

GRACEPC NEWS

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

Grace Members and Friends,

The theme for Lent this year is Everyday Miracles – the smaller things God does to bless us, the extraordinary happenings we might miss because we aren't looking or because the world might not notice or value it. Won't you join us as we search for these miracles in the Gospel of John and in our everyday lives?

Feb 21 Lent 1: The Miracle of Saying No (John 2:13-22)

Feb 28 Lent 2: The Miracle of Love (John 3:1-17)

March 7 Lent 3: The Miracle of Crossing Boundaries (John 4:5-52)

March 14 Lent 4: The Miracle of Dropping Your Rock (John 8:1-11)

March 21 Lent 5: The Miracle of Grief (John 11:1-44)

Thank you to everyone who took in or helped a family member, neighbor, fellow brother or sister in Christ, or even a stranger during this cold/snowy week with spotty power and water issues. This is how the world will know we are Christ's disciples, by our love for each other (John 13:35). This is what being United in Grace looks like.

Here is my blessing for you this week:

May you say a kind but firm "no" to all that seeks to discourage us, harm us, or make us less than God intended us to be, both as individuals and as Christ's church.

Your pastor and friend,

Tracey

Want to Learn?

Youth Live

All youth are invited to Youth Live on Sunday afternoons. They will meet outdoors weather permitting, otherwise they will use the narthex.

5th-8th grades - 4-5PM

9th-12th grades - 5-6PM

Youth Schedule This Sunday Only

Tinns/Credo 3 – 4PM

Snack/Visit 4 – 4:30PM

YouthLive 4:30 – 5:30PM

Masks are required to attend.

For questions contact Pastor Cara at cara@gracepc.org.

Daily Bible Study

If you are looking for a dedicated time to spend with God's word each workday, we have a group for you. Our daily bible study group meets Monday through Friday at 2PM via zoom. All are welcome. They have a new zoom id and password. meeting id: 858 0155 4559, password: 775494

Children's SS Schedule

All children's Sunday School will meet at Grace this Sunday at 11AM.

Watch your text or email for additional information.

Adult Sunday School

We have a number of Sunday School classes that have been meeting virtually through the pandemic. If you are looking for a way to connect with other members, or are just looking for another opportunity to study, check out one of our online classes.

Visions of Faith - Sundays @9AM

Trinity - Wednesdays @7PM

Word of Life - Saturdays @10:15AM

The ids and passwords can be found on the back page of this newsletter. If you have any questions on Adult SS, contact Julie Haworth at jhaworth@flash.net

Session Minutes

If you would like an electronic copy of the monthly session minutes, you will find them on the files tab in the Weekly Email Recipients Group. When you login to CCB, you will find your groups on the right side of the screen. Click on the group, and click on Files at the top.



Stewardship 2021

We will provide an update on the 2021 United in Grace stewardship campaign next week. Our goal remains participation by as many as possible. If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please consider what God is calling you to give to the church in 2021 and submit your pledge card to the church office, attn, John Moody, or send an email directly to John, our finance director, at john@gracepc.org

Questions about pledging? You can access links to our stewardship testimonies, a video about how your gifts are used, and a pledge card at the United in Grace page of our church website, <https://www.gracepc.org/united-in-grace/>

Thank you for your generous commitments to United in Grace!

Get Involved

Sanctuary Choir Virtual Rehearsals

Our Sanctuary Choir is resuming their virtual rehearsals on Wednesday evenings, and we look forward to making music together in 2021.

We always welcome guests, so please join us anytime you like. Just contact Michael King (michael@gracepc.org), and he would be glad to get you connected.

Prayer Team

If you have a heart for prayer, join our prayer team on Sunday afternoons. They meet each week, and pray for the needs of the congregation, the staff, and our church. Zoom code on back page.

