



# Easter

GRACE UPON GRACE

## Oh yes, and Easter too!

Although it's coming late in the month, April is the time when we celebrate the end of one of the most important stories of our day – **Avengers: Endgame** will be released on April 26!

Oh yes, and Easter too! It seems kind of silly to compare, but for fans of the Marvel Comics Universe, the final movie in this story line is the 22nd movie in a series that began in 2008 and people are waiting both with anticipation and with sadness that the end is coming. I can't help but wish that we could bottle some of that same excitement for the story we celebrate on April 21, the resurrection of Jesus Christ. There's good reason for us to feel excitement – the story of Jesus' life, ministry, death and resurrection is not a story that finishes, with the credits rolling down the screen and that's the end. The power and joy of the resurrection is that it was a beginning, not an ending.

Easter is a renewal of the promise, the hope that Jesus brings to us every day. Consider his final blessing in John's gospel: *"Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet believe."* There are many things our hearts hope for, so many things we wish we could see. Many things are still ahead of us, but we hold on to our dreams, our vision, the promise. We see with the eyes of faith. And it's that holding on with courage and conviction – that visionary glancing ahead – that characterizes us as the kind of blessed people John's gospel was talking about.

There is no place Sue and I would rather be for Holy Week and Easter than here, with people of faith, with people that inspire us. In the short time we've been here, we've met many people who bring to life the truth and promise of the gospel. You give us hope and a sense of the possibilities before us. For this resurrection blessing, we thank you. We hope that all of us will experience life at Grace Covenant as a place of hope and vision, not just at Easter, but every day!

Peace be with you,

*Mitch*

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

**Visitors delight us.**

**Our goal is simple: make all people feel welcomed, not overwhelmed.**

We were all visitors once and remember how it feels to try a new place of worship. Attend as often as you want. Visitors are welcome at all GCPC events, classes and small groups as well as in worship. We will always be glad to see you!

Join us for coffee in between our two services or grab a cup of coffee in Heartland Hall on your way to Sunday School class. Heartland Hall is located next to the Sanctuary. There are always people to visit with or things to learn about if you want to just hang out.

**REAL FAITH**  
**REAL STORIES**  
**REAL GRACE**

**For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, love and a sound mind.**

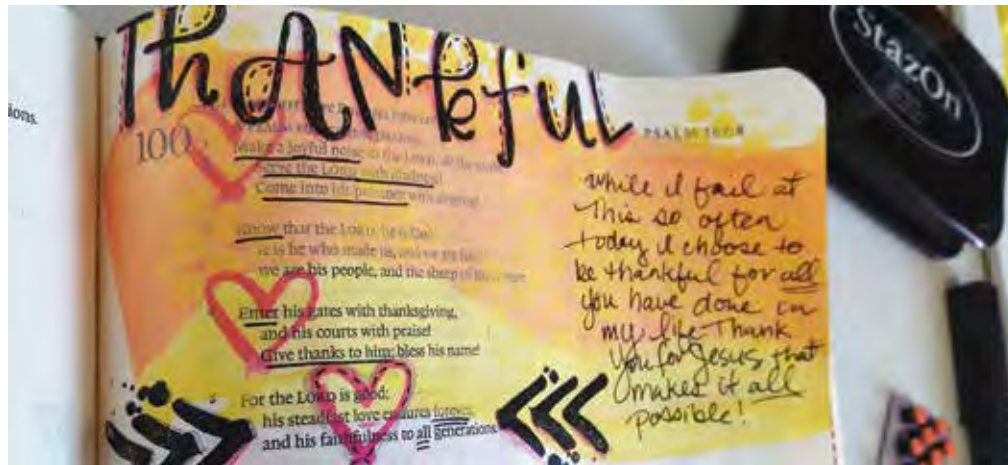
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## Grace Creates Faith Stories

### *Summer Sunday School Is Coming Soon!*

This summer the Children and Adult Ministry Teams are joining together to create an intergenerational Sunday school experience. We are taking something old and putting it together with something new. In the past the congregation has enjoyed summer classes during which members shared their faith stories and creative talents. This summer we are going to bring them all together for an awesome summer session!

