





### **JOY - GRATITUDE - COMMUNITY**

# **GRACE**NOTES

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God draws us together into a welcoming community, embracing our curiosity and questions, to worship with creativity, learn from God's word, share our gifts, and grow in faith.

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# **Giving Thanks**

Dear Grace Covenant Family,

I'm still floating from the joy of our incredible 40th Anniversary Celebration on June 22nd! What a day of joy, gratitude, and community. Thank you to everyone who helped make it possible—from those who planned and



decorated, to those who moved tables, served food, led worship, sang with heart, and even cleaned up confetti. Your gifts and willingness to serve made the celebration not only beautiful but deeply meaningful.

As we gave thanks for all that God has done over these past four decades, we were also reminded of the vibrant community we are today and the faithful God who continues to lead us forward. My prayer is that the joy and Spirit of our celebration will carry us into this next season with hope, energy, and trust in God's abundant grace.

Let's keep listening together for where God is calling us next.

With gratitude and love, —Pastor Karen

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Our 40th Anniversary Celebration was made even more meaningful by the presence of special guests who have shaped our story across the decades: Revs. Sue and Mitch Trigger, Co-Pastors (2018–2023); George Lund, Church Architect; Rev. Ky Weekly, Associate Pastor (2000–2012); Rev. Heidi Peterson, Associate Pastor (1994–2000); Rev. Jay McKell, Founding Pastor (1985–2010) and Pastor Emeritus; Rev. Diane Quaintance, our first Associate Pastor (1988–1992); and Rev. Karen Wright, current Pastor of GCPC.



Charter Members in attendance: (front row) Joyce Davidson, Al and Judy Hook, Elizabeth McKell, Judy and Steve Farrell (back row) Dave and Vicki Peck, Tim and Susan Hayden, Jay McKell, Jesse and Jean Hampton, Jan Kessinger, and Doug Firebaugh.







The presence of former staff, and from Heartland Presbytery, was a beautiful reminder of God's faithfulness through every season of Grace Covenant's journey Greg Mullinax from Heartland Presbytery Staff; Rebecca Prater, Director of Music Ministry (2005–2025), and Mary Jane Voogt, first Director of Music Ministry (1986–2001).



# Called To Join God's Holy Work

# An excerpt from the sermon by Rev. Karen Wright, June 22, 2025

"As it says in Psalm 100, I do believe we entered the courts with joyful noise and with singing this morning, and I want to just take a moment to thank all our musicians this morning. Music is such a part of the heartbeat of Grace Covenant, and we're grateful that we have been able to have so many musicians' past, present, and some future ones as they were up here early in the service to bring us God's word through song.

Paul's text in Romans, did you notice the pronouns? If God is for **us**, who is against **us**? See, Paul didn't write this to individuals. This was written to a community. This is Paul writing to a community, a group of people bound together not by preference or convenience, but bound together in the spirit by faith, by mission.

And this morning, as we celebrate 40 years, this word is for us, this is a word to our community, the voices, the stories that we will hear around the tables that no doubt some have been shared already. The baptisms, the laughter, the hard times, all those stories have bound us together as a family, as a community. We are the people of God, and this word is for us."

The FULL sermon can be downloaded here.

# Thank You to Our 40th Anniversary Celebration Team

With grateful hearts, we give thanks for the many hands and hearts that came together to help plan and present our 40th Anniversary Worship Celebration and Brunch. This milestone moment was made possible by the dedication, creativity, and collaboration of many.

We extend our deepest appreciation to the 40th Anniversary Committee members: Co-Chairs Kristy Shaw, Christy Soule, and Kim Krueger, along with Kathy Williams, Mary Ann Weyforth, Sarah Byrd, Ginny Wirtz, Liz Chandler, Tim Hayden, Caroline Becher, Eileen Thompson, Jane Knoche, Chelly King, Karen Wright, Kevin Johnson, and Patrick Bell. Thank you for the many months of prayer, planning, and joyful effort that brought today's celebration to life.

We are also especially grateful to the volunteers who helped make today's events run smoothly: Carolyn Chaffin, Cathy Haun, Ashley Jeffries, Lindsay Callendar, Cindy Monshizadeh, Nick and Michael Stevens (Troop 122), Emily Nelson Dixon, our volunteer ushers, and the GCPC Men's Group. Your presence and servant hearts were a gift to all who gathered. We thank Rev. Tim Soule from Village on Antioch for letting us borrow chairs. Thank you to Dave Peck and the Facilities Team for cleaning up and mulching the KDO