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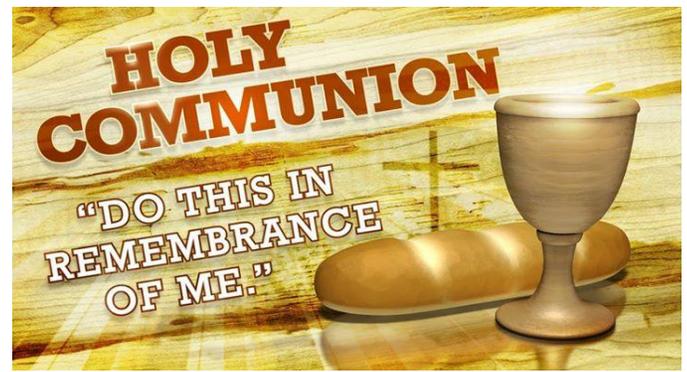
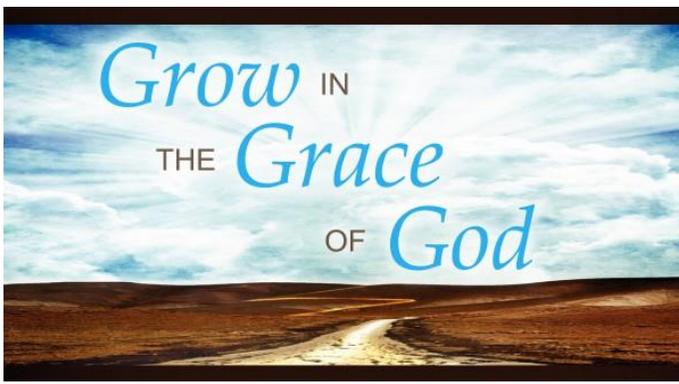
Reformation Sunday – October 31

Presbyterians celebrate the tradition that grounds their faith on Reformation Sunday. It is always the last Sunday in October, marking the occasion in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany.

Up until 1521, it had been relatively safe to show an interest in the writings and teachings of Martin Luther (1483-1546). When Luther refused to recant his writings in opposition to various doctrines and practices of the Roman Catholic Church, the Edict of Worms was signed by Charles V, the Holy Roman Emperor, on May 25, 1521, officially declaring Luther a heretic and an outlaw. The decree “forbid anyone from this time forward to dare, either by words or by deeds, to receive, defend, sustain, or favor the said Martin Luther.” The Edict declared Luther to be an obstinate heretic and banned the reading or possession of his writings. It further called for his capture. Luther escaped to safety at the Wartburg Castle under the protection of Frederick the Wise, Elector of Saxony, where he proceeded to translate the New Testament into German. Luther had become a prolific writer, fully embracing the new technology of the printing press to widely disseminate his teachings. Attempts to carry out the Edict were largely unsuccessful and the movement for Reform swept across much of Northern Europe, forever changing the face of Christianity. We owe a debt of gratitude to all who have fought for their convictions and beliefs at any cost as we continue the work of building the Kingdom of God.

Reformation Day is a reminder each year to come back to the Word. Why? Because churches, like people, live and thrive by the Word of God. Jesus said, “man does not live by bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord” (Matthew 4.4).

--Sarah Gaspard



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 encourage the congregation to support **UCO** by bringing non-perishable food items and paper products on the 1st Sunday of each month. **Our next collection will be on Sunday, October 3rd.** United Christian Outreach also accepts monetary donations that are used to purchase protein/meats to go along with the non-perishables that are donated each month. Thank you to the PW Women & everyone that continues to support this mission of Grace Presbyterian Church.

COMMUNION - will be celebrated during our **10:30am** worship service on **Sunday, October 3rd**. 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 Vineyard Sunday School Class is held on **Sunday Mornings at 9:30am** in the **Session Room**. They are currently studying a 7-session study on ***a Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA—1983)***. 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 in attendance and please practice social distancing when inside Grace Presbyterian Church.

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.

HURRICANE MISSION PROJECT

Recently we collected items needed to help those in the Bayou Blue area (in Gray, LA: about 15 miles north of Houma) that were directly affected by Hurricane Ida. These items will be delivered soon to Kristina Peterson, minister at First Presbyterian Church, Bayou Blue. She will distribute the items and gift cards to those in and surrounding Gray and regions to the south of her. Kristina has worked in relief efforts in this area before. This is a mission that Grace Church is considering doing more than just this one time. Thank you to everyone who donated items and made monetary donations to help those that were affected by this storm.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Debbie Foreman
- 7 Jysele Jones
- 18 Larry Fontenet
- 18 Jim McLain
- 22 Nelson Elmore
- 27 Paul Guillot
- 31 Caroline Elmore Salmon

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.



October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Don't forget to show your Pastor how much you appreciate him this month! The official day in October for this celebration is the 2nd Sunday in October (October 10th). Thank you to Rev. Pat Wadsworth for all you do & have done for Grace Presbyterian Church during our transition between permanent pastors.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



The Presbyterian Women Bible Study will **begin again starting this month**. They will meet in member's homes on the 3rd 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.*"

PW CIRCLE MEETING – will be on **Monday, October 18th at 10am** at the home of Margaret Boone. All women that attend Grace Church are invited to join us for Bible Study and Fellowship.

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.

Committee Meetings

SESSION MEETING – the next session meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 12th at 6pm**. Please let Lynne Castle know if you are an Elder and cannot attend this meeting.



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. We need more volunteers! Thanks in advance!



FALL SEMESTER OPENINGS – There are openings at Grace MDO currently in three of the classrooms (Nursery, 3-Year Old & 4-Year Old Classes). If you know someone looking for childcare, MDO is open weekly from 9am-2pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Ages are from 6-months old up to Pre-K. If you know of someone that might be interested, they can contact our MDO directors at (337) 993-1231 or at mdoatgrace@gmail.com.

HALLOWEEN PARTIES – on **Thursday, October 28th** will be individual class parties to celebrate Halloween. The children (and teachers) get to dress up in costume for school on this day and then enjoy their small class parties.

SPINACH AND ARTICHOKE CASSAROLE

2 (10 oz.) pkg. frozen chopped spinach
1 (8 oz.) cream cheese
½ c. butter
Salt and Pepper

2 Tbsp. lemon juice
2 cans artichokes, drained
4 Tbsp. chives

Cook spinach and drain well. Melt cheese and butter over low heat. Add salt and pepper and lemon juice to cheese mixture. Drain artichokes and place on bottom of 2 quart casserole dish. Mix spinach with cheese mixture. Add chives and place on top of artichokes. Sprinkle seasoned bread crumbs on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Serves 8.

The above recipe is from Marcia Pickard and was printed in the 1st Presbyterian Women Cookbook. Marcia and her husband Jim were longtime members of Grace Presbyterian Church. They moved to the East Coast when they retired.



Copies of Our Daily Bread are available on the table outside the church office. Please feel free to pick up a copy 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 by email
- On Facebook at facebook.com/ourdailybread
- Visit the website at odb.org

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