

JANUARY 2024

We welcome Reverend Don Mossa. He will provide temporary pastoral services to Grace effective January 1, 2024. During this temporary pastoral relationship Rev. Mossa will be a member of the St Augustine Presbytery, will serve as moderator of the session and will not serve as head-of-staff.

His responsibilities will be:

Lead worship and preach on Sundays Make pastoral calls on sick and shut-ins as time permits Officiate at baptisms, the Lord's Supper, weddings and funerals, as requested Moderate session and congregational meetings Train newly elected officers in conjunction with staff and experienced church officers

Goals for this ministry are:

Maintenance of a healthy congregational life Continuity of pastoral leadership Promote church growth

This agreement is for a period of 12 months. The agreement may be terminated by the session or the temporary pastor upon 30 days written notice.

Rev. Mossa will be employed on a part-time basis serving approximatively 6 to 10 hours per week. He will be allowed 6 weeks of vacation including Sundays without pay.

Rev. Mossa is a second career minister who served as an Associate Pastor in two churches in Scotland.

He is a Vietnam Era US Army veteran.

Prior to his ordination, he had world-wide responsibility for manufacturing and operations for a subsidiary of the General Signal Corporation, and then changed careers and worked as an executive environmental consultant.

He completed his theological education at Princeton Theological Seminary. He then served as a fulltime pastor for 13 years. He retired from full-time ministry in 2013, and has since been active in St Augustine Presbytery as an Interim Pastor and Temporary Supply Pastor. He served as a Trustee at Camp Montgomery, and a Pulpit Supply Pastor. Up until the pandemic began, he led worship at the Vines Hospital for patients that included veterans suffering from PTSD.

He and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Ocala and enjoy traveling the world. Rev. Mossa has taken 10 groups to Israel over the last 20 years and is now working with our PCUSA Mission, Puentes de Crusto, on the Texas/Mexican border.

Rev. Mossa is enrolled for a second Masters Degree in Clinical Psychology.

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The Worship Committee reminds church members and friends that the 2024 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: Sherry Crane; Jennifer and Jerry who are currently homeless; Philip Barton; Charlie Collins, Clint Collins father; Kathy Franks; and Mary Williamson.

Also pray for those with longer term needs: Margie Baker; Jerry Butler; Michael, Carl Crane's brother; Holly and John Durst; Lois Butler's sister and brother-in-law; Donna Fidler; Janine Groner; Pauline Kirk; Bob McAlpine; Gale Nevill; Laura Raizada; Libby Richardson; Sarah Robinson; Lonnie Stevens; Wayne Wagner; C. D. Weaver; Don Woodward; our military; first responders; the people of the Ukraine, Israel, the Gaza Strip; and our church.

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

Elders on Call

Elders on Call for January are:

Debbie Harris 352-213-5645 Karen Russ 352-377-7996 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.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1/5 Lesley Hernandez Sanchez
- 2/10 Katie Bauman
- 1/18 Britt Strickland

- 1/24 Nancy Niblack
- 1/29 Evelyn Caldwell
- 1/31 Emily Youngblood

Grace - Giving and Sharing Mission is a food and household item collection benefiting the Bread of the Mighty Food Bank. For the month of January we will collecting canned and dried soups.



LOOKING FORWARD



The Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement across the nation working together to fight hunger and poverty in their communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game. We will hold Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday on February 11th. Please bring canned or dried soups to the worship service on that day. The soup will be taken to the Bread of the Mighty Food Bank along with the soup we have collected in January.

