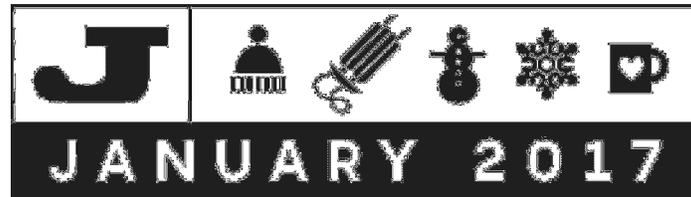


Grace United Methodist Church



NEWSCASTER 2017 EDITION

res·o·lu·tion, rezə'looSH(ə)n/ *noun* plural noun: resolutions

1. a firm decision to do or not to do something.

verb: resolve

2. find a solution; solve a problem, dispute, or contentious matter.

The New Year is upon us and it is time for a fresh start, a new beginning. For many of us it's time to make New Year's resolutions, it's time to set goals and make plans to achieve them. Some of us will focus on improving our diets, getting more exercise, getting organized, getting out of debt and any number of other wonderful things that will help us become more of who we desire to be in the year ahead.

Hebrews 11:1 says, "Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." As I think about it, resolutions and faith have something in common. Neither of them will achieve their intended goal without the addition of applied energy in the form of action. Think about it this way, a decision to start or stop a car does not make the car actually start or stop, only the action of applying pressure on the gas pedal or break will result in starting or stopping the car. With regards to faith, James says, "Faith without works is dead."

Faith, like resolve must be exercised. Action and effort must accompany the desire or belief in order for something to be achieved. Faith is like a muscle that with regular exercise is strengthened. Each time we exercise our faith (hope-filled trust for a successful outcome) by applying the force of our action (works) to achieve the things we believe God is calling us to, our faith grows stronger. The blessing comes when we begin to see the results of our faith. If we keep it up, the greater blessing is that we will begin to gain confidence in other areas of our lives where our faith has not yet allowed us to see.

Let me be clear, faith is not achievement by our effort alone, rather it is a gift of grace that enables us to put our full confidence and trust in God who is able to accomplish great things in us and through us.

Faith and resolve can be easy at the beginning of a new year, when everything in our lives is going well, when the pages of the calendar are still clean, we are comfortable and happy. But what happens when things go sideways, when our plans and our goals are challenged by the realities of everyday life set in. What happens when a real crisis comes, will we take our foot off of the accelerator or give into the temptation to pull over to the side of the road? I, for one, don't think so.

We are a people of faith who have made a firm decision to live out our faith through the ministries of Grace UMC. We believe that God is working in the world and we are committed to doing our part.

As the calendar turns to 2017, let us resolve to renew our commitments of faith. Let us strive to live out our faith as we work side by side to become more of what desires for us as a church and community to be in the year ahead. Or as Galatians 6:9 says, "Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

So, with great faith a resolute heart, I wish you all a blessed and happy new year!

Pastor Robin



January 2017

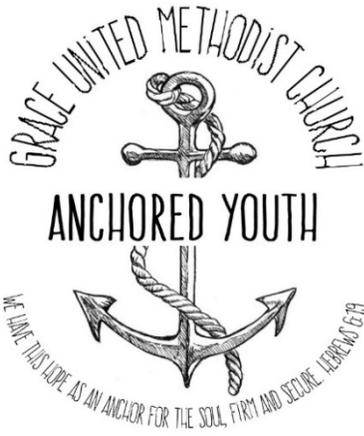
After Jesus was born, magi from the East saw a new star in the sky. This meant a new king had been born. They followed the star to find the new king. The magi arrived in Jerusalem and met King Herod. The magi asked him where to find the new king. He told them that the new king was in Bethlehem. Herod also asked the magi to come back to him with the new king's address. The magi continued to follow the star until it stopped over the home where the new king, Jesus, was. They worshipped Jesus, giving gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Having been warned in a dream about Herod, the magi returned home a different way. I pray we offer our gift of love to Jesus every day just as the magi offered gifts to Jesus when they visited.