Storytelling is the key practice of intergenerational discipleship, and discussion ensures faith stories are shared across the generations. We are creating a program that will do just that. We are looking for people who would like to share how their faith has affected their lives. We are also looking for people with creative talents who would like to lead the class in creating. Perhaps you can do both!

**We are looking  
for people who  
would like to  
share how their  
faith has affected  
their lives.**

If you would like to volunteer, please contact me at [sue.trigger@gcpc.org](mailto:sue.trigger@gcpc.org) or 913-345-1256. We will help you create an interactive experience that will make for a faith filled summer for everyone. It's going to be amazing!

*Rev. Sue*

## Welcome to the Lord's Table

We are excited to welcome Morgan Krug, PJ Peck, and Natalie Walker to the Sacrament of Communion with their families on April 7. Morgan, Natalie and PJ have completed the "Gathering at the Lord's Table" training workshop with Rev. Sue and will be serving the Sacrament to their families during worship. Come and celebrate with them!



## Visioning Day Update

### **Here We Stand - There We Go**

The teams and committees of Session have been working hard since the Visioning Day on February 23. The notes from the meeting are assembled and available to all members upon request. Call the church office and we will forward them to you.

The teams and committees are busy reviewing their responsibilities in light of the visioning day feedback and are preparing updated job descriptions which will be included in a new Operating Manual. But they are doing much more. This is a time of reflection as we evaluate and set priorities for the future.

### **The Session selected three priorities for 2019 at their March meeting:**

1. Finance and Stewardship — communicating the financial need of the church.
2. Resource Prioritization — Determine how we can effectively mobilize the resources of people, finances, and facilities we have today to carry out the mission of the church into the future.
3. Communication — increase awareness of what is happening in the life of the church and of opportunities for participation.

Many wonderful ideas are being generated from Visioning Day. Keep watching for updates!

# Music Notes

## Mission & Music

### Dates to Remember

#### Sunday, April 7th:

**M&M Promotional pictures** of everyone who is going on the trip will be taken **after 11:05 worship**.

#### Thursday, May 16th:

**M&M Youth, Parent, & Sponsor Meeting from 6:30-7:30pm**. Get your tour book & draw your secret pal. Make prayer bracelets & talk about the trip.

## Holy Week Music

#### 4/18 – Maundy Thursday, 7:30pm with Communion

Music from the Taizé Community in Burgundy, Frances, oloists, and the clarinet quartet.



#### 4/19 – Good Friday, 7:30pm

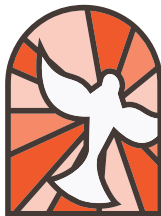
Chancel Choir, a vocal quintet and a string trio will sing and play “Songs of the Cross.”



#### 4/21 – Easter Sunday

8:50am Praise Team, Solos, and Ensembles  
11:05am Chancel Choir, Charter Ringers, Chancel Brass, String Trio and Percussion

Our voices and instruments will sing and play rousing arrangements as we celebrate the day!



## Looking Ahead

**4/28 – Second Sunday of Easter and Earth Sunday**  
Celebration! (K-5th graders) and Youth Band (6th – 12th graders) will share their songs in both worship services.

#### 5/4 – Saturday at Aberdeen Village at 2pm

Chancel Choir and Charter Ringers will be combining to present a concert to their residents, families, and friends in The Village Green (room). Come and join us. All are welcome!

#### 5/5 – Second Sunday of Easter

GCPC Symphony Orchestra will play in both worship services.

## BELL FEST XXXI

May 5 at 6pm

This year's theme is: ***“I’m Gonna Ring When the Spirit Says Ring”***

Come and hear toe-tapping spirituals and gospel music on the bells. There will also be some dance numbers, sing-a-longs, and a humorous, funny, delightful (?) emcee! You will love this program!

