



GRACE NOTES

NOVEMBER 2024

Please don't forget our Special Offerings

Bread of the Mighty Food Bank is celebrating 37 years of serving the community.

They collect, sort, store and distribute donated food and basic essentials to over 200 nonprofit agency partners such as food pantries and feeding programs. Their dedicated team hits the road five days a week to collect donated food from generous retailers and wholesalers. This valuable food is then redistributed back into the community, addressing hunger and supporting those in need throughout **Alachua, Gilchrist, Levy, and Union** counties. We support them through our Grace - Giving and Sharing Mission.

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 November we are collecting gift cards.

Please consider buying gift cards for grocery stores, gas stations, fast food restaurants, big box stores (general merchandise retailers), clothing stores, etc. For this month please place the gift cards in the offering plate.



\$1 FUND

Our \$1 Fund Offering for the months of November and December will go to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

HEARTS & HANDS OFFERING

“Hearts and Hands” is one of the Special Offerings of the Presbytery of St. Augustine. This special offering was formerly known as “2 Cents a Meal,” and many of our churches collect the Hearts and Hands offering each month in worship. This is your way to support and strengthen the mutual mission effort between church partners in Jamaica, Cuba, the presbytery, and many of our local congregations.

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:

The Butler Family (on the death of Jerry's brother George)

The Crane family (on the death of Sherry)

Lois Ferguson

Kathy Franks

The McAlpine Family (on the death of Bob)

Phyllis Manning

Faye Tripp

Wayne Wagner

Mary Williamson

Those effected by Hurricane Helene

Also pray for those with longer term needs:

Margie Baker

Jerry Butler

Michael Crane (Carl's brother)

Holly and John Durst (Lois Butler's sister and brother-in-law)

Donna Fidler

Janine Groner

Billie Jean Jones

Pauline Kirk

Laura Raizada

Libby Richardson

C D Weaver

Our Military

First responders

The people of the Ukraine, Israel, the Gaza Strip

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

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11/27 - Clay Baker

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

Mark November 27 on your calendar

Please join in the fun and fellowship during this season of Thankfulness.

Session Meeting Highlights

October 15

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & MISSION - Debbie Harris

St. Francis House – Next meal will be prepared/delivered on Friday, 10/18

Family Promise – Collecting Candy for Trunk or Treat - 10/31, 5 - 7 pm

Location: 229 SW 5th Street Gainesville

11/7—Family Promise luncheon and fundraiser 11:30 am

Fellowship Hour – people have been signing up to host

Grace Giving Mission for October is canned fruits and vegetables - November - gift cards

Sherry Crane's reception was lovely and attended by over 100 people

Carl's donation toward the reception will be deposited in the McAlpine Fund

Goodbye Lunch for Rev Don Mossa was held on 10/6 following the worship service

\$1 Fund for 4th quarter is Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Welcome Fellowship Hour for Rev Cheryl Cuke is planned for 10/27

Next Meeting - 11/12 at 11 am in the church office

ADMINISTRATION & Personnel - Jay Collins

Barney Plisko resigned as caretaker on 9/28

Kirk Mead is very interested in becoming our new caretaker

WORSHIP & MUSIC - Karen Russ

Communion was served on 10/6 - Rev Mossa's last Sunday with us

Next communion 11/3

Barney Plisko has resigned as Cantor - John Peter is seeking a replacement

Pulpit Supply 10/13 - Rebekah Rodgers

Pulpit Supply 10/20 - Rev Joe Rigsby

Rev Cheryl Duke begins interim ministry at Grace on 10/27

Lessons and Carols - 12/8

Committee will meet 10/20 after worship hour

PROPERTY & OPERATIONS - Jay Collins

During Hurricane Helene on 9/27 a large limb fell on the Manse roof - it punched through the roof in 9 places and knocked the chimney off - it penetrated the ceiling in 3 places - insurance claim, repairs and funds from PDA are in process

Juan Riviera, our custodian, discovered a leak on 10/11 - Bill Preston replaced the rusted pipe in the ground

