



Grace Presbyterian Church

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Dear Friend of Grace,

What a year it has been!

In January we first heard of a new virus that literally flew across the ocean on a jet plane and began infecting people in the USA and around the world, and it has consumed our lives ever since. Although Grace Presbyterian Church reluctantly suspended in-person worship to protect the health of our members, ministries have continued in many ways:

- ❖ Prayers for those who were ill, or facing other issues;
- ❖ Worship, Sunday School, and Youth Fellowship sometimes in person, often by ZOOM;
- ❖ Safely contacting members and friends by phone and even home visits – masked and at distances.
- ❖ ***Parking Lot ministry:*** We added a Blessing Box to the prayer “mail-box” and labyrinth area. After learning that some of our neighbors needed food and other necessities, we built and we erected a wooden box for canned food and other non-perishables. Next we set out some signs that said, “Blessing Box”. It wasn’t long before cans began to disappear. After some time, food and personal items began to be replaced ... by neighbors. Neighbors were helping one another! *Our Blessing Box really IS a blessing to the community!* It is one more example of your church following Jesus last commandment: “Be His witnesses in the world, starting close to home.”

As we prepare to celebrate Jesus’ birth and approach the new year, your church leaders are filled with hope, energy, and plans for new and expanded ministries, including a special Christmas Eve celebration with details to come.

As you enter this season of joy, please consider a year-end gift to our church. Giving has been reduced because we are not meeting together. But the work has continued and plans for 2021 include enlarging our work for the Lord. Your gift will help us end this year in good shape financially – and be prepared for greater works in 2021.

Thank you for your support.

The Grace Presbyterian Resource Team

P.S. The CARES Act, passed by the US Congress to help with Pandemic relief allows you to make tax-deductible 2020 gifts totaling up to \$300 to qualified charitable organizations, including churches - even if you do not itemize gifts on your tax return. *You can take advantage of this law only during 2020*, to support your church and local community service organizations with a 501 c3 tax exempt status. Please be generous, and prompt. To have your donations included in the 2020 year, please send in with time for a 2020 postmark. All mail received in January will be included as long as they are postmarked in 2020.

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