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**Pay special attention to
items highlighted in WHITE !
These are NEW or changed!**

*Let us know if you find errors
or have something you would
like to see in the newsletter!*

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GraceNotes

Ministry in the Life at
Grace Presbyterian Church

Join us in welcoming our visiting pastor ...

Rev. Lynette Solomon

Sunday, April 28



This Sunday, April 28, while Pastor Sherry is on a brief vacation, we will welcome **Rev. Lynette Solomon** to our pulpit. Lynette Solomon was born and raised in Dallas, Texas, and a child of Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church. She attended Austin College in Sherman, Texas, Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, and was ordained in 1990 in Enid OK. She has been an active minister member

of Grace Presbytery for many years. Lynette has served in parish ministry, hospice chaplain ministry, and is currently serving as a hospital chaplain in the Baylor Scott and White Health Care System at Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation in downtown Dallas. You might find her preaching in area churches in the North Texas area on any given Sunday. Lynette appreciates the connectional nature of the church, the importance of community and relationships, and strives to serve all of God's children with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love. Lynette has been married to John Mark Solomon 36 years, and they are the proud parents of two adult children, Luke and his wife Paige, and Kay. Time with family, friends, cooking, reading, walking, and spending time in God's beautiful creation are some of her favorite activities.

An important tradition at Grace ...

WOG Church Woman of the Year

Vote through Sunday, April 28

Each year the Women of Grace honor one of the outstanding women of our church. All women of Grace are invited to vote for a woman who has gone above and beyond in service to our church this past year. **There is a box on the Narthex table to place nominations for Church Woman of the Year for 2024.**

Voting will end on Sunday, April 28.

Church Calendar

Wednesday, April 24
Strength & Balance Exercise Class via Zoom

10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, April 24
Come & See Worship

7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 28

Guest Pastor: Lynette Solomon

Sunday School

9:00 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

Minister: Lynette Solomon

Liturgist: Jenny Ross

Ushers: Cathy Matson, Jim McCann,
Martha Kinard, Walter Nelson

Livestream Tech: LeRoy Thompson

AV Tech: John Hendricks

Offering Counters: Brian Anderson,
Tom Sicks

Teachers: Linda Black, Syd Askew

Guardian Angels:

John Hendricks, Becky Couch

It is always fun to support NEW DAY ...

NEW DAY Giveback Night **was a tasty evening!**



Thanks to those who came out to support NEW DAY at Chicken N Pickle last week! These easy and fun fundraisers help NEW DAY and come around often, so if you missed it this month there will be another event soon!

Walter Nelson prays while John Kenney enjoys his meal at Chicken N Pickle! John and Nancy enjoyed the fellowship and decided to forgo playing Pickle Ball this time!



An update from our Pastor Nominating Committee



The completed Ministry Discernment Profile that we have been working on has been successfully uploaded to the CLC website. (Thanks to Roger's patience and persistence). Almost immediately 25 criteria matches were received. This does not mean we have 25 candidates for the new pastor position.

We are now starting the process of reviewing each profile to determine if they are a match to what our church is looking for in a new pastor and to receive a confirmation from the candidate that they are interested in our church.

Please pray for us in our search process.

We had another successful Spring Plant Sale!

Not even torrential rain could stop us!

Thank You!

We want to thank all of you that bought flowers and had your friends order flowers. With 38 people placing orders early, we set a record. I am sure you know what it was doing on Saturday! We had many people from the community who saw our signs and stopped in the rain to purchase flowers! They are serious gardeners!

We made \$2057 for the Prayer Garden.

We could not have done this without the help of extra helpers besides the Task Force. Jamie Curtis, Martha Kinard, and Jeb Loveless helped fill orders on Friday afternoon. We had a surprise former member, Mark Hellberg, to show up on Friday from Colorado. Mark came back

on Saturday and was a great help as well as Jamie Curtis, Martha Kinard, Leslie Kilton, and Lauren Black.

Hope to see you at our dedication of the prayer garden on Sunday, May 5th!

The Prayer Garden Task Force

Linda Black, Elsa Louis, John Hendricks, Louie Nash, Anna and Roger Perez, and Tom Sicks



Prayer Garden: Planning + Resources + Support

Mark your calendars:
Sunday, May 5, 2024
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School will be suspended on this day so everyone can attend the dedication ceremony which includes a brunch and ribbon cutting!



Last week you saw the beginnings of the transition of a pretty unattractive area of our church yard to a planned prayer garden. It took much planning and many resources.

You may or may not already know that the Prayer Garden's planning and development was not funded through our annual budget process. So how did it come about?