... AND before the program ...

The Mission Team is planning a **Tamale dinner** just prior to Bell Fest from **4-5:30pm in Heartland Hall**. The dinner is in celebration of the **24+ year partnership of Heartland and Maya Quiché Presbyteries**.

See the Mission Page for more information. For now... **Save the date!**



**Have you wanted to learn to read music or learn to read music better?**  
*Well, here's your chance!*

*Pam Kelly, of Pam Kelly fame, will be teaching a class on “Musical Literacy”*

**On June 3, 10, 17, and 24 from 10-10:45am**  
at Asbury Methodist Church  
5400 W 75th St, Prairie Village, KS 66208 (75th & Nall)

**Sign-up by Wednesday, May 1st**

Cost: \$20 for your copy of the book

Please make checks payable to Pam Kelly directly since she is purchasing the books.

(You can also call or stop by the church office during the week to sign-up and pay.)

After class, stay for **Encore KC!** a community choir comprised of singers who are 50 and older, directed by Pam Kelly from 11am-Noon

For more information, see Pam Kelly, Linda Dover, Bob Dover, or Lauren Bond.





# Children's Ministries

## April Sunday School

April at Sunday school will be full of light even as we learn about those who tried to put out the light of Christ. On Palm Sunday, we will hear of Jesus' welcome into the city of Jerusalem with cheers and celebration—a parade! We can't leap past the events of Holy Week. Jesus was crucified and that story must be told too. But on Easter morning the light will break forth! Jesus could not be held in the tomb. He is risen! Through the eyes of Luke, we hear about the joy of Easter and then the surprising appearance of Jesus on the road to Emmaus! Eastertide—a time for expressing gratitude for God's grace and love.

**April 7, 14 and 28 (No Sunday School on Easter, April 21)**

**8:50am and 11:05am** - Awakening to Worship (Room 12)

### 10:00am Sunday School

**2s & 3s:** Lisa Cox and Tatum Cox (Room 23)

**Preschool 4s & 5s:** Danielle Dalton and Lara Schesser (Room 25)

**K-1st Graders:** Christy Soule and Katie Hearn (Room 14)

**2nd-5th Graders:** Matt McBride, Jenny Stromberg, Jerel Williams (Room 10)

## Explore God's Grace and Gratitude Each Day

When your children are at home, use these tools to explore God's grace and gratitude each day. Find these tools at: [www.pcusastore.com/GGGdownloads](http://www.pcusastore.com/GGGdownloads)

**Grace Sightings:** the weekly Bible story and age appropriate activities for your family to do at home.

**Audio Recordings:** the weekly Bible story brought to life by endearing readings and sound effects.

**E-books:** the quarter's colorful illustrations, Bible stories and Grace Sightings, in ibook and Kindle formats.



**Bring a friend  
and join  
the fun!**



## Children and Worship

**Awakening to Worship** is our wonder and worship program for children ages 4-1st grade and meets following the children's sermon weekly. We invite children in elementary school to continue participating and experiencing worship as they move into the sanctuary for worship with the wider family of Grace Covenant.

- **Worship Bags** are in place to help busy hands and hearts.
- **Worship Bulletins** are available from the ushers every week. There are two age levels.
- **Worship Leaders** are invited to light the candles weekly, read in worship, and assist in other ways. Stay tuned on this one! Watch for more news about this in the new year.
- **Children's Choir** will sing in worship occasionally.

# SMASH

## SMASH Sundays

**April 7 and 28**

**4-6pm in Heartland Hall**

SMASH is for 1st through 5th graders ...Bring a friend and come for a great afternoon of fun as we grow with the fruit of the Spirit!

**April 7 Theme:**

Gentleness and Self-control

**April 28 Theme:**

Earth Care with our friends  
from KAIROS team

SMASH (Service, Music, Arts, Sports, Hangtime) is for all children in completed 1st-5th grades, and seeks to bring children and adults together to grow in faith through creative time together. Join us!