~ Vicki

REMINDER:
We will not have KIDZ Club
January 4th
Enjoy time with your
Families!



The Deep Blue kids—Asia, Edgar, and Kat—lead the children through the Bible using animated videos that tell the story. The student resources—the Bible Story Stuff, the Kids Activity Stuff, and the Deep Blue Kids Bible—are colorful and engaging, encouraging the children to “dive deeper” into the Bible and explore their faith in fun and age-appropriate ways. We use this Sundays during Children’s Church and Sunday School and we also use it on Wednesday nights at KIDZ Club! Check out all the fun at [WWW. DeepBlueKids.Com](http://WWW.DeepBlueKids.Com)



January 2016

Hello Friends,

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season spent with family and friends!

As we begin the new year, we have several important changes to our youth program.

Take a look below at our new schedule and keep us in your prayers as we kick off the new year in a brand new way!

Grades 6th-12th are welcomed to join us on Sundays at Anchored Youth.

If you have any questions or would like to help out with the Youth contact Keriann at youth@graceontheisland.com

Youth Group

Sunday Nights- 5:00pm-7:00pm

Bible Study

Wednesday Nights

Anchored in Christ ~ **Keriann**

MINISTRY, MISSION, GROUP

Every active person in our Grace Church

Family is encouraged to have a M, M, and G!

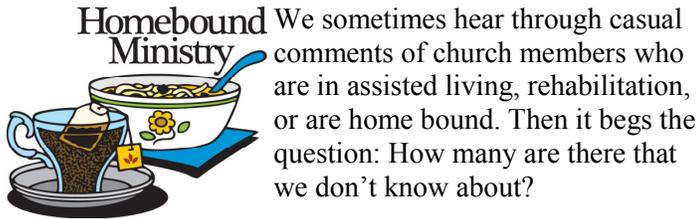
MINISTRY – At least one ministry within the church

MISSION – At least one mission to those outside the church

GROUP – At least one group during the year for spiritual growth and accountability

Do you have a Ministry, a Mission, and a Group?

Ministries



Please, if you know of someone in assisted living, rehabilitation or homebound (even if they have a caregiver), call the church office with their name and location. We want to make sure we are not missing anyone and we want to do a better job in reaching out to our homebound members. Thank you for your assistance.



Grace is a Stephen Ministry congregation. A Stephen Minister is equipped to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. If you are called to be a Stephen Minister or are in need of a Stephen Minister, please speak to the Pastor.



Sunday pick up and take home ministry is a great outreach to our homebound and shut-ins and we are in need of drivers! This ministry enables them to come to church to worship God with their fellow Christians in faith. We are flexible with your schedule! If you are interested in volunteering in this ministry outreach, please give Trina a call 488-1374.

Sunday Morning Team

We have seven volunteers that open and lock up the church on Sunday mornings. This is saving GUMC funds because we do not have to hire someone to do it. Many thanks to the folks volunteering in this ministry. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact Jay Geerdes at 941-485-2634.

Greeters 11 AM Service

We need Greeters to help welcome people to Grace before the Traditional Service at both the front door and the back door. The time is from 10:30 to 10:55. Everyone can greet, whether you're a new member or a long time member, come regularly or not so often. Also, if you attend the Contemporary Service and want to mingle and greet at a particular time, let us know. To volunteer, call Betty Jo Shiell 497-7854 or Mary Chambers 493-9644.

OFFICE MINISTRY

SUB VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



NO experience necessary; we will train you. Volunteering consists of answering the phones, greeting and directing people to the correct staff member. There may be some light filing and copying. You are welcome to bring a book to fill the quiet moments.

Regular every week volunteers: you pick a shift that works for you and work that same shift every week. We have several shifts available: Monday 2:30-4; & Thursday 12-2:30. We ask that volunteers work one shift so that others have the opportunity to participate in this ministry.

If you are interested in working any of these, please call Trina in the office at: 941-488-1374.

