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GraceNotes

Ministry in the Life of
Grace Presbyterian Church



One massive project complete ...

We have a beautiful new roof!

The first of our building upgrades — the roof replacement — began August 10, 2026. The crews from Jenkins Roofing made this job look easy, but we know it was a task none of us would have attempted. They brought in dumpsters that filled to overflowing in no time. They climbed up and down ladders and dripped sweat in triple digit temperatures to get this job done in record time.

Our roof is very impressive now! While we won't be conducting tours of the roof, you can check out the materials that were used. There are samples in the Narthex (under the name tag board) for you to inspect. And you can get a glimpse of the

process by checking out the **pictures on pages 8 through 10.**

Thanks to our Building & Grounds Ministry for their diligence in keeping the interference to a minimum. It was a huge task to coordinate the workers around worship, meetings, and even a memorial service.

Now .. on to the next project! What will that be? Perhaps it will be air conditioning? Perhaps it will be drainage. Or it could be foundation work under the building. As we wait for quotes and approvals, keep checking *GraceNotes* for the latest updates!



GraceNotes will return to its weekly schedule beginning in October.
The editor has had health issues and is still healing. Thank you for your patience!
Sunday morning livestreaming is scheduled to return beginning September 13.

Church Calendar

**NEW DAY Fundraiser
“Pie It Forward”
through September
(see page 4 for details)**

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

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

**Saturday, September 12
WOG Ladies Luncheon
11:30 a.m. at the church**

**Wednesday, September 16
Taco Salad Supper
6:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, September 17
North Texas Giving Day
(see page 5 for details)**

**Sunday Worship
in September
We will take Communion
on Sunday, September 6 and
the service will be livestreamed.
Livestreaming all services
will begin on September 13.**

Sunday School	Worship
9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.

**Children's Church School
classes will resume
on Sunday, September 13.**

SERVING IN WORSHIP DURING SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Liturgist: Chris Coffman
Ushers: Linda Black, Mike Dillman, Twylia Dillman, Chip Black
Communion Servers: Karen Ellen Anderson, Brian Anderson, Syd Askew
AV Tech: Sergio Perez
Livestream: Sergio Perez
Offering Counters: Elsa Louis, Tom Sicks
Guardian Angels: Leslie Kilton, Kent Couch
Wyatt Buddy: Patti Roemmich

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Liturgist: Martha Kinard
Ushers: Martha Kinard, Cathy Matson, George Cooper, Sandra Cooper
AV Tech: Chip Black
Livestream: LeRoy Thompson
Offering Counters: Brian Anderson, Chris Coffman
Children's Teachers: Dixie Conine, Syd Askew
Guardian Angels: Docia Thompson, Jamie Curtis
Wyatt Buddy: Jenny Ross

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Liturgist: Elaine McCann
Ushers: Walter Nelson, Patti Roemmich, Net Musfeldt, Tom Sicks
AV Tech: John Hendricks
Livestream: LeRoy Thompson
Offering Counters: Elsa Louis, Terry Hendricks
Children's Teachers: Net Musfeldt, Linda Black
Guardian Angels: Jan Nash, Larry Phipps
Wyatt Buddy: Karen Ellen Anderson

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Liturgist: Anna Perez
Ushers: Roger Perez, Shalyn Shourds, Terry Hendricks, Anna Perez
AV Tech: Sergio Perez
Livestream: LeRoy Thompson
Offering Counters: Terry Hendricks, Tom Sicks
Children's Teachers: Jenny Ross, Jamie Curtis
Guardian Angels: Becky Couch, John Hendricks
Wyatt Buddy: Leslie Kilton

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

Liturgist: Jenny Ross
Ushers: Chip Black, Linda Black, Mike Dillman, Twylia Dillman
Communion Servers: Linda Black, Chip Black, Mike Dillman
AV Tech: Chip Black
Livestream: LeRoy Thompson
Offering Counters:
Children's Teachers: Jan Nash, Docia Thompson
Guardian Angels: Leslie Kilton, Kent Couch
Wyatt Buddy: Sandra Cooper

Team Work Makes the Dream Work ...

Is God calling you to step up and step in?

... and many hands make for light work

“Dream Team.”

“Step Up. Step In.”

These are phrases we hear often at the beginning of a new school year. As teachers prepare their classrooms and lessons and ministry leaders seek volunteers, these expressions become common. **But what do they mean at Grace?**

The dream of the CE Ministry is to share the light of Jesus with one another and with the children of Grace.

We are blessed with an amazing team of Adult Sunday School leaders, Children's Church teachers and helpers, and Guardian Angels. These faithful volunteers continue to serve year after year, and when someone is unavailable, another volunteer is always willing to step in. It is a wonderful example of a caring church family.

