



GRACE NOTES

JULY 2023

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

During the month of May a group of generous donors matched every donation to Heifer to make the gifts help **10 times** as many families move from poverty to prosperity!

Every **\$1 given equaled \$10**. It was the biggest match in their history.

We were able to donate \$ 741.87 (\$500.00 budgeted funds plus \$241.87 from our recycling of aluminum cans). Our donation of \$741.87 plus \$6,676.83 (matching funds) equals \$7, 418.70 and will provide livestock, like heifers, chicks, goats and bees, training and related services to create sustainable solutions to poverty and hunger.

Heifer International's mission is to end hunger and poverty while caring for the Earth. For over 75 years, Heifer has been working to empower impoverished families by providing them with the tools and resources they need to thrive.

Our donation provided small-scale farmers and communities worldwide with livestock, training, and related services to create sustainable solutions to poverty and hunger.

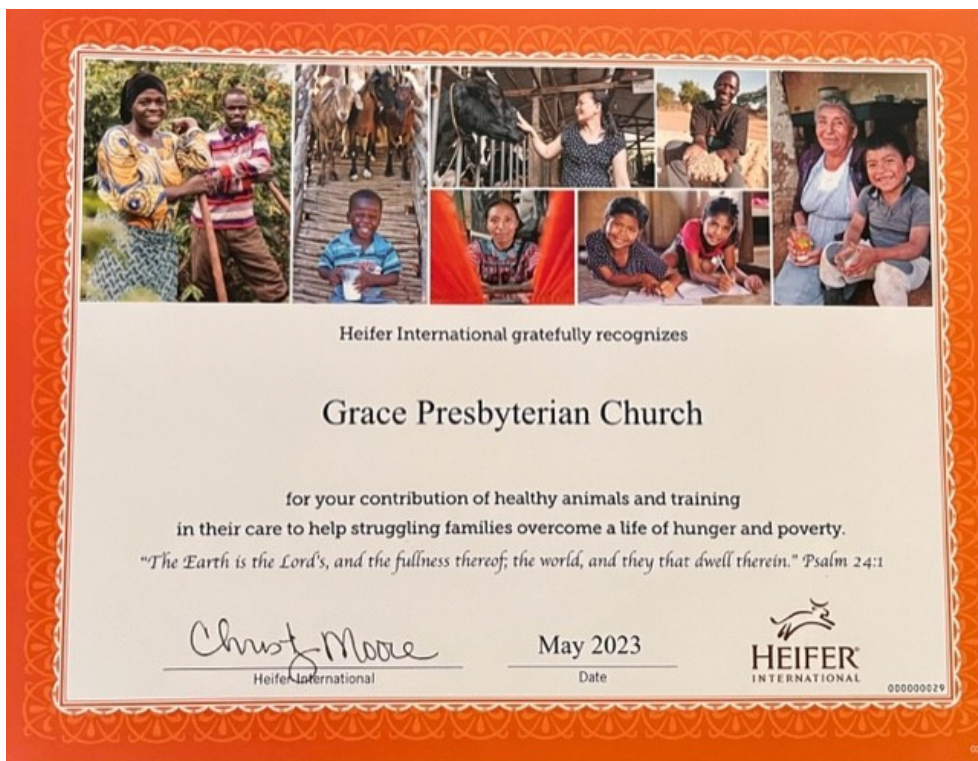
Heifer works with farmers and their communities to identify opportunities that deliver living incomes, creating solutions to local challenges that are designed to build inclusive, resilient economies.

Heifer believes that women-led smallholder farming is the future of our economy and our relationship with the earth.

Heifer International invests in individuals and communities around the world, teaching effective tools of the trade and the tools of trade itself. They know how to produce goods that are difficult to harvest or in short supply, while simultaneously bringing people to a living income.

Heifer works with farmers to improve productivity, diversify their businesses and increase incomes. With a living income they can provide quality food for themselves and their families.

Please continue to bring your aluminum cans to the Fellowship Hall so that we can continue this mission.



The Worship Committee reminds church members and friends that the 2023 Flower Calendar is posted in the narthex. Fresh floral arrangements are \$35 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 \$35.00 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

Elders on Call

**Elders on Call
for July are:**

**Jay Collins 352-870-2843
Karen Russ 352-262-5419**

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.

Session Meeting Highlights

June 12

INTERIM PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Clint Collins, Debbie Harris and April Riley will serve on the committee
They will be guided by Rev. Rebecca Putman

2023 SPRING PRESBYTERY STATED MEETING - MAY 2ND

Was held both in-person and by Zoom
Hosted by Riverside Presbyterian Church
Meeting began with Worship

Rev. Bryant Anderson delivered the message titled "How?"
Lord's Supper was celebrated.

Jamaica Mission Team was commissioned for their upcoming work
Thornwell Home was presented with a check from a portion of the proceeds of
the Lake Shore Presbyterian Church property sale

Moderator Rev. Dr. Susan Rose guided the Presbytery through the agenda.

Highlights included:

Updates from the Lead Presbyter Search Committee and from the Disaster
Relief Commission

Reports from both the Montgomery Center and Presbyterian Women
Upcoming plans by the Mission and Leadership Development Team

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm and a delightful lunch was served
Next meeting on October 3, 2023, at St. Giles Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP

Guest pastors have been secured through July and August
Communion will be served on July 2nd
Researching cost of dehumidifier for the piano in the sanctuary

PROPERTY AND OPERATIONS

Tree hit by lightning was removed and debris was hauled away
Ted Welcome proposal was not approved due to timeframe conflicts with our cantor
and organist

Gallo car wash construction company installed a guardrail at the office and replaced
sod around the grounds

All girls in the Girl Scout troop that met at Grace graduated from high school
We will be getting a new Girl Scout troop

Gainesville Opportunity Center paid for plumbing repairs in Fellowship Hall
Solar light in the Courtyard Garden were stolen

Two temporary disabled parking spaces have been added to the parking lot
Plexiglass has been obtained for the lighted sign and repairs continue

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.
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.