Our 2021 Lenten Calendar

EVERYDAY MIRACLES - LENT 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>PUSH PAUSE AND OBSERVE THE SMALLER THINGS GOD DOES TO BLESS EACH OF US, THE EXTRAORDINARY HAPPENINGS WE MISS BECAUSE WE ARE NOT LOOKING, OR THE WORLD MAY NOT NOTICE THE VALUE OF THE GIFT. USE THESE SCRIPTURES, PRAYERS AND CHALLENGES TO RECONNECT YOU WITH GOD AND OUR COMMUNITY.</p> <p>YOUR PASTOR AND FRIEND, Tracey</p>			<p>Feb 17 Ash Wednesday 7pm Worship Service on Zoom</p>	<p>Feb 18 Joel 2:1-7</p> 	<p>Feb 19 Pray for openness in 2021 and the availability of your gifts to share with others.</p>	<p>Feb 20 Stop weighing and measuring the sins against you. Be indiscriminate in your mercy.</p>
<p>Feb 21 John 2:13-22 "The Miracle of Saying No"</p> 	<p>Feb 22 Psalms 19:7-14</p> 	<p>Feb 23 Pray for your personal faith journey. Release what is holding you back.</p>	<p>Feb 24 Examine the effects of your ambition. Credit the hard work of others.</p>	<p>Feb 25 Psalms 15</p> 	<p>Feb 26 Pray to see what God is doing in your life TODAY!</p>	<p>Feb 27 Free yourself of one sinful action; greed, envy, pride, lust, gluttony, wrath, or sloth</p>
<p>Feb 28 John 3:1-17 "The Miracle of Love"</p> 	<p>Mar 1 Luke 16: 19-31</p> 	<p>Mar 2 Pray for kindness to become a higher priority in your life.</p>	<p>Mar 3 Send 2 emails or texts to people you have not connected with recently.</p>	<p>Mar 4 Micah 7:14-20</p> 	<p>Mar 5 Pray for wisdom and how to apply it in your life.</p>	<p>Mar 6 Spend 10 minutes in silence and truly hear/listen to God.</p>
<p>Mar 7 John 4:5-52 "The Miracle of Crossing Boundaries"</p> 	<p>Mar 8 Mark 12:28-34</p> 	<p>Mar 9 Pray for the oppressed, depressed, and suppressed.</p>	<p>Mar 10 Read an opposing viewpoint on something you are passionate about.</p>	<p>Mar 11 1 Corinthians 1:18-25</p> 	<p>Mar 12 Pray for your compassion and understanding of those of differing views.</p>	<p>Mar 13 Take one positive step toward righting an injustice.</p>
<p>Mar 14 John 8:1-11 "The Miracle of Dropping Your Rock"</p> 	<p>Mar 15 Jeremiah 31:31-34</p> 	<p>Mar 16 We are called to pray for our enemies. Who is that in your life?</p>	<p>Mar 17 Instead of judging others imperfections; today, offer a kind word.</p>	<p>Mar 18 Isaiah 65:17-25</p> 	<p>Mar 19 Pray for a reunion with an estranged family member or former friend.</p>	<p>Mar 20 Who needs your welcome and acceptance? Offer it warmly.</p>
<p>Mar 21 John 11:1-44 "The Miracle of Grief"</p> 	<p>Mar 22 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18</p> 	<p>Mar 23 Pray for three people who have experienced the death of a loved one.</p>	<p>Mar 24 Reach out, let a friend know, the impact of how their lost loved one affected you.</p>	<p>Mar 25 Revelation 21:3-4</p> 	<p>Mar 26 Pray for three people who are facing a terminal illness, or are in hospice.</p>	<p>Mar 27 Send a message of support and encouragement to a griever.</p>
<p>Mar 28 Palm Sunday John 12:12-19 "The Miracle of Obedience"</p> 	<p>Mar 29 Deuteronomy 8:2-3</p> 	<p>Mar 30 Breath prayer—breathe in peace and breathe out worry. REPEAT</p>	<p>Mar 31 Take steps to cool your anger and turn it over to Christ.</p>	<p>Apr 1 Maundy Thursday John 13:1-20, 34-35 "The Miracle of Humility"</p>	<p>Apr 2 Good Friday Scriptures and Songs</p>	<p>Apr 3 Show your lighter side today. Reach out and be a positive light in someone's life.</p>

Apr 4
Easter Sunday
John 20:1-18
"The Miracle of Resurrection"



PASTOR TRACEY'S LENTEN CHALLENGES

WEEK OF FEB 21 **"THE MIRACLE OF SAYING NO"** Write down one thing to which you will say "NO!" this Lent. Post it on your bathroom mirror.

WEEK OF FEB 28 **"THE MIRACLE OF REBIRTH"** Tell someone you don't know, you love them with your words and/or deeds.

WEEK OF MAR 7 **"THE MIRACLE CROSSING BOUNDARIES"** Have a conversation with someone with a different look or outlook.

WEEK OF MAR 14 **"THE MIRACLE OF DROPPING YOUR ROCK"** Begin the hard work of forgiving someone who wronged you. Write it down, tear it up and throw it into the wind, or tie to a rock and throw it in a lake.

WEEK OF MAR 21 **"THE MIRACLE OF GRIEF"** Take sometime this week to honor someone who has passed from this life. Do something to honor their memory.

WEEK OF MAR 28 **"THE MIRACLE OF HUMILITY"** Pick a new practice to honor God or discontinue a old practice.