We are kicking off a hospitality team here at Grace to help create an atmosphere of warmth and welcome. In order to give a great first impression to guests, we are asking for a few of you to assist our team in the following areas:

1. Ambassadors (floaters who circulate in the worship center before and after service greeting others)
2. Door Greeters
3. Information desk assistants (answer questions, give directions, before and after service)
4. Parking Lot Greeters
5. Coffee hosts

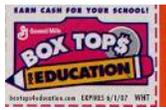
If you are interested in any of these positions or if you just want to learn more about how we are trying to make Grace a more welcoming community, please see Jane Ann Jennings 493-5039. Thank you.

Missions



Saving Campbell's Soup Labels AND Box Tops for Red Bird Mission

For soup labels: the whole coupon needs to be cut out, including the code on the label and the red part that says '1 coupon'.



For Box Tops: it's the little label that says 'Box Top' including the expiration date. Turn them in at the front office. Henderson Settlement uses the box tops for school supplies for the two schools that are part of the mission. On some snacks, there is a note on the front of the bag that a box top is there. It is usually very small on the back.

This is a mission that is part of the Red Bird Missionary Conference located in a very poor section of our great country in SE Kentucky. With labels that we might just throw away, this mission is able to get items that help the children and adults they serve. For other information contact: Dorris Ann Wasson 941-412-0847.

Country Store

If you are of the mind set to clean out your treasures and give them away please don't forget the Country Store. Whether you are buying or donating, all proceeds go to help United Methodist women support women and children around the world. Our proceeds go to: 10% to Grace United Methodist Church. Also to United Methodist Women Organizations, Family Promise, Cuba Sister Church, Summer Camp, Red Bird, and many other needs around us.

If you need any help or have questions please call Judy Johnson at 488-6929. Our sales are held on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month Through April in connection with the Pancake Breakfast.

Venice and Englewood Lions Club

Vision Program provides free eye care and glasses. There is a large box located in the front office (main building) where you can donate your used glasses and cell phones.

For more information there are brochures located in the front office or you can call: 941-486-6065.

Florida United Methodist Children's Home

Remember January 29th is Fifth Sunday offerings. Your gifts provide loving houseparent's, caring therapists, chapel and music ministry, comprehensive education program, recreation therapy and a beautiful Campus to call home both in Enterprise and Madison.

The home's mission statement is: "To empower children and families to experience God's love and care as revealed in the ministry of Jesus Christ."

Thank you, Gerrie Parsons (Grace UMC Local Church representative to the Children's Home)

CROP WALK WALK TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The annual John Clay Memorial CROP HUNGER WALK will take place on Sunday February 26, 2017.

This year the walk will begin at Blalock Park at 3:00 PM and travel thru downtown Venice (a 1 or 3 mile course).

Sign-up sheets to walk and sponsor envelopes will be available in January. More information will be forthcoming.

Last year the Venice community donated \$46,870.00 that was used to provide sustainable self-help community assistance and disaster relief worldwide. Of that total 25% of the funds returned to the Venice area to support local organizations, which make a difference providing food and or meals to the elderly, disabled and impoverished. Local agencies that benefit from CROP assistance include: Center of Hope, Laurel Civic Association, Venice Area Mobile Meals, South County Food Pantry, Community Assistance Ministry, and Interfaith Outreach.

Plan on walking with us on February 26 and/or please sponsor one of our walkers. We can and do make a difference. Thank you for participating in this mission.



Our next host week for Family Promise will be January 29 – February 5.

If anyone is interested in helping, please call or email Steve Boone at 488-8368 (leave message) or sboone@boone-law.com.

We can use help in all areas – meals, activities, linens/laundry, overnight, set up and take down.

Thank you!

Groups Continued

GRACE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

All women of the church are invited to Grace United Methodist Women's meeting on Tuesday, January 10 at 11:30am. A short business meeting will be followed by a delicious lunch. The program after lunch is "Sacred Music" presented by pianist, Suzanne Berndt and Flutist, Nancy Daumann.

Smaller groups of Grace United Methodist Women called Circles meet on the third Tuesday at 9:30am in Punch Hall. Women are encouraged to join a small group where various studies, discussions and activities take place.