	May	Through 5/31
Income	\$7,278.58	\$71,635.53
Expenses	\$7,278.58	\$71,635.53
Pass Through Donations		
Two Cents a Meal	\$ 41.02	\$ 279.05

MONTGOMERY SUMMER CAMP

In the summer months, Montgomery Center is a place for youth to experience outdoor activities like archery, canoeing, swimming in our private spring fed lake, all while developing or growing a relationship with God. Our summer staff ensures a positive learning environment for campers to experience Christ through teamwork, building relationships, and learning new skills. Visit <http://www.montgomerycenter.org/> for more information.



Liturgy Passages for July

7/2 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Semicontinuous:

Genesis 22:1-14
Psalm 13

Complementary:

Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

7/9 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Semicontinuous:

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Psalm 45:10-17 or
Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Complementary:

Zachariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-14
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

7/16 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Semicontinuous:

Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 119:105-112

Complementary:

Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 65: (1-8) 9-13
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

7/23 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Semicontinuous:

Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Complementary:

Isaiah 44:6-8
Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

7/30 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Semicontinuous:

Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or
Psalm 128

Complementary:

1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm 119:129-136
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



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.



\$1 Fund Offering



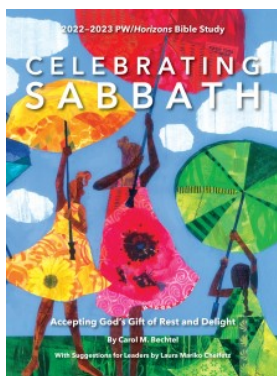
Our \$1 Fund Offering for the months of July through September will go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

GRACE - GIVING AND SHARING MISSION



This project is a food and household item collection. All items collected are donated to the Bread of the Mighty Food Bank. For the month of July we will be collecting personal hygiene and paper products.

Circle News



The Anna circle will study *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight* from September 2023 through May 2024. In the nine lessons of this Bible study with passages from Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Matthew, Luke, and Acts we'll consider Sabbath

- as a celebration, not a day of dreary formality
- as God's intent for all of creation that includes busy women too
- as one day of the week, perhaps a Sunday
- as a time to surrender unhealthy striving and frantic busyness, and instead trust that God will provide
- as a reminder that life is precious and working too much is against God's plans for our precious lives
- as a day devoted to community and justice and not exclusively to self-care.

Ultimately, Sabbath reminds us to honor God who honors us by giving us a day each week to reset our pace, our priorities, and our lives. If you would like to order a study book please contact Lois Butler at 352-262-5893, treasurer@gpconline.org or in person.

The Anna Circle's July "Dutch Treat" lunch meeting will be held at the Pomodoro Café on Tuesday, July 11th at 11:30 am. It is located at 9200 NW 39th Avenue in Gainesville.


Please RSVP to Karen Russ by Monday, July 10th at 352-377-7996 or jhklruss@aol.com.

All women are encouraged to attend and share food and fellowship. We are eager to see you there.



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JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 11:00 – Worship Service Guest Pastor – Rev Dr Clinton Cottrell Communion 1:00 – Korean Service 7:00 – ESWT(AA)</p>	<p>3 4:00 pm – Square Dance Group</p>	<p>4  Church Office Closed 6:00 pm – Girl Scouts 7:00 pm – Barbergators</p>	<p>5 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch 6:00 pm – Session Meeting in Church Office 7:00 pm – ESWT(AA)</p>	<p>6 6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus</p>	<p>7 6:00 Korean Bible Study</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>9 11:00 – Worship Service - Guest Pastor – Rev Sandra Hendrick 1:00 – Korean Service 7:00 – ESWT(AA)</p>	<p>10 4:00 pm – Square Dance Group</p>	<p>11 11:30 am Anna Circle – Dutch Treat: Lunch – Pomodoro Cafe 2:00pm – Cong Life & Mission Meeting 6:00 pm – Girl Scouts 7:00 pm - Barbergators</p>	<p>12 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch 7:00 – ESWT(AA)</p>	<p>13 6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus</p>	<p>14 6:00 Korean Bible Study</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 11:00 – Worship Service - Guest Pastor – Rev Dr Clinton Cottrell 1:00 – Korean Service 7:00 – ESWT(AA)</p>	<p>17 4:00 pm – Square Dance Group</p>	<p>18 6:00 pm – Girl Scouts 7:00 pm – Barbergators</p>	<p>19 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch 7:00 – ESWT(AA)</p>	<p>20 6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus</p>	<p>21 St Francis House Dinner 6:00 Korean Bible Study</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23/30 11:00 – Worship Service 1:00 – Korean Service 7:00 – ESWT(AA)</p>	<p>24/31 4:00 pm – Square Dance Group</p>	<p>25 6:00 pm – Girl Scouts 7:00 pm – Barbergators</p>	<p>26 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch 7:00 – ESWT(AA)</p>	<p>27 Grace Notes Articles Due 6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus</p>	<p>28 6:00 Korean Bible Study</p>	<p>29</p>



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Would you like to leave a lasting legacy and continue to make an impact in the life of Grace and the organizations that Grace supports after you are gone? Consider making a gift to Grace in your will, estate plan or by beneficiary designation. These gifts allow you to continue to use your assets during your life. By leaving a gift after you are gone, you will be able to sustain our mission and live on in the hearts of the people of Grace and the people we serve.

