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**Come Experience Grace!**  
*It is the purpose of Grace, to share the gospel, to equip the saints, and to serve others so that all people may experience the love and joy of Jesus!*

**GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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**FOOD PANTRY**  
 THURSDAY  
 8:15am – 11:30am  
  
**FINANCIAL AID**  
 THURSDAY  
 9:00am  
 (By phone only)

*"Small enough to feel like family...  
 Big enough to make an impact!"*

To My Church Family:

*"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor." Romans 12: 9 – 10*

Happy New Year! In Paul's writings, there is a genuine concern that his readers care for each other. This is not a simple pass by someone and say, "Hey, how are you doing?" This is an actual take time out of your day, to go out of your way, to make someone else's life better or as Paul writes in Romans 12: 10, "Outdo one another in showing honor." How many of us can say that we put someone else before us 100% of the time, especially if that person is a stranger or someone who is not like us or maybe even someone, we claim that we do not care for? Some things are simply easier said than done. So, instead of trying to tackle the impossible world, let's look at the people we share our church home with.

When you look around the sanctuary, how much do you know about those you worship with? Do you know their name (first and last)? Do you know their children's names, if they have children? Do you know what they do for work or at least did for work? Do you know what Ministry they are a part of here at Grace? It is easy to show up to worship on a Sunday morning or for dinner on a Wednesday night and talk with the same people we always talk with and learn about the same people we already know all about, but what about the rest of your Grace family?

My word for Grace in 2026 is hospitality. Every year I pick a different word that helps guide me in how I guide you. This year, I want you to participate in the process of guiding others. The first thing is to fill out one of the forms that help us get to know all about you. Second, I need you to get to know those around you. Do not just get to know your fellow pew sitters. Learn about our newest members or those that have been at Grace since day one. Meet those that sit on the opposite side of the sanctuary from you and those that cannot be here on a regular basis. Do not wait for your church family to call you. Pick up your phone and call everyone in the church directory and tell them about you while you listen to their story. And finally, help our family grow. If God put people on this world to multiply, then we must do that with more than just young families and babies. Call on your friends to try a worship service that shows love and praises God. Tell your neighbors about the amazing experience you have when you come to Grace and the challenging thoughts you go home with after worship that make you think. Remind people that Grace is the place where we put God first, others above ourselves, and do everything we can to make the community a better place. Extend the hospitality of Jesus Christ beyond your family and your church family because without our showing the hospitality of Christ in the world, we are not holding fast to what is good, we are simply holding fast.

It is a new year. Go and make the most of it for God, for your church, and for your neighbor!

Blessings in Peace,  
 Rev. Eric Spoon





Dear Parents and Friends:

Happy New Year! We hope you and your family enjoyed a joyful and restful Christmas break. We are looking forward to welcoming our preschool families back for a wonderful new year.

Preschool and After School Care will resume on Tuesday, January 6. We are excited to see the children and get back into our regular routines.

**Holiday Closure** - Please note that the preschool and After School Care programs will be closed on Monday, January 19, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Thank you for your continued support of our preschool. We look forward to a great month of learning, growth, and fun!

Sincerely,

Susan Ackermann  
Director



### OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE

Looking for something to do in 2026? Grace Presbyterian Church invites you to participate in several opportunities in 2026 and they are listed below. Many of these groups use our church facility to meet and would enjoy welcoming new faces to join their activities. If you would like to join one of the many groups, contact the church office for more detailed information.

- Join Beach Drive Preservation Group Meeting
- Attend Children & Youth Activities
- Donate to Future Fix It Fund
- Attend Sunday Services
- Join Handbell Choir
- Join the Choir
- Attend Scout Pack 850 meeting
- Join Grace Prays at 2
- Participate in Reverse Advent giving
- Join Grace Bridge Group
- Participate in a Adult Bible Study
- Volunteer for Grace Cares Food Pantry & Senior Box
- Join TOPS Weight Loss Support Group Meeting
- Help the Preschool
- Join a Church Ministry

### MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE

-  **Handbells: Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30pm, resuming Feb. 2.**
-  **Kids' choir: Wednesdays, 5:45-6:00pm, resuming March 3.**
- Choir: Wednesdays, 6:15-7:00pm, resuming Jan. 6.**
- Wind Ensemble: TBD**

*Please join us if you would like to share your musical talents!*

## JANUARY SERMONS

January 4, 2026 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas/Communion)

Sermon Scripture: John 1: 1 - 18

Sermon Title: "Living Among Us"

January 11, 2026 (Baptism of the Lord)

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 3: 13 - 17

Sermon Title: "When Life is Worth Living"

January 18, 2026 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany)

Sermon Scripture: John 1: 29 - 42

Sermon Title: "Talking About God"

January 25, 2026 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany)

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 4: 12 - 23

Sermon Title: "Are You Fishing With Christ or For Christ?"