## Awakening to Worship Scheduling for April through May

It is time to fill our schedule for Awakening to Worship leaders!

We will need greeters  
and storytellers.

**To sign up please contact  
Kristy Shaw at:**

[kristinashaw@everestkc.net](mailto:kristinashaw@everestkc.net)

Thank you!

# Outreach Notes

**The April Communion Offering** will be donated to One Great Hour of Sharing. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

**Our April donation partner is Safehome**, and we will be collecting these items: paper towels, facial tissues, bath towels, twin bedsheets, body wash, lotion, deodorant, and Clorox wipes. Your donations should be placed in the box at the doorway of the Weekday Entrance.



**Your support is needed for our April 13, Grace in Action, "Planting Independence With The Whole Person."**

The Whole Person connects people with disabilities to the resources they need by supporting independent choice and advocating for positive change in the community. People with disabilities have a hard time keeping their yards tidy. This citywide event is held every year and 300+ volunteers participate at over 35+ homes. We will be helping a client of The Whole Person with yard maintenance, such as mowing, raking, weeding, and planting at their home. Start time is 8:30am–12pm (or until work is completed, if earlier). Volunteers must be at least 14 and complete a waiver (provided the morning of the event). Bring work gloves and a full water bottle. Volunteers receive a free T-shirt!

**Please sign up on the bulletin board outside Heartland Hall by March 29.** Please indicate if you can bring any of the tools noted on the sign-up sheet. We will communicate to you were to meet. Share if you are interested in carpooling.

## Blood Drive Results

"Thank You!" from the Community Blood Center. Our donation site hosted 34 folks from GCPC and the neighborhood yesterday. Generosity is all around us!

Our next donation days are June 25 and October 15.

## New Bridge Group

If you play bridge and are interested in a monthly game, a new group is forming that will meet on the third Mondays of the month at 12:30pm at the church.

Please contact Jane Knoche, [jeknoche@att.net](mailto:jeknoche@att.net), for more information.

## MS Walk 2019

Help stomp out multiple sclerosis! On Saturday, April 27, we will be joining lots of folk for the 2019 MS Walk at the Legends in Kansas City, KS. You can join our Grace Covenant team as a walker, virtual walker, or supporter! For more information/questions, please contact Jane Knoche, [jeknoche@att.net](mailto:jeknoche@att.net).

## Fair Trade Sales

**Reminder:** Fair Trade Sales are **April 7**, at the entrance to Heartland Hall between services and 15 minutes following the 11:05am service.

## Save the Date!

**Tamale Dinner**  
**Sunday, May 5th**  
**4-5:30pm in Heartland Hall**  
**followed by Bell Fest at 6pm**

The Heartland and Maya Quiché Partnership, GCPC Mission Team, and the GCPC Bell Fest participants, have teamed up to celebrate the signing of the five-year renewal agreement between the two presbyteries who have held a 24+ year partnership!

Help us celebrate with pictures, stories, dinner and a bit of bell music! Dinner from 4-5:30pm provided by **Tamale Kitchen**, [thetamalekitchen.org](http://thetamalekitchen.org). Afterwards enjoy the GCPC Bell Fest concert at 6pm in the Sanctuary. Join us!

# Grace Studies

## **April 7, 14: Embracing the Uncertain: A Lenten Study for Unsteady Times**

Just turning on the news shows that we live in uncertain times. Most of us find uncertainty to be uncomfortable, preferring stability and a predictable future. This study will invite you to take a different perspective this Lenten season. Instead of ignoring or hiding from life's uncertainties, you can engage them with confidence and find a stronger faith along the way.

- *This six week study will be led by Nelson Townsend in Room 3.*

## **April 21: No Sunday School Easter Sunday**

## **April 28: Earth Day Sunday**

Come learn about how you can make a difference in caring for the earth. Brandon Hearn will be our speaker and will talk about recycling and it's impact on the environment.