Church Women United Schedule for 2016-2017

All celebrations are potluck luncheons that begin at noon. **January 6, 2017—Our Annual Meeting** featuring a special speaker. Venice Nokomis United Methodist Church—208 Palm Avenue, Nokomis. Please bring canned food for the Community Assistance Ministry at Trinity.

March 3, 2017—World Day of Prayer Celebration

This year's worship service was written by the women of the Philippines. Christ United Methodist Church, 1475 Center Road, Venice. Please bring canned food for South County Food Pantry and purchase Spring Tea Tickets.

April 7, 2017—Our Annual Spring Tea Fund

Raiser This is held at 2:30 PM at Venice Presbyterian Church on the Rialto. Tickets may be purchased from your church representative or at the March luncheon.

It is very important to tell your church representative, Joyce Shelso, 941-525-7094 you are coming or call Diane Penick, 941-480-9053 so we can get an accurate count and know how many tables and chairs to set up each time. Feel free to bring lots of guests!

The Piecemakers' News

Our Open House was a resounding success. We extend a big thank you to the members and friends of Grace who attended our event and to those who have supported us in other ways. We raised \$2300 in two days! We have tithed to the church and will give the remainder to missions in our community in the coming months.

The 'quilters' are always happy to welcome new members. No quilting experience necessary – we have many projects for machine and hand sewers. We meet in the East Wing on Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Our mission is "to support each other in fellowship and love as we create quilts for our babies, shut-ins, and friends of Grace United Methodist Church who need comfort; and to make items for sale to assist our church financially."

If you missed our sale and need a gift, stop by 10am-1pm on Wednesdays in Punch Hall and most Pancake breakfasts.

The Threadcatchers quilting circle meets every Friday 9 AM – noon in Room A8. For information call Lorry Stover at 485-0094.

The United Methodist Men Pancake Breakfast

Pancake breakfast are monthly on the 1st and 3rd Saturday through April from 8 to 10 AM in TFEC. Volunteers are needed, come to TFEC no later than 7:30 am for assignments from Larry Bender. "The profits from the UMM Pancake Breakfasts, goes to our church and not for profit charities. After the last pancake breakfast in April the committee meets to disburse our profits. Usually we gift approximately \$10,000 a year with the first 10% tithe going to the church. Some of the past financial gifts have gone to the following: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, UM Children Home, Trustees, Community Dinners, Family Promise, Church Softball Team, Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, Missions, Etc. Please get your request into the UMM Committee by the end of May."

The United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men's dinner program for Monday, January 2, 5:45pm, will be Venice Regional Bayfront Health's Chief Operating Office—Kristen Gentry.

Topics: 1. future plans for Venice Regional Bayfront Health. 2. Importance of a strong healthcare system in a community. 3. How we as a partner in the community can help the hospital.

Please make reservations by calling the church office by noon, Friday, December 30. 941-488-1374.

GUMC Travel Group

January 31, 2017 Sister Act at the Venice Theater.

Meet at church for dinner at 6pm. Buses will be furnished as needed. The cost is \$45 each, including meal. SIGN UP NOW. Signups close early January.

February 20-22, 2017 EVERGLADES TOUR Come with us to experience one of only three similar natural environments on Earth. SIGN UP NOW – need at least 12 more to make the trip. Signups close 1/8/17.

March 8, 2017 Baseball game - Orioles Vs Toronto Blue Jays. Put it on your Calendar.

March 14, 2017 Annie will be at Van Wezel. We will leave Grace at 3:45pm for dinner at The Baci Restaurant in Sarasota. The play starts at 7pm. Cost: \$97 each which includes transportation, meal and ticket.

TBD – Men's Golf Outing

See us at the information center in TFEC or the table in the Narthex.

Groups Continued

From The Board of Trustees:

The Peale Chapel renovation project is in progress and the chapel is already taking on a completely different look. There will be a delay in receiving the fabric to reupholster the pews until January 2017. All other work should be completed by the end of December. Approximately \$2000 in donations has been received for the renovation.

A new ice maker was recently purchased for the Punch Hall kitchen. The old ice maker had seen many years of faithful service, but repair costs were getting to be expensive.

