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# EAST REGION

**of Grace Presbytery**



## MICHELE'S MUSINGS

Greetings and Peace to you!

June started off with a rainy Presbytery meeting hosted by the folks at Central in Waco/Woodway. If you weren't there, you missed a good one! Remember, each church has an appointed number of representatives, and every pastoral leader is encouraged to attend. Mark your calendars for our next one on October 8 at First in Granbury.

This month, I enjoyed worship with the small but socially engaged community at First in Kaufman and preached a well-received sermon for the congregation at First in Mt. Pleasant.

I ate lunch with Rev. Maryla Meagher who has been filling the pulpit at Highland. We are working on getting her approved for pulpit supply in the Tyler region, so stay tuned! Rev. Kenny Rigolout and I shared some time outdoors at Gilmont. He showed me the progress on the new buildings, and I saw the camp active with little campers and enthusiastic youth staff. I also enjoyed lunch with Rev. Kristin Rice in Texarkana.

In the office in Irving, we spent a day together in training with DeEtte Decker from the national office learning how to use Microsoft 365 so we can become more effective at interoffice communications.

May the Creator bless and keep you,  
Michele

Feel free to post or forward our newsletter to your session or congregation. 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](mailto:michele@gracepresbytery.org).

We can even meet for coffee or lunch!

Rev. Michele Goff, Regional Ministry Associate, East Region

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## HAPPENINGS

JULY 5, SUNDAY

MICHELE PREACHING AT  
CENTRE IN LONGVIEW

JULY 8, 10AM-12PM

GRACE STUDIO OPEN HOUSE

JULY 13, 7PM

SMALL CHURCH ZOOM

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JULY 23, 12PM

EAST TEXAS PASTOR'S

LUNCH AT LONGVIEW

UNITED

JULY 26, 2PM

JOHN COLEMAN, CP

INSTALLATION AT FIRST

WINNSBOROW

## INSPIRATION

"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom." ~ Marcel Proust



### Flourishing in the Spirit Retreat

**SAVE THE DATE**

**October 5 - 7, 2026**

**Gilmont Camp and Conference Center**

**6075 State Hwy 155, Gilmer, TX**

Church leaders are invited to step away and reconnect. This retreat gathers Commissioned Pastors and small church leaders from across the Synod of the Sun for worship, prayer, workshops, fellowship, and shared joy. Designed for those serving in commissioned and small church contexts, it offers meaningful connection, spiritual renewal, and space to experience the glory of God together.



**Check out the latest news on Neurodivergent and Children's ministry from Renewed Grace!**

Applications for the next cohort available soon. It only takes two leaders from a congregation to participate. Click the box above to visit the Renewed Grace website.



### GUESS WHERE

Which East Texas church is home to this stained-glass window? Send me your guess. First to guess correctly gets free lunch with Michele. Email [michele@gracepresbytery.org](mailto:michele@gracepresbytery.org). Last month's window belongs to First Presbyterian of Bonham.



**Monday, July 13, 2026 at 7:00 PM**

**Online via Zoom**

**Topic: Connected to Others**

**Focus: Strengthening relationships and leadership care**

Message Sharon Curry at [sharon@gracepresbytery.org](mailto:sharon@gracepresbytery.org) if you would like to join the discussion.



**Celebration of Commissioning  
Sunday, July 26, 2026**

**Starting at 2:00 PM**

**First Presbyterian Church**

**302 S Chestnut St, Winnsboro, TX**

Come celebrate with us as John Coleman, CP (Commissioned Pastor), is officially commissioned to serve First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg and First Presbyterian Church of Winnsboro! Please join both congregations in wrapping John in prayer, support, and community as he begins this exciting new chapter of pastoral leadership. All are welcome to come celebrate this joyful milestone!

**Northwood in Texarkana will hold a  
50th Anniversary Celebration  
July 12, 2026 at 12:00 Noon**

A potluck lunch will be followed by a cake and punch reception and the opening of the church time capsule from 1996! Friends and neighbors are welcome to join in the festivities. The church is located at 5800 Richmond Rd, Texarkana, TX 75503. For more information, please call the church at (903)832-4911.



**Grace Studio Open House**

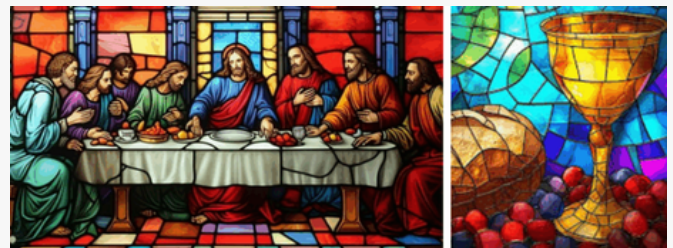
**Wednesday, July 8, 2026**

**from 10:00 to Noon**

**Grace Presbytery Office**

**6100 Colwell Blvd, Irving, TX**

Tour the studio and ask us questions about podcasting. We're eager to hear your ideas and dream big with you!



**Communion Training**

**September 26, 11AM-3PM**

**Location TBA**

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 [michele@gracepresbytery.org](mailto:michele@gracepresbytery.org), Sharon Curry [sharon@gracepresbytery.org](mailto:sharon@gracepresbytery.org), or Lisa Wraith [lisa@gracepresbytery.org](mailto:lisa@gracepresbytery.org).

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