



Service of Worship
May 16, 2021

*“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.

“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: Paul Thomas, Mary Sue Thomas, Katie Rickley, Shirley Faulwell, Dave Stalling

Cancer Treatment: Kathy Jonas

Aging Challenges: Shirley Sisk

Military Service: Conner Maynard, David Zak, C.J. Bradley, Seth Lorimer, Mary E. Johnson II, Alanna Funk, Bryce Hearn, Shannon Lorimer, David Minaschek. **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.); Heartland Presbytery Stated Meeting — May 18

(If you have a prayer request you'd like to include in the bulletin, please contact the church office at office@gcpc.org, or send to gcpc_prayers@yahoo.com.)

SPOTLIGHT

WORSHIP UPDATE: The Session has approved returning to in-person worship, beginning Sunday, May 23, 2021. There will be one service at 10am. We will also continue our online broadcast at the same time. Detailed information on the service and how to reserve a seat (reservations will be required to keep the attendance numbers within approved guidelines) [is available here](#). Please be aware that if there are significant negative changes in the pandemic statistics in Johnson County, this date could be altered. Thank you for your continued support and prayers during this time.

CONTACTING STAFF: A reminder that the GCPC church building is open to limited use in response to the ongoing public health emergency. Office staff members are primarily working remotely. The best way to reach a staff member is by e-mail:

Rev. Sue: sue.trigger@gcpc.org

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HOW TO PLEDGE DURING THIS TIME: During this time of online-only worship, we encourage those who normally put their pledge in the offering plate each Sunday to mail their pledges to the church. The Finance Administrator will get them and see that they are deposited in a timely fashion. Of course, you may also make your pledge online by going to gcpc.org and clicking the "Online Giving" tab.

ADULT

A NEW ADULT EDUCATION STUDY CONTINUES THIS SUNDAY! Revitalization study April 25–May 16 at 11:15am on Zoom. Join us as we embark on an honest conversation about GCPC, sharing unique stories, confessing our realities and discerning the Spirit's call. Each week our leaders will guide us through Bible study, reflection and conversation that will help us as we work to revitalize the church on missional action and faithful discipleship in Jesus Christ throughout our neighborhoods, our nation and the world.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87220845770?pwd=aFc2OURNb1I4ZEZtcEk4NS9SbkxzQT09>

Meeting ID: 872 2084 5770

Passcode: GCPC2021

During their summer hiatus, the **THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will be meeting once a month for a book discussion. All the discussions are at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us:

May 20 at Jan Cummings' house (9815 Broadmoor) to discuss Born a Crime by Trevor Noah Please RSVP to Jan at cjan1950@gmail.com;

June 17 at Lee Mattix's house (11107 W 132nd Ct) to discuss Holy Envy by Barbara Brown Taylor;

July 15 at Pat Collins' house (7629 W. 148th Terrace) to discuss Almost Everything by Anne Lamott;

August 19 at Cheryl Johnson's house (12840 Century St.) to discuss Finding God in the Margins by Carolyn Custis James.

CHILDREN

THE DATE IS SET FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! JUNE 7–11 9AM–12PM. Come to North Castle and join the quest for the King's Armor. All children age 4–5th grade are invited to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power by exploring how we put on the armor of God. To register go to: www.gcpc.org/quest.

We need plenty of supplies for VBS. If you would like to donate, please go to our sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084caea829a0f94-vbsdonaions>. You may bring your donations to worship on May 23 or during office hours beginning May 17.

Want to volunteer to help during VBS? Contact Rev. Sue at sue.trigger@gcpc.org.

MAY SMASH! PENTECOST! TODAY, 4–6PM, K–5TH GRADES: Pentecost Sunday is going to be a great day of celebration as we celebrate the birthday of the church AND our first in person worship service in more than a year. Our May SMASH will be all about getting ready for the party. Parents, youth and all other adults are encouraged to join us. We will learn about the first Pentecost and why it's called the birthday of the church. We will enjoy creating decorations for the Pentecost service on May 23, playing games and more. Please RSVP to help us safely prepare for supplies and social distance. RSVP to Rev. Sue at sue.trigger@gcpc.org. Please let her know how many children and parents will attend.

YOUTH

YOUTH AND FAMILY CANOE TRIP — JUNE 18–19 (20)! Hopefully you have all seen the info about the canoe trip, please let me (Miles) know if you need more info. We already have several signed up, so I'm excited about that! We will have a short informational meeting about the trip next Tuesday, May 18, at 7pm via Zoom. If you are already signed up or just considering, please join the meeting. We will be making a couple decisions about food choices and answering any questions you may have about the trip. Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83996293464?pwd=MHY0S3psUFIDSXl3V3JKd1pCUm1ldz09>

LAST SUNDAY MORNING CLASS FOR YOUTH! This Sunday will be our last Sunday morning class for the spring. Our next two Sundays are full of other activities. We hope you can join us in the youth room at 11:30!

NO CONNECT THIS WEEK: We are taking a break from Connect until Summer. See you in June!

PRESBYTERY YOUTH MISSION WEEK: Please reserve June 21–24 for our presbytery-wide local mission week. We will serve from 10am–3pm each day (plus travel time) joining other 6th–12th grade youth from around our presbytery. We will have 1–2 service projects planned for each of those days and will meet at different locations in Kansas City and surrounding areas. If you can only attend one or two of the days that is okay. A registration form will be available soon that will list the locations and you can sign up for any or all of the days. We hope you can join us!

MONTREAT: We are hoping to take a trip to the Montreat Youth Conference for rising high school 9th–12th graders plus college freshmen. July 10–17 looks like our most likely week. We only have a few students who have expressed interest so have extended an invitation to other presbyterian churches in our area to join us. Please let me know if you are interested. We will also need an additional adult.

MISSION

OUR MISSION COMMUNION DONATION PARTNER FOR MAY IS SHAWNEE COMMUNITY SERVICES, a local food pantry and free clothing resource since 1982. We asked their President Sylvia Terry what their greatest food need is in May. She responded:

- canned fruit
- Knorr pasta sides
- potato side dishes such as mashed, scalloped, or au gratin packets
- rice side packets
- Peanut Butter

Please bring your donations to the Weekday Entrance and place them in the Communion donation bin, or bring them on Saturday, May 15 (PLEASE NOTE CORRECTED DATE), from 8:15 to 9:15am during the KCK Hot Lunch drop-off.

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