Numerous oak trees around the inner church parking lot were recently trimmed. Additionally, the large Grand Oak by the parsonage was also trimmed. A large pine tree that was causing damage to the parking lot was removed.

The TFEC carpet was cleaned on December 9th by Bryon Clinger using a dry foam application. He did a very good job and the carpet looked great for the various Christmas celebrations and services.

Dimmable LED spotlights were recently installed in the sanctuary. Installation of the spotlights required numerous building of scaffolding around the front of the sanctuary. Thanks to Roy and Trina Cook for a hard job that was well done.

LED area lights were installed around TFEC to replace the old lights that were no longer working and were not repairable. Additionally, a street light on Davis St. that belonged to the church was replaced. There were many dark areas around the church that presented a safety hazard at night.

The Board of Trustees wishes everyone a very Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year.

**Trustees savings account balance \$118,150.21
Loan Balance \$88,736.32**

Grace Book Lovers Group

Will meet on Tuesday, January 31 at 10:00 in the church parlor. The Book is— THE SHIPPING NEWS by E.A.Proulx a Pulitzer Prize winner, will be reviewed by Diane Kingsbury.

All are invited. Restaurant lunch afterward is optional.

Giving

We do **NOT** have a building fund.

This would imply we are gathering/saving funds to start a new building project.

We **do** currently have a loan from building the Preschool and renovation of TFEC.

If you plan to give directly to pay the loan – please note on check “LOAN REDUCTION” and we will know these funds go to the principle of the loan.

Thank you!

Freda Boone Scholarship For Grace Summer Camp has been set up for boys and girls to attend our Grace Summer Camp. We have been blessed by Freda for so many years at our church. She was a charter member of Grace. Because of her love for children, it is our honor to have this scholarship in her name. If you find it in your heart, funds can be added to the scholarship in Freda's name.

We Encourage You to Give Through Online Giving

Here are some options to choose from:

1. BILL PAY THRU YOUR LOCAL BANK VIA ONLINE BANKING - Set up the your weekly/monthly giving via your local bank just as you would your mortgage payment or your utility payment

2. AUTHORIZE GUMC TO DO A MONTH DEBIT TRANSACTION - This method will need an authorization form signed at the church office. Please see Trina Cook for the authorization form.

General Information

Our Church Library - For an abundance of books on an unending variety of religious and topics enduring concern, go to the section of shelves that is second from the window.

In addition to volumes on the Bible and daily devotions, there are books on faith, Christian beliefs, grief, healing, doubts, and the nature of God. Other topics include philosophy, psychology, worship, and, of course, Chicken Soup.

A small sampling of the authors with differing viewpoints include Robert Schiller, Bishop John Spong, Dale Evans Rogers, Billy Graham, Bill Bennett, E. Stanley Jones, Catherine Marshall, and Corrie Ten Boom, and William Sloan Coffin. A very interesting volume is an 1879 History of Methodism.

Correction: A sentence in the prior “Our Church Library” column should have read: I used this (The Interpreter’s Bible) recently to find more information about Moses and his brother Aaron; Naomi and Ruth; and Paul and Timothy.

Paul Cline, Church Member

A Community Dinner Thank you! Dear Grace Church and your wonderful volunteer’s: Thank you so much for your community dinners. I appreciate them so much. Seeing the smiling faces touches my heart each time from entry to exit. The kinds word’s often give so many of us comfort and the smiles let us know that we are really welcome. Those simple act’s help us feel peace within. Your meals are excellent!! And your soup is fabulous (my favorite part). So thank you so much for reaching out to all of us in so many kind and generous ways. Sincerely, JoAnn Costano

THANK YOU!!

I want to say thank you and express what an amazing out pouring of love I received during the Christmas season from my Church family! When things bad happened, the people of Grace stepped up.

Thank you so much, Karen Bowles.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Kindly consider enhancing the beauty of our worship areas by placing flowers on the altar. Flowers can be given IN MEMORY OF or IN HONOR OF loved ones or friends.

Bouquets are \$35.00 each and are yours to claim after the 11:00 AM service. Sign up on the flower calendar in the hallway by the staff offices.



