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WEST REGION

SOUTH REGION

JULY/AUGUST UPDATE

Greetings, Friends,

Once again, the month is quickly slipping by. Many have Vacation Bible School and other summer activities behind them; others are busy preparing for upcoming events. We have attended the Women's Conference at Mo Ranch, packed up our children and sent them off to camp and/or on mission trips; many are preparing to go to the Synod Youth Workshop in Oklahoma. We are giving our children and youth the opportunity to explore God's world beyond our doors.

Summer seems to be for our youngsters, but it is for us "olders" as well. You have dug in, packed bags, driven cars or vans, tie dyed your hands along with a "ton" of T-shirts, spent days or weeks, planning appropriate crafts, snacks, science, games. Not to mention countless hours of planning, decorating, and leading the many summer activities that have happened in the West and South Regions. And it is only the begging of July! WHEW! We have worshipped, sang, prayed and praised and more than we will ever know. You are a busy bunch of folks!

I had a friend when I was serving in Ethiopia who would randomly send me a card with a note that simply said, "God must surely be smiling down on you. He is so proud of you!" So, I pass Louis' blessing on to you. Keep up the good work! God is surely smiling down on you. He is so proud of you!

Grace and peace,

Sharon

Who doesn't like an ice cream treat? Take a look at the photos at the end of this update to see the many ways you have been busy this summer. Identify the churches in these pictures. Submit your guesses by clicking here: [Who Is It?](#) to enter your answers. There is a free ice cream treat in August for all who enter. Submit your answers by July 30th.





What's Happening...July & August

let's do
lunch

- July 13 **Small Church Zoom** **7:00 PM**
Email Sharon, sharon@gracepresbytery.org links are sent on the Monday of the gathering.
- July 16-23 **Sharon out of the office attending the New Wilmington Mission Conference**
- July 23 **Housing Webinar: Caring for and Sheltering Our Unhoused Neighbors 7:00 PM**
Learn more and register here:
[Housing Webinar: Caring for and Housing Our Unsheltered Neighbors](#)
- July 27-31 **Breakfast, Lunch or Coffee Anyone?** **You Pick**
Email sharon@gracepresbytery.org to schedule a time.
- August 1-9 **Sharon Vacation**
- August 10 **Small Church Zoom** **7:00 PM**
Email Sharon, sharon@gracepresbytery.org links are sent on Monday of the gathering.
- August 12 **Just for Fun Gathering! Christian Arts Museum** **10:00 AM**
3221 Hamilton Avenue, Ft. Worth, TX 76107

"Where Art meets Religion" Let's explore the life size wax statue of the Last Supper and other art works from sculptures to paintings depicting biblical events by renowned artists from all over the state as well as budding local artists.
[Christian Art Museum of Ft. Worth - All You SHOULD Know Before Going 2026 \(with Reviews\)](#)
- August 12 **Fort Worth/Arlington Lunch Gathering** **12:00 Noon**
Macaluso's Italian, 2443 Forest Park Blvd, Fort Worth, TX 76110
- August 13 **West Lunch Gathering** **12:00 Noon**
Cheddars, 2731 E I 20, Hudson Oaks, TX 76087
- August 18 **Mid Cities Lunch Gathering** **12:00 Noon**
BJ's Restaurant, 952 NE Loop 820, Hurst, TX 76053
- August 19 **South Region Lunch Gathering** **12:00 Noon**
Meg's Cafe, 1749 Everton Dr, Temple, TX 76504
- August 26 **Denton Lunch Gathering** **12:00 Noon**
Graffiti Pasta, 118 W Oak St, Denton, TX 76201

November 7 Save the Date! Just for Fun Gathering! Pastors' Chili Cook-Off Challenge TBA

More information coming soon, but mark your calendars and start testing your recipes



Grace Presbytery Social Justice and Public Witness Grants are available!

