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DAY OF PENTECOST

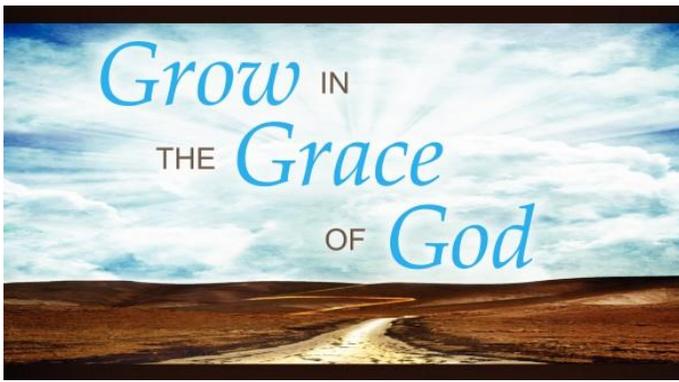
This year we will celebrate **Sunday, May 23rd** as the day of Pentecost. Here is what the Book of Common Worship says:

“Pentecost” comes from a Greek word meaning fiftieth day. On this day, the Holy Spirit came with wind and flame, empowering the disciples to proclaim the good news of the risen Lord to all people. Falling on the fiftieth day of the season of Easter, Pentecost represents the culmination of the church’s seven-week celebration of Christ’s resurrection. As the Lord’s Day is sometimes called the “eighth day” of creation, Pentecost is a day of new creation – all things transformed and made new by the word and Breath of the living God. On the Day of Pentecost we give particular thanks for the gift of God’s Holy Spirit, who gathers the church as the body of Christ and sends us to share in Christ’s mission throughout the world.

The notion of Easter as a season of fifty days is patterned after the ancient Jewish period of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest, after Passover, to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of weeks (in Hebrew, *Shavuot*). In Jewish tradition, *Shavuot* also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai, a connection that may inform Paul’s discussion of the law and the Spirit.



The Vineyard Sunday School Class will resume on Sunday, May 2nd at 9:30am. All attending will have received two covid vaccines, so masks will not be required but distancing will be practiced, per current protocol. To allow for distancing, the Session Room will be used instead of the Chapel. We will begin with 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 will be available at no cost. Please consider joining us for Bible Study on Sunday Mornings before Worship.



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.

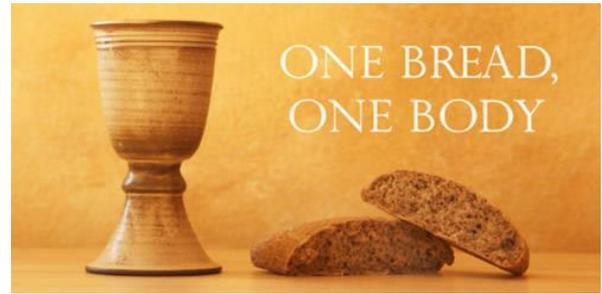
Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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



The Presbyterian Women will host a bake sale after worship on **Sunday, May 23rd**. The proceeds from this sweet sale will help to offset the cost of the Grace youth attending Camp Agape & Synod Youth Workshop this summer. Please consider purchasing baked goods on May 23rd!! Special thank you to all the Presbyterian Women for baking sweets for this sale!!

*****Please let Sarah know in the Church Office if you know someone who is planning to go to camp so that we can make sure to get them registered and paid!**



COMMUNION - will be celebrated during our **10:30am** worship service on **Sunday, May 2nd**. 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.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 14 Gray Guillot
- 17 Jeff Elmore
- 18 Dave Severson
- 30 Charles Conner
- 31 Mary Ann Daigle
- 31 Ellyn Macpherson

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.

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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



The Presbyterian Women are currently studying *“Into the Light, Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament”* by P. Lynn Miller.

PW Home Circle – will meet on **Monday, May 17th** Bible Study at **10am** at the home of Margaret Boone.

All women that attend Grace Church are invited to join us for Bible Study. Please contact Margaret Boone at (337) 981-2475 if interested.



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, May 2nd.** 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.

Committee Meetings

MDO BOARD – will meet on **Tuesday, May 4th** at **5pm**. Please let the board know if you cannot attend this meeting.

SESSION – our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 18th** at **6pm**. Please let Lynne Castle know if you cannot attend this meeting.

MOTHER'S DAY OUT



Teacher Appreciation Week

We would like to extend a warm thank you to all our wonderful teachers with our MDO program during the week of May 4th. The teachers work from 9-2 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. Our teachers are:

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| -Stacey Bravos | - Cheryl Simpson |
| -Cindy LeBlanc | - Erin Manolakakis |
| -Kim Menard | - Danielle Lege |
| -Donna Platt | - Michelle Packer |
| - Kelly Dowling | - Kassie Dulaney |

MDO REGISTRATION – Grace Mother's Day Out is still accepting registrations for our upcoming Summer 2021 and Fall 2021-2022 Semesters. If you would like more information about our MDO Program, please email mdoatgrace@gmail.com or call MDO at (337) 993-1231.