WEEK OF APR 4 **"THE MIRACLE OF RESURRECTION"**

Everything Else

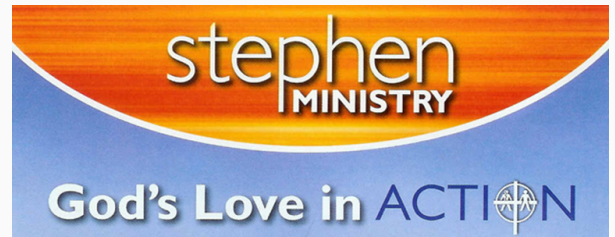
Sanctuary Flowers

If you would like to order Sanctuary flowers in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of a special event, go to our website, gracepc.org, and click on the Sanctuary flower box.

Are You Experiencing Pandemic Fatigue?

Are you feeling exhausted from all the disruptions to life brought on by the pandemic? Are you or someone you know struggling with challenges like . . .

- Isolation and loneliness;
- Anxiety over health;
- Grief due to many different kinds of losses;
- Tension from juggling work, childcare, and schooling;
- Financial strain or job loss;
- Uncertainty about the future;
- Other unexpected life challenges?



If so, you don't have to face it alone. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support.

A Stephen Minister will meet with you privately—by phone, by video chat, or, if safely possible, in person—to offer care and support. It's free and completely confidential. For more information, call Mike Shaw 469-223-6813 or Carol Hogan 214-551-6177.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

20 Visions of Faith SS, 9AM (Zoom)
20 Mom's Bible Study, 10:30AM, Grace Place
21 1st Sunday in Lent
21 Worship Service, 9:30AM (live-streaming online).
21 Worship Service, 11AM (Sanctuary (TBD), live-streaming online)
21 Children's Sunday school, 11AM
21 Confirmation Class, 11AM
21 Session Meeting, 1:30PM, (Zoom)
21 Credo & Tintinnabulator Rehearsals, 3PM
21 Youth Live, 4 - 5:30PM
21 Grace Notes Rehearsal, 6PM
23 Deacon Meeting, 7PM (Zoom)
24 The Third Option Book Study, 10AM & 7PM, (Zoom)
24 Trinity Sunday school, 7PM, (Zoom)
25 The Third Option Book Study, 7PM, (Narthex)
27 Officer Training, 9AM - 3PM
27 Word of Life Sunday school, 10:15AM, (Zoom)
27 Mom's Bible Study, 10:30AM, Grace Place
28 2nd Sunday in Lent
28 Worship Service, 9:30AM (live-streaming online).
28 Worship Service, 11AM (Sanctuary (TBD), live-streaming online)
28 Children's Sunday school, 11AM
28 Confirmation Class, 11AM
28 Credo & Tintinnabulator Rehearsals, 3PM
28 Youth Live, Preteen/Jr. High, 4PM
28 Exultation High School, 4PM
28 Youth Live, High School, 5PM
28 Exultation Preteen/Middle School, 5PM
28 Grace Notes Rehearsal, 6PM

MARCH

1 Cancer Support Group, 3PM, (Zoom & narthex)
3 Career Transitions Support Group, 9AM (Zoom)
3 The Third Option Book Study, 10AM & 7PM, (Zoom)



For security purposes, our weekly newsletter will only share zoom codes for worship events. We will post zoom codes for all other events below.

Online Web Information/Codes:

Visions of Faith SS, 9-10AM, Bryan Haworth is leading a book study on "The Third Option". (Zoom) meeting id: 896 1970 3148; Password: 743463

Monday Men's Group, 7:15-9PM, (Webex) Contact Gary Hivnor or Mike Venter to join.

Trinity SS, Wednesdays, working through the Old Testament 7PM (Zoom) meeting id 833 1086 7480 password: 068929.

Friday Morning Men's Bible Study, 7-8AM (Zoom),
Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/7367348174> or
Zoom meeting id: 832 051 1362; no password

Daily Bible Study, 2PM (Zoom) **NEW*** meeting id: **858 0155 4559**, password: **775494**

Cancer Support Group, 1st and 3rd Mondays, 3PM Narthex and Zoom
meeting id: 811 3242 9314, password: 574820

Sanctuary Choir Gatherings, Wednesdays, 7PM, (Zoom) meeting id: 840 2980 0350

Word of Life SS, Saturdays, focus on books, people and themes of the Bible, 10:15AM (Zoom) meeting id: 898 4610 3748, password: 952401

Career Transitions Support Group, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 9:00AM Meeting id: 883 7732 2718, password: 139584

Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study, 7PM Meeting id: 819 6817 4210, password: 213304

Prayer Team, Sunday, 4:00PM, Meeting id: 852 0303 1618, password 171528

