

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 31 Pentecost Sunday
- 31 Senior Recognition Sunday
- 31 Worship Connect, 9:30AM (Zoom)
meeting id: 822-0211-3988, password: 831150
- 31 Visions of Faith Sunday school, 10:30AM (zoom)
- 31 Preschool/Kindergarten Large Group, 10:45AM (Zoom)
- 31 Worship Service, 11AM (online)
- 31 1st-5th Grade Large Group, 11:30AM (Zoom)
- 31 Youth Sunday school, 2PM (Zoom)

JUNE

- 1 Cancer Support Group, 3PM (Zoom)
- 2 Theology Happy Hour, 5:30PM (Zoom)
- 6 Friday Morning Men's Bible Study, 7-8AM (Zoom)
- 7 Worship Connect, 9:30AM (Zoom)
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GRACE NEWS

MAY 31, 2020

Pentecost Sunday

As you know, the Day School was closed on March 16, 2020 due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The staff and students have continued to keep in touch with each other over the months through online meetings. They are anxious to get back to our Day School but we have had to wait for Governor Abbott to re-open day cares. That finally happened on May 18, 2020, so our Director, Kami Connell, and her Assistant, Devon Hosey, and staff have been very busy training to learn all of the newest policies for the day school to keep our staff and students safe as they return. They assembled a policies packet and a parent letter that has been sent to the parents so they will be able to return to Grace Christian Day School on Monday, June 1, 2020. This has been approved by the Grace Session as of May 24, 2020.

There have been some major changes to how the school will be handled since the issues of COVID-19 have come about. Our main goal is to keep our students and staff safe. The most important change is that only students and staff will be allowed in the CE building. Parents will be dropping their children off at the west entrance to the school. The students and staff will have their temperatures taken at the door before coming into the building. If no fever, then they will wash their hands and proceed to their class. The school and all of our families are relying on each other to keep everyone safe. If you have a code to the CE building, please do not use it to come into the building until further notice.

Due to the ongoing changes with COVID-19, Grace Christian Day School will continue to follow the CDC and Public Health Department recommendations and guidelines as they become available. If you have any questions concerning the Day School, you can send them to the Director, Kami in an email: kami@gracepc.org

We have really missed having our Day School open and look forward to seeing all those great smiling faces on the playground!

Sincerely,
Jane Sackett, Elder, Moderator - Christian Day School Committee

Thank You!!

Thank you to all of our singers and musicians that have volunteered their time on the weekends to enhance our worship experience on Sundays. We greatly appreciate you sharing your gifts and talents.

Thank you also to Steven Glover for the property work he has taken care of in the last few weeks. He had the broken tiles replaced in the women's bathroom, and oversaw the replacement of our grease trap for the kitchen.

Stayin' Cool at Grace 2020 Campaign

Be on the lookout in your email, and your mailbox for the Stayin' Cool at Grace campaign letter. The letter in the mail will also include a commitment card. You may mail in your card, or send John Moody (john@gracepc.org) an email with your commitment. Payments may be made online using the GIVE tab, and select Capital Campaign in the dropdown box for the designated account, or you may drop a check in the mail. Thank you for supporting GracePC.

Pentecost Offering, May 31

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering is retained by Grace to make an impact in the lives of young people within our own community. Our retained portion of the offering will be going to Blake's House. Blake's House is a mentoring home in Plano for girls, age 18-25 that have aged out of foster care or that have become homeless for other reasons. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. If you would like to contribute to the Pentecost offering, you may either pay online, using the Pentecost Offering as the designated account, or drop a check in the mail, putting Pentecost offering on the memo line.

Latest PNC Update

May Update: The PNC has completed first and second interviews and is in the process of determining the final candidate. This candidate will be submitted to Presbytery and interviewed by the COM. Once that is complete the PNC can contact the candidate and offer the the call.

Covid-19 impact: Since March the PNC has conducted all business virtually. This includes all meetings and interviews. We are fortunate that all candidates have many sermons published on the Internet – traditionally final candidates would have preached at a neutral church with the PNC in attendance. Instead of local visits, we substituted with virtual lunches, tours of Grace, online studies and even a short video giving a tour of Plano. Though different, we have found these approaches to be very good in getting to know the candidates and for them getting to know us. We are closer to our goal and we thank all of the Grace family for their prayers and support throughout this process.

Newsletter Options

Each Friday, the newsletter is uploaded to our website on the NEWS tab. Beginning this Friday, in addition to including the newsletter in the weekly email, I will also include a direct link to the newsletter on our website for those who are unable to download the newsletter images. For improved Zoom safety, I will also be moving the weekly zoom codes from the newsletter to the email.

Sanctuary Flowers

We continue to enjoy the beauty of flower donations for our on-line worship services. If you would like to donate in memory or honor of loved ones, you now have 2 options. You can order our normal cut basket for \$90, or you can donate a hanging basket or live plant for \$60. The link to order flowers will be on the front page of the website. If you would like to pick up your donation, contact Anita Priest at 214-213-3064.

Sanctuary Choir Gathering - Thursday evenings, 7PM

The Sanctuary Choir will be gathering, **and other church friends are welcome**, as we gather on Zoom weekly to listen, enjoy and discuss the greats of sacred choral music!

Each week we will focus on a different composer, learning a little about them, hearing and watching their music, and looking at some of the scriptures related to what they wrote. **All are invited to listen, learn, and fellowship.**

High School Graduate Profiles

For the next several weeks we will be featuring profiles of our graduating high school seniors:



Nathan Wulfekammer - Plano Senior Highschool

What was your favorite subject to study in school?

Biology

What are your hobbies outside of school?

Playing saxophone and photography

What is a fond school and/or GracePC memory?

Exultation Choir tours, especially performing at The Bowery Mission in NYC.



Chris Burchett - John Paul II High School

What was your favorite subject to study in school?

Orchestra or Calculus

What are your hobbies outside of school?

Playing Guitar, skiing in the winter, and golf

What is a fond school and/or GracePC memory?

Choir and Handbell trip to Seattle in 2018.