



# GRACE NEWS

JUNE 4 | 2023

Hello Grace Family,

This Sunday we have the special opportunity to acknowledge a milestone moment in the life of our high school senior and college graduates. We have the privilege of celebrating all they have done so far and all that they will do in the future. As a church body it is so important to mark these significant milestones, to celebrate how God has been active in each of their lives as they have grown from receiving their 4th grade bibles, through Confirmation, and now Graduation. This Sunday we will be blessed from hearing from two of our high school senior graduates. As a church body we will have the opportunity to pray over and bless them during this transitional time. Following worship there will be a reception in the Narthex to celebrate this year's high school and college graduates. Join me at 10am either in-person or online for this special Senior Recognition Sunday!

Peace,  
Pastor Cara Ellis





# Get Involved at Grace!

## **Conversations with Chris - June 4**

Our new General Presbyterian, Rev. Christopher Lee, is making the rounds around our large presbytery, wishing to learn more about us and us to learn more about him. He will be in our area on **Sunday, June 4 at 2pm at Faithbridge Presbyterian**, 10930 College Parkway in Frisco. We all are invited to Conversations with Chris.

## **Spice of Life June Lunch - June 14**

Seniors (50+) are all invited to attend our June lunch on June 14 at noon in Wheelus Hall. The team will be making taco salad. We will provide sour cream, green onions and tortilla chips along with salsa. We would appreciate if our friends could provide shredded cheese, pickled jalapeños, Fritos, guacamole, or dessert to share. Friends are always welcome!

## **Exultation Home Concert - June 19**

Our Exultation Choir leaves on their summer mission tour on June 12. They will be ringing, singing, and serving through New York City and Philadelphia. Please keep the students, leaders, and chaperones in your prayers while they are gone, and most importantly, make plans to attend their final concert of the tour at Grace on Monday evening, June 19, at 7PM.





## **VBS (June 26-30)**

**VBS REGISTRATION is full and signups are currently being sent to a waitlist!**

All children 4 years (by Sept 1st) through 5th grade are invited to participate in VBS. June 26th-30th, Cost is \$30. Click on either the link in your newsletter email or on the VBS link on the website to register. Contact Pastor Cara for more information at [cara@gracepc.org](mailto:cara@gracepc.org).

## **SMACK (Summer Music & Arts Camp for Kids, (June 26-30)**

Any students that have completed 2nd through 6th grade are invited to participate in SMACK. It is held immediately following VBS from 12-4PM, and lunch is included. In addition to putting on a full musical, children have the chance to participate in two activities. They can choose between handbells, art, and drama. Registration is open now and the cost is \$50/student. Click on either the newsletter email link for SMACK, or on the SMACK link on the website to register your students. In addition, SMACK is looking for volunteers to help during the week. If you are able to serve, please check your connection card on Sunday.



## Coming to Grace in June! - Frank Runyeon (June 24-25)

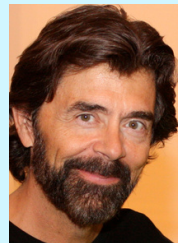
Grace is excited to welcome Frank Runyeon. Frank is a renowned performer of biblical texts, and has been performing them for more than 25 years. Please make plans to attend our events on June 24-25, and invite your friends and family. All of the dramatic presentations are appropriate for school-age children and above. Childcare is available Saturday, June 24th by RSVP to [cara@gracepc.org](mailto:cara@gracepc.org). Sunday, June 25th, childcare is available in the CE building.

**Saturday, June 24**    **6:30pm**    **Ice Cream Social**  
                              **7:30pm**    **Luke: Stories on the Road**


**Sunday, June 25**    **10am Worship**                      **Sermon on the Mount**  
                              **11:15am Fellowship Hour**    **Hollywood vs. Faith**

### FRANK RUNYEON BIO

**Frank Runyeon has won national acclaim for his work as a translator and performer of Biblical texts.** For more than 25 years, Frank has performed the gospel for hundreds of thousands of people in almost every state in America, earning rave reviews from critics, scholars, and church leaders of every denomination. He is regularly reviewed as “the best speaker we have ever heard” by students and faculty at private and public schools across the nation.



**He is perhaps still best known, however, for his many roles on television.** He starred for seven years as Steve Andropoulos on *As the World Turns* opposite Meg Ryan, a storyline that garnered the second highest ratings in the history of daytime television. He next appeared for four years as Father Michael Donnelly on the Emmy award-winning *Santa Barbara*, and as tycoon Simon Romero on *General Hospital*, opposite Emma Samms. Frank has also guest-starred in recurring roles on *Falcon Crest* as chess genius Jovan Dmytryk, on *Melrose Place* as Father Tom, on *All My Children* as Forrest Williams, and on *L.A. LAW* as talk-show host Brooks Tapman.





## Mission Updates

This Saturday, June 3, is Grace Mission committee's volunteer opportunity at Minnie's Food Pantry.

Grace Mission continues with our Summer for Students event until we begin the new school year. The event supports Presbyterian Children's Home and Services (June) and Carpenter Middle School (July).