At the same time, many of our volunteers have been serving faithfully for years, and they could use some additional support.

We also have a dedicated group that meets once a month to plan and carry out special events such as the Christmas No-Rehearsal Pageant and the Easter Egg Hunt. Once again, many of the same people fill multiple roles. **Could God be calling you to step up and step in?**

The CE Ministry meets on the second Sunday of each month immediately after worship in Room 103. We'd love to have you join us!

Children's Church (during the second half of worship) and our 7th-grade girls' class (which will meet at 9:00 a.m.) will resume on September 13. If you feel called to serve as a teacher or helper, we would love to welcome you. We especially need substitute teachers and helpers, as well as volunteers to serve on fifth Sundays, when our regular teams appreciate a break. There is only one fifth Sunday remaining this year!

You are invited to join the team that helps keep the light of Christ shining at Grace. If you are interested in serving with the CE Ministry's Dream Team, please contact Jenny Ross.

We'd love to help you find a place to serve.

ANOTHER VITAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

We are seeking volunteers to help with the Sunday morning livestream responsibilities.

**LeRoy Thompson has been our primary livestream expert
for more Sundays than we can count.**

Thank goodness for Sergio Perez, who has been helping all summer!

**This is not a difficult task, but it does require some basic training.
If you would like to volunteer or even just see what this job entails,
talk to LeRoy Thompson, or Becky Couch.**

“PIE IT FORWARD”

ALL KEY LIME PIE SALES IN THE MONTH **OF SEPTEMBER SUPPORT NEW DAY**



1707 North Collins Street Ste 115 Arlington, TX 76011
Phone: (817) 617-2046

They describe their bakers as “pie architects.”



For all Key Lime pie sales during September, Buttermilk Sky will donate \$0.50 for each 4-inch Key Lime pie sale and \$3.00 for each 9-inch Key Lime pie sale.

Also, during September, if you are buying a pie flavor other than key lime, please state “for NEW DAY fundraiser” at checkout and Buttermilk Sky will donate \$0.50 for a 4-inch pie sale and \$3.00 for a 9-inch pie sale.



NEW DAY ... providing weekend food to AISD students who face food insufficiency

Web: newdayarlington.org
Facebook: [newdayarlington](https://www.facebook.com/newdayarlington)



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- Search for **NEW DAY Arlington**
- Complete your donation

Encourage your friends to make
a gift to **NEW DAY Arlington**



**NEW DAY ... *providing weekend
food bags to AISD students who
face food insufficiency***

Web: newdayarlington.org Facebook: [newdayarlington](https://www.facebook.com/newdayarlington)

Support NEW DAY all year with your monetary donations!



The Mission & Neighborhood Outreach Ministry at Grace is continuing their special focus on the needs of NEW DAY this coming year. We want to remind everyone that NEW DAY needs the help of our congregation twelve months of the year. Please help us to support their needs with our gifts of money at any time during the year.

You should **write your check 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.

Everyone is welcome
to join us every Friday
for Mahjong training!

This game is making national headlines ...

**Learn to play Mahjong ...
We are having a blast!**



The Women of Grace — always ready to jump in and start all the fun things — is offering **free Mahjong lessons** to anyone in our church or community.

We had hoped for one table to begin with, but we had a great response and started with two tables! And by the second week we had three tables! Once we get organized and have all the materials in place, we will implement a social media campaign to let the community know about our mahjong lessons and open play. (Open play just means there is a set time and place and there is no cost for playing.) Currently, several Arlington churches are

offering open play Mahjong, but very few are offering FREE lessons. Besides that, we have a lot more fun than anyone else!

If you are interested in learning to play Mahjong, or just want to know more about the game and how Grace is meeting this need in the community, talk to:

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



Look at these happy
winning faces! Playing
Mahjong keeps our
brains active too!

Our new roof is spectacular!





*Triple digit temperatures.
The sun beating down all day.
The workers scraped and
shoveled off the very old and
worn out roofing materials.
They replaced everything
with new material and
patched the holes that have
caused leaks throughout our
building for so many years.*

*A roof is not something you
take note of as you drive by
our building, but it is every bit
as important as the
foundation*

*Thanks to the congregation
for being patient while this
work was accomplished.*





Aug 13, 2026 at 11:06:48 AM



Aug 13, 2026 at 11:06:32 AM

Our new roof is so beautiful, it looks like we could roller skate on it!

The materials that were used on the roof are in the Narthex on a small table under the name tag board for people to examine.



