

Grace Presbyterian Gazette



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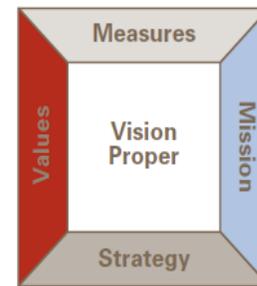
June, 2022

BY PASTOR TERRY SIMM

By the time you get this Newsletter the Vision Frame Team will have had its first meeting having met on Monday May 23. The first session is an introduction to the Vision Frame Process overview that will take at least seven months to complete. In this process we will be looking at the following: What obstacles are we facing? What can we do best? What holds our vision together? Where is God taking us? How do we live out the vision? At the end of the process, we will have a one-page vision overview that will uniquely reflect Grace Presbyterian church's mission, values, strategy to attain those values and how we will measure our success.

Each time we meet new flip charts will be posted in our church meeting room that will reflect the work of the Vision Frame Team. We will have members of the team available after church on Sunday to explain what the flip charts reflect. We are also tentatively projecting that on the third Wednesday of the coming summer months (June 15, July 20, and August 17) we will have potluck meal for the congregation to attend to give congregational input to the Vision Frame Process. Please keep the Vision Frame Team in your prayers as we look to the future of Grace Presbyterian Church.

On a different note, by the time you get this Newsletter, Dawn and I will have moved from our rental house on 1225 French Drive to 3020 Unit 2 Billy Jack Drive. The reason for our move is that the rental homes on French Drive



are being sold and will either be sold individually or re-rented by another owner. Rather than risk our house being sold or paying a much higher rent we worked out an agreement with Rush Hal that is cost friendly for us. So far Dawn and I have enjoyed living in Conway and while we loved our location on French Drive, we feel we will equally love our new location on Billy Jack Drive.

As the Summer heats up and summer trips begin to take shape, I realize there is usually a drop in church attendance. I invite you all to stay connected with Grace through our on-line worship and to not neglect to give financially while away. The summer potlucks should also be an effective way to stay connected. Another reason to attend every Sunday is I am doing a nine-week sermon series on the Lord's Prayer that begins on June 12 and ends August 14. Remember that Hebrews 10:24-25 is still in the Bible: "*And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, **not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*** (N.K.J.V.) ■

“THE DEACON’S POST”

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10: 24-25

Greetings from your Deacons. Larry, Jenny, Susan and Karen wish to say hello to all of you. Your Deacons care greatly about all of you and truly want you to know that they are here to help you at anytime you need.

Grace Presbyterian is ever so blessed and while today we don't have a large number of requests for aid, the Deacons are much more than just an aid base source.

Do you have prayer requests in your life? If so, please contact your Deacon, they want to pray with and for you.

Do you have any needs in your life, such as, help with grocery shopping, lawn mowing, household chores? If so, please reach out to your Deacon and let them know your needs. While they may not be the person to personally handle your request they can be the person to help get you the help you need.

Have you noticed in our church the absence of some members in worship. Let us consider how we may spur them on to re join us in worship. This spurring on may be simply in the form of a phone call telling them we love them and miss them, folks need to know they are wanted and needed in our lives. Who knows but you may just be the person God is using to get one lost member or visitor back in the fold with us at church.

NOTE: This summer we will be having three pot luck dinners at the church, on the third Wednesday of each month. Please join us for these dinners and fellowship and invite someone to come with you. If you need a ride to this event or to church, please let your Deacon know so they can help.

Serving you is what your Deacons long to do, allow us to do so in any way you see fit.

In Christ, Joe Pruet, Moderator.

MISSION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Mission Outreach Committee continues to request the congregation's input and suggestions regarding community and international needs that can be supported by our church.

At this point, we have approved \$500.00 to be given to the Conway Ministry Center this quarter, and we have four or five people, from our congregation, who are volunteering on Tuesdays or Thursdays in assisting with their shopping program.

The Center continues to need fans, tents, tarps, sleeping bags, laundry detergent, bottled water, women's and men's underwear, as well as items which have been published for months.

Totes are located in the Children's Sunday School class.

The Committee also approved a \$150.00 quarterly check be sent to the Montgomery Fund as part of an anticipated 2022 donation of \$600.00. A \$250.00 check was approved to be forwarded to Renewal Ranch at this time.

Committee members are reaching out to the Director of City of Hope (COHO) and of Haven to inquire about needs with those agencies.

Mission/Outreach Committee meetings are slated to be held immediately following worship on the second Sunday of the month. Please join us if you have an opportunity to do so.

Blessings,

Rosanne H. Johnson

Chair, Missions/Outreach Committee

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

SUPPORT GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WITH A QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION FROM YOUR IRA.

Did you know that through a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your traditional IRA to Grace Presbyterian Church you may be able to reduce your IRS tax bill. If you are age 70 ½ or older you may make direct charitable contributions to the church from your IRA which will help meet your RMD and also may help reduce your taxes. If you are currently claiming the standard deduction, your QCD can be excluded from your taxable gross income. However, if you itemize your deductions, you cannot claim this contribution as an itemized deduction and as a gross income exclusion.

For more information about the procedure for making a tax-free transfer to Grace Presbyterian Church, contact your IRA administrator and/or your tax advisor for complete details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Keith and Peggy Woosley welcomed grandson William “Bishop” Woosley Jr. to their family on Tuesday, May 24. He is, of course, the most beautiful baby in the nursery. God is so good!
- The Men’s Breakfast Group will meet at Golden Corral on Saturday, June 11 at 8:30 a.m.
- The Congregational Care Committee will meet immediately after church on June 5th.
- The Mission and Outreach Team will meet immediately after church on June, 12th.
- We have a new locked offering box on the wall outside the sanctuary by the east entrance. (No offering is collected during the service, please use the new offering box).



BIRTHDAYS:

6/1 - RENEE HUNTER; 6/3 - BARBARA WATKINS; 6/29 - ANNETTE SACKHOFF

CURRENT PRAYER LIST AS OF (6/1/2022):

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; Betty Ellis, recovery from shoulder surgery; Steve Hoffman, friend of Nancy Davis with cancer and transplant need; Martha Lierley, recovery from a successful gallbladder surgery but having issues with swallowing; Julie Olson, radiation treatment for cancer; Vivian Sackhoff, mother of Jeff Sackhoff had severe stroke on May 1st, at Baptist Health Rehab in Conway, praying for full recovery; 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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