



# PRESBY PRESS

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“Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.”  
*1 Peter 2:16*

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**SOCIAL MEDIA:** [www.facebook.com/GreenwoodPres](https://www.facebook.com/GreenwoodPres)  
**WEBSITE:** [greenwoodpres.org](http://greenwoodpres.org)

For those unable to join us in-person, we stream digital services on our Facebook page. You can access the LIVE service and previous services here: <https://www.facebook.com/greenwoodpres/live>.

## OFFICE HOURS

Church Office hours for Charlotte are: Monday: **9am – 12pm** / Tuesday – Thursday: **9am - 1pm**  
Office hours for Pastor Peter are: Monday – Thursday: **9am – 12pm** and **1:30pm – 4pm**  
Please note that the Church is closed on Fridays.

## CHURCH HISTORY BOOK

*Submitted by Linda Talley*

The History of Greenwood Presbyterian Church is now available to church members and regular attendees. One book per family is available at no charge. You may pick up your copy after service on Sundays in the Narthex, or from Charlotte during the week. If you wish to purchase a second copy, the cost is \$25. *(Note from the Editor – thank you to Linda for her hard work on compiling the information and presenting it to all of us in such a well-written and beautiful format!)*

## UPDATES ON RE-OPENING

Session met in June and after hearing recommendations from the Nurture Committee and discussion among the group, the final two phases of re-opening were determined. Phase 1 was re-opening the sanctuary for worship for vaccinated and masked visitors. Phase 2 begins July 4<sup>th</sup> and Phase 3 could potentially begin September 5<sup>th</sup> pending further discussion and review of data. If you have any questions in regards to the below, please call Pastor Peter or a member of the Nurture Committee. The Nurture Committee continues to discuss all matters related to Covid-19 each month. Please continue to stay safe!

## PHASE 2 – Begins July 4, 2021

- All are welcome! Those that are not vaccinated should wear masks when in the building at all times. If you are vaccinated, masks are optional, except to sing. Everyone must be masked while singing.
- Children should continue to wear masks.
- Social distancing will continue. Please continue to sit in pews and spaces marked available.
- Congregational communion will start on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Servers will come to each person rather than pass the elements.
- The friendship register will continue to be signed at the front door upon entry and offering plates will remain at the back of the sanctuary.

## PHASE 3 – Tentatively to begin September 5th

- If the data supports it, social distancing will be relaxed.
- Coffee fellowship to begin again in Fellowship Hall

## **SUBMISSIONS TO THE WEBSITE**

Suzette Blythe is posting for us on the GPC website. If you have an event, information, etc. that should be shared on the website please send it to Suzette at [suzibly@gmail.com](mailto:suzibly@gmail.com) by the 5th of the month. Please be specific with the date of the event so it can be removed when it is over and we can keep our website current. If you can't send it by email then call her at 630-379-2838.

## **LOOKING FOR PLASTIC**

*Submitted by Judy Lovejoy*

The Kiwanis Club is looking for plastic tableware for use by homeless youth and young adults who receive food from Kic-IT. The aKion Club (a Kiwanis program for handicapped adults) sorts the utensils and wraps them in napkins. They are then given to Kic-It. Both agencies benefit from this initiative. There is a box in the church office for your contributions. This is a good use for all that plastic silverware you collect from carryout meals.



## **YOUTH TALENT SHOW**

*Submitted by Lauren Underwood*

Do you have a talented child or grandchild under the age of 21? We want to see their talent! Our Town Players in Franklin is opening hosting a Youth Talent Show on Saturday, July 17th at 7pm. Auditions will be from 4pm-6pm prior to the show (audition slots can be requested by messaging the OTP Facebook page or speaking with Lauren Underwood). Any talent welcome. Participation is free and the event is free for friends and family to come watch! Our

Town Players performs at the Active Adults Center at 160 E. Adams Street, Franklin.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

## BOY SCOUT NEWS

*Submitted by Dave Baker  
Liaison for BSA Troop #266*



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

BSA Troop #266 Troop Meetings are  
Thursdays from 7:00pm to 8:30 pm  
Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