Aug 13, 2026 at 11:06:38 AM



Saying goodbye to our faithful friend, Dick Townsend



We give thanks to God for Dick Townsend's life and for his instrumental part in the founding of Grace Presbyterian Church. His witness, service, and love for this congregation have been a blessing to us all.

Dick's family has requested memorial gifts be directed to NEW DAY and Meals on Wheels.

If you missed the memorial service for Dick, you may watch it by visiting our website: gpcarlinton.org Scroll down and select Worship Video Library and the video is listed there.

*Dick helped
unload the trailer
and set up wor-
ship at Wood
Elementary each
Sunday.*

*Dick never
missed worship.
He could always
be found at his
table in the back
of the sanctuary.*

*Singing Christmas
carols to Dick and
Joan was such a
joy each year!*



Dick and Joan were devoted to each other and to Grace.

SHOW YOUR LIBRARY CARD AND SAVE!



During **Library Card Sign Up Month**, show your library card and save at your favorite local businesses! September 1 – 30, 2026, show your Arlington Public Library card — either the physical card or the digital version on the myLIBRO app — to enjoy special discounts at participating local businesses that are listed below.*

Everyone loves a discount! Check out these savings using your library card!

BEAME Bubble Tea & Coffee Bar - 15%
2424 W. Pioneer Parkway, Suite B, Pantego, TX 76013

BOBO Bites – 10%
4201 W. Green Oaks Blvd, Unit 416, Arlington, TX 76016

Grease Monkey Burger Shop – 10%
200 N. Mesquite Street, #103, Arlington, TX 76011

The Hive – 5%
201 N. East Street, Arlington, TX 76011

Inclusion - 10% Off
101 E. Abram Street, Suite 110, Arlington, TX 76010

Insomnia Cookies – Buy one get one free with coupon and library card. Pick up a coupon at any library.
200 E. Abram Street, Suite 100, Arlington, TX 76010

Kung Fu Tea – 10%
101 E. Abram Street, Suite 170, Arlington, TX 76010

Marquez Bakery - 10% off purchases \$25 or more
1730 E. Division Street, Arlington, TX 76011

McAlister's - 10%
137 Merchants Row, Arlington, TX 76018

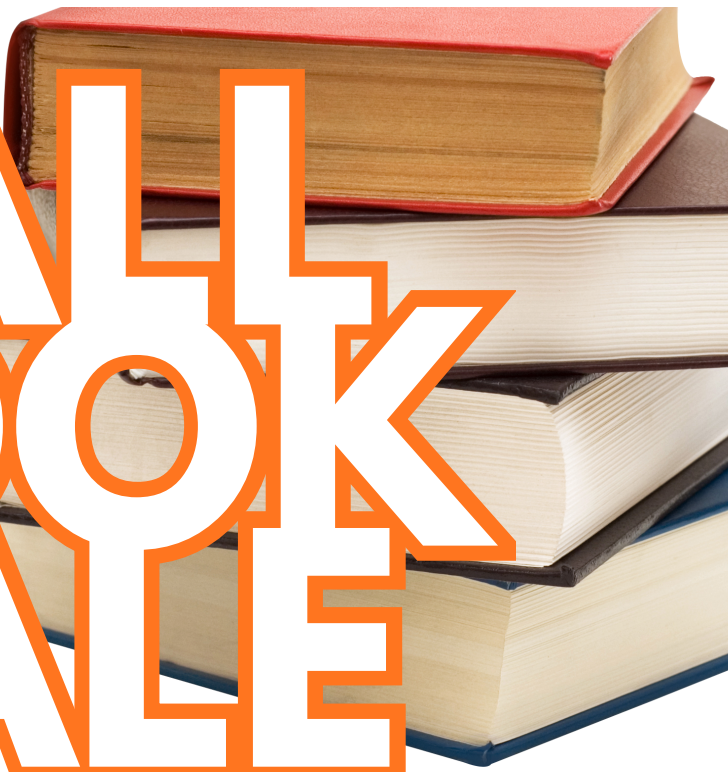
Rodeo Goat - 10%
333 E. Division Street, Arlington, TX 76011

Shipley Donuts – 10%
501 E. Abrams Street, Arlington, TX 76010

Sugar Bee Sweets – 5% Off
201 N. East Street, Arlington, TX 76011

White Rhino – 10% Off
401 E Border Street, Arlington, TX 76010

**Discounts are only available at these specific locations. Other franchise locations are not included. Discount determination is at the discretion of each location. One discounted transaction per person per library card.*



FALL BOOK SALE

SEPT 22 to SEPT 25

TUESDAY, 9/22, 10 A.M. TO 7 P.M.-----FFAPL MEMBER PREVIEW SALE*

WEDNESDAY, 9/23, 10 A.M. TO 7 P.M.-----OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

