

Week of
April 20, 2026 to
April 26, 2026

GraceNotes is a
weekly publication of
Grace Presbyterian Church

Table of Contents

Congregational Meeting Results	p.1
Last chance to join the CPR Class	p.1
Church Calendar	p.2
PCHAS Luncheon Fundraiser	p.2
WOG Church Woman of the Year	p.2
Spring Plant Sale:	
Last week for preorders	p.3
Habitat for Humanity:	
The “stud” is up! Donate & Work!	p.3
What have you seen	
around Grace this week?	p.4
We had a regal visitor	p.5
And then there was Jesus	p.6
Workshop: Church Inclusivity	p.7
Friends of the Library Donations	p.8
NEW DAY donation links	p.9
Women of Grace	p.10
Strength & Balance Exercise	p.11
Financial Update - March	p.11
Burt’s Big Box: Fill it up!	p.11
Sunday School Classes	p.12
Officers of Grace Presbyterian	p.13
Contact Us	p.14
Make an appointment	
with Pastor Alissa	p.14
Have you seen Jesus lately?	p.14

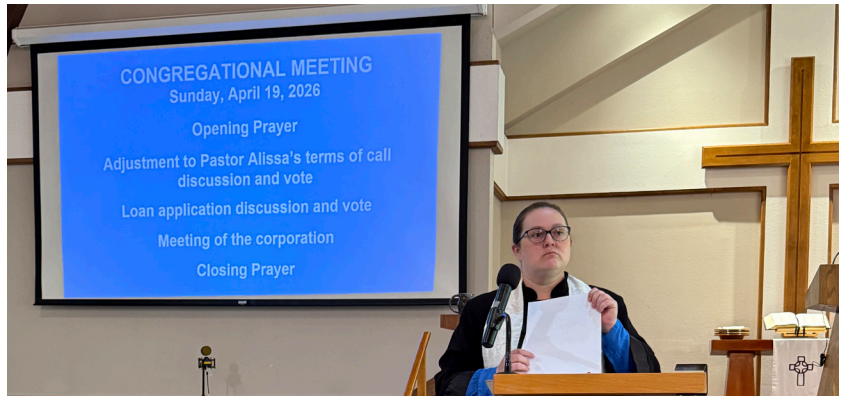
GraceNotes

Ministry in the Life of Grace Presbyterian Church

Congregational meeting ...

Let the repairs begin!

Our congregational meeting on Sunday, April 19 was a perfect example of how Presbyterians do things decently and in order. We listened to details about two items, had discussion and answered questions and then voted as a congregation – and as a corporation – to approve both. We voted on the terms of our loan application for vital property improvements. We voted to adjust the amount of Pastor Alissa’s Board of Pensions contribution because of a slight miscalculation.



Learn CPR ...

You might save a life!

Saturday, April 25, 2026

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

in the sanctuary



The Christian Education Ministry is providing us an opportunity to learn a vital life-saving skill. A resource person from Grace Presbytery will teach CPR at our church. If you have not already signed up, but have an interest in learning CPR, or know other people who might benefit from learning this valuable skill, invite them to join us! There will be light refreshments, and we want to make certain we prepare enough food for all attendees.

If you have not already signed up but would like to attend this class, email or text Jenny Ross: jdyerross90@gmail.com or 817-723-7677.

Church Calendar

Wednesday, April 22
Strength & Balance
Exercise Class via Zoom
10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, April 22
Come & See Worship
7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 25
CPR Class
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
(See page 1 for details.)

Sunday, April 26

Sunday School
9:00 a.m.

Worship
10:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Christopher Coffman
Ushers: Cathy Matson, George Cooper,
Sandra Cooper, Martha Kinard
Livestream Tech: LeRoy Thompson
AV Tech: John Hendricks
Offering Counters: Terry Hendricks,
Tom Sicks
Guardian Angels: Becky Couch,
John Hendricks
Teachers: Jenny Ross, Jamie Curtis



Presbyterian Children's
Homes and ServicesSM



This luncheon is for MEN and WOMEN!

PCHAS Spring Luncheon Fundraiser

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

12:00 to 1:00 p.m. at Ridglea Country Club

Our Mission & Neighborhood Outreach Ministry will be working with PCHAS throughout this year to offer Grace Presbyterian ways we can help support their efforts through our donations of time and talents. **Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS)** has a Foster Care Village Program located in Itasca, Texas. This village is a place where foster children find healing, support and a chance to build a brighter future.

