



GRACE COVENANT
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GRACE NOTES

Spring is here, Easter has been celebrated, and Pentecost will soon be here!

But life is not that “normal.” We are still in the midst of one of the most important events of our time, one that will have long-lasting effects on how we live in our community, in our country, and in the world. While many of us are concentrating on how this coronavirus spread has affected us relationally and financially (and rightfully so), we also need to consider what we’ve learned about our society and the world.

This global pandemic has highlighted even more the huge disparity in wealth in our country and the rest of the world. The coronavirus and COVID-19 have taken a greater toll on the poor of all races and nationalities, people who already started off with unhealthy living situations and inadequate health care. We’ve seen the stories of how some of the most vulnerable among us, our elderly in senior living homes, have a disproportionately higher death rate. As we move forward with our lives, these larger aspects of society can’t be ignored any longer. The same God who called on his chosen people to show “special care for the widow, the orphan, and the stranger,” calls us through Jesus to care for “the least of these.”

We have hope, great hope, in the ability of human beings to care for each other. Yes, we can read and hear stories of the horrible things human beings do to each other. But we’ve also read and heard stories, and experienced for ourselves the great kindness and compassion we human beings are capable of doing. As for all of us at Grace Covenant, all we have to do is to reach out to our community with the same love and care we’ve shown each other throughout this pandemic.

There is much to consider as we make plans for the future and the Session, the teams, and the staff will be rethinking a lot of the ways we do things in the life of the church. Our purpose is to keep everyone who comes to our facility as safe as possible. We are blessed with experts within our congregation and together with advice from local government and the Presbytery, we are working on the best way possible to ensure that safety. As with all things, we depend on the guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us on the best path of discipleship.

Peace be with you all, Mitch & Sue



Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church celebrates God’s unbounded grace and all-inclusive love.

God gathers us in a welcoming community, with our curiosity and questions, to worship creatively, learn from God’s word, share our gifts, and deepen our faith.

With grateful hearts and a spirit of adventure, we go to serve Christ in the world, sharing kindness with everyone, and working for justice rooted in God’s love.

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on Facebook Live and Zoom.
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A COVID Consortium!

As the days of quarantine continue to mount, the Children's Team is looking for ways to support our families and the entire congregation.

Here are some ideas:

1. Would you be willing to make a video of yourself reading a favorite children's book?
We recommend books with a Christian, moral, and/or positive message.
2. Would you be willing to make a video of yourself singing or playing a song?
3. Would you like to help a child with their homework?

You can send your story, song or creative presentation to Emily Hussey at ekthussey@gmail.com and we'll make them available on our church Facebook pages. Please indicate the recommended age level for your contribution.

We have volunteers who are available to help with reading a story or helping with homework:

- **Lara Schesser** – will help with 6th-12 grade homework
- **Aimee Fleeman** – will help with Pre-school through elementary homework
- **David Sutherland** and **Beth Lillian** have volunteered to read stories. For school or otherwise.

If you need contact information or would like to volunteer to help, contact Rev. Sue at sue.trigger@gpcpc.org.

Dear Friends,

"So when do you think we'll reopen our doors?"

That question has come to us a lot in the past week as Governor Kelly's state-wide shutdown is nearing its end on May 3. The reality is there will still be a number of guidances that will keep us from gathering physically in worship anytime soon. While we wait to see what further restrictions might be enabled in Kansas, the Johnson County commissioners are voting on a multi-phase approach to the reopening of businesses and non-profits alike. Heartland Presbytery is also working on advice for best practices in worship, and our own "in-house experts" are helping us discern what will be best for the safety of our members and all visitors to Grace Covenant.

The one thing we're fairly certain of is that reopening will be a slow, deliberate process. No matter what stage of reopening we are in, we will continue to offer online worship. We will all continue to support each other, and care for those most in need of attention. Most of all, we will keep everyone informed of any and all decisions affecting Grace Covenant. Till the time when we can physically be with each other again, we will make the best use of technology, practice safe social distancing, wash hands, use masks and gloves when necessary, and above all put the safety and well-being of others at the top of our consideration.

