



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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GRACE NOTES

Living in 'Anything But' Ordinary Time

Few of us imagined that 6 months after the coronavirus quarantine we'd still be dealing with the virus. Living in such a time as this is challenging for us, not only physically, but emotionally.

Here are a few ways to care for yourself and others:

- **Look up** — literally. Notice the clouds, the color of the sky and the constellations. Gazing in a new direction can restore us, reminding us that there's a larger creation out there.
- **Look around.** During the early months of isolation in 2020, small acts of kindness were on display. Children left chalk drawings on sidewalks. People hung cutout hearts in windows for all who passed by. Keep these acts of kindness going, finding ways to be anonymous bearers of kindness and hope.
- **Look out for one another.** Let's join together to remember others throughout the world who are suffering. In preparation for World Communion Sunday (*October 4*) we're going to cover the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary with your prayer requests. Please write names on index cards to post on the bulletin board and to share online. You can be creative and decorate your card or draw a picture of your prayer request. Email your card to sue.trigger@gcpc.org or snail mail your cards to Rev. Sue Trigger to the church address.

KDO Program Closed

Dear Friends, It is with great sadness that we announce the closure of the GCPC Kid's Day Out program. The impact of the coronavirus on enrollment has made the school unsustainable and the Session voted to close after much careful discussion. **We are so grateful for the 26 years of wonderful service given by our director, Kathy Connor and the teachers.** Many children have begun their educational journey at KDO and give thanks for the years of nurture the program has provided. Please keep our KDO staff and families in your prayers, —Revs. Sue and Mitch



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.
Visit gcpc.org/online for links!

A Virtual Sunday School

Beginning Sunday, September 13

Distance will not keep us from gathering together! Beginning Sunday, September 13 we will offer a virtual Sunday school program. On our church website, you will find new pages on the Christian Education page for children, youth and adults. On the Sunday school pages you will find information and links about our classes.

Children's Classes:

2's and 3's Preschool Class – Lisa Cox has created a wonderful Facebook Page featuring the weekly Sunday school class. The lesson includes the colorful Bible story page and Lisa's wonderful voice leading the class. You will find the page at GCPC Preschool Sunday School Stories. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GCPCstories>

4 yrs – 1st Grade - We are blessed to have Awakening to Worship at GCPC. ATW is an introduction to worship that offers a creative telling of a Bible story as the children learn about the practice of worship. We are continuing to offer the ATW experience online and this will be the Sunday school class for the 4 year old – 1st grade children. These lessons will be pre-recorded and available for viewing at your convenience. The weekly links will be uploaded to the website's Christian Education /Sunday School Page.

2nd – 5th Grades – This class will meet each week from 9 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. on Zoom. We will enjoy learning Bible stories, singing with the Celebration choir, and learning about the mission work of our Mission Team. In order to participate, parents will need to register with Rev. Sue at sue.trigger@gcpc.org. Sue will send you the log in information, including the password, when she receives your email. Please include your child's name, year in school, and any special needs we need to be aware of for an online class.

Joy! and Celebration! – In addition to our Sunday school classes, we are blessed to have music time available online, too! Links to our music time will be available on the Sunday school page.

Each week Joy! our 4 yrs – 1st grade choir and Celebration! our 2nd – 5th grade choir will enjoy singing and learning about music and faith.

Adult Classes:

"Coping and Hoping Through the Time of Covid"

Sunday, September 6 - Aloneness vs Loneliness, 11:15am via Zoom (Meeting ID: 883 8451 2829; Passcode: 536945)

Led by: Cindy Schendel and Jean Hampton.

These are very strange times, none of us has any experience living through a pandemic! So how do we live our Christian faith while staying away from others and negotiating the complexities of keeping our lives afloat in the time of Covid? How do we keep our spirits up and remain hopeful in the face of all the bad news? Please join us as we explore answers to these questions, guided by thoughtful materials from Duke Divinity Professor, Kate Bowler.

