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items highlighted in **WHITE** !
These are **NEW** or changed!

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GraceNotes

Ministry in the Life at
Grace Presbyterian Church

We cannot have Advent without ...

Hanging of the Greens

**Saturday, November 30, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.
followed by Christmas carol singing!**

Thanksgiving is late this year. It is the last Thursday of the month of November (11/28/24) and that does not leave much time for us to prepare for the upcoming Christmas holidays.

Sunday, December 1, is the first Sunday of Advent. There is much planning that goes into Advent each year at Grace. This year, as has been our tradition for many years, we begin with **The Hanging of the Greens!** This is a busy day that requires many volunteers to set up all the decorations at the church.

This year we will **begin at 10:00 a.m.** This organized chaos can be completed in a couple of hours if we have lots of help. Our plan, thanks to John Hendricks, is to have storage tubs that contain the decorations already out of the storeroom and placed throughout the church so it is easy for one person or a group of people to get to work.

After we are finished, we will relax and enjoy a time of **singing a few of our favorite Christmas carols** to get everyone in the mood for the celebration of Christ's birth! This truly is a fun experience each year and everyone is invited to come help! *Just ask George and Sandra Cooper how much fun they had last year setting up the Mitten Tree without any instructions!*



Each month on the third Wednesday, the **Come & See folks gather at 6:00 p.m.** to enjoy a delicious **taco salad dinner.** They would love to have you join them to share in this meal and fellowship. You do not need to bring anything, and you do not need to make a reservation! Just show up at 6:00 p.m. and EAT!!

Church Calendar

Wednesday, November 20
Strength & Balance
Exercise Class via Zoom
10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, November 20
Taco Salad Supper
Everyone is invited!
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday,
November 20
Come & See Worship
7:00 p.m.

Sunday,
November 24

Sunday School
9:00 a.m.

Worship
10:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Ana Waggoner
Ushers: Anna Perez, Roger Perez,
Shalyn Shourds, Terry Hendricks
Livestream Tech: LeRoy Thompson
AV Tech: Chip Black
Offering Counters: Terry Hendricks,
Ana Waggoner
Guardian Angels: Becky Couch,
John Hendricks
Teacher/Helper: Syd Askew,
Becky Couch

Join us for our First Annual Christmas Pageant!

Everyone is invited!

Everyone gets to participate!

Sunday, December 15, 2024 - 10:30 a.m.

This Sunday may start out as most Sundays do, with Sunday School and coffee and visiting in the Narthex, but you might want to arrive early so you can get a good seat (and a good costume) for a very special morning!

We will all participate in an interactive, no-practice pageant in celebration of the anticipated birth of the Christ child! We will create our own live nativity scene through the story, as it is read, and through the songs we will sing. This will be a glorious experience for all of us!

Oyez! Oyez! Oyez!

I bid thee, all angels, townsfolk, and barnyard creatures
of the kosher persuasion, gather 'round!

For lo, Christmas draweth near,
and the stable doth lie empty.

The First Annual Grace Presbyterian Church
Christmas Pageant
is fast upon us!

Mark well the **fifteenth day of December**,
at the hour of half-past ten in the morn,
upon thy calendars.

This year's grand extravaganza shall be a
no-practice, no-stress, improvisational revelry,
wherein the whole congregation
shall join in mirth and merriment.

Choose thou the part or character thou wishest to portray,
and look ye for the sign-up scroll in the Narthex.

Fear not, for costumes shall be provided by the
Christian Education Ministry, so all may partake
in the festivities adorned in fitting garb.

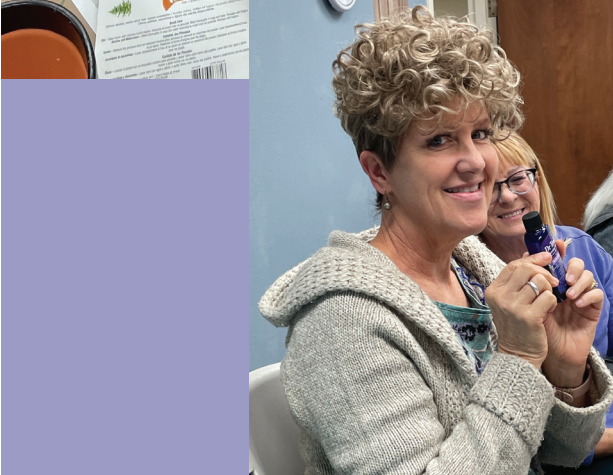
Come one, come all, and make haste to join in the joy
of this blessed occasion!

Those crafty women were at it again!

