



THE GRACEVINE

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Finishing Easter

Well, another Easter Sunday has come and gone! Somewhat like Christmas, the lead-up to Easter begins early, and includes the purchasing of new Easter outfits, shopping and planning for a family feast, and, of course, the candy!

For many, Easter Sunday begins with a sunrise service, continues through the usual morning worship service—when everyone gets to show off those aforementioned Easter clothes—and the Easter meal with family and/or friends.

Here at Grace, we have helped establish a new Easter tradition in our neighborhood, of an Easter parade down Roselawn Boulevard, culminating in an Easter egg hunt on the church grounds—all of which extends Easter Sunday into a longer and, hopefully, a slightly more satisfying day! We hope that the latter activities make for more family time, and a new family tradition, even for people who might not include worship in their Easter schedule.

In the church, we are still celebrating Easter, because for us Easter is a season that lasts for seven weeks! We place a special emphasis on the Resurrection—Christ risen from death—until Pentecost.

All the Easter candy is long gone, and some of the Easter outfits may even have been passed on or resold on Poshmark; but we are tarrying to ponder the significance and meaning of the Resurrection, not only for Jesus, but for ourselves!

Easter is a celebration of the central message of our faith: that God sent his only Son for our salvation; and Jesus, who died on the cross at the hands of sinners like ourselves, rose bodily from the grave, preparing the way for us have eternal life if we believe in him. We “finish Easter” when we accept for ourselves this marvelous gift of God by believing in his son, Jesus Christ. That’s what it’s all about!

- *Rev Pat Wadsworth*



Sunday Worship Schedule

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Refreshments

Church Office Hours

M-Thur. 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Pastor's Office Hours

M-Thur. 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

SESSION:

Class of 2024: Betty Adams, Tim Conner & Terry Wolford

Class of 2025: Mary Conner, Jysele Jones

Class of 2026: Sandy Stewart

Clerk of Session: Sandy Stewart

DEACONS:

Class of 2024: Carolyn Armstrong, Margaret Boone & Donna Causey

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

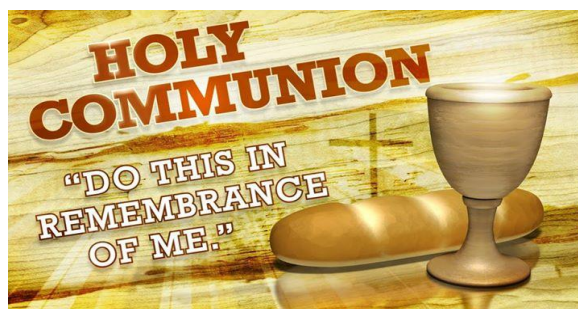
Paul Guillot (2024)

Tim Conner (2025)

Margaret Boone (2026)



The Presbyterian Women encourage the congregation to support **United Christian Outreach** by bringing non-perishable food items and paper products to worship monthly. **Our next collection will be on Sunday, May 5th.** Any monetary donations can be mailed to their P.O. Box. Please contact the church office for the mailing address. Thank you to everyone for continuing to support UCO.



HOLY COMMUNION - will be celebrated during our **10:30 a.m.** worship service **on Sunday, May 5th.** As usual, we invite those who watch our worship service online on Facebook to gather your Communion elements ahead of time so you will be able to take communion with us.



- 1 Dave Blackshear
- 14 Gray Guillot
- 18 Dave Severson
- 31 Mary Ann Daigle

Committee Meetings

SESSION – Our next Session Meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 21st at 6:00 p.m.** Please let Sandy Stewart know if you are an Elder and cannot attend this meeting.

MDO BOARD – Our next board meeting will be on **Thursday, May 16th at 2:15 p.m.** Please let Tim Conner know if you are on the MDO Board and cannot attend this meeting.



The Church Office will be closed on **Monday, May 27th** to observe Memorial Day. Church Staff will be back in the office on Tuesday Morning.



Four Special Guests

On **Sunday, April 21, 2024**, we had the pleasure of welcoming four guests to our morning worship service! They were **Lisa Burch Hatch** (daughter of Beau & Clarice Burch), **Dick Hooten** (son of Claude & Mary Hooten), **Susanna Baker McBee** (daughter of Robert & Edie Baker, and **Gail Offermann**. All were in Lafayette to celebrate their high school class reunion. They chose to worship with us because they all had historic ties to Grace Presbyterian Church. During the day’s announcements, Rev. Pat introduced Dick Hooten, who in turn stood and introduced the other three. Both before and after the service, they all shared with some of us fond memories of their past participation in the life of the Grace congregation. It was a pleasure to both meet each of them, and to hear what they had to say about Grace! We welcomed them warmly and invited them to return at every opportunity!