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Session Meeting Highlights December 11

MODERATOR

Rev. Roy Sharpe is interested in having a joint Ash Wednesday Service

INTERIM PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Searching for interim pastor Contract for Temporary Pastoral Relationship with Rev Don Mossa was approved by the Presbytery Call Commission

CLERK OF SESSION

Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on January 28

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND MISSION

2024 St Francis Dinners 1/19, 4/19, 7/19, & 10/18 Family Promise - 1/17 at Westminster - Covenant date to be announced Members have been signing up for Fellowship Hour after the Worship Service Light evening meal after our Thanksgiving Eve Service with Covenant and Westminster was a great success with wonderful food and fellowship

ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL

Ivette Cardoso, church secretary is retiring at the end of December Committee formed to search for a new secretary

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Copyright licensing fee and procedures discussed 12/24–11 am Service of "Lessons and Carols" 12/24 - 6 pm—Westminster welcomes us to their Evening Candlelight Service 12/31—No Worship Service at Grace 12/31 - 9:30 am - gathering with Westminster for their morning worship 1/7 - Communion will be served - Rev. Don Mossa Committee will meet on 1/21

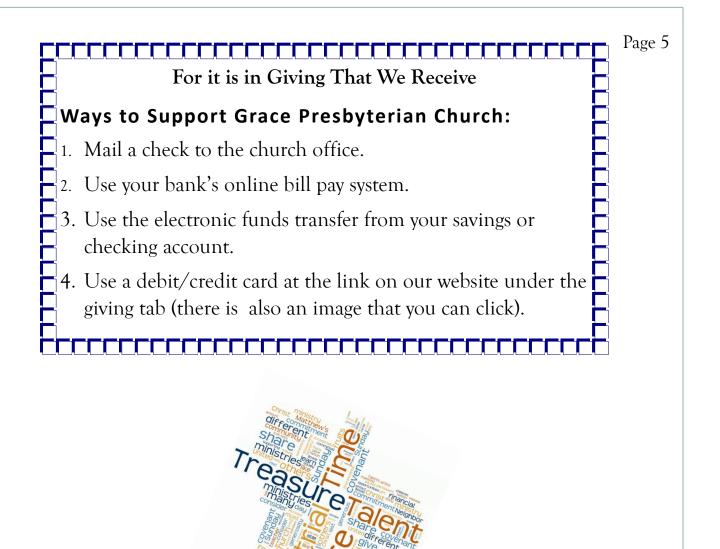
PROPERTY & OPERATIONS

Doors have been found unlocked - those using the facilities have been reminded to double check doors and the Onsite Employee was reminded to check door after those using the facility have departed

Leak in the roof over the PDA office is being addressed

New handicap parking signs have been installed

Urinal in the outside Sanctuary Men's bathroom has been capped due to a recurring leak and updates to those bathrooms are being addressed



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.

	November	Through 11/30
Income Expenses	\$ 10,499.28 \$ 4,992.40	\$111,665.49 \$115,469.64
Pass Through Donations Two Cents a Meal	\$ 19.00	\$ 372.07

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

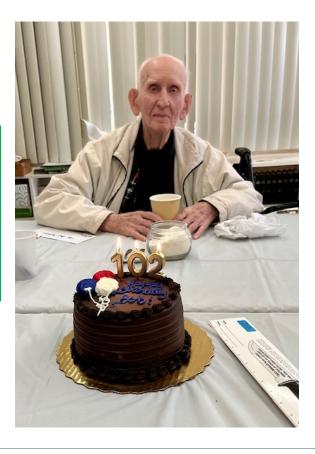


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The Congregational Life and Mission Committee is in the process of updating our pictorial directory, If you would like to submit a new picture or have a new picture taken or if any of your information has changed, please contact Lois Butler at <u>treasurer@gpconline.org</u> or 352-262-5893.

Men's Noon Lunch & Fellowship

The men of the church are invited to meet each Wednesday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm in the library for fellowship. Please bring your own brown bag lunch, beverages will be provided. The members helped Bob McAlpine celebrate his 102nd birthday on November 29th.



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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 January through March will go to Family Promise.

Circle News

The Anna circle will meet on Tuesday, January 9 at 12:00 noon in the library. Diane Millican will lead our study of Lesson 5 "Sabbath and Servitude" in Celebrating Sabbath:Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight by Carol M. Bechtel. Please bring your study book, Bible and your own brown bag lunch and beverage. All women are welcome. Please come and enjoy the fellowship.

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