



# 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.



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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2/1 - Josh Osteen

2/4 - Pauline Kirk

2/12 - Pastor Cheryl Duke

2/15 - Barbara Nunnery



# FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY



2/14 - Mary & WT(Bill) Chesnut



# 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](mailto: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
<b>Interest</b>	<b>\$ 1,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>
<b>Pledges</b>	<b>\$ 76,180.00</b>	<b>\$ 81,700.00</b>
<b>Loose Offering</b>	<b>\$ 25,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 25,000.00</b>
<b>Reserve Funds</b>	<b>\$ 14,468.25</b>	<b>\$ 45,439.80</b>
<b>Building Use</b>	<b>\$ 7,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,000.00</b>

**TOTAL \$ 125,348.25 \$ 163,639.80**

Budgeted Expenditures	2024	2025
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**ADMINISTRATION:**

<b>1010</b>	<b>Equipment (Computer Software)</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>1020</b>	<b>Office Supplies</b>	<b>\$ 1,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,300.00</b>
<b>1030</b>	<b>Postage, (no bulk mailout cost)</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>1040</b>	<b>Phone and LD/High Speed Internet</b>	<b>\$ 2,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,100.00</b>
<b>1140</b>	<b>Scholarship for GA/Synos,Pyb/GPC</b>		
		<b>Administration Total \$ 4,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,000.00</b>

**PROPERTY AND OPERATIONS**

<b>1050</b>	<b>Pest Control</b>	<b>\$ 420.00</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>1070</b>	<b>Custodial Service</b>	<b>\$ 4,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,100.00</b>
<b>1080</b>	<b>Custodial Supplies</b>	<b>\$ 250.00</b>	<b>\$ 250.00</b>
<b>1090</b>	<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 9,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
<b>1100</b>	<b>Office Utilities</b>	<b>\$ 2,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,400.00</b>
<b>1110</b>	<b>Church Utilities</b>	<b>\$ 16,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,000.00</b>
<b>1120</b>	<b>Lawn Service</b>	<b>\$ 5,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,600.00</b>
<b>1130</b>	<b>Dumpster</b>	<b>\$ 1,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,400.00</b>
<b>1160</b>	<b>Gainesville Fire Assessment</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<b>1170</b>	<b>Fire System Monitoring</b>	<b>\$ 600.00</b>	<b>\$ 600.00</b>

**Property and Operations Total \$ 40,470.00 \$ 42,850.00**

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

	<b>Budgeted Expenditures</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE:</b>			
<b>6010</b>	<b>Building/Grounds Insurance</b>	<b>\$ 25,695.00</b>	<b>\$ 32,141.00</b>
<b>6020</b>	<b>Session Training</b>	<b>\$ 250.00</b>	<b>\$ 250.00</b>
<b>6030</b>	<b>Annual Corporation Fee</b>	<b>\$ 75.00</b>	<b>\$ 75.00</b>
<b>6040</b>	<b>Per Capita Apportionment</b>	<b>\$ 597.80</b>	<b>\$ 597.80</b>
<b>6050</b>	<b>Pledge Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>
<b>6090</b>	<b>Bank Fees, Cks, NSF Chgs, etc.</b>	<b>\$ 450.00</b>	<b>\$ 450.00</b>
<b>6100</b>	<b>Leadership Education</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>
<b>Stewardship and Finance Total</b>		<b>\$ 27,517.80</b>	<b>\$ 33,963.80</b>
<b>WORSHIP:</b>			
<b>7010</b>	<b>Music Supplies</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>7020</b>	<b>Visiting Organists/Musicians</b>	<b>\$ 700.00</b>	<b>\$ 700.00</b>
<b>7030</b>	<b>Visiting Speakers</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>
<b>7040</b>	<b>Worship Supplies</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>
<b>7050</b>	<b>Cantor-Continuing Ed</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>7060</b>	<b>Organist-Continuing Ed</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>
<b>Worship Total</b>		<b>\$ 3,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,400.00</b>
<b>MISSION:</b>			
<b>8010</b>	<b>Missionary Support</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>8030</b>	<b>Heifer International</b>	<b>\$ 700.00</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>8040</b>	<b>Acorn Clinic</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>
<b>8050</b>	<b>Bread of the Mighty Food Bank</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>8090</b>	<b>Undesignated Ben./Presby. and G/A</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,100.00</b>
<b>8100</b>	<b>Other Witness and Service</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>8110</b>	<b>St Francis House</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<b>8120</b>	<b>Montgomery Conference Center</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<b>8140</b>	<b>Family Promise</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>Mission Total</b>		<b>\$ 5,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,900.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 125,348.20</b>	<b>\$ 163,639.80</b>

