



Grace Presbyterian Church

1415 Airport Road
Panama City, Florida
32405

Return Service Requested



*Come Experience Grace!
It is the purpose of Grace, to
share the gospel, to equip
the saints, and to serve
others so that all people
may experience the love and
joy of Jesus!*

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1415 Airport Road
Panama City, FL. 32405
850-769-4000

Regular Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Phone: 850-769-4000

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www.gracechurchpc.com

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**Grace Presbyterian
Church**
Panama City, Florida

Ministry Staff

Pastor: Rev. Eric Spoon
Youth & Children's Director: Jason Williams
Director of Grace Preschool: Susan Ackermann
Choir Director: Becky Bell
Church Secretary: Beverly Halley
Pianist: Carissa Hosea
Nursery Administrator: Leah Rudek

Grace Cares Ministry THURSDAY

**ONLY
FOOD PANTRY**
8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
**Hours have been
changed due to
COVID19**

*Where Everyone Is Welcome,
No One is Perfect, and
Anything is Possible!*



GRACE IS A PRAYING CHURCH!

The Prayer Chain consists of a large number of brothers and sisters at Grace willing to pray at a moment's notice. The Prayer Chain operates via e-mail. When the Church Office or Pastor becomes aware of a concern for which an individual or family requests the prayers of Grace, you will receive an e-mail from Jim McQuagge. When you receive the e-mailed request, start praying! That is all there is to it! If you would like to be one of our Prayer Warriors and serve on the "front lines" of the E-Prayer Chain Ministry at Grace, please email Jim McQuagge at jimmcjr@gmail.com.

Do we have your current email address?

Anyone/group using the church for activities during the week, is asked to adhere to the following. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

- Any area/surfaces used/touched (including chairs, sofa's, microphones, etc.) must be cleaned with a sanitizing/disinfectant cleaner.
- The church is to be notified if your group will be over 30 participants.
- The use of the kitchen area is discouraged, but if used for any reason, your group is responsible for the complete cleaning of all surfaces with a sanitizing/disinfectant cleaner, no dishes/silverware may be left in sinks or drains to dry. If using the ice machine, please wipe the doors after use.
- Please bring all supplies needed, i.e., sanitizing/disinfectant cleaner, paper towels, ice, cups, plates, etc.
- Vacuuming or mopping of carpets/floors is not required for normal use unless there is a spill.
- When leaving, please place all tables and chairs as they were when you arrived.
- Please use only the scheduled room for your group. Each group is scheduled one room per event unless approved by the church office.
- Please leave the sign-in sheet in your scheduled room and a member of the church staff will pick them up.
- Please make sure any pamphlets, flyers, trash, etc. are removed.
- All groups are responsible for setting up tables/chairs etc., for your group meeting unless otherwise requested directly to the church office.
- All groups are responsible for locking the exterior doors and turning off all lights when leaving.
- For the safety of everyone, we always encourage you to keep the doors locked.



Preschool News

From the Director's Desk.....

It has been an exciting couple of days at the preschool and after care as we returned to begin the 2020-2021 school year. My staff and I are all so happy to be back! It was so good to see all our returning children and families and finally meet those that have joined us for another exciting school year!

We are quickly adjusting to our new drop-off and pick-up procedures and by day two, things were going very well. We will continue to adjust as needed to ensure the safety of everyone. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this time.

Although the focus has been very much on health and safety, we plan to provide the most "normal" preschool experience possible. Our teachers are ready to teach and our hope is to instill a love for learning that each child will carry with them long after they leave us here at Grace.

Most of our classes are full currently but we do have room in our 4-year-old program. Please help us in getting the word out.

If you have any questions or concerns about our program, please contact us at gracepreschoolpanamacity@gmail.com or you can reach us at 850 769-0446.

Thank you for all you do!

Susan Ackermann
Director

The Wired Word Bible Study meets on Monday's at 9:30am in Bell Hall. Contact Hank Picken for more information. Everyone welcome!

Ballots for Session Nomination
are due by Sunday, September 6, 2020

As we are still very much experiencing the COVID-19 virus, please keep in mind the flu season is right around the corner. Many pharmacies and physician's offices in our area have flu shots available and ready to administer. As always, keep in mind if you do not feel well, we encourage you to stay home.



