



## Service of Worship — April 9, 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:** Melanie Townsend

**HEAD USHERS:** Steve Becher (9am), Eric Burdette (11am)

**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 2023:**



*“Pray for one another” — James 5:15*  
We encourage you to remember the following in prayer:

**All Grieving the Death of a Loved One**

**Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses:** Bill Harris

**Cancer Treatment:** Bob Shadburn, Pam Kelly

**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**

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

**SPOTLIGHT**

**REMINDER:** The church offices are closed Easter Monday, April 10.

**SPRING WORKDAY:** Spring is here, and it's time to spruce up the GCPC grounds! Join Boy Scout Troop 122 in cleaning up the flower beds and other general outside maintenance on Saturday, April 15, 9am to noon. We will provide the tools, just bring yourself and gloves if you need them. (We could use additional leaf rakes if you have one to share.) No RSVP needed. Contact facilities moderator Liz Chandler, [lizchandler814@yahoo.com](mailto:lizchandler814@yahoo.com), for more information.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR AN INTERGENERATIONAL TRIVIA NIGHT** on Friday, April 21, 6–8pm in Heartland Hall. Bring a light appetizer/snack/finger food to share. (To be environmentally friendly, please consider bringing your own plate/service ware.) Childcare will be provided for 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger, but older children are encouraged to join in the fun. Please indicate if you need childcare when registering. We will have prizes for the winning team! You may sign-up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a45a4a722a4fc1-intergenerational>. Contact Lynn Long, [llong82@gmail.com](mailto:llong82@gmail.com), with questions.

**THERE WILL BE A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**, Sunday, April 30, immediately following worship to elect members from the congregation at large to the Nominating Team.

**CONTACTING STAFF:** The office is open 8am to 4pm, M–F. To reach a staff member by e-mail:

- **Rev. Sue:** [sue.trigger@gcpc.org](mailto:sue.trigger@gcpc.org)
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- **Tara Hyder (finance admin.):** [finance@gcpc.org](mailto:finance@gcpc.org)

## ADULT

**PAGE TURNERS WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, APRIL 13**, at Laura Patton’s home (15814 Beverly St., Overland Park, KS 66223). This is a week later than usual because of Maundy Thursday. The format of our meeting will also be atypical. We will be discussing nine of the most frequently challenged books of 2021–22. Please contact Laura at [lfpatton@gmail.com](mailto:lfpatton@gmail.com) to RSVP and learn how to prepare for this meeting. All are welcome!

## CHILDREN

**VOLUNTEERS ALSO NEEDED FOR THE VBS PLANNING TEAM** and activity site leaders and guides. To volunteer please contact Rev. Sue at [sue.trigger@gcpc.org](mailto:sue.trigger@gcpc.org) or 913-345-1256.

## YOUTH

**OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH** are ready to head to Massanetta Springs, July 15–24. We just need one more thing — a male adult advisor. If you would be interested in enjoying this opportunity, please contact Bill Turner at [99wdturner@gmail.com](mailto:99wdturner@gmail.com) or Rev. Sue at [sue.trigger@gcpc.org](mailto:sue.trigger@gcpc.org).

## MISSION

**GCPC + GOOD FAITH NETWORK:** In February, Session voted for GCPC to join the Good Faith Network, an interfaith group composed of 25+ congregations across three faith traditions in Johnson County. The Good Faith Network’s mission is to pursue justice around our local community’s most pressing problems. This year, the Good Faith Network is working on solutions to mental health, housing, and homelessness in Johnson County. The membership fee was funded partially by donations from members; we’re also seeking some supplementary PCUSA grant funding. (Further donations would be welcome from anyone else who wants to support our participation in this work!)

We are seeking GCPC members who are interested in participating in this work. Anyone who is interested is invited to schedule a 30-minute meet-up with the organization’s lead staff person, Aileen Ball. These meetings will be informal conversations that let Aileen learn more about us

and our congregation, as well as letting you ask any questions you may have about Good Faith Network. Attending a meeting does not create any obligation to participate further unless you want to! For convenience, Aileen has put her calendar online, so you can just click this link and schedule with her directly: <https://calendly.com/aileenball/meet-with-an-organizer-from-good-faith-network>. But if you are having trouble with the link, you can just contact her directly to get something scheduled--her email is [aileen@thegoodfaithnetwork.org](mailto:aileen@thegoodfaithnetwork.org).

### **Nehemiah Assembly in May**

All GCPC members, regardless of other involvement with GFN, are also invited to attend the main event of the year, the Nehemiah Assembly on May 2 at 6pm, at the Church of the Resurrection, 13720 Roe in Leawood. At the Nehemiah Assembly, over 1,000 justice-seeking people of faith will gather to seek commitment from our local officials to implement solutions to make real change in Johnson County. It's important to have lots of people in that room to make an impression on the county officials. Attending the Nehemiah Assembly doesn't create any obligation to participate further with GFN. Please mark your calendars and bring a friend! Please contact Mikki Walker and Rick Randolph with any questions. ([michala.walker@gmail.com](mailto:michala.walker@gmail.com); [rrandolphiii@gmail.com](mailto:rrandolphiii@gmail.com)).

**APRIL DONATION PARTNER: A GATHERING OF FRIENDS** — Our April donation partner is A Gathering of Friends, a grassroots organization serving those experiencing homelessness and food insecurity in Johnson and Wyandotte counties. A Gathering of Friends relies on donations and volunteers for everything needed to make sure those they serve have a good, home cooked meal each week, along with sandwiches, snacks, and fresh fruits to eat later, as well as supplies to ensure their safety, health, and comfort. Please see the list below for what you can donate to support their mission. Donations can go in the Weekday Entrance bin anytime in April. *If you'd like to provide a QuikTrip or Wal-Mart gift card, please put those in the plastic holder outside the church office door.*

- AAA batteries
- backpacks
- reusable shopping bags
- flashlights
- lighters
- men's large/xl t-shirts (used, okay)
- hoodies (used, okay)
- men's jeans/sweats/cargo (used, okay)
- tents
- sleeping bags
- insect repellent
- \$5 or \$10 QuikTrip gift cards

**OUR APRIL COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT IS ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**, one of the four annual special offerings collected by PC(USA). Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing support efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on Self-development of People, and support the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program.

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