The Prayer Garden has always been funded via grants, individual generous donations, and donated time from individuals. As an example, the concrete contractor donated a \$1,000.00 gift towards the building of the garden. They had learned that the Prayer Garden was not limited to use by church members. Instead it was developed with use by the community in mind. Another example is Presbytery's contribution of grant monies to go towards the Prayer Garden.

But how is the Prayer Garden funded now that it is built? The major source of financial support is derived from semi-annual plant sales planned and carried out by the GPC Prayer Garden group. And while the group plans these plant sales, it is you, GPC congregants, and friends of Grace that make these events successful by providing support in the form of purchasing plants. It is because of this support that we were able to build the garden and to continue making repairs and providing all necessary maintenance.

Over the years GPC members have provided continued support. For example, it is because of Jim and Joan Smith that we have a very nice water fountain in the Garden. The community has also provided human resources to help develop the garden. The Boy Scouts have taken on numerous Eagle Scout projects to help us with the garden. They poured concrete, prepared the soil, and if you look at the southeast section of the garden you'll see a memorial wall they built.

Jim and Joan Smith's daughter and son-in-law, Sheryl and Tim Young were thrilled to see the fountain in the Prayer Garden working when they visited last week! The lovely fountain was donated by Jim and Joan Smith.



And now that we have a beautiful Garden, the Prayer Garden Committee invites everyone to a **Dedication Ceremony** to take place from **9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on May 5, 2024.**

Sunday school will be suspended on that day. During that time brunch will be served, a brief ribbon cutting will take place and a video presentation will show highlights of the Prayer Garden evolution. So, if you are able, we ask that you bring your favorite breakfast dish to share at the brunch and brief ceremony. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex.

Prayer Garden: Pictures tell the story of hard work



The dogwood tree in the garden was one of the first things planted. It was a gift from Mark and Peggy Hellberg and it is a joy to see it bloom each year..



The Scouts from Troop 421 put in many hours of work to get the Prayer Garden set up according to the landscape architect's specifications.



Let's help feed the Habitat for Humanity workers!
**Donate toward lunches for those working
on the Habitat House this Spring.
Lunches are \$10.00 each - we want to provide 32.**

**Checks payable to Grace Presbyterian
Memo Line: "Habitat Lunches"**



**Thank you for
your commitment
to Habitat!**

Let's feed the hungry workers!

Meals for Habitat Workers

Donations accepted through April 28

GPC continues to support the Trinity Habitat for Humanity Presbyterian built home. In addition to providing financial support towards this house build, GPC will host and provide lunches for the support crew during the Presbyterian built home during one of the workdays in May 2024. The support will be in the form of **32 individual boxed lunches from Jason's Deli**. The price for each meal will be approximately **\$10.00**. We're asking for your support to contribute towards one or more meals. The offering will be collected each Wednesday and Sunday through **April 28, 2024**.

Please make your personal check payable to:

Grace Presbyterian Church and on the memo line indicate **"Habitat Lunches."**

We encourage you to consider contributing towards this very special mission project. If you have any questions, please contact Chi Ndukwe, Elder, Mission and Neighborhood Outreach

Women of Grace

OFFICERS

Co-Moderators:

oversees WOG and fulfills the responsibilities of open positions
(has been filled for 2024-2025)

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Secretary:

takes minutes, reports to Session
Docia Thompson, 2023-2024

Treasurer:

Net Musfeldt, 2023-2024

Programs:

reserves rooms, plans programs
(has been filled for 2024-2025)
vacant, 2023-2024

Mission:

vacant, 2023-2024

Christian Fellowship:

Secret Pals and memorials
(has been filled for 2024-2025)
Karen Ellen Anderson, 2023-24

Special Projects:

fundraising and special projects
vacant, 2023-2024

Hospitality:

recruits devotion leaders and recruits volunteers for door prizes
(has been filled for 2024-2025)
Erinn Bryant, 2023-2024

Bible Study Circles:

membership, orders study books and facilities

Monday Circle:

Patti Roemmich, 2023-2024

Night Circle:

(has been filled for 2024-2025)
Martha Kinard, 2023-2024

WOG General Meetings

WOG Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of designated months. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

May 9

Pot Luck and Game Night

7:00 p.m. at the church

Leader: Jamie Curtis

Devotion: Becky Couch

Door Prize: Elaine McCann

JULY 27, 2024

WOG Mini-Retreat - from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

We will enjoy games and/or crafts in the back of the sanctuary. Bring something for our potluck lunch!