- *We will meet in Heartland Hall*

## **Donations for Easter Flowers**

A beautiful display of spring flowers will transform the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. The flowers are provided through the generosity of members who donate flowers "in memory of" or "in honor of" a friend or loved one.

If you would like to participate, simply place your donation in the specially marked envelope provided in the pews. (Please PRINT NEATLY.) Deadline for inclusion in the Easter Memorial bulletin insert is noon on Monday, April 15.



## **Farewell to Al and Judy Hook**

Please join Al and Judy Hook in Heartland Hall on Sunday, April 14, between services, to wish them well and safe travels as they return to family in New York. They have been strong, energetic supporters of GCPC for 37 years. Their smiling faces every Sunday and involvement with our church will be missed. Wish them well with coffee and cookies as they begin their new adventure.



## **A Palm Sunday Parade!**

**April 14 at 10:45am**

Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey as the crowd cheered and waved palm branches before him in honor of their Messiah. "Hosanna!" they cried. "Save us!"

Join us as we remember this important moment in Jesus' story with our own parade during the Sunday school hour. All are invited to join together for a parade at 10:45 a.m. We will gather outside at the Sanctuary doors and walk around the church grounds waving palms as we follow our guest donkey. The parade will move indoors and continue around the Sanctuary during the first hymn of the 11:05 a.m. service.

Come for the fun! Come and remember!

## **Thank you Church Family!**

Dear Grace Covenant Church friends, Thank you so very much for your kind get well cards and wishes. I believe because of you and your prayers for me, I am "quite one the mend". You are the heart and soul of GCPC. - Liz Chandler

# KAIROS – PEACE, JUSTICE, EARTH CARE

## April is Care for Creation Month at GCPC– Come get involved!

Many activities with an emphasis on Care for creation are happening this month. You are invited to get involved in caring for God's earth!

- **Join KAIROS at its monthly meeting April 14th** in room 21 at 12:30pm, and help us design congregational guidelines and how it contributes to our Earth Care Congregations designation.
- **Grace Garden will be opening it's plot in the Overland Park Community Garden** located at 95th Street and Bluejacket (park in the Oak Park library parking lot). Would you like to help plant health nutritious fresh vegetables? Plant, Water, Harvest, Replant and more – we have tentatively set up a work day for Saturday April 13th. The harvest is donated to a local food pantry. if you are at all interested and would like to be on the 'we need helpful hands' list talk to Lauren Bond when you see her at church or drop her a note at [lab@korl.com](mailto:lab@korl.com).
- **Sunday, April 14, is Palm Sunday and we will partner with the Presbyterian Hunger program to use Eco-palms.** Eco-palms are harvested in a sustainable manner and the money we spend goes directly to the laborers. As we raise our branches in celebration, we will play an important role in protecting forests, local jobs and sustainable livelihoods in harvesting communities.
- **Sunday, April 28, is Earth Day at GCPC!** Our worship will celebrate God's wonderful creation and inspire us to be good stewards of this world that God has entrusted to us. SMASH will have a special Earth Day celebration at 4pm in Heartland Hall. Families, and our youth group, are invited to come together as the KAIROS team invites us to think about the choices we make that impact

### Prayers for Peace and Justice around the world

Messages from the  
PCUSA Stated Clerk J. Herbert Nelson  
<https://pres-outlook.org/author/jherbertnelson/>

the environment.

