



# GRACE NOTES

September 2025



2025 ANNUAL FAMILY PROMISE  
OF GAINESVILLE LUNCHEON

## A VISION OF PROMISE

 **SAVE THE DATE**  
**SEPTEMBER 25**

FEATURING A FAMILY PROMISE ORIGINAL PLAY  
"WHY IS THE GYM FLOOR WET?  
A WHODUNNIT ABOUT FAMILY HOMELESSNESS"  
11AM-1PM

**CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP TABLES AVAILABLE**

To RSVP: Please contact Jennifer Hemphill at 352-871-7831



## A Little Church Doing Big Things!



Our GPC Kids made it their mission to remember what JIF means and helped our little church collect over **140 lbs of Peanut Butter** and over **34 lbs of Jelly** in the month of June. Our amazing kids helped WT Chesnut load every single pound of it into his truck and delivered it to The Might Food Bank in Gainesville, FL.

Teaching our kids the importance of serving their community and they couldn't have had a better time! Don't forget JIF: Jesus is Friendly!!



## Did You Know?

### Presbyterianism refers to the system of church hierarchy

The church name comes from the system of government the religion uses. Representative assemblies of elders, which are called presbyteries, govern the church. In comparison, bishops govern the Episcopal Church and congregational church is government by congregations. The word "Presbyterian" comes from the bible, from the Greek word for "elder."

In the Presbyterian Church, teaching elders and ruling elders, or ministers, are ordained and responsible for their local congregation. Other business duties of the church, such as finance and buildings, are responsibilities given to deacons.

In the Presbyterian Church (USA), a Presbyterian polity is used, where the governing bodies are session, a group of elected pastors and elders; presbytery, which is all congregations in a geographic area; synods, which are presbyteries in a geographical area; and the general assembly, which is the highest governing body in the church. <https://www.christianity.com/church/denominations/presbyterians-10-things-to-know-about-this-historic-denomination.html>

## Announcements:

- 1) It's September, which means we will begin our **Mid-Week Bible Study** on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 6pm - 7:30pm. We will meet via zoom. If you're interested in joining us, you will need the link. For security reasons we won't publish the link, so please contact Larry at ([larry@gainesvillecounselingcenter.com](mailto:larry@gainesvillecounselingcenter.com)) and he will send you the link. So mark off September 4th and 18th. If you can't join, we will record the study so you can view it later.
- 2) Bible and Brew starts this month. Our first meeting will be on September 25th from 7-8:30pm at the University Club (18 E. University Ave.). All are welcome to join us for the conversation. On September 25th we will be discussing the topic of what Scripture has to say about Christian Nationalism. Please contact Larry if you have any questions.
- 3) We are Adding and Updating our Directory! Please send Hannah Luciano your information for the directory by September 30, 2025. You can reach Hannah at [kooiha01@gmail.com](mailto:kooiha01@gmail.com) or 701-955-4497
- 4) On Saturday, January 24, 2026 will be the annual Equipped to Serve training event (formerly known as Back Together Again (Again)). This will be held at Montgomery Center again this year. More information to come.

## Session Meeting Highlights

### August

#### **STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE**

The roof insurance claim was deposited.

#### **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & MISSION**

St. Francis House—Next meal will be 10/17/25

Family Promise—still seeking sponsors for various rooms, will gather more information on this.

Church picnic at Camp Montgomery—Possibly September 27th

Grace Giving Mission for August was cereal and crackers. September we'll be collecting Socks. Over 140 lbs of peanut butter and 34 lbs of jelly was collected in June.

Next meeting: 9/4/25 at 11 am in Office's Conference Room

#### **ADMINISTRATION & PERSONEL**

Hannah's hours will go back to 12 hours starting 7/14/25.

#### **WORSHIP & MUSIC**

Communion will be served September 7th by Rev Becca Putman, filling for Rev. Larry Green.

Rev. Larry Green instructed a few elders on serving communion to our home bound members and friends. Hope to start this in October.

Clint Collins purchased a larger iPad to help improve the quality of sound while streaming Worship.

Clint continues research into specific items to be purchased for audio improvements in the sanctuary .

Next meeting: Sunday, 9/21/25 after worship

#### **PROPERTY & OPERATIONS**

The roof has been replaced on the old manse. Final bill was \$14,097.49. Remaining funds will be designated for future roof repairs and possible refurbishing the Sanctuary Bathrooms.

Linda Zidonik and Christine Brudige switched art studios Friday August 29th-30th.

The alarm in the sanctuary has been reporting a "troubled state" incessantly. The Monitoring company stated it is the battery in the radio system. Cost to repair is \$65 + labor. The company would like us to switch to cell signal equipment for about \$800 + labor. Bill Preston will research.

**Next Session Meeting: Sunday, September 28th, following Worship in the Church Office's Conference Room.**

## Liturgy Passages for September 2025

### **September-Semicontinuous**

#### **9/7/25 (Proper 18)**

Jeremiah 18: 1-11

Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14: 25-33

#### **9/14/25 (Proper 19)**

Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28

Psalm 14

1 Timothy 1: 12-17

Luke 15: 1-10

#### **9/21/25 (Proper 20)**

Jeremiah 8: 18-9:1

Psalm: 79: 1-9

1 Timothy 2: 1-7

Luke 16: 1-13

#### **9/28/25 (Proper 21)**

Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15

Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16

1 Timothy 6: 6-19

Luke 16: 19-31

### **September-Complementary**

#### **9/7/25 (Proper 18)**

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

Psalm 1

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14: 25-33

#### **9/14/25 (Proper 19)**

*Exodus 32: 7-14*

*Psalm 51: 1-10*

1 Timothy 1: 12-17

Luke 15: 1-10

#### **9/21/25 (Proper 20)**

Amos 8: 4-7

Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2: 1-7

Luke 16: 1-13

#### **9/28/25 (Proper 21)**

*Amos 6: 1a, 4-7*

*Psalm 146*

1 Timothy 6: 6-19

Luke 16: 19-31



The Worship Committee reminds church members and friends that the 2025 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:**

