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*Calling all women!  
Do not miss this month's  
Women of Grace  
GAME NIGHT  
and a special request  
for donations to PCHAS!  
See page 4 for details.*

# GraceNotes

Ministry in the Life of  
Grace Presbyterian Church

## STEWARDSHIP 2027



Join us each week in October  
as we focus on **Our Stories**  
and the **stewardship** of our lives  
here at Grace.

On **Sunday, October 4**, there will be  
Stewardship Pledge Cards and  
Property Improvement Fund Pledge Cards  
available for everyone.

Please pick up your cards!  
Take them home  
and pray about how you will  
give back to God with your  
time, talents and treasure.

# Church Calendar

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

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

**Sunday, October 4  
World Communion Sunday  
(see page 3)  
Stewardship 2027 begins**

**Thursday, October 8  
WOG General Meeting  
Game Night with the Ladies  
7:00 p.m. at the church  
(see page 4)**

**Wednesday, October 21  
Taco Salad Supper  
6:00 p.m.**

**Sunday Worship  
in October  
We will celebrate Communion  
on Sunday, October 4.**

**Sunday School  
9:00 a.m.**

**Worship  
10:30 a.m.**

## SERVING IN WORSHIP DURING OCTOBER

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026 - WORLD COMMUNION

**Liturgist:** Jenny Ross  
**Ushers:** Mike Dillman, Twylia Dillman  
**Communion Servers:** Chip Black, Karen Ellen Anderson, Tom Sicks  
**AV Tech:** Chip Black  
**Livestream:** LeRoy Thompson  
**Offering Counters:** Brian Anderson, Terry Hendricks  
**Children's Teachers:** Jan Nash, Docia Thompson  
**Guardian Angels:** Leslie Kilton, Kent Couch  
**Wyatt Buddy:** Sandra Cooper

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026

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

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026

**Liturgist:** Christopher Coffman  
**Ushers:** Tom Sicks, Walter Nelson, Patti Roemmich, Net Musfeldt  
**AV Tech:** Sergio Perez  
**Livestream:** LeRoy Thompson  
**Offering Counters:** Chris Coffman, Terry Hendricks  
**Children's Teachers:** Net Musfeldt, Linda Black  
**Guardian Angels:** Jan Nash, Larry Phipps  
**Wyatt Buddy:** Patti Roemmich

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

**Liturgist:** Martha Kinard  
**Ushers:** Anna Perez, Roger Perez, Shalyn Shourds, Terry Hendricks  
**AV Tech:** Chip Black  
**Livestream:** LeRoy Thompson  
**Offering Counters:** Terry Hendricks, Elsa Louis  
**Children's Teachers:** Jenny Ross, Jamie Curtis  
**Guardian Angels:** Becky Couch, John Hendricks  
**Wyatt Buddy:** Linda Black

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026 - ALL SAINTS DAY

**Liturgist:** Elaine McCann  
**Ushers:** Twylia Dillman, Chip Black, Linda Black, Mike Dillman  
**Communion Servers:** Terry Hendricks, John Hendricks, Lisa Johnson  
**AV Tech:** John Hendricks  
**Livestream:** LeRoy Thompson  
**Offering Counters:** Chris Coffman, Tom Sicks  
**Children's Teachers:** Jan Nash, Docia Thompson  
**Guardian Angels:** Leslie Kilton, Kent Couch  
**Wyatt Buddy:** Twylia Dillman

**Did you know that PCUSA has a daily devotional?  
You can easily log on through this link and worship with Presbyterians everywhere!  
<https://pcusa.org/daily/devotion>**

## World Communion Offering will be taken on Sunday, October 4

All of God's people gather around the Table to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Part of the atonement that happens around this Table is reconciliation, which is the focus of the **World Communion Offering**. Experience the grace that comes from reconciling all peoples from all nations around

*What does the Lord  
require of you,  
but to do justice,*

*...to love kindness*

*and to walk  
humbly with  
your God.  
Micah 6:8*

*Reconciling God's  
people at the Table  
of Grace through  
ministries of justice.*



**WORLD COMMUNION  
OFFERING**

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Text **GIVEWCO** to **41444** to support ministries of justice or visit [pcusa.org/wco](http://pcusa.org/wco).



the corner and around the globe through the ministry of this offering.

**We will be taking a special offering on Sunday, October 4** for the PCUSA World Communion Offering. You will find envelopes for your convenience inside the bulletins on Oct. 4, or you can easily give online.

If you have questions about this offering, visit with Margaret Manning, Session Liaison for Mission & Neighborhood Outreach.

