



# GRACE NOTES

## AUGUST 2023

A 7.8 magnitude **earthquake near the Turkey-Syria border** struck in the early hours of February 6, 2023. This earthquake is estimated to affect more than 23 million people.

Solidarity grants to meet immediate needs, such as hygiene kits, psychosocial support, shelter, medicines, winterization items, food packages and more have been processed. PDA will be present for the long-term recovery.

PDA is working with affected presbyteries and international partners to assess the aftermath of Hurricane Ian and offer resources and support. Emergency grants have been disbursed and National Response Team members are deployed.

As people of faith, we stand ready to partner with presbyteries, congregations and communities to meet the immediate and long-term needs.

Severe flooding impacted Kentucky, Missouri and Virginia in late July.

PDA has processed grants and deployed National Response Team members to affected areas. In Eastern Kentucky, we anticipate this being a long term response, with information on volunteer hosting to come.

If you would like to learn more about the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and how they are involved throughout the world go to <https://pda.pcusa.org>.

### \$1 Fund Offering



**PRESBYTERIAN  
DISASTER  
ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

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

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; Fred Winter, Jay Winter Collins' father; and Don Woodward.

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](mailto:office@gpconline.org)

## Elders on Call

**Elders on Call  
for August are:**

**Karen Russ 352-262-5419  
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.



# Session Meeting Highlights July 5

## **INTERIM PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE**

Committee is working on narrative questions and completing forms

## **WORSHIP**

Guest pastors have been secured through 9/24 with the exception of 9/3  
Communion will be served on 8/6 - Rev. Joe Rigsby guest pastor  
Sherry Crane will be liturgist for August - need someone for 8/6  
Resume ringing of the chimes to announce beginning of worship  
Continued research of dehumidifier for the piano in the sanctuary/anonymous donor  
offered to cover cost  
Next meeting 8/20

## **PROPERTY AND OPERATIONS**

A/C in old manse repaired  
Investigating a water leak  
Working on sign design

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

WT Chesnut is interested in leading a Bible Study in the future

## 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.



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](mailto:treasurer@gpconline.org).

|                        | June       | Through 6/30 |
|------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Income                 | \$6,934.56 | \$76,057.52  |
| Expenses               | \$7,534.03 | \$79,169.56  |
| Pass Through Donations |            |              |
| Two Cents a Meal       | \$ 5.02    | \$ 284.07    |

The Anna Circle's August "Dutch Treat" lunch meeting will be held at Las Carretas Mexican Restaurant on Tuesday, August 15th at 11:30 am. It is located in Creekside Mall at 3501 SW 2nd Avenue in Gainesville.

Please RSVP to Karen Russ by Monday, August 14th at 352-262-5419 or [jhklruss@aol.com](mailto:jhklruss@aol.com).

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



# Liturgy Passages for August

## 8/6 10th Sunday after Pentecost

*Semicontinuous:*

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 17:1-7

*Complementary:*

Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

## 8/13 11th Sunday after Pentecost

*Semicontinuous:*

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

*Complementary:*

1 Kings 19:9-18

Psalm 85:8-13

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

## 8/20 12th Sunday after Pentecost

*Semicontinuous:*

Genesis 45:1-15

Psalm 133

*Complementary:*

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Psalm 67

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

## 8/27 13th Sunday after Pentecost

*Semicontinuous:*

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Psalm 124

*Complementary:*

Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalm 138

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

## 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 August we will be collecting cereal.



## AUGUST

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday           | Saturday         |
|--|--|--|---|--|------------------|------------------|
| <p><b>6</b> 11:00 – Worship Service<br/> <b>Guest Pastor – Rev Joe Riggsby</b><br/> <b>Communion</b><br/>           1:00 – Korean Service<br/>           7:00 – ESWT(AA)</p>                                   | <p><b>7</b><br/>           4:00 pm – Square Dance<br/>           Group</p>   | <p><b>8</b><br/> <b>11:00pm – Congregational Life &amp; Mission Meeting</b><br/>           7:00 pm – Barbergators</p>      | <p><b>9</b><br/>           12:00 noon – Men's Lunch<br/>           7:00 pm – ESWT(AA)</p> | <p><b>10</b><br/>           6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus</p>                                      | <p><b>11</b></p> | <p><b>12</b></p> |
| <p><b>13</b><br/>           11:00 – Worship Service -<br/> <b>Guest Pastor – Rev Dr Clinton Cottrell</b><br/>           1:00 – Korean Service<br/>           7:00 – ESWT(AA)</p>                               | <p><b>14</b><br/>           4:00 pm – Square Dance<br/>           Group<br/> <b>6:00 pm – Session Meeting in Church Office</b></p> | <p><b>15</b><br/> <b>11:30 am Anna Circle “Dutch Treat: Lunch – Las Carretas</b><br/>           7:00 pm - Barbergators</p> | <p><b>16</b><br/>           12:00 noon – Men's Lunch<br/>           7:00 – ESWT(AA)</p>   | <p><b>17</b><br/>           6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus</p>                                      | <p><b>18</b></p> | <p><b>19</b></p> |
| <p><b>20</b><br/>           11:00 – Worship Service -<br/> <b>Guest Pastor – Rev Dr Clinton Cottrell</b><br/> <b>Worship Committee</b><br/>           1:00 – Korean Service<br/>           7:00 – ESWT(AA)</p> | <p><b>21</b><br/>           4:00 pm – Square Dance<br/>           Group</p>  | <p><b>22</b><br/>           7:00 pm – Barbergators</p>   | <p><b>23</b><br/>           12:00 noon – Men's Lunch<br/>           7:00 – ESWT(AA)</p>   | <p><b>24</b><br/> <b>Grace Notes Articles Due</b><br/>           6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus</p> | <p><b>25</b></p> | <p><b>26</b></p> |
| <p><b>27</b><br/>           11:00 – Worship Service<br/> <b>Guest Pastor – Rev Dr Clinton Cottrell</b><br/>           1:00 – Korean Service<br/>           7:00 – ESWT(AA)</p>                                 | <p><b>28</b><br/>           4:00 pm – Square Dance<br/>           Group</p>  | <p><b>29</b><br/>           7:00 pm – Barbergators</p>   | <p><b>30</b><br/>           12:00 noon – Men's Lunch<br/>           7:00 – ESWT(AA)</p>   | <p><b>31</b><br/>           6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus</p>                                      |                  |                  |



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As we prepare for our interim pastor and our new pastor let's wear our nametags. We've probably all called someone by the wrong name, only to realize it later (or perhaps even within the same conversation). Knowing another person's name breaks down one barrier to conversations that church folks ought to feel comfortable having. It's simply easier to talk with others when you are on a first-name basis. We should call people by name as we minister to them – and nametags allow us to do so. We're simply asking people to wear a nametag to promote fellowship and welcome guests.

