

# Grace Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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**A little boy** visited a friend's church and watched as the Baptist pastor baptized a convert by immersion. He was fascinated, discussed the difference between immersion and "sprinkling" with his friend, and then went home where he decided to baptize his cat in the bathtub.

The cat spit, screeched, and clawed the boy in a successful struggle to get out of the water. As the cat ran away, the little boy said, "Okay, then, stay a Presbyterian!"

## Upcoming!

### **Palm Sunday, March 28.**

**9:30a.m.** Parents of elementary-school-aged children are invited to meet with Rev. Johnson and other session members regarding VBS and a new approach to Sunday School beginning in the fall. Children and youth will be practicing "Symbols of Easter."

**10:45a.m.** "Symbols of Easter" Service involving children & youth.

### **Maundy Thursday, April 1.**

**7:00p.m.** A re-enactment around tables in Fellowship Hall of Jesus' Last Supper with his Disciples. Eat at home before you come. There will be food, the elements of The Last Supper, but not enough to make a meal – tastes of wine(actually, juice), herbs and clay colored sauce, unleavened bread, and lamb.

**\*Note:** This is a family service. We need eight children/youth for brief readings from the Bible. Please call Rev. Johnson, 937-3019

### **Good Friday, April 2.**

**A portable labyrinth** will be rented to place outside. A series of lines on a 24'X24' piece of canvas delineates a pathway to be walked in prayer. Instructions will be available. Hours will be posted ASAP Or you can phone the church office.

### **Easter, April 4.**

**8:00a.m. & 10:45a.m.** A lenten cantata by the choir, "No Greater Sacrifice," and a Resurrection Sermon will present the good news of Easter. Both services are the same.

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### **Grace in Mission to others:**

Recently Grace donated \$ to the work of Presbyterian Disaster Relief in Haiti. We have given Mitten Tree, Meal-a-Month, Adult Mission Trip to work on border of Mexico. Blankets for Farmington. Etc, etc. Souper Bowl Sunday

### **Farmers' Market in the Park:**

The session recently voted to host a market for local growers in our park. It will be held on Wednesday evenings during growing season, April thru October. Growers will pay a small fee to sell their produce or baked goods (or apple butter!) The church will receive a donation of one-half of this fee to cover maintenance, with the other half going to advertise and run the market.

Guidelines that apply have been patterned after the Farmer's Market held at the Methodist church in DeSoto. These rules are very strict regarding clean-up and respecting church property. Two liability policies are in force, the church's and the market's. The session has committed to one year to see how things go, hoping all goes well. The market promotes both health and reaching out on behalf of Jesus Christ to our neighbors.

**Postings:** Our new church secy. is **Liz McClain**. Formerly she was church secy. at Parkview Assembly of God. Thanks to Aline Spence for helping Liz "learn the ropes."... **Fran Cavins** says "Thanks!" for calls & cards following her foot surgery. Much appreciated... An adult who can serve as a **fill-in nursery attendant** is needed. Contact Personnel Elder, Sally Borgerson.

**Pastor's Column:** In an effort to communicate more frequently what is going on at Grace, the session recently approved a monthly newsletter. Because the new NL is shorter than in times past, time-sensitive concerns will have priority. But because the NL is more frequent, if a posting is not included in one NL, it will make the next one.

If you are supportive of our attempt at more frequent newsletters, perhaps you would like to make a donation to the NL Fund. We want to reach out with the good news of what God is doing at Grace! - DJ