## 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.**

**Women of Grace  
is ready for the  
new year!**

**Join us this week!**



**Our HeartShare  
this month is  
baby shampoo  
and/or body wash.**

**The heat is over!  
The rains have  
come just in time!**



***Come for a short meeting and lots of games ...***

## **Women of Grace October FUN!**

**Thursday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m. ~ room 103**

After the fabulous ladies luncheon we enjoyed in September (see pages 8-11 for photos), the Women of Grace are ready to get their monthly meetings started. This month, on **Thursday, October 8**, we will gather at 7:00 p.m. in room 103 for a very short meeting and lots of fellowship and games, games, games!

Do you have a favorite game? We will have several tables set up and if you have a favorite, bring it to share. **And bring a friend!** There will undoubtedly be a table set with mahjong tiles!

### **We will be introducing our mission focus for this coming year.**

Over the next few months, we will be gathering specific items to prepare "first night bags" for the foster families at Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services. Oftentimes when a foster family is called, they are given only a few hours to get ready to bring a child into their home. The bags we prepare will help ease the burden for the foster parents so they can focus on the child and not worry about gathering last minute items. **Beginning this month, at each WOG meeting, we will have a "HeartShare" item we ask that you bring as a donation to help fill these bags for PCHAS.**

***Save this date ... prepare your beds ...***

## **The Fall Plant Sale is coming!**

**Saturday, October 31 ~ 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**Pre-Sales run October 14 through October 25**

Are you ready for some fall color? Check out all the pansies and kale at our Fall Plant Sale. You can preorder or come the day of the sale, which is **Saturday, October 31**. The Prayer Garden Task Force passed out your order forms and letters starting on Sunday, October 4 and will pass out on Wednesday, October 7. If you are not at church, no worries! Yours will be sent through the mail to you! **Our preorders will start on Wednesday, October 14 and run thru Sunday, October 25.**

Please consider buying some flowers to support our Prayer Garden.

If you have any questions, you can visit with any member of the

### **Prayer Garden Task Force**

Linda Black ~ John Hendricks

Elsa Louis ~ Louie Nash

Anna Perez ~ Roger Perez

Tom Sicks

**We are looking  
for elders for the  
Class of 2029.**

**MAHJONG:  
This game is  
keeping us young!**

## **Is God calling you to step up?**

The Nominating Council has begun to search for **Elders for the Class of 2029**. We need your help. Please prayerfully consider using your talents and gifts that God has given you by serving Grace as an Elder or a Trustee.

A box has been placed in the Narthex for nominations. If you feel called to serve or you know someone who would like to be considered, please take a moment and fill out a nomination form and place it in the box. Always remember that God will equip those who are called into HIS service!

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Nominating Council:

Chair: Larry Phipps  
Elaine McCann  
Chip Black  
Lisa Johnson  
Anna Perez

We ask that you remember us in your prayers as we search for Grace members who God is calling into HIS service.

## **Play for the challenge ... Stay for the people!**

**Mahjong is more than a game.**

A day at the mahjong table keeps so much of you engaged.

- It asks you to pay attention
- It rewards flexible thinking
- It brings people together
- It keeps memory moving
- It gives your brain a real break

Research in older adults suggests that Mahjong may support cognitive and psychological well-being. But its real value is not one single outcome. It is a combination: thinking, adapting, connecting and having something to look forward to!

The Women of Grace is offering **free Mahjong lessons** to anyone in our church or community. 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



**A perfect  
way to  
spend the  
afternoon!**

The poster features a whimsical illustration of a fairy with green wings and a dress, holding a wand that emits golden sparkles. The background is a soft, warm-toned gradient with delicate floral and leaf patterns. The title 'Fairy Garden' is written in a large, elegant, cursive script, while 'TEACUP "MAKE & TAKE"' is in a bold, dark green, sans-serif font. Below the title, a horizontal orange banner with white text reads 'FALL WORKSHOP & BRUNCH'. To the right, a detailed illustration shows a small, yellow, two-story house with a green door and windows, nestled inside a large, ornate, light-colored teacup. The teacup is decorated with a pink rose and green leaves. The house is surrounded by green moss and small white picket fence posts. A gold spoon rests on a light-colored napkin next to the teacup. The overall aesthetic is charming and inviting, with a focus on nature and fantasy.

