



Grace Presbyterian Church

1415 Airport Road  
Panama City, Florida  
32405

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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

1415 Airport Road  
Panama City, FL. 32405  
850-769-4000

### Regular Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Friday  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Phone: 850-769-4000  
Follow us online at:

[www.gracechurchpc.com](http://www.gracechurchpc.com)

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Grace Presbyterian  
Church  
Panama City, Florida

### Ministry Staff

Pastor: Rev. Eric Spoon  
Parish Associate: Rev. Dr. Jim Huffaker  
Youth & Children's Director: Jason Williams  
Director of Grace Preschool: Susan Ackermann  
Administrative Secretary: Beverly Halley  
Pianist: Deborah Collins  
Nursery Administrator: Leah Rudek

### Grace Cares Ministry

FOOD PANTRY  
LIMITED  
FINANCIAL AID

THURSDAY  
8:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

*Where Everyone Is Welcome,  
No One is Perfect, and  
Anything is Possible!*

## Stewardship of the Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the third member of our Triune God. We are God's Temple, and the Spirit of God lives in us to convict us of truth and sin to help in our weakness, to guide us, to give us the fruits of the Spirit. Jesus told the disciples in John 16:7-14 that He would send the Helper, the Holy Spirit. He was speaking to us as well, those who believe in Jesus as our Savior and would receive the Holy Spirit. It is up to us to give way to Him and listen and be guided by Him each and every day.

June 5— John 14:15-17; John 14:21; John 16:7-11; Ephesians 4:30;  
Matthew 28:19-20; Luke 11:13

June 12—1 Corinthians 2:7-13; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17;  
1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

June 19—Romans 5:5; Romans 8:5-6; Romans 8:9;  
Romans 8:16; Romans 15:13

June 26—Galatians 5:22-23; Luke 4:1; Acts 1:8; Acts 11:15; Acts 2:38

With prayers that these verses will speak to you through the Holy Spirit.

## BOOMERS AND BEYOND

Boomers and Beyond will be having lunch at El Jalisco Mexican Restaurant on Thursday, June 16. The restaurant is located at 766 West 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. Lunch is at 11:30am. Please let the office know if you are planning to attend by Monday, June 13. Please join us!





# Preschool News

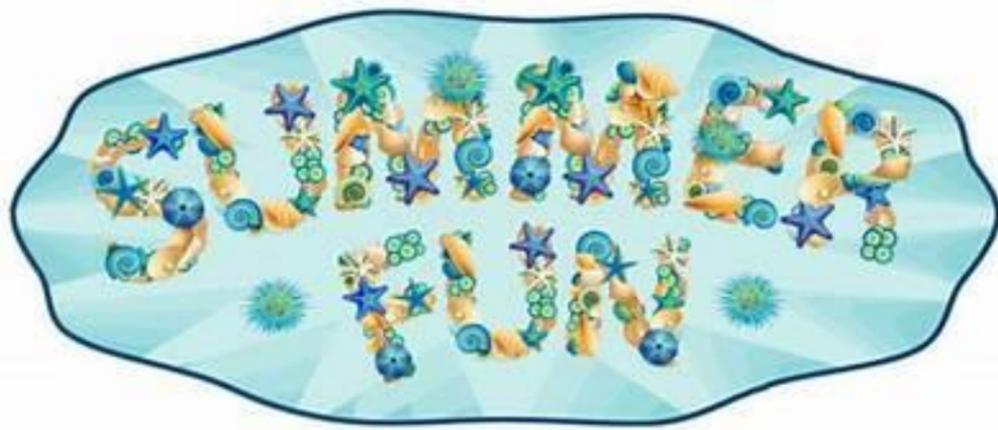
From the Director's Desk:

They say time flies when you are having fun and this school year has definitely flown by! It was a wonderful year of fun and learning and I would like to thank my hard working and dedicated teachers who made this possible.

For those of you who will be joining us for summer camp, we have two months of fun filled days planned. Over the summer, our students will learn about different children all over the world! Focusing on countries and cultures inspired by Disney characters, we will set out on an adventure to see, taste, and hear things from all across the globe!

We will have weekly chapel and themed dress up days. For our elementary age students, we have several fun field trips planned, including WonderWorks, The Sea Dragon Pirate Cruise, and The Science and Discovery Center. We are filled with excitement and anticipation for an amazing summer here at Grace!

Susan Ackermann  
Grace Presbyterian Preschool Director



## June Sermons

June 5, 2022 (Day of Pentecost/Communion)

Sermon Scripture – Acts 2: 1 – 21/John 14: 8 – 17

Sermon Title: “Better Than Christ?”

