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GraceNotes

Ministry in the Life of
Grace Presbyterian Church

LET THE SUMMER FUN BEGIN!

Get in some steps before it gets hot ...

Walks in the Garden

Every Tuesday morning beginning at 7:00 a.m.

The Mission & Neighborhood Outreach Ministry is launching their great summer activity this week! Walk with us in the Prayer Garden every Tuesday morning at 7:00 a.m. Bring a bottle of water! You can walk fast ... you can walk slow ... you can even stop and pray along the way and read the prayers that are posted in the garden. Our hope is that members of the community will join us. Help spread the word to everyone you know that our Prayer Garden is the coolest place in Arlington to take a stroll!

If you have questions about this activity, contact:

Margaret Manning, Liaison to Mission & Neighborhood Outreach
817-760-1430 margaretcevans@gmail.com

Join these folks for some FUN stretching!

Strength & Balance Exercise Class

Meets 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.

For more information, contact:

Nancy Kenney, Coordinator
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Look who joined the class last week! It was fun to have Emery and Cooper as well as our friends, Susan and Ron Musfeldt and their grandson, Kanoa!



Church Calendar

**Tuesdays in June:
Walks in the Garden**
7:00 a.m.
Meeting in the Prayer Garden
(See page 1 for details.)

**Wednesdays in June:
Strength & Balance
Exercise Class via Zoom**
10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

**Wednesday Worship in June
Come & See Worship**
7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 17
Taco Salad Supper**
6:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship in June
We will take Communion
on Sunday, June 7 and
the service will be livestreamed

Sunday School
9:00 a.m.

Worship
10:30 a.m.

IMPORTANT NOTE:
For a list of who is serving in
worship in June, see page 12.
If you are scheduled to serve
in worship, you will receive an
email from the office on the
Monday prior to the Sunday
you are scheduled to serve.

Raise your voice and sing ...

Congregational Hymns are back for the summer!

We are bringing back a favorite summer tradition! **Congregational Hymn Suggestions!** Beginning in June and continuing through August, if you have a favorite, or several favorite hymns, you may request these and Gehlin will do his best to play them for us during worship. There are several ways to let your hymn be known: you may write the hymn title and hymn number if possible on the attendance card and place it in the offering plate. Or you may send an email to the church office at office@gpcarlinton.org. It will be a great summer singing all our favorite songs!



*You never know who
you will see ...*

Look who we spotted!

The Conines and the Couches ran into our former interim pastor, **Sherry Holloman**, and her husband, **Gary**, at the Cotton Patch Cafe in Cleburne the last Friday in May. They were

enjoying dinner with Gary's sister and brother-in-law and a nephew after a long day of setting up for a craft fair. They reported that they are both enjoying retirement and are staying very busy with visiting grandkids, planning for the July Synod Youth Workshop, and the Women's Retreat at Mo Ranch in June!

Sherry and Gary and their entire family have started a small business putting all their different creative abilities together to make custom items. Gary's custom and personalized wooden creations are especially beautiful.

Check out **Sunset Oaks Creations** on Facebook or on their website www.sunsetoakscreations.com!

**NOTE: Sunday morning livestreaming is taking a break for the summer.
We will livestream on Communion Sundays:
June 7 July 5 August 2
Livestreaming will be back each Sunday beginning September 13.**

NEW DAY FUNDRAISER

Friday, June 5 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

(You can even bring your dog and enjoy sitting outside while you eat!)



FUNDRAISING

with Lazy DOG
EAT. DRINK.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SUPPORT NEW DAY BY ORDERING A MEAL FROM LAZY DOG!

Show this flyer to your server and **15% of your total bill will be donated back to the organization.**

Ordering takeout? Just visit lazydogrestaurants.com, select the participating location noted below and enter the code at checkout.

join us at

LAZY DOG RESTAURANT

241 E. Interstate 20 Highway
Arlington, TX 76018

Friday, June 5th 11:00AM – 11:00PM
code: Fundraiser 1

so the organization
gets credit! ↗



July will be hot ... but we have a way to cool off!

“Beat the Heat” Ice Cream Social

Sunday, July 26 (time to be announced soon)

By the time July rolls around, the temperatures could be in the triple digits. But we have the perfect way to “beat the heat” with an old-fashioned Ice Cream Social! Put this date on your calendar and plan to join us for a time of fellowship and sweet treats. The Session is planning this summer activity and promises to keep you updated on the time and specific details. We hope this event will bring the congregation and neighbors together, as well as give us the perfect opportunity to collect school supplies for Presbyterian Children’s Homes and Services (PCHAS).



Cool off in August with WOG ...