- There is still time to pick up calendars dealing with Lenten activities and care for your world around you
  - o PCUSA environmental ministries - Tread lightly for Lent calendar - pick up your copy here: [www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/tread-lightly-for-lent-lent-calendar/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/tread-lightly-for-lent-lent-calendar/)  
A calendar of activities, reflections, actions and more for individuals, families, and congregations to slow down and discern the way we live out our Christian faith in the world around us. "As people of of faith, we seek to 'serve and preserve' God's world."
  - o Less Plastics for Lenten Calendar [www.vancouver.anglican.ca/news/less-plastics-for-lent-calendar](http://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/news/less-plastics-for-lent-calendar)
- Earth Day has been celebrated since 1970. Find out more about this important day of education and service at: [www.earthday.org/about/the-history-of-earth-day/](http://www.earthday.org/about/the-history-of-earth-day/)

## Poor Peoples Campaign Update (KSPPC):

The Poor Peoples Campaign, endorsed by PC(USA) and by Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church Session, is an antipoverty organization working to eliminate racism, sexism and class discrimination. It supports federal and state living-wage laws, equity in education, an end to mass incarceration, a single-payer health-care system, and the protection of the right to vote. Join them as they review recent actions and plan for activities this Spring and Summer. [www.facebook.com/KansasPPC/](http://www.facebook.com/KansasPPC/)

## Save these Dates:

**April 7:** Fair Trade sales! Fill your Easter Baskets with Fair Trade chocolates, teas, coffee and more; table located outside Heartland Hall.

**April 4-8:** Ecumenical Advocacy Days Washington DC  
<https://advocacydays.org/2019-troubling-the-waters/>

**April 27:** 8am-2pm; JCCC OP Spring Recycling Extravaganza; [www.opkansas.org/events/spring-recycling-extravaganza/](http://www.opkansas.org/events/spring-recycling-extravaganza/)

**April 28:** Morning at both services – Celebrate Caring for all God's Creation; Afternoon at SMASH – Caring activities focused on Caring for this Creation.



# PRESBYTERIANS AROUND THE WORLD

Please note - Part IV of the article, *"Two Health Questions,"* and Part II of the article, *"Mission Co-workers Speak for Advocacy,"* will continue in the May issue of Grace Notes.



## Letter to the Congregation

The East Hill Singers will perform at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church (GCPC) on Sunday, November 10, 2019, which is 234 days after April 1, 2019. You may ask, *"What is the rationale for this early notification for a concert that will occur seven months and 10 days later?"* Even though Atonement Lutheran Church in Overland Park, KS, will provide support for this performance, a successful concert will require detailed planning work by numerous GCPC resources. This letter provides information about the following items:

1. A description of the East Hill Singers
  2. Arts in Prison — Overland Park, Kansas
  3. One perspective on Arts in Prison — The Presbyterian Church (USA)
1. **The East Hill Singers**, located at the Lansing Correctional Facility, consist of 50% inmates and 50% volunteers. The volunteers serve as informal role models and mentors. The inmate singers are from the population who live in the minimum security unit of the state prison in Lansing, KS. Musical experiences among them may range from none to a non-mathematical much. According to Arts in Prison, the inmates learn and practice many musical techniques and a variety of choral compositions. Each year the chorus performs four concerts in the Kansas City area. Arts in Prison also describes the impact of this musical experience on the lives of inmates. The inmate singers report that it gives them the opportunity to help produce beautiful concerts, examine their life experiences, and focus on future plans and activities in which they can achieve success.
  2. **Arts in Prison**, founded in 1995, began with Elvera Voth's initiation of the East Hill Singers as a choir of inmate and volunteer singers. Since that time, expansion of Arts in Prison programs has led to the development of classes such as writing and literature, painting, drawing, narrative writing, public speaking, photography, knitting, and music theory.
  3. **The Presbyterian Church (USA)** has reviewed the idea of connecting prison inmates with exposure and practices in the arts. Author Toni Montgomery, in a 2012 article published by the Presbyterian Mission Agency, described the work of Hanshallundbaek and Katherine Vockins. According to Montgomery, Vockins operated a non-profit organization called [Rehabilitation Through the Arts]. As described, this program connected inmates with drama, music, literature, and visual arts at five prisons in the state of New York, including Sing Sing Correctional Facility. Author Montgomery noted that Hanshallundbaek credited this program as the builder of confidence of some inmates who sought higher education.

In each newsletter, watch for concert-planning updates. We will need many of you to make this concert an inspirational success.

