



GPC NEWS

May 2, 2021

Grace Members and Friends,

Have you ever felt like you were the right person in the right place at the right time for God to help someone? Or has there been a right person, right place, right time to help you?

In 2019, USA Today reported about a father who accidentally locked his 1-year-old baby in their car. Deputies responded to the scene. A crew of prisoners nearby on work release fixing parking lot medians offered their skills. Deputies told the dad to "pop his head in the window" so "strange faces" would not scare the baby. Another person in the viral video recorded by the mom can be heard commenting on the "hilarious situation," with deputies watching the crew wearing black-and-white stripes unlock the car. The crew pried open the front door long enough for one inmate to push the electronic door lock with a coat hanger. It took about two minutes before the group cheered. The baby was upset but unharmed. The parents thanked the crew, deputies and firefighters for their help.

Wow! What are the chances these trusted inmates would be so close by? It is just like God to send professionals to help. It is just like God to put the right people in the right place at the right time.

Join us this Sunday in Wheelus Hall at 9:30am, under the tent at 11am (Wheelus in case of inclement weather) or online at both times to see how God worked in the lives of Philip and Eugene (Acts 8:26-40).

Here is my blessing for you this week (from Psalm 37):

May you trust in the Lord, so that you can live securely.

May you delight in the Lord, as he gives you the desires of your heart.

May you commit your way to the Lord, and watch him act on your behalf.

Your pastor and friend,

Tracey



Get Involved

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.

Registration is now open to the public, so get your child registered today, and tell your friends and neighbors. The link to begin registration can be found in your newsletter email.

VBS Volunteers Needed

VBS NEEDS MORE VOLUNTEERS! If you would like to help with children or behind the scenes, we have a place for you! VBS is June 14th-18th from 8:30-11:00am. Contact Pastor Cara at cara@gracepc.org to help!

Men's Saturday Bible Study

Our Saturday morning men's bible study is starting up again! They will meet in person, beginning this Saturday, May 1st from 8-10:30AM in MB4. They meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. If you are looking for a small group for study and fellowship, this might be the group for you. The group is currently studying through the Living Essentials Study Bible. If you have any questions, contact Robert Hopper at rfhopper@verizon.net.

'You Gotta Have Fun' Game Nights

Game nights have started up again! If you love to play Mexican Train (dominoes), this is the group for you. They meet on the 1st Sunday, and 3rd Saturday of each month at 6:30PM in Grace Place, which means they are meeting this Sunday evening! Soft drinks and water will be provided. Bring a snack if you would like. The more the merrier.

Oberammergau 2022

Registration for our summer 2022 trip to the Oberammergau Passion Play in Germany is now closed and waitlisted. To be placed on the waitlist, please contact Michael King (michael@gracepc.org).

Last Sunday, the Grace Presbytery worship team led worship with migrant teens housed at KBHCC. Note our own Clark Carradine in the picture. Joanna Kim reports: "We could have sung, listened to messages, prayed together all night ... until such day, we will pray for the 2000+ personal prayer requests to be prayed for by our churches and remain grateful for the interfaith community providing spiritual care and Sunday worship for the teens. No names? no problem - their singing voices, teary-eyed looks, sincere prayers and words of gratitude are carried into our hearts." We will hear more about this from Clark on Sunday.



Pentecost Sunday - May 23, wear red

On the day of Pentecost we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. The Pentecost tradition at Grace is to wear red to worship. In addition, we will collect the Pentecost offering. This is one of the four annual PCUSA offerings. 60% of our offering will go to the Presbyterian Mission Agency in support of at risk children and youth, and in support of young adults. 40% of the offering is retained locally and our mission committee will determine which agency will receive our offering. Please consider a gift to these worthy causes.

EXULTATION MISSION TOUR 2021 - "Walk By Faith"

It is confirmed that our Exultation Youth Choir is making plans to take a modified mission trip this summer to Colorado! Our youth will do mission work in Denver at Precious Child, Soles4Souls, Food Bank of the Rockies, and Jeffco Eats. In Colorado Springs, they will do mission at Care and Share Food Bank. While the focus this year will be on doing hands-on mission projects, they also look forward to opportunities to share some music as well as enjoy many of the outdoor attractions Colorado has to offer.

