



GRACE NEWS

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Grace Members and Friends,

Thank you to all who came to our first Matthew 25 session on Congregational Vitality. If you did, you should have received your survey. If you attended and have not received it, please let me know.

This Sunday continues our sermon series on our Mission Statement, which is:

Grace Presbyterian Church strives to be a worshipping community of faith who are Christ-like and Spirit-led, as evidenced by:

Great Faith

Radical Welcome

Adventurous Learning

Compassionate Service

Enthusiastic Worship

What is faith? Faith, simply put, is trust. We trust in the God whose goodness, love and faithfulness we have seen in Jesus Christ and who rewards those who seek him (Hebrews 11:6). Great faith trusts God's love and power above all else. But faith is hard for us to do. Like Peter, we want to walk on water with Jesus, but have trouble leaving the boat and ignoring the wind and the waves. (Matthew 14:22-33). What can we learn from Peter's experience?

How can we have great faith? Join us this Sunday at 9am and 11:05 am or online at www.gracepc.org

Your pastor and friend,

Tracey



Get Involved at Grace!

Congratulations to Pastor Wilson! He passed his examination for ordination at Presbytery and will be ordained and installed here at Grace PC on Sunday, October 9, at 4pm. Plan to join us for this wonderful occasion in the life of our church and in his life and ministry.

All Church Property Workday

The property committee has scheduled a workday for Saturday, October 22. The agenda for the workday includes:

- cleaning out/weeding all of our flower beds (calling all God's Gardners)
- clean out the storage shed
- re-organize storage under the stairs in the CE building
- clean out room MB1 and CE212
- labelling tables in classrooms.

Between cleaning/organizing, we need a lot of help! Please mark this on your calendar and make plans to attend if possible.

Peace & Global Witness Offering - Oct. 2

On Sunday, Oct. 2, we will be collecting the peace and global witness offering. This is one of 4 denominational offerings we collect each year. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Grace retains 25% of this offering to be used locally as determined by our mission ministry. Envelopes will be available in your bulletin on Oct. 2 to collect this additional offering.



Festival Singers Invite

Anyone with a desire to sing in a choir for special events without the full-year commitment are invited to join the Festival Singers this Wednesday evening, September 21 at 7pm! We will introduce the Christmas music and there will also be a time of fellowship following the rehearsal.

Festival Singers is a special group who joins the Sanctuary Choir for special concerts such as the Sounds of Christmas Concert, which will be Sunday, December 4, at 6:00pm.

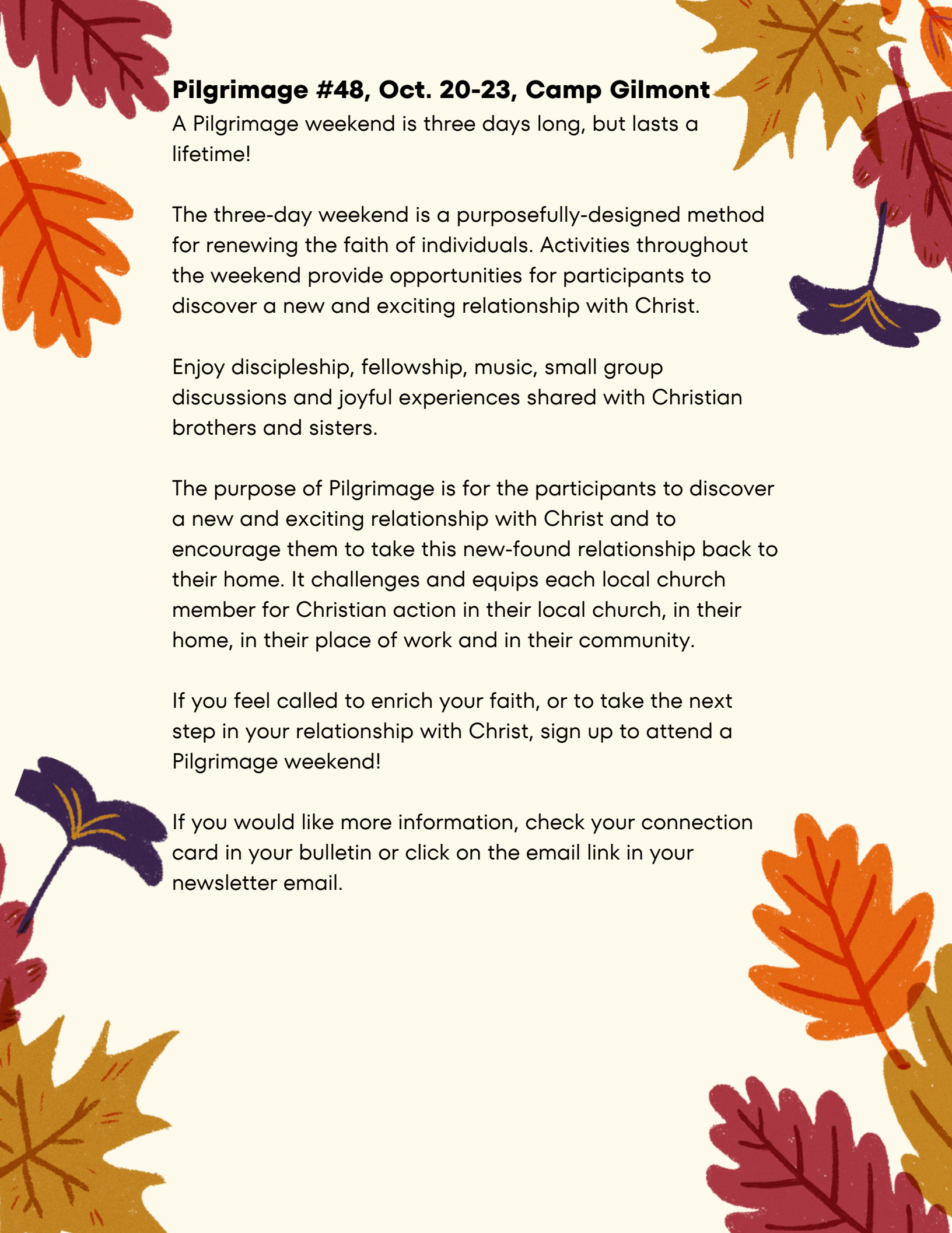
Please check your connection card on Sunday, or send a message to Michael King to let him know you are coming! (michael@gracepc.org)