Tips for How to Stay Safe and Keep Others Safe When in Grace Presbyterian Church

Please note that you are attending worship at your own risk for sickness.

Please wear a mask when in the church.

Do not touch anyone and only touch what you absolutely must touch.

Please refrain from wandering to other parts of the church (such as Bell Hall) other than to the restroom currently.

Please note that greeters before and after worship may be limited during this time, but if you need assistance, you may see any Elder.

Be sure to pick up a bulletin or any other items needed for worship from the tables outside the Narthex prior to worship and read it for changes in our typical worship service.

Stay at least six feet away from people not in your immediate family.

Please allow at least two (2) empty pews between you and other congregants or sit at the opposite ends of a pew so no one has to sit alone. Feel free to sit anywhere in the pews in the sanctuary, including the balcony, as long as you are maintaining a safe distance from one another.

All singing will be done by the worship leaders until further notice.

Please allow others to come and leave on their own to not crowd the doorways or aisles.

Please drop your offering in the offering plate as you leave the sanctuary, not before or during worship.

Please note there is no children's church during this time.

Your Session has called a Congregational Meeting immediately following worship on September 6, 2020 in the Sanctuary of Grace Presbyterian Church for the purpose of hearing and acting upon a recommendation to reduce the current Session size from ten members to nine members to allow our Session to function in three equal size classes of three members each. Only members of Grace Presbyterian Church present in the sanctuary at the time of the congregation meeting will have vote for this meeting although all present are allowed voice.

To My Church Family:

I wanted to begin by telling you from the bottom of my heart, thank you for all of your loving support for my dad during this time. We do not know what life will be like from day to day as some days are definitely better than others. But because of people like you, my dad's 72 birthday was something special. As he said to me while I was visiting my parents in North Carolina the other week, "It is a day I will never forget." Your loving support showed me that the love of Christ is truly alive in this congregation. But what keeps us from taking the love of Christ to the next level?

There is a six-letter word that has become somewhat taboo in society. For whatever reason, when this word is mentioned, people run in fear of what it will mean for their lives. No one can escape it. With every breath we take, we are a part of it. No matter if you run and hide or face the world, we all have to deal with change. Our bodies change. Our minds change. Our friends change. Our families change. But the thing is, no matter what we think of change, we should not fear change like we so often do.

The truth is change can actually be a good thing. Too hot or too cold outside just wait for the seasons to change. Shirt has a mustard stain on it, then simply change your shirt. Do not like the way your room looks, then change the placement of your possessions. See, when put in a positive light, change can truly be a good thing.

With the world around us in what feels like a constant state of change, we must do our part to stop fearing change and begin the process of embracing change. When we embrace change, we can spread our wings of support for one another. It is the door that can open for us to reach out to the world in love. Consider this, a door that is closed will stay closed until we change the situation and open it. Just as we allowed our lives to be open towards the Lord, we must allow our lives to be open towards one another.

If nothing else, please know this: we have been given a new day. Each day is precious, and we must live each day to the fullest. As we move forward at Grace Presbyterian Church, let's celebrate the change that is happening in and around us and do our part to live out God's glory and love here and everywhere. Let's take the love of Christ to the next level!

Blessings in Peace,
Rev. Eric Spoon

SERMON TOPICS FOR AUGUST 2020

September 6, 2020 (14th Sunday after Pentecost/Communion) Sermon Scripture
Genesis 50: 15 – 21/Matthew 18: 15-20 Sermon Title: "You're Wrong"

September 13, 2020 (15th Sunday after Pentecost) Sermon Scripture
Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34/Matthew 18: 21-22 Sermon Title: "Forgiveness"

September 20, 2020 (16th Sunday after Pentecost) Sermon Scripture
Psalm 42: 1 – 11/Matthew 20: 1-16 Sermon Title: "Give Me What's Mine!"

September 27, 2020 (17th Sunday after Pentecost)
The Rev. Dr. Jim Huffaker will be leading worship!