Please watch for announcements as Exultation will be having a collection drive at Grace of shoes, children's items, and more. Please be in prayer for our youth as they make preparations for this trip! The dates are June 25 - July 3.

Everything Else

Senior Sunday - June 6

We will celebrate our graduating seniors on Sunday, June 6th. 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.

Graduating Senior Awards

Our church awards up to four scholarships to graduating seniors (either high school or college). The qualifications vary and selection of candidates is done by committee with one exception: **The Bob Tobermann Family Award**. This is to recognize a graduating senior (HS or college) who demonstrates an ongoing commitment to serving others in the model of the Tobermann family legacy of selfless service. To be considered, you must submit responses to a series of questions. If interested, the link to the form will be found in the newsletter email. The deadline to submit is May 15.

The Harry Chase Memorial Fund Award

This award is given to a GPC member who is or will be a part-time or full-time seminary student. If you know of someone who might be eligible for this award, please submit their name directly to Rev. Cara Ellis at cara@gracepc.org. Deadline is May 15th.

All awards will be given out on June 6th, Senior Recognition Sunday.

Confirmation Sunday

We will be receiving our Confirmands into membership at Grace on Sunday, May 16. They have been meeting weekly since the fall, and have written their statements of faith, and will have been examined by our Session. Join us at either service and welcome our newest members of Grace into our family.

Building Updates

Clean out of our underground ductwork will begin next week. We expect this process to take 3 weeks. While that is going on, the electrical company we hired will begin the process of mapping the wiring of the Sanctuary and narthex. Since so much of our wiring ran in the ductwork beneath the floor, they will be able to determine what needs to be replaced, and at the same time, they will determine all of our needs to bring our electrical wiring up to code and provide us with a complete map of all of our circuits. Our design team has been meeting, and are ready to begin to place orders on items with longer lead times.

Upper Room Devotional Book

The May/June Upper Room Devotional book is available on the table under the television in the narthex. We have 9 books remaining, so it is first come, first served.

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>



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.

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.

Want to Learn?

Youth Sunday Schedule

As the school year is wrapping up, so is our Youth Live program. They will meet this Sunday, spend Mother's Day with their Mom's, and end the year with a party on May 16th. We have 2 events scheduled during the summer:

June 11: HS/MS Movie Night
@The Nichol's, 7-10PM

July 11: MS Pool Party
@The Miller's, 4-6PM

Masks are required to attend.

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

M/W Bible Study

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

This Sunday is the end of the year party for children's Sunday school. Children will meet at 11AM on Mother's Day to make a special gift for Mom. Beginning on May 16, at 11AM, we will have Godly Play for children, preschool - 2nd grade. Beginning on May 16th, all children will begin in worship with their families.

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

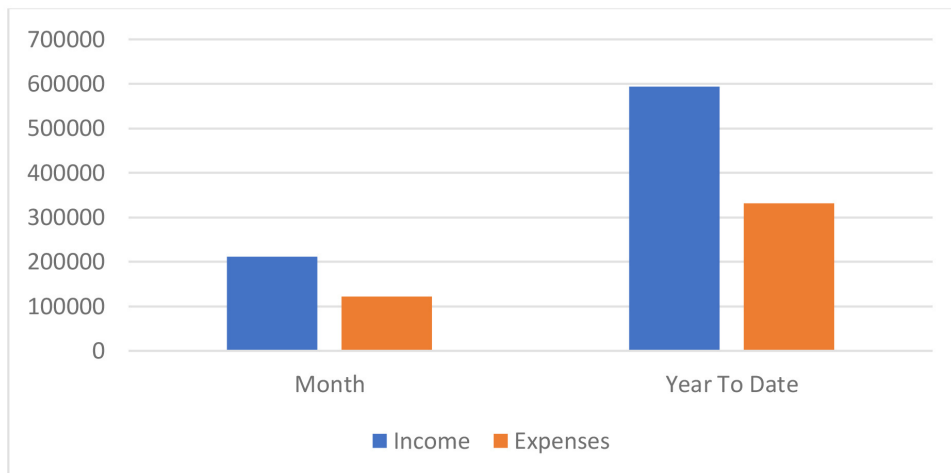
Visions of Faith

The Visions of Faith Sunday School class meets in person in **Grace Place at 9:30AM**. They are wrapping up a Study on the book, "Roadmap to Reconciliation 2.0" by B. McNeil. All are welcome.