Phyllis Manning's family on her passing.  
 Jerry and Lois Butler  
 Family of Wayne Wagner on his passing  
 Jennifer Hemphill's family on the passing of her sister, Wendy Franse  
 Debbie Harris  
 April Riley  
 Patsy Bellis  
 Amanda Totillo  
 Annette McGee  
 Kathy Franks  
 Faye Tripp  
 Mary Williamson  
 Hannah Luciano's friend and former paster, Dr. Rev. Leanne Simmons in her fight against cancer.



**Also pray for those with longer term needs:**

Charlie Evens  
 Jerry Butler  
 Donna Fidler  
 Janine Groner  
 Billie Jean Jones  
 Our Military  
 First responders

The safety & protection of those living in areas affected by war, may they be shielded from harm & violence; for the world leaders; and those dealing with natural disasters. In addition, pray for those in our church family 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 [rickloang@yahoo.com](mailto:rickloang@yahoo.com) or Hannah Luciano by email at [kooiha01@gmail.com](mailto:kooiha01@gmail.com)**

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).

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**WE'RE ON THE WEB!**

**[WWW.GPCONLINE.ORG](http://WWW.GPCONLINE.ORG)**

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).

**September BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

9/4– WT Chesnut

9/8– Anette McGee

9/14– John-Peter Ford

9/16– Axel Williamson

9/20– Doug Hackett

9/24– Jack Luciano

9/28– Franklin Morgan



Please email Hannah ([kooiha01@gmail.com](mailto:kooiha01@gmail.com)) if your  
special day is **NOT** listed or is **NOT** correct.

Our Daily Bread booklets for September are available in the narthex



## \$1 FUND OFFERING

Our \$1 Fund Offering for the month of **July-September** will go to **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) Program**

## GRACE - GIVING AND SHARING MISSION

**Big socks, little socks, even Watermelons Socks!!** Grace - Giving and Sharing Mission is a food and household item collection benefiting the **Bread of the Mighty Food Bank**. For the month of **September** we will be collecting **Socks**. Lets help keep our communities feet warm, dry and healthy this fall/winter and fill that wagon!



## ELDERS ON CALL

Elders on Call  
for September are:

Jay Collins— 352-850-2843  
Karen Russ— 352-262-5419

Two elders volunteer to be on call to help church members and friends who may need assistance when the church office is closed.

# Men's Noon Lunch & Fellowship



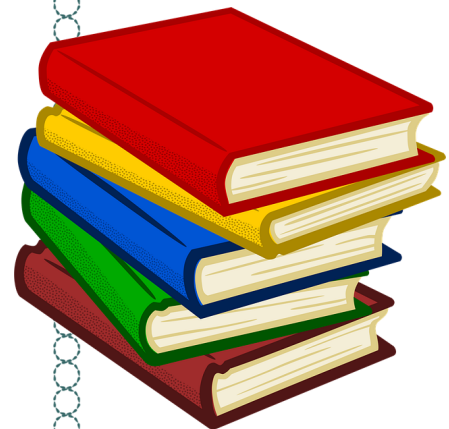
The men of the church are invited to meet each Wednesday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm in the library for fellowship. Please bring your own brown bag lunch, beverages will be provided.

## Circle News

The Anna Circle will meet September 16th in the Library at Noon.

This session will be Parables by John Mac-Arther.

Diane Millican will lead the introduction and Chapter 1. Please contact Lois Bulter about purchasing the text book at \$10 per book.



# SEPTEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 11:00 AM Congregational Life & Mission Committee 6:00 pm—Mid-Week Bible Study via Zoom (contact Larry for Link)	5	6
7 11:00- Worship— Communion Sun- day 7:00-ESWT(AA)	8 4:00 pm-Square Dancing Group	9 7:00 pm— Barbergators	10 12:00 pm— Men's Lunch 5-6:30 pm— OE Anonymous 7:00 pm— ESWT (AA)	11 Girl Scouts 6:30pm— Gainesville Har- mony Show Chorus	12	13
14 11:00 Worship 2 pm-Girl Scouts 7:00-ESWT(AA)	15 4:00 pm-Square Dancing Group	16 12:00 pm— Anna's Circle 7:00 pm— Barbergators	17 12:00 pm— Men's Lunch 5-6:30 pm— OE Anonymous 7:00 pm— ESWT (AA)	18 6:00 pm—Mid-Week Bible Study via Zoom (contact Larry for Link) Girl Scouts 6:30pm— Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus	19	20
21 11:00- Worship Worship Com- mittee 7:00-ESWT(AA)	22 4:00 pm-Square Dancing Group	23 7:00 pm— Barbergators	24 12:00 pm— Men's Lunch 5-6:30 pm— OE Anonymous 7:00 pm— ESWT (AA)	25 7:00 pm—Bible & Brew at "University Club" Girl Scouts 6:30pm— Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus	26	27
28 11:00- Worship Session Meeting after worship 7:00-ESWT(AA)	29 4:00 pm-Square Dancing Group	30 7:00 pm— Barbergators				