General Information Continued

In the Hospital? If you or a loved one goes in the hospital, please call the church office at 488-1374 and notify us. Clergy no longer have access to the patient listing. This means that our church and Pastor will **not** know if one of our church family is in the hospital unless someone calls the church office and notifies us. Thank you for your help.

ATTENDANCE

Average NOVEMBER 2016 Worship—356

Average Sunday School—94

Average Yearly Attendance Worship 349



Profit figure from the 2016 Pumpkin patch is: **\$4,903.53!!**
We couldn't do it without all the volunteers, thank you!!

Venice MainStreet

Grace has a membership with Venice MainStreet which gives us the opportunity to advertise at the Centennial Park Kiosk, their weekly e-newsletter, and social media. We also have a free listing on their website directory. IF your group/ministry would like to take advantage of this marketing opportunity please follow the guidelines below. Please keep in mind – we don't have a staff member for marketing, I will do my best to get this information submitted. Best to send in early...

1. Please email me your flyers or announcements.
 - a. I can't make up your flyers or typing up announcements.
 - b. I will need it by WEDNESDAY'S at noon.
 - c. I have to have it submitted by Thursday at noon, this will give me time to fit it in and send it off.

Suggestion: have 1 person from your group/ministry be the marketing contact. Katrina Cook



Memorial Walkway Brick

A brick may be engraved in memory of loved ones. In order to maintain consistency throughout the walkway, memorial brick will be engraved with your loved one's name, year of birth and year of death. Money received from the purchase in excess of memorial brick cost will be used for the continued maintenance and upkeep of the Memorial Garden and Walkway.

Forms are located in the Church front office. Return the completed form and check in the amount of \$100.

MEMORIAL/ HONOR DONATIONS

Memorial Fund in Memory of Helen Brown
by Alexandra Anderson-Snell.

Children's Program in Memory of Helen Brown by Friends
at the Country Club Condo Association.

Calendar Information

NEWSCASTER DEADLINE:

Please submit all articles by **January 16** (due to holidays) for inclusion in the February Newscaster. Thank you!

POLICIES: These policies are in place to ensure space and equipment will be available to you and your ministry and applies to everyone, including the congregation & staff.

1. **Room Reservations:** Any time you wish to use any rooms or equipment on Campus the schedule needs to be checked and paperwork filled out for the office and custodian.
2. **Groups currently using rooms:** If your group needs a larger space, a different date, time, or is not meeting, we need to know so we can be sure your needs can be met.
3. **Table/Information Reservations:** If you wish to have tables or easels in the TFEC lobby or Narthex, paperwork is required.
4. **Bus/Van reservation:** If you wish to use the bus or van for your ministry, please get with the office manager. Insurance paperwork must be submitted 10 business days prior to driving and the schedule needs to be checked.

Due Date Information:

1. **Sunday bulletins information is due 10 days prior to the date.**
2. Newscaster schedule is located on the bulletin board in the staff hallway or in the work room on the bulletin board.

Please see Trina in the church office for any of these requests.

MEETINGS

- ◆ **UMM Dinner:** Monday, January 2, at 5:45PM in Punch Hall
- ◆ **Finance Meeting:** Tuesday, January 10, at 8:00AM in Punch Hall Conference Room
- ◆ **UMW Executive Meeting:** Tuesday, January 10, at 9:30AM in Punch Hall Conference Room
- ◆ **UMW General Meeting & Luncheon:** Tuesday, January 10, at 11:30M in Punch Hall
- ◆ **Board of Trustees:** Tuesday, January 10 at 6:00pm in the Parlor
- ◆ **UMW Circle Meetings:** Tuesday, January 17 at 9:30AM in East Wing, West Wing and Meeting Room C
- ◆ **Staff Parish Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, January 17, at 7:00 PM in the Parlor
- ◆ **Church Council:** Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00PM in the Chapel



January 1, 2017

There will be 1 blended service at 10am in the Sanctuary.