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

Committees were asked to turn in 2025 Asking Budget by 11/11

Stewardship Season Schedule was discussed

Budget adjustments were approved

Our Daily Bread booklets for September, October and November are available in the narthex



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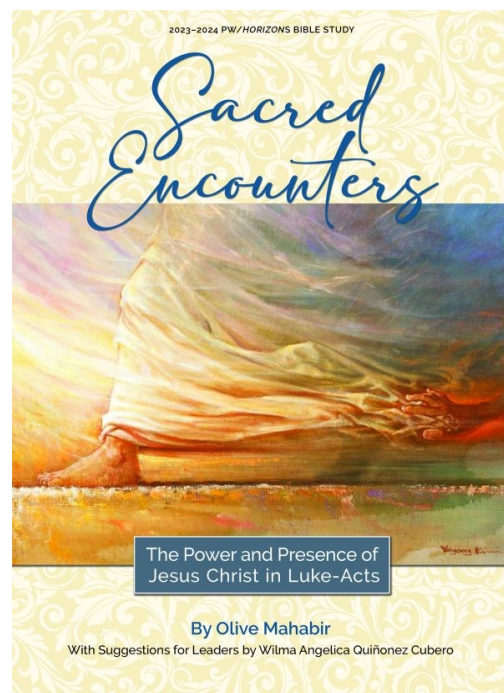
Men's Noon Lunch & Fellowship



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 will meet on Tuesday, November 12 at 12:00 noon in the library. Diane Millican will lead our study of Lesson 3 "A Bleeding Woman Encounters Christ" in Sacred Encounters: *The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts* by Olive Mahabir. Please bring your study book, Bible and your own brown bag lunch and beverage. All women are welcome. Please come and enjoy the fellowship.



Liturgy Passages for November

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11/1 All Saints' Day

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24
Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

11/3 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Semicontinuous:

Ruth 1:1-18
Psalm 146

Complementary:

Deuteronomy 6:1-9
Psalm 119:1-8
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34

11/10 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Semicontinuous:

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17
Psalm 127

Complementary:

1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

11/17 26th Sunday after Pentecost

Semicontinuous:

1 Samuel 1:4-20
1 Samuel 2:1-10

Complementary:

Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

11/24 Christ the King/Reign of Christ

2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18) or
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 93
Revelation 1: 4b-8
John 18:33-37



Elders on Call

**Elders on Call
for November are:**

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

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.

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Daylight Saving Time Ends 9:45 – Choir Practice 11:00 – Worship Service Communion 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	4 4:00 pm – Square Dance Group	5 7:00 pm – Barbergators	6 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch 7:00 pm – ESWT(AA)	7 11:30 am – Family Promise Fall Fundraiser Luncheon Girl Scouts 6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus	1	2 2:00 pm Arabic Evangelical Church
10 9:45 – Choir Practice 11:00 – Worship Service 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	11 4:00 pm – Square Dance Group	12 11:00 am - Congregational Life & Mission 12:00 – Anna Circle 7:00 pm – Barbergators	13 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	14 Girl Scouts 6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus	15	16
17 9:45 – Choir Practice 11:00 – Worship Service Worship Committee 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	18 4:00 pm – Square Dance Group	19	20 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch 7:00 pm – ESWT(AA)	21 Grace Notes Articles Due Girl Scouts 6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus	22	23
24 9:45 – Choir Practice 11:00 – Worship Service 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	25 4:00 pm – Square Dance Group	26	27 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch 6:00 pm – Message and Dinner at Covenant Presbyterian Church 7:00 pm – ESWT(AA)	28 Thanksgiving 	29	30 10:00 am - Hanging of the greens/decorating church sanctuary



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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).

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.

	September	Through 9/30
Income	\$ 5,608.98	\$ 81,445.24
Expenses	\$ 6,506.44	\$ 79,707.71
Pass Through Donations		
Hearts and Hands Offering	\$ 3.00	\$ 163.05