

**OUR LIFE TOGETHER... WEEK OF JULY 28 –**  
**AUG 4, 2024**

**SUN 7/28:**

8:45am Summer Sunday School Fellowship Hall  
10:00am Worship Service with Communion Sanctuary/Online

**WED 7/31:**

5:30am Deacon Dan-Bible Study Multipurpose Room  
10:00am Bible Study Fellowship Hall/Zoom  
7:00pm **Choir Practice** Choir Loft

**THUR 8/1:**

6:30pm Board of Christian Education Conference Room

**SAT 8/3:**

8:00am Board of Property Mgmt.  
9:00am Board of Technology Mgmt.  
10:00am Book Club Multipurpose Room

**SUN 8/4:**

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10:00am Worship Service with Communion Sanctuary/Online

Online access: [Facebook.com/glcva](https://www.facebook.com/glcva) or [glcvirginia.org/video-recordings](https://www.glcvirginia.org/video-recordings)



The Board of Technology Management is looking for assistance in running the video streaming and audio for our services. Training will be provided. For more information, please contact Larry Haeske.



Altar Flowers are given today by Brian and Danielle Klein in honor of their 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



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## WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE!

If you are with us for the first time, please stop by our **Welcome Center** located in the Hallway to pick up a gift!

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND BULLETINS** are available. Please ask an usher if you would like one.

**A CHILDREN'S QUIET ROOM** where parents can follow the service is available. Please ask an usher for more information.

**BUDDY BAGS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN** are located in the Narthex. The bright, colorful bags are hanging off the staircases for your child to choose one. Each bag has a stuffed animal, coloring book, crayons and stickers. Please return the bag after the service

**HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES** are available for use in the Narthex. Please ask an usher if you would like one.

**YOUTUBE AND FACEBOOK LIVE STREAMING** Our Sunday Services are streamed on both Facebook and YouTube. Please continue to worship on Facebook, or view at [youtube.com/@glcvirginia](https://www.youtube.com/@glcvirginia). Wednesday Bible Study will only be streamed on Facebook. Video recordings are available after the services on [www.glcvirginia.org](https://www.glcvirginia.org), under Worship Services-Video Recordings or follow the YouTube channel.



**Top 3 Reasons to Join Choir:**

- 1. Serve the Lord and our congregation with your joy and praise!
  - 2. We have FUN together!
  - 3. The view from the choir loft can't be beat!
- Our Grace Choir will begin practicing again on July 31 and all are welcome to join. We practice Wednesday evenings at 7pm and sing 1-2 Sundays a month. Please speak with Hillary Rayo, Grace's Music Director, if you are interested in making a joyful noise to the Lord!



Grace Book Club is happy to have local author Carolyn Wixson McBride here to discuss her book "The Cicada Spring: A Potomac Shores Novel" which takes place in Occoquan and the local area. Carolyn's Mother and Father (Marilyn & Leonard Wixson) attended Grace some years ago before their passing. All are welcome to attend - Saturday, August 3, 2024, 10:00-11:00am, Grace's multi-purpose room. Invite a friend. Questions contact Ferrin Simmons.

**Save the Date: Grace Men's Retreat Oct 13-14, 2024**

Mark your calendars and plan to be a part of this year's Grace Men's Retreat Oct 13 and 14. We will once again gather at the beautiful Pine Creek Retreat Center in the mountains near Gore VA for a day and a half of fellowship, bible study, food and recreation. Cost is about \$140/person, which includes one night lodging, four hot meals, and use of onsite recreation facilities. Additional details are being worked for what is sure to be an engaging and fun-filled event. For now, we need to get our reservations locked in, so please contact Gordon Weiss (gweiss@mctrials.net) or Paul Willemann (willemannpaul@gmail.com) to sign up or if you have questions. Hope to see you at Pine Creek!



**LIFE FIRST BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN UPDATE:** The final count is in for your gifts given to the Life First Bottle Campaign. Grace gave **\$1,613.17** to help young women and men experiencing unplanned pregnancies. Your contribution provide a wide range of resources including the opportunity to hear the gospel. Thank you for your generosity.

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**SPECIAL SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Deacon Dan will be teaching a special Summer Sunday School Class on The Divine Drama by Harry Wendt. This will take place on select Sundays this summer. All ages are welcome!  
**Aug 4 - Our Narrative**



**GRACE COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

Send your prayer request to [prayerchain@glcvirginia.org](mailto:prayerchain@glcvirginia.org), the church office [grace@glcvirginia.org](mailto:grace@glcvirginia.org) or your Elder. You may also make a notation on the blue attendance cards. Prayers will remain on the list for three weeks unless otherwise noted. This week we pray for:

**HEALING**

- Shirley Brennan
- Jean Johnson
- Bill Love
- Phil Manuel
- Linda Seeman
- Brady Family (Saylor)
- Boyd Buer (Dan)
- Pearl Hawver (Jaeger)
- Kim Leon (Elliott)
- Severide Olphin (Owen)
- Linda Sofranko (Potter)

**OTHER:**

- Pastor Wayne & Colleen Puls
- Our Call Process
- Our Renovation Process

**SYMPATHY** family & friends of  
Pastor Bill Hughes  
Pastor Peter Russell (Huff)



**RALLY DAY:** This year we will have a Potluck and Cookout on August 18 following the service. For more information, please see the bulletin board in the Coffee Bar hallway.

**VERSE OF THE MONTH:** "And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all living generations." Genesis 9:12

**WEDNESDAY MORNING 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY:**

- July 31st: Micah
- Aug 7th: Micah
- Aug 14th: Micah

**BOARD OF SOCIAL MINISTRY**

**HILDA BARG FAMILY SHELTER:** Our last chance to serve this year will be **Sunday, August 18** and **Monday, August 19**. We will be serving 20 adults and 10 children. Please check the sign-up sheet near the front door and consider signing up to bring a main dish, salad or dessert. If you want to be part of this wonderful local outreach but are unable to bring prepared food, you may donate funds to purchase fried chicken (to be served on Sunday, August 18) and the breakfast and lunch items as well as milk, juices and other drinks. **THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**