

GRACE NOTES

FEBRUARY 2025



As Super Bowl Sunday on February 9th approaches that means it's time for our annual Souper Bowl of Caring Collection!

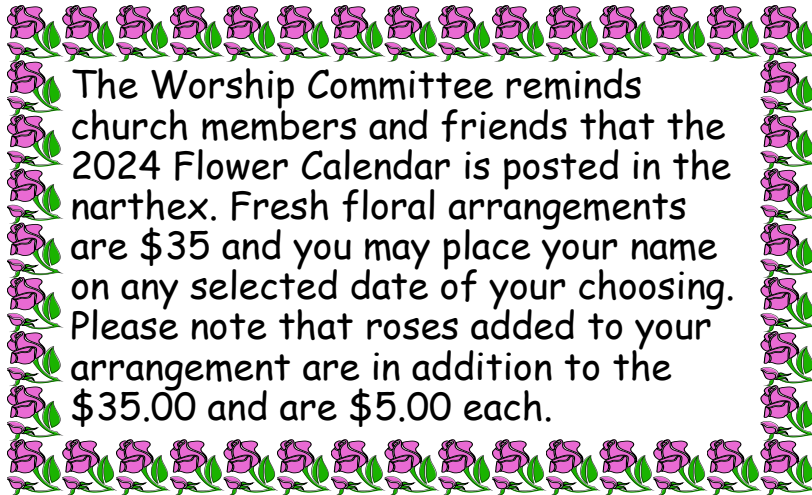
The Souper Bowl of Caring is the signature event for Tackle Hunger. This program boasts millions of dollars raised for food charities and thousands of mobilized groups across the country. We sponsor the Souper Bowl of Caring each year as it demonstrates the power of community mobilization and the importance of local action to Tackle Hunger.

Please bring canned or dried soups to the worship service on February 9th. The soup will be taken to Bread of the Mighty Food Bank along with the soup collected for the Grace - Giving and Sharing Mission in February.

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 February we will be collecting soup.





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:

Glen Butler (Jerry Butler's brother)
The Crane family (on the death of Sherry)
Holly Durst (on the death of her husband, John)
Kathy Franks
Phyllis Manning
Faye Tripp
Wayne Wagner
Mary Williamson
Those effected by Hurricanes Helene & Milton
Those effected by the California wildfires

Also pray for those with longer term needs:

Margie Baker
Jerry Butler
Michael Crane (Carl's brother)
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.



2/15 - Barbara Nunnery



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY



2/14 - Mary & WT(Bill) Chesnut

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

HEARTS & HANDS ACROSS THE SEA

“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. Currently, we are celebrating 40 years in Mutual Mission. JEMM (Jamaica Ecumenical Mutual Mission) has inspired “hearts and hands” among followers of Christ so that needs are mutually shared, responded to, and met. Medical and dental teams travel and serve together in cooperation and consultation with our partners in the Caribbean. There are also youth and pastor exchanges. “Hearts and Hands” is really a grass-roots and spirit-filled partnership that you can proudly support. JEMM and the Cuba ministry are not funded by a presbytery line-item, but rather through designated donations. Funding relies on your generosity through the “Hearts and Hands” offerings which is placed in a designated account that helps to fund the work of JEMM. All of the teams that participate in the mission trips are self-funded or have churches that sponsor them.

Session Meeting Highlights

January 13

MODERATOR

Met with visitors
Attended Area 1 pastors gathering
Conducted Epiphany Service after the meals on January 6
Communion for shut-ins to begin February 2
Planning elder training
Will attend Presbytery Meeting on February 1 with Debbie and Karen

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

2025 Budget was approved

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & MISSION

St. Francis House dinner will be prepared and delivered on January 17
Family Promise – delivered dinners to Covenant on January 15 and to Westminster on January 22
Grace Giving Mission for February will be canned and dried soups
Souper Bowl of Caring Collecting will be February 9
Member of the committee provided Pastor Cheryl with canned meals that can be given to people asking for food and money for food
Obtained a list of food pantries in the area from Bread of the Mighty Food Bank

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Cantor position on hold
Communion will be served on February 2
Ash Wednesday - March 5 - beginning of Lent
Free concert at Grace on March 10
Maundy Thursday - April 17
Good Friday - April 18
Easter - April 20

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Subcommittee has been formed to determine needs of the children in the nursery

PROPERTY & OPERATIONS

No major repairs in December
No asbestos found in the walls of the old manse
WT Chesnut now point person for insurance claims

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.

	December	Through 12/31
Income	\$ 21,217.88	\$ 113,329.15
Expenses	\$ 10,734.97	\$ 113,329.15
Pass Through Donations		
Hearts and Hands Offering	\$ 4.97	\$ 197.48
\$1 Fund-PDA	\$ 80.76	\$ 429.32
Joy Gift	\$ 321.97	\$ 325.40

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2025 BUDGET

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Income	2024	2025
Interest	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,500.00
Pledges	\$ 76,180.00	\$ 81,700.00
Loose Offering	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Reserve Funds	\$ 14,468.25	\$ 45,439.80
Building Use	\$ 7,900.00	\$ 9,000.00
TOTAL \$	125,348.25	\$ 163,639.80

	Budgeted Expenditures	2024	2025
ADMINISTRATION:			
1010	Equipment (Computer Software)	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
1020	Office Supplies	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00
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 \$	4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00

PROPERTY AND OPERATIONS			
1050	Pest Control	\$ 420.00	\$ 500.00
1070	Custodial Service	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 4,100.00
1080	Custodial Supplies	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
1090	Maintenance	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
1100	Office Utilities	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
1110	Church Utilities	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
1120	Lawn Service	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 6,600.00
1130	Dumpster	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,400.00
1160	Gainesville Fire Assessment	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
1170	Fire System Monitoring	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
	Property and Operations Total \$	40,470.00	\$ 42,850.00