On Thursday, November 14, 11 women gathered to make gifts for the young ladies who reside at Phased IN in Arlington. They pooled their crafting skills and created clever Christmas candy holders from clay pots! They also collected money to give the girls gift cards that will go in special gift card holders prepared by our card expert, Elaine McCann.



WOG Marketplace has proved to be a nice way for the Women of Grace to make extra money for their missions. Each meeting ladies are invited to bring any crafts they have to sell.



Our Prayer Garden is the perfect place to pray!



The month of November ...

Prayers of Thanksgiving

*God gave us the greatest gift –
salvation through relationship with Jesus.* (John 3:16)

God answers our prayers. (John 11:41)

God provides for our every need. (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)

God showers us with blessings. (Philippians 4:6)

God protects and keeps us. (Psalm 91)

These are but a few of our reasons to give thanksgiving and praise to God. Surely you have many, also.

During the month of November, you are invited to wander into our beautiful and restful Prayer Garden where you will find multiple Prayers of Thanksgiving. Stop, rest a bit and offer the prayer provided, or pray with your own words. You may wish to move from stand to stand on the same day or return another day, or days, to offer all the prayers.

Copies of these prayers can be found on our church website at:
www.gpcarlington.org



Many thanks to **Pastor Sherry** for her beautiful prayers that are in the Prayer Garden for everyone to use for reflection. Sherry is a gift from God for Grace!

Thank you to **Roger Perez** for his handiwork in creating the prayer stands that make the prayers easy for people to read as they walk the Prayer Garden!

You may use this **QR code** to access all the prayers that are found in the Prayer Garden. Thank you to Chip Black for creating this QR code. Great idea!





The Prayers of Thanksgiving are up in the Prayer Garden now! And look at the beautiful lighting that illuminates the garden at night! Thanks go to all members of the Prayer Garden Task Force for all their hard work, Hand-in-hand with Pastor Sherry, they each worked to make the Prayer Garden even more appealing to our community:

- Pastor Sherry for the original idea and for writing all the beautiful prayers.
- The Prayer Garden Task Force for proofing the prayers.
- John Hendricks and Pastor Sherry for taking time to walk the Prayer Garden to visualize where the prayers would be placed.
- Roger Perez and Tom Sicks for putting their heads together to create the stands that would house the prayers.
- Tom Sicks for laminating the prayers and installing them on the stands so they would withstand the elements.
- John Hendricks and Roger Perez for installing the stands.
- Louie Nash for getting some lighting in the Prayer Garden so it is visible at night.
- Chip Black for getting the photos and the prayers on our Grace website along with the QR code.



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

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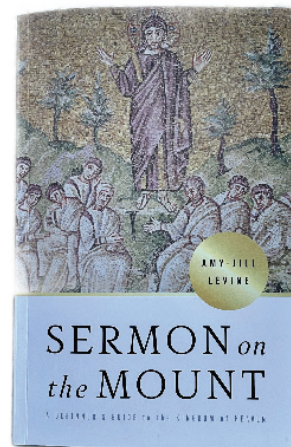
Soul Sisters

Now is the perfect time to join us in Soul Sisters! We have started a new book — *Sermon on the Mount* by Amy-Jill Levine. Class continues to meet in the Soul Sisters room. We take turns being lesson leaders.

We are more than just a class ... we are prayer partners, support each other along life's rollercoaster, and treasure our friendships and the supportive bonds that are truly special. We always have room for one more!

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

After a break for the summer, Children's Church has **resumed our regular schedule!** 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

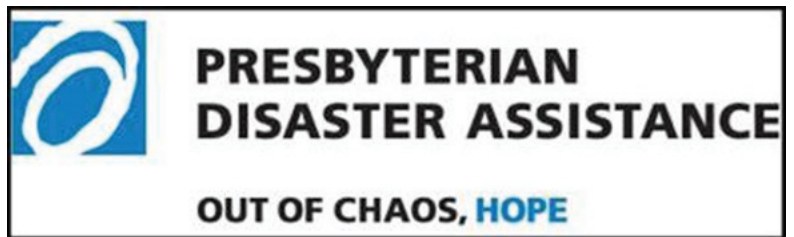
10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

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 kenneyhasu@gmail.com

Thank You



Mission and Neighborhood Outreach
THANKS GPC for your generous giving to the
2024 Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
Hurricane Relief Offering.
The total offering collection was \$760.00.