JANUARY

1. New Years Day Communion 1 service @ 10am	2. Office closed 5:45pm UMM Dinner, Punch Hall	3.	4. 6:30pm Stephen's Ministry, Library	5.	6. Pancake Breakfast Setup, TFEC 11:00am UMW Budget Mtg, PH Conference room	7. 8:00am Pancake Breakfast, TFEC
8. Missions 10:05am Meet the Pastor, Library 11:30am Your Turn SS Class Gathering, PH	9.	10. 8:00am Finance Mtg, PH Conf room 9:15am Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 9:30am UMW Executive Mtg., PH Conference Room 12:30pm Preschool Directors Meeting, MRC 6:00pm Trustee Meeting, Parlor 6:00pm Girl Scouts, TFEC, Room 203	11. 8:30am Preschool Board mtg., Parlor 6:30pm Beth Moore Study, Parlor	12. 1:30pm VOI Communion 11:00am Venice AAUW Branch Meeting, PH	13.	14. 9:30am Life Group, Parlor
15. Children's Coin Ministry	16. FEBRUARY NEWSCASTER INFO DUE Office Closed for Holiday 6:30pm Suncoast Emmaus Group Meeting, EW	17. 9:30am UMW Circle Mtgs., EW, WW, MRC 7:00pm Staff Parish meeting, Parlor	18. 9:15am Preschool Chapel, TFEC 6:30pm Stephen's Ministry, Library 6:30pm Beth Moore Study, Parlor	19.	20. Pancake Breakfast Setup, TFEC	21. 8:00am Pancake Breakfast, TFEC 4:00pm Emmaus Spaghetti Dinner, TFEC
22. 10:00am Preschool Book Fair, Preschool	23.	24. 10:00am Book Lovers group, Parlor 6:00pm Girl Scouts, TFEC, Room 203 7:00pm Church Council Mtg., Chapel	25. 8:00am Newscaster Collators, MRC 9:00am Preschool Hearing Screening, TFEC 108 6:30pm Beth Moore Study, Parlor	26. 9:00am Preschool Hearing Screening, TFEC 108 6:00pm Scout District Committee Meeting, Library	27.	28. 9:00am UMW District Training, Punch Hall & Sanctuary
29. Children's Home Sunday 4:30pm Family Promise, TFEC	30. 4:30pm Community Dinner, PH 4:30pm Family Promise, TFEC	31. 4:30pm Family Promise, TFEC 6:00pm Travel Club Dinner, TFEC				

Calendar Events That Occur on a Regular Basis

EVERY SUNDAY 8:30 Coffee Time, TFEC 9:00 LifeJourney Worship, TFEC 9:00 Children's Church, Rooms 106 & 108 9:30 - 10:30 Adult Sunday School, Wesleyan, WW; Christian Encounters, EW 10:00 Kidz Club Class, RM 205/206/207 10:15 Youth Sunday School, Room 200 10:15 LifeJourney Adult Sunday School: Relevance, Room 103; YourTurn, Parlor B 11:00 Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
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EVERY MONDAY 12:30 Preschool Piano, Sanctuary 12:45 Preschool Dance, TFEC 108 7:00 First Place 4 Health, WW EVERY TUESDAY 10:00 Staff Meeting, PH Conf RM 5:30 GraceTones, Music Room 6:30 Cub Scouts, PH/EW/WW 7:00 AA, Meeting Room C 7:00 Emmaus Men's Meeting,

EVERY WEDNESDAY 9:00 Piecemakers Quilting, EW & PH 12:45 Preschool Gymnastics, TFEC 1:30 Preschool Meeting, Library 3:30 Jesus in the Gospels, Parlor 5:15 Snack Supper, TFEC 6:00 Kidz Club, TFEC 6:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Room 6:30 Boy Scout Troop #77, PH/EW/WW 7:00 Al Anon, MR-C

EVERY THURSDAY 12:30 Preschool Piano, Sanctuary 12:45 Preschool Gymnastics, TFEC 6:30 LJ Praise Team Practice, TFEC 7:00 AA, Meeting Room C EVERY FRIDAY 9:00 Threadcatcher Circle, PH, EW 10:00 French Class, Meeting Room C 12:45 Preschool Ninja, TFEC 108



If your **birthday** or **anniversary** is *not* listed but should be, or if there are any errors, please email or call the church office so that a correction can be made.
Thank you!