- ❖ July Meetings are 7/8, 7/15, 7/22 and 7/29 (no meeting 7/1 due to Summer Camp)
- ❖ 7-4-21 (Sunday) - Return to GPC from Summer Camp around noon
- ❖ 7-9-21 (Friday) - Firecrafter MidSummer Ritual 2021 at Camp Belzer, leave Church 5:00 pm and return back on Sunday 7-11-21 around noon,
- ❖ 7-15-21 (Thurs) Patrol Leaders Meeting at GPC - Time 6:00 - 6-45 pm in Rooms 16, 18, & 20.
- ❖ 7-18-21 (Sunday) Adult Committee Meeting at GPC - Time 7:00 - 8:00 pm in Rooms 16, 18, & 20.
- ❖ 7-22-21 (Thurs) Path to Eagle for Life Scouts (30 mins.) at GPC - Time 6:30 - 7:00 pm

CUB SCOUTS– See Leaders for information. Meetings are every Thursday at 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm except the 4th Thursday go till 8:30 pm

BROWNIES – See Leaders for information. Meetings are every 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall - Time 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Anybody interested in Scouting please contact the Church Office.

## Recipe of the Month



### ORIGINAL BISQUICK SHORTCAKE MIX

*Submitted by Fran Mitchell*

#### Ingredients (1 Serving):

- ❖ 2 1/3 cup Bisquick Mix
- ❖ 1/2 cup milk
- ❖ 3 tablespoons sugar
- ❖ 3 tablespoons melted butter

#### Directions:

- ❖ Stir together until soft dough forms
- ❖ Drop by 6 spoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheet.
- ❖ Bake 10-12 minutes in a 425 F degree oven

I bake in cupcake liners in a muffin tin for convenience. Makes 6 cakes.

### CHURCH IS HARD

*Submitted by Diane Hanson as seen on Facebook*

*Written by Jacob Waldron*

Church is hard.

Church is hard for the person walking through the doors, afraid of judgement.  
Church is hard for the pastor's family, under the microscope of an entire body.

Church is hard for the prodigal soul returning home, broken and battered by the world.  
Church is hard for the girl who looks like she has it all together, but doesn't.  
Church is hard for the couple who fought the entire ride to service.  
Church is hard for the single mom, surrounded by couples holding hands, & seemingly perfect families.  
Church is hard for the widow and widower with no invitation to lunch after service.  
Church is hard for the deacon with an estranged child.  
Church is hard for the person singing worship songs, overwhelmed by the weight of the lyrics.  
Church is hard for the man insecure in his role as a leader.  
Church is hard for the wife who longs to be led by a righteous man.  
Church is hard for the nursery volunteer who desperately longs for a baby to love.  
Church is hard for the single woman and single man, praying God brings them a mate.  
Church is hard for the teenage girl, wearing a scarlet letter, ashamed of her mistakes.  
Church is hard for the sinners.

Church is hard for me.

It's hard because on the outside it all looks shiny and perfect. Sunday best in behavior and dress.  
However, underneath those layers, you find a body of imperfect people, carnal souls, selfish motives.

But, here is the beauty of church—

Church isn't a building, mentality, or expectation.

Church is a body.

Church is a group of sinners, saved by grace, living in fellowship as saints.

Church is a body of believers bound as brothers and sisters by an eternal love.

Church is a holy ground where sinners stand as equals before the Throne of Grace.

Church is a refuge for broken hearts and a training ground for mighty warriors.

Church is a converging of confrontation and invitation. Where sin is confronted and hearts are invited to seek restoration.

Church is a lesson in faith and trust.

Church is a bearer of burdens and a giver of hope.

Church is a family. A family coming together, setting aside differences, forgetting past mistakes, rejoicing in the smallest of victories.

Church, the body, and the circle of sinners-turned-saints, is where He resides, and if we ask, He is faithful to come.

So even on the hard days at church—

The days when I am at odds with a friend, When I've fought with my spouse because we're late once again.  
When I've walked in bearing burdens heavier than my heart can handle, yet masking the pain with a smile on my face.  
When I've worn a scarlet letter, under the microscope. When I've longed for a baby to hold, or fought tears as the lyrics were sung.  
When I've walked back in, afraid and broken, after walking away.

I'll remember, He has never failed to meet me there.