Thank you for your support of our Family Promise event.

Our June event for Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS) will begin on **Sunday, June 18**. The mission project will be collecting back to school clothes. If you would like to help with the planning of this project check you Connection card this Sunday, or click on the PCHAS Clothing Drive email link in your newsletter email and let Portia Stephens know you would like to help.



Recently, a Grace mission team of three installed a clean water system in a remote village in Liberia .

Beaty Early Childhood (PISD) and GPC Mission committee is working on building a partnership for the 2023-2024 school year. Look for volunteer opportunities throughout this upcoming school year.



## Youth Ministry Updates

**FRIDAY, JUNE 30 - Lock-In at Group Dynamix.** Drop off at 9pm. Pick up TBD. Cost is \$25. Friends are invited! Please check your connection card if you are planning to attend. To sign up, use the lock-in link on your newsletter email.

## Children's Ministry Updates

**Register Now!** – VBS/SMACK, June 26th-30th!

### Children's Ministry Pool Party

Join in the fun at the Children's Ministry Pool Party at Pastor Tracey's house!

Date & Time: Saturday, June 10th, 11am-1pm

Location: The Davenport's House, 6100 Glenhollow Dr, Plano TX 75093

RSVP: E-mail Pastor Cara at [cara@gracepc.org](mailto:cara@gracepc.org) or check your connection card on Sunday morning and let us know how many from your family is attending.

Chick-fil-a nugget trays, snacks, and drinks will be provided! Parents are required to stay with your children.

Hope you will join us!

### Text for Children's Information

If you would like to receive our weekly children's communications, text @gpc-kids to the number 81010 and get connected and informed about upcoming children's events.







# Everything Else

## Building Use

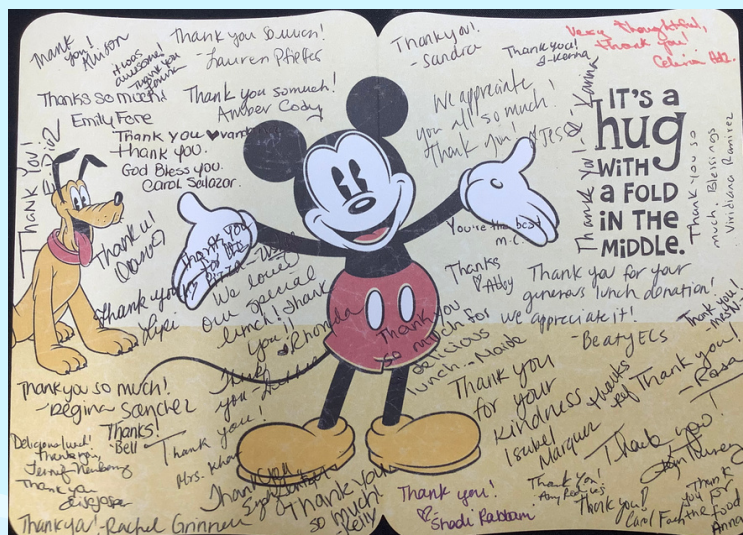
As a reminder, if you would like to use our building, you are required to contact Kris Turner at [kris@gracepc.org](mailto:kris@gracepc.org) or at 469-429-6804 to verify availability, and to have the event added to the church calendar.

## 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](http://gracepc.org), and click on the Sanctuary flower box.

# Thank You

Grace provided a pizza lunch to the teachers and staff of our partner school, Beaty Early Childhood School, during teacher appreciation week. They wanted us to know how appreciative they are.





# Children's and Youth Ministry Assessment

## with Ministry Architects

Ministry Architects, believes there is a better way, a better way than one-size-fits-all way to do ministry. It all starts with building intentionally. So like Architects, they don't tell churches what they want to build. They start by listening and then show churches a blueprint of how they can move from where they are to where they want to be. And then they walk alongside the church to make sure that they build the kind of infrastructure they will need to create the ministries they dream of having. Ministry Architects has made it their mission to help churches build ***Healthy Systems. Innovative Change. For the Future of the Church.***

### **What is going to happen when Ministry Architects does the assessment?**


Ministry Architects will spend the majority of their time listening to a variety of groups within the church through focused listening groups. After spending time in these listening groups (and taking copious notes), the consultants will hunker down to write a report, sharing with the church what they've heard about the children's and youth ministries and where they hear that the church wants to go. On Tuesday, June 20, the report will be presented via Zoom laying out a blueprint for how to move forward.

### **Why should I attend?**

You play an important role in the children's and youth ministries. Whether you lead regularly, volunteer often, are a parent or simply attend... your voice matters! The leaders of our church are committed to building a strategic vision for the future WITH you and the entire faith community and this is your opportunity to join your voice with others in the church to share God's vision through your perspective.

### **What will the report look like?**

The Assessment Report will start by reflecting back to the church what the consultants heard people saying about the children's and youth ministries. The report will compare our church to ministry norms across the country. Ministry Architects will point out the assets of our – the things to protect and keep. They will also share the challenges they see – the things that are roadblocks to the ministries moving strategically forward. They will then lay out a blueprint for how to strategically move the church from where it is now to where you want it to be. These recommendations include a detailed timeline laying out the process month by month.