## HELP NEEDED!!!

If you can help take down and store the church Christmas decorations, please plan to be at the church on Tuesday, January 6 at 9:00am. All help will be appreciated. Please see Janet Pitts or Beverly is you have any questions.

Thank you in advance!



## Did you turn in your 2026 Grace pledge card?

It is not too late to turn in a pledge card for 2026. The more that is turned in, the more we can do for our church, our community, and for the world!

Need a new one? Give the church office a call and we will get you taken care of!

## Getting to Know All About You...

It sure feels like every time you think you know a person; they tell you something that you have never heard it before, and you learn something new. Since we know that life changes very rapidly for people, we need your help getting to know more about you.

Below is an example of the information sheet that will come out in the bulletin and be on the table in the lobby. Please fill one out and return it to the church office as soon as possible. We would like to know all about everyone. Unable to get to church? Call the church office and we will be happy to help you fill one out.

### **We would like to get to know you.....**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_

Children:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Education (List Any Degrees or Special Training):

\_\_\_\_\_

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Current Occupation:

Hobbies, Special Interests or Skills:

\_\_\_\_\_

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Other life events you may want to share:

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### Wonderful Wednesday Dinners in January

- Jan. 14 – Greek Lemon Chicken, Rice, Salad, Rolls
- Jan. 21 – Spaghetti, Caesar Salad, Rolls
- Jan. 28 – Sub Sandwiches and Chips

### Happy Birthday!

- 3 George Henderson
- 10 James Johnson
- 10 Beverly Susan DeWall
- 11 Ellen Seay
- 11 Karen Williams
- 20 Deborah Collins
- 23 Jamie Williams
- 30 Jeff Ball



Happy Birthday!

### Lunch Bunch and Grace Supper Club

The lunch bunch will be meeting at Gyro Café on Thursday, January 22 at 12:00pm. Please let the office know if you would like to attend! We would love to have you join us for a time of fun, food, and fellowship!

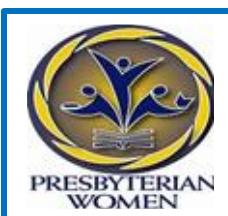
The details of date, time, and location for the Supper Club will be announced later....watch your bulletins for the information!

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

#### JANUARY 2026 TEAM

Patti Jo Johnson, Chair  
Robyn Cosson  
Elizabeth Dickson  
Almeda Huffaker  
Ellen Seay

Thursday, Jan. 8 – PWCT, 1:30pm  
Monday, Jan. 12 – LNO  
Monday Circle, 6:30pm  
Tuesday, Jan. 13 – Tuesday Circle,  
9:30am



Happy New Year, Families!

We are so excited to kick off the new year together by learning about how truly extraordinary Jesus is. While He may have appeared ordinary to those who passed Him by, everything about Jesus was—and still is—far beyond anything we could ever imagine.

Throughout this month, the kids will be discovering just how special Jesus is and what His life teaches us today. We will be learning that Jesus is completely one of a kind, how he shows us what it means to live with humility, and how we can practice humility ourselves. We will learn about how he truly trusted God fully in everything He did, giving us a perfect example to follow, and that he calls each of us to follow Him and grow closer to God.

Our prayer is that these lessons help your children not only learn about Jesus, but also begin to reflect His love, trust, and humility in their everyday lives. We're looking forward to an amazing month of growing together in faith!

Blessings,  
Lily

### ***Grace Is a Praying Church!!!***

Have you ever thought, "What can I do to help?" Maybe you have thought, "I am too old," or "I am too young," or "I am too busy," or "No one has ever asked me to help." Every one of us has the power to pray. If you would like to pray for others, please email Jim McQuagge at [jimmcj@gmail.com](mailto:jimmcj@gmail.com) and he will add you to the email prayer list. But please make sure we do have a correct and current email address for you and just pray to the Lord! It is as simple as that. Just wait for an email and pray and let God take care of the rest. What are you waiting for, and remember, GP2 – Grace Prays at 2!

**EVERY TUESDAY STOP AND PRAY!**

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**GRACE PRAYS AT 2!**