



GPC NEWS

July 18, 2021

Grace Members and Friends,

We have three new staff members! God has provided abundantly for us by sending:

Stefanie Tapley, Family and Adult Ministry Administrator

Paul Henning, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor, Worship, and Music

Hannah Allen, Director of Children's Music

Their bios are available in this newsletter. Please show them a hearty welcome and much Christian love and encouragement in the name of Jesus.

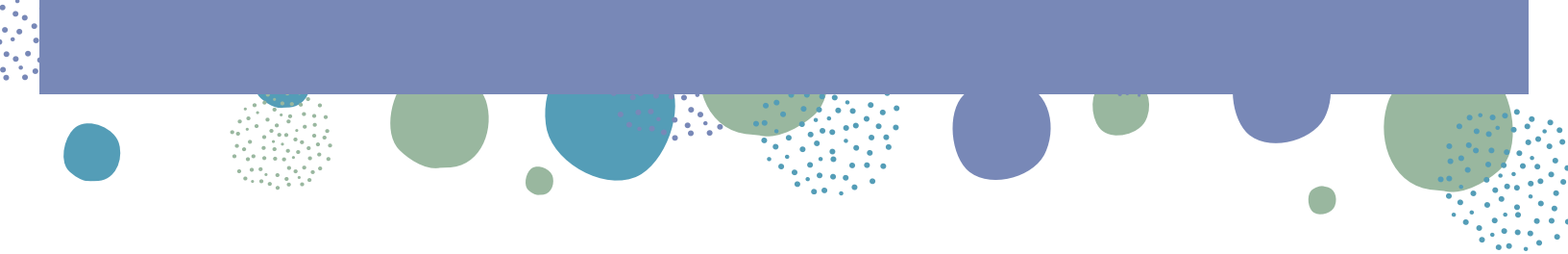
It's been an incredibly difficult 16 months for the world and for the church. Covid-19 shut our doors, kept us isolated, and filled us with fear. Before that, Grace Presbyterian had been through a trying interim period with an administrative commission. A contentious national election and a flood in the Sanctuary soon followed. All these events were sources of frustration and division for us. Could it be time to heal from these traumas? Could it be God wants to heal us?

God has always been the God who heals us. Jehovah Rapha, meaning "the God who heals," is one of God's own names. King David proclaims in the 103rd Psalm that it is God who heals all our diseases. Jesus, God in the flesh, comes to us healing blind eyes, leprous skin, and lame legs. Jesus heals demonic possession, fear of the unknown, and even death. There is always hope and healing with Jesus!

Join us in person on Sundays for this sermon series entitled Time to Heal.

July 18	The Healing Power of Touch	Mark 1:40-45
July 25	The Healing Power of Friendship	Mark 2:1-12
Aug 1	The Healing Power of Courage	Mark 3:1-6
Aug 8	The Healing Power of Faith	Mark 4:35-41
Aug 15	The Healing Power of Love	Mark 5:1-20
Aug 22	The Healing Power of Hope	Mark 5:21-43





This Sunday, as we talk about the healing power of touch, hugs will be available after each service from me and Clark. If you are not ready to hug, you can get a coupon for a free hug at a later date.

Here are my praises for this week:

Praise God for hugs and hands to hold.

Praise God for healings happening right now.

Praise God who can and will help us every time we ask.

Your pastor and friend,

Tracey

Get Involved at Grace!

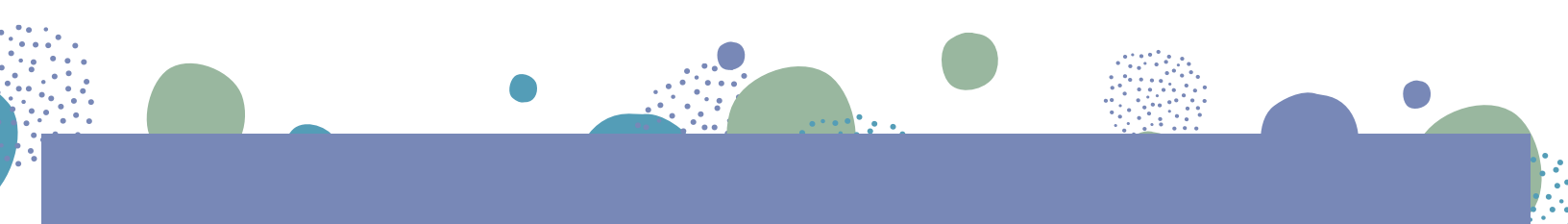
Exciting change is coming to Sunday mornings!

Beginning August 8th, we will move to two different worship services, both held in the Youth Room upstairs in the CE building. We will also offer a dedicated Sunday School hour in between services. The new schedule will be as follows:

9:00AM Blended/contemporary worship with communion weekly. This service will be family friendly with activities for children and a nursery will be provided.