## **When Do I Come?**

### **Sunday, June 11**

Zoom Link, Meeting ID: 812 5171 4882 Passcode: 196657(for all groups)

11:15-12:15 Youth Volunteers

12:15-1:15 PM Session

4:00-5:00 PM Parents of Youth

5:00-6:00 PM Parents of children

6:30-7:30 PM Youth

### **Tuesday, June 13**

Zoom Link, Meeting ID: 815 0974 6210 Passcode: 987048 (for all groups)

11:00-12:00 PM Staff

7:00-8:00 PM Children Volunteers

Ministry Architects will schedule individual meetings with Tracey, Michael, Cara and Hannah.

*\*\* Participants do not need to come to more than one Listening Group*

### **Tuesday, June 20**

Zoom Link, Meeting ID: 841 1795 0917 Passcode: 842464

7:00-8:00 PM Present Report

*If you fall into more than one of these categories you would just need to come to one of the slots.*

For more information, contact...

Pastor Cara at [cara@gracepc.org](mailto:cara@gracepc.org)





# Want to Sing or Ring?

The GPC Music Ministry's school year rehearsal schedule is below.

Enjoy your summer and please consider joining us this fall!

## 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

## Handbell Choirs

### Grace Notes

Advanced adult handbells

Sundays, 6:00 – 7:15pm

Room: 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

Room: 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](mailto:hannah@gracepc.org)

Michael King – Exultation, Grace Notes, Sanctuary Choir, [michael@gracepc.org](mailto:michael@gracepc.org)

Katie Schnittker – Credo Director (HS handbells), [katie.schnittker@gmail.com](mailto:katie.schnittker@gmail.com)

Michelle Rutherford – Carillon Ringers Director (Children handbells), [mmrutherford1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mmrutherford1@sbcglobal.net)





# Want to Learn?

## Children's Summer Sunday School & Godly Play Schedule

Children's Sunday School classes will not meet during the summer and will resume at 10am on Sunday, August 6.

Godly Play will meet and be dismissed from worship for the first three Sundays in June

Godly Play CE213  
*Godly Play Worship Center*

## Adult Sunday School (Summer Schedule)

Grace currently has 5 adult Sunday classes meeting onsite. Three of them will continue to meet during the summer.

Trinity (meeting 9am)	MB2
Word of Life (meeting 11am).	MB4
Visions of Faith (meeting 9am)	MB3

Bible Boomers (returns Aug. 6)	Wheelus Hall
Koinonia (returns Aug. 6)	CE204/205

## Youth Summer Sunday School Schedule

Youth Sunday School will not meet during the summer and will resume at 10am on Sunday, August 6.

## Summer Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

Mon. PM Men's, 7-9PM	MB4
Tues. AM Women, 10-11:30AM	MB2
Fri. AM Men's, 7-8AM	MB4
Every Other Sat. Men's Bible Study 8-10AM	MB4



# Calendar

## JUNE

- 3 Men's Saturday AM Bible Study, 8AM (MB2)
- 3 Gotta Have Fun Game Night, 6:30PM (Grace Place)
- 4 Senior Sunday
- 4 Trinity Sunday School, 9AM (MB2)
- 4 Visions of Faith Sunday School, 9AM (MB3)
- 4 Combined Worship, 10AM
- 4 Word of Life Sunday School, 11AM (MB4)
- 4 Credo Rehearsal, 2:45PM
- 4 Exultation Rehearsal
- 5 Cancer Support Group, 12PM (Zoom)
- 6 Tuesday AM Women's Bible Study, 10AM (MB2)
- 6 Nurture Council Meeting, 1:30PM (MB2)
- 6 Worship & Music Committee Meeting, 7PM (MB4)
- 7 Career Transitions Support Group, 9AM (MB2)
- 7 Women of Wonder Bible Study, 10:30AM (MB4)
- 9 Men's Friday AM Bible Study, 7AM (MB2)
- 10 Quilt Ministry Meeting, 9AM (CE204/205)
- 10 Children's Ministry Pool Party, 11AM
- 11 Trinity Sunday School, 9AM (MB2)
- 11 Visions of Faith Sunday School, 9AM (MB3)
- 11 Combined Worship, 10AM
- 11 Word of Life Sunday School, 11AM (MB4)
- 11 Session Meeting
- 11 Prayer Team Meeting, 4PM (MB2)
- 12-19 Exultation Choir Mission Tour
- 12 Gun Violence Prevention Group Discussion, 7PM (Wheelus Hall)
- 12 Tuesday AM Women's Bible Study, 10AM (MB2)
- 13 Mission Committee Meeting, 7PM (MB4)
- 14. Spice of Life Luncheon, 12PM (Wheelus Hall)
- 15 Men's Pilgrimage Renewal, 7PM (Grace Place)
- 15 Stephen Ministry Peer Support, 7PM (CE204/205)
- 16 Men's Friday AM Bible Study, 7AM (MB2)