



THE GRACEVINE

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CHRISTMAS THANK YOUS!

Thank you to all who helped make Advent and Christmas a joyful and meaningful time at Grace. From all those who donated gifts, provided music, set up Communion, worked our sound system.....THANKS for your time & gifts!

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Thank you to **Everyone** who helped “hang the greens.” Special thanks to those who provided the meal that evening. The Church looked wonderful for the Christmas season.

The **Grace Staff** would like to thank everyone for the Christmas gifts, cards, and kind words during this Christmas Season. Special thank you to the **PW Women** for the wonderful luncheon put on for the Staff and to everyone that contributed food for the luncheon held in December.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the special offerings in the month of December for Staff Bonuses, Agape Fund, Good Samaritan Fund and the Joy Gift Offering.

Thank you to **Sarah Gaspard & Jysele Jones** for coordinating the Angel Tree Mission again this year. Also thank you to everyone that participated & thank you to our delivery drivers of the gifts, **Shan Angelle, Tim & Mary Conner & David & Jysele Jones.**

Thank you to **Carolyn Armstrong** for setting up communion each Sunday and thank you to

everyone that helped to serve communion this past year.

Thank you to all the **PW Ladies** for your gifts to the church staff and for continuing to collect food to be donated to United Christian Outreach during the holiday season.

Thank you to **Katharine Schendel & Nick Manzo** for your beautiful music you provided each Sunday during the Christmas Season. They were outstanding! We had a great turnout for our candlelight service, and everyone did a great job.

Thank you to **Terry Wolford & Paul Guillot** for streaming our Worship Services on Facebook during 2024. It is a big commitment these guys make to be able to work our sound system each Sunday along with streaming our services on Facebook for those who choose to watch virtually.

Thank you to all our Advent Readers and Candle Lighters during the Christmas Season. **Bette Harris, Linda Griffis, Joe & Glenda Hunter, Tim & Mary Conner, Paul & Andrea Montgomery, and David & Donna Causey.**

Thank you to **Tim & Mary Conner** for the wonderful refreshments after worship on December 22nd.

Thanks to **Rev. Pat Wadsworth** for the wonderful sermons this Advent Season and special thanks to **Dr. Donna Wadsworth** for filling in twice while Rev Pat was under the weather.



Sunday Worship Schedule

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Refreshments

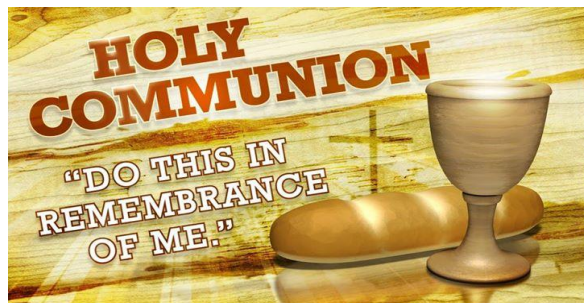
Church Office Hours

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.



COMMUNION - will be celebrated during our **10:30 a.m.** worship service **on Sunday, February 2nd**. As usual, we invite those who watch our worship service online to gather your communion elements ahead of time so you will be able to take communion with us.



Happy New Year!



With the changing of the year, we would like to thank our Elders and Deacons that have rotated off. Their ministry is so important and they are the spiritual leaders in your church. The Elders have had to address difficult issues and challenges each year.



Thanks to Elders: Betty Adams & Terry Wolford

Thanks to Deacons: Margaret Boone

Thanks to Trustee: Paul Guillot

New leaders were elected at our Congregational Meeting held on Sunday, January 5th and will be Installed on Sunday, January 12th:

Elders: Margaret Boone, Tim Conner & Paul Guillot

Deacons: Carolyn Armstrong, Donna Causey & Terry Wolford

Trustee: David Jones

Nominating Committee for 2025: Carolyn Armstrong, Margaret Boone, Donna Causey, Tim Conner & Danny Jones

Let Sarah know in the Church office if you would like to serve on a committee in 2025. We would love to have more members serve on committees this year. Thanks in advance!



OUTREACH MINISTRY

Extending love to our neighbours



Church
Directory

2025 Phone Directory

It is once again time for Phone Directory updates so that we can make our new 2025 directory which includes Grace Members, Non-Members & Regular Visitors. If you have any corrections to make from last year or are not included in our church directory, please contact by email gracpreb@lusfiber.net or call Sarah in the church office at 337-984-6400 with any updates or additions that you may have.

Although the new directories will not be printed until early February, please let our secretary know by the end of January if you have changes/additions.

Committee Meetings

SESSION – Our next Session Meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 14th** 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 **Tuesday, January 21st** at **2:15 p.m.** Please let Tim Conner know if you are on the MDO Board and cannot attend this meeting.



The Presbyterian Women encourage the congregation to support **United Christian Outreach** by bringing non-perishable food items and paper products to worship each month. **Our next collection will be on Sunday, February 9th.** In the month of February, we always do our collection on Super Bowl Sunday which is the normally the 2nd Sunday of the month. **Our collection this year will be on Sunday, February 9th.** 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.



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 10 Nick Manzo
- 18 Emily Foreman Babineaux
- 24 Andrea Montgomery
- 25 Randall Smith
- 28 Robert Hess Jr.
- 29 Libby Gaspard
- 31 Lana Gaspard



On Sunday mornings, 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/>



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!