Budgeted Expenditures		2024	2025
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH:			
2010	Consumable Supplies	\$ -	\$ -
2020	Curriculum	\$ -	\$ -
2030	Programs and Special Events	\$ -	\$ -
2060	Youth Programs	\$ -	\$ -
Christian Education and Youth Total		\$ -	\$ -
CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND OUTREACH			
3010	Evangelism/Web Site	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
3020	Kitchen Supplies Non-Edible	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
3030	Kitchen Supplies Edible	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
3040	Member Care	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Congregational Lif and Outreach Total		\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
PERSONNEL:			
4010	Clerical Wages	\$ 1,980.00	\$ 12,480.00
4020	Cantor	\$ 4,160.00	\$ 3,900.00
4040	Social Security Employer's Cost	\$ 1,829.00	\$ 2,328.00
4050	Worker's Compensation Insurance	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
4060	Nursery/church and choir	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 6,240.00
4090	Organist	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 7,800.00
Personnel Total		\$ 19,669.00	\$ 33,448.00
PASTOR'S COMPENSATION PACKAGE:			
5010	Salary	\$ 1,057.65	\$ 5,000.00
5020	Housing	\$ 21,521.23	\$ 30,000.00
5030	Social Security Offset	\$ 566.40	\$ 2,678.00
5040	Pension/Major Medical	\$ -	\$ -
5050	Continuing Education	\$ 211.53	\$ 1,000.00
5060	Auto Reimbursement	\$ 634.59	\$ 2,000.00
Pastor's Compensation Package Total		\$ 23,991.40	\$ 40,678.00

Budgeted Expenditures		2024	2025
STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE:			
6010 Building/Grounds Insurance	\$	25,695.00	\$ 32,141.00
6020 Session Training	\$	250.00	\$ 250.00
6030 Annual Corporation Fee	\$	75.00	\$ 75.00
6040 Per Capita Apportionment	\$	597.80	\$ 597.80
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		\$ 27,517.80	\$ 33,963.80
WORSHIP:			
7010 Music Supplies	\$	100.00	\$ 100.00
7020 Visiting Organists/Musicians	\$	700.00	\$ 700.00
7030 Visiting Speakers	\$	2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
7040 Worship Supplies	\$	200.00	\$ 200.00
7050 Cantor-Continuing Ed	\$	100.00	\$ 100.00
7060 Organist-Continuing Ed	\$	300.00	\$ 300.00
Worship Total		\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,400.00
MISSION:			
8010 Missionary Support	\$	100.00	\$ 100.00
8030 Heifer International	\$	700.00	\$ 500.00
8040 Acorn Clinic	\$	2,000.00	\$ 200.00
8050 Bread of the Mighty Food Bank	\$	200.00	\$ 500.00
8090 Undesignated Ben./Presby. and G/A	\$	100.00	\$ 1,100.00
8100 Other Witness and Service	\$	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	\$	500.00	\$ 500.00
Mission Total		\$ 5,900.00	\$ 4,900.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 125,348.20	\$ 163,639.80

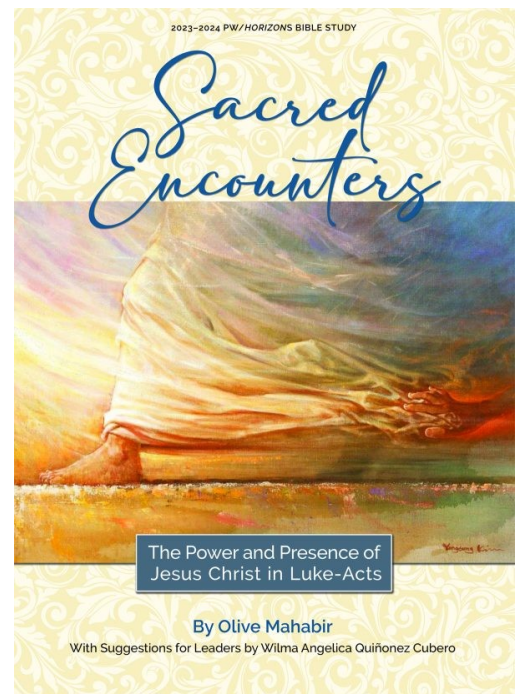
Men's Noon Lunch & Fellowship



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, February 11 at 12:00 noon in the library. Diane Millican will lead our study of Lesson 6 "A Person with a Physical Disability Encounters Jesus" 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.



Our Daily Bread booklets for February are available in the narthex



\$1 FUND OFFERING

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Please save the date for a free concert. The Texas A&M Women's Chorale and the University of Florida Woman's Chorale will perform a joint concert in the Grace Sanctuary at 7:30 pm on March 10th. Details to follow.

ELDERS ON CALL

**Elders on Call
for February are:**

Jay Collins 352-870-2843

Faye Tripp 904-307-4082

Two elders volunteer to be on call to help church members and friends who may need assistance when Pastor Cheryl is not available or the church office is closed.

FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:45 – Choir Practice 11:00 – Worship Service 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	3 4:00 pm – Square Dance Group	4 7:00 pm – Barbergators	5 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch	6 11:00 am - Congregational Life & Mission Girl Scouts 6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus		1 9:30 am Meeting of the Presbytery of St. Augustine at Montgomery Conference Center 2:00 pm Arabic Evangelical Church
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Liturgy Passages for February

2/2 4th Sunday of Epiphany

Jerimiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

2/9 5th Sunday of Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 6:17-26

2/16 6th Sunday after Epiphany

Jerimiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26

2/23 7th Sunday after Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Luke 6:27-38