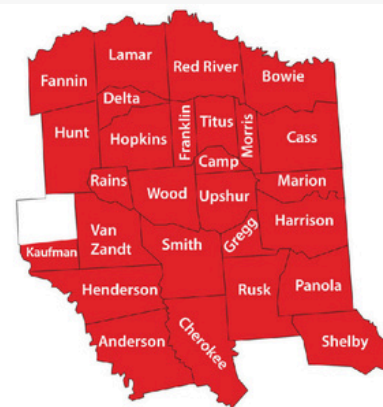




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EAST REGION

of Grace Presbytery



MICHELE'S MUSINGS

Hello East and South East churches and Happy Easter! Alleluia Christ is risen! There is much to celebrate in our community this month. I had the pleasure of worshipping with three of our churches, Highland in Tyler, Mabank, and Longview United. I spent a lovely afternoon with our Stated Clerk Kyle and several of our Clerks for the annual minutes review. We had our first meeting as an East breakout for the Congregational Vitality Committee (see page two). And I am excited that St Andrew is bringing the movie "The Librarians" to Longview (details page 4). To top it off, Longview United is officially celebrating their unification with their new name! I hope you enjoy this newsletter and find it informative. If your congregation has a celebration or event you would like to share, please email me info and a pic or two to michele@gracepresbytery.org. There would be no news without you! May our risen Lord invigorate you this Easter season!

Feel free to post or forward our newsletter to your session or congregation.

In peace and hope, M

Do you have news or an event to share with the east region?
Do you have a question for presbytery? Call me at 918.232.6422 or email michele@gracepresbytery.org.

Rev. Michele Goff,
Regional Ministry Associate, East Region

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HAPPENINGS

- APR 5, ALL DAY
HAPPY EASTER!
NAMING CELEBRATION
FOR LONGVIEW UNITED
- APR 18, SAT, 4P
THE LIBRARIANS,
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CHURCH, LONGVIEW
- APR 23, THURS, 12N
EAST TEXAS PASTOR'S
LUNCH ST. ANDREW,
LONGVIEW
- APR 27, MON, 7P
SMALL CHURCH ZOOM

MEET THE CHURCH VITALITY COMMITTEE (CVC) EAST MEMBERS

JERRY CAMP FROM FIRST, KILGORE
JANE ELS, CP, FROM FIRST, DEPORT AND
FIRST, PARIS

DEIDRE MAPLES, CP, FROM FIRST, CUMBY
The Church Vitality Committee (CVC) is part of the new committee structure implemented at the beginning of this year. Our hope is that through the work of the CVC, Grace Presbytery will be able to further nurture and foster the relationship and supportive work that the Regional Ministry Associates have instigated. We also hope to do some proactive work to support the ongoing efforts of the Committee on Ministry (COM).

WHO ARE THE PEOPLE IN THE EAST NEIGHBORHOOD?

MICHELE GOFF, EAST REGIONAL MINISTRY
ASSOCIATE, RMA

Call me anytime, I am happy to answer any question or hunt down the answers I may not have. I love to worship with you, preach on occasion, and be your presbytery resource.

JIM CLARK, EAST LIAISON FOR THE
COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY, COM

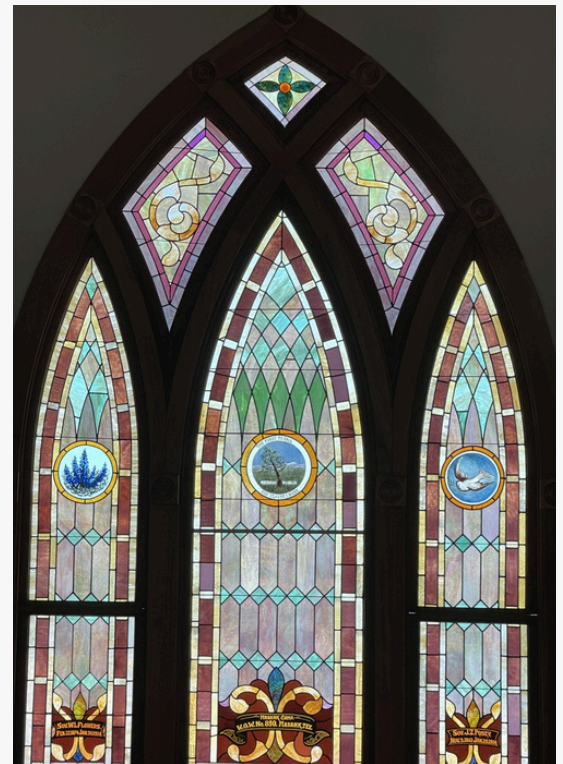
Call Jim when there is a particular question for the Committee on Ministry, like a question about the terms of call for your pastor, or who is your session moderator.

