

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 15 Gotta Have Fun game night, 6:30PM
- 15 Confirmation Dinner
- 16 Confirmation Sunday
- 16 Called Session Meeting, 12:15PM
- 16 Youth Dinner and Fellowship, 5:45PM
- 17 Cancer Support Group, 2:30PM
- 17 Women of Grace Meeting, 7PM
- 18 Committee meeting night, 7PM
- 18 Grief Group Begins, 7PM
- 19 Career Transition Support Group, 9AM
- 22 Property Workday, 9AM
- 22 Presbytery Meeting
- 23 Youth Dinner and Fellowship, 5:45PM
- 23 Parent Workshop Part 2, 6PM
- 25 Grief Group, 7PM
- 25 Deacon Meeting, 7PM
- 26 Ash Wednesday Service, 7PM
- 27 Widow & Widower's Fellowship Group, 5:30PM
- 29 Grace Live
 - Silent Auction Opens at 6PM
 - Show Begins at 7PM
 - Live Auction during intermission

MARCH

- 1 Blood Drive
- 1 Newcomer's Q&A, 10:30AM & 12PM
- 1 Session Meeting, 12:30PM
- 2 Cancer Support Group, 2:30PM
- 3 Grief Group, 7PM
- 9-14 Spring Break
- 11 Spice of Life Luncheon, 12PM
- 14 Quilt Ministry Meeting, 9AM
- 14 Marriage Seminar, 5:45PM



In his book, No Perfect People, author John Burke writes, "Culture creation that allows dialogue requires immense trust in God. It requires letting go of the need to fix, change, or control others' beliefs or actions. It requires trusting that God's Spirit can work behind the scenes in people's hearts as we create a culture where they are free to question, doubt, and explore faith at their own pace. This shifts the burden to change people back to where it belongs—with God alone."

That is exactly the culture we attempt to create through our Confirmation process. We allow students safe space to question, doubt and explore faith rather than dictating what they should believe. And in this process, we trust the Holy Spirit is at work in their hearts and lives.

Today we celebrate as three of our high school students make their public profession of faith in Christ and in the church. We welcome them into adult membership at GracePC. And we thank God for the work he did, is doing and will do in their lives!

Blessings,
Kelly Raam
Director of Family Ministries





College Care Ministry

Our college care ministry sends small care packages to our students twice a year. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, please leave a cash/check donation in the offering plate, or in a wooden collection box and label it for college care. Thank you!



Congratulations to Bob and Donna Chatley on the birth of their 2 new grandsons, and 1 new granddaughter. Former members, Brittany and Tom Weslocky gave birth to triplets last Monday, Feb. 10. Everyone is doing well!

Thank You

Thank you to Julie Haworth, Roy Davis, and Laura Dahlberg for doing an exemplary job examining our confirmands for membership into Grace Presbyterian Church. It can be a nervous time for the students, and you helped make them feel comfortable.

Lent

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 26. We will have an imposition of ashes service at 7PM in the Sanctuary. (childcare is provided) Our pastors will also be leading a Lenten study: Adam Hamilton's Simon Peter, Flawed by Faithful Disciple. We will be offering the studies on the following days:

Mondays - 1:30PM at Grace, led by Pastor Jim

Thursdays - 6:30PM at The Raalum's (Frisco), led by Pastor Laura

If you would like to sign up for these studies, check your Connection Card, or email Becci at becci@gracepc.org. In addition, if neither of these days work for you, please let us know that as well and alternatives might be possible.

Books for the study will be available in the narthex beginning this Sunday for \$12/book.

Blood Drive - March 1

Save the date for the next Grace blood drive, held here on Sunday, March 1. Sign up in the narthex this Sunday, or check your Connection Card for more information.

Pilgrimage #47, April 16-19

Now is the time to sign up to attend North Texas Presbyterian Pilgrimage #47. This is a 3 day spiritual retreat weekend described by many as a mountain top experience. Brad Boles is the moderator, Pastor Laura will be one of the Spiritual Advisors, and many other Grace members will be staffing. Your fees have already been paid by Grace members that have attended before you, so all you need to do is sign up at ntp.org, or check your connection card. If you have any questions, contact Brad Boles at jbradboles@yahoo.com.

Property Workday, Feb. 22, 9AM

Save the date for our next property workday. Tasks will include, but not be limited to gardening, changing of light bulbs, general small repair jobs, and specialized cleaning projects. There is something for everyone. We hope to see you there.

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

On Feb. 23, parents, grandparents and caregivers of ALL ages are invited to Part 2 of our parenting workshop led by Dr. Dina Hijazi, a licensed professional counselor, and Ann Heinrich, a licensed therapist. They both work for the Plano private counseling firm, D2. 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 February 20. Check your Connection Card or register and pay online at www.gracepc.org/signup. This fantastic event is open to all in the community. Attendance at the previous workshop is not required.

Grace Live - "Hurray for Hollywood" - Feb. 29

Grace Live is our largest fundraiser for the Exultation Choir's summer mission tour. We have a silent auction and talent show, with a live auction held during intermission. If you have **NEW** items or services that you would be willing to donate to the silent auction, please check your Connection Card and you will be contacted about the donation. Drop off of your donations in the office next to Michael's, anytime and fill out a donation form. Ticket sales continue this Sunday in the narthex.

Pre-sale Ticket Prices

Adults - \$10

Students (K-12) - \$5

Door Ticket Prices

Adults - \$12

Students (K-12) - \$6

Reserved Seats - Adults \$20, Student \$10

Silent Auction Opens at 6PM, Show begins at 7PM

Marriage Ministry Seminar - Mar. 14, 6PM

Our marriage ministry is hosting a seminar titled: "Frisky Business- Improving Communication and Intimacy in Relationships", led by the Rev. Daniel Gowan. A Blue Goose fajita dinner will be served at 6PM, followed by Rev. Gowan. The cost is \$10/person and you must RSVP by March 10. Childcare is available by RSVP only as well. To reserve your spot, go to the signup tab at the top of the webpage, gracepc.org, and click on marriage ministry seminar. Check your Connection Card for more information. Rev. Gowan recommends reading the book: Family Ties That Bind by Ronald Richardson, as we will be learning about family systems/values (we will include boundaries as an expression of Family Systems). The book can be purchased on Amazon.