



GRACE NOTES

January 2023



As we move into a new calendar year, I encourage you to take note of the proposed budget found elsewhere in the pages of this edition of Grace Notes.

You may notice a splash of "red ink" in it. To cover the budget as requested or needed by the various arms of the church will require dipping into the church's reserve funds, based on the pledges gathered as of this writing. That would be new, at least in my time here. In fact, in some years we've had a surplus that carried over into the following year.

It isn't the case that any committee or group is making extravagant requests. Most notable is that this property is getting expensive to maintain, and there are a number of repairs and upgrades that need to be done. Some of those have sprung upon us in this past year, and others (such as roof work) are looming in forthcoming years.

Of course, I don't have to tell you that dipping into reserve funds isn't sustainable for a church any more than it is for any other organization.

Hopefully some folks have just been late with their pledges and some of this will even out. But this is something we need to be careful about.

I will be away for what has become a regular post-Advent/Christmas/Epiphany week of recovery, planning, and writing from January 8 (right after the morning service) through January 14. Something special will happen on Sunday morning, January 15. You will definitely want to plan to be here for it.

Lent comes quickly once the New Year kicks in, with Ash Wednesday on February 22. I hope to have a book study for those who are able to join in. The book is titled *Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy: The Bible and Brahms' Requiem*, by Carol M. Bechtel. It would most likely, like the recent Advent study, be conducted via Zoom on Tuesday evenings. I'm putting this out there now in case you'd like to go ahead and get a copy of the book. (You might also want to get a recording of the Brahms as well. That's never a bad thing to have around.)

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2023 BUDGET

Income	2022	2023
Interest	\$ 36.00	\$ 36.00
Pledges	\$ 82,050.00	\$ 82,520.00
Loose Offering	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
2022/2023 Carryover	\$ 11,451.28	\$ -
Reserve Funds	\$ 41,524.29	\$ 39,397.32
Building Use	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 6,900.00
TOTAL \$	171,961.57	\$ 158,853.32

Income needed to balance budget

if we use our entire Reserve Funds \$ 13,766.08

\$ 172,619.40

Budgeted Expenditures	2022	2023
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ADMINISTRATION:

1010	Equipment (Computer Software)	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
1020	Office Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
1030	Postage, (no bulk mailout cost)	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
1040	Phone and LD/High Speed Internet	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00
1140	Scholarship for GA/Synos,Pyb/GPC		
Administration Total \$		3,700.00	\$ 3,700.00

PROPERTY AND OPERATIONS

1050	Pest Control	\$ 420.00	\$ 420.00
1070	Custodial Service	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 4,100.00
1080	Custodial Supplies	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
1090	Maintenance	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
1100	Office Utilities	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
1110	Church Utilities	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
1120	Lawn Service	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 5,400.00
1130	Dumpster	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,300.00
1160	Gainesville Fire Assessment	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
1170	Fire System Monitoring	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00

Property and Operations Total \$ 38,370.00 \$ 40,470.00

Budgeted Expenditures		2022	2023
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH:			
2010	Consumable Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ -
2020	Curriculum	\$ 50.00	\$ -
2030	Programs and Special Events	\$ 600.00	\$ -
2060	Youth Programs	\$ 300.00	\$ -
Christian Education and Youth Total		\$ 1,050.00	\$ -
CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND OUTREACH			
3010	Evangelism/Web Site	\$ 100.00	\$ -
3020	Kitchen Supplies Non-Edible	\$ 400.00	\$ -
3030	Kitchen Supplies Edible	\$ 400.00	\$ -
3040	Member Care	\$ 300.00	\$ -
Membership and Evangelism Total		\$ 1,200.00	\$ -
PERSONNEL:			
4010	Clerical Wages	\$ 11,129.00	\$ 11,463.00
4020	Music Director	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 3,900.00
4040	Social Security Employer's Cost	\$ 1,892.00	\$ 1,918.00
4050	Worker's Compensation Insurance	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
4060	Nursery/church and choir	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00
4090	Organist	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
Personnel Total		\$ 27,321.00	\$ 27,681.00
PASTOR'S COMPENSATION PACKAGE:			
5010	Salary	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 24,000.00
5020	Housing	\$ 26,161.00	\$ 26,946.00
5030	Social Security Offset	\$ 3,838.00	\$ 3,898.00
5040	Pension/Major Medical	\$ 18,744.00	\$ 19,869.00
5050	Continuing Education	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
5060	Auto Reimbursement	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Pastor's Compensation Package Total		\$ 77,243.00	\$ 79,213.00