10:00-10:50AM Education for all ages. More to come on the class offerings!

11:05AM Blended/traditional worship with communion monthly and on special days. Godly Play and nursery will be provided for children.



Back to School, Back to Church, and Back to Service with Numana



After a 2-year hiatus, Numana is back! On Sunday afternoon, August 15th, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm, we will be packaging over 20,000 meals for those in need. Due to our current shortage of space at the church, we will be gathering off-site in the ballroom of the Hilton Garden Inn on the south side of 190 between Independence and Custer.

Those of you that have participated in our Numana events before know that this is a family mission opportunity where all ages are encouraged to join together in service. We need ~100 volunteers and an additional 16 'Green Shirt' administrators to help manage the event.

Please save the date and stop by the Mission Table outside Wheelus Hall this Sunday with any questions you may have and to sign up, or, contact Dwight Nichols at dwight@gracepc.org.

Pastor Tracey's Class on Forgiveness

Forgiveness Class
Thursdays at 10am & 7pm
July 29 – September 2

Who among us hasn't been hurt by someone else physically, emotionally, or spiritually? And who among us hasn't hurt someone else? Scripture is clear: we must forgive. We even pray as Jesus taught us, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors," and yet forgiveness is sometimes so very difficult. If you have trouble forgiving someone else, if you have trouble forgiving yourself,

or if you want to help a friend or family member who is struggling, join Pastor Tracey for this 6-week group experience that will begin healing in your heart, mind, and spirit. Register with the email link included in the newsletter email and let Pastor Tracey know which class you will attend.



Back to School - School Supply Drive

Our missions committee is sponsoring a School Supply Drive to support Carpenter Middle School students. Carpenter is a Title 1 school, which is a school with a significant number of low income students. In addition, Carpenter is where two of our members, Ann Boles and Eunice Pribadi, teach. Since we are space challenged at the moment, we are asking that you bring the supplies to Grace on launch Sunday (also Blessing of the Backpack Sunday), August 8, when we will begin our new Sunday schedule.

List of School Supplies requested

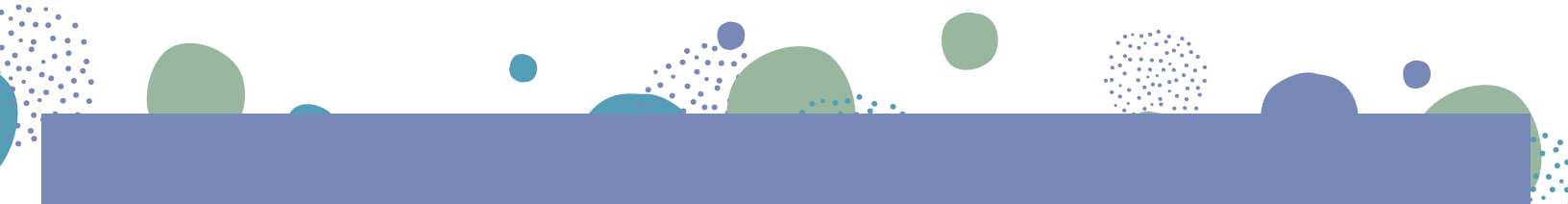
Pencils
Colored Pencils
Kleenex
Single Subject notebooks
2-3" binders
Glue sticks
Adult-sized scissors
notebook paper

Children's Tie-Dye Party

On Wednesday, July 28, at 9AM, children's ministry is inviting all children from preschool through 4th grade to a tie-dye party at Grace Place. "Bring your own item to tie dye!" Shirts, pillowcases, scrunchies, totes... as long as they're white we can do it. Please email or text Pastor Cara if you and your child are planning to attend. cara@gracepc.org or 469-616-8255. We look forward to seeing everyone at this fun event!

Stitching Group

The Stitching group has resumed meeting in person. If you enjoy any type of handwork, come join us on Thursdays at 10AM in room MB2.





Everything Else

Property Updates

We have almost completed the new framing and decking of the east side of the Sanctuary and the new sound board in the balcony.

Our electrical contractor is continuing to replace all of our damaged electrical circuits inside and outside of the Sanctuary and narthex.

We are beginning to receive the new theatrical lighting fixtures which will allow us to properly light our chancel and lofts for worship and streaming.

On Monday, we will begin the process to install our new "above ground" ductwork for our HVAC systems.