June 12, 2022 (Trinity Sunday)

Sermon Scripture – Proverbs 8: 1 -4/John 16: 12 – 15

Sermon Title: “Working Together”

June 19, 2022 (2nd Sunday After Pentecost)

Sermon Scripture – Isaiah 65: 1 – 9/Luke 8: 26 – 39

Sermon Title: “The Power of Christ”



June 26, 2022 (Sunday After Pentecost)

Sermon Scripture – 1 Kings 19: 15 – 16, 19 – 21/Luke 9: 51 – 62

Sermon Title: “To Do Or Not To Do?”

There is a Fun Day A’comin’!

June 4, Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church hosts its Art and Heritage Festival full of local artists, crafters, musicians, civic organizations, and lots of food in a beautiful setting. There is not a better way to start your summer! The church van will leave Grace @ 8:00am, Saturday, June 4. A few seats are still available.

Email the church office at this email address: [gracechurchpc@gmail.com](mailto:gracechurchpc@gmail.com), by June 2nd if you would like to join us.



To My Church Family:

If you go to Disney World and ride the Carousel of Progress in Tomorrow Land at the Magic Kingdom, you will hear the line repeated, “There’s a great big, beautiful tomorrow shining at the end of every day.” I love these words. I long for these words. I live by these words. It is quite reassuring to know that at the end of every day, there is something great in store for me the next day. Whether it be on this earth or in the life to come, living in God’s presence, we know there is always a better tomorrow. There is always a goal to work towards and a future that awaits us at God’s glory.

But just because tomorrow is promised to be something great – here in life and in the life to come, what are we living for today? Today, we are living for the same thing that we have been living for yesterday, today, and tomorrow – God’s glory. Turning the other cheek for peace. Paving the way with hope. Praising God with our lives. This is just a little bit of the great yesterday, today, and tomorrow that we get to share with God and with one another.

At Grace, we are living in the yesterday, today, and tomorrow. We are celebrating what has been, what is happening, and what will happen. But what does this look like? Let’s take a look. Next time you are in the sanctuary, take a look around at the group that has assembled here. You will see the love of Christ in the young and experienced in spirit all around you. Take a look around the church and you will see the glory of the Lord revealed through the combining of past traditions with modern day practices. You just have to open your eyes and see all that is happening in you, through you, and around you.

This summer, we are officially trying something that brings yesterday, today, and tomorrow together. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, you are invited to come to worship as you are, during our casual summer campaign. This means, whatever you see that best fits you to be able to glorify God and help others glorify God, then wear it. From the pulpit you will see polo’s instead of a robe. From the musicians you will hear music that should get the spirit within you moving. From the church, you will find a place that continues to praise God as we did from day one, a place that gives love each and every week through Grace Cares, and a place that is looking to spread forth the faith that God has promised for all eternity.

You are invited to get on board the faith train that is moving in and through Grace Presbyterian Church. Come and worship and let nothing hold you back from praising God. Come and serve and let nothing hold you back from helping one another. Come and share your faith and let nothing hold you back from being the hands and feet of the Lord, this day and forever more.

The past, present, and future – yesterday, today, and tomorrow – are meeting together at Grace. Let’s embrace it and make a difference in the world as God has called us to do.

*Blessings in Peace,  
Rev. Eric Spoon*

## Grace Cares

### ***HELP US RECYCLE IN THE FOOD PANTRY!***

As prices on everything go up, that means the brown paper bags we pack for Thursdays are going up as well. We are asking our clients to return their clean, unripped bags so that we can use them again. (Service Project note: our after-school kids helped by stapling a friendly reminder to the bags we filled last week). If you use paper bags for your groceries, we would really appreciate you letting us recycle them for you as well! We use approximately 110 bags per week.



# HELP!



## Bay County Christian Youth Choir

The Bay County Christian Youth Choir will end their choir tour with a “Homecoming Concert” on Tuesday, May 31 at 6:30pm here at Grace. Please come out to support and hear this wonderful group of young people from our community perform!

## Presbyterian Women

### June Team

Laurie Combs

PWCT will meet June 2 at 2:00pm.

Brenda Dye

Elizabeth Dickson

No meetings for July.

Jay Hall

Beverly Halley

Next scheduled meeting will August 4 at 2:00pm.

Cheryl Picken

Carolella Trappe

Presbyterian Women and the Men’s Group will be providing breakfast on June 26 at 9:00am.

Jamie Williams

### MEN OF GRACE MEETINGS

The Men of Grace will NOT be meeting in the months of June or July. Please look to the August Gracevine for the next meeting opportunity.