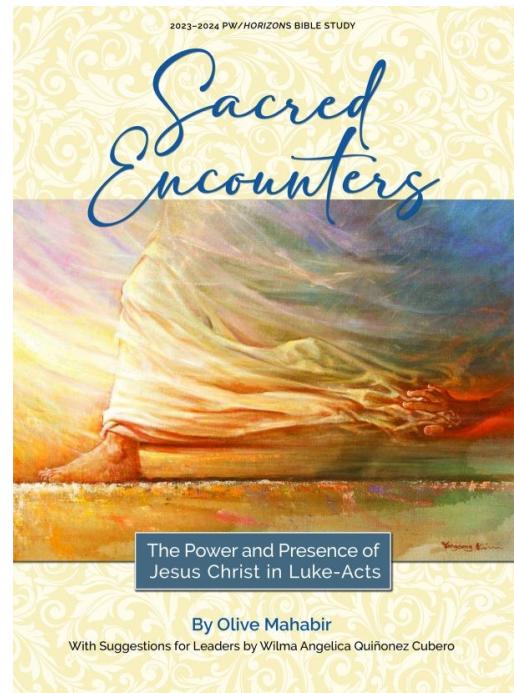
# Men's Noon Lunch & Fellowship



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.



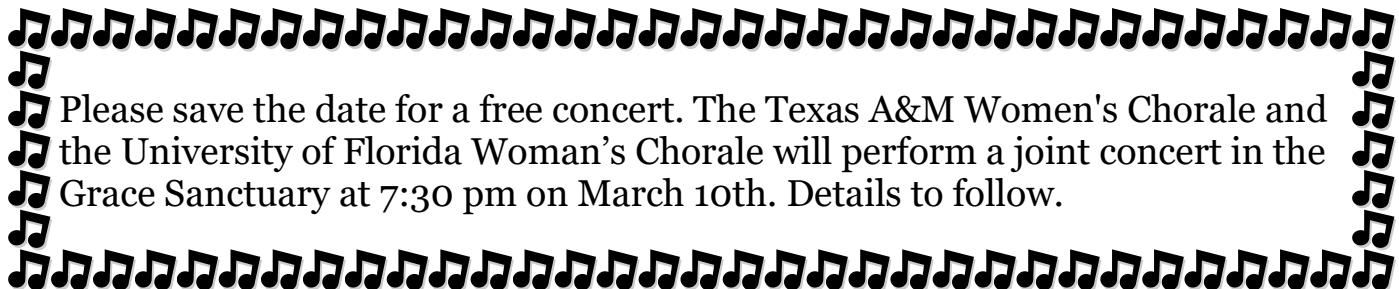
Our Daily Bread booklets for February are available in the narthex



# §1 FUND OFFERING

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

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



## 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
						<b>19:30 am Meeting of the Presbytery of St. Augustine at Montgomery Conference Center</b>
<b>2</b> 9:45 – Choir Practice 11:00 – Worship Service 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	<b>3</b> 4:00 pm – Square Dance Group	<b>4</b> 4:00 pm – Square Dance	<b>5</b> 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch	<b>6</b> 11:00 am – Congregational Life & Mission	<b>7</b> Girl Scouts 6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus	<b>8</b> 2:00 pm Arabic Evangelical Church
<b>9</b> 9:45 – Choir Practice 11:00 – Worship Service	<b>10</b> 4:00 pm – Square Dance Group	<b>11</b> 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch	<b>12</b> 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch	<b>13</b> Girl Scouts Girl Scouts	<b>14</b> 6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus	<b>15</b>
7:00 – ESWT(AA)	<b>16</b> 6:00 pm – <b>Session Meeting in Church Office</b>	7:00 pm – Barbergators	7:00 – ESWT(AA)	<b>17</b> Harmony Show Chorus	<b>18</b> 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch	<b>19</b> Grace Notes Articles Due
7:00 – ESWT(AA)	<b>20</b> 9:45 – Choir Practice 11:00 – Worship Service	4:00 pm – Square Dance Group	<b>21</b> 6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus	<b>22</b>		
<b>23</b> 9:45 – Choir Practice 11:00 – Worship Service	<b>24</b> 4:00 pm – Square Dance Group	<b>25</b> 7:00 pm – Barbergators	<b>26</b> 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	
7:00 – ESWT(AA)						

  
**FEBRUARY**  
**2025**

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## Liturgy Passages for February

### **2/2 4th Sunday of Epiphany**

Jeremiah 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**

Jeremiah 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