May we all continue to turn to God in prayer, not only for our personal concerns, but for the good of all people. And may the many ways we have been a blessing to each other continue well past the end of this crisis.

— Mitch & Sue



A Journey of Prayer

My first thoughtful prayer was spoken at bedtime as a young child and supervised by my mother, it went something like this; "Now I lay me down to sleep....." included in this nightly prayer was a blessing for mommy and daddy, aunts and uncles, brothers and sisters, essentially my whole known world. My next genesis of prayer came around the dinner table, where we gave thanks for the blessings of the food before us and for those who prepared the bounty. As I grew older my prayers began to include others who I had never met. When we heard a siren, a prayer was offered for someone who may have suffered an injury.

And so my prayers developed over time. Too often they were self serving prayers, a plea to God to help me overcome some insurmountable challenge, but eventually I came to understand how the offering of prayer could soothe the heart of someone in pain. Prayer is a connecting force that brings the blessings of God to the human condition. Today we have an abundance of opportunity to pray for so many who need the touch of God. As we humble ourselves to think of others through prayer, we open ourselves up to the grace of God, and it is our responsibility to share that grace at every opportunity. May the blessings of God's love comfort you and heal the pain and fear that surrounds you. Amen.

Offered by Leo McFarland, President and CEO, Commissioned Minister, VOA-NCNN (Volunteers of America – Northern California/Northern Nevada)



Music Notes

The anthem, **"You Do Not Walk Alone"** by Elaine Hagenberg, has been donated to the GCPC music library by **Joe and Beth Lillian in honor of their daughter, Jenna Lillian's** love of singing and graduation from St. Olaf College, May 2020.

The anthem, **"Ain't No Grave Can Hold My Body Down"** arr. Paul Caldwell and Sean Ivory, has been donated to the GCPC music library **in memory of Kathy Hovis** (Rebecca Prater's sister) by **Bob and Linda Dover and Jim and Pam Kelly**, February 2020.

The anthem, **"Come to Me"** by Dan Forrest, has been donated to the GCPC music library **in memory of Mary Ann Wilson** (spouse of Gene Wilson) from the Choral Music Endowment Fund in her name, May 2020.

The anthem, **"I'm Gonna Sing"** by Mark A. Miller, has been donated **in memory of Kathy Hovis** (Rebecca Prater's sister) by **Darryl and Rebecca Prater**, February 2020.

An additional "thank you" to all the musicians, tech crew members, and graphic/website gurus who have helped prepare and/or lead our online worship services, thus far: Patrick Bell, Emily Monrad-Boston, Daniel Cole, Bob Dover, Linda Dover, Michelle Gailliez-Frye, Donna Goeckler, Jami Howe, Kim Krueger, Eric Lee, Jenna Lillian, Gina McBride, Miles McDonald, Terri Monrad, Cindy Schendel, David Sutherland, Josh Sutherland, Melanie Townsend, Charlie Trigger, Mitch Trigger, and Sue Trigger. **We literally couldn't do it without you!**

Children's Ministries



Come ZOOM with Us! A May Meet Up

You're invited to join our Sunday school teachers and friends for a ZOOM meet up on Sunday May 17th at 9am! We hope you would be able to join us. We are going to enjoy seeing everyone's beautiful face and catch up a little bit as we conclude our Sunday School year. The meeting will begin with ALL of our children – 2's-5th grade and then break out into their classes for story time and fun.

The children's team is delivering activity sheets for the class and a Pentecost flame card to the children. If you have not been contacted, please contact Emily Hussey at ekthussey@gmail.com.

Please RSVP to Rev. Sue at sue.trigger@gcpc.org. She will send you the log in information.

Awakening to Worship Children's Service – Still Available at home!