JERRY CAMP, JANE ELS, AND DEIDRE MAPLES,
EAST REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE CHURCH
VITALITY COMMITTEE, CVC

These folks, along with me (Michele) would be delighted to know when your church is celebrating an event, with pictures afterward, or before, especially if you would like other people to be invited. We would also love to support you and your churches when special needs arise.

INSPIRATION

Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul. ~ John Muir



GUESS WHERE

Which East Texas church is home to this stained-glass window? Last month's arch is part of a series in Pittsburg. Send me your guess. First to guess correctly gets free lunch with [Michele](#).

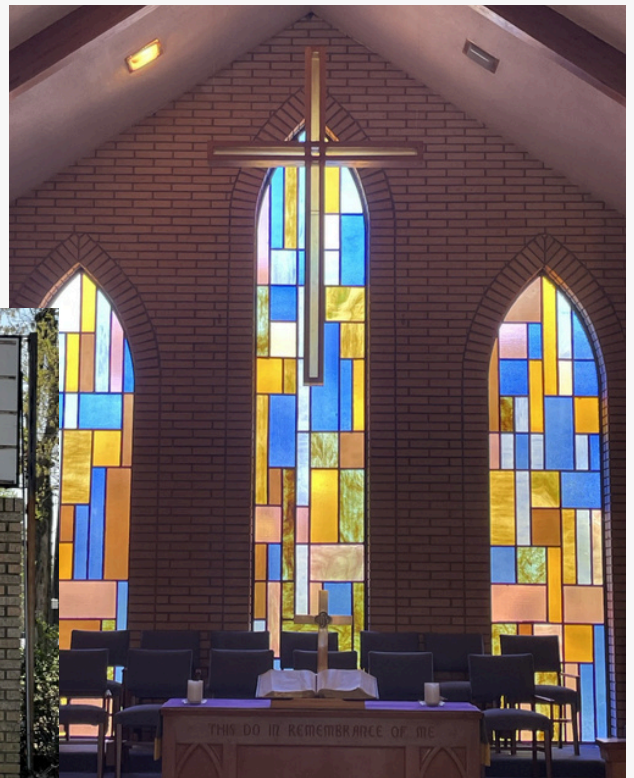




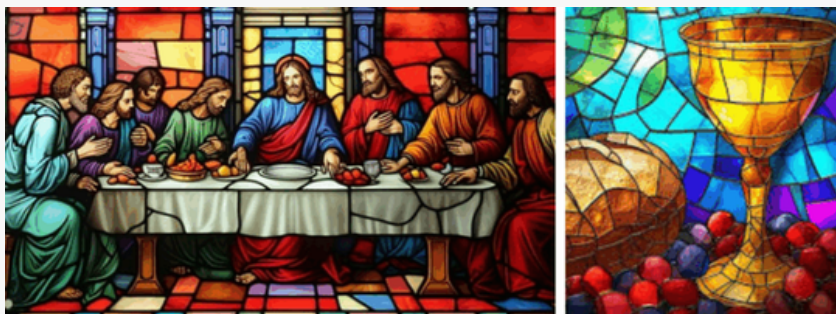
Waving of the Palms at Longview United



Potluck at First Mabank



The View at Highland



Communion Training

May 9, 2026 ~ from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Highland Presbyterian Church

3101 Paluxy Dr, Tyler, TX

Is your church without pastoral leadership?

Communion training is available for approved ruling elders serving congregations in transition. This session covers theological and practical leadership, including a resource binder and lunch. Please prayerfully discern with your Session if you are called to this ministry. Contact Michele Goff.



Did you know it only takes two people to form a team for Renewed Grace participation? Click HERE for more information.



Board of Pensions is offering support for small church family benefits for the 2027 calendar year. Check out this press release.



RSVP HERE

WATCH THE TRAILER

Saturday, April 18, 2026 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Unitarian Universalist Church

2301 Alpine Road, Longview, TX

The Social Justice Public Witness Committee and St.

Andrew Presbyterian are co-sponsoring a free public

screening of the groundbreaking documentary, The Librarians, at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Longview. The documentary is the story of Texas librarians defending intellectual freedom and privacy by standing up to government surveillance, censorship, and pressure to restrict access to information. Join the conversation on the dangers of censorship and book banning.



Small Church Gathering

Monday, April 27, 2026

at 7:00 PM on Zoom

Email Sharon@gracepresbytery.org for the link

IMPORTANT LINKS

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