



Service of Worship — May 14, 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: Andrew Frye

HEAD USHER: Steve Becher

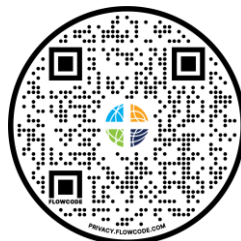
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RECORD YOUR ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE WITH OUR VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE

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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

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses: Bill Harris, Harold Farren, Linda Rosine, Joe Collins

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: Jacoby Chapel, Warrensburg, MO; Our Neighbors at the Linwood Area Ministry Place (L.A.M.P.)

(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

TACTILE LAP QUILT WORK DATES: We will have three upcoming gatherings to sew notions into 6-1/2” fabric squares; 5/13, 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>

THE FACILITIES TEAM IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEMBERS who will commit some time per week (30 minutes, maybe one hour) from Memorial Day to Labor Day to help maintain the flowerbeds at the church. Bring a friend with you if you like! For questions or more information, text Liz Chandler, 913-406-5226, or e-mail lizchandler814@yahoo.com. Thank you for your help.

ADULT

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES IN MAY:

The Follow Me class is taking a break to join the Questions of Faith classes throughout May.

Questions of Faith

The Adult Education Team, will continue answering your faith questions. The Presbyterian Church is known for fostering such questioning. Our faith can be strengthened by non-threatening, enlightened and civil inquiries into texts and concepts which can, quite frankly, be hard to believe. We wish to encourage this exploration. Strong relationships are built with honest discussion. That is true with fellow GCPC members and, above all, our relationship with Jesus. Take a look at our May questions:

- May 14 — Why Doesn't God Prevent Evil? — Rev. Don Wilson, facilitator
- May 21 — The Unsolved Mysteries of Faith — Joel Ilten, facilitator

The class will meet in the choir room. You can join on Zoom at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83829790055?pwd=MnpSL1MwS2VBbWN0OEU5aFJGaTJLdz09>

or Meeting ID: 838 2979 0055, Passcode: 723297

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 (locations TBD):

- June 15: *Survival Guide for the Soul* by Ken Shigamatsu;
- 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.

CHILDREN

AWAKENING TO WORSHIP CONTINUES TODAY for children ages 4–1st grade. Children depart with leaders from the Sanctuary following the time with children. Parents may pick up their children in Room 12 on the lower level following worship.

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. Our volunteers are invited to a training meeting next Sunday, May 21, at noon. Lunch provided!

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.

- Monday, May 15 — 6–9pm (Come see us downstairs in Room 10.)
- 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.

OUR 76TH IHN HOSTING ENDS TODAY. Thank you to all who have volunteered to make this week a success with food donations, overnight hosting, and many other duties.

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.

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