Exciting news! The Awakening to Worship Children's Service Story has been adapted for kids and their parents to do at home. We don't want our GCPC kids to miss out on these wonderful stories, so they will continue to be offered through May 17th.

For this at-home worship experience, your child will color the story pieces and cut them out. Then you can read the story and help your child act out the story with the pieces. Like paper dolls! You can print the story and coloring pages from the GCPC Young Adults & Families Facebook page posted on Fridays.

If you aren't on Facebook, you can be added to a weekly story e-mail that goes out on Fridays. Just send your e-mail to Kristinashaw@everestkc.net. It is a fun way for kids to stay connected with our church until we can all be together again. Enjoy the stories!

Children's Worship Bulletins are available as a PDF link on the weekly online worship page on our website, gcpc.org.

The rapid changes that have come with the pandemic have had a great impact on our education ministry. We are working on ideas designed to keep everyone connected.

Our Mid Week announcements offer important information about the latest plans. Watch your email.



A Virtual Vacation Bible School is on the way!

June 1-5, 9am

It's safety first at GCPC and that is why we are postponing Our trip to North Castle until next summer. *(We're very sad about It too.)* We're planning a virtual VBS via ZOOM that will be fun and safe for all. There will be music and stories and activities you can enjoy at home! Since we are under construction, we don't have many more details just now. **To register for this online experience please contact Lindsay Bucl at lindsaybucl@gmail.com.** Please include the following information in your email:

- Child's name
- Home address
- Phone
- Email address
- Birthdate
- Grade entering

We anticipate having a VBS take home kit pick-up day at the church. Watch your email and Facebook for more details.

Pew Dwellers' Health Notes

This article uses the Self-Questionnaire on Salt, written in the February 2020 issue of *Grace Notes* to list facts related to the questionnaire on salt. The reference sources include the following organizations:

- The American Heart Association, May 25 and December 5, 2018.
- Mayo Clinic Foundation for Medical Education and Research, 1990 to 2020.



FACTS:

1. Salt, sodium and chloride, is essential to support the maintenance of the right balance of fluids in the body, help transmit nerve impulses, and influence the contraction and relaxation of muscles. The kidneys balance the amount of sodium stored in the body to maintain maximum health. For example, the kidneys "Hold On" to the sodium when it is low. When the stored sodium is high, the kidneys excrete the excess as urine. If the kidneys can't excrete enough sodium, the sodium may begin "building-up" in the blood. In addition, the sodium extracts hold-on to water, leading to increased work for the heart and arteries.
2. Sensitivity to sodium varies among individuals and can facilitate the retention of fluids.
3. Numbers and requirements — Dietary guidelines recommendations = less than 2,300 milligrams (mg) a day. One teaspoon of table salt contains 2,325 milligrams of sodium which is more than the daily amount recommended for the DASH diet. The DASH diet is known as the Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension.

PART IV of this series will address sources of sodium in food and suggestions to reduce dietary sodium.

Thank You!

*To Our Grace Covenant Family,
We cannot begin to thank you enough for the countless cards, e-mails, texts, and calls that we have received. This journey has been and continues to be a hard one, but your constant support has been an uplifting inspiration. They make bad days better and good days great. Thank you for your continued support, and we hope for better days ahead. May God bless and keep you all safe.*

—Kathy and Rob Jonas



SMASH by ZOOM May 24, 4pm

We had such a good time at our April SMASH meeting that we're going to do it again! Kids entering K – 5th grade are invited to join us for a great story, activities, songs and the chance to chat with friends.

To sign up, please RSVP to Rev. Sue at sue.trigger@gcpc.org. She will send you the log-in and password information by email.