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| 1 Diane Slikas
Austin Joyner
Patty Lamar
Diane Brown | 17 Randy Johnson
Evan Boone | 25 Martha Swenson
Diane Bender
Phyllis Raybould |
| 4 Bob Bricker | 18 Tom Derrough
Troy Mackey | 26 John Milton |
| 5 Kate Giesel
Eva Ramsland | 19 Herb Poenisch
Sarah Wellman | 27 Barbara Newcomb
Pat Bruce
Sam Rutherford |
| 8 Tom Hicks | 20 Dawn Smith | 29 Tami Taylor |
| 9 Mary Jeanne Moorman | 21 Bill Davis | |
| 10 Sam Dieffenwerth | 22 Lynda Johnson
Thomas Hendzell | |
| 12 Virginia "JJ" Cook
Julia Dieffenwerth | 23 Chelsea Campbell
Debbie Steranko | |
| 15 Linnie Baker
Marlene Grant | 24 Janet Keown
Tara Merritt | |
| 16 Patricia Johnson
Victoria Valleau
Becky Delaney | | |



- 8** Scott & Tari Waite
- 11** Hank & Sally Brinkmann
- 19** Tom & Ellen Davis
- 20** Tim & Wilda Kelly
- 22** Roy & Katrina Cook
- 23** Steve & Jennifer Boone
- 29** Jim & Barbara Duke

JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS SCHEDULE

Date	Front Door	Back Door
1	Barbara Newcomb	June & Richard Kagy
8	Jean Needham & Doris Smith	Susan Rowe
15	Peg Oakley	Lois Hannigan
22	Jean Owens & Tami Weaver	Bob Bansky
29	Gary & Celless Beck	Linda Sparr



DATE	PICK-UP	TAKE HOME
1	BOB BAINBRIDGE	BOB BAINBRIDGE
8	STEVE BOONE	STEVE BOONE
15	RANDY JOHNSON	RANDY JOHNSON
22	JOHN THURSTON	BOB BAINBRIDGE
29	ROBERT WALDRON	ROBERT WALDRON

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- Randy Johnson
- Tami Weaver
- Jack Erkill
- Marion Ogle

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GRACE VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS

VISION: Living in Grace

VISION STATEMENT:

G – Grow in our faith through our personal relationship with Jesus.

R – Respond to Christ's love by sharing our time, talents, gifts and resources.

A – Accept everyone with open hearts, open minds and open doors.

C – Connect with God and one another to experience the love of Jesus.

E – Equip followers to serve and make disciples in our community and world.

MISSION STATEMENT:

At Grace United Methodist Church,
We welcome each person.
We share the love of Jesus.
We spread His grace to the world.

LABEL

Grace Preschool News



Happy New Year! We all had a great time at the preschool during December. We had multiple visits from Santa; Pre-k children sang Christmas carols at the island Publix and made decorations for a sponsored tree at the VABI Christmas tree lighting at Blalock Park. We had our annual Christmas concert and it was awesome. Over the winter break we provided Christmas childcare, were we learned about baby Jesus!

We also had our STARS visit in December and we are awaiting the results. We are sure we knocked it out of the park. Our next evaluation will be UMAP for our accreditation in February. We have an amazing staff and we know everything will be perfect!

We added two new staff members: Pauline Salomon and Raina Chin-Yee. Pauline is one of our moms and now works as a floater in all the classrooms and Raina is a student assistant and will be working in the threes and Pre-k classrooms. Please welcome them to the Grace Preschool family!

This month we have our Scholastic Book Fair chaired by Jane Ann Jennings which will run from January 23– 27. The book fair will be open to the church family on Sunday, January 22 between church services. Come on over and buy a book.

We also have hearing screening scheduled for the 25th and 26th for all of our 3+ year olds. This is provided by the National Council of Jewish Women Sarasota Manatee. We are grateful for their service!

Our ever popular Mixed Bag Designs fundraiser is coming in March! Be on the lookout for more information.