

GRACEPC NEWS

APRIL 18, 2021

Grace Members and Friends,

This Sunday we look at John's story about Jesus making breakfast on the beach for his disciples. I love breakfast! And I bet Jesus whips up a delicious French toast with berries and bacon. But we will soon see that this breakfast is not about the food. In ancient culture, a meal was so much more than feeding one's face. It signified relationship. You did not eat with just anyone in the ancient world. Eating with someone indicated acceptance of them.

That's why the religious leaders were so upset that Jesus ate with tax collectors and sinners. Jesus is eager to sit around a meal together with his disciples as they have done so many times before, desiring to strengthen their bond, and ready to meet their needs. Join us this Sunday online or in person at 9:30am or 11am in Wheelus Hall, as we enjoy breakfast with Jesus.

Here is my blessing for you this week:

May you never reduce yourself to your sins, mistakes, and failures.
You are so much more than those to God!

May you understand that this life is impossible without fellowship with Jesus. Take the time to sit with him and talk.

May you receive the strength that comes from love: loving Jesus, loving yourself, loving others.

Your pastor and friend,

Tracey

Get Involved

Pickleball and Prayers

Looking for a way to learn about God and the gentle spirit of Jesus in a more active way? Try the Pickleball and Prayers approach! Join Grace members and others on Saturday mornings for Pickleball at Carpenter Middle School at 9:30AM. (3905 Rainier Rd, Plano, TX 75023) Pickleball is the game played on a tennis court in which players use paddles to hit a plastic ball over the net. Note: Bring your own paddle, water, and a camp chair. (fyi, there are no bathrooms on site). Enjoy the exercise and fellowship. For more information, contact Emily Nichols at emilynich2600@gmail.com or Julie Haworth at jhaworth@flash.net.

VBS - June 14-18, 8:30-11AM

VBS is back this year! Our children will be assisting the Knights of North Castle on a quest in search of the King's Armor. Attendance will be capped. Early registration for church members ends this Tuesday, April 20, so get your child registered today. The link to begin registration can be found in your newsletter email.

OBERAMMERGAU 2022

Music Director Michael King and Pastor Tracey Davenport are excited to announce that they will be leading a trip to Oberammergau, Germany in July 2022! We are currently gathering names of those interested in this wonderful opportunity.

In the year 1633, the villagers of Oberammergau, Germany promised to perform a Passion Play depicting the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ every ten years in devotion to God and to protect them from future outbreaks of the Bubonic Plague. Keeping their promise, the people of Oberammergau performed the first play in 1634 and have continued to do so through the centuries every ten years. The play was canceled in 2020 but will be presented in summer 2022.

The trip will also include the cities of Munich, Salzburg, and Vienna.

Interested in learning more? Those interested will be invited to attend an upcoming zoom and/or in-person meeting with more information about the trip and how to sign up and secure a spot. Click on the link on the newsletter email to let us know you are interested.

You may also call the church office or contact Michael or Tracey to add your name to the interest list.

Want to Learn?

Youth Sunday Schedule

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

Spring Schedule

3:00-4:00PM - Bells (Tinns & Credo)

4:00-5:15PM - Exultation Choir

5:15-5:30PM - BREAK / SNACKS

(Meet Outside by Volleyball Courts)

5:30-6:30PM - Youth Live - All Ages

Masks are required to attend.

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

Bible Study - Changes!

If you are looking for a dedicated time to spend with God's word each week, we have a group for you. A Bible study group meets Monday and Wednesday at 2PM via zoom. All are welcome. Here is the zoom meeting id and password: 858 0155 4559, password: 775494

Children's SS Schedule

NEW MEETING LOCATION - Grace PC Playground - Come early and play before Sunday School from 11AM-12PM.

Watch your text or email for additional information.

Adult Sunday School

We have a couple 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.

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

Visions of Faith

The Visions of Faith Sunday School class will continue in person classes in Grace Place. **They will meet at 9:30AM.** They are continuing a Study on the book, "Roadmap to Reconciliation 2.0" by B. McNeil. Books will be provided. All are welcome.

Everything Else

Senior Sunday - June 6

We will celebrate our graduating seniors on Sunday, June 6. If you have a graduating senior from high school, college, or graduate school, please take a few minutes and fill out our graduating senior information form. The link to the form can be found on your newsletter email, or in signups on CCB.