Monday Circle Bible Study

Monday Circle meets the 2nd Monday of each month on Zoom beginning at 9:30 a.m. for meet/chat and 9:45 a.m. start lesson

Dates: 5/13/24

Patti Roemmich, Monday Circle Coordinator
(817) 319-4538

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Night Circle Bible Study

Night Circle meets the 1st Thursday of each month on Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

Dates: 5/2/24

Martha Kinard, Night Circle Coordinator
(817) 703-1365

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The May 5 issue of *GraceNotes* will feature our officers for next year.

We still have openings for officers.

If you would like to volunteer, please talk to Jamie Curtis!

Mission Coordinator

Nursery Coordinator

Special Projects Resources

Sunday School

We have several great Sunday School classes. Try one and get connected to our church family!

Sunday mornings

9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

CLASS CONTACTS

Soul Sisters:

Karen Ellen Anderson
wbaarltx@aol.com

Contemporary Issues:

Chip Black
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Children's Church:

Dixie Conine
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Soul Sisters

With the start of Lent, it is the perfect time to start a new practice rather than giving something up! We are enjoying a new book, *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* by Joanna Weaver. Each week we take turns leading the class and we try to review the chapter before class so we can have a more in-depth discussion and study. We continue to meet in our Soul Sisters room for our class.

We have developed a special bond with one another, but there is always room for a new Soul Sister! We are prayer partners, support each other along life's rollercoaster, and treasure the friendships and supportive bonds that are truly special. For us, when faced with a prayer need and the thought comes, "Who are you going to call" it is always Soul Sisters at the top of our lists.

So, join us!

For information about this class, contact
Karen Ellen Anderson at wbaarltx@aol.com

Contemporary Issues

Join us on Sunday mornings at the church for a discussion of current events from a Biblical perspective.

For more information on this class, contact
Chip Black at wblack@wans.net

Children's Church

Children under age five meet in the nursery with two Guardian Angels each Sunday beginning before worship. Children's Church teachers will guide the older children out of worship after Time for Young Disciples.

For more information on this class, contact
Dixie Conine at dixie.conine@yahoo.com

And for something to really stretch you ...

Strength & Balance Exercise Class

Meeting each Wednesday via ZOOM

10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Join us each Wednesday morning from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. via Zoom! The exercises are both sitting and standing, always the same, slow and easy, and can be modified to suit individual needs. We will be happy to send you the instructions for the movements.

For more information, contact:

Nancy Kenney, coordinator at kenneyhavas@gmail.com

Fill 'er up! We have lots of room!

Burt's Big Box



Nancy and John Kenney faithfully clean out and deliver everything from Burt's Big Box once a month. Thank you for sharing your time and talents with Grace, Nancy and John!

Don't forget how easy it is to donate to Burt's Big Box! If you have items you have no need for, we have lots of room to take those discarded items off your hands!

Burt's Big Box is located in the main hallway. General donations of clothing, shoes, and miscellaneous items are collected in the box and delivered to Mission Arlington or Arlington Charities. If you have any questions, contact:

Nancy Kenney, committee member,
Mission & Neighborhood Outreach
(559) 904-3856 or kenneyhasasu@gmail.com

Financial Update - March

March 2024 Budget Update	March Actual	March Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income	23,246	21,626	81,717	64,877
Expenses	20,046	21,811	58,806	65,434
Income over (under) Expenses	3,200	(185)	22,910	(556)

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Financial Clerk:

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Session Liaisons

RULING ELDERS:

Class of 2024

Becky Couch, Worship
Ana Waggoner, Pastoral Care
Dixie Conine, Christian Education

Class of 2025

Chip Black, Communications
Jan Nash, Clerk of Session
Walter Nelson, Building & Grounds

Class of 2026

Brian Anderson, Finance
Larry Phipps, Stewardship
Chi Ndukwe, Mission & Neighborhood Outreach

TRUSTEES:

Sam McAllister, 2024
Tom Sicks, 2025
Louie Nash, 2026

Prayer Chain

Martha Kinard is our Prayer Chain coordinator. If you would like to submit a prayer request, email Martha.

Martha Kinard: martha.kinard@gmail.com

Stephen Ministry

If you are struggling with something in your life and would like someone to talk to and pray with, consider having a Stephen Minister. Contact Louie Nash at 817-999-8962 or louie.nash@sidehike.net

Stephen Leader: Louie Nash

Stephen Ministers: Becky Couch and Dick Townsend

Pastor Nominating Committee

Kent Couch

Margaret Manning

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Roger Perez

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