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# EAST REGION

of Grace Presbytery



## Michele's Musings

Hello Friends,  
 Happy New Year! Once again, the earth turns and we mark a new year on the calendar. So, what are we to make of it? It is good practice to reflect on events of the past with an eye to learning from our successes and missteps. It is also good practice to look forward to the year ahead with goals and aspirations. Many of us will set forth in 2026 with well-intentioned New Year's resolutions. I have a few ideas of things I would like to do to improve my health and productivity. I'm wondering if a better approach would be to *make room* for these things to happen, rather than just adding them to my full schedule. I don't want my schedule to be busier – God knows we are all busy enough already! So, I'm starting my 2026 with a decluttering approach. I can easily give up time in front of the TV and replace that with time on my rowing machine. What could you exchange? How will you make room for your New Year's aspirations? What would make more room for God in your life in 2026?

As I enter into the third year of Regional Ministry, I look forward to continuing to serve the congregations and leaders of Grace Presbytery's East Region with enthusiasm, imagination, energy, and love.

May you feel God's grace surrounding you,  
*Michele*

Do you have a question for Presbytery? Call me 918.232.6422 or email [michele@gracepresbytery.org](mailto:michele@gracepresbytery.org).

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### Happenings

- Jan 19, Mon, 7p  
 Small Church Zoom
- Jan 22, Thurs, 12n  
 East Texas Pastor's  
 Lunch First Winnsboro

## Inspiration

*"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."* – C.S. Lewis

Need pulpit supply? I'm available once a month to preach and/or lead communion. And I'm free, as Grace Presbytery's gift back to you, our churches. I book up fast, so plan ahead! [Email Michele](#).

### 2026 Presbytery Meeting Schedule

Feb 26, Thurs – Trinity, Flower Mound  
June 6, Sat – Central, Woodway  
Oct 8, Thurs – First, Granbury  
Dec 3, Thurs – Zoom Mtg

The folks at Centre, Longview, worship on December 7th.



*Below & left: A Service of Lessons and Carols at First Presbyterian in Clarksville on December 20th.*



## Guess Where



Where in our East Region can this stained glass window be found? First one to email me the correct answer gets FREE lunch! [michele@gracepresbytery.org](mailto:michele@gracepresbytery.org)  
December's window depicting Jesus as a living tree is from Northwoods Presbyterian Church in Texarkana.

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