Attention All Families!

The leaders at Grace PC are making an intentional effort this year to continue building relationships beyond Sunday morning and one of the ways can do that is by attending your child's extracurricular activities to cheer them on and support them. However, we need your help. If your student has a special activity that you would like us to consider attending please fill out the google form linked in your newsletter email, and let us know when it is and Pastor Cara and other leaders will do our best to try to make it to at least one of their activities this school year. If your student is not in any extracurricular activities or you do not think that your student would like an extra cheer section, then please disregard this e-mail.

Worldwide Communion Sunday

We will celebrate Worldwide Communion Sunday on October 2. Feel free to wear the dress of your native land on that day!



Pilgrimage #48, Oct. 20-23, Camp Gilmont

A Pilgrimage weekend is three days long, but lasts a lifetime!

The three-day weekend is a purposefully-designed method for renewing the faith of individuals. Activities throughout the weekend provide opportunities for participants to discover a new and exciting relationship with Christ.

Enjoy discipleship, fellowship, music, small group discussions and joyful experiences shared with Christian brothers and sisters.

The purpose of Pilgrimage is for the participants to discover a new and exciting relationship with Christ and to encourage them to take this new-found relationship back to their home. It challenges and equips each local church member for Christian action in their local church, in their home, in their place of work and in their community.

If you feel called to enrich your faith, or to take the next step in your relationship with Christ, sign up to attend a Pilgrimage weekend!

If you would like more information, check your connection card in your bulletin or click on the email link in your newsletter email.

Mission Updates

ESL/ Citizenship Classes

This fall, we had about 50 students register for ESL and citizenship classes. We average about 20 students in attendance every week. Nationalities from 15 countries are represented, including Ukraine, India, Peru, Venezuela, Vietnam etc. We are also serving members of our Afghan guests residing at Grace Place.

Refugee Update

We are again blessed to extend Christian hospitality to sojourners by providing shelter in Grace Place for a family from Afghanistan. Working with Refugee Services of Texas we are helping a family with five children, ranging in age from 2 to 12, to get settled in the area. Volunteers are providing English training, Sunday dinners and rides for outings, shopping and to medical and other appointments. Members of the Quilting Ministry provided a sewing machine and supplies and within a day each of the three daughters had a new dress and pair of pants made by their mother. The family is very appreciative of your support and looking forward to a new life in the US.

Fall Blood Drive (Sunday Oct 2nd)

Grace is hosting a blood drive on Sunday, October 2nd. We'll be having the drive in the youth room of the CE building, during and after the services. To sign up please click on the link in your newsletter email, check your connection card, stop by the mission table in the narthex, or see the poster in the Narthex (and in the hall near restrooms). Just take a picture/scan the QR code on the poster - it will take you to the Grace PC blood drive link on the Carter web page so you can enter your information and select/reserve a time that works for you.



If you have any questions about the mission ministry, contact Bill Urech at missions@gracepc.org.

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.

Thank You!

Thank you to Clark & Mary Carradine for opening their backyard and pool to our children for their tie-dye party. The children had a great time tie-dyeing and swimming. Thank you also to Courtney Hitt for leading the tie-dye activity.





Youth Ministry Updates

Youth Live

- 5:15-5:30 Snacks
- 5:30-6:30PM Youth group

Youth Live, our youth group, meets on Sunday evenings at 5:15 in the youth room. Friends are always welcome!

Text for Youth Information

If you would like to receive our weekly youth communications, text @gpcym to the number 81010 and get connected and informed about upcoming youth events.

Want to Learn?

Children's Sunday School & Godly Play Schedule

All Sunday School classes meet at 10AM.

Godly Play will be dismissed from worship during the 11:05AM service.