"Holy Currencies: Blessings That Begin with Giving"

6 week class beginning Tuesday, September 8
7:00pm via Zoom (link will be shared)

Led by Rev. Mitch Trigger

What is "currency"? Money, of course! But it's also much more than that. "Currency" is something that has value in the community. Consider our U.S. currency – those paper bills we all exchange for things or services only have worth because the community has agreed that they do. In church, when we speak of stewardship, our tendency is to think first of the currency of money, and then maybe stewardship of time and talents.

Starting Tuesday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom, we're going to take a look at what author and priest Eric Law calls Holy Currencies. Eric describes six areas as "holy currencies," six things that are equally valuable in the life of the church – the six blessings of time and place, gracious leadership, relationship, truth, wellness, as well as money. Each one of these is necessary for successful missional ministries and they can flow through our ministry too! For six weeks we'll look at one of the currencies, discover how our church uses each gift and enables church members to measure and value the six blessings. Holy Currencies will push us to think beyond our church's current boundaries and create rich, sustainable missional ministries.

(See page 7 for other classes coming up)

Clerk's Corner

The **August 17, 2020, Session meeting** was held via Zoom with Reverend Sue Trigger serving as moderator. In addition to the ruling elders, Reverend Mitch Trigger, deacon Jami Howe, Angela Krug and church staff members Miles McDonald, Rebecca Prater, and Patrick Bell were in attendance. Sue opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and shared a devotion about being in the presence of God before leading us in prayer.

Special business: A motion to become a Matthew 25 church passed unanimously. This is a denominational movement focusing on racism, poverty and revitalization.

Consent agenda: The minutes of the July 20 Session meeting were approved. Harold Frye, Tim Hayden, Diane Schmit and Susan Sutherland will attend the September 19 Presbytery meeting.

Team minutes: Youth team - Confirmation students have not been officially confirmed because they were hoping to be able to do that once the building was re-opened. Because they have to answer the membership questions in a worship setting, we're going to do a Zoom confirmation and then have a drive-by after the service where the members can throw kisses. The **Personnel team** asked for a decision about the KDO program. It hasn't shown a profit in the last five years and, this year, the enrollment was way down. A motion was made to end the program and offer Kathy Connor severance pay in recognition of her many years of faithful service. The motion carried with two no votes from Ric Cummings and Marcia Turner. **Children's team** - Sunday school teachers would like to be able to record their lessons in their Sunday school classrooms. Because we have had issues to address at every Session meeting relating to building use, it was decided to set an overall policy. **The motion was to set a policy that a group of members with 10 or less people can use the building for a church project, as long as they adhere to the established cleaning, mask-wearing and social distancing protocol and they schedule the activity with the church office.** The motion carried unanimously.

Clerk's report: No changes for the membership rolls so we have 397 members.

Co-Pastors' report: There were no questions with the co-pastors' report.

Deacons' report: Jami Howe announced that the deacons will need to elect a new vice-moderator who will serve as the deacon moderator starting in January.

Old business: There were no distributions from the Discretionary Fund this month.

After sharing joys and concerns, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m. and Rev. Sue Trigger closed with a prayer.



September Communion Offering

Winter Coat and Food Drive for Johnson County Christmas Bureau (JCCB)

JCCB is our donation partner and Communion Offering recipient for September; they are in need of winter coats of all sizes (gently used coats are ok) and non-perishable food for their food pantry.

Please bring donations with you to Workshop Sunday on September 27; or if you can't make it to Workshop, please contact Mikki Walker at michala.walker@gmail.com to arrange an alternative dropoff.

See the Workshop Sunday information on page 11 of this newsletter!