Name Tags

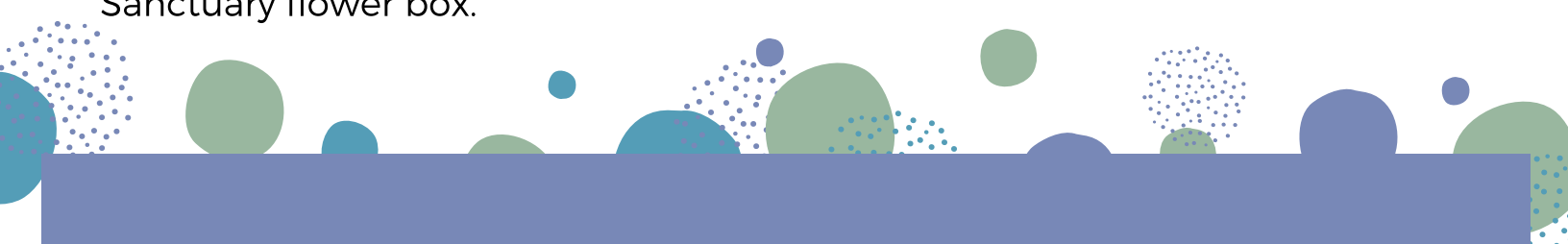
Now that we are back together worshipping in person, Pastor Tracey is asking that we wear our nametags to worship. She, as well as any new members we receive will be able to put names with faces much faster and easier if we are all wearing our name tags. If you need a new name tag, the cost is \$9. Email Kris Turner at kris@gracepc.org and she will order one for you.

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

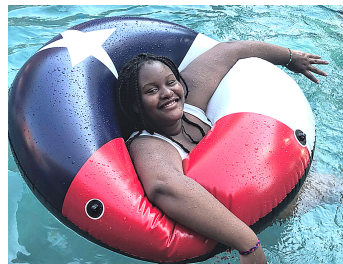
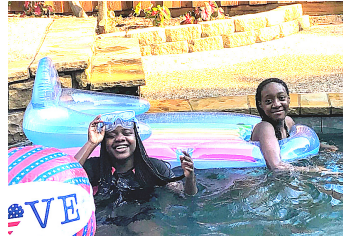
If you would like to order Sanctuary flowers in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of a special event, go to our website, gracepc.org, and click on the Sanctuary flower box.



Thank You!

Middle School Pool Party

A huge thank you goes out to Bill and Debbie Miller for graciously opening their home and pool to our youth. Our middle school students had a great time!



Thank you Laurie Shaw for leading us in worship with praise through the motions to the song "I've Got Peace Like a River".

Psalm 149:1 Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Want to Learn?

Youth Summer Schedule

The following are upcoming summer events, stay tuned for more details as we get closer to events :

Aug. 7: Youth Service Project
w/Adaptive Athletics

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. **This group will be taking a break through July and will start again on August 2.** Here is the zoom meeting id and password: 858 0155 4559, password: 775494

Children's Summer Worship Schedule

Godly Play for children in preschool through 2nd grade will continue through June and July during 11AM worship. Godly Play will be held in the choir room. The children will begin in worship with their families and will be dismissed to Godly Play. You may pick up your child, following worship, on the playground.

Adult Sunday School

Grace currently has 4 adult Sunday classes meeting onsite:

Trinity - Sun. mornings at 11AM in MB2

Word of Life - Sun. mornings at 9AM
in MB4

Visions of Faith - Sunday mornings at
11AM in Grace Place

Bible Boomers - Sunday mornings at
9:30AM in CE204/205

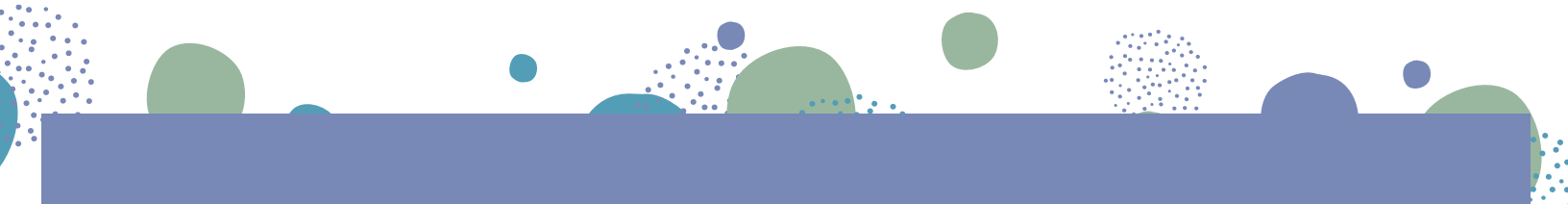
All the classes are multi-generational, and anyone is welcome.



