

Grace Presbyterian Gazette



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PASTOR'S CORNER

BY PASTOR TERRY SIMM

Spring is my favorite time of the year. Even though the winter here in Arkansas was not as cold as it is in Northwest Iowa, (not even close) the trees still lose their leaves, and the grass turns brown. I love watching the trees come to life in the Spring as they bud, some first with flowers, then the green leaves begin to appear. It is entirely appropriate that we celebrate Easter in the Spring when new life and growth appear after a dormant winter nap. The change in seasons is also reflective of our own lives as so eloquently expressed in Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8. *“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted...”*

In this time after Easter is a perfect time to start the Vision Framing Process. The committee has been formed and we will have our first meeting sometime in May. Each session will include posted flip charts that will chart out our progress. It is extremely important that the whole church be in prayer as we begin this process of discernment and vision for the future of Grace Presbyterian Church.

On a different note, I would like to thank those who reached out to invite a neighbor, friend, or complete stranger to be a part of worship these past several months. I believe it is a key ingredient to Grace becoming a flourishing church. Visitors and potential new members are much more likely to come if invited, verses those who saw our web-site post on Facebook.

Having just returned from a trip to Northwest Iowa, I must say we are glad to be back in Conway, Arkansas. Cold temperatures and snow greeted us when we got to my mom's house in Iowa. We expected to see some green, but everything was still in its drab winter dress. It was good to spend some quality time with my mom and with our son, Scott and wife, Bethany



and three grandchildren. If anything, the trip back to Northwest Iowa affirmed we are where God wants us to be. We look forward to continuing to share in God's ministry with you as long as God sees fit.

Let us not forget that Jesus' resurrection is the most powerful event in history. The beautiful thing is, God makes that power available to all those who believe in him, Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

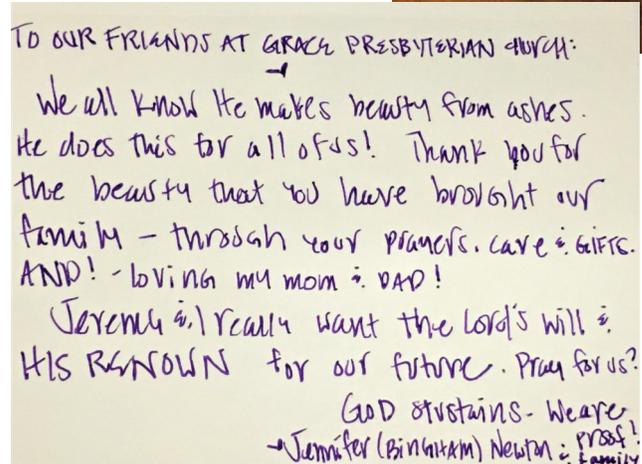
- Reminder there will be a Virtual Couples shower for Cassandra Stockall and Douglas McNabb on Sunday, May 1, 2022, from 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., at Grace Presbyterian Church in Conway.
- Annette Sackhoff will take pictures for the 2022 Church Directory on May 8th.
- The CMC continues to need the following items: nonperishable foods, hygiene items and plastic grocery shopping bags, but especially all hygiene items.
- If you would like to help with church clean-up (can be done weekly) please sign up on the sheet in the hallway.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

Dear GPC,

There are not adequate words to express my deepest appreciation for your lives, love, expressions of care, and the obvious grace shed abroad in your hearts during my recent falls and recovery. Thank you, everyone. There's hardly a week goes by that I do not receive cards and prayer acknowledgements from many of you. Our Pastor was so faithful to visit, It has been a delight to be a part of this local body and to have a church family that is so loving and kind. Isaiah 41:10 –Fear not for I am with you, be not dismayed for I am your God, I will strengthen you, I will help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Thank you, all, again.

Nancy Bingham



BIRTHDAYS:

5/1 - SHEILA RUPERT; 5-15 - BILL JOHNSON; 5/19 - VICKI PHARES; 5/21 - JIM HAYS; 5/24 - TRUDY JORDAN; 5/26 - LAURA DEEM; 5/27 - PEGGY WOOSLEY

CURRENT PRAYER LIST AS OF (5/1/2022):

Ilona Beczo; Chad Brown, son of Sharon Brown, prayers that medication will stabilize MS; Jean Brown, broken hip; Bill Conner, health concerns; Joe Dablock, cancer; Tisha Duran, Leukemia & chemo, friend of Jim & Barb Watkins; Steve Hoffman, friend of Nancy Davis with cancer and transplant need; Julie Olson, completed her chemo treatment; Vivian Sackhoff, mother of Jeff Sackhoff; Jodie Stone, cancer; Phil and Cheryl White, father of Nancy Davis' daughter-in-law with heart trouble; Jeff and Jenny Whitehead, friends of Joe and Sue Dablock.

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