Grace Presbytery Resource Center

Did you know that our Presbytery has a resource center available to all members of the Presbytery. If you are looking for materials for a Sunday school class or a bible study, or a book for your own personal study, you can search online through the resource center and you can either pick up your items, or they will mail them to you. If you have any questions about materials, contact the Center Director, Leah Wycoff at leah@gracepresbytery.org. You can reach Leah directly at 214-393-5616.

The Grace Presbytery Resource Center is located at 6100 Colwell Blvd., Suite 100 Irving, TX 75039-3148.

Deacon Openings for Unexpired Terms

Do you know someone who would make a great deacon: someone who loves people and has the gifts of prayer, encouragement, communication, hospitality, or visitation, etc.? Have you sensed God calling you to minister in a deeper way to your brothers and sisters in Christ? The Officer Nominating Committee requests that our congregation provide names to fill positions for our Deacons. Currently, there is need for two Deacons to fill the position until the end of the year and one Deacon to fill a two-year term. Please forward your nominations to Elder Julie Haworth, using the Google Form link found in your newsletter email.

Thank you,
Your Officer Nominating Committee

Building Updates

We have completed demolition, and are now in the process of collecting estimates for cleaning the duct work under the Sanctuary floor and re-installing new duct work which will prevent the ducts from flooding in the future. The ductwork on the east and west side of the Sanctuary will need to be cleaned and replaced, but we will do one side at a time to maintain temperature and humidity for our remaining pipes from the organ. Our decorating task force has begun looking at options for carpet, paint and fabrics, and our A/V task force has been busy working on new lighting options.

ESL - English as a Second Language

Grace is offering a free ESL class for the community on Wednesdays from 5:30-7PM. If you know anyone looking for an ESL class, send them this Google form link to register. The class is being run by Eunice Pribadi, and if you have any questions, contact Eunice at eunicesantoso@gmail.com.

<https://qr.go.page.link/Hoi8Y>



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.

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.

Calendar of Events

APRIL

- 17 Word of Life SS, 10:15AM (Zoom)
- 18 Visions of Faith Sunday school, 9:30AM (Grace Place)
- 18 In-person indoor Worship, 9:30AM (Wheelus, max. 50)
- 18 In-person indoor Worship, 11AM (Wheelus Hall)
- 18 Children's Sunday school, 11AM (outdoors)
- 18 Credo/Tinns Rehearsal, 3PM
- 18 Exultation Rehearsal, 4PM
- 18 Prayer Group Meeting, 4PM (Zoom)
- 18 Youth Live, 5:15PM
- 19 Cancer Support Group, 3PM
- 20 Grief Group, 7PM (MB4)
- 21 Career Transitions Support Group, 9AM (Zoom)
- 21 ESL Class, 5:30PM (CE , 200-202 & 204/205)
- 21 Trinity Sunday School, 7PM (Zoom)
- 24 Word of Life SS, 10:15AM (Zoom)
- 24 Mom's bible study, 10:30AM (Grace Place)
- 24 Session Meeting, 1PM (Wheelus Hall)
- 25 Visions of Faith Sunday school, 9:30AM (Grace Place)
- 25 In-person indoor Worship, 9:30AM (Wheelus, max. 50)
- 25 In-person outdoor Worship, 11AM (tent)
- 25 Children's Sunday school, 11AM (outdoors)
- 25 Credo/Tinns Rehearsal, 3PM
- 25 Exultation Rehearsal, 4PM
- 25 Prayer Group Meeting, 4PM (Zoom)
- 25 Youth Live, 5:15PM
- 27 Grief Group, 7PM (MB4)
- 27 Deacon Meeting, 7PM (Zoom)
- 28 Trinity Sunday School, 7PM (Zoom)
- 28 ESL Class, 5:30PM (CE , 200-202 & 204/205)

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:

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

Trinity SS, Wednesdays, 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

M/W Bible Study, 2PM (Zoom) **meeting id: 858 0155 4559, password: 775494**

Cancer Support Group, 1st and 3rd Mondays, 3PM (Zoom)

meeting id: 811 3242 9314, password: 574820

Sanctuary Choir Gatherings, Wednesdays, 7PM, (Zoom & in person) 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



