



GRACE NOTES

JULY 2024

Sharing the Faith

John Paterson, my friend and supervisor when I did my ministerial internship in Scotland at the Olde Church of the Church of Scotland, Cumnock, Ayrshire, told me many stories. The story I'm going to share here was about one of John's close friends, who, when he was called to his first church as a pastor, worked for days and hours on his first sermon. He measured the worth of every phrase and sentence and laced his version of the "Word proclaimed" with elevated and eloquent expressions lofty enough that Shakespeare himself would turn his head in silent jealousy, had he heard the oration that this start-up high priest had in mind.

John's friend lived with his aunt in the same town where he was called to be the best and only Minister of the Word and Sacrament of the moment, and who believed himself (always a predictor that something else is coming), when he thought, "By God, I am going to bring that congregation to their feet." (Thus sayeth this Apostle of Roget's Thesaurus). But everything changed when John's friend read the sermon to his aunt.

The aunt listened intently to the trial run. She nodded and smiled throughout but failed to stand as the Gospel Maestro had dreamed would happen after he completed his self-proclaimed magnificent performance. His aunt paused. Then she smiled the smile of a loving relative who had wanted the best for the boy, now turned pulpit virgin, and then said to him in her softest Scottish brogue, "You do know don't you lad, that the folks here are generally pretty poor...poor and in tough times. These folks are the salt of the earth, dear nephew. They do most of the hard liv'in and die'in here abouts. Oh Laddie, be sure you say a good word for Jesus Christ."

Be sure to say a good word for Jesus Christ. Couched in that story of the start-up pastor is the real challenge for believing Christians; have we said a good word about Jesus to anyone today? Yes, it's an evangelical message, but it's one that everyone who follows Christ is called to do. And remember, use words only if you have to.

Blessings,

Pastor Don

The Worship Committee reminds church members and friends that the 2024 Flower Calendar is posted in the narthex. Fresh floral arrangements are \$35 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 \$35.00 and are \$5.00 each.



Prayer Requests

Please join us in lifting up prayers for those who have immediate concerns: Sherry Crane; Philip Barton; Charlie Collins, Clint Collins father; Lois Ferguson's daughter, Vonnie; Kathy Franks; the family and friends of Bob McAlpine; Kirk Manning; Pastor Don; the family and friends of Sarah Robinson; Faye Tripp; Pastor Don's niece, Anne-Marie and Mary Williamson.



Also pray for those with longer term needs: Margie Baker; Jerry Butler; Michael, Carl Crane's brother; Holly and John Durst; Lois Butler's sister and brother-in-law; Donna Fidler; Janine Groner; Billie Jean Jones; Pauline Kirk; Pastor Don's brother-in-law, Joe; Fred Pinochet; Laura Raizada; Libby Richardson; April Riley; Lonnie Stevens; C. D. Weaver; Lucinda Williams; our military; first responders; the people of the Ukraine, Israel, the Gaza Strip; and our church.

If there are other people or concerns that you would like to add or delete from this list, please contact Lois Butler by phone at 352-262-5893 or by email at treasurer@gpconline.org

THANK YOU

A big round of thanks to Bill Preston for all the pressure cleaning effort recently.. the church grounds look so wonderful /especially for the memorial time for Bob Mc Alpine.

Also a huge thank you to Linda Zidonik of the Art Studios here at Grace. She created her mosaic artistry on a pedestal table top in the sanctuary.. it is so beautiful, take a look at it!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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7/11 - Janet Hunter

7/18 - Lois Butler

7/27 - Mary Chesnut

7/27 - Russ Rumenik

7/29 - Lois Ferguson

7/31 - Kimberly Cundiff



JULY ANNIVERSARIES



7/4 - Faye Tripp & Russ Remenik

7/25 - Sherry & Carl Crane



Elders on Call

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

Elders on Call for July are:

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

Session Meeting Highlights

June 10

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MODERATOR REPORT

Kimberly Cundiff will join the church on June 23

ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL

Searching for Secretary

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Rebecca Putman quickly and graciously filled in for Rev Mossa when he had a medical emergency on 5/19

Barney Plisko welcomed as our new cantor

Planning for Bob Mc Alpine's memorial service and reception on 6/15 /24 was discussed Committee is researching possibility of selecting another piano tuner - John-Peter will seek various individuals and return with suggested names at next meeting

John -Peter looking into future - needed main speaker repairs of sanctuary organ

Communion was served on 6/2 - next communion will be 7/7

Committee will meet 6/14 after the worship hour

PROPERTY & OPERATIONS

Grant was requested from Presbytery

Barney has been working on painting the rail in front of the office

Mulch being delivered on 6/12

Bill Preston pressure washed

Bill Preston removed carpet in front of the sanctuary and is seeking replacement

Obtained a new lawn service—Premier Lawn Care

Local Daycare will hold graduation on 6/28

INTERIM PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Committee will meet with a candidate 6/15

Candidate is interested in part time



Our Daily Bread booklets for June, July and August are available in the narthex



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.

Circle News

The Anna Circle's June "Dutch Treat" lunch meeting will be held at Pomodoro Café on Tuesday, July 2nd at 11:30 am. Pomodoro Café is located at 9200 NW 39th Avenue Suite 100 in the Publix Plaza.

Please RSVP to Karen Russ by Monday, July 1st at 352-377-7996 or jhklruss@aol.com if you plan to attend.

All women are encouraged to attend and share food and fellowship. Looking forward to seeing you all there.



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.

	May	Through 5/31
Income	\$ 6,034.01	\$ 56,998.48
Expenses	\$ 6,225.24	\$ 43,890.04
Pass Through Donations		
Two Cents a Meal	\$ 3.00	\$ 101.02
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 12.05	\$ 306.08

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.
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).



Leaving on summer vacation?
Don't forget your pledge during
the summer months

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 4:00 pm – Square Dance	2 10:00 am Congregational Life & Mission 11:30 noon – Anna Circle Lunch at Pomodoro 7:00 pm – Barbergators	3	4 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch	5	6	
7 11:00 – Worship Service	8 4:00 pm – Square Dance 6:00 pm – Session Meeting in Church Office	9	10 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch	11 6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus	12 2:00 pm Arabic Evangelical Church	
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21 1:00 – Worship Service Guest Pastor – Rev. Don McGarity	22 Worship Committee	23	24 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch	25 Grace Notes Articles Due Girl Scouts	26 2:00 pm Arabic Evangelical Church	27
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28 11:00 – Worship Service Guest Speaker – Kenna Sparks	29	30	31 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch			
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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 contribute on any Sunday to help alleviate hunger and poverty.

\$1 FUND OFFERING

Our \$1 Fund Offering for the months of July through September will go to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

GRACE - GIVING AND SHARING MISSION

Grace - Giving and Sharing Mission is a food and household item collection benefiting the Bread of the Mighty Food Bank. For the month of July we will be collecting personal hygiene/paper goods.