LOW-SUGAR, LOW-FAT DESSERT

- 1-1/2 cups cold, fat-free milk
- 1 package sugar-free vanilla pudding mix (size that serves 4)
- 1 (8 oz.) package thawed, low-fat frozen whipped topping
- 1 package (13 oz.) ready-made sugar-free angel food cake
- 3 cups sliced strawberries
(can substitute blueberries or pineapple canned in its own juice)

Cut cake into 1/2 inch cubes. Pour milk into medium bowl; add pudding mix; beat with whisk for 2 minutes. Gently stir in 3 cups whipped topping. Place 1/2 of cake cubes in a large serving bowl; top with 1-1/2 cups fruit. Spread pudding mixture over fruit. Cover with the remaining cake cubes and fruit; top with remaining whipped topping. Refrigerate for at least one hour. Serves 12.

This recipe was published in the 3rd Presbyterian Women Cookbook and was **Lynne Castle's** recipe. If you have a recipe you would like to share with everyone, please share it with the church office so we can publish it in a future newsletter.



THIS OFFICE WILL BE

CLOSED

MONDAY, JANUARY 20th

**IN OBSERVANCE OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY.
WE WILL BE OPEN TUESDAY,
JANUARY 21st**



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



On the first Sunday of the month we have refreshments after church in our Fellowship Hall. We invite everyone to join us after worship on Sunday, February 2nd for refreshments and fellowship time. If you would like to bring a snack for everyone to enjoy, please let the church office know, or you can drop your food items off in the church kitchen. Thank you in advance for everyone that continues to make this possible each month.



Sunday, Feb 9th

"Souper Bowl of Caring"

www.souperbowl.org

The Presbyterian Women encourage the congregation to support **United Christian Outreach** by donating non-perishables and paper products each month. **Our next collection will be on Sunday, February 9th.** (Note: this collection will be the 2nd Sunday in February). UCO also accepts monetary donations which helps to buy proteins/meats to go along with the non-perishable items and also accepts new and gently worn clothing items.

If you are not at worship on collection day and would like to donate, you can drop items off to the church throughout the month. **Thank you to the Presbyterian Women & everyone that continues to support this mission of Grace Presbyterian Church.**

MOST NEEDED DONATIONS:

- Can Goods*
- Rice*
- Peanut Butter*
- Sugar/Flour*
- Ketchup/Mustard/Mayonnaise*
- Boxed Dinners*
- Pasta/Spaghetti*
- Pasta Sides*
- Dry Soups*
- Macaroni & Cheese*
- Cereal*
- Pop tarts*
- Juice*
- Pancake Mix/Syrup*
- Jelly/Jam*
- Grits/Oatmeal*
- Baby Formula/Baby Food*
- Baby Wipes/Baby Diapers*
- Paper Towels/Toilet Paper*
- Laundry Detergent/Dish Detergent*
- Shampoo/Conditioner*
- Toothbrushes/Toothpaste*
- Soap/Deodorant*

Mother's DAY OUT

The logo for Mother's Day Out (MDO) features the words "Mother's" in a cursive font and "DAY OUT" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. To the right of the text are three colorful blocks: a green block with a white "M", a blue block with a white "D", and a red block with a white "O".

MDO REGISTRATION – starting on **Tuesday, January 7th**, MDO will begin taking registrations for their upcoming Summer 2025 and Fall 2025-2026 semesters. Spots are offered to our current families first, then registration is opened up to any new families after the first 2 weeks of January. Email mdoatgrace@gmail.com or call 337-984-6400 for more information.

MDO CHRISTMAS SONGFEST – was held on **Wednesday, December 18th** in the Grace Fellowship Hall. The children sang Christmas songs that they have had been practicing for weeks for their families to enjoy.



SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED - We are currently looking to hire a few substitute teachers. Potential applicants should be coachable, teachable, and love children. If you are interested or know anyone that may be interested, please contact the church office at (337) 984-6400 or email our MDO Directors at mdoatgrace@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you and making you a part of our great team!

MDO OPENINGS – we currently have openings in our Toddler 1, Toddler 2 & Preschool classrooms. Please call (337) 984-6400 e-mail mdoatgrace@gmail.com for more information about our MDO program or to register your child/grandchild.

Our Mother's Day Staff:

Nursery Classroom – Traci Guidry & Alyssa Hundley
Toddler 1 Classroom – Kim Menard & Michelle Packer
Toddler 2 Classroom – Evelyn Toups & Mekedda Ewing
Preschool Classroom – Stacey Bravos & Cheryl Simpson

January

9:30 am – Sunday School 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 <i>New Years (Office Closed)</i>	2	3	4
5 <i>Communion</i> <i>UCO Collection</i> <i>Worship 10:30 a.m. (Congregational Meeting after worship followed by refreshments)</i>	6	7 <i>MDO Registration Begins for Summer 2025 & Fall 2025-26</i>	8	9	10	11
12 <i>Worship 10:30 a.m. (Installation of Officers)</i>	13	14 <i>Session Meeting 6:00 p.m.</i>	15	16	17	18
19 <i>Worship 10:30 a.m.</i>	20 <i>MLK Day (Office Closed)</i>	21 <i>MDO Board Meeting 2:15 p.m.</i>	22	23	24	25
26 <i>Worship 10:30 a.m.</i>	27	28	29	30	31	

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