



SUMMER 2021

# CONNECTIONS

A Newsletter of Grand Lakes Presbyterian Church



## Getting to Know You

By Harry Slye

Summer used to mean that many families would hold an annual “family reunion.” My home growing up was on 5 acres in Maryland just outside of Washington, D.C. and every summer about a hundred relatives would arrive and gather under four huge white pine trees in our side yard. Games for the younger cousins broke out on our two-acre front yard, while the older folks sat under the trees and caught up on the new marriages, new babies, new jobs, new homes, and shared the memories of those who passed on. It was hard remembering all the names, but we worked at it – just like we have to do in a big church family. We are brothers and sisters in Christ, and we have to work at remembering just our names, not to mention so many other things about each other.

Many of us say “I am terrible at remembering names,” and it takes many of us a long time to remember even someone’s first name. But it really is important, and it doesn’t have to be so hard. On a recent Sunday I was greeting people as they entered for worship. I welcomed a woman I did not know and after she entered, I asked another greeter if she knew her, but she didn’t. After the service as she came out, I introduced myself and told her I was sorry I did not know her name. We were both wearing our masks, but I did hear “Gloria.” When I asked for her last name again, she said “Borden, like the milk company.” Then she asked me for my name again (Tyler led worship that Sunday) so I said “Harry,” and “Slye, like a fox.” I learned she was a visitor and she was from Virginia. I said, “Great! I’m from Maryland.” And she said she was a member of National Presbyterian Church in Washington D.C. Oh we were really getting to know a little about each other now.

Word association really helps us remember names, so I will probably greet her next time by saying, Good morning Elsie.” And she will say, “Good morning Rev Fox!” No, the other habit to remember is to say the person’s name again within 5 minutes, then again within the next hour, and then again the next day! Pretty soon we will get to know each other by name and that is a great start to let someone else know that they matter to you. That’s when a church becomes a family – as Jesus said we should be. Coming back together again after this Covid 19 pandemic is like a family reunion. When do we eat!



**Worship**



**Discipleship**



**Mission**



**Fellowship**

# WORSHIP

By Walt Glover



## Celebrating Pentecost

Following our Springtime observances of Lent, Palm Sunday, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and Easter, we celebrate worship on May 23 with the Day of Pentecost—one of the most important events in Christianity. It was on about the fiftieth day after the Resurrection, and ten days after his ascension, that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to dwell in us and bestow the gifts of faith, holiness, and eternal life.

According to Acts 2:33, Peter said to the crowd, “Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he (Jesus) has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.” The Holy Spirit entered into everyone who was there from all areas around the Mediterranean including Jews, proselytes, Cretans and Arabians. (They

had come together to celebrate The Festival of Weeks, also known as Pentecost.)

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is a recurring theme in the New Testament. Paul stated it clearly in Romans 8:9, “You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him.”

## Honoring Graduates

Honoring our graduates is another very important part of our May 23 service when we will recognize our graduating students and bless their continuing journeys.

## Summer Worship

This summer we will gain a deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit and other gifts, including the Trinity. We will honor students, honor fathers, celebrate the Fourth of July with special music, and elect and install new elders and deacons.

## Electing Elders and Deacons

On June 13 following worship a new class of elders and deacons will be elected to serve the church through 2024.

*Lord, make us Masters of Ourselves, that we may be the Servants of Others. Take our minds and think through them, take our lips and speak through them, take our hearts, and SET THEM ON FIRE!*

## OUR SERVICES CONTINUE TO BE OFFERED VIA:



Youtube



iTunes Podcast



Facebook



Spotify Podcast

## SPECIAL SUNDAYS

May 23 - Pentecost,  
Graduate Recognition Sunday

June 13 - Congregational Meeting to elect  
new Elders and Deacons

June 20 - Father's Day

July 4 - Fourth of July

# GLPC KIDS

By Jessica Henderson

## CHILDREN'S Sunday School

**SUNDAY MORNINGS** We are so excited to see your kids in-person! During both the 9 and 11am services, childcare and Sunday School will be available for all kids through 5th grade. We hope your child can join us as we dig in deep to God's Word. If your family feels more comfortable worshipping from home, Sunday School lessons are emailed to parents each week.



**CLUB 45** Sunday, June 6th from 6-7 pm we will have a special evening just for our 4th and 5th graders! Hope your kids can join us for a fun time of study, games, and fellowship!

## ANCHORED VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 18 - 19



Kids will be able to go on an underwater adventure where they will discover that God is faithful! This VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences to see, hear, and touch. Fun games, cool Bible songs, and exciting Bible stories are just a few of the activities that help faith flow into real life. Register today at [grandlakespc.org/vbs](http://grandlakespc.org/vbs)!