Women of Grace Mini-Retreat

**Saturday, August 1
(time to be announced soon)**

Each summer the Women of Grace have a mini-retreat as a way to regroup and catch up with each other before they begin another year of monthly meetings. This year, our mini-retreat will be held at the home of Sandra Cooper! We will enjoy a day of games and delicious food with lots of time for fellowship. We can relax in the pool house and those who would like to swim are invited to bring their bathing suits for a dip in her pool.

All women are invited to this mini-retreat and are encouraged to invite their friends! There will be a sign-up sheet on the WOG Table in late July so you can let us know you will be there. **Be sure to put this date on your calendars now!**

Questions? Talk to Jamie Curtis

817-291-2675 jamie.curtis1@att.net

Pentecost: Happy Birthday to the Church



According to the Day of Pentecost story in Acts 2:1-13, God gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower witnesses to the resurrection. Sounds from heaven, cosmic language, the rush of a mighty *ruach* (wind, spirit, breath) invaded the house in which the apostles gathered, and appeared to them as a burning fire. Tongues of fire touched their nerve centers. A power — the unseen power of God — moved among them and gripped them. The Holy Spirit is unseen, like the wind, which

is why the Old Testament calls it *ruach* YHWH, “the wind, or breath, of God” (cf. John 3:8). The Spirit is the “unseenness of God” working among us.

According to Joel (2:28-29) the *ruach* is to open everybody to God’s future. People young and old will dream and will have visions of hope; they will be able to loose themselves from the way things are now, because God is establishing a whole new economy of creation. The Holy Spirit breaks us out of our pre-occupation with ourselves and frees us to serve neighbors, loosens our grasp on possessions, and sets us to loving people. Pentecost is new creation.

The book of Acts tells the story of the outcome of Pentecost’s new creation: people witness in word and in deed to the risen Christ. At the outset, the newborn church immediately tumbled out into the streets to witness to God’s mighty works in the languages of people all over the world. By the end of the story, a tiny, Spirit-filled community of faith that broke from its present order has spread across the continents with incredible power to bring new things into being. With the gift of the Spirit, all things are possible.

Therefore, on the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate God’s gift of Holy Spirit which draws us together as one people, helps us to comprehend what God is doing in the world, and empowers us to proclaim, in word and in deed, God’s plan of reconciling all people in the name of Christ (Ephesians 1:10).

An excerpt from the *Companion to the Book of Common Worship*

***Without the gift of the Spirit,
Christ’s church dries up
and withers away,
and we are left with only
our broken selves.
With the gift of the Spirit,
all things are possible.***

Heartfelt thanks

This plaque hangs in the hallway at Grace recognizing the youth and adults who worked with The Ulster Project since it began. The connections that were made with both teens and adults from Ireland changed lives and forged lifelong friendships.

Dear Women of Grace and GPC:

I am honored to be the 2026 Church Woman of the Year. It is a legacy of wonderful women who have gone before me and I was so surprised to be recognized this year. It has been a wonderful 31-year journey of membership at Grace and it is easy to say "yes" when one cares about the people and GPC. I will treasure my prayer shawl and the church reception was lovely. Thank you for adding me to this club and I look forward to continuing to be deserving of having my name on the plaque and recognized with this list of women.

Karen Ellen Anderson

A wonderful program for so many of our youth ... **Ulster Project Farewell Celebration**

Friday, July 10, 2026 • 6:00 p.m.
St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church

5819 W. Pleasant Ridge Road • Arlington, TX 76016

Dear Ulster Family,

As many of you already know, the Ulster Project Arlington is coming to an end after 31 years. In the words of Father John (Belfast), "the Ulster Project has had an indisputable positive impact on our young people, and [that] goodness has permeated throughout our society."

To commemorate all that we have achieved, Ulster Arlington is hosting a farewell celebration in honor of all our volunteers and host families. Everyone who has been involved with the project in some way is welcome to attend. There will be a closing service, barbecue dinner, and Irish music. Beer and wine will also be provided. There will be door prizes too.

Love & Peace Always
Co-Presidents,

Mary Ann Hoelscher
817-946-9205

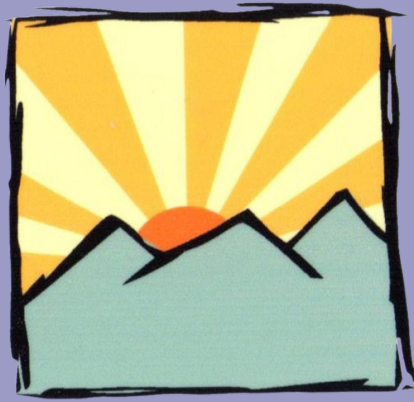
Pete Sanders
817-269-3686

There is NO COST to attend.

If you have not already done so,
please RSVP to the evite link below
so we can have the right amount of food!

<https://evite.me/CXJ5jsRN3T>





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

August 1, 2026 Mini-Retreat

Details will be forthcoming about our yearly
mini-retreat that is held each August.
Thank you, **Sandra Cooper**, for hosting this year's
day of fun at her home!

