



GRACE NOTES

MAY 2023

\$1 Fund Offering



St. Francis House

Our \$1 Fund Offering for the months of April through June will go to St Francis House.

As we are a family shelter, all clients must have police clearance (a blue card issued by Gainesville Police Department or Alachua County Sheriff Office) before receiving any services from our facility.

The transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency

St. Francis House

The main location, **St. Francis House**, can provide emergency shelter to 8 families at a time, which is generally 35 - 40 people each night. While residing at the shelter, guests receive three meals a day, are assigned an individualized case plan to follow, have access to our laundry room, can use the client phone, etc.

Additionally, St. Francis House offers a free meal, case management services, and basic needs to anyone in need (known as day guests), between 9:00 am - 12:00 pm daily. If the temperature drops below 45 degrees or there is a severe weather emergency (hurricane, tornado, etc.), the City of Gainesville will allow St. Francis House to open for Cold Night Shelter, in which we have space for an extra 60 clients.

Sunrise Residence Inn

Sunrise Residence Inn was established by St. Francis House in 2000. Sunrise is a permanent housing program that assists homeless working individuals whose goal is to become self-sufficient. Since affordable housing is difficult to find in Gainesville, the program at times also invites persons who receive disability income to participate. Some residents use the program for a year or two, then move on to private housing. Others, who have fixed incomes, have lived at Sunrise since it was opened. Residents work with a case manager based on their personalized case plans.

Arbor House

Arbor House was acquired by St. Francis House in 2013. Arbor House provides affordable housing in a communal setting to working mothers with children. Each family works with a case manager to design a plan to move to self-sufficiency. Low-income families who cannot afford market rent benefit from this set-up since they work as a community to achieve similar goals. The extended time families can stay at Arbor House, combined with their case manager partnership, has allowed mothers to pursue education and skills, and thus, increase their incomes.



The Worship Committee reminds church members and friends that the 2023 Flower Calendar is posted in the narthex. Fresh floral arrangements are \$40 and you may place your name on any selected date of your choosing. Please note that roses added to your arrangement are in addition to the \$40.00 and are \$5.00 each.

Prayer Requests

Please join us in lifting up prayers for those who have immediate concerns: Carl Crane's brother, Michael; Donna Fidler; Janine Groner; Billie Jean Jones; the family and friends of JoAnn Schell, the family and friends of Margaret Scruggs; the family and friends of Helen Weidhaas; and Fred Winter, Jay Winter Collins father.

Also pray for those with longer term needs: Margie Baker; Lois Butler's sister, Holly Durst; Jerry Butler; Pauline Kirk; Bob McAlpine; Gale Nevill; Laura Raizada; Libby Richardson; Sarah Robinson; Wayne Wagner; C. D. Weaver; Mary Williamson; our military; first responders; the people of the Ukraine and our church.



If there are other people or concerns that you would like to add or delete from this list, please contact Ivette by phone at 352-376-5654 or by email at office@gpconline.org

IN MEMORY

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of former member Margaret Kenney Scruggs who passed away peacefully in her sleep on April 21st at the age of 99.5 years. Margaret was an inspiration during her time at Grace. She was a founding member of the Florida Trail, building and maintaining two trail sections. In 1984 she joined the Peace Corp and served in Africa for two years. For 35 years in Gainesville, she volunteered with Habitat, Hospice, Grace, the Clothes Closet, several choirs, FTA, and home hosts for people traveling to area hospitals. In 2003, she moved to Dowling Park where she continued her volunteer work. Her service will be held at a later date.

Session Meeting Highlights

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MODERATOR'S REPORT

Rebecca (Becca) Putman, pastor at Westminster, will moderate our Session Meetings

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & MISSION

Maundy Thursday supper and Easter breakfast both very successful. Good turnout from both Grace and Westminster

St Francis House meal was prepared and delivered on April 21

\$1 Fund is going to St Francis House from April to June

Collecting items from Bath & Body Works to make a few baskets for the Mother's Day Luncheon on May 12

Members are reminded to sign up for Fellowship Hour

After contacting the following members who no longer participate in the life of our church, the following people were removed from the roll: Mabel Che Tuma, Jonathan Tuma, Ade Tuma, Alvin Tuma, Ashley Penney, Jennifer Wingate, Kevin Youngblood

