organizations around conflict management, relational policies and emotional development as well as offer private counseling at D2 Counseling in Plano.

On Sunday, January 26, from 6-7:30, discussion will cover the following topics: The 3 Tasks of Parenting, The Role of Values, Steps to Accountability, Intent versus Impact, and others. *(Part 2 of the series to be held on February 23.)* Light snacks will be provided. Childcare is available for children 5th grade and under. Cost is \$5 per adult. RSVP with payment in advance is required to attend and is due by January 19. Check your Connection Card or register and pay online at www.gracepc.org/signups. This fantastic event is open to all in the community.