We know there will be food, games and
an opportunity to enjoy fellowship either inside or
out by the pool!

Want to learn to play Mahjong?

WOG is exploring the possibility of starting
a Mahjong group at church.

Mahjong is experiencing a massive resurgence in
our area and we would love to invite members of
the community into our building to learn to play.

If you would be interested in either taking lessons
or joining our proposed group, please let us know.

Email Becky Couch at becky.couch@gmail.com
or Jamie Curtis at jamie.curtis1@att.net

Bible Study Circles

Thank you to this past year's Circle leaders Syd Askew and Martha Kinard!

Are you interested in joining one of our Bible Study Circles?
Every woman at Grace is invited and encouraged to invite her
friends to join our Circles.

If you are curious about what these Bible Study Circles are all
about, visit with Syd Askew, Martha Kinard or Jamie Curtis.

Circles traditionally begin after the summer break.

Please check the WOG SURVEY that is on the WOG Table in
the hallway and give us your thoughts and opinions about our
Bible Study Circles! There are several options, including an
idea to join the Circle at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

We need your input!



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

Financial Update - April

April 2026 Budget Update	April Actual	April Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income	23,312	20,965	97,233	83,860
Expenses	19,716	25,430	78,917	101,720
Income over (under) Expenses	3,596	(4,465)	18,317	(17,859)

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

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Contemporary Issues:

Chip Black
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Children's Church:

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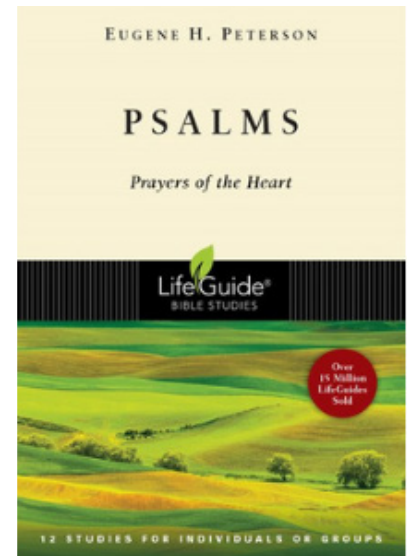
Soul Sisters

Soul Sisters is studying the book *Lifeguide Bible Studies: Psalms, Prayers of the Heart* by Eugene Peterson. This study is a twelve-session look at Psalms. It will teach you how to relate to God as you pray your doubt, fears, and anger. And it will show you how to respond to God in praise!

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

During the summer months we also give our wonderful Children's Church School teachers a break! This summer, all children will be invited to remain in worship. They are welcome to enjoy the **GraceSpace** at the back of the sanctuary where they will find puzzles and worksheets designed to help them learn about Jesus. Of course, Pastor Alissa will continue to visit with the children each Sunday morning during the Young Disciples time immediately following the scripture readings.

Children's Church School classes will resume on Sunday September 6.

For more information on this class, contact **Jenny Ross** at jdyerross90@gmail.com

Ruling Elders & Trustees

CLASS of 2026



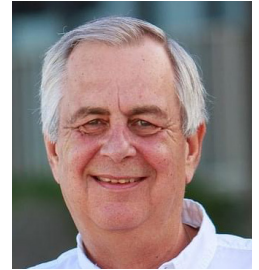
Brian Anderson
Finance
Elder



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

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Karen Ellen Anderson
Linda Black
Roger Perez

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

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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.

SERVING IN WORSHIP DURING JUNE

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026

Liturgist: Martha Kinard

Ushers: Roger Perez, Shalyn Shourds, Terry Hendricks, Anna Perez

Communion Servers: Martha Kinard, Margaret Manning, Elaine McCann

Livestream: Sergio Perez

AV Tech: John Hendricks

Offering Counters: Chris Coffman, Terry Hendricks

Guardian Angels: Leslie Kilton, Kent Couch

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026

Liturgist: Elaine McCann

Ushers: Chip Black, Linda Black, Mike Dillman, Twylia Dillman

AV Tech: Sergio Perez

Offering Counters: Brian Anderson, Terry Hendricks

Guardian Angels: Docia Thompson, Jamie Curtis

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026 - FATHER'S DAY

Liturgist: Anna Perez

Ushers: Sandra Cooper, Martha Kinard, Cathy Matson, George Cooper

AV Tech: Chip Black

Offering Counters: Terry Hendricks, Tom Sicks

Guardian Angels: Jan Nash, Larry Phipps

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026

Liturgist: Karen Ellen Anderson

Ushers: Tom Sicks, Walter Nelson, Patti Roemmich, Net Musfeldt

AV Tech: John Hendricks

Offering Counters: Tom Sicks, Chris Coffman

Guardian Angels: Becky Couch, John Hendricks