Grace Presbyterian Church
Treasurer's Report, March 2021
Bill Miranda, Treasurer

	March 2021	March 2020	Difference
General Offering	\$ 60,939	\$ 103,364	\$ (42,425)
PPP Funding	\$ 80,313		\$ 80,313
Day School Income	70,073	74,620	(4,547)
Total Income	\$ 211,325	\$ 177,984	\$ 33,341
Church Expenses	72,631	76,919	(4,288)
Day School Expenses	48,986	70,484	(21,498)
Total Expenses	121,617	147,403	(25,786)
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 89,708	\$ 30,581	\$ 59,127
YTD General Offering	223,102	250,222	(27,120)
YTD PPP Funding	159,410	-	159,410
YTD Church Expenses	181,979	238,333	(56,354)
YTD Day School Profit (Loss)	62,287	32,906	29,381
YTD Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 262,820	\$ 44,795	\$ 58,615
Unrestricted Cash	269,465	50,460	219,005
Cash Reserve	263,695	168,451	95,244
Major Capital Repairs Fund	44,868	68,177	(23,309)
Capital Campaign Fund	114,789	125,300	(10,511)
Audio Visual Upgrade Fund	68,490	-	68,490
Cash and Selected Reserves	761,307	412,388	348,919
PCUSA Loan	100,000	-	100,000
PPP Round 2	270,042	-	270,042
Total Liabilities	\$ 370,042	\$ -	\$ 370,042

- General offering (down \$42 thousand from March 2020) is in line with 2018 and 2019
- PPP Loan Round 1 was forgiven by the SBA on March 29!
- Day school continues to contribute a surplus of about \$20 thousand per month
- Increased spending in property (up \$10 thousand) and missions (up \$5 thousand)



Calendar of Events

MAY

- 1 Men's Bible Study, 8AM (MB4)
- 1 Word of Life SS, 10:15AM (Zoom)
- 2 In-person indoor Worship, 9:30AM (Wheelus, max. 50)
- 2 In-person outdoor Worship, 11AM (tent)
- 2 Children's Sunday school, 11AM (outdoors)
- 2 Session Meeting, 12:30PM
- 2 Credo/Tinns Rehearsal, 3PM
- 2 Exultation Rehearsal, 4PM
- 2 Prayer Group Meeting, 4PM (Zoom)
- 2 Youth Live, 5:15PM
- 3 Cancer Support Group, 3PM (MB4 & Zoom)
- 4 Nurture Council Meeting, 1:30PM (MB2)
- 4 Grief Group, 7PM (MB4)
- 5 Career Transitions Support Group, 9AM (Zoom)
- 5 Women of Wonder Bible Study, 10:30AM (MB4)
- 5 ESL Class, 5:30PM (Youth Room)
- 5 Trinity Sunday School, 7PM (Zoom)
- 8 Quilt Ministry Meeting, 9AM (CE204/205)
- 8 Word of Life SS, 10:15AM (Zoom)
- 9 Happy Mother's Day!
- 9 In-person indoor Worship, 9:30AM (Wheelus, max. 50)
- 9 In-person outdoor Worship, 11AM (tent)
- 9 Children's Sunday school, 11AM (outdoors)
- 11 Grief Group, 7PM (MB4)
- 12 Women of Wonder Bible Study, 10:30AM (MB4)
- 12 ESL Class, 5:30PM (Youth Room)
- 12 Trinity Sunday School, 7PM (Zoom)
- 15 Men's Bible Study, 8AM (MB4)
- 15 Word of Life SS, 10:15AM (Zoom)
- 15 Mom's Bible Study Get Together, 10:30AM



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