

The Church Mouse

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MARCH 1, 2020 – VOLUME 1

Worship Opportunity for Sunday March 1st

First Sunday in Lent and Communion Sunday

Chapter 20 in “The Story” Pgs. 275-290

The Queen of Beauty and Courage, Esther

Esther 4:1-17

Sermon title: “For Such a Time as This”

We are continuing in our Study of “The Story”.

We look forward to sharing in worship with you!



Get It?

Church Events

- March 3rd -- Election Day, Fellowship Hall in use all day.
- March 4th -- Men’s Prayer Breakfast is at 7 AM, Taking Off Pounds Sensibly meets at 9 AM, AA meets at noon, The Story & Hurried family dinners beginning at 5:30 PM, Choir practices 6:30 PM
- March 8th – Session Retreat from 12:30 PM- 4:30 PM

Sunday Servants:

<i>1st SUNDAY</i>	<i>2nd SUNDAY</i>	<i>3rd SUNDAY</i>	<i>4th SUNDAY</i>	<i>5th SUNDAY</i>
<i>Dick Foard Chris Doyel William Crockett Brent Heath</i>	<i>Patricia Cowan Louise Theberge John Kupiec Billy Healy</i>	<i>John Ogburn Todd Coons John O'Briant Peder Wennberg</i>	<i>Doug Price Jane Price Bob McCreary Carter Richardson</i>	<i>Usher Captains</i>
<i>Liturgists:</i>				
<i>Gail Kerns</i>	<i>Wynne Beale</i>	<i>Sarah Harris</i>	<i>Deb Shelby</i>	<i>Louise Theberge</i>
<i>Acolytes:</i>				
<i>Brayden Barr</i>	<i>Ivar Golden</i>	<i>Josh Julian</i>	<i>Nikko Meideros</i>	<i>Jack Gibson</i>

Philippians 2: 6-8

5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, 8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

The Story:

Our hurried family dinners and videos with discussion is ongoing. This Wednesday night **March 4th** (Not tonight) we are on chapter **21**, pages 291-308 in The Story, based on these scriptures:
1 Samuel 1-4, 8-13, 15

Here are the video links for the last week and this week:

Session 21----“Rebuilding the Walls”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ota5UNJUoOI>

Here are some other links:
Session 20----“The Queen of Beauty and Courage”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bn2T3GpixwY>

Youth on Main

Meeting at the church on Sunday 3/1 @ 5:30 PM. All middle school and high schools are invited to come join fun games, dinner and a scripture lesson. If you have any questions, please contact Jared @ (757) 286-0853 or jared@gracecovenant.us



Important Notes:

Monthly Prayer Meeting Canceled

Dear friends –

Due to the uncertainty in my schedule for the foreseeable future, the monthly prayer meeting is canceled starting in March. If work becomes more predictable, or I retire, we will resume the prayer time together. Thanks for the support over the 7 years. Your prayers made in difference in so many things and for so many people.

Blessings to all.

---Warren Deal



Dick and I wish to thank everyone for all the good wishes, cards, and love you have shown us with our wedding. The church is a special family for us. Thanks Again!

Becky & Dick Foard



Have you seen? Have you heard? Our hallways, our classrooms, and our entire church is alive with the beautiful young faces of infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and elementary students! Our teams of teachers are re-energized by the joy that comes with this thriving ministry. All our teachers commit to hours each week of planning and preparing for solid Biblical teaching and fun, engaging activities for our kids. Please show your support for our teachers and our families.

The newly implemented **Sweeper program** has been a great success and our teachers appreciate your help more than you know! Being a “sweeper” is just one small way you can show them some love, encourage them AND get to know some of our fabulous families.

Please use the links below to Sign-Up Genius, select a date, choose a class (nursery or preschool) and sign up! You will not need to plan anything in advance. You can sign up for multiple dates in advance and alternate classes if you like.

Contact cindy.dce@gracecovenant.us with any questions. Thank you in advance for your support!

[Nursery Sweeper](#)

[Preschool Sweeper](#)

Celebrate!

BIRTHDAYS

Scott Finney	03/02
Phyllis Paradies	03/02
Ken Gibson	03/07
Patrick Heaney	03/07
Mary Helen Morgan	03/09
Eva Mullins	03/09
Scott Siesto	03/10
Robert Crockett	03/10
Tom Meier	03/11
Peter DeMet	03/11
Carson Crowder	03/13
LuAnn Nagel	03/16
Jon Sawyer	03/16
Mickey Healy	03/17
Ginger Rowe	03/17
Ken Borkey	03/20
Daniel Lutz	03/23
Sam Lanning	03/23
Claire Taylor *	03/25
Caroline Peabody	03/26
Randy Galloway	03/27
Ray Taylor	03/28
Jane Farner	03/28
Bill Lawrence	03/29
Harry Doyle	03/31
Wayne Oliver	03/31

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ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis & Jane Koziol	03/24
Jonathan & Charli McDonald	03/31



COLUMBARIUM UPDATE

March 2020

Grace Covenant Columbarium Committee met recently and is making tentative plans to expand the niche wall incorporating a bell tower using our church bell, which has been unused for years. Since we have a number of new members who may not be familiar with the columbarium history, we offer a brief synopsis before explaining future plans.