Youth Page

GCPC Youth Ministry in the days of social isolation

Our youth have gotten pretty good at meeting virtually. Many of their school classes are online and we have been meeting over Zoom for Connect on Sunday evenings and on Wednesday afternoons for "Wednesday School." We have experienced some very deep conversations and inspirational thoughts at these meetings, and it proves just how resilient and adaptable our students are. Topics have ranged from "why do bad things happen" and "life in a whirlwind" to "the story of Job" and "7 deadly sins and holy virtues". We have played online games like Kahoot, virtual Olympics, charades, and Pictionary. Some of our students are hurting for sure. Feeling the loss of regular face-to-face contact with their peers is challenging. And even when you love your family being stuck with them day-after-day can be tough. But it is comforting to gather with church family and have a reminder that God has not left us behind. Many are also exploring new musical instruments, art activities, and working out to stay fit. And it's always fun to see who is trying out crazy makeup ideas or dying their hair blue. My prayer is that our students will resurface from our days of quarantine with some new perspectives about themselves and how we can reach out to others in meaningful ways.

Confirmation

One of the things that hasn't changed in recent days is our Confirmation schedule. Our class of seven students has finished their last couple of group meetings virtually but on schedule and is now working on their faith statements. The spring capstone retreat has been postponed but we are working through the content that gets covered at the retreat together via Zoom. We are planning to meet with Session in a couple weeks and still planning to celebrate Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday (May 31).

What to expect this summer

The bottom line is that we don't know what the summer will bring. But many events haven't canceled or postponed ... at least not yet. Heartland Camps, and the Montreat Youth Conference are still being planned. We are hoping to squeeze our confirmation retreat into the summer mix as well. Planning for the Mission & Music trip is a challenge as we are dependent on the status of organizations and churches in the Milwaukee area and so far we have found them to be hesitant about booking groups. Our planning team is working to envision a "plan B" for the group in case travel proves to be prohibitive. Of course, we will do our best to share the love of Christ with each other and those around us no matter what circumstance we encounter.

Mission Team

The May Special Offering will be collected for Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering. Donations will benefit these recipients:

Center for Social Assistance to the Disabled, Family, and Children, an Assisted Living Facility in Davydovo, Russia

The Birthday Offering grant will help construct a new home that provides suitable living conditions, medical support and a positive environment in which residents can realize their rights to freedom of religion and work.

GAP Ministries of Augusta, Georgia

The grant will renovate the second floor of a historic church building and add an elevator. Also provided will be expanded health assistance, meeting spaces and a Saturday church service for the working poor.

Community Presbyterian Child Learning Center in Payson, Arizona

The grant will help build a modern facility to provide infant and child care that is not currently available in Payson or neighboring communities.

Liberty Community Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Northside Healing Space Expansion, Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area

The grant will help renovate a historic "healing homeplace" that provides supportive housing, access to healthy food, K-12 school initiatives, and care for survivors of trauma.

Donations can be made by mail through a check payable to:

Presbyterian Women Inc., PO Box
643652, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652.

Clerk's Corner

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the April 20, 2020, Session meeting was held via the internet. Reverend Mitch Trigger served as moderator and, in addition to the elders, Reverend Sue Trigger and Deacon Karen Pack were present. Mitch opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:07 p.m. Terry Kolich shared a devotion about Christians being called to live lives that reflect our status as forgiven people who share the good news with the world.

Special business: Terry Kolich said that Doug Firebaugh wants to organize a fundraiser for pancreatic cancer in honor of Kathy Jonas. After discussion, it was suggested that it be announced in *Grace Notes*. Nelson Townsend asked a question about the finance figures that were distributed to Session members. Because our services have been online, we are not receiving any unpledged offering. Also, Tara hasn't received revised budget figures from many of the teams.

Consent agenda: The minutes of the March stated Session meeting and the March 23 called Session meeting were approved, as well as approval of the electronic vote to apply for a CARES Act loan. Updating the membership rolls to reflect the deaths of Mary Johnson and Jane Weaver, as well as Deanna Hensley's transfer were approved. It was noted that because services were online, communion was not served as planned on April 5 and 9 but was incorporated into the April 12 virtual service.