The Kairos Team



# Clerk's Corner

Session met on March 18, 2019 in room 5, with Reverend Sue Trigger serving as moderator. In addition to the elders, Deacon Liz Chandler was present. Reverend MitchTrigger was excused.

**Team minutes:** Session approved a motion from the Personnel team to approve two part-time positions: a contemporary music coordinator and a contemporary music accompanist. (Denice Trawicki is not leaving; she just needs to work fewer hours.) Both positions are effective on June 1, for a period of 6–12 months. Also, Tara Hyder has been hired as the part-time finance administrator, starting before the end of March. She will be at the church 20 hours/week.

Finance team reported pledges are still \$150,000 below the asking budget. Teams will be asked to look at ways to cut their budgets. In addition, there were \$190,000 of facilities improvements identified as necessary in 2019. Since many of the issues cannot be delayed and problems can get worse if they are, we will use an existing line of credit to fund these expenses, using the amount saved from paying off the mortgage to pay against the balance. Many of the facilities updates will lead to cost savings. Finance team is also discussing Pioneer Preschool charges and facilities use, as well as looking at other childcare programs.

**Consent agenda:** The minutes of the February Session meeting, as well as a membership request, were approved (total membership is now 489).

**Deacons' report:** Liz Chandler reported that the deacons are having issues using SignUp Genius.

**Old business:** Session heard a report from the Nominating Team. Teams are reviewing the notes from Visioning Day and are working on their updates to the manual of operations. Priorities that were identified as the most important for 2019: finances, resource prioritizing, communication issues, and evaluating team structures and schedules. Session also talked about the difficulty in communicating events, and for teams to know what other teams are doing. There was discussion about getting a small group program going that encourages spiritual growth.

**New business:** Confirmation will be May 19. However, Mitch and Sue will be out of town attending their daughter Kate Trigger Duffert's graduation. Jennifer Battaglioli will preach and lead confirmation. There will be a **called Session meeting on May 12 at 10am** to examine the confirmands.

After sharing some joys and concerns of the congregation, Sue closed the meeting in prayer and the meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Quick list of upcoming events

#### April 7

- First Communion
- Fair Trade items; between services
- "This is Grace," Learn more about membership; 10am in Room 5
- SMASH; 4-6pm; HH
- VBS decorating help; 4-6pm

**April 11** - BUNCO; 7pm, Room 4

#### April 13

- Grace in Action; 8:30-Noon
- Easter Egg Hunt; 10am; HH/Lawns

**April 14** - KAIROS monthly meeting; 12:30pm; Room 21

**April 15** - Noon; Easter flowers deadline for inclusion in the Easter Memorial bulletin insert

#### Holy Week, April 18-April 21

- Palm Sunday
- Maundy Thursday Worship; 7:30pm
- Good Friday Worship; 7:30pm
- Easter Sunday; 8:50am and 11:05am

#### April 28

- Earth Day Sunday
- Morning at both services –  
*Celebrate Caring for all God's Creation*
- SMASH – Caring activities focused on  
Caring for this Creation; 4-6pm; HH

#### May 5

- VBS decorating help; 12-2pm
- Bell Fest XXXI; 6pm

**May 12** - Called Session Meeting

**June 3-7** - Vacation Bible School

**June 9** - One service at 10am; Vacation Bible School Picnic; 11am

**June 22-29** - M&M Trip to Corpus Christi

**July 10-15** - Massanetta; 6-8th grade

**July 15-20** - Triennium; 8-12th grade

# Youth Page

## Heartland Camp

Heartland Camp has significantly dropped the cost of camp to \$399 this year but has done so by limiting the weeks they are offering overnight camp and the number of campers they can take. Overnight camps are already 57% full. We highly support their camp and usually have a good representation of GCPC students attending. We want all of our students to go if able so register as soon as you can at: <https://heartland.campintouch.com/ui/forms/application/camper/App>

## M&M Candy Tubes

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our M&M tube fundraiser for our Mission and Music Trip to the gulf coast of Texas this coming June. This trip is for high school youth but everyone who has supported us becomes a part of the ministry and mission we will be doing through music and physical hurricane relief in that area. Thank you!