Music Notes

Wow! I just finished watching our virtual concert grace + family = a virtual concert of hope

We are extremely fortunate to have the people and the many different talents in our congregation. "Thank you!" to all who involved in the concert: Rev. Mitch Trigger, Cal Sweeten, Rev. Sue Trigger, Terri Monrad, Christopher Callender, Donna and Logan Heer, Harold Frye, Beth and Jenna Lillian, Trey Bures, Katie Hearn, Rebecca Prater, Charlie Trigger, Kate Trigger Duffert, Chris Frye, Ky Townsend, Donna Goeckler, Carrie DeVries, Jennifer Battaglioli, GCPC Wind Ensemble – Pam Smith Kelly, director.

"Thank you" also to our members who shared their porch portraits with us. "Thank you" to all the family members and friends who helped take the individual videos and to Miles McDonald for overall video support.

A huge expression of gratitude to Kim Krueger for conceptualizing, editing, production, design, and marketing the virtual concert. "Thank you, Kim!" These folks are just some of the many talents represented in our congregation. We are blessed ... I am blessed by each of you!
—Rebecca Prater, director of music ministries

We Have Some Answers for GCPC's Music Ministry – Fall 2020

Children's Music

Beginning Sunday, September 13th!

We will be using the virtual/digital music curriculum for the Fall titled **"Keep on Singing"** in the *Growing in Grace* series. Time for music will be included in the children's Sunday school time each week.

It will be pre-recorded, so children (and families) can watch and make music at their convenience.

See the article on page 2 for more info planned for Children's Bible Learning, Mission, and Music.

Here is a preview of the digital curriculum for Joy! - the choir for our 4s-1st grade children:

[Preview video here!](#) Including faith-based songs, art projects, fun songs, and fun with rhythms
GCPC Director/Facilitator - Emily Hussey
More detailed information on page 2.

Here is a preview of the digital curriculum for Celebration! - the choir for our 2nd-5th graders:

[Preview video here!](#) Including faith-based songs, art projects, fun songs, and fun with rhythms
GCPC Director/Facilitator - Pam Kelly
More detailed information on page 2.



Possibilities for Youth Music

Youth Band (6th-12th grades) – Ex! Ringers (8th-12th grades) and Exaltation! Singers (8th-12th graders)

Directors: Christopher Callender, Miles McDonald, Trey Bures, and Rebecca Prater are coming up with ideas and will be polling youth and their parents. Please watch your email!

The following "plans" will proceed by following the current science, as well as decisions made by Session and Music Team for ministries in our congregation

Plans for Youth and Adult Ringers

For Ex! Ringers – Trey Bures, director

- 12 Bell Music – with 4-6 ringers. Each ringer always wears a mask and bell gloves
- Wash hands upon entrance into the building
- Ringers each ring from their own music stand, stand in straight lines, and are at least 6 ft. apart
- Music will be rehearsed and then pre-recorded for sharing in worship
- 30 minute rehearsals – Rehearsal schedule TBD



At this point these 2 handbell ensembles will wait to resume until the church is open for worship

- **Charter Ringers** – Chris Krug and Celia Nicholas, co-directors
- **Jubilation! Ringers** – Kathy Bures, director; When these ensembles resume, they will follow the same safety protocol listed above for Ex! Ringers. Directors will communicate rehearsal plans with their ringers as they develop

For Exaltation! Singers and Chancel Choir:
Rebecca Prater, director

We will follow these safety guidelines:

- Groups of 10 people max (including director and accompanist)
- Some of our seamstresses are beginning to work on making masks made specifically for singers
- Wash hands upon entrance into the building. Always wear their singer's mask.
- All will be at least 6 feet apart – Sing in straight lines
- Music will be rehearsed and then pre-recorded for sharing in worship
- 30 minute rehearsals – Rehearsal schedule TBD

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For Praise Team in Online Worship

Donna Goeckler, director, and Carrie DeVries, accompanist/vocals

For Chancel Ensemble in Online Worship

Rebecca Prater, director and Linda Dover, organist and accompanist

- Rehearsal schedule is communicated by the directors
- Continue with safety protocols as already in place
- The music ensemble singers will continue to be the same people for safety and continuity