## POETRY

*Submitted by Fran Mitchell*

### THE OFFICIAL STATE POEM: "INDIANA"

BY Arthur Franklin Mapes

God crowned her hills with beauty,  
Gave her lakes and winding streams,  
Then He edged them all with woodlands  
As the setting for our dreams.  
Lovely are her moonlit rivers,  
Shadowed by the sycamores,  
Where the fragrant winds of Summer  
Play along the willowed shores.  
I must roam those wooded hillsides,  
I must heed the native call,  
For a pagan voice within me  
Seems to answer to it all.  
I must walk where squirrels scamper  
Down a rustic old rail fence,  
Where a choir of birds is singing  
In the woodland . . . green and dense.  
I must learn more of my homeland  
For it's paradise to me,  
There's no haven quite as peaceful,  
There's no place I'd rather be.  
Indiana . . . is a garden  
Where the seeds of peace have grown,  
Where each tree, and vine, and flower  
Has a beauty . . . all its own.  
Lovely are the fields and meadows,  
That reach out to hills that rise  
Where the dreamy Wabash River  
Wanders on . . . through paradise.

### "BLESSINGS" BY Fran Mitchell

#### BLESSINGS

This "Stay at home" thing  
has taken quite a toll--  
But, don't stop me, now,  
'cause I'm really on a roll!  
Now, I don't cook,  
and I don't clean--  
I don't move things  
that might show dust,  
otherwise unseen.  
I seem to get lazier  
as the days have just flown by--  
Gettin' fatter, too,  
I say with a rueful sigh!  
Convenience foods taste so good,  
and are so quick to fix--  
I start the prep at five--  
dinner's ready to eat by six.  
This easy life  
gets better every day--  
So, I say, "Use it, enjoy it,  
and give thanks along the way!"  
I have been so truly blest  
to have lived the life I've had--  
To have had the family, friends and fun--  
that I would truly wish for everyone.  
So, my thoughts and prayers  
are with you, one and all;  
And, if you're sad or lonely,  
just write a note, or make a call--  
Your blessings will be many,  
and your joy will be felt by all.  
Have a great day--  
Fran M.

### BULLETIN BOARD

*Created by Eleanor Mitchell*



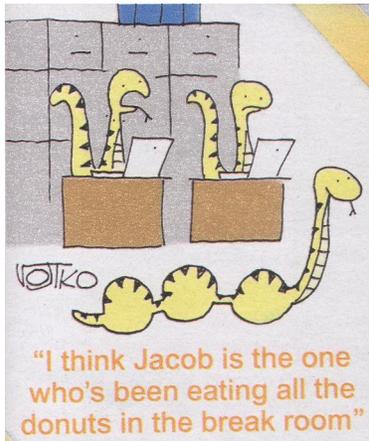
## Kids are fUnNy!

One afternoon, my three kids came home from school with their report cards. My oldest son happily reported he got all A's. My daughter said she got a bunch of A's too. When I asked my 5-year-old, he said, "I got Santa's factory." It took me a moment to realize he meant "satisfactory"!

—K.T., Riverside, RI

## JUST FOR FUN

Submitted by Fran Mitchell



## Kids are fUnNy!

While in church one Sunday with my 4-year-old daughter, Allie, the priest began telling the story about how Jesus walked on water. A few moments later, Allie excitedly (and fairly loudly!) asked, "Mommy, if Jesus can walk on water, can he do a handstand too?" —S.B., Andover, CT



### JULY

- 6 Carol Paquette  
Gail Rozkydol
- 7 Ebbie Crawford
- 8 Bev Fiandt
- 13 Kathy Johnson
- 14 Lindsey Zeigler
- 21 Corey Davis
- 24 Gary Vandergriff
- 26 Betty Price
- 28 Birgit Kreck  
Barb Malasics

### AUGUST

- 9 Vickie Marcus  
Travis Nelson
- 10 Joshua Hensley  
Kathy Wood
- 11 Karl Kreck
- 13 Chris Talley
- 14 Dannette Morgan
- 17 Anna Marcus
- 18 Bob Jewell
- 22 Lynn Laughlin
- 26 Linda Talley
- 28 Xavier Ellis
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