THURSDAY, 9/24, 10 A.M. TO 7 P.M.-----OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

FRIDAY, 9/25, 10 A.M. TO 7 P.M.-----HALF PRICE DAY FOR ALL

FRIDAY, 9/25, 5 P.M. TO 7 P.M.-----TEACHER & NON-PROFIT SALE

\$5 SUGGESTED DONATION, ALL YOU CAN CARRY, ID REQUIRED

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313 N. CENTER STREET, ARLINGTON 76011

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Women of Grace Officers for 2026-2027

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
call or text: 817-291-2675

If you would like to volunteer
in any way to help with
Women of Grace,
please contact Jamie Curtis!

We need lots of positions filled
this coming year.

Everyone can help!

Please begin saving jars
and containers.

Jamie Curtis will be
collecting them in the box
by the WOG Table.

There are so many uses for
things we normally throw
in the garbage and we
will use them for our
mission project this year
at the annual retreat!

We will update each month
with specific requests.



2026 - 2027 WOG Meetings

Thursday, October 8, 2026

We are currently confirming program details.

Thursday, November 12, 2026

We are currently confirming program details.

Thursday, December 10, 2026

This is our annual Christmas Party night!
Get this on your calendar now so you don't overbook.
Location to be announced.

Thursday, January 14, 2027

We are currently confirming program details.

Thursday, February 11, 2027

This is our annual Friendship Dinner night!
Get this on your calendar now so you don't overbook.
Location to be announced.

Thursday, March 11, 2027

We are currently confirming program details.

April 2 - 4, 2027

This is our Annual WOG Retreat weekend.
Get this on your calendar now so you don't overbook.

Thursday, May 13, 2027

We will conclude our year with a potluck lunch!

Bible Study Circles

Are you interested in joining one of our Bible Study Circles?
If you are curious about what these Bible Study Circles are
all about, visit with Jamie Curtis, WOG Moderator, or Martha
Kinard, who can tell you what the Circles are like.

Jamie Curtis	817-291-2675	jamie.curtis1@att.net
Martha Kinard	817-703-1365	martha.kinard@gmail.com

**Keep those
bodies moving!**

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

559-904-3856 kenneyhasu@gmail.com

Financial Update - July

July 2026 Budget Update		July Actual	July Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income		52,850	20,965	200,175	146,756
Expenses		21,787	25,430	143,220	178,009
Income over (under) Expenses		31,064	(4,465)	56,955	(31,254)



Now is the time to work on those closets!

While it is much too hot to get outside, this is the perfect time to get busy cleaning your closets and drawers. Tackle one room at a time. Do you really use all those pots and pans in your kitchen? Of course, you don't! Share those with others by bringing all your excess 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

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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wbaarltx@aol.com

Contemporary Issues:

Chip Black
wblack@wans.net

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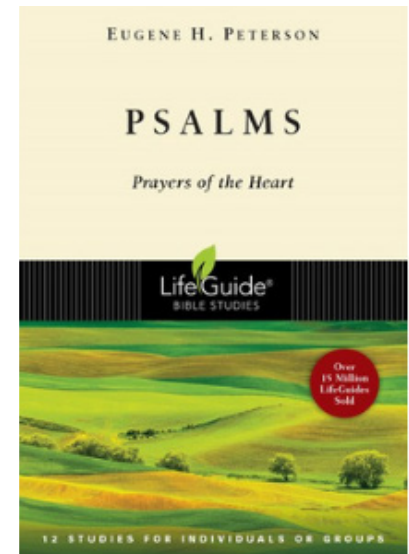
Soul Sisters

Soul Sisters is using the book *Lifeguide Bible Studies: Psalms, Prayers of the Heart* by Eugene Peterson as our current study.

This study selects 12 different Psalms to study a chapter at a time. This is a Bible-focused class for those wanting more in-depth study of Scripture. Members of the class take turns leading the discussion each week and class members prepare so they can participate in the discussion. We are already learning lots.

Come join us as we always have room around the lesson table. Plus, as an added bonus you get 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. Join us any 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 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 13.**

Ruling Elders & Trustees

CLASS of 2026



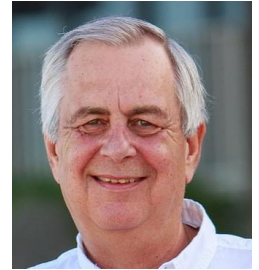
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Elder



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CLASS of 2027



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Elder



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Elder



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Elder



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STANDING OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday & Thursday
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:**

Friday

OUT OF THE OFFICE:

Monday 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

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.