

THE GRACEVINE

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August 5, 2021

Members and Friends of Grace Presbyterian Church,

Well, here we are again! In spite of all we've been through together in the past year-and-a-half, our society has not yet worked hard enough to bring the coronavirus COVID-19 under control! Instead, many people's reluctance to get the vaccines and wear face masks have scuttled the best efforts of medical science and care to relieve us of this pernicious threat to everyone's health. Our Governor and your Session have therefore been forced to reimpose the following restrictions for the foreseeable future:

OUR CHURCH'S COVID RESPONSE

In response to the Governor's reinstatement of the statewide mask mandate, the Session has voted to reinstitute our church's previous mitigation measures. Therefore, effective immediately, we will observe the following:

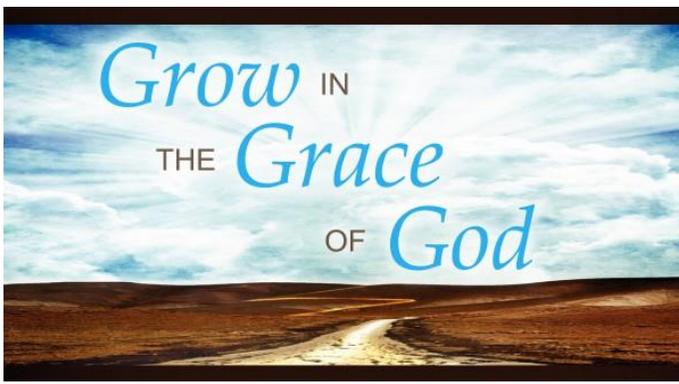
1. All persons, ages 5 and up, whether fully vaccinated or not, will wear a face mask covering their nose and mouth at all times while inside the building with other people. This includes during worship, including while singing, except for our soloist, who has been deemed far enough away from the rest of us to remove his/her mask while singing only. The only other exceptions are the Pastor and any other speakers, while preaching or speaking from the pulpit or lectern. This measure also includes visits to the church office at any time.
2. All persons will maintain social distancing of 6' or more while in the building, including during worship. Worshipers are expected to sit in only every other pew, and to maintain 6' of distance between worshipers, except for members of the same family.
3. All persons entering the building are expected to provide their own masks. A few extras will be available for one-time use, but everyone should come prepared, in order to save the church funds. Sanitary wipes and liquid hand sanitizer will be available in the narthex for worshipers' use.
4. The restrooms will be available and should be used by only one person at a time, except by members of the same family. A sign on the door shall be appropriately turned by all users to indicate whether the room is vacant or occupied.
5. On Sunday mornings, only the front wooden doors will be unlocked for worship in order to prevent extra cleaning of the fellowship hall and kitchen. Exceptions may be arranged for those with disabilities.
6. The Mother's Day Out program will set and maintain their own mitigation measures to suit their use of the building separate from the congregation.
7. Anyone who needs water while at the church is expected to bring their own, as the water cooler is deemed unsanitary for general use, and the kitchen will not be available for general use.
8. During worship we will continue remaining in place and gesturing to one another for the Passing of the Peace.

The Governor's proclamation is effective until September 1, and we will be attentive to his directions again at that time.

I am very sorry that these measures must be taken, but I am thoroughly convinced they must!

As we take this step back, I explicitly invite each of you to call me on my cellphone (**337-781-1806**) without hesitation at any time you have an emergency or just need to talk. In the meantime, I will be praying for each of you and for our community, that this crisis will end soon!

Very sincerely, Rev. Pat



Worship Schedule

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

Church Office Hours

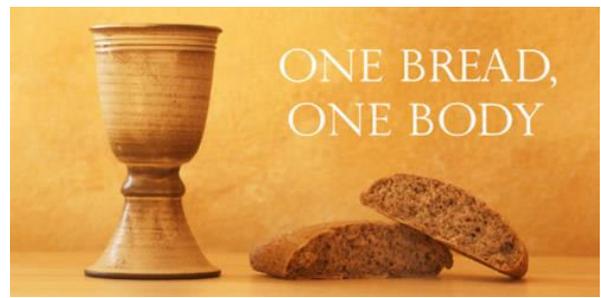
M-Thur. 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

A Nursery is available every Sunday during Worship in Room 4.



The Vineyard Sunday School Class is held on Sunday Mornings at 9:30am in the Session Room. They are currently studying a six-session study from *The Thoughtful Christian*: "Six figures from the N.T." (Mary the mother of Jesus, Mary and Martha (counted as one figure), Pricilla, Lazarus, James the brother of Jesus, and Peter). The needed materials are available at no cost. Please consider joining us for Bible Study on Sunday Mornings before Worship. Masks are required of everyone and please practice social distancing.