The mission project for VBS will support the Presbyterian Children's Home & Services (PCHS) by creating Family Game Night kits. We are asking our GLPC families to donate new board games, card games, and children's DVDs for children in foster care. During VBS, our kids will be learning about some of the children who are supported by PCHS.

If you have any questions about GLPC Kids, or would like to be added to our email newsletter, please email Jessica Henderson at [glpckids@grandlakespc.org](mailto:glpckids@grandlakespc.org).

# GLPC YOUTH

By Tyler Henderson

## YOUTH BIBLE STUDY!

**SUNDAYS @ 5:00pm**

We are continuing our Sunday Evening Bible Studies! We are currently walking our way through the Old Testament. Weather-permitting we meet in-person by the back covered area of the church. During cold or inclement weather we meet in the Youth Room. Friends are welcome!!



## YOUTH SUMMER BEACH RETREAT!!!

June 11-14! In light of COVID precautions we are keeping things a little more controlled this year and doing our own retreat. We will be taking some time out and away from the normal rhythms and distractions of the day-to-day to focus on drawing nearer to God.

Youth Summer Beach Retreat  
Retreat, Reflect, Reorient  
June 11-14th Sign up online!



# MEMBERSHIP

We are very excited to welcome these newest members to our congregation:

**Ian Baxter** – long-time attendee

And, four students from our Confirmation Class:

**Mallory Dwyer** – daughter of Robert and Sarah Dwyer, members since 2008

**Selena Goobie** – daughter of Roger and Stacy Goobie, members since 2011

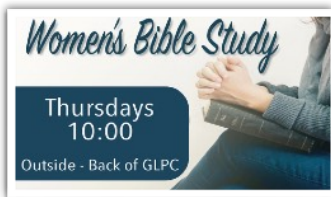
**Matthew Gray** – son of Stephen and Julie Gray, members since 2016

**Sidney Hamilton** – daughter of Kimber Hamilton, member since 2010



If you or someone you know would like to know more about becoming a member of our congregation, please let one of our pastors know or email [Membership@GrandLakesPC.org](mailto:Membership@GrandLakesPC.org)

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP



## Women's Thursday Bible Study

Thursdays at 10:00am at the church. We are working through a study of 1&2 Kings called, "Trustworthy" by Lisa Terkeurst. Please contact Jennifer Malone ([jensmalone@msn.com](mailto:jensmalone@msn.com)).



## Women's Friday Bible Study

Friday mornings at 10:00am We will start off with some Fellowship time and then we'll have a short devotional that will focus on the Christian perspective of some current events and will include applicable Scripture readings. If you are interested in joining our group, visiting one of our meetings, or if you would like more information, please contact Judy Adams ([judy999@comcast.net](mailto:judy999@comcast.net)).



## Romans Bible Study

Sundays at 5:00pm in-person or via Zoom. This study is open to anyone! Contact George Puig at [g.puig@pkveng.com](mailto:g.puig@pkveng.com).



## "For The Love of God" Bible Study

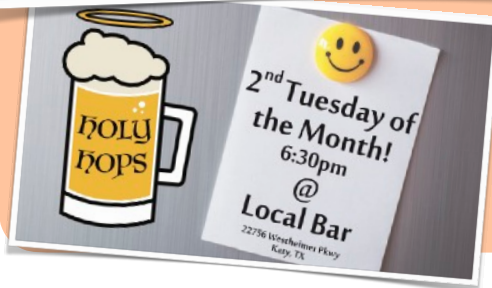
This is a Zoom Bible study through the book of Ecclesiastes led by George Puig. It will continue on Tuesdays at 12:00pm. For more information, contact George ([g.puig@pkveng.com](mailto:g.puig@pkveng.com)).

# FUN & FELLOWSHIP



**Saturday, May 22 at 4pm**

Cabbage Ball Tournament | Games | BBQ | Movie | Campout  
For questions and/or to RSVP email fun@grandlakespc.org



**HELLO, SUMMER!** Welcome the dog days of summer with a family-friendly night of games, food, movies and an *optional* camp out. Saturday, May 22 at 4:00pm.

4:00pm - Arrive

4:30pm - Cabbage Ball

6:00pm - Hot dogs & Hamburgers

(Please bring a side, dessert, or beverage to share.)

8:00pm - Movie

Optional Overnight Campout

**Sunday, May 23:**

8:00am - Breakfast for Campers

9:00am - Church

**4th of July at GLPC** Decorate a bike, scooter or wagon and come take part in a Fourth of July parade after the 11 a.m. service on July 4. A lunch of sandwiches will be served before the family-friendly parade rolls through the church's grounds.