We have a wonderful opportunity to make a difference for the Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services by "hosting" a table of 10 people on May 6. **There is no cost for us to host a table**, but anyone attending will be given the opportunity to make a donation.

This luncheon is a major fundraiser for PCHAS. The president of PCHAS will provide an update on the organization and several clients will share their stories. At the close of the luncheon, each guest will be given an opportunity to make a donation. Donations can be made at the luncheon or at a later date.

WOG Church Woman of the Year

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 WOG and to Grace this past year. There is a box on the Narthex table to place nominations for Church Woman of the Year for 2026. Voting will continue through Wednesday, April 29.

**One more week
to preorder
your plants!**



Time to put some color in your life!

Spring Plant Sale

**Saturday, May 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Preorders continue through April 26**

Thanks to each of you who turned in your preorders! We are taking preorders through Sunday, April 26th. You may pick up your preorders on Saturday, May 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or you can just come and shop that day. Laura, our grower, always brings extra flowers.

Thanks in advance for supporting the Prayer Garden!

The Prayer Garden Task Force

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

The Spring Plant Sale will have gorgeous 10" hanging baskets of flowers!

**Have you seen
the "stud" in
the Narthex?**

*The Habitat for Humanity
"stud" is ready for your
signature and donation!
Check out the display in
the Narthex.*



***You can help work on the Habitat House this year ...
Sign up to do some important work***

This year the Mission & Neighborhood Outreach Ministry is going all out and offering everyone an opportunity to sign up to work on the home that Habitat is building. This home will be a project from the end of May through June and all the Presbyterian congregations in our area are planning to participate. There are sign-up sheets on the display in the Narthex. Place a sticker on the date and time you think will work for your schedule. Workers must be at least 16 years of age.

If you have any questions about the Habitat for Humanity mission this year, contact Margaret Manning, Session Liaison for Mission & Neighborhood Outreach and she can give you all the details!