Team minutes: Julie Passett pointed out that the M&M trip was to Milwaukee instead of Michigan and it hasn't been cancelled, although the location at which the youth were to serve has declined volunteers. More details will follow when another location is determined. Dave Minaschek and Tim Hayden complimented Meredith Watson on her work for the KCK Hot Lunch program which is serving double the number of people. The Youth team will be talking to Donna Goeckler about how to administer the Reggie Reynolds Memorial Fund. Aaron Soule reported that the CARES loan application has been approved by the bank and will be in the pipeline when the program is re-funded.

Clerk's report: We started the month with 402 members. Deanna Hensley transferred her membership to Lakeview Village. With the deaths of Mary Johnson and Jane Weaver, we now have 399 members.

Co-Pastors' report: We reviewed the co-pastors' report and commented on the difficulties the church staff is having of maintaining boundaries when working from home. Session commended Sue and Mitch for their creative response to the changes in congregational life the pandemic has caused.

Deacons' report: Karen Pack reported the deacons are working hard to stay in contact with their covenant group members.

Old business: Nelson made a motion that we pay the KDO teachers as though school were in session and allow them to come back in to pack up their rooms. It received a second and passed. After a review of the contract with Pioneer Preschool, it was decided that closing the church prevented them from continuing operations and their rent check for April and May will be refunded. *(Note: Upon being informed of this decision, Geri Allcorn donated the amount of the April rent check to Grace Covenant in recognition of the difficult times we are all experiencing.)* Mitch commented that we have people who volunteered to run errands for at-risk people but, so far, it seems that members have just stepped up to help out. So far, there have been no requests for money from the funds donated to help people who have lost income.

New business: Harold Frye announced the nominating team only has two more slots to fill for elder candidates. We discussed how to hold a congregational meeting to elect the elders. One option would be to send messages to members via email and snail mail *(for those who don't use email)* and ask people to vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m. and Rev. Mitch closed the meeting with prayer.



Missions occurring within Heartland Presbytery for Food Pantries and Hunger Programs, Donations and Masks

There are a wide range of missions needing assistance within our Presbytery. Information for each shared below.

CherithBrook

Interested in volunteering? If you are not part of the high risk group for COVID 19, we need help on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday mornings or Thursday evening. Contact us and we will plug you in. For the next month we are offering 4 sack meals and 4 hot meals a week for 60 people. Contact us for details.

We need: Rubber Gloves size medium, large, XL; Small jeans: Mens 28-34 & Womens 0-4; Underwear, small sizes; Paper Plates and bowls. If your church has a backstock of disposable plates, bowls or cups you are not currently needing, please pass them so we can start offering hot meals. Drop off Times: Monday - Thursday 1pm -4pm; Saturday 9am-12noon. Contact us at 816-241-8047 or cherithbrookkcmo@gmail.com. Sign up for monthly email updates bit.ly/cbcw_subscribe You can mail in or drop off cash and checks or with Paypal at cherithbrookkcmo@gmail.com. "Cherith Brook Catholic Worker" is a Community Trust committed to hospitality and nonviolence.

Leavenworth

Leavenworth is continuing our monthly free meal to the community each 4th Tuesday. We gave out 100 meals last month. We are making bag meals for next week. We bought most of our supplies this month and will probably need to do so next month as well so cash gifts to our dinners would be most helpful.

Tim Soule johntsoule@yahoo.com.