In the spring of 2013, an idea that had been discussed for years finally became a reality. Our columbarium, reserved for our church members and families, was designed, approved and built thanks to the support of many congregational and community members. To our joy and thankfulness, in October 2013 the completed project was dedicated.

Our columbarium is self-sustaining and maintains a budget entirely separate from our church budget. It contains 61 niches of which 60% have been reserved. The current cost of reserving a niche (cremains for two) is \$2,000.

Plans for an addition to the columbarium wall and bell tower are currently being designed. Approximately 50 additional niches will be incorporated in the new section. Hopefully, the project will get underway later this spring, though a completion timeline is yet to be determined. The cost of niche reservation may have to be adjusted as costs are determined.

Should you desire more information about the columbarium, you can get a copy of our guidelines and/or reservation applications located in the church office. Questions may also be directed to committee members. Thank you.

Columbarium Committee:

Charlie and Gail Kerns

Buddy and Melva Burnett

Joyce Duke

Adam Taylor

Jim and Nancy Wesson



From the Mission Team

Please check out the attached pictures from Pastor Nkanu in the Congo. The pictures include thank you notes from the pastor and her parishioners for our church's gifts to their church.



Dear Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church,

On behalf of my family and I, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the most generous gift you gave us over the last two Christmases. Your financial support us a huge blessing to us as we continue to serve the needs of the poor in West Africa through **Mercy Ships in partnership with the Antioch Partners.**

I work as the Hospital Chaplaincy Program Manager in our medical mission where I am responsible for leading a team of 14 African chaplains who provide emotional and spiritual care to our patients, most of whom (the patients) are from a muslim background. What an honor and privilege it is to be a part of our patients' spiritual journeys.

My wife manages Mercy ships dental clinic and cares for the oral health needs of our staff. Once again, we are so grateful for your exceedingly kind financial gift. May our Lord bless you and your congregation for your generosity!

Love from the **Schwinds**, Steve, Lisa, Zodi, Elsa, T.& Mo

You can see this original note on the community bulletin board.

Daily Lectionary:

Thursday, March 5

Morning Pss. 27,
147:12–20
Evening Pss. 126, 102
Gen. 39:1–23
1 Cor. 2:14–3:15
Mark 2:1–12

Friday, March 6

Morning Pss. 22, 148
Evening Pss. 105, 130
Gen. 40:1–23
1 Cor. 3:16–23
Mark 2:13–22

Saturday, March 7

Morning Pss. 43, 149
Evening Pss. 31, 143
Gen. 41:1–13
1 Cor. 4:1–7
Mark 2:23–3:6

Sunday, March 8

Morning Pss. 84, 150
Evening Pss. 42, 32
Gen. 41:14–45
Rom. 6:3–14
John 5:19–24

Monday, March 9

Morning Pss. 119:73–80, 145
Evening Pss. 121, 6
Gen. 41:46–57
1 Cor. 4:8–20 (21)
Mark 3:7–19a

Tuesday, March 10

Morning Pss. 34, 146
Evening Pss. 25, 91
Gen. 42:1–17
1 Cor. 5:1–8
Mark 3:19b–35

Wednesday, March 11

Morning Pss. 5, 147:1–11
Evening Pss. 27, 51
Gen. 42:18–28
1 Cor. 5:9–6:11
Mark 4:1–20

Thursday, March 12

Morning Pss. 27,
147:12–20
Evening Pss. 126, 102
Gen. 42:29–38
1 Cor. 6:12–20
Mark 4:21–34

Friday, March 13

Morning Pss. 22, 148
Evening Pss. 105, 130
Gen. 43:1–15
1 Cor. 7:1–9
Mark 4:35–41

On Sunday March 22nd after Worship in the Fellowship Hall there are going to be folks here to help anyone wishing to have help filling out their 2020 Census forms. This is a free service, available to all.



Prayer Concerns:

Pray for Wesley and Betty Wilson, Dana Gilmour, David Guthrie, E J Rowe, Virginia Wilkinson, David Lipps, Eva Towell, and Pat & Bert Perkins.

If you have a prayer request, even if it is unspoken, you may call the church office and your prayer request will be placed here.

Gloucester House: Wayne Gates
Brookdale, Williamsburg:
Virginia Powers, & Barbara Tremblay
York Convalescent & Rehab: Virginia Wilkinson

Do you know about our prayer team? They will meet with you any Sunday right after worship in the prayer chapel. On the right as you exit the sanctuary.



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