New adventures beginning...

**LOGOS WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHILDREN’S MINISTRY** is a mid-week ministry to children currently in 1st through 5th grade. The fall semester will begin Wednesday, October 3, and meet weekly ending on Wednesday, December 4. Time are from 5:30 – 7:00 PM every week, and also includes dinner. The LOGOS program consists of four main spiritual formation rotations: Bible lesson, crafts or games, music and worship, and sharing a meal together!

**SAVE THE DATE** - GPC will be hosting a LOGOS Encounter/Training event on Saturday, September 21, from 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM. We will welcome GenOn Ministries Executive Director, Liz Perraud, as our training leader! All current and interested LOGOS program volunteers are greatly encouraged to attend. We will learn all about the LOGOS program, what it means to volunteer with this ministry and enjoy time to fellowship and worship together. Lunch will be included as well as childcare for children infants-5th grade. If you plan to volunteer this coming year with our LOGOS program, please sign up for the workshop by calling or emailing Sharon in the church office (office@gpctemple.org).

**SIGN UP OR VOLUNTEER** - If you would like to sign up your child for the fall semester OR volunteer, please go to our church website and fill out the registration form at https://gpctemple.webs.com/children-s-ministry. As with all of our ministries with children and youth, volunteers must complete Child/Youth Safety Training and complete a confidential background check. If you have any questions, please email Chelsea Stern, Director of Music/Children’s Ministry.

**FIRST SUNDAY FAMILY FELLOWSHIP** - Join other families with young children (babies-5th grade) who attend church at Grace, for a time of fellowship and eating together on the first Sunday of every month. This month we are meeting Sunday, Sept, from 5:00-7:00 PM at Hat Creek Burger in Temple. Questions? Email Chelsea Stern.

**PARENT’S NIGHT OUT - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 • 6-9 PM**

PNO is offered on the second Friday of each month from 6-9 PM. Free Childcare is provided by our GPC nursery staff for children who are GPC members and are 6 weeks old through 5th grade. Reservations are required by 3PM the day before (Thursday) to the church office. Register to the church office by email at office@gpctemple.org, phone or the sign up on our church website.

**CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Sunday School for Elementary children (K-5th grade) meets each week from 10:00 – 10:50 am. We are so excited to introduce a new curriculum this year: *Growing in Grace and Gratitude* published by the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation. Fall 2019 examines Old Testament stories that reflect worship. This multi-faceted curriculum is written specifically for a mixed-age elementary setting, accommodating readers and those just learning to read.

**MUSIC MINISTRY - Handbell Choir** rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, September 4 from 6:15-7:15 PM while the *Chancel Choir* will resume rehearsals the same day, from 7:15-8:15 PM. This is a wonderful time to come join the choir! New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining either choir, please email Chelsea Stern or come to a rehearsal!

**NEW ADULT CLASS**

All adults are invited to a new Adult Sunday School study, *Invitation to Genesis*. This class meets on Sunday mornings at 10 AM in the Conference Room and is co-taught by Kevin Cushman and Ann Edmondson.

**OFFICE HELP?**

If you would be interested in helping do extra office help, stuff bulletins, seal newsletters or sub in the office, please email Sharon or call the office.

**VISITING?**

If you have been visiting GPC, we would love to get a little information from you so that someone can properly welcome you and answer all questions. There are visitor cards located in the narthex (foyer) and in each pew in the sanctuary. Please fill one out and place in the offering. We are glad you are here!

**MOPS OF GRACE**

GPC is beginning a MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Group beginning Tuesday, September 3. Mothers with children infants through preschool are invited to join. This group will meet the first Tuesday of each month from 6:00 - 7:30 PM at the church on a regular basis. Childcare will be provided by our wonderful GPC nursery staff. Childcare spaces are limited, so please sign up as soon as you can! Sign up online! For more information and/or to join the group, please contact our MOPS Coordinator, Jennifer Essary, at Jennifer.essary@hotmail.com.
September Birthdays

Dave Hermann 9/3
Jodi Thomas 9/3
Samantha Horton 9/5
Marianne Stringfellow 9/5
Julie Bolin 9/6
Mary Anne Dunlap 9/6
Maxine Splittgerber 9/10
Mike Moul 9/11
Elizabeth Callarman 9/12
Lynn Grant 9/15
Marcia Woodrum 9/15
Sharon Ellis 9/16
Danny Garmer 9/17
Joe Norris 9/17
Sally Jordan 9/18
Doug Lamb 9/18
Sarah Stephens 9/18
Jane Nance 9/20
Art Ortiz 9/20
Valerie Surface 9/21
Emma Tolleson 9/21
Susan Phelps 9/25
Megan Nance 9/26
Melanie Bennett 9/27
Jeremy Langthorn 9/28