Grandview Park Presbyterian Church

La Paz Food Basket Ministry (Grandview Park Presbyterian Church) Lee & Dana Trotter, Leaders (danaleetro@gmail.com) Serving 80 families every other week (May 2, 16, 30, etc.) Buy our food from Harvesters and Cultivate KC (Roots for Refugees) Financial contributions needed as we seek to expand our output with a target of serving 200 families

Stitching Change

Rakmi Shaiza (rstitchingchange@gmail.com) Refugee ministry that produces masks. Financial resources or contributions of fabric. As of today, we have made 505 masks and distributed most of them free of charge. Thanks to all of your support and our compassionate volunteers. Contributions can be made via PayPal, Venmo or by mailing checks to Grandview Park Presbyterian Church, 1613 Wilson Blvd., Kansas City, KS 66102

FPC Liberty

FPC Liberty has a Little Free Pantry at the corner of Gallatin and Mississippi Streets. Our neighbors help us to keep it stocked as well as the congregation. Donations can be put directly into the box or left on the front porch at 116 W. Franklin in Liberty and it will be slowly stocked into the LFP. Cash donations are also used to purchase food for the LFP and can be sent to the church at 138 N. Main St. Liberty, MO 64068.

Central Presbyterian Church

Central is operating food pantry on Wednesdays only. We have plenty of volunteers (*people in congregation who've lost jobs have time on their hands*). Financial donations or personal hygiene items—deodorant, shampoo, tissue, etc. are most helpful. Also men's and women's underwear. We always needs men's and women's underwear of M-XL sizes. Questions mail Pastor Heidi heidipeterson@centralpreskc.org.

Linwood United PC

We are currently still very much doing our food pantry at Linwood every Friday from 10-12. We serve about 60 people every week and everyone is so thankful. If you know of anyone wishing to donate either food or money, Stella Williams would be the primary church contact for that. Her phone number is 816-381-0556. Or they could contact me if that's easier, but she is both our treasurer and the main person who picks up food from Harvester's on Thursdays for the volunteers to put together.

Covenant Presbyterian Church

Kirk Perucca's pantry is open at least 3 days a week still and I'm sure they could always use resources. kirkperucca@gmail.com

Shawnee Presbyterian Church

Community Services, 11110 W 67th St., Shawnee, KS 66203, (913) 268-7746. Manager: Sylvia, www.scsks.org. Shawnee Community Services continues to provide assistance in food and clothing as such is possible. Shelf stable food, money, and volunteers needed. They have a neat volunteer opportunity as everyday they have a person drive to a store to pick-up day old bread. This volunteer position only requires 1-2 hours per day and the use of the volunteer's personal vehicle to hold 150 or so pieces of bakery items. This volunteer could work just one day or several days depending on what they are available for and willing to do. I would suggest anyone interested in volunteering to call Sylvia and tell them Pastor Craig sent you. As far as food donations, they accept food from 10:00 to 3:00 M-F (reduced hours right now). If they are not open or you don't want to go into a more densely populated area please bring the food items to Shawnee Presbyterian Church 6837 Nieman Road and I will deliver them to the center. Please call with any questions. Rev. Craig R. Gibson Shawnee Presbyterian Church (918) 346-0839 Cell; pastor@shawneepres.org.

Village Presbyterian Church

Village Church Food Pantry - First, through our location at 99th and Mission Road, the Village Church Food Pantry is delivering 108 bags of groceries to clients in our low income senior high rise apartments. We are also helping to keep our pantry partners, Covenant Presbyterian Church in KCMO, Shawnee Community Services and the Renewed Hope Pantry, stocked with food. We also have a small distribution through our church at Village on

Antioch. We accomplishing all of this with our existing food pantry staff in order to minimize exposure for clients, volunteers and staff. During the first month of the stay at home order, Village distributed more than 10,000 pounds of food with this process. We plan to maintain this process until the stay at home orders are lifted and the data shows the number of cases are subsiding.

At this point, we do not need to any food collection drives. We are able to obtain everything through Harvesters. Furthermore, we are not recruiting volunteers. We can accomplish a great deal with staff support thereby ensuring that everyone connected with the pantry remains healthy. If folks wish to make donations to the Village Church food pantry, they can certainly do so though we have been blessed with healthy reserves that have allowed us to purchase more food than usual through our reliable suppliers. If someone wants to make a donation, they can make a check out to Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas 66208 and note on the check that the donation is for the food pantry.

