



Service of Worship — May 28, 2023

*"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that
Some have entertained angels without knowing it." — Hebrews 13:2*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Thank you for worshipping with us today.

ELDER ON DUTY: Ric Cummings

HEAD USHER: John Gilbert

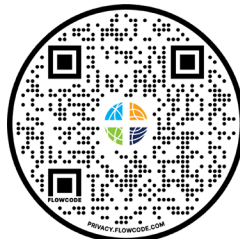
HEARING ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE. Please ask at the sound booth.

RECORD YOUR ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE WITH OUR VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE

PAD: Click this link: <https://bit.ly/GCPCattendance>, or scan the QR Code below, and it will take you to the link.



Pledge Portal



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“Pray for one another” — James 5:15

We encourage you to remember the following in prayer:

All Grieving the Death of a Loved One: Drew Monrad and Matt Monrad and families in the death of their mother.

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses

Cancer Treatment: Bob Shadburn, Pam Kelly, Harold Farren

Aging Challenges

Military Service: David Zak, C.J. Bradley, Seth Lorimer, Mary E. Johnson II, Alanna Funk, Shannon Lorimer, Clara Frye. **All veterans, deployed military, and reservists.**

Our Mission Co-Workers: Jeff and Christi Boyd in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Leslie Vogel, PC (USA) Regional Liaison for Guatemala and Mexico.

Peace and Relief Workers; Unemployed and Underemployed; Families Struggling with Separation and Divorce; Individuals Struggling with Depression; Those Contemplating Suicide and Those Left Behind.

Heartland Presbytery Partnership of Prayer: Synod of Mid-America.

(If you have a prayer request you would like to include in the bulletin, please contact the church office at office@gcpc.org, or send to gcpc.prayers@gmail.com.)

SPOTLIGHT

REMINDER: The church offices will be closed Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day.

SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT — FRIDAY, JUNE 9 — 8:00 P.M. DC LEAGUE OF SUPERPETS Join in this intergenerational, family friendly, movie night! We’ll have popcorn and freeze pops! Bring your own lawn chair or blanket. Meet in the west parking lot of the church. This event is free! (In case of rain, we will postpone until June 16.)

TACTILE LAP QUILT WORK DATES: We will have three upcoming gatherings to sew notions into 6-1/2" fabric squares; 6/10, and 7/8, 10am–12pm in Room 3. All you need to bring is your machine, thread and scissors, or just a needle if you are a hand sewer. If you would like to participate, or if you would like to sew from home, contact Donna Heer, taxdheer@gmail.com.

DO YOU DRIVE AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE? Sunday, June 18, our Grace Summer Session will be about electric vehicles. This will be an opportunity to show your electric vehicle (cars, vans, bikes) to members and friends who want to learn more about it. This intergenerational session will begin at 10:45am in Heartland Hall with a brief presentation and then move to the west-end parking lot to see the vehicles. If you would be willing to display your vehicle, please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A45A4A722A4FC1-electric>

ADULT

DURING ITS SUMMER HIATUS, THE THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP meets once a month in a member's home to share fellowship and hold a book discussion. (In other words, come even if you haven't read the book!) Here are the books for this summer (some locations TBD):

- June 15: *Survival Guide for the Soul* by Ken Shigamatsu at Sarah Evans' house (6402 Cooper St) at 9:30 a.m.
- July 20: *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant
- August 17: *The Light We Carry* by Michelle Obama

Please contact Cheryl Johnson, agathatoo@gmail.com, with any questions.

THE AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP will meet June 7 at 1:30 pm in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *Angel of Greenwood* by Randi Pink. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship.

THE PAGE TURNERS BOOK GROUP meets to discuss *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich on June 1 at 7pm at the home of Susan Mou, 10045 Hemlock Drive, Overland Park Kansas, 66212. Call 816-547-1185 to RSVP or with any questions, directions, etc. Looking forward to seeing you!

CHILDREN

VBS 2023! Our Vacation Bible School registration is going strong, but we have room for more heroes. Visit gcpc.org/vbs to register children age 4 through those who have completed 5th grade for our Hero Hotline VBS. During our fun-filled week, our heroes will learn how they can use their skills to bring peace and build one another up! We hope you will join us and invite a friend too! VBS will be held daily from Monday, June 5–Friday, June 9, 9am–12pm.