Never compare your church or ministry to any other; compare it only to what God wants it to be. Crowds, membership, budget, buildings, social media following, all of these are the world’s way of measuring success. In God’s view, which is the only one that counts, to the degree that you are faithful to what God has called you to do, to that degree you are successful.

—Rev. David Wentz



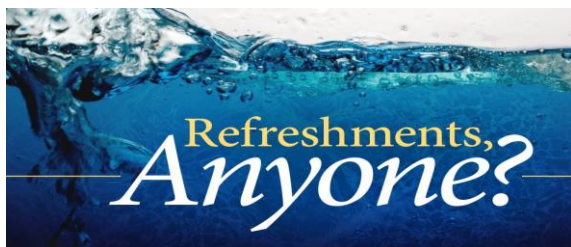
PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women meet monthly for Bible Study. The ladies had been meeting in members homes for the last several years, but they have changed their meeting place back to Grace Church on the 2nd or 3rd Monday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

Their current Bible Study is titled *"Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts"* by Olive Mahabir.

PW WOMEN CIRCLE MEETING – will be on **Monday, May 20th at 10:30 a.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church.** All women that attend Grace Church are invited to join us for Bible Study and Fellowship. Even if you are not a member at Grace, we welcome you to join us for Bible Study.

After Bible Study, anyone who wishes will go out to lunch. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Margaret Boone at marboone@yahoo.com or at (337) 981-2475.



Please join us on Sunday Mornings after worship for Refreshments and fellowship. **We need volunteers to bring snacks on Sunday Mornings!** If you would like to volunteer to provide refreshments, please let the Church Office know which Sunday you would like. Thank you in advance!

The Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering 2024

Grace's Presbyterian Women will celebrate their Birthday on **Sunday, May 19th**.

The Birthday Offering is one of Presbyterian Women's two offerings. It gives women a tangible way to celebrate the blessings in their lives. This offering funds projects each year, in amounts of \$75,000 to \$150,000 each.

This year's recipients are:

- 1. Advocates for Community Choice dba Bethel Hills Villa 5 Apartments & Recreation Area (Marthasville, MO)**
Bethel Hills addresses the unique needs of individuals with intellectual / developmental disabilities by providing a safe & loving place that takes into account their physical, emotional and spiritual needs in an environment where they can flourish. By renovating a villa into 4 accessible apartments for 8 individuals, this project will provide housing that takes into consideration specific needs unique to their residents.
- 2. Shawnee Presbyterian Church Café Gingko (Louisville, KY)**
Located in an economically disadvantaged area where single mothers & children face challenges of food insecurity. With the Birthday Offering grant, Café Gingko will be able to reopen with a renovated kitchen & expanded capacity to provide meals. Improvements to the fellowship hall will allow the church to offer enriching activities: tutoring for elementary ages, play zone, financial literacy classes and mama-to-mama parenting workshops.

There will be a basket in the back of the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 19th for those who wish to donate to the Birthday Offering.

Please make checks payable to Grace PW Women.

BREAD PUDDING

(with Rum Sauce)

6 slices white bread
 torn in small pieces (crust, too)
2 cups milk
1 Tablespoon margarine
2 eggs, beaten
1-1/4 cups sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ cup raisins

Place bread in a 9" round glass dish.
Heat milk and margarine on HIGH 3-
minutes in a 4-cup measure.
Stir in eggs and sugar. Add salt, cinnamon,
vanilla and raisins. Pour mixture over bread
pieces. Cook on HIGH 7-minutes.

RUM SAUCE

¼ cup margarine
½ cup sugar
Add rum to taste

Heat margarine and sugar on HIGH 2-
minutes in a 2-cup measure.
Add rum.
Serves 8.

This recipe was submitted by **Margaret
Boone** for our May Newsletter.

If you have a favorite recipe and would like to
share it with the congregation, you can email
a copy of the recipe to the church office at
gracpreb@lusfiber.net.



“... I am coming to you.”
- John 14:18

Pentecost is such a special time in the church year. Sometimes referred to as the “birthday” of the church, many people choose to wear red on this particular Sunday, symbolizing the work of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost arrives 50 days after Easter and 10 days after the Ascension – when Jesus ascends into heaven. Just before he ascends, Jesus gives us the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:16-20 and Acts 1:8.

Jesus and the Scriptures make an important point for us to remember as we celebrate Pentecost. Jesus ascends and the church is born. If his mission and ministry is to continue, it is upon us, his continuing hands and feet in the world, to keep it going, always led by the Holy Spirit, who blesses us with different gifts that work together to do God’s ministry in the world.

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with *the church of the past*, continuing to inspire *the church of today*, and pointing us to *the church of the future*.

This year Pentecost is celebrated on **Sunday, May 19th**.