Cloth Face Masks - With regard to several other projects, our Mission Sewing has been actively involved in making cloth face masks (1500 over the past month), and they have plugged into several organizations that coordinated efforts with area health care providers. If someone wishes to join the effort to make masks, check out the Kansas City fiber artists website at www.sandlotgoods.com for more information. Sandlot Goods will provide the supplies needed to make the mask and will pick up and deliver. If you want a face mask for yourself, check out www.sewkc.com. They are selling cloth washable face masks for \$15 plus shipping. When you purchase a mask, one will be donated to someone in the community.

Personal Protective Medical Equipment - In addition, we have plugged into an effort to collect personal protective equipment. A group of Kansas City medical students, doctors, health care providers and volunteers have organized a drive to collect personal protective equipment for local hospitals. If you have any of the following that you can donate, please fill out the form at this link (www.kcppedrive.org):

- Gloves: Includes nitrile, latex, rubber
- Masks: Includes N-95 and surgical
- PAPR (powered air-purifying respirators)
- Goggles
- Face shields
- Head covers
- Gowns
- Hand sanitizer
- Disinfectant wipes

The group has organized drop off sites or if you are unable to get out, you can arrange for them to pick up your donations and get them to local hospitals. If you have any questions, you can email them to kcppedrive@gmail.com.

Blood Donations - Village Church partners with the Community Blood Center (CBC) four times a year to host blood drives at the church. Village Church had planned to have another drive on April 21 before all activities were suspended at the church. In addition, during the pandemic, the Community Blood Center is unable to use their buses and mobile units.

The Community Blood Center is in need of donations now more than ever. There is no data or evidence that this coronavirus can be transmitted by blood transfusion. In fact, there have been no reported cases of transfusion transmission for any respiratory virus, including this coronavirus. Donors can still give at CBC centers in Overland Park at 105th and Metcalf or in Kansas City, Missouri at 4040 Main. Donors must have a prior appointment to donate. No walk-ins are permitted at this time. The centers' extended hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday. To schedule an appointment, you can do so online at <https://donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/centers>.

Emergency Assistance - Emergency Assistance Services at Village Church is taking requests for utility and rent support. All assistance is provided over the phone, and applicants must be able to provide a copy of their utility shut off notice or eviction notice either by fax or email. In addition to the Village Church grant, applicants must also be able to identify how the balance of the bill will be paid in order to prevent shut off or eviction. For more information, call the Village Church Emergency Assistance office at 913-671-2340 and leave a message. Calls are returned within 24 to 48 hours. Questions Deb White My work phone is 913-671-2369. Please leave a message. I check my voicemail constantly.

Parkville Presbyterian Church

The SPEAC (Southern Platte Emergency Assistance Center) Food Pantry at Parkville Presbyterian Church is open. SPEAC is a separate non-profit and a variety of churches contribute food, money, and volunteers, but PPC hosts and is the most active church for this ministry. Harvesters is keeping the shelves well-stocked, so right now the greatest need is donations and volunteers, and people can discover ways to do both at www.speacpantry.com. Our church has also volunteered to be a collection site for a civic effort to gather PPE and cleaning supply donations for medical providers. We have already received a number of donations and either made deliveries or facilitated deliveries to local nursing homes, shelters, home hospice agencies, and an organization in the Northland that serves the developmentally disabled (Life Unlimited).

Presbyterian Disciples Church in Lexington.

Lexington Food Pantry located at the church Our current needs are items such as canned tuna, canned peas, cream of mushroom and cream of chicken soup. These items have been hard to come by at Harvesters and can get pricey in our local stores. Additionally any monetary donations would be helpful for items that we are purchasing at Harvesters and local stores Contact is Leta Grom at 660-251-3291

Arab Fellowship

Supporting a refugee friend who is making masks. Wael Alshar is making face masks, asking \$8/per mask. Discounts available for orders of 25 or more. To order contact Amgad Megally at 804-665-6032.

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