These grants support individuals and congregations in engaging justice work through collaborative projects, participation in collective efforts, and opportunities for justice education. Funding is intended to strengthen both new and ongoing ministries that deepen engagement with justice issues in the communities we serve. Learn more here: [SJPW - Grace Presbytery](#)

PC(USA) QUICKSHEETS FOR ALL AGES:

PC(USA) [QuickSheets](#) are brief, downloadable resources designed to make Presbyterian theology, mission, and ministry accessible for congregations of all sizes. Created by various PC(USA) program offices, they provide concise overviews of topics ranging from Christian formation and worship to justice, mission, and leadership. Each QuickSheet combines biblical reflection, Reformed perspectives, discussion questions, and practical ideas for faithful action. They are ideal for use in Sunday school, youth groups, officer training, committee meetings, and personal study. As the PC(USA)'s ministries continue to evolve, QuickSheets remain a valuable tool for equipping disciples and strengthening congregational life. Here are a few examples:

Children's and Youth Ministry

Is There Enough? a children's curriculum dealing with hunger. The lessons are grounded in biblical themes that address every child's responsibility to share. Sharing within the family unit is extended to sharing within the family of God; stressing that we are all members and responsible for one another...Presbyterian Hunger Program [Is-There-Enough-childrens-curriculum.pdf](#)

A Time for Advocacy: Engaging Young People in Advocacy and Action

...with a little guidance and encouragement from their adult leaders, young people can use their time and their access to the internet to learn about the obstacles and injustices that other people face in their town, across the country, and around the world. Here are some ideas for getting your youth to take a more avid interest in advocacy. [A Time for Advocacy | Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\)](#)

College Student & Young Adult Commissioning

This Quicksheet provides commissioning for college students and young adults. When we commission people, we send them into the world with our blessing, our prayers, and our commitment to walk alongside them. We encourage them to seek out the places where God is already at work and to join in that work with courage and hope. [College Student and Young Adult Commissioning | Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\)](#)

Staying Connected to Your Youth When They Leave Home: Be Part of Their Ecosystem

When a student goes off to college, the call of the home church doesn't end; it changes. The church family and leaders are the cloud of witnesses who accompany both the students and their families at home in new ways during this new season of life, as we continue to embody the love of God we know in Christ Jesus to them. This Quicksheet provides ideas of how to be a part of that support ecosystem.

[Staying Connected to Your Youth When They Leave Home | Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\)](#)

Supporting College Students & Young Adults

This resource provides ideas for the year-long support of college students and young adults. Topics include nurturing relationships, prayer practices, and supporting campus ministries.

[Supporting College Students and Young Adults | Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\)](#)

Adult Ministry

Sabbath Practice Tool Kit

This document includes all of the Sabbath Practice Essentials in one larger document together. User Guide, Sabbath, Prayer, Storytelling, Hospitality, Service, Retreat, and a Resource Roadmap are all included in this resource. [Sabbath Practice Essentials | Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\)](#)

This is My Song: 12 Ideas for Using Hymns

Within the pages of a hymnal, one can find centuries of theological wisdom, spiritual insight, and practical guidance for faithful living. Here are twelve creative ideas and accessible strategies for using hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs in the church's ministry of education and formation for discipleship.

[This is My Song | Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\)](#)

Older Adult Ministries

How to Develop a Dementia-Friendly Worship Service

Nurturing the spiritual health of someone with dementia is an act of Christian love that preserves their dignity and affirms their personhood. As churches, we have a unique opportunity – indeed, a calling – to respond to this need by finding ways to make worship accessible to people experiencing cognitive change. In this Quicksheet, you will learn how to create a modified worship service, either in-person or pre-recorded, for your faith community. [How to Develop a Dementia-Friendly Worship Service for your Faith Community | Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\)](#)

Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network

POAMN's mission is educating and equipping leadership and aging congregations to promote and engage in activity, wellness, care, and social involvement. Our purpose is to educate, advocate, develop and share resources, and train leaders by raising awareness around issues facing those who serve older adults, and are older adults, all in a covenant relationship with the Mission Agency Board of the PC(USA). [POAMN |](#)

Looking for resources, ideas, answers to questions, things you didn't even know you wanted to know about? Check out these PC(USA) related Facebook pages.