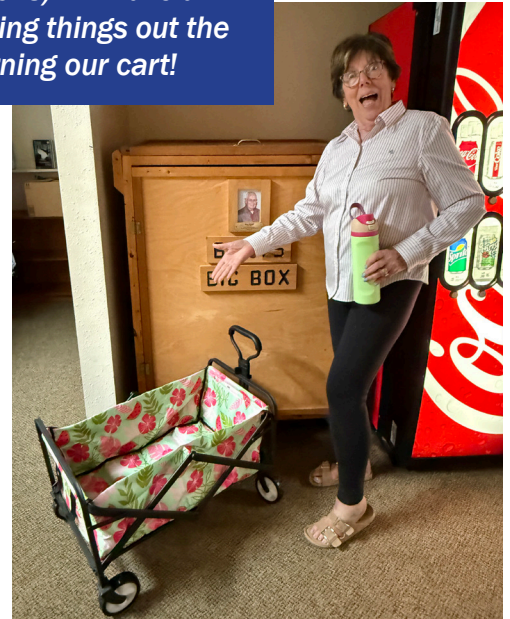
Margaret Manning

margaretevans@gmail.com

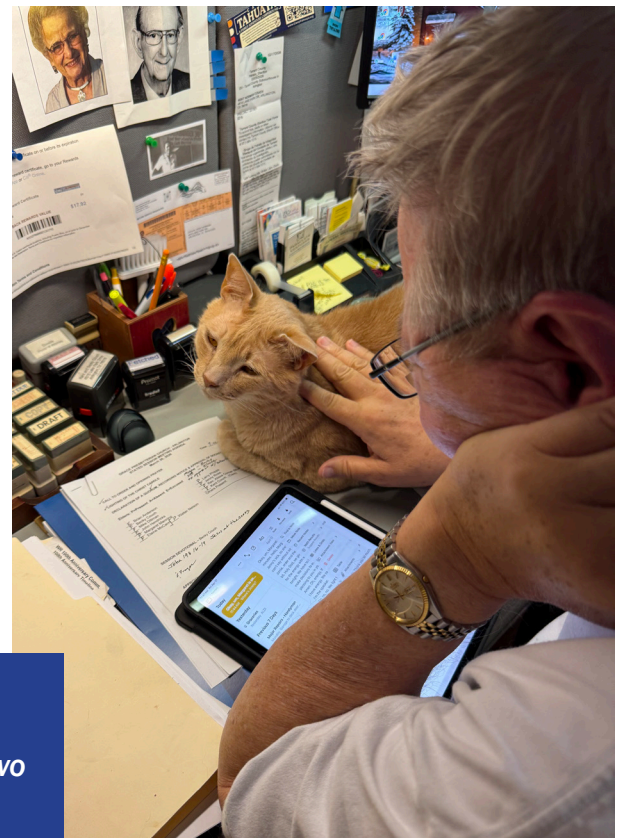
817-760-1430

What have you seen around Grace this week?

Now that our missing pink cart has been returned, Sandra Cooper (our coordinator for Burt's Big Box donations) will have a much easier time of getting things out the door! Thank you for returning our cart!

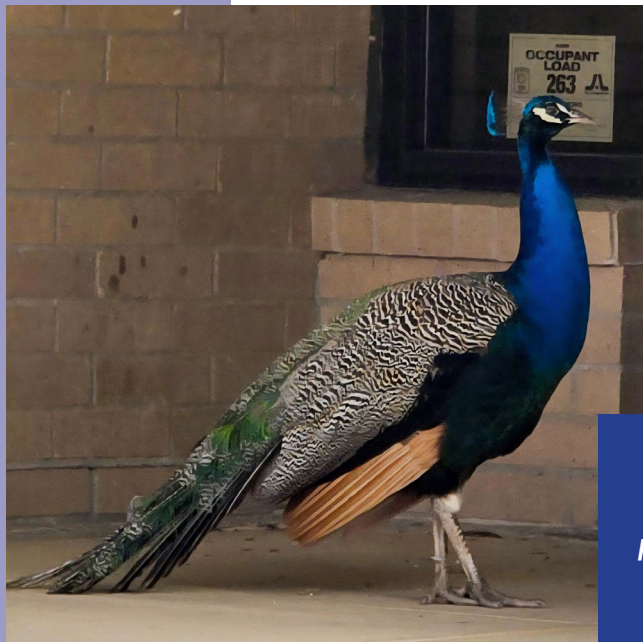


This mysterious fellow has a garden large enough to feed our entire church! Session members were lucky recipients of his latest bounty ... asparagus! Thank you to our favorite gardener!



The Clerk of Session had a helper work with him as he finished the minutes of this month's Session meeting. It takes two "Scouts" to get all the details correct!

We had a very regal visitor this past week!



Thanks to Lisa Johnson and Pastor Alissa for capturing these photos of our beautiful visitor this week! We hope he returns soon!

Thanks to John Hendricks for this photo of the blooming Columbine in our Prayer Garden!

Take a walk through the Prayer Garden and stop to enjoy the plants and the prayers that are posted along the path.



And then there was Jesus ... everywhere!



Jesus has been seen all over our church building this past week! Thank you to all those who have reported their sightings ... and to those who are moving Jesus so he can keep an eye on each of us!

Do you need a little Jesus? See Pastor Alissa and she can provide you with one you can share with others outside of our church. These little Jesus figures are a great way to start a conversation about how Jesus is working in your life!



REGISTER for the workshop by SCANNING the QR CODE below.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

**This workshop is at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Arlington.
1330 S. Fielder Road**

WORKSHOP

NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN AND CHURCH INCLUSIVITY

Join us to learn about neurodiversity and how to
engage more inclusive worship practices

Sunday, May 3

12:30 - 2:30 PM

Fellowship Hall

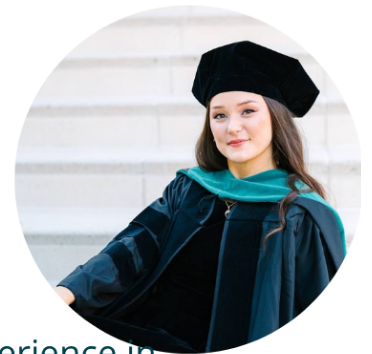
Lunch & childcare provided



[REGISTER HERE](#)

Presenter: Dr. Victoria Wolf

Victoria is a Doctor of Occupational Therapy with experience in child development and early intervention. She works closely with children and their families, advocating for neurodivergent support and specializing in sensory-based education.