“Most” Sundays our 10:30 a.m. Worship Service is available to watch online. We normally try to post a notice on our Facebook page “gracelafayette” if we will not be streaming our service that week. If you are homebound, sick or just out of town, you can still worship with us on **Sunday Mornings at 10:30 a.m.**

You can view our Worship Service online even if you do not have to have a Facebook account. If you have an account, after you sign in, just type gracelafayette in the search blank to find us. However, if you do not have a Facebook account, you can go directly to the link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/people/gracelafayette/100064638463876/>



Chancel Flowers

If anyone would like to bring flowers to place in the front of the sanctuary on Sunday Mornings, please let Sarah in the Church Office or Margaret Boone know which Sunday you would like. Sarah can be reached at 337-984-6400 or Margaret Boone can be reached at 337-981-2475.

We would like to celebrate your special day with you!



Our Daily Bread
Ministries™

Copies of Our Daily Bread are available on the table outside the Sanctuary. Please feel free to pick one up on Sunday.

You can also get the daily devotionals online. Below are several ways....

*Sign up at go.odb.org/devotional to have your devotional delivered to your email.

*Visit the website at odb.org

*Visit Our Daily Bread on Facebook at [facebook.com/ourdailybread](https://www.facebook.com/ourdailybread)

“The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.”

-Isaiah 40:8



Grace Presbyterian Church would like to thank everyone that continues to tithe and/or mail in donations each month. Grace Church has become a small congregation over the years, but with all our faithful givers, you have helped us as we have faced difficult struggles and allowed us to continue serving God. We are grateful for everyone that continues to support Grace Presbyterian Church.

Mother's DAY OUT



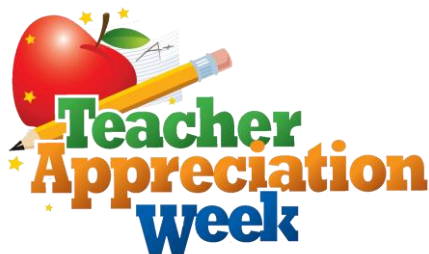
MDO REGISTRATION & OPENINGS – we are still taking registrations for our upcoming **Summer 2024** and **Fall 2024-2025** semesters. Ages 6-months to 4-years old. Please e-mail mdoatgrace@gmail.com or call (337) 984-6400 for more information about our MDO program or to register your child/grandchild.



MDO TEA – will be held on **Thursday, May 9th** at **9:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Each child's mother & their grandmothers get to enjoy breakfast with their child/grandchild while receiving many crafts that their child made them for Mother's Day! The children will also be performing a short singing program for everyone to enjoy. The kids have been practicing for weeks. This event is one of the big events that our MDO Program is known for.



MDO GRADUATION – will be held on **Wednesday, May 29th** at **9:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. The Grace Pre-K Class will be performing for their families. They also each receive a special gift. After the graduation ceremony, everyone gets to enjoy cake and punch to celebrate.



We would like to extend a warm thank you to all our wonderful teachers with our MDO Program during the **week of May 6th**. The teachers work from 9am-2pm on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday each week. Our wonderful teachers are:

Nursery Class – **Nicole Trimble & Traci Guidry**
Toddler 1 Class – **Cindy LeBlanc & Kelly Dowling**
Toddler 2 Class – **Stacey Bravos & Cheryl Simpson**
Preschool Class – **Kim Menard & Michelle Packer**
Pre-K4 Class – **Sue Comenski & Donna Platt**

MAY

10:30 am – Worship 11:30 am - Refreshments		9am-2pm MDO	9am-2pm MDO	9am-2pm MDO 6:30pm – Al-anon		
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 <i>Communion</i> <i>Worship</i> <i>10:30 a.m.</i> <i>UCO Collection</i>	6	7	8	9 <i>MDO Tea</i> <i>9:30 a.m.</i>	10	11
12 <i>Worship</i> <i>10:30 a.m.</i> <i>Happy</i> <i>Mother's</i> <i>Day</i>	13	14	15	16 <i>MDO Board</i> <i>Meeting</i> <i>2:15 p.m.</i>	17	18
19 <i>Worship</i> <i>10:30 a.m.</i> <i>PW Birthday</i> <i>Offering</i>	20 <i>PW Circle</i> <i>Meeting</i> <i>10:30 a.m.</i> <i>(at Grace)</i>	21 <i>Session</i> <i>Meeting</i> <i>6:00 p.m.</i>	22 <i>Last Day of</i> <i>Lafayette</i> <i>Public School</i>	23	24	25
26 <i>Worship</i> <i>10:30 a.m.</i>	27  <i>Office Closed</i>	28	29 <i>MDO Pre-K</i> <i>Graduation</i> <i>9:30 a.m.</i> <i>MDO Spring</i> <i>Semester Ends</i>	30 <i>MDO Teacher</i> <i>Work Day</i>	31	

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