[pcusa - Search Results | Facebook](#)

More Links:

Grace Resource Center:

[Grace Resource Center - Grace Presbytery](#)

Disaster Preparedness:

[Disaster Preparedness and Resources - Grace Presbytery](#)

For Congregations:

[For Congregations - Grace Presbytery](#)

Presbyterian Resources:

[Presbyterian Resources - Grace Presbytery](#)



July Ordination Anniversaries

Kenneth Altfather	07/01	Theodore Wardlow	07/09	John Blewett	07/09	Katie Cummings	07/10
Elizabeth Boulware	07/10	Terri Ann Matthews	07/12	Linda Dinsdale	07/13	Richard Nourse	07/15
Carol Phillips	07/16	David Schneider	07/18	Patrick McCoy	07/18	Richard Culp	07/18
James Shroyer	07/19	Thomas Tulley	07/20	Richard McFarlin	07/21	Drew Travis	07/22
Anne Allen	07/22	Linda Norris	07/24	Norwood Brown III	07/26		

August Ordination Anniversaries

Lewis Holmes	08/01	Nancy Ramsey	08/03	Rosy Robson McCreary	08/05	Colton Hedrick	08/05
Megan Findeiss	08/06	Karl Travis	08/15	Judith Crilley	08/20	Kate McGee	08/22
Mike Thompsom	08/23	Judith Hardey	08/23	Mari Lynn Jones	08/23	Tom Brown	08/29
Whitney Arreche	08/29						

July Birthdays

David Schneider	07/01	Patrick McCoy	07/03	C. Randolph Coney	07/06	Clinton Scholfield	07/10
Richard Culp	07/19	Megan Findeiss	07/26				

August Birthdays

Naomi Ingram	08/04	Robert Phillips	08/05	Norwood Brown III	08/08	Thomas Lamb	08/12
Sherrolyn Weed	08/15	Mari Lyn Jones	08/15	Elizabeth Calender	08/22	Richard Nourse	08/28
Judith Crilley	08/29						



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We want to keep in touch with you! Please help us make sure we have the most current information by updating your contact information and worship times by completing the survey [here](#).

Join us for Fun and Games: [click here](#)

Can You Identify This Church?

We worshipped, sang, prayed, praised and played more than we will ever know this summer. You are a busy bunch of folks! The contest is on. Identify as many of the churches pictured on these pages and enter your answers in this link: [Who Is It?](#) Deadline for entering is July 30th.

We will be slipping into August soon, and August heat deserves a special treat. The treat will be mine, and I invite you to join me for your favorite ice cream treat for all who enter and identify churches.

May these photos inspire you and help you to dream of possibilities. I can't wait to meet you and hear your stories!

Blessings, Sharon

Church Photos

A visual journey through the churches, stories, and shared ministry of our regions.

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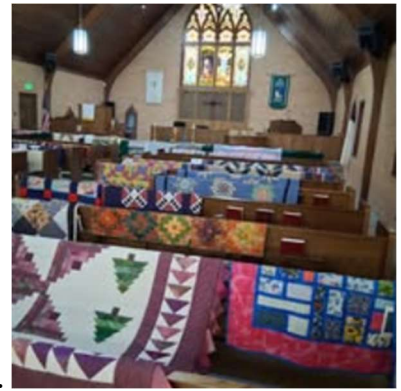
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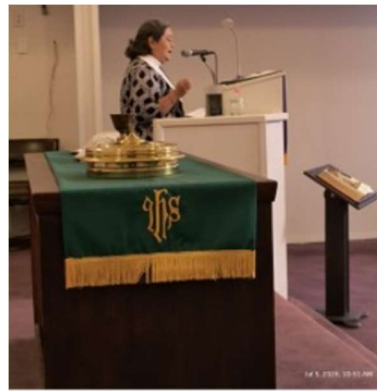
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Thank you for taking the time to see what is happening in and around our regions. I couldn't help but think about the busy bees you are! Small or large, you are doing incredible jobs of being the church in your hearts, your homes, your church and your community. May God lead you, the Spirit inspire you and Jesus walk beside you as you continue doing great works. Sharon

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