



GRACE NOTES

February 2023

Hopefully by now you have noticed the budget for the 2023 year. As noted in last month's Grace Notes, a substantial amount of money was moved from the church's reserve funds to make up a substantial shortfall; however, some dormant or unused funds were able to be moved into the reserve fund to make up for that. It works for this year, at least.

There is a larger financial challenge looming in the church's future, however.

Due to some strange Florida rules about property insurance, we may have a roof problem. Not necessarily a physical problem with the roof, mind you. The roof has not been repaired or replaced for such a period of time, though, that it may not be possible to have our property insured without a roof repair or replacement.

I'm going to guess I don't have to tell you that's expensive.

I've not been here that many years, and I don't know if the church has conducted any kind of capital campaign in recent times, if at all, since it was built. That may be something the church needs to think about, and possibly soon.

It's also worth remembering this: the GPC sanctuary, in the eyes of a notable group of architecture advocates and enthusiasts, is historic. In fact, a group of architecture advocates will be touring Grace's sanctuary, along with others in the Gainesville and High Springs area, as examples of a mid-century style carried out distinctively in Gainesville and Alachua County.

A capital campaign that keeps this building (and the sanctuary that meets within it) viable may well be of interest to more than just this congregation and its friends.



Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22, and the book study for the season will start the night before. The book is *Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy: The Bible and Brahms' Requiem*, by Carol M. Bechtel, a professor at Western Theological Seminary in Michigan. Sessions will be conducted via Zoom on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. The book can for certain be ordered from <https://kerygma.com/products/sowing-tears> if you still want to join in. And if you don't have a copy of Brahms's *Ein Deutsches Requiem*, I'll make sure to find options for participants to listen to the appropriate movement each week.

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 \$3.00 each

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, February 14 at 12:00 noon in the library. Diane Millican will lead our study of Lesson 6 "Bathsheba" 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. Please come and enjoy the fellowship.

Please don't forget our Special Offerings

Two Cents a Meal

We invite every member of the congregation to prayerfully contribute a few cents at each meal. This offering is held the first Sunday of each month, but feel free to contribution on any Sunday to help alleviate hunger and poverty.



\$1 Fund Offering



Our \$1 Fund Offering for the months of January through March will go to Family Promise.

Elders on Call

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for February are:

WT Chesnut 352-256-8626
Debbie Harris 352-213-5645

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.

For it is in Giving That We Receive

Ways to Support Grace Presbyterian Church:

1. Mail a check to the church office. We now have a locking mailbox.
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

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.



GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2023 BUDGET

Income	2022	2023
Interest	\$ 36.00	\$ 36.00
Pledges	\$ 82,050.00	\$ 84,020.00
Loose Offering	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
2022/2023 Carryover	\$ 11,451.28	\$ -
Reserve Funds	\$ 41,524.29	\$ 51,663.40
Building Use	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 6,900.00
 TOTAL \$	171,961.57	\$ 172,619.40
 Budgeted Expenditures	2022	2023
 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 Inter-	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00
1140 Scholarship for		
 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	Helper 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



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/1 - Josh Osteen

2/15 - Barbara Nunnery

2/4 - Pauline Kirk

2/19 - Charles Freeman

2/7 - Jonathan Tuma

2/28 - Ade Jonathan Tuma Jr

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

2/14 - Mary & WT Chesnut

2/22 - Margaret Bih Ngwa & Barnabas



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



FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			12:00 noon – Men's Lunch	6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus	3	Rev. Freeman's Days Off
5 11:00 – Worship Service Communion 1:00 – Korean Service 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	6 7:00 pm – Square Dance Group	7 6:00 pm – Girl Scouts 7:00 pm - Barbergators	8 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch	9 6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus	10 6:00 Korean Bible Study	Rev. Freeman's Days Off
12 11:00 – Worship Service 1:00 – Korean Service 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	13 6:00 pm – Session Meeting via Zoom 7:00 pm – Square Dance Group	14 12:00 – Anna Circle 2:00 pm – Congregational & Life Committee Meeting 6:00 pm – Girl Scouts 7:00 pm – Barbergators	15 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch	16 6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus	17 6:00 Korean Bible Study	Rev. Freeman's Days Off
19 11:00 – Worship Worship & Music Committee Meeting 1:00 – Korean Service 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	20 7:00 pm – Square Dance Group	21 6:00 pm – Girl Scouts 7:00 pm – Barbergators 7:00 pm – Advent Study via Zoom	22 12:15 pm Ash Wednesday Service	23 Grace Notes Articles Due	24 Rev. Freeman's Day Off	25
26 11:00 – Worship 1:00 – Korean Service 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	27 7:00 pm – Square Dance Group	28 6:00 pm – Girl Scouts 7:00 pm – Barbergators 7:00 pm – Advent Study via Zoom	12:00 noon – Men's Lunch	6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus	6:00 Korean Bible Study	

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Liturgy Passages for February

2/5 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)
Psalm 112:1-9(10)
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)
Matthew 5:13-20

2/12 6th Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 119:1-8
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Luke Matthew 5:21-37

2/19 Transfiguration of the Lord

Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2 or Psalm 99
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

2/22 Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or
Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalm 51:1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

2/26 1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