Budgeted Expenditures		2022	2023
STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE:			
6010	Building/Grounds Insurance	\$ 11,132.95	\$ 11,200.00
6020	Session Training	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
6030	Annual Corporation Fee	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
6040	Per Capita Apportionment	\$ 619.62	\$ 630.40
6050	Pledge Envelopes	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
6090	Bank Fees, Cks, NSF Chgs, etc.	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
6100	Leadership Education	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Stewardship and Finance Total		\$ 12,977.57	\$ 13,055.40
WORSHIP:			
7010	Music Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
7020	Visiting Organists/Musicians	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
7030	Visiting Speakers	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
7040	Worship Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
7050	Music Director-Continuing Ed	\$ 800.00	\$ -
7060	Organist-Continuing Ed	\$ 800.00	\$ -
Worship Total		\$ 4,850.00	\$ 3,250.00
MISSION:			
8010	Missionary Support	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
8030	Heifer International	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
8040	Acorn Clinic	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
8050	Bread of the Mighty Food Bank	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
8090	Undesignated Ben./Presby. and G/A	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
8100	Other Witness and Service	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
8110	St Francis House	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
8120	Montgomery Conference Center	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
8140	Family Promise	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Mission Total		\$ 5,250.00	\$ 5,250.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 171,961.57	\$ 172,619.40

Prayer Requests

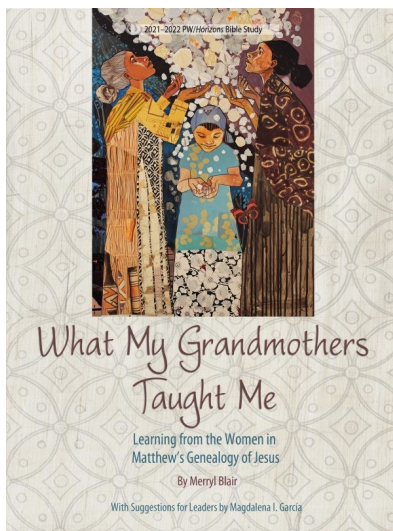
Please join us in lifting up prayers for those who have immediate concerns: Carl Crane's brother, Michael; Donna Fidler; Janine Groner; Debbie Harris; the family and friends of Dorothy Nevill; the family and friends of Helen Weidhaas; and Fred Winters, Jay Winter Collins father.

Also pray for those with longer term needs: Margie Baker; Lois Butler's sister, Holly Durst; Jerry Butler; Pauline Kirk; Bob McAlpine; Gale Nevill; Laura Raizada; Libby Richardson; Sarah Robinson; Mabel Che-Tuma's niece, Shekina; Wayne Wagner; C. D. Weaver; Mary Williamson; those who are suffering from COVID-19; those who have lost loved ones to COVID-19; our military; first responders; all those working to resolve COVID-19; the people of the Ukraine and our church.

If there are other people or concerns that you would like to add to this list, please contact Ivette by phone at 352-376-5654 or by email at office@gpconline.org



Circle News



The Anna circle will meet on Tuesday, January 10 at 12:00 noon in the library. Diane Millican will lead our study of Lesson 5 "Ruth and Redemption" in *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus* by Carol M. Bechtel. Bring your study book, Bible and your own brown bag lunch and beverage. All women are welcome.

For it is in Giving That We Receive

Ways to Support Grace Presbyterian Church:

1. Mail a check to the church office.
2. Use your bank's online bill pay system.
3. Use the electronic funds transfer from your savings or checking account, or
4. Use a debit/credit card at the link on our website under the giving tab (there is also an image that you can click).



We now have a locking mailbox.
You can mail your checks to the
church office at 3146 NW 13th
Street; Gainesville, Florida 32609
with the assurance that they will
be received by us.

The finance committee would like to keep the congregation informed about our General Fund income and expenses and our pass through donations. If you have any questions, contact Lois Butler at 352-262-5893 or treasurer@gpconline.org.

