

# Gray Weekly News



**Week Leading to Sunday, February 20, 2022**

## Covenant Players Appear on Sunday

Join us this Sunday, February 20 as we welcome the Covenant Players to Gray Memorial UMC. The Covenant Players are a group of talented individuals who use drama to relay Christian teachings to their audience. Covenant Players teams perform throughout the world and are well known for their performances, both religious and secular. We are honored to have them with us in Tallahassee.

## “Basketball for All” Dedication of Basketball Area

**Sunday, February 20, at 5 pm** we will celebrate and introduce the new basketball goal and newly painted half-court area to Gray Memorial members and our surrounding community. We hope you and your family will join us -- also invite your friends and neighbors. There will be food, fun and prizes.

## **7<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany**



Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Psalms 37:1-11, 29-40

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Luke 6:27-38

**“The Golden Rule”**

## News and Notes

### THIS WEEK

**Sunday, February 20**

Please join us on Sundays at 11 am. If you are unable to come in person, you can watch our livestream at [graymemorialumc.org/facebook.com](http://graymemorialumc.org/facebook.com) or [graymemorialumc.org/youtube](http://graymemorialumc.org/youtube), at 11 am or any time after that at [graymemorialumc.org/](http://graymemorialumc.org/)



If you have prayer requests, please contact Norma Adams, Jennifer Skinner or Gail Teems.

You may also call the church office at 850/385-6441 or send a text to 850/933-8469.

### Prayer Requests

Sam, Patsy and Betty

George, John and Patty

Brenna, Bella and Joyce

All those who are suffering from accidents, illnesses and surgery

### ***Lenten Bible Study - "Witness at the Cross"***

**Beginning Sunday, March 6, Pastor Beth will lead a six week study for Lent featuring the book *Witness at the Cross* by Amy-Jill Levine. Sunday classes will be in person from 9:30 to 10:30 am; the same class will be repeated the next Wednesday night via Zoom from 7 to 8 pm. Here is a brief description of the study:**

*Experience Holy Friday from the perspective of those who watched Jesus die: Mary his mother; the Beloved Disciple from the Gospel of John; Mary Magdalene and the other women from Galilee; the two men, usually identified as thieves, crucified with Jesus; the centurion and the soldiers; Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. Jews and Romans, friends and strangers, the powerful and the powerless, the hopeful and the despairing.*

*The story of Jesus's death is not something we just read: we think about it, and we experience it; we hear the taunts of the soldiers, the priests, and the passersby even as we hear the famous "seven last words" from the cross.*

*In Witness at the Cross, Amy-Jill Levine shows how the people at the cross each have distinct roles to play. Each Evangelist presents a distinct picture of the death of Jesus. Each portrays different individuals and groups of people at the cross, each offers different images and dialogues, and so from each, we learn how those meanings and messages cross the centuries to any who would come to the cross today.*

*Each Gospel has its own story to tell, all the witnesses have their own memories, and every reader comes away with a new insight. The witnesses at the Crucifixion watch Jesus die, and we watch with them, and we watch them. And we come away transformed. Place yourself as a witness of the cross and determine what your own testimony will be.*

**Cost of the book is \$15/copy. A schedule of the classes is on page 5 of the newsletter.**



**FREE FOOD, PRIZES,  
AND MORE!**

**SUNDAY  
FEB 20 @ 5PM**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Tuesday, Feb. 15	5:30 pm 7 pm	Yoga Class Executive Council meets via Zoom
Wednesday, Feb. 9	7 pm	Zoom Bible Study led by Todd Clark- Book of Acts
Thursday, Feb. 10	10 am 5:30 pm	Bible Study Choir Practice
Sunday, Feb. 20	11 am  5 pm	Worship Service - Special Guests The Covenant Players will perform  Celebration of the new Basketball Goal For Gray Memorial UMC and the Community - refreshments & prizes
Tuesday, Feb. 22	5:30 pm 7 pm	Yoga Class Board of Trustees Meet via Zoom
Wednesday, Feb. 16	7 pm	Zoom Bible Study led by Todd Clark- Book of Acts
Thursday, Feb. 17	10 am 5:30 pm	Bible Study Choir Practice

# Lenten Bible Study: Witness at the Cross by Amy-Jill Levine

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*Sunday classes will be in person from 9:30-10:30 am. Wednesday classes will be by Zoom from 7:00-8:00 pm. (Meeting ID 617 416 9546, Password H9MYV0)*

## **Sunday 3/6, Wednesday 3/9**

**Introduction and Chapter 1 (pp. xi-25)**

Simon of Cyrene and Bystanders & Scoffers

## **Sunday 3/13, Wednesday 3/16**

**No Classes**

## **Sunday 3/20, Wednesday 3/23**

**Chapter 2 (pp. 27-50)**

The Other Victims

## **Sunday 3/27, Wednesday 3/30**

**Chapter 3 (pp. 51-72) and Chapter 4 (pp. 73-86)**

The Soldiers and The Beloved Disciple

## **Sunday 4/3, Wednesday 4/6**

**Chapter 5 (pp. 87-116)**

The Women

## **Sunday 4/10, Wednesday 4/13**

**Chapter 6 and Conclusion (pp. 117-151)**

Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus; God and Nature