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| Nursery | CE102 |
| Preschool - Kindergarten SS. | CE210 |
| 1st - 3rd grade SS. | CE214 |
| 4th - 5th grade SS | CE216 |
| Godly Play | CE213 |
| <i>(Godly Play Worship Center)</i> | |

Adult Sunday School

Grace currently has 5 adult Sunday classes meeting onsite. Classes begin at 10AM in the following rooms:

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| Trinity | MB2 |
| Word of Life | MB4 |
| Visions of Faith | MB3 |
| Bible Boomers | Wheelus Hall |
| Koinonia | CE204/205 |

The first 4 classes above are multi-generational. Koinonia is a class for young adults and families.

Youth Sunday School Schedule

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| Middle School SS | CE203 |
| High School SS | CE200 |

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

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

M/W mixed, 2-3:30PM Zoom
meeting id: 858 0155 4559,
password: 775494

Mon. Blue Angels, 12PM MB4

Mon. PM Men's, 7-9PM MB4

Tues. AM Women, 10-11:30AM MB2

Wed. AM Women of Wonder MB4
10:30AM-12PM

Thurs. PM Women's Generations of Grace 7-9PM MB2

Fri. AM Men's, 7-8AM MB4

Every Other Sat. Men's Bible Study 8-10AM MB4

Want to Sing or Ring?

The GPC Music Ministry rehearsal schedule is below.

All rehearsals begin the week following Labor Day. (Sept. 6-11)

Please consider joining us!

Choirs

Sanctuary Adult Choir

Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:15pm

Sanctuary

Michael King, Director

Exultation Choir

Youth choir for grades 6 – 12

Sundays, 4:00 – 5:15pm

Sanctuary

Michael King, Director

Voices in Praise (VIPs)

Children's choir for grades 2 – 5

Sundays, 5:15 – 6pm

Room CE215

Hannah Allen, Director

Cherub Choir

Children's choir for PK thru 1st gd.

Sundays, 4:30 – 5pm,

Room CE215

Hannah Allen, Director

Handbells

Grace Notes

Advanced adult handbells

Sundays, 6:00 – 7:15pm, Sanctuary

Michael King, Director

Tintinnabulators

Middle school

handbells

Sundays, 3:00 – 4:00pm

Room CE204-205

Hannah Allen, Director

Credo

High school handbells

Sundays, 2:45 – 4:00pm,

Sanctuary

Katie Schnittker, Director

Carillon Ringers

Children (Grades 3-5) handbells

Sundays, 4:30 – 5:15pm

Room CE 204/205

Michelle Rutherford, Director

Feel free to contact any of the ensemble directors for more info we would love to have you!

Hannah Allen – Children's Choirs, Tintinnabulators (MS handbells)
hannah@gracepc.org

Michael King – Exultation, Grace Notes, Sanctuary Choir
michael@gracepc.org

Katie Schnittker – Credo Director (HS handbells)
katie.schnittker@gmail.com

Michelle Rutherford – Carillon Ringers Director (HS handbells)
mmrutherford1@sbcglobal.net

Calendar

September

25 4th grade Bible Sunday
25 Contemporary Worship, 9AM
25 Children's & Youth SS, 10AM (2nd floor of CE bldg.)
25 Trinity SS, 10AM (MB2)
25 Visions of Faith SS, 10AM (MB3)
25 Bible Boomers SS, 10AM (Wheelus Hall)
25 Word of Life SS, 10AM (MB4)
25 Koinonia SS, 10AM (CE204/205)
25 Traditional Worship, 11:05AM
25 Credo Rehearsal, 2:45PM (Sanctuary)
25 Tintinnabulators Rehearsal, 2:45PM (CE204/205)
25 Exultation Rehearsal, 4PM (Sanctuary)
25 Prayer Team Gathering, 4PM (MB2)
25 Carillon Ringers Rehearsal, 4:30PM (CE204/205)
25 Cherub Choir Rehearsal, 4:30PM (CE215)
25 Voices in Praise Choir Rehearsal, 5:15PM (CE215)
25 Grace Notes Rehearsal, 6PM (Sanctuary)
26 The Lord's Prayer Study Group, 12PM (Wheelus Hall)
26 Men's Monday PM Bible Study, 7PM (MB4)
27 Tuesday AM Women's Bible Study, 10AM (MB2)
27 Grief Group, 7PM (Wheelus Hall)
27 Deacon Meeting, 7PM (CE204/205)
27 Finance Committee Meeting, 7PM (MB2)
28 Women of Wonder Bible Study, 10:30AM (MB2)
28 ESL, 5:15PM
28 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 7PM (Sanctuary)
29 The Lord's Prayer study group, 7PM (Zoom)
30 Friday AM Men's Bible Study, 7AM (MB2)

OCTOBER

1 Men's Sat. AM Bible Study, 8AM (MB2)
1 Gotta Have Fun Game Night, 6:30PM (Youth Room)
2 World Communion Sunday
2 Peace & Global Witness Offering
2 Blood Drive
2 Contemporary Worship, 9AM
2 Children's & Youth SS, 10AM (2nd floor of CE bldg.)