*“Pray without ceasing”
encourages us to pray continually.
Following a disaster,
our best response is first to seek
God’s presence on behalf of those in need.*
1 Thessalonians 5:17



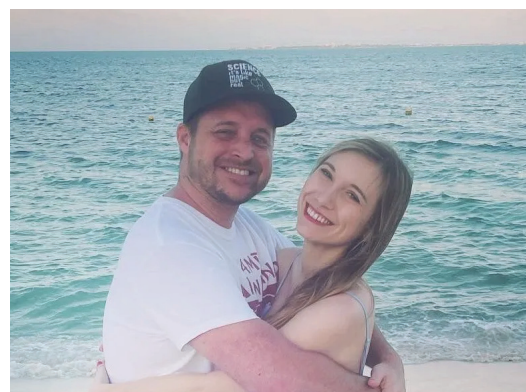
Welcome our visitors!

Thanks to the Worship Ministry (with encouragement and ideas from the Mission and Neighborhood Outreach Ministry), we now have a great “gift” for any first-time visitors at Grace! Each gift holds a wooden pocket cross with a card detailing all our worship services and information for contacting the church, along with a pen and a couple of mints. We hope these small tokens will serve as a reminder to visitors that they are welcome to join us again and that God loves them! If you notice a visitor in worship, please introduce yourself and offer them one of these welcome gifts. They are on the table in the Narthex.



Congratulations, Kayley!

Harold and **Kim Walker** have much to be excited about these days! Their daughter, **Kayley**, married **David Carillo** in Destin, Florida on October 31, 2024! Kayley grew up at Grace and we are blessed when she sings for our worship services when she is in town. Their sunrise wedding was



a beautiful event followed by a reception cruise and an evening party complete with Halloween costumes! Congratulations to you both, Kayley and David!



2024-2025 Meetings

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

December 12, 2024

Christmas Party at Sandra Cooper's home and Toys for SafeHaven

January 17 - 19, 2025
Annual WOG Retreat

February 13, 2025
Friendship Dinner

March 13, 2025
Heirloom Show and Tell

April 10, 2025
Packaging cookies for our shut-ins

May 8, 2025
Games and Seed/Plant Swap

Our 26th Annual WOG Retreat will be here before we know it!

“Friend Me!”

January 17-19, 2025

Sign up at the WOG Table

Our 26th Annual WOG Retreat is going to be fantastic! Our theme this year is “Friend Me!” and the curriculum is intended to help us create life-long friendships with the women in our church as well as with Jesus!



There is a sign-up sheet at the WOG Table and there is still time to sign up!

**We have 16 ladies signed up for the retreat so far!
Don't you want to join us?**

**The cost is a very reasonable \$110.00!
Please sign up and pay by December 15.**
(You can even spend one extra night on Sunday, January 20, for only \$30.00 more.)
Make your checks out to Women of Grace.

- The location of the retreat is just one hour from Grace. When we found **The Brazos House Retreat** we felt like we had found the perfect spot for the perfect retreat!
- The **bedrooms** are two people per room with a **private bath** for each room and trust us, the atmosphere, the beds, and even the bathrooms are a vast improvement over previous retreats!
- This weekend we have **planned more time to get to know each other better** and more time for exploring the beautiful retreat center (weather permitting). There will be time for small group study, large group discussion and lots of fun, singing, games, puzzles and even time for resting if you need a break from the world!

NOTE: if you have any **questions** about the location or the facility, please do not hesitate to ask **Julie Bayless**. She is ready to give you answers to any question you might have!
Contact Julie by phone: 817-688-1070,
or email baylessj@prodigy.net

Women of Grace

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Bible Study Circles:

Monday Circle:

Patti Roemmich

Night Circle:

Martha Kinard

Nominating Committee:

Erinn Bryant

Blast From the Past 2011

Friends come from far away!

*Our WOG retreats have changed over the years,
and we have formed friendships that will last forever!*



*We enjoy gathering to sing and study God's word!
You can have this much fun
when you join our 26th WOG Retreat!*

All women are invited ...

Bible Study Circles

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

Meeting Dates: 11/11/24; 12/9/24; 1/13/25; 2/10/25; 3/10/25; 4/14/25; 5/12/25

Patti Roemmich, Monday Circle Coordinator

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Night Circle Bible Study

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

Meeting Dates: 11/7/24; 12/5/24; 1/9/25; 2/6/25; 3/6/25; 4/3/25; 5/1/25

Martha Kinard, Night Circle Coordinator

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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 kenneyhasu@gmail.com

Financial Update - October

October 2024 Budget Update	October Actual	October Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income	20,134	21,626	252,788	216,257
Expenses	20,700	21,811	223,301	218,113
Income over (under) Expenses	(566)	(185)	29,487	(1,855)

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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

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