**Fairy Garden**  
**TEACUP "MAKE & TAKE"**

**FALL WORKSHOP & BRUNCH**

 **FRIDAY, OCT 30, 2026**

 **ROSE GARDEN TEA ROOM - 4720 S. COOPER ST.**

 **2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

 **\$55 PER PERSON - LIMITED SEATING**

 **TO REGISTER, CONTACT KIM WALKER  
@ 817-319-6209**

*Includes:*

-  Light brunch - Sampler plate, choice of beverage
-  Teacup & saucer provided (or) bring your own favorite
-  Learn how to put together a fairy garden in a teacup
-  All supplies provided to create your teacup to take home

**DRAWING FOR A FREE PRIZE! COME JOIN THE FUN!**

Our very own **Kim Walker** is the creative genius behind this delightful Fall Workshop and Brunch on Friday, October 30. You will not only enjoy brunch at everyone's favorite spot, Rose Garden Tea Room, but you will go home with a fairy garden in a tea cup! This is sure to be a fun and creative afternoon!

# 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](http://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.*



Sandra Cooper created two beautiful tables for our Ladies Luncheon: (above) Sandra loves St. Patrick's Day! Shamrocks and sheep made a very festive spot to lunch. (left) Sandra is our resident mahjong tile collector! Her mahjong table was festooned with beautiful pink linens and tiles along with clever mahjong messages.

When ladies lunch ...



Elaine McCann's love of all things Christmas made her table very popular! (above) Her plates had an antique cross stitched pattern and her centerpiece sparkled with gold ornaments, beads and a flute playing angel. Becky Couch shared her mother's beautiful china and crystal for a nostalgic tablescape (left). The flowers for her centerpiece were made perfect with zinnias from Jamie Curtis and very unusual rock containers courtesy of Dixie Conine.



*Karen Ellen Anderson's two tables were ablaze in red, white and blue! Her patriotic table (above) had an old-fashioned flair with a picnic theme and her western table had a gorgeous centerpiece of boots, cowboy hat and neckerchief.*

*The luncheon had a delicious array of tea room fare: several types of quiche, tuna, pimiento cheese and chicken salad finger sandwiches, as well as spinach and fruit salads.*



*Our luncheon hosted thirty women (many were first-time visitors) and everyone had a fantastic time!*

*We were thrilled with the collection of diapers and pull-ups from all the ladies. We collected well over 2,700 diapers for our mission this year. This is our first collection of items for the "first night" bags we are making for Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services.*



They enjoy  
their  
time  
together!



Women of Grace came together for this luncheon as they never have before. The ideas flowed — and in the end — the table decorations, the flowers, the food, the attention to detail, and even the cleanup were a joy for all who were there! Thank you so much for a beautiful afternoon together, ladies!

# 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. and  
we could use lots of help!



## 2026 - 2027 WOG Meetings

### 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.

### 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!



*These photos show what an impressive effort by the Women of Grace at the first meeting of this year. The "cost of admission" to their ladies luncheon was a package of diapers or pull-ups. In total, they collected 2,745 diapers and 312 baby wipes. These are just the first HeartShare collection for PCHAS for this year's goal of supplying "first night" bags for foster families!*



**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**

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



## **Now is the time to work on those closets!**

Take advantage of our rainy days and enjoy the cooler weather because it 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

(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  
jdyerross90@gmail.com



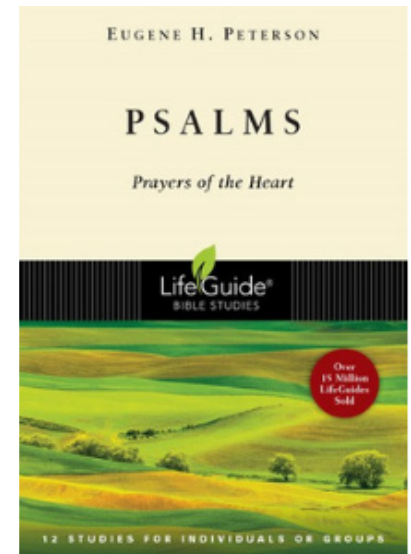
## Soul Sisters

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

## 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

## "The Cool Kids"

Now meeting in the Jr. High Room: "The Cool Kids" (this name may change). For youth 7th grade and older. We are studying the Old Testament using the book *Story of God's Faithfulness*.

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

# Ruling Elders & Trustees

## CLASS of 2026



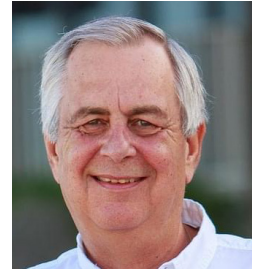
**Brian Anderson**  
Finance  
Elder



**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

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## CHURCH STAFF:

**Minister:**

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(682) 421-7137

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.