As we move forward

- Rebecca Prater will continue to seek out and share the most up-to-date research with Music Team, Directors, Staff, and Session
- We will then make decisions together on how to make music in-person or in separate places
- In the meantime, Chancel Choir members will continue meeting in "Chancel Chats" on Zoom.
- Youth – Adult Choral singers will continue to receive a weekly Choral Anthem and Full Recording of choral music published by Beckenhorst Press (BP) so they can "Sing @ Home." Note: BP has given us permission to share music via email we already own in our music library
- Youth musicians will connect through texts, phone calls, and emails.
- The full congregation will continue to receive "Music Selections" by email with the daily devotion.

We are making progress in how to make and share music at home or at GCPC during these uncertain times. Rebecca, Directors, and Music Team continue to request your prayers for guidance and wisdom as we make decisions.

Our music is now and always will be to the glory of God. —Rebecca



A Season of Peace 2020

September 6 – October 4, 2020

On Sunday, September 6, we will join with our Presbyterian family in The Season of Peace. This year's chosen Scripture, *"May the God of peace grant you peace at all times in all ways."* (2 Thessalonians 3:16), invites us to explore practices for building peace. Each Sunday, Revs. Sue and Mitch will present the weekly themes:

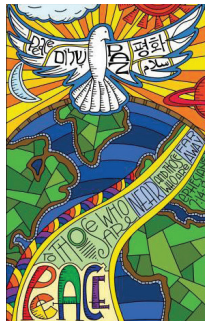
Week 1 September 6-12: Peace Within

Week 2 September 13-19: Peace in Relationships

Week 3 September 20-26: Peace in Community

Week 4 September 27-October 4: Wholistic Peace

You may join in daily reflections through the daily devotional email sent out through the office. If you are not receiving these, contact Patrick at patrick.bell@gcpc.org. [Download the entire Season of Peace Devotional.](#)



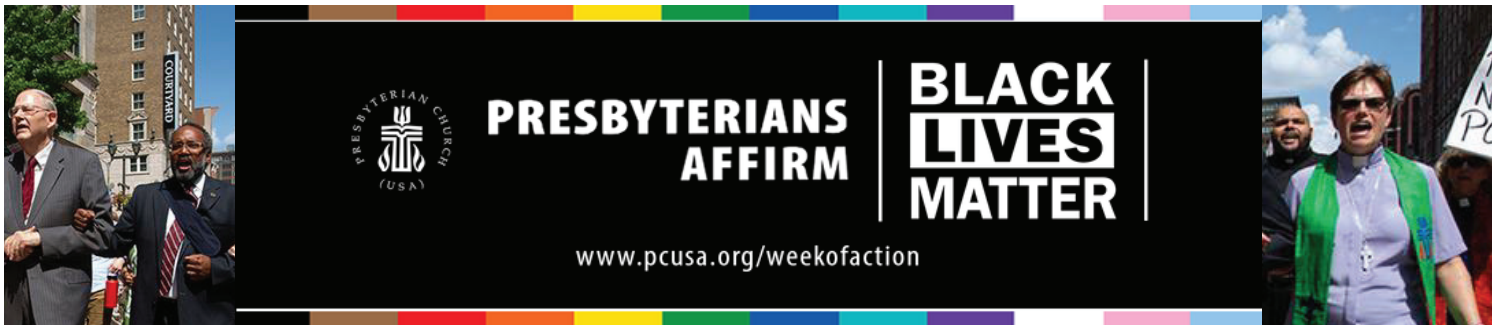
[Download this wonderful poster and enjoy coloring it throughout the Season of Peace.](#) This artwork is based on Ephesians 2: 14-17 and features the text "Peace to those who are near and those who are far away." The wings of the dove have the word "peace" in 5 languages – Hebrew, Arabic, Spanish, Korean and English.