All are invited: WPC members, volunteers, community members, parents, visitors, and Sunday school teachers, to learn practical tools for welcoming and supporting neurodiverse children and their families.

**Come, learn, listen, and grow together as we strengthen
our commitment to inclusion and belonging.**

SPONSORED BY
RENEWED
 **GRACE**

The Arlington community is catching on to the library book sales!

Be a “Friend” to the Library

The Friends and Foundation of the Arlington Public Library semi-annual book sale was a huge success. Lots of books, CDs, puzzles and more moved into the hands of the community.

Want to donate?

Some of you have asked about book donations to FFAPL. We would love to have them! Please bring your books, DVDs, CDs, Puzzles and more to the “warehouse” located at 2205 W. Division G-4 (way at the back) on the third Thursday and third Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Here are the actual dates:

May 16 and 21
June 18 and 20
July 16 and 18
August 15 and 20
October 15 and 17
November 19 and 21
December 17 and 19



We don't take donations on “book sale months,” March and September.

And the **next book sale is September 22-25** at the First United Methodist Church in Arlington!



Supporting NEW DAY is easy ... and it is so important!

The Mission & Neighborhood Outreach Ministry at Grace had a special focus on the needs of NEW DAY last year. We want to remind everyone that NEW DAY needs the help of our congregation twelve months of the year. Let's see if we can finish out this school year with full bags. We can continue to help fill their needs with our gifts of money at any time during the year.

You should **write your checks directly to NEW DAY** and either drop the check in the offering plate during worship or mail to:

DONATE ONLINE to NEW DAY:
www.newdayarlington.org/donate.html

NEW DAY • P.O. Box 17122 • Arlington 76003
If you have any questions, please contact:
Docia Thompson dociakt@gmail.com

NEW DAY approved food shopping list



**No products should contain NUTS
or be manufactured where NUTS
are processed.**

Please select from these items:

Vienna Sausage

Ramen Noodles

Cheez-its

Applesauce or other fruit cup

Nutrigrain Bar

(only that brand and style
since others have nuts)

Chef Boyardee Ravioli or Spaghetti

Cereal (cup or pouch)

*Place purchased food in the
NEW DAY box in the hallway.*

Women of Grace Officers for 2025-2026

WOG General Meetings

WOG Meetings are held
the 2nd Thursday
of designated months.

Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.
unless otherwise noted.

All women of the church are invited
and encouraged to bring their friends!

Moderator:

Jamie Curtis
email: jamie.curtis1@att.net

Secretary:

Cynthia Tucker

Treasurer:

Elsa Louis

Programs:

Julie Bayless

Retreat:

Julie Bayless

Hospitality:

Erinn Bryant

Christian Fellowship:

Karen Ellen Anderson

Mission: vacant

Nursery: vacant

Special Projects: vacant

Bible Study Circles:

Monday Circle:

Syd Askew

Night Circle:

Martha Kinard

Nominating Committee:

Moderator and
Circle Leaders



2025 - 2026 WOG Meetings

May 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Seed & Plant Swap

Our final meeting of the year!

Please join us for fellowship and information
about our summer mini-retreat.

DID YOU KNOW?

All women of the church are invited to
every WOG meeting or special event.

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

Next Meeting: Monday, May 11, 2026

Monday Circle Coordinator: Syd Askew
(817) 366-6493 email: syd.askew@gmail.com

Night Circle Bible Study

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

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 7, 2026

Night Circle Coordinator: Martha Kinard
(817) 703-1365 email: martha.kinard@gmail.com

Exercise with us each Wednesday and stay in your pajamas!

Join these folks for some FUN stretching!

Strength & Balance Exercise Class

**Meeting each Wednesday via ZOOM
10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.**

This online class has been a staple in the lives of many of our members who work to keep moving and enjoying fellowship with one another. This is a class that is surprisingly easy to do online! 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.

Join us each Wednesday morning from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. via Zoom!

For more information, contact:

Nancy Kenney, Coordinator at kenneyhasu@gmail.com

Financial Update - March

March 2026 Budget Update	March Actual	March Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income	26,494	20,965	73,921	62,895
Expenses	18,521	25,430	59,201	76,290
Income over (under) Expenses	7,973	(4,465)	14,720	(13,395)



Spring Cleaning? Let's fill up our box!

