

GRACE NEWS

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Grace Members and Friends,

As I have finally begun my tenure at GPC, I find my heart is full of gratitude for the opportunity to serve God in this place, for an excellent staff with whom to work, for old friends who have helped us tremendously in our transition to Texas, for the PNC and their kindness to me and my family, for new relationships with the people of Grace. God is so good!

It is a challenge to begin a pastorate during Covid-19. I will be available to you however you are comfortable. I am available by cellphone (443-926-2319) and email (tracey@gracepc.org). You can find me on Facebook or schedule a zoom meeting. I am ready to pray with you and for you. I would love to meet you outdoors at your home or at the church, for coffee or a meal. My mask and hand gel are ready to go! My normal day off will be Friday, but if there is an emergency, don't hesitate to call or text on Fridays. Please do not share my cellphone number with non-members needing assistance. It is a better and safer practice for that contact to be through the church office.

Here is my blessing for you this week:

- May God bless you with the strength to let go of the past.
- May God bless you with the courage to keep going forward, despite many obstacles.
- May God bless you with the faith that God is with us every step of the way.

Your pastor and friend,

Tracey

"I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Session Minutes

If you would like an electronic copy of the monthly session minutes, send an email to either Pastor Tracey - tracey@gracepc.org or Clerk of Session, Laura Jones at laurajonespro7@gmail.com.

An email link will be provided on the website on the session box under the About tab.

Thank You!

A huge thank you goes out to Pastor Cara for the countless hours of work she put in during our transition from Pastor Laura to Pastor Tracey. We are blessed to have Pastor Cara on our staff.

Family Ministry News

Youth SS Schedule

Youth Sunday School schedule through October is: (check your texts for the park location)

- 9/13 - Park Sunday School at 11AM
- 9/20 - Zoom Sunday School at 11AM
- 9/27 - Zoom Sunday School at 11AM
- 10/4 - Park Sunday School at 11AM
- 10/11 - Zoom Sunday School at 11AM
- 10/18 - Park Sunday School at 11AM
- 10/25 - Zoom Sunday School at 11AM

Preteen/MS Donuts & Drawing Day

Preteens and Middle Schoolers – Do you like to draw? Do you like Donuts? If you said yes to either, you're in luck! We're having a "Donuts and Drawing Day" at Preston Meadow Park on September 19th from 10-11am. Please bring your own sketchpad if you have one. Some of our students will lead others in how to create one of their own drawings. It'll be fun to visit in person and enjoy the outdoors too! If the weather is prohibitive, we will plan to reschedule. Please contact Valerie with any questions.
valerie@gracepc.org

Children's SS Schedule

Children's and Preteen Sunday School is going virtual and to the park. Below is our schedule through October. Parents Check your e-mail for more information.

- 9/13 - Park Sunday School at 11AM
- 9/20 - Park Sunday School at 11AM
- 9/27 - Zoom Sunday School at 11AM
- 10/4 - Park Sunday School at 11AM10
- 10/11 - Zoom Sunday School at 11AM
- 10/18 - Park Sunday School at 11AM
- 10/25 - Zoom Sunday School at 11AM

Fellowship Events

- September 19 – 5th – 8th grade Donuts & Drawing Day 10-11AM at Preston Meadow Park
- September 27 – High School Car Circle Hang-out after CREDO rehearsal
- October 2 - All Youth Outdoor Movie Night at Emily Nichols' backyard: "Live Action Mulan" (we'll begin at sunset)
- October 17 – 5th and 6th grade Fire Pit Social
- October 25 – Children's Ministry Pumpkin Party

4th Grade Bible Presentation

Our 4th graders will be receiving their bibles during their park Sunday School class on Sunday, Sept. 20. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Cara at cara@gracepc.org.

Worship & Music News

Sunday Evening Worship Services, 7PM (Songs & Scriptures)

We will continue our Sunday evening worship service on the east circle drive for the next two Sundays (Sept. 13, Sept. 20). This service will be in place of the 9:30 Worship Connect Zoom service. Social distancing will be required, and masks are encouraged. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on, and please **wear your nametags** so Pastor Tracey can begin to put names with faces.

Children's Music Opportunities Kinder - 4th grade

Bell Chime Choir (2nd-4th grade)

Our children's music director, Jina Kim, is forming a bell chime choir. Weekly rehearsals will be held on Sundays at 1:30PM in Wheelus Hall, beginning on Sunday, Sept. 20. The 30 minute rehearsal will include bell warm-ups, reading music, proper technique, and repertoire learning. Masks will be required, and each child will have their own bell table, spread 6 feet apart. Additional Covid precautions will also be taken. To sign your child up, go to the signup tab on the website.