Send pictures of your work to Rev. Sue at sue.trigger@gcpc.org, or kimgoeckler@outlook.com.

Hot Lunch Program Thanks & Appeal

A big "Thank You" goes out to everyone that has contributed to the KCK Hot Lunch program. Hot Lunch Food Services is a non-profit organization that supports Kansas City area residents in need. Its mission is to "provide a hot meal 365 days a year, no questions asked." The kitchen/cafeteria is currently closed to the public due to the pandemic, but the need has been greater than ever.

In order to continue to serve the community, GCPC has been donating sack lunches (turkey sandwiches, fruit, etc) to be distributed by Hot Lunch staff. Please consider volunteering to pack some lunches and bring them to the next KCK Hot Lunch donation drive. GCPC provides the lunches on the 3rd Saturday of every month. —Meredith Watson



Matthew 25 21 Day Challenge: Dismantling structural racism

As a new Matthew 25 congregation, we will need to learn more about the program and the areas it embraces. One is the emphasis on structural racism. Racism is deeply embedded in the life and history of the U.S. That doesn't mean we are a racist nation, but it does mean that racism has been and is with us. Through colonization, slavery and a shameful history of legislative action and judicial pronouncements, our nation created and embraced a system that valued and devalued people based simply on skin color and ethnic identity. People of color were deliberately subjugated for material, political and social advantage. Racism today is the continuing and enduring legacy of this history.

There is a growing awareness among Presbyterians that racism is a crisis and must be addressed. The PC(USA) is strongly committed to the struggle for racial justice.

What can we do to help dismantle structural racism?

Confronting deeply ingrained racist systems and structures in our communities and country takes sensitivity and stamina. Before congregations and worshipping communities can confront the harsh realities of racism, it is helpful to have a good foundation.

One good place to start is by taking the 21-Day Racial Justice Challenge. The challenge invites us to do something every day to raise awareness about the perniciousness of racism and encourage action in response to that awareness. The PC(USA) has joined several nonprofits, organizations and school systems in adapting the challenge for our use.

Please join in taking the 21 day challenge during the month of September:

- Day 1. Read the PC(USA) churchwide anti-racism policy, "Facing Racism: A Vision of the Intercultural Community," at facingracism.org.
- Day 2. Study the Week One lesson from the [Facing Racism Study Guide](#).
- Day 3. [Watch](#) an updated version of the Clark doll experiment, which explores how early-in-life ideas of racial inferiority and superiority are internalized.
- Day 4. Study the Week Two lesson from the [Facing Racism Study Guide](#).
- Day 5. [Read the resolution](#) of the 223rd General Assembly of the PC(USA) on environmental racism.
- Day 6. [Watch](#) the Presbyterian Hunger Program's webinar, "Impact of Environmental Injustice on Low Income and Communities of Color."
- Day 7. [Read](#) what youth at the 2016 Triennium learned about environmental racism.
- Day 8. Study the Week Three lesson from the [Facing Racism Study Guide](#).
- Day 9. Choose a resource on the Doctrine of Discovery to read from facingracism.org.
- Day 10. [Watch](#) the PBS documentary "Unspoken: America's Native American Boarding Schools."
- Day 11. [Take the awareness test](#). Go out and change what you notice.
- Day 12. Study the Week Four lesson from the [Facing Racism Study Guide](#).



- Day 13. [Read the Confession of Belhar](#). Reflect on how your church is using and living into it.
- Day 14. [Visit the Presbyterian Intercultural Network's website](#). Connect with a chapter near you or inquire about creating one.
- Day 15. Study the Week Five lesson from the [Facing Racism Study Guide](#).
- Day 16. [Watch the TED Talk](#) "How to overcome our biases? Walk boldly toward them" by Verna Myers.
- Day 17. [Read "White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack"](#) by Peggy McIntosh.
- Day 18. Study the Week Six lesson from the [Facing Racism Study Guide](#).
- Day 19. Notice the structures and practices in your church. Raise questions about how they help or hinder racial equity.
- Day 20. Engage: Suggest studying the [Facing Racism Study Guide](#) as a church or mid council to your leaders.
- Day 21. Act: Commit to doing the challenge again. Invite someone to join you.

