

Grace

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A monthly publication of Grace Presbyterian Church in Walnut Creek, California

October 2024

Dear Grace Church Family,

Website Update and New Logo

Our new church logo has been released! The dove represents the gracious presence and welcome of the Holy Spirit and colors reflect the sanctuary windows. The hexagon behind the dove mirrors the six sides of the sanctuary, communion table, and pulpit. The fonts are simple and easy to read.

Please also visit our updated website: www.GraceWC.org. It is much more user-friendly and easy to use on your phone or iPad. Please share any comments or suggests on improving the site.



New Grief Support Group Session

A new Grief Support Group 10-week Session will begin on Wednesday, October 9. We will meet weekly from 2:00-3:30 pm in the Fireside Room. The book that will guide our discussion is: "The Spirituality of Grief Ten Practices for Those Who Remain" by Fran Tilton Shelton, an ordained PC(USA) minister who now leads bereavement workshops and spiritual retreats.

The session dates are October 9, 16, 23, 30; November 6, 13, 20; and December 4, 11, 18. Look for more details online and in upcoming Sunday bulletins.

"Concise Introduction to Christian Nationalism" Discussion

I will lead a discussion on the issue of Christian Nationalism on Sunday, October 13 at 11:30 am in the Church Library. We will use a 3-page *Primer on Christian Nationalism* from the Interfaith Alliance as the guide for our discussion. Copies are available in the church office or online at <https://interfaithalliance.org>.

Micro Homes Update

The latest schedule update calls for the microhome units to be delivered to the church in the last weeks of October and for the Grand Opening in mid-December. Look for more details as soon as they are available.

Church Office/Landscaping upgrade

Please make sure you take note of the new landscaping and plantings in front of the church office. It helps to provide a beautiful and welcoming sign to our community. Thank you again to those who generously donated to the Summer Facilities Campaign!

Grace and peace,

**Submit articles
for the next issue
by October 22 , 2024**

Sunday Worship at 10 AM

www.GraceWC.org
[www.youtube.com/
@GracePresWC](http://www.youtube.com/@GracePresWC)

New Office Hours: Tues-Fri
8:30 am—2:00 pm
Closed Monday & Saturday

Reach us anytime by email:
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Treasurer: Linda Neyer
Asst. Treasurer: Wendy Watkins
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Administrator: Debora Chew
Preschool Director: Joy Martin

OCTOBER SUNDAY WORSHIP

- Oct 6: Exodus 32:1-14
- Oct 13: 1 Samuel 1:9-20; 2:1-10
- Oct 20: Guest Preacher
- Oct 27: 2 Samuel 7:1-17

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Shirley Dal Porto	10/4
Lori Camenson	10/4
Nancy Brixey	10/5
Linda Hohenfeldt	10/7
Kathy Anderson	10/11
Marsha Stark	10/12
Mark Borchardt	10/17
Sally Day	10/19
Barbara Pennington	10/22
Anne Bergera	10/25
Bill Keeley	10/26
James Martin	10/28

OCTOBER IS THE TIME TO SAY "THANK YOU, SO MUCH!"

On Sunday, October 6th, Grace Church will join other Presbyterian Churches in saying, "Thank You For All You Do For Grace and, By Extension, For Our Community". We will honor Mark during Fellowship Time with a Salad Luncheon to celebrate **Pastor Appreciation Sunday**. If you would like to write a personal note to Mark, there will be a collection basket available. Sometimes we forget those important two words, but this way we will make certain the message gets across and share some fellowship time.

Outreach Committee

During the month of September, our congregation received inserts in the bulletin and members of our Outreach committee presented "Minutes for Mission" that described the work of peace



supported by the **Peace & Global Witness Offering**. This offering will be collected on **World Communion Sunday, October 6**.

We begin at the communion table, with our siblings in every time and place, and we celebrate the peace we find there and commit to building a more just and peaceful world. God is with us and God in Christ is with us through the Sacrament of Communion, celebrated on World Communion Sunday.