**GLPC OLYMPICS** Friday, July 23 at 4:00pm

Kick off the Tokyo Olympic 2021 with us! Come join the family-friendly competition with a variety of relay races and an inflatable obstacle course. The Opening Ceremonies will be shown on a big screen. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served and participants are asked to bring a beverage, side or dessert to share. Will you be one of them lucky ones to go home with a medal?

**Holy Hops** meets at 6:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Local Bar Katy restaurant. Join us as we gather to discuss a timely religious topic while catching up with friends or meeting new ones in a relaxed, fun environment.

# MISSIONS



## KCM Food Drive

DON'T FORGET - Donations may be delivered to the church lobby on the 1st

## VBS Mission Opportunity!

Help us create family game night kits for Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services! We are asking our GLPC families to donate new board games, card games, and children's DVDs for children in foster care. During VBS, our kids will be learning about some of the children who are supported by PCHS.



Presbyterian Children's  
Homes and Services<sup>SM</sup>

# DEACON MINISTRIES

By Tyler Henderson



## **Contact and Connections**

Our Contact and Connections team led by Suzi Jackson and Emily Trivette have been working hard to connect our college students to a GLPC sponsor. These sponsors are committing to send care packages and notes of encouragement to our college students as they are off at college. If you are interested in helping with this effort, please contact Suzi Jackson and Emily Trivette at [connections@grandlakespc.org](mailto:connections@grandlakespc.org).

## **Prayer and Care**

If you would like to join our prayer team or if you have a prayer request that you would like our church to be praying for please contact Carol Greene and Claudia Dempsey at [prayers@grandlakespc.org](mailto:prayers@grandlakespc.org).

## **Meals and Memorial Services**

GLPC provides meals to individuals and families in times of need. If you would like to partner with our meals team by providing a dish, please contact Cheryl Shafer and Debbie Nichols at [meals@grandlakespc.org](mailto:meals@grandlakespc.org).

## **Host and Hospitality**

We are always looking for friendly folks to welcome visitors as they walk in the doors of GLPC! We want everyone who comes in to be warmly welcomed and to feel like our community could be a safe place for them and their family. Contact Sarah Priest at [hospitality@grandlakespc.org](mailto:hospitality@grandlakespc.org).

## **Pastor Nominating Committee**

by Ashly Latter

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), elected by the congregation, has been charged with selecting the next Senior Pastor nominee.

Currently, the PNC is reviewing PIF's and interviewing promising candidates.

### PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

- ☒ 1. Election & organization of the PNC
- ☒ 2. Writing & submitting the MIF
- ☒ 3. Advertising the Position
- ☒ 4. Receiving & screening PIF'S
- ☒ 5. Interviewing promising candidates
- ☐ 6. Selection of the nominee
- ☐ 7. Election of the nominee
- ☐ 8. Installation of the pastor
- ☐ 9. Completion of the PNC's work

## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Update

As we shared with the congregation at our 2021 Congregational Meeting, the church is going to have a tight budget this year. This is due in no small part to the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact it is having on all our lives. We are now through the first quarter of the year, and we are happy to report that giving is holding strong. The church has brought in about 34% of our total offering budget for the year leaving us slightly ahead of the curve. We are also managing expenses extremely well.

Note that we are entering the warmer months of the year which typically lead to higher expenses since we are running the air conditioners a lot more.

Thanks to all the support from our members, the church is in a good financial position entering these summer months. This is allowing us to evaluate several deferred maintenance projects to ensure that our HVAC systems are well equipped to keep us all cool this summer.

In summary, the church is healthy, but please continue to do what you can to meet your pledge commitments. The coming months will be a great opportunity for GLPC to reinvigorate ourselves and maintain our focus on celebrating the grace and glory of God!

### 3 Ways to Give

- ① Online at [grandlakespc.org](https://grandlakespc.org)
- ② During Worship
- ③ Mail in a check

"God's people faithfully brought in the contributions, tithes, and dedicated gifts."  
2 Chronicles 31:12

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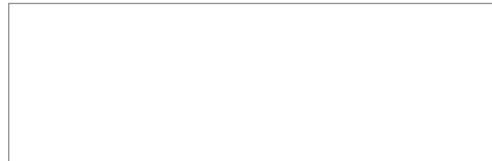
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## GLPC Highlights

### In-Person Worship

Services at:

9:00 am

11:00am

### Live-Streaming On:

Youtube

Facebook

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