Structural racism is not only the "opposite of what God intends for humanity," but is also an example of how sin is systemic rather than simply personal. As the PC(USA)'s anti-racism policy states, "Reformed theology offers a nuanced understanding of sin. Calvin did not understand sin to be simply an individual belief, action, or moral failing (Calvin, 1960). Rather, he viewed sin as the corporate state of all humanity. It is an infection that taints each of us and all of us. No part of us — not our perception, intelligence, nor conscience — is unclouded by sin." Psalm 14:3 and Romans 3:10 remind us, "There is no one just, not even one." The PC(USA)'s policy also reminds us that this realization "does not mean that human beings are awful. Rather, it means that we must have humility about our own righteousness, and that we must cling to the grace of God in Jesus Christ."

Adult Education

We're be Zooming together for Adult Christian Education this Fall.
Here is a quick schedule of what is coming up in September and October!

Visit the GCPC Adult Education Website Pages for information as it becomes available.

"Coping & Hoping Through the Time of COVID" (Last class, September 6) 11:15am
Led by Jean Hampton & Cindy Schendel

"Christianity and American Politics" (September-November 3) Dave Pack and Pastor Sue are developing the class to be offered in September or October, before the General Election.

"Holy Currencies: Blessings That Begin with Giving" (6 week course beginning Tuesday, September 8, at 7:00pm) The class, led by Pastor Mitch, encourages stewardship and congregational vitality using the blessings of: Relationship, Truth, Wellness, Gracious leadership, Time and Place, and Money.

"Doors to Paradise" – (4 sessions) By popular request, this class led by Jan Cummings is a repeat with some new material added in. It's planned for October-November. Our hope would be to complete our plans to visit the Nelson Art Gallery, but, as with all things, COVID-19 will decide.

"Advent Class" (Title TBA) (4 weeks, 11/7-11/28)

Youth Ministry

GCPC Youth Events for Summer 2020

In August we continued our pattern of alternating service and fun events for our youth. Recently we got together for disc golf at Sar Ko Par Park, dug potatoes in the community garden run by Colonial Presbyterian, played games and had a devotion and connecting time at Antioch Park, then served with other GCPC members at the Renewed Hope Mobile Food Pantry at the New Haven Seventh-Day Adventist Church. We will wrap up our summer youth activities with an event at Lake Olathe.

Connect

We will continue with "Connect" Youth Group events this fall and are planning to go back to a more consistent time on Sunday evenings. Most likely we will coordinate this time with youth music ensemble rehearsals. When it works to meet outside that will be our plan, and when the weather doesn't cooperate will move into Heartland Hall assuming we are able to meet our safety requirements.

Of course, everything depends on everything else so as school schedules and the GCPC youth music schedule fall into place we will be adjusting. And

since we have had a great time working together on service projects and have seen such a great need, we will continue to do that when possible.

Christian Education

Sunday Morning Classes for youth this fall and will start on September 13. At this point we are planning to have separate classes for middle and high school students.

We will not have a Confirmation class. Middle School students will be studying the New Testament and High School will be covering a wide variety of topics relating to faith as applied to real life. Racial Injustice is certainly high on that list for this fall.

Classes will take place at 11:15am on Sundays and when possible will be held outdoors at church with a Zoom option for those want or need to participate from a distance.

We are still hoping for at least one more teacher so if you have a heart for some amazing students please contact Miles McDonald at miles.mcdonald@gcpc.org.