	November	Through 11/30
Income	\$ 8,942.07	\$126,345.13
Expenses	\$ 12,087.07	\$146,652.78
Pass Through Donations		
Two Cents a Meal	\$ 15.01	\$ 413.91

Session Meeting Highlights December 12

MODERATOR'S REPORT

Vacation - January 8 after worship service to January 14
Guest Speaker on January 15 - Charles will be there to help with service

CLERK OF SESSION

Faye Tripp will serve as Clerk of Session in 2023
Annual Meeting will be held on January 29

PROPERTY & OPERATIONS

Artwalk on Friday, December 2 went nicely
Wireless network will be updated

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Advent study "Christmas Accounts in the Gospels" going well
Lent study will follow same format

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & MISSION

St Francis dates for 2023 - January 20, April 21, July 21, and October 20
Family Promise March 8, 15, and 22 at Covenant and Westminster
\$1 Fund will go to Family Promise for January through March
Christmas breakfast will be held on December 18 at 9:45 am
Visitor bags will be prepared
Debbie Harris will send birthday and anniversary cards
Soup and salad meal will be held following after the Epiphany service on
January 6 at 6 pm

ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL

Organist position will be pursued after the first of the year

FINANCE/STEWARDSHIP

Lois Butler will serve as Treasurer in 2023
Adjustments were made to the 2023 Asking Budget
Congregation will be made aware of shortages

WORSHIP

Christmas Eve, Blue Christmas and Epiphany services will be streamed
Discussing going back to tray service for communion
Signs will be put up on the Sanctuary doors to remind people that services
are being held at Westminster on December 25 and January 1



Please call the church office at 352-376-5654, if your special day is **NOT** listed or is **NOT** correct.

Two elders volunteer to be available to church members and friends who may need assistance. When Reverend Freeman is unavailable or the church office is closed, these elders are on call to help.

Jay Collins 352-870-2843
Faye Tripp 904-307-4082

Please don't forget our Special Offerings

Two Cents a Meal Offering



We invite every member of the congregation to prayerfully contribute a few cents at each meal to help alleviate hunger and poverty.

\$1 Fund Offering



All undesignated \$1 bills in the Sunday offering are set aside for the \$1 Fund Offering. Our \$1 Fund Offering for the months of January through March will go to Family Promise.



The Worship Committee reminds church members and friends that the 2023 Flower Calendar is posted in the narthex. Fresh floral arrangements are \$40 and you may place your name on any selected date of your choosing. Please note that roses added to your arrangement are in addition to the \$40.00 and are \$5.00 each.

Men's Noon Lunch & Fellowship



The men of the church are invited to meet each Wednesday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm in the library for fellowship. Please bring your own brown bag lunch, beverages will be provided.

JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 – Combine Worship Service-Westminster Communion 1:00 – Korean Service 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	2 Office closed 7:00 pm – Square Dance Group	3 2:00 pm – Congregational & Life Committee Meeting 6:00 pm – Girl Scouts 7:00 pm – Barbergators	4 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	5 6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus	6 Rev. Freeman's 6:00 – Epiphany Service with simple soup and sandwich supper to follow 6:00 Korean Bible Study	7 Days Off
8 11:00 – Worship Service 1:00 – Korean Service 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	9 7:00 pm – Square Dance Group	10 12:00 – Anna Circle 6:00 pm – Girl Scouts 7:00 pm – Barbergators	11 Rev. Freeman's Vacation 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	12 6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus	13 6:00 Korean Bible Study	14
15 11:00 – Worship Service Guest Speaker 1:00 – Korean Service 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	16 6:00 pm – Session Meeting 7:00 pm – Square Dance Group	17 6:00 pm – Girl Scouts 7:00 pm – Barbergators	18 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	19 6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus	20 Rev. Freeman's 6:00 Korean Bible Study	21 Days Off
22 11:00 – Worship 1:00 – Korean Service 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	23 7:00 pm – Square Dance Group	24 6:00 pm – Girl Scouts 7:00 pm – Barbergators	25 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	26 Grace Notes Articles Due 6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus	27 Rev. Freeman's 6:00 Korean Bible Study	28 Day Off
29 11:00 – Worship 1:00 – Korean Service 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	30 7:00 pm – Square Dance Group	31 6:00 pm – Girl Scouts 7:00 pm – Barbergators				



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Liturgy Passages for January

1/1 1st Sunday of Christmas

Isaiah 63:7-9
Psalm 148
Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 2:13-23

1/6 Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

1/8 Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

1/15 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

1/22 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

1/29 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12