

GRACE NEWS

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

Grace Members and Friends,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers in the Sanctuary last week. Thank you for all the kind birthday wishes, welcome cards, and to all who are praying for me.

Your Super Session met this week. Here are some of the highlights, which we believe are God's will for GPC:

- Staff are allowed but not required to work in the office.
- Our Sunday evening in-person, outdoor worship will continue.
- Motions for new phones, internet and IT service were approved.
- We are looking to have an interim associate pastor in place this fall.

I met with your excellent Medical Task Force this week. Cautiously optimistic, they are recommending to Session that we move to Phase 2 of our re-opening plan. If numbers continue to go down over the next two weeks, we will plan for indoor worship next month. Any indoor activity will require masks and social distancing. More details to follow.

Remember I am here to listen to you, to pray with you and for you, to encourage you. I will be available to you however you are comfortable: by cellphone (443-926-2319) and email (tracey@gracepc.org) or in person. 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.

This Sunday's sermon text (Matthew 20:1-16) continues to challenge me as I know it will you.

Here is my blessing for you this week:

- May God bless you with the eyes to really see all that God has given you.
- May God bless you with the heart to relate to others with compassion and generosity.
- May God bless you with the commitment to grow in likeness to Jesus.

Your pastor and friend,

Tracey

Family Ministry News

Youth SS Schedule

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

- 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 - Zoom Sunday School at 11AM
- 10/25 - Park 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



Thank you to our quilt ministry for making me an amazing VBS t-shirt quilt. I am going to hang it upstairs in the CE building across from the elevator. I hope everyone will be able to see it soon. (post Covid)
Pastor Cara

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.

- 9/20 - Park 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 - Zoom Sunday School at 11AM
- 10/25 - Park 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 8PM)
- October 17 – 5th and 6th grade Fire Pit
Social
- October 31 – Trunk or Treat, 4:30-6PM

4th Grade Bible Presentation

Our 4th graders will be receiving their bibles during their park Sunday School class this 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 are continuing our outdoor Sunday evening worship service on the east circle drive. 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.

Handbell Ministry resumes in-person rehearsals

We are very excited that our handbell ministry is resuming in-person rehearsals beginning this weekend. We have divided all our groups in half, so the groups are safely rehearsing as "ensembles" of 6-8 ringers instead of "choirs" of 13+. This Sunday, our middle school and high school groups will begin, followed by adults the next week. The groups will prepare some pieces to record for our streaming worship service, so be on the lookout!

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.

Welcome Pastor Tracey!

Everyone will have the opportunity to say "Welcome" to Pastor Tracey during a drive-thru ice cream social this 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.

Thank You!

The property committee offers a huge thank you to Stephen Glover for replacing the old portion of the Grace Place Fence that was blown over during the last wind storm. Stephen went above and beyond to provide us with a much stronger and nicer looking fence. The property committee is blessed to have Stephen share his vast knowledge and contacts with us, as well as a reliable work ethic.

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.

HS Car Circle Hang Out

High School Youth: Following the last CREDO rehearsal on 9/27 (about 5:30pm), please gather in the east parking lot. If you brought your car to practice, we will form a circle (or two) with our cars. Everyone, please bring a lawn chair to sit in and we'll hang out and visit for a bit!

All Youth Movie Night

All Youth Preteen through High School are invited to Emily and Dwight Nichols' house on Friday, October 2nd at 8pm for a backyard movie watch party. We are watching the Live Action Mulan from Disney. RSVP for this event is required for planning and spacing purposes. Please watch your email for an invite from Becci. Thank you!

Dayschool Update

Congratulations go out to Devon Hosey, for completing her state childcare director certification. She has now been promoted to Assistant Director of our Day School.

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

- 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 Bell Rehearsals Begin
- 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)
- 25 Friday Morning Men's Bible Study, 7AM (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
- 23 Outdoor Worship Service
- 29 Deacon Meeting, 7PM (Zoom)
- 30 Trinity Sunday school, 7PM (Webex)

OCTOBER

- 2 Men's Friday AM Bible Study, 7AM (Zoom)
- 3 Word of Life SS, 10:15AM (Zoom)
- 4 World Communion Sunday
- 4 Peace & Global Witness Offering
- 4 Worship Service, 9:30AM (online & Facebook Live)
- 4 Visions of Faith Sunday school, 10:30AM (Zoom)
- 4 Children's & Preteen Sunday school, 11AM (Park)
- 4 Worship Service, 11AM (online & Facebook Live)
- 4 Youth Sunday school, 11AM, (Park)