Thank you to **Margaret Boone** for setting up the “*flowering of the cross*” for Easter Sunday this year. Also thank you everyone that provided flowers on Easter. The cross looked absolutely beautiful!



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Thank you to everyone who donated to our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Easter Morning. This year we collected \$240.00. This offering helps those who are hungry, thirsty, without shelter or a safe place to call home. From people living in your community to those around the world, your gifts have a global reach, providing food and water, relief from the effects of crises and catastrophic events, and assistance for those stricken by oppression.

Congratulations! Now, go out there and change the world!!



Grace Presbyterian Church congratulates **Anna Montgomery** on her upcoming Graduation from Lafayette High School in May. Anna has been very active at Grace Presbyterian Church along with her family since she was young. Anna was involved in many activities and clubs at Lafayette High. She was captain of the varsity colorguard as well as a member of the National Honor Society, Beta Club and Yarn Arts Club. Anna also participated in a French Student Exchange Program and was named a National Merit Scholar finalist. She plans to attend LSU in the fall & will major in something biology related to prepare her for veterinary or physician assistant school. Grace Presbyterian Church wishes Anna the best in her future plans! Keep up the good work!!



As many of you are already aware, Grace Presbyterian had damages from Hurricane Delta. After many months of estimates, negotiations & insurance claims we have begun to repair our facility. Crest Exteriors is currently finishing up replacing ALL roofing at Grace (*which includes a new slate roof over the Sanctuary*). Once all the roofing & gutters are finished being replaced, there will also be some inside work that will be done. Special thank you to **Terry Wolford, David Jones & the Grace Session** for all the hard work you have put in so far to make this happen! Also thank you to **Gray Guillot** for spending extra time cleaning the Sanctuary so that we are still able to have Sunday Worship during the ongoing construction.

1ST ANNUAL ROSELAWN EASTER PARADE

Residents of the Greenbriar/Brentwood Neighborhood started a new tradition this year that will hopefully continue & grow in the coming years. A resident that lives on Roselawn Blvd had a vision of an Easter Parade for the children of the neighborhood and made that vision come true this year with the help of many other residents and Grace Presbyterian Church. On Easter Sunday, a parade rolled down Roselawn Blvd that began at Johnston Street and ended at Grace Church. Children walked, rode bicycles, etc. while neighbors on Roselawn Blvd. handed out candy and other Easter goodies. Upon arrival at Grace Presbyterian, children were able to take pictures with the Easter Bunny and participate in several Easter egg hunts. The neighborhood plans to continue having an Easter Parade each year down Roselawn Blvd. Special thank you to **Pat Wadsworth & Tim Conner** for participating in the planning of the parade.





Synod Youth Workshop

CAMP + AGAPE

When: July 12-17, 2021

Who: Youth going to 9th grade to Graduated Seniors

Where: In-person & on-line (more info below)

Website: synodyouthworkshop.com

Although not at the University of Tulsa, we will have both in-person and on-line experiences at "Hub Sites". Synod is working with churches across the Synod of the Sun about setting up geographically located "Hub Sites" so that youth groups can meet "in-person" together, share online presentations and experience SYW on a smaller scale.

The hope is to return to Tulsa University in the summer of 2022 with a full conference. More information about SYW to come soon!

When: June 13-19, 2021

Where: Feliciana Retreat Center

Who: Completed 3rd – 12th grade

- *Explorer Camp – those who have completed 3rd-5th grade.*
- *Pathfinder Camp – those who have completed 6th-8th grade.*
- *Adventure Camp – those who have completed 9th-11th grade.*
- *Senior Intern Program – those who have completed 12th grade.*

Early Registration ends on May 1st but you can register until June 1st just at a higher cost.

******Registration forms are available in the Church office.***



John Jimmy Self was baptized at Grace Presbyterian Church on Sunday, April 25, 2021. He is the son of Donovan & Katherine Self and the grandson of Tim & Mary Conner. John Jimmy also has a brother Cody and a sister Audrey. Grace Presbyterian Church welcomes John as part of the Grace Family.





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
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2 <i>Communion</i> <i>UCO Collection</i> <i>Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am</i>	3	4 <i>MDO Board Meeting 5:00 p.m.</i>	5	6	7	8
9  <i>Mother's Day</i> <i>Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am</i>	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 <i>Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am</i>	17 <i>PW Home Circle Meeting 10am</i>	18 <i>Session Meeting 6:00 p.m.</i>	19	20	21	22
23 <i>Pentecost</i> <i>Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am</i> <i>PW Bake Sale (after worship)</i>	24	25	26	27	28 <i>Last Day of Lafayette Public School</i>	29
30 <i>Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am</i>	31 <i>Office Closed</i>  MEMORIAL DAY					

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