## Reggie Reynolds Scholarship Awards

Congratulations to Lindsay Callender and Lina McCamon who were awarded Reggie Reynolds Memorial Scholarships by Donna Goeckler at the Youth Sunday service. The scholarships have been awarded in honor of Reggie Reynolds, beloved friend and member of GCPC remembered for her grace, kindness, compassion, and love of music.

## Confirmation Sunday

We have a tradition at GCPC of confirming students on Pentecost Sunday which is the "birthday of the Church" and has a great tie-in with Confirmation. This year we have a conflict with the Pentecost date and needed to pick a different Sunday for Confirmation. May 19 falls neatly between Mother's Day and Memorial Day and happens to be Presbyterian Heritage Sunday, which also has a great tie-in. Mark your calendars to celebrate with our Confirmands that Sunday morning!

## Notable Dates:

<b>April 7</b>	M&M Promotional pictures
<b>May 16</b>	M&M Youth, Parent, and Sponsor Meeting
<b>May 19</b>	Confirmation Sunday
<b>June 3-7</b>	VBS - need volunteers of all ages
<b>June 21-29</b>	M&M Trip to Corpus Christi - completed 8-12th grade
<b>July 15-20</b>	Massanetta - completed 6-8th grade
<b>July 15-20</b>	Triennium - completed 8-12th grade



# 2019 VBS

## To Mars and Beyond

Vacation Bible School

June 3-7

Mark your calendar and get ready to blast off with the first VBS to land on the moon! It's going to be an amazing week with our theme, **To Mars and Beyond**, as kids discover the wonders of God's universe. They'll become voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them. They'll lift off to distant planets on special missions to collect power sources. Along the way, they'll learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible, and that God is always with them, too. Add to the adventure with out-of-this-world fun, learning, and timeless Bible stories that inspire kids to give glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine!

**You can register online at:** [cokeburyvbs.com/gracecovenantpc2019](http://cokeburyvbs.com/gracecovenantpc2019) or pick up a registration form at the church.

For more information contact Lindsay Bucl at [lindsaybucl@gmail.com](mailto:lindsaybucl@gmail.com) or Rev. Sue at [sue.trigger@gcpc.org](mailto:sue.trigger@gcpc.org). Invite your friends!

## VBS Help Needed

The VBS decorating team is looking for some extra help assembling items for our To Mars and Beyond adventure. We provide the supplies and plans, you provide the helping hands. We welcome anyone and everyone. Volunteer to help and have fun creating the magic for our children this Summer!

**We will meet:** Sunday, April 7, 4–6pm;  
and Sunday, May 5, 12–2pm.



# Y

Young  
Adults &  
Families

# A

# F

## Check out the Upcoming Events Planned by YAF!

### Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 13, at 10am  
Meet in Heartland Hall for  
games and fun before the hunt.  
Bring your own basket.

### Happy Hour at the J Bar Olathe

Friday, April 26, at 5:30pm  
*Adult's Only*  
10401 S. Ridgeview Rd., Olathe

**Take and Share the  
Easter Postcards, that are  
in baskets around the church,  
and invite friends, family or  
co-workers to worship with us  
Easter Sunday!**

## Thank you GCPC Family!

Dear GCPC family, thank you for all your kind words, emails, and cards of sympathy after the death of my mother, Pat Benton. It is very comforting to have such a caring community at difficult times like this.  
—Bert Benton





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**Funeral Coordinator** .....Mary Sue Thomas

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### Worship Schedule

8:50am - Praise Team Led Worship  
10am - Church School All Ages  
11:05am - Choral Led Worship  
Childcare is provided during Worship.

### Upcoming Newsletter Article Deadlines

May Issue - Deadline April 16  
June Issue - Deadline May 21