### GRACEVINE INFORMATION

The deadline for the July Gracevine is Friday, June 10. Please send your information to Janet Pitts at [cookiegirl54@yahoo.com](mailto:cookiegirl54@yahoo.com). Thank you.

### MEETING OPPORTUNITIES FOR JUNE

**PROVERBS 31 GUILD** – Meets the second Monday of each month in Bell Hall at 11:00am. Contact Ronnie Wilson for more information.

**YOGA BLISS** – Faith and Fitness – Tuesdays at 4:30pm and Thursdays at 3:30pm in Bell Hall. Contact JoAnn at 850-819-1249.

**SAINT ANDREWS BAY QUILTER'S GUILD** – Meets at Grace each month. If you enjoy quilting and fellowship, visit their website at <http://www.sabqg.org> for meeting times and membership information.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lunch is Back!!!

On May 29 immediately following worship, all are invited to come to have lunch in Bell Hall. The church will be providing baked and fried chicken. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish and/or dessert enough for your family and others to share. Please RSVP to the church office by May 23 and let us know how many from your family will be attending. We hope to see you there!



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

03 Laurie Combs  
15 Cheryl Picken  
26 Steven McQuagge  
27 Margaret Tamblyn  
28 Julie Ritcher  
29 Hank Picken  
30 John Fortner



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It is not too early to begin thinking about Operation Christmas Child! In the church foyer, below a small bulletin board, you will find a **Green OCC storage container**. We are collecting prescription bottles and small plastic boxes/containers, (please remove all labels). We will be using them to make fishing kits for our BOY boxes and sewing kits for our GIRL boxes. Plastic containers can hold any number of items, soap, crayons, small toys, etc. This is recycling at its best!!! Take your medicine as directed & bring us the bottle!!!



## Musical Guest Alan Fraser



Mr. Alan Fraser, son of Linda Lee Fraser, will be our musical guest during the worship service on Sunday, June 26. Breakfast will be served at 9:00am in Bell Hall, with a sing along around 9:45am, and our regular church service beginning at 10:30am in the sanctuary.

## *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 [jimmcjr@gmail.com](mailto:jimmcjr@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!**

**GP2**

**GRACE PRAYS AT 2!**

Grace Presbyterian Church  
Stated Session Meeting  
Highlights  
May 15, 2022

Your Session met at 12:07PM for their Stated Session meeting for May immediately after the morning Worship. The meeting opened with prayer and a devotional by Elder Hank Picken.

All nine Elders plus our Moderator, Rev. Eric Spoon; Clerk, James McQuagge; and Treasurer, Kendra Speed, were in attendance.

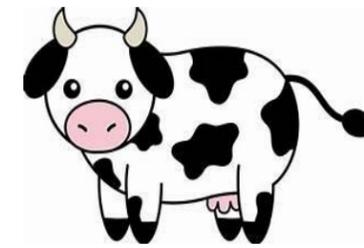
Eight MOTIONS were passed:

- 1) Approval of Stated Session meetings on Sunday, April 24, 2022.
- 2) Second Readings to changes in our Manual of Operations – concerning (a) beverages and food in the sanctuary and (b) forms needed to be completed in order to receive a key to the church or a lock code to those doors with electronic locks, and (c) vacation time can now be taken in half days.
- 3) Sunday Worship on June 26, originally scheduled to be held in Bell Hall, will now be held in our Sanctuary.
- 4) Elder Ronnie Wilson will serve as temporary Clerk at our Stated meeting on August 21.
- 5) Allow for a Girl Scout Gold project to build, for the church, a “flag box” and allow for a Boy Scout Eagle project (the same person) to build, for the church, a “fire pit.”

Financial reports were received for the four months ended April 30 – the Finance Ministry believes we will be back in the “black” again for the five months ending May 31.

The Session took a short walk around the church, to the lobby and sanctuary, to discuss “greeting visitors” and “serving communion.”

At 2:20PM, the meeting was adjourned with prayer.



### Holy Cow! What Happened On That?

A Revitalization Committee has been formed to move from the Holy Cow results to real actions our church can take to reach the objectives of the Congregation. With Ken Gray as Chair and Jamie Williams as Co-Chair, assisted by John Fortner, Hank Picken, Pastor Spoon, and Libby Speed, the group is meeting about once a month and looking at the “Best Practices” we find in other local growing churches. As they may be of help in our work, we are applying them to Grace.

Our next phase, to begin later this year, is to look at long term goals and outreach to communities and neighborhoods such as the close by and developing SweetBay. We will give you some periodic updates in the Gracevine of efforts we are recommending to the various ministries and to the Session and taking action on. Thank you for your support and trust in our work.