COMMUNION - will be celebrated during our 10:30am worship service on **Sunday, September 5th**. As usual, we invite those who watch our worship stream to gather your communion elements ahead of time so you can take communion with us.



The Presbyterian Women encourage the congregation to support **United Christian Outreach** by bringing non-perishable food items and paper products on the 1st Sunday of each month. **Our next collection will be on Sunday, September 5th**. Thank you to the PW Women & everyone that continues to support this mission of Grace Presbyterian Church. Also thank you to our church secretary for delivering these items to UCO each month.

ONLINE WORSHIP – for those who are still not attending in-person worship or if you are homebound, we will continue to stream our worship service live on Facebook (*gracelafayette*) on Sunday's at 10:30am.

Committee Meetings



SESSION – will **NOT** meet in August. The next session meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 14th** at **6pm**. Please let Lynne Castle know if you are an Elder and cannot attend this meeting when the date gets closer.



If anyone would like to bring flowers to place at the front of the sanctuary on Sunday Morning, please sign up on the sheet located just outside of the sanctuary. You can also call Sarah in the church office or Margaret Boone to let us know which Sunday you would like.

Thank you to **Joe & Glenda Hunter, Betty Adams, Margaret Boone and Betty Tucker** for putting flowers in July.



Please make note in your 2021 church directory that **Linda Griffis** has updated her contact information. New address is 1521 Camellia Blvd., Apt. 4205, Lafayette, LA 70508. New email is llgcr19@gmail.com and phone number is 337-288-6129.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Katherine Hess**
- 7 Tim Conner**
- 9 Elaine Hamm**
- 23 Joyce Guillot**
- 28 Anna Montgomery**
- 30 Pam Fontenot**
- 30 Mary Nolan**
- 31 Audrey Self**

If we do not have your birthday on our list, please let us know and make sure all your family members are included. Birthdays can be emailed to gracpreb@lusfiber.net or you can call the office at (337) 984-6400.



Copies of Our Daily Bread are available on the table outside the church office. Please feel free to pick up a copy on Sunday. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please let Sarah know in the office.

You can also get the daily devotionals online. Below are several ways.....

- Sign up at go.odb.org/devotional to have your devotional delivered by email
- On Facebook at facebook.com/ourdailybread
- Visit the website at odb.org

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



The Presbyterian Women Bible Study will begin again in September. They will meet in member's homes on the 2nd Monday of the month at 10am. Everyone is not expected to host.

The new Bible Study is "*What my Grandmothers Taught Me, Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus.*"

After Bible Study, anyone who wishes will go out to lunch. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Margaret Boone at 337-981-2475 or at marboone@yahoo.com.

MOTHER'S DAY OUT



FALL SEMESTER OPENINGS – There are still openings for our MDO Fall Program which runs from August 2021 to May 2022. If you know someone looking for childcare, Grace MDO is open from 9am-2pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Ages are from 6-months old up to Pre-K. You can contact our MDO directors at mdoatgrace@gmail.com or (337) 993-1231.

CPR TRAINING – was held on **July 29th** for our MDO Teachers. Every 2 years our teachers get re-certified in CPR. This year our church secretary was able to join them and get certified also.

CHICKEN SPECTACULAR

- 3 Cups cooked chicken (cut in bite size pieces)
- 1 package Uncle Ben's Wild and White rice mix
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 1 medium jar pimentos (optional)
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 cups French style string beans (canned)
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 can water chestnuts, drained & sliced
- Salt & pepper to taste
- Add a little lemon juice – always

Mix all ingredients – pour into 9 x 13 casserole dish. Bake for 25 minutes in 350 degree oven. May be frozen. Do not bake before freezing.

*This recipe came from **Betty Tucker** and was put in our Presbyterian Women's Cookbook. This recipe has been used at family night suppers and for lunch at Presbytery meetings and Presbyterian Women Presbytery.*



9:30 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship		9am-2pm MDO	9am-2pm MDO	9am-2pm MDO		
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>Communion</i> <i>United Christian Outreach</i> <i>Sunday School</i> <i>9:30am</i> <i>Worship</i> <i>10:30am</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 <i>Sunday School</i> <i>9:30am</i> <i>Worship</i> <i>10:30am</i>	9	10 <i>MDO Fall Semester Begins</i>	11	12 <i>Lafayette Public Schools Begin</i>	13	14
15 <i>Sunday School</i> <i>9:30am</i> <i>Worship</i> <i>10:30am</i>	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 <i>Sunday School</i> <i>9:30am</i> <i>Worship</i> <i>10:30am</i>	23	24	25	26	27	28
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