New Staff Bios

Stefanie Tapley

“Stefanie has been in ministry since she was a teenager. She was raised in the Episcopal church and began singing and leading worship with the youth in her early twenties. Stefanie’s faith has been tested time and time again throughout her youth in a broken home and two different family placements, tested in her early twenties when she became a mother for the first time, tested again when she struggled with scripture and justification for her faith, tested when she placed her second child for adoption, tested when she proclaimed there was no God for a ten year period through her marriage, and another baby with her husband, to finally come full circle again and find not just the Holy Spirit but a calling. A calling to use the experiences and trauma she went through to help others heal and find community, self love, and love for humanity through Christ. She currently leads worship with her husband Kelly at Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church. She is a child advocate, fights for mental health access for all and is always seeking ways to create educational opportunities for families and parents to help end generational trauma and create communities and healthy relationships wherever she goes. Stefanie has a 16 year old son named Ethan who loves to cook, sing, and plays tennis. She also has a 4 ½ year old daughter named Kylie who loves art, singing, climbing trees, and horses. Stefanie enjoys painting, design, rock climbing, gardening and music. She sings and plays the piano. She is very excited to help the families and community of Grace Presbyterian find love, joy, and peace through Christ.”



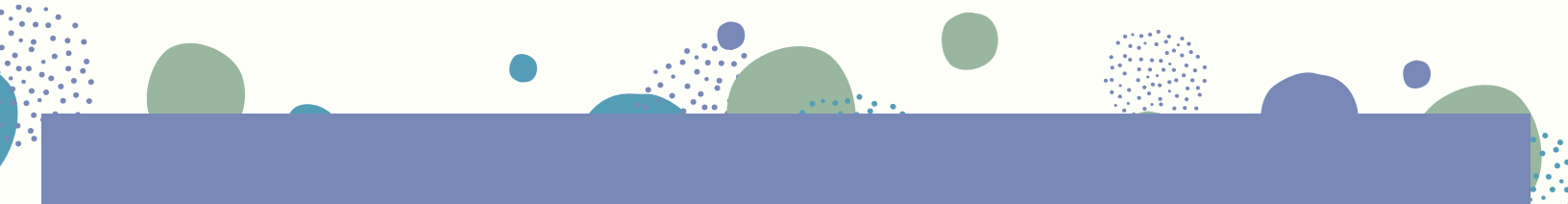


Paul Henning

Lifelong Texan Paul Henning joins our staff as the Pastor, Worship and Music Administrative Assistant. Paul moved from Houston to Plano in 2000 and joined GPC. He has been married to Nancy for 25 years and they have one son, Collin, who is attending Collin College. Paul has been involved in church music since high school in choir, handbells, vocal ensembles, praise band, and playing piano and organ. He served the church as a deacon, on the PNC, ONC, Organ Task Force, and A/V team. He comes to us with 25 years of work experience in banking operations and 5 years in office management and retail operations. Welcome Paul!

Hannah Allen

Hannah Allen is glad to begin working as the Director of Children's Music, and she is glad to be back in the DFW area! A Fort Worth native, Hannah moved to Massachusetts to earn her bachelor's degree in vocal performance from Gordon College, and she is back in Dallas to begin her MM in choral conducting and music education at SMU. Hannah has always had a love of choir: both as a participant in school, church, and community choirs; and as a volunteer helping with children's choirs and music camps. For the past year and a half, she has been working as an elementary school music teacher at Covenant Christian Academy. She is excited to use her skills to contribute to young people's spiritual and emotional growth and to edify the Grace Presbyterian community.



Calendar of Events

JULY

- 17 Men's Bible Study, 8AM (MB4)
- 17 Gotta Have Fun Game Night, 6:30PM (Grace Place)
- 18 Word of Life Sunday School, 9AM (MB4)
- 18 Bible Boomers Sunday School, 9:30AM (CE204/205)
- 18 Worship, 9:30AM (Wheelus Hall)
- 18 Worship, 11AM (Youth Room)
- 18 Visions of Faith Sunday School, 11AM (Grace Place)
- 18 Trinity Sunday School, 11AM (MB2)
- 18 Godly Play (choir room)
- 18 Prayer Team, 4PM (Parlor)
- 19 Cancer Support Group Meeting, 3PM (MB4 & Zoom)
- 20 Tuesday Morning Women's bible study, 10AM (MB2)
- 20 Committee Meeting Night, 7PM
- 21 Career Transitions Support Group, 9AM (MB2)
- 21 Women of Wonder Bible Study, 10:30AM (MB4)
- 21 New Deacon training, 6:30PM (workroom)
- 22 Thursday Women's Evening Bible Study, 7PM (MB4)
- 25 Word of Life Sunday School, 9AM (MB4)
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- 27 Deacon Meeting, 7PM
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- 29 Thursday Women's Evening Bible Study, 7PM (MB4)



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:

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 (MB4 & Zoom)

meeting id: 811 3242 9314, password: 574820

Word of Life SS, Sundays 9-10:45AM in MB4, focus on books, people and themes of the Bible, (Zoom) meeting id: 898 4610 3748, password: 952401