GRACE CARES

The Grace Cares Food Pantry took a break in April 2020 to adapt to the New Normal. In the next 90 days, we made many changes, many which have been helpful to both volunteers and clients. We have a new system of packing bags, use our drive through for distribution, and have streamlined our required paperwork. It's true: Necessity is the Mother of Invention!

In the ninety-day period of May, June, and July, we passed out groceries to 1682 individuals, with 580 of those over 60. About one third of our clients come more than once a month.

Our Financial Ministry will begin again after Labor Day. Initially we will work on a referral basis from Bay County Council on Aging to assist with Water Bills, as there should be access to funds for electric bills but not water bills. Donations of any sort are always welcome! We are particularly in need of GREEN BEANS! But are happy to have anything you bring us, including toilet paper.





Men of Grace: Men's group will meet on Tuesday, September 8 at 8:30am, at Brian Wolff's home.

Gracevine Info for October: Due Friday, September 18. Please submit any items you would like to appear in the October edition of the Gracevine by the deadline. Please send information to Janet Pitts at cookiegirl54@yahoo.com OR to the church at gracechurchpc@gmail.com.

Proverbs 31 Guild – Meets the 2nd Monday of each month in Bell Hall @ 11:00am. Contact Ronnie Wilson for more information.

YOGA BLISS – Faith and Fitness – Tuesdays at 4:30 pm and Thursdays at 4:00pm – Bell Hall
Contact: JoAnn at 850-819-1246 (Will resume on Aug. 4th)

SAINT ANDREWS BAY QUILTERS' GUILD - Meets here at Grace each month. If you enjoy quilting and fellowship visit their website <http://www.sabqg.org> for meeting times and membership information.

The Women's Club of PC, Environment Dept. meets the 4th Tuesday of each month in Room 202 at 10:00am. For more information, contact Almeda Huffaker or Cheryl Picken.

Collection for Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes will begin in October. A recent inventory of items that have been collected thus far indicates we need the following:

Coloring Books; Pencil sharpeners & erasers (we are good on pencils); Soap & Washcloths; Small toys & stuffed animals; Balls of all types & sizes; Shoes & socks; Flip-flops; Flashlights; All clothing items (esp. older boys); Sewing kits; and Calculators

If you purchase an item using batteries, please purchase extra batteries as well.

I have a wholesale contact to purchase official size (5) Western Star soccer balls with air pump (they come deflated) for \$4.90 each ...if 45 are ordered, shipping is FREE. If you would like to purchase one, or more, please see me.

Joyce



Circles are:

Tuesday, 9/8 – 9:30am - Parlor
Thursday, 9/10 – 9:30am - Parlor
Monday, 9/14 – 5:15/6:30pm - Parlor

September 2020 Team

Ellen Rumph – Chair - 819-3314
Jennifer Blanks - 625-8873
Anna Faye Brooks - 763-7063
Claire Calohan - 774-1138
Robin Cosson - 785-1409
Coni Kalata - 832-7736
Patsy Moates - 763-6172
Sally Rosales - 712-254-0302

Christian Education

Wednesday night dinners will resume on September 9th at 5:30pm. We will socially distance and wear masks when not eating. Please come and fellowship with us over a homemade meal!

Wednesday night Bible study will be resuming on October 7th at 6:15pm. We will meet in a room where we can socially distance. The Bible study will be a continuation of Max Lucado's 1 Timothy and Titus. Hope to see you there!

If you are interested in getting together for the Prayer Group, please contact Linda Lee Fraser at 866-7114. The group is considering beginning again in September. The group meets at 12:30pm in the parlor each Tuesday.



The yarn group meets each Tuesday at 1:30pm in the parlor. Please come join us!



Grace Cares

Grace Cares needs canned green vegetables, canned fruit, and canned tomatoes! Your help is appreciated.

Also, any monetary donations will be appreciated to help purchase items needed to fill the need for those in our community!

Thank You in Advance!

September Birthdays

19 Ellen Rumph
19 Fran Santos
26 Aliccann Donaldson
26 Mary Brown
27 Stephen Smith
29 Grady McDaniel
28 Samuel Spoon
30 Mark Williams

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!