Building Use Policy

As fall approaches, the Session is working on developing building use policies that reflect the current pandemic situation and how we can continue to serve our members and community. Our top priority, of course, is the safety of all those entering our facility.

At the regular monthly Session meeting on August 17, a motion was made to set the policy that **“a group of members with 10 or fewer people can use the building for a church project, as long as they adhere to the established cleaning, mask-wearing, and social distancing protocol, and they schedule the activity with the church office.”** The motion passed unanimously.

In accordance with this policy, the group of no more than 10 people must schedule their proposed activity through the church office by contacting Patrick Bell at patrick.bell@gcpc.org. Because staff are not keeping traditional office hours at this time, e-mail instead of calling the church remains the best means of contact. The proposed activity must be a church sponsored group, working on a church project, and most likely would be scheduled by a Team Moderator or under a staff member's direction. *(Outside groups of any size are not allowed to use the GCPC facility at this time.)*

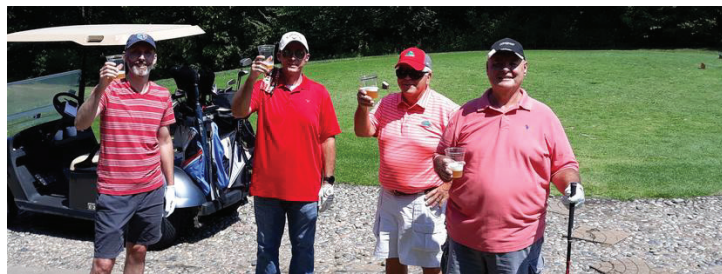
When a group is scheduled through the church office, the group contact will be sent a written protocol of expectations regarding use of masks, social distancing, cleaning following room use, etc. Because of social distancing requirements, very few spaces in the church are feasible as meeting locations, and ample time will be made between groups using the same space to allow for proper air ventilation/circulation and cleaning of the space. Therefore, dates and times for meetings will be limited.

Again, the church's main priority is safety. This policy is subject to revision at any time, depending on changes in official guidelines from government health agencies, etc.

Golf Scramble

15th Annual Reggie Reynolds Golf Scramble Results

The 15th Annual Reggie Reynolds Golf Tournament and Fundraiser was held on Sunday, August 23 at the Falcon Valley Golf Course with 20 golfers participating in 5 foursomes. Per Bill Turner, *“All teams (except 1), shot 3 under par. The team of Devon, Kevin and Keith Mason, along with their friend Alan Dierking won the event at 4 under par. We had 4 “prize shots” as part of the tournament. Dave Peck won closest to the pin on the 2nd hole, and George Bures won closest to the pin on the 5th hole. I won the longest drive on the 8th hole, and Alan Dierking won for the longest putt made on the 9th hole.”* The Scramble raised \$575 for the Reggie Reynolds Scholarship Fund for our youth programs.



Blessing of the Backpacks – Tag Pick-Up Sunday, September 13

As you begin school, at home or in person, your GCPC family wants to remind you that you are supported and loved. **Our friend Stewart is going to help us bless colorful backpack tags during the worship service on September 13.** Then we'll bring them outside for you to pick up.

You're invited to a drive through tag pick up at 11:30am. Enter the church parking lot from Nieman St. and drive around to the Sanctuary. You will find us passing out the tags under the portico. We will have tags for all students and educators.

Let's make it extra fun! Wear your school colors, decorate your car, hang streamers out your window, be creative and celebrate this unique school year.



“All Things Pumpkin” September SMASH!!