September Anniversaries

Cecil/Mary Alice Wall 9/5
Mike/JoAnne Moul 9/16
Wayne/Kay Finch 9/19
Dawn/Tom Pechal 9/24
James/Vana Tabarlet 9/30

Presbyterian Women - September marks the beginning of a busy season for us, with the following events on the docket:

Kick-Off Dinner - The 2019-2020 bible study begins with a festive dinner on Monday, September 9, at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Cost for this meal is $10 per person. Reservations are needed, along with childcare for those that need, by September 3. Reserve for yourself and your guests (male and female) by signing up in the narthex or contacting the church office. Plan for an evening of good food and fellowship. Rev. Thom Lamb will present our first bible study lesson.

Circle Groups - Make plans now to continue the bible study with a circle group (see dates and times below):

- **Tuesday Evening Circle** - First Tues of each month • 6 PM • Conference Room
  Contact Julie Benner (254.228.3352) for details
- **Tuesday Morning Circle** - Second Tues of each month • 9:30 AM • In members’ homes • Contact Pat Wurster (254.771.0220) for details
- **Jennie Shull Circle** - Third Thurs of each month • Noon • Conference Room
  Contact Patti Smith (254.541.6127) or Ann Edmondson (254.217.2901) for details
- **Study Guides** are still available in the church office at a cost of $12 each • Can be purchased at the dinner as well

Mo Ranch Women’s Retreat • May 28-30, 2020 - Are you considering attending this uplifting event as a part of the GPC’s delegation? Reservations are required by March 2020 • Contact Pat Wurster (254.771.0220) for information.

Once again, your generosity has made Backpack Buddies a huge success, benefitting more than 80 children in our community. **Thanks to all who participated! Pick up your bookmark in the narthex for daily prayers for these children.** You could be the only person praying for them!

Grace Youth Schedule

September 1 - no youth • September 8 - 5-7 PM (Annex) • September 15 - 5-7 PM (Annex) • September 22 - 5-7 PM (Annex) • September 29 - 5-7 PM (Annex)
We are called to SHARE the LOVE of Jesus Christ, reaching out in love and growing in GRACE.

DEACON’S MINISTRY

You have an opportunity to be Christ’s Hands and Feet through Communion Preparation...

“I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

John 6:48-51 NSV

Jesus, when he was at his final meal with his disciples instituted the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper as a remembrance and offering of thanksgiving for God’s grace made complete in His life, death and resurrection. How powerful a message! And how humbling to get to participate in this sacred ritual started by our Lord Jesus, providing an opportunity to come as you are and become one in the body of Christ.

Would you like to serve others by helping prepare the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, an important sacred ritual in the life of the church?

Communion preparation is a truly humbling opportunity and a way to quietly serve those around you. How can you help? We are in need of 1-2 volunteers each month on the weekend of the first Sunday to volunteer a couple of hours of their time. On the Saturday before the first Sunday, 1-2 volunteers gather at Grace for about 30 minutes to an hour to cut up the bread and put out the communion elements. On the first Sunday, 30 minutes prior to the service, volunteers fill the bread trays and juice cups and set them on the altar. After the service, volunteers pick up the trays, clean up and put them away.

So who can do this? Anyone! This opportunity is flexible and requires no extra prep, just come as you are and meet other GPC members.

If you are interested in this opportunity or other Deacons’ Ministries, email office@gpctemple.org or talk to one of the Deacons. Hope to serve with you!

YOUR MISSION FUNDS AT WORK!

The mission endowment fund of Grace Presbyterian Church continues to support local community efforts with the recent approval of funds for the Body of Christ Community Clinic. This clinic, established in 2010, has a mission “to carry out the compassionate healing ministry of Christ by providing personalized, quality health services to the medically underserved...” In addition to providing primary care, they also provide specialized diabetes care, mental health services, dental care, and spiritual support to residents of East Bell County.

One of the biggest unmet health care needs in our community is dental care, which can be prohibitively expensive for the uninsured and working poor. The Body of Christ dental clinic is the ONLY place in Bell County where residents can receive free dental care, a much needed service in this population. The $5000 grant from GPC will help buy much needed equipment and supplies, and help bring smiles back to those being served!
LIVING WATERS FUNDRAISER was a huge success!

If you missed it, all had an incredible time at the Dessert Auction!

Joey Tabarlet was the auctioneer and lots of sweet treats went up on the block. The final tally was $5,860.00 raised for the Living Waters for the World project. We are well on our way to completely funding our first water system in Guatemala next spring. A special thanks to Sandy Mason and Janice Smith and the entire mission committee for all the work that went into the lunch and auction. These monies will certainly have an impact as they will provide clean water for an entire community.