

Grace Notes

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

February 2022

Feeling the Love

We all give and receive love in different ways. For some of us, we are comfortable using words such as “I love you.” For others, we show our love through acts of service or caring. Giving and receiving thoughtful gifts, spending quality time together, and physical touch round out the top five ways that we communicate our love for one another.

Love languages are not confined to our personal or romantic relationships. We express our love and concern in different ways in the church, too. There are the “affirmers” among us. They are the ones who have an encouraging word or remind us that we are doing a good job. There are the “servers” who are always willing to lend a helping hand; and the “touchers” who (prior to COVID) would extend a hand or come in for a hug. And there are the “givers” who give freely of their time to send a card, make a call, or visit us in our homes or hospital rooms; and the “givers” who cheerfully financially support the various ministries of the church in small ways and large.

Throughout February we will show our appreciation and love for our volunteers and staff members using different love languages. Then Sunday, February 27 the Hospitality Committee will host a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon using the universal love language of food. Everyone who meets, greets, sings, serves, teaches, preaches, cooks, cares, does good deeds and shares the good news is invited! With deep gratitude for the many and varied ways that each of you show your love every day as the body of Christ.

Looking Forward

February

6 - Youth Sunday

Souper Bowl Food Drive

12 - Youth Valentine Parents Date Night Out

13 - Scout Sunday

16 - SHINE - each Wednesday

23 - SHINE - each Wednesday

27 - Volunteer Appreciation Sunday

See the church calendar online:

<https://www.grace.to/announcements/weekly-calendar/>



In Sympathy

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of Dottie Wood.

Baptism

January 23, 2022

Clark Richard Doster

Son of Paul and Claire Doster

Grandson of Chris and Gail Barley

Change of Address

Dan and Terri Parmele

Donald Whitten

Thank You

The past two months have been really difficult but I came through with more faith. I fell and then my daughter, Angela, passed away. I want to tell you all thank you and God bless for all of the cards, calls and prayers sent our way. It is made easier if that is possible, to know that Angela is now healed, happy and at home with our Lord and her father. If God does as we would like Him to do, He will be with us and give us strength to endure. Thank you and God bless my beloved church family. Sylvia Jorgenson

Book Club

Tuesday, February 22, 7:00 pm

Panera Bread on South Semoran

The Four Winds by Kristen Hannah

Texas, 1934. Millions are out of work and a drought has broken the Great Plains. One of the darkest periods of the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl era, has arrived with a vengeance. Elsa Martinelli must make an agonizing choice: fight for the land she loves or go west to California in search of a better life. *The Four Winds* is an indelible portrait of America and the American Dream, as seen through the eyes of one indomitable woman whose courage and sacrifice will come to define a generation.

Cooking with Grace

Monday February 21 6 p.m. on Zoom

Each month, this group buys ingredients then meets online to cook together. To join, contact Carolyn at Carolyn@findingnewjoys.com for information about ingredients and Zoom invite.

Ruth Circle

Monday, February 14 at 10:00 a.m.

John Calvin Memorial Hall Activity Room

Ruth Circle continued the new year with our study of Peter books 1 and 2. We look forward to our spring project of Easter Baskets for Servant's Heart in April. Chip Hanna from Servant's Heart will be presenting an update on their mission at our February meeting. We all enjoy our time of christian fellowship. Please join us at any time.

Small Blessings Child Care

Love God with all your heart.

February is here and Small Blessings continues to teach every day about God's love for us. Love is the greatest force in the universe. At Small Blessings the words "love" and "compassion" are always emphasized as we teach the children to share and care for one another. It is a pleasure to see the children grow in God's love and experience the love for learning. Valentine's Day Parties will be held with hearts to share and goodies to eat. It's a time to show our love for each other and to be kind.

Grace Covenant members send their heartfelt love and prayers for all the children, families and staff at Small Blessings.

Outreach

The Outreach Committee thanks you all for your support of our Christmas projects! Thanks to your generosity, we were able to fill gift bags for all 45 of the Share the Care clients, which they were excited to receive. The Christmas Alternatives fund received donations of \$1200. Our young people will have the fun of deciding what items to purchase from the Presbyterian Giving Catalog to help people around the world. In addition to donations to the Presbyterian Giving fund, donations also were made to Grace Medical Home, Servant's Heart Ministry, Heifer Project International, the Coalition for the Homeless, and Thornwell. Donations to the Christmas Joy offering totaled \$250. Thank you, Grace Covenant family!

Session Summary

January 20, 2022

Actions taken by Session at the January 20 Meeting:

Approved the baptism of Ella-Marie Miller and removed with regret Dottie Wood.

Approved the 2022 Unified Giving commitment for shared support of Central Florida Presbytery.

Affirmed posting the Facilities Director position.

Appointed Carin Curtis (parent representative) and Sheila Heinemann to the Small Blessings Board.

Nominated Rob Cumbus and Bruce Lampman for vote by the congregation to serve on the Foundation Board Class of 2024.

Nominated Emmett Taylor (President), Rob Cumbus (Vice President), Rhonda Edmiston (Secretary) and Bruce Lampman (Treasurer) for vote by the congregation to serve as officers of the corporation.

Approved the Annual Statistical Report to General Assembly.

Renewed Terms of Contract for the Interim Pastor.

Souper Bowl Sunday

On Sunday, January 30, ROOTED Youth Group will begin collecting canned goods for the Christian Service Center. Bring donations to the narthex. February 13 will be the last day to contribute for SOUPER SUNDAY!

ROOTED Youth Group

ROOTED meets on February 13 and 27 from 5:15pm-7pm. We'll have dinner, games, music, prayers and a lesson. "Bring Friendz to ROOTED"!! ROOTED & Young Adults Lunch Bunch is Sunday, Feb. 20 after services. Watch our social media outlets for where Mike's buying your lunch!! For more details on our events and other news, friend us on Facebook: Grace Covenant PC Youth, and on Instagram: @rootedgcpc

Parents Night Out

ADULTS of Grace – have you made your Valentine's Day weekend plans yet? Maybe a romantic dinner out – check! Present(s) – check! Time with your significant other – check! Babysitter – OOPS! Let the Youth Dept. help you! We will once again have our annual Parents Night Out fundraiser, Saturday, Feb. 12 from 5pm-9pm.

We will watch your children while you go out for a romantic evening for a donation + \$5 for pizzas. Use us as an outreach for your friends. All monies raised go to help offset costs for our Appalachian Mountain summer mission trip, which is about \$700 per student to attend. To sign-up, contact Mike at: mike@grace.to or (407) 898-6571.

***Please contact the church
office for a list of birthdays
and anniversaries.***



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GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship

8:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Online

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9a.m. - 3 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. - noon

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Saturday, Feb. 12 5pm-9pm

Contact Mike to sign up.

Mike@grace.to or 407-898-6571

SHINE

Come Experience Narnia

Wednesdays February 16 - March 30

4:45 - 6 p.m.

Smith Hall

Register Online at www.Grace.to



Please continue to support the work of the church by mailing your tithes and offerings to the church or by making a donation through the church website. Go to the "Online Giving" page at www.grace.to and click on the "Give Now" button.