If you are thinking this all sounds like so much fun and you can't miss out, **we have room for more volunteers** whether it's all week or just a day or two. Contact Rev. Sue, and we will get you plugged in.

Thank you, thank you for the great response to our initial request for decorating item donations. We've added some donation requests for crafts, science and more. Please check the board outside the sanctuary if you are able to help. We have additional items requested on our Amazon wish list. Scan our QR code here to visit the list.



Our decorating team will be working on our Hero Headquarters transformation, and we'd love any helping hands. Contact Christy Soule or Kristy Shaw if you have any questions about these sessions.

- Wed., May 31 — 10am–12pm and 1–3pm (Meet us in Heartland Hall for all other dates.)
- Thursday, June 1 — 10am–12pm and 1–3pm
- Friday, June 2 — 10am–12pm and 1–3pm
- Saturday, June 3 — 10am–12pm and 1–3pm
- Sunday, June 5 — after worship

MISSION

MAY DONATION PARTNER — VBS — Our donation partner for May is our own Vacation Bible School! Please look at the bulletin board outside the sanctuary, near the door to the offices for needed supplies; there's a bin under that table to put donations in. Thanks so much for helping to transform GCPC into Hero Hotline Headquarters for VBS!

MAY COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT — The Communion Offering for May will be directed to summer youth activities. While there won't be a Music & Mission trip this summer, we are sending the middle school youth to Massanetta in July. Communion Offering funds will be used to help keep our youth connected to their church family during the summer break!

HAVE YOUR KIDS OUTGROWN THEIR CAR SEATS? Donate them to Renewed Hope! If you have gently used car seats that your kids or grandkids don't need anymore, give them a second life by donating them to the Renewed Hope Food Pantry. Renewed Hope volunteers watch the car line for kids without car seats, and try to provide one matching the children's ages and weights. Just put donated car seats in the Renewed Hope bin in the weekday entrance, and thanks for helping keep all the kids safer on the road.

CAN RECYCLING = (ALMOST) FREE MONEY FOR YOUR FAVORITE GCPC TEAM OR MISSION: With our Youth Director's departure, we need a new system for getting the aluminum cans in the can shed to the scrap metal recycler. The good news is, taking cans to the recycler is a source of easy money! The bad news is, we need volunteers to do it. The scrap metal recyclers are located in

KCMO, and you need a large vehicle like a truck or van to do it efficiently. (Taking a trunkful of cans in a sedan isn't worth the time it takes to get there and back.) We need to keep up with the cans as they come in so that the volume doesn't become overwhelming.

For the next three months, we'd like to try a pilot program where any interested church member can sign up to take a load of cans each month. Whoever takes the cans in a given month gets to decide where the money for that load goes — you can direct it to your favorite GCPC Ministry Team (like Facilities Team or Children's Team) or to your favorite GCPC mission partner (like IHN or Uplift). The price of aluminum varies, but normally it is from \$50 to \$100 per truckload of cans. At the end of July, we'll determine the success of the pilot program and decide how to move forward. Contact Mikki Walker at michala.walker@gmail.com if you're interested in getting more details and/or taking the cans in May, June, or July.

JUNE BLOOD DRIVE: We're excited to host the Community Blood Center donation drive on June 27 during their Royals' promotion week. This means two tickets for everyone who comes in to donate! New donors are always welcome! We'll be making appointments (2–6pm) in May and June. For questions, contact Sarah Byrd, 913-909-1559 or swbyrdks@gmail.com.

77TH IHN ROTATION IS COMING TO GRACE COVENANT, JUNE 11–18: Thank you to everyone that helped with our May Host Week! We are moving forward with our preparations for a June Host week. We have two SignUpGenius links below for all our members and friends to help with in June. Click on the links to learn more and to volunteer.

The Food SignUpGenius provides a dinner meal for our guests and the two hosts each night:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EABAE28A1FF2-ihnfood7>

The Set Up/Tear Down/and Laundry SignUpGenius:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EABAE28A1FF2-june>

Please contact Christine Caseres, crcaseres032@gmail.com, or Jane Knoche, jeknoche@att.net, with any questions.

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