September 20, 4-6pm K-5th grades

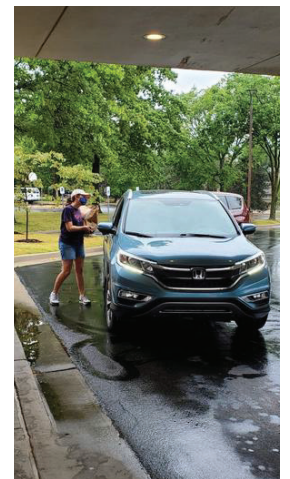
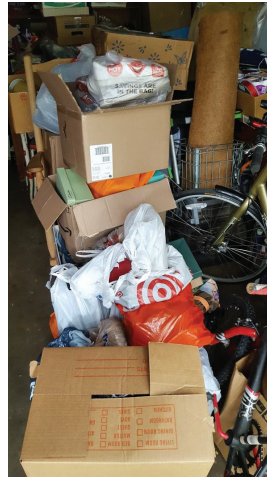
Until we can resume gathering in person, we are going to offer regular outdoor SMASH events.

Our next SMASH is scheduled for Sunday, September 20, 4-6pm. **It's going to be all things pumpkin with Christy Soule!** Children age K-5th grade are invited to join us for fall-themed reading, games, crafts, fellowship and just plain fun! We will meet in the church garden (*weather permitting*) or if need be social distanced in Heartland Hall. **Please RSVP to help us safely prepare for supplies and social distance.**

RSVP to Christy at: christysoule@yahoo.com.

Thank You for Donating!

The Mission and KAIROS Teams thank you for your generosity at our “**Triple Donation Drive-Up**” held on Saturday, August 29 at the church! Shoes for **Soles4Souls** (at least another 200+ not packed), food for **Catholic Charities** (a full van) and supplies for **Argentine Baby Closet** (Barb P's car was completely packed)... GCPC has amazing people!



"Work-ship" Sunday

September 27, 2020

On Sunday, September 27, we'll have our second Workshop Sunday event. This year will be a little different from last year due to the public health emergency. We'll start with a brief online worship service at 9:00am. At approximately 9:30am, we'll pursue whatever service project each of us signed up for (*see details below*).

At approximately 11:30am, we'll gather for a picnic on the church grounds; we'll have a food truck there or you can BYO if you prefer.

Sign up for a Project before September 13

Please choose one (or more) of the service projects listed on this flyer and sign-up for online at gcpc.org/workshop. Please bring your mask and be prepared to observe social distancing if you sign up for any of the in-person projects!

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In addition to the service projects listed on the back, we'll be writing letters for the **Bread for the World Offering of Letters**; you can write your letter at home and bring it with you Sunday morning, or we'll have materials available to write them during lunch. Letters from kids and/or illustrations for letters written by grown ups are very welcome! You can find more information at <https://www.bread.org/2020-offering-letters>

We hope to see everyone there!

Contact Mikki Walker at michala.walker@gmail.com with any questions, or if you have any difficulty with the online sign-ups.

Workshop Sunday Service Project Descriptions

Friends of JCDS Group Home Maintenance – Friends of Johnson County Developmental Services operates group homes for adults with developmental disabilities. We'll be sending teams to a few of their locations to do outdoor maintenance and chores. Just one or two families will go to each location to ensure good social distancing. Tim and Susan Hayden will be helping to coordinate this project.

Tied Fleece Blankets for Safehome – This project is meant to be done in advance; you'll bring the completed blanket with you to church on September 27. You'll get a kit soon after you sign-up with materials and instructions. No sewing skills are needed, only cutting and tying. You will need a pair of sharp scissors! This is an easy project for kids to help with.

Stream Clean-up – We'll do a stream clean-up for the city of Olathe. This project requires some scrambling up and down steep creek banks and wading through water, as well as shoes and clothes that you don't mind getting wet and muddy. Volunteers under 18 will need to complete a waiver. Miles McDonald will be the on-site leader. (Waiver is on our website at gcpc.org/workshop)

Hope Distribution Center for Catholic Charities – We'll send a team to Hope Distribution Center in KCK, where food donations are sorted and packaged to support many local food banks. Volunteers should be at least 8 years old; to ensure we don't overcrowd the space, the team will be limited to 15 people.

Sign up online at gcpc.org/workshop by September 13!

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