Thank you for your generosity! When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

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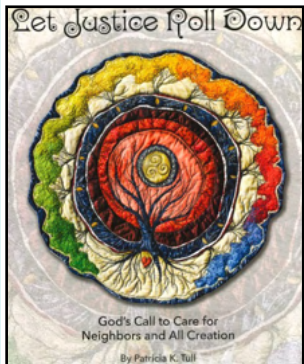
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**New Church Office Hours
8:30 am to 2:00 pm**

On September 10th, twenty women gathered in the Fireside Room and on Zoom for the first meeting of **Hannah Circle** for the 2024/2025 year. We had a good time getting to know each other through introductions, Bible study and Fellowship with light refreshments. Some brought a bag lunch and continued the conversation as they ate. It was good to share stories, concerns, laughter, and words from Ezekiel about Environmental Justice.



The next meeting of **Hannah Circle** will be Tuesday, October 8 at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room with a Zoom connection. We will build on what we started at the first meeting. Lesson Two of our Bible study is about Land Justice. We will be looking at how “[s]criptural accounts of divinely ordered conquest and laws of Jubilee that support the rights of individual landowners stand in tension but are rooted in the perception that all the earth is God’s.” We have ordered additional copies of the study book and they will be available at the meeting. *Please come and join us...and bring your friends!...and your favorite Bible!*

**Volunteers Are Everywhere At Grace
HONOR THEM OCTOBER 27TH**

Who does that? What a good idea, who made that? Good cookies, who’s the Cook? Somebody had to open that up, who came early? Who organized the new paint job? it really looks great. Well, let’s say, “Thank You” to these people – they are all around us. So, on the last Sunday of October we will recognize all those who give



their time and talents to the Grace Family. During **Fellowship Time on October 27**, we’ll join together to recognize the importance of members who give their energies to make things work for Grace.

(Special “Shout Out” to those who do clean-up! – their names are not on any list!)

Outreach Committee

Hans Uwe Hielscher
Organ Recital

Denis Bédard
Lester Groom
Hans U. Hielscher
Franz von Suppé

Grace
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | CELEBRATING 60+ YRS

**(Sun) Oct 20
3:00 pm**

**FALL 2024
CONCERT SERIES**

SEPT 22: ANDREW SORDS VIOLIN RECITAL
OCT 20: HANS UWE HIELSCHER ORGAN RECITAL
NOV 17: CELESTE STELLA TRIO CONCERT
DEC 15: GRACE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Moved???
New Phone Number???

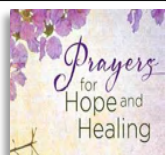
**Email changes to: Debora@GraceWC.org
or call the office 925-935-2100**

Sunday Worship at 10 AM
October 2024

WELCOME STATEMENT

We welcome and celebrate all
who join with us

—the young and the old,
the rich and the poor, the gay and
the straight, the strong and the
weak, the meek and the brave
—and though we are
different one from
another, we are united
in loving and praising God
and in loving each other.



Prayer Chain

If you have concerns that
would benefit from the
power of prayer, please
contact Faye Hutchings or
the church office.

In-person SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES are at 10:00 AM.
Join friends for Fellowship time after church.

Livestream Worship on www.GraceWC.org — Every Sunday at 10:00 am.
Watch recordings of worship services anytime at www.GraceWC.org

Listen to the latest Sunday sermon on your phone. Dial 925-236-2487
Church Membership: Please speak to Rev. Burnham for information.

Meetings and Gatherings

Bible Study with Pastor Mark (weekly) Wed. at 10:00 am in the Library or via Zoom

Sun. Oct. 6: Worship with World Communion Sunday at 10 am
Pastor Appreciation Day; Session Meeting at 11:30 am in the Library or on Zoom

Tues. Oct. 8: Hannah Circle Meeting, 10 am Fireside Room

Wed. Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30: Grief Support Group Session, 2:00 - 3:30 pm, Fireside Room

Sun. October 13: "Concise Introduction to Christian Nationalism" Discussion 11:30 am
Church Library.

Sun. October 20: Hans Uwe Hielscher, Organ Recital 3 pm Sanctuary (Free Concert)