

GRACE NOTES



January 2015

Report of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

(This letter went out on December 8, 2014)

Dear Member and Friend of Grace Presbyterian Church,

After holding 28 meetings, writing our Ministry Information Form, reading more than 50 Personal Information Forms from potential pastors, viewing the sermons of 15 of these candidates, checking up to 6 references for each of 8 candidates, conducting 5 in-depth Skype interviews, and organizing one on-site interview, the Pastor Nominating Committee has **unanimously** and **excitedly** selected its nominee to present to the congregation.

We are ready to proceed. Hence the Session of Grace Presbyterian Church has called a Congregational Meeting for December 14th after the worship service in order to vote on the call. The PNC will make its report at this meeting. A brochure containing a short message from the candidate, a short biography of the candidate, and the terms of call to be proposed will be distributed.

The report will include the following elements:

- A brief sketch of the process that was followed
- Announcement of the name of the nominee, and a brief oral biography
- Description of the candidate's strengths, and impressions of the members of the PNC that drew the committee to him or her
- Presentation of the terms of call
- Motion to call the candidate as pastor under the terms of call presented
- Motion to name some or all of the PNC to "prosecute the call" (report to the presbytery at the next meeting on the work of the PNC).

Please join us for this important event in the life of Grace Presbyterian Church. And, do encourage other members of this congregation to participate with us on December 14th. We hope to have our new minister in our midst shortly after the beginning of the New Year.

In thankfulness for your prayers, the members of the Grace Pastor Nominating Committee,

Dorothy Nevill, Moderator
Janis Bomar, Liaison to Committee on Ministry
Karen Russ, Corresponding Clerk
Stephen Weaver, Liaison to Session
Jerry Butler
Jay Collins, Technology Clerk
Pauline Kirk



January Birthdays



Owen Wingate , beloved past choir director at Grace Church, passed away Christmas Eve .

May we lift Judy, Lauren and Jennifer and all the family in prayers for Peace that passes all understanding , for Strength as they face the days without him ahead,and Gratitude for all the wonderful, cherished memories of him.

If you would like Judy's new mailing address, please call the church office

Jan 1	Diane	Millican
Jan 2	Lorena	McAlpine
Jan 5	Gary	Gale-Shelton
Jan 8	Lindsey	Schell-Atkinson
Jan 8	Dee	Palmer
Jan 9	Mike	Threet
Jan 10	Katie	Bauman
Jan 13	Mabel	Che-Tuma
Jan 15	Paul	Gillespie
Jan 23	Rebekah	Rodgers
Jan 24	Nancy	Niblack
Jan 28	Julie	Woodward
Jan 29	Sharon	Osborn
Jan 29	Evelyn	Caldwell
Jan 30	Ray	Ferguson
Jan 31	Emily	Youngblood
Jan 31	Margaret	Scruggs



Mission Committee

The Mission committee is always very busy at this time of year.

In addition to their normal activities:

- \$317.00 was received for the Joy Gift Offering.
- They had 17 Angel Tree gifts that were picked up at Grace and delivered to clients at the Acorn Clinic.
- Christmas Eve food gifts were taken to Gainesville Community Ministries for distribution.

The item for January for LPG is Baby Items. Remember, GCM is always in need of baby food, diapers, etc.



Please call the church office, 352-376-5654, if your special day is **NOT** listed.

MOVING FORWARD WITH GRACE

Our New Pastor, Charles Freeman, will preach his first sermon at Grace on January 25, 2015.

Brochures which contain a letter from him, a short biography about him, and pictures of him and his wife, are available in the Narthex.

Please consider picking up copies of the brochure to distribute to friends that you think might be interested in participating in their special event in the life of grace.



ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICE



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The Ordination and Installation of our new pastor will be February 8, 2015 at 3PM at Grace.

Congregational Dinner

We are looking forward to our congregational dinner/BBQ on the last Sunday of the month January 25th to welcome our new minister! The Weaver's will BBQ and we ask everyone to bring a side dish (veggie, salad or dessert). We need help with set-up and clean-up that day for certain!

Birthdays and Anniversaries to be celebrated Jan 18th.



Please contact Session members if you have any questions.

W.T. Chesnut, Lois Semer,
Jonathan Tuma

Julie Woodward, Debbie
Harris, Clint Collins

Diane Millican, April Riley, Lisa Weaver



Elders on Call for January

Julie Woodward (352) 331-1792

Lisa Weaver (352) 258-2144



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
4 Worship 11AM Communion	5	6  Epiphany	7 Mens Lunch Noon	8	9	10
11 Worship 11AM	12 Session Mtg 6:30PM Conference Room	13 Anna Circle 10:00AM	14 Mens Lunch Noon	15	16	17
18 Worship 11AM	19  Office Closed	20	21 Mens Lunch Noon	22	23	24
25 Worship 11AM Rev Charles Fr Cong. Dinner	26	27 Grace Notes Articles Due	28 Mens Lunch Noon	29	30	31

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Liturgy Passages for January

Second Sunday after Christmas Day—January 4, 2015

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalm 147:12-20

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1:[1-9] 10-18

Epiphany of the Lord—January 6

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

Baptism of the Lord—January 11

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

Second Sunday after the Epiphany—January 18

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

Third Sunday after the Epiphany—January 25

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62:5-12

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20