Virtual Choir (K-4th grade)

Our children's choir director, Jina Kim, will be holding virtual weekly rehearsals on Monday evenings at 5PM via Zoom. The 30 minute rehearsal will include vocal warm ups, singing games, proper technique, and repertoire learning. Mrs. Kim will be using piano and sharing online resources to teach music. If your child(ren) are interested, the sign up link can be found on the signup tab on the website. Once you have signed up, Mrs. Kim will send you the Zoom link for the rehearsal.

Sanctuary Flowers

We are no longer able to procure our Sanctuary flower arrangements for \$90. The new cost is moving up to \$110. Sign up online on the front page of the website.

Welcome Pastor Tracey!

Everyone will have the opportunity to say "Welcome" to Pastor Tracey during a drive-thru ice cream social on Sunday, September 20 from 5-6:30PM, similar to what we did to say good bye to Pastor Laura. Like last time, enter the west parking lot, drive around the south of the CE building, and pull into the south circle drive entrance. (Please do not block Travis Dr.) It would also be great if everyone made a sign for their cars with their names, to help Tracey put names with faces.

Daily Devotionals

Do you want to spend a little bit of time in the Scriptures each day, hearing the Word of God? If so, a group of 10-15 members meet online, M-F at 2PM on Zoom. Everyone is invited.
meeting id: 344 149 061
password: 496077

Emergency Property Volunteer

The property committee is looking for volunteers to be on an emergency mobilization list. If we have an event, like the flood of 2 weeks ago, you would be willing to be called to come in and help with clean up. If you are willing to be a part of this list, please fill out the form on the signup tab on the website.

Grace Presbytery Book Reading & Discussion

Topic: Book Reading + Adult Discussion with Q&A

Date: Thursday, September 17, 2020

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 PM

PART ONE: Rev. Waters will read his new book for children and their parents/caregivers

PART TWO: Following the book reading, Rev. Waters will facilitate a discussion for the adults

This virtual gathering is limited to 100 registrations.

Registration deadline is 12:00 p.m., Thursday, September 17. (or when the participant limit is reached.)

To register: <https://form.jotform.com/202524599572160>

You can find the link at gracepresbytery.org under upcoming events.



Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

- 12 Word of Life SS, 10:15AM (Zoom)
- 13 Worship Service, 9:30AM (online & Facebook Live)
- 13 Visions of Faith Sunday school, 10:30AM (Zoom)
- 13 Children's & Preteen Sunday school, 11AM (Park)
- 13 Worship Service, 11AM (online & Facebook Live)
- 13 Youth Sunday school, 11AM, (Park)
- 13 Session Meeting, 12:30PM (Zoom)
- 13 Outdoor Worship Service, 7PM
- 14 Monday Men's Group, 7:15PM (Webex)
- 15 Committee Meetings, 7PM
- 16 Career Transitions Support Group, 9AM (Zoom)
- 16 Trinity Sunday school, 7PM (Webex)
- 17 Women's Thursday Evening Bible Study, 7PM (Zoom)
- 18 Men's Friday AM Bible Study, 7AM (Zoom)
- 19 Donuts & Drawing Day, 10AM (5th-8th grades)
- 19 Word of Life SS, 10:15AM (Zoom)
- 20 Worship Service, 9:30AM (online & Facebook Live)
- 20 Visions of Faith Sunday school, 10:30AM (Zoom)
- 20 Children's & Preteen Sunday school, 11AM (Park)
- 20 4th Grade Bible Presentation, 11AM
- 20 Worship Service, 11AM (online & Facebook Live)
- 20 Youth Sunday school, 11AM, (Zoom)
- 20 Drive-through Welcome to Grace for Pastor Tracey, 5-6:30PM
- 20 Outdoor Worship Service, 7PM
- 21 Cancer Support Group, 3PM (Zoom)
- 23 Trinity Sunday school, 7PM (Webex)
- 24 Women's Thursday Evening Bible Study, 7PM (Zoom)
- 26 Word of Life SS, 10:15AM (Zoom)
- 27 Worship Service, 9:30AM (online & Facebook Live)
- 27 Visions of Faith Sunday school, 10:30AM (Zoom)
- 27 Children's & Preteen Sunday school, 11AM (Zoom)
- 27 Worship Service, 11AM (online & Facebook Live)
- 27 Youth Sunday school, 11AM, (Zoom)
- 27 Bell Rehearsals
- 27 High School Car Circle Hang-out
- 30 Trinity Sunday school, 7PM (Webex)