Updating bulletin boards in Fellowship Hall

PROPERTY AND OPERATIONS

Gainesville Opportunity Center will be using our kitchen and fellowship hall beginning May 1 from 8:30-2:30 on weekdays while their kitchen is being remodeled

Church sign is being repaired

Gainesville Opportunity Center staff and members and Korean Church members have been helping with the Courtyard Garden

John Adams, project manager for the car wash, assured us that they will be doing something to make the sidewalk in front of the office safer

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

American Guild of Organists will use our sanctuary some Saturday or Sunday afternoon for an organ and piano recital

Elders on Call

**Elders on Call
for May are:**

**Jay Collins 352-870-2843
Faye Tripp 904-307-4082**

Two elders volunteer to be available to church members and friends who may need assistance. When the church office is closed, these elders are on call to help.

Please don't forget our Special Offerings

Two Cents a Meal

We invite every member of the congregation to prayerfully contribute a few cents at each meal. This offering is held the first Sunday of each month, but feel free to contribute on any Sunday to help alleviate hunger and poverty.



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GRACE - GIVING AND SHARING MISSION



This project is a food and household item collection. All items collected are donated to Gainesville Community Ministry. For the month of May we will be collecting tuna and canned meats.

For it is in Giving That We Receive

Ways to Support Grace Presbyterian Church:

1. Mail a check to the church office.
2. Use your bank's online bill pay system.
3. Use the electronic funds transfer from your savings or checking account, or
4. Use a debit/credit card at the link on our website under the giving tab (there is also an image that you can click).

The finance committee would like to keep the congregation informed about our General Fund income and expenses and our pass through donations. If you have any questions, contact Lois Butler at 352-262-5893 or treasurer@gpconline.org.

	March	Through 3/31
Income	\$ 5,837.54	\$ 53,464.65
Expenses	\$ 13,377.28	\$ 51,209.57
Pass Through Donations		
Two Cents a Meal	\$ 58.00	\$ 162.03

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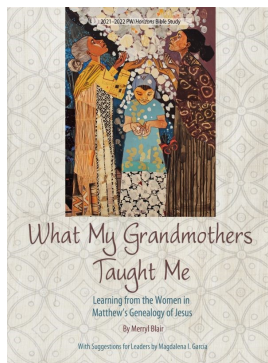
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:00 pm – Session Meeting in Church Office 7:00 pm – Square Dance Group	2 10:30pm – Congregational & Life Committee Meeting 12:00 noon – Anna Circle 6:00 pm – Girl Scouts 7:00 pm – Barbergators	3 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	4 6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus	5 6:00 Korean Bible Study	6
7 11:00 – Worship Service Guest Pastor – Reverend Dick Menzel Communion 1:00 – Korean Service 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	8 7:00 pm – Square Dance Group	9 6:00 pm – Girl Scouts 7:00 pm – Barbergators	10 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	11 6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus	12 6:00 Korean Bible Study	13
14 MOTHER'S DAY 11:00 – Worship Service - Guest Pastor – Elder Rebekah Rodgers 1:00 – Korean Service 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	15 7:00 pm – Square Dance Group	16 6:00 pm – Girl Scouts 7:00 pm - Barbergators	17 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	18 6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus	19 6:00 Korean Bible Study	20
21 11:00 – Worship Service - Guest Pastor – Elder Suzie Cornelio 1:00 – Korean Service 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	22 7:00 pm – Square Dance Group	23 6:00 pm – Girl Scouts 7:00 pm – Barbergators	24 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	25 6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus	26 6:00 Korean Bible Study	27
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The Anna circle will meet on Tuesday, May 2 at 12:00 noon in the library. Diane Millican will lead our study of Lesson 9 "What Are These Women Doing in a Place Like This?" in *What My Grandmothers Taught Me* by Merryl Blair. Please bring your study book, Bible and your own brown bag lunch and beverage. All women are welcome. Please come and enjoy the fellowship.

Liturgy Passages for May

5/7 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 or
Proverbs 4:10-18
Psalm 119:9-32
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

5/14 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20 or
Ezekiel 34:1-7a
Psalm 115:
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

5/21 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 or
Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 21:1-7
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

5/28 Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or
Numbers 11:24-30
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or
Acts 2:1-21
John 20:19-23
John 7:37-39