



# GRACE NOTES

AUGUST 2024

## Ruth & Vernon Mize's Celebration

On July 5th Ruth and Vernon celebrated 100 years of LIFE (Vernon 3/25) Ruth (12/11) and 80 years of LOVE (11/15). They were absolutely amazed at the turn out. There were people from 9 states, 43 guests from out of town, with a total of 72 guests. The good Lord answered all their prayers for peace, harmony, and a little rain.

The mayor presented a proclamation from the City of Florence and an acclamation from the governor.

Thank you to everyone who remembered their special day. What awesome memories we will all cherish for years to come!



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; 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; the family of Lucinda Williams 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; 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](mailto:treasurer@gpconline.org)

## 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 August are:

Jay Collins 352-870-2843  
Karen Russ 352-262-5419

# AUGUST BIRTHDAY

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8/5 - Kathy Franks



## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

8/6 - Ann & Bill Preston

8/26 - Kathy & Bob Franks



# SUMMER VACATION

# Jack Luciano enjoying Crash Boat Beach in Ricon, Puerto Rico

# CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES



# Session Meeting Highlights

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### **MODERATOR REPORT**

Officiated at Bob McAlpine's Service of Witness to the Resurrection on June 15

### **INTERIM PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE** - Debbie Harris

Interviewed candidate, Cheryl Duke, as part time interim pastor

### **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & MISSION** - Debbie Harris

St. Francis House - Next meal prep and delivery will be Friday 7/19

Family Promise moving to new facility in August - located behind 13th Street

McDonalds - 4 families will be able to be housed there - plans are underway to begin painting a design on the inside of the building beginning Aug 21st—Jay may help

Grace will be partnering with Westminster to provide housing and meals for Family

Promise during the week of Sept 22-28. Grace will provide the meal on Wed, 9/25

Grace Giving Mission for July is personal items and paper goods - August will be cereal and crackers

Directory Update – Mailing directories to our out of town members - visiting those who unable to attend church due to health concerns

Visitor Bags should be under the credenza in the Narthex - Included in the bags are coffee cup, Grace pen, Jay's bookmarks, Grace Notes and several Starlite mints

Heifer International – Grace donated \$307 which was matched 5 times

Next Meeting August 6 at 11:00am in the church office

### **WORSHIP & MUSIC** - Karen Russ

Committee suggested resuming Doxology after the Offertory Blessing - it began on 6/23 Communion was served on 7/7 - next communion 8/4

Larry Hartly was guest organist on 7/7

Pulpit Supply while Pastor Don is on vacation:

Rev Don McGarity - 7/21

Kenne Sparks, program director at Camp Montgomery - 7/28

Linda Zidonik, resident mosaic artist, retiled the top of two pedestal tables in the sanctuary - note of thanks sent to her from the committee

Committee will meet 8/4 after the worship hour

### **PROPERTY & OPERATIONS** - Jay Collins

20 yards of mulch spread - 10 more yards were ordered

Exterior door for the library was found unlocked on July 1st - Barney reminded

Air conditioner in the building that houses two of the studios and the Presbyterian

Disaster Assistance office was repaired - warned we will likely need a new compressor

Gia Gelpi's art camp meeting in fellowship hall for afternoon cool-down sessions due to a/c problems

New office computers were set up

Artists Studio Tour is July 13th and 14th

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** - Faye Tripp

Investigating study for the fall

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



## Men's Noon Lunch & Fellowship



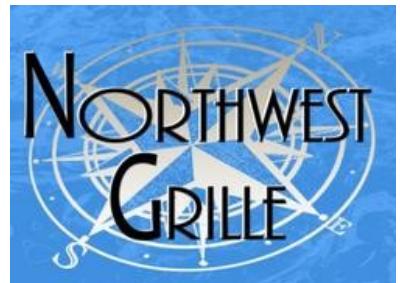
The men of the church are invited to meet each Wednesday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm in the library for fellowship. Please bring your own brown bag lunch, beverages will be provided.

## Circle News

The Anna Circle's July "Dutch Treat" lunch meeting will be held at Northwest Grill on Tuesday, August 6th at 11:30 am. Northwest Grill is located at 5115 NW 39th Avenue.

Please RSVP to Karen Russ by Monday, August 4th at 352-377-7996 or [jhkluss@aol.com](mailto:jhkluss@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](mailto:treasurer@gpconline.org).

	June	Through 6/30
Income	\$ 6,939.17	\$ 63,937.65
Expenses	\$ 7,489.88	\$ 51,379.92
Pass Through Donations		
Two Cents a Meal	\$ 5.00	\$ 106.02

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

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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 August we will be collecting cereal and crackers.