Did you know that 9 out of 10 people are busy cleaning their closets and drawers and garages and attics this time of year? Actually, this is totally made up! But you should be! And you should be bringing all your purged treasures to Burt's Big Box for our mission efforts!

Sandra Cooper is our coordinator for the donations from Burt's Big Box! If you have questions about what you can place in Burt's Big Box, contact Sandra Cooper and she will explain exactly what this mission is all about!

Sandra Cooper
sandra@tmiservices.com
 (817) 992-7181

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 10:00 a.m.

CLASS CONTACTS

Soul Sisters:

Karen Ellen Anderson
wbaarltx@aol.com

Contemporary Issues:

Chip Black
wblack@wans.net

Children's Church:

Jenny Ross
jross011@att.net

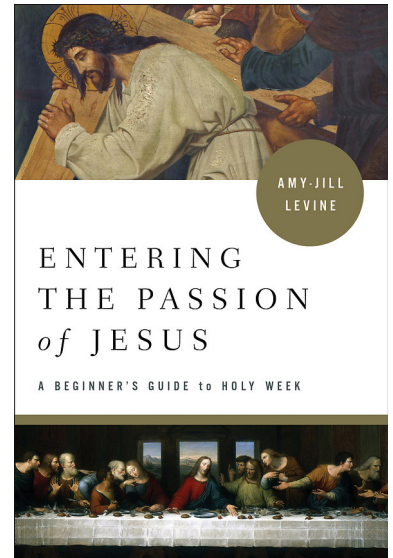
Soul Sisters

Soul Sisters is using the book *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week* by Amy-Jill Levine. This book explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story. The author asks ethical and spiritual questions to consider in our lives today. This will be our study for Lent and we expect to have great discussions.

Push reset and join us any time, we welcome newcomers!

Come be part of the Soul Sisters friendship which nurtures each of us, provides prayer partners, supports each of us in life's chapters, and develops bonds of sisterhood. See you Sunday!

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



Fresh and engaging Bible study material for your adult Sunday school class or small group.

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 **Jenny Ross** at jdyerross90@gmail.com

Ruling Elders & Trustees

CLASS of 2026



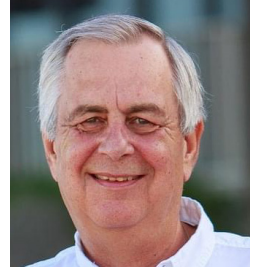
Brian Anderson
Finance
Elder



Becky Couch
Communications
Elder



Larry Phipps
Stewardship
Elder



Louie Nash
Trustee

CLASS of 2027



John Hendricks
Pastoral Care
Elder



Elaine McCann
Worship
Elder



Jenny Ross
Christian Education
Elder



Kent Couch
Trustee
Clerk of Session

CLASS of 2028



Mike Dillman
Stewardship
Elder



Margaret Manning
Mission &
Neighborhood Outreach
Elder



Walter Nelson
Building & Grounds
Elder



Jack Kean
Trustee

Councils

Personnel Council

John Hendricks, Chair
Jenny Ross, member from Session
Karen Ellen Anderson
Linda Black
Roger Perez

Nominating Council

Larry Phipps, Chair
Elaine McCann, member from Session
Chip Black
Lisa Johnson
Anna Perez

Contact Us

Office:

(817) 468-0868

Address:

5500 Mansfield Road
Arlington, TX 76017

Website:

<https://gpcarlington.org/>

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/GracePresbyterianArlington

CHURCH STAFF:

Minister:

Rev. Alissa Conner
alissa@gpcarlington.org
(682) 421-7137

STANDING OFFICE HOURS:

Monday & Tuesday
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday
3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**WORK FROM HOME/
IN THE COMMUNITY:**

Thursday

OUT OF THE OFFICE:

Friday and Saturday

Director of Music:

Gehlin Menti

Praise Team Music:

Julie Bayless

Administrative Assistant:

Cynthia Tucker

Financial Clerk:

Bonnie Schuler

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

**For booking an appointment
with Pastor Alissa:**

Here is a link to her Google calendar:
<https://calendar.app.google/nkqTu8BPx8ca2zjMA>

You are also welcome to stop by the church or request a meeting outside those standing times by email or by phone.

**Have you seen Jesus lately?**

Send us your photos if you spot him!

