

# Grace and Peace

A Newsletter from Grace Methodist Church  
5030 S. Memorial Drive, Homosassa, FL 34446



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## A message from Pastor Bill Farmer

Have you felt the excitement of a new beginning at Grace Methodist Church? The Spirit is alive. Just trace the hand of God over the last few weeks. A new building became available just a few days before the disaffiliation vote. Some of us were beginning to think that a loss might be a victory. And it was. More open doors and blessing have followed and I am certain that many more are on the way. Please come and see what is happening at 5030 S Memorial Drive. I urge you to get here early. Beginning at 9 am there is fellowship and an opportunity to enjoy coffee, donuts or other treats. Worship begins at 10.

Rev. Kip Younger will be preaching February 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and I will be back for a 12 noon Ash Wednesday service on February 22. Then Lent begins, and we will be spending six Sundays with Jesus as He endures the wilderness and Satan's temptations.

Come and See,

Pastor Bill Farmer

# How did this become a reality?

By Jim Trusley

God has been so good to me and Alice during our 53 years of marriage, and this move to our current location is one of the greatest gifts from God that we have experienced. We and many others on this journey, have had many sleepless nights wondering where we were going to go if we lost the disaffiliation vote. I have been a Mason for over 50 years, and in my Lodge about 4 weeks ago God tapped me on the shoulder and said "listen Jim, this message is for you." So, of course, I listened closely. The Lodge was moving to another location and this building was being offered to us to help us start a new church. When God handed something to us, I reserved the building immediately. Most importantly, our former church, FUMC Homosassa was responsible for this Masonic Lodge starting back in the late 70s. The lodge initially met at FUMC. Now fast forward 50 years and the lodge is helping us start a new church in the same way the lodge began.

We now had a building as a meeting place if we are unsuccessful with the disaffiliation vote. As you know, our group lost the vote, but it was not a surprise to us. God had a plan. A wonderful group of hard-working folks showed up on Friday, two days before our first church service and turned the lodge into a sanctuary. Every step of the way God has prepared a plan for us. None of us could have planned the blessings we have received. The community where we are located is fertile ground for growing God's church, and we are blessed to be a part of that plan.

At our first church service, the congregation voted unanimously to name our church **Grace Methodist Church** and also voted unanimously to join the **Global Methodist Church**. Praise God, there are great days ahead for our church.



## Song Books are coming!

The Church will be purchasing new song books, "Our Great Redeemer's Praise," at the cost of \$35 per book. If you would like to purchase for the church one, two, or as many as you wish, please make your check payable to Grace Methodist Church in the amount of \$35 for each book purchased. A notation will be placed in the book that you purchase with the caption, "donated to Grace Methodist Church by..." A basket for your donations will be located in the back of the sanctuary.

## Children's Sunday School is Coming!

Children's Sunday School will be coming soon. Ms. Laurie Painter anticipates bringing her Sunday school class to Grace Methodist in March. If you have children, grandchildren, or neighbor children, please invite them to join Ms. Laurie. She is the best children's Sunday school teacher anywhere.

## Fellowship Hour



If you are enjoying fellowship hour and would like it to continue, a sign-up sheet will be placed in the kitchen for volunteers to bring cakes, cookies, cupcakes, or any type of breakfast snack items you would like to contribute. Please locate the sign-up sheet and volunteer. You will feel great doing something for God's glory.

## Donation

A special donation was given to Grace Methodist Church by Phyllis Colquitt, 98-year-old dear friend, to honor Jim Trusley who became her Power of Attorney (POA) due to prior POA not working out. Jim has guided her financial future, provided emotional support, and been her family. As she stated, "he is a life saver." Thank you, Phyllis, for this special donation to our building fund.

# Dates to Save

February 12 and 19 Pastor Kip Younger will  
be preaching  
February 22 Ash Wednesday  
April 2 Palm Sunday  
April 7 Good Friday  
April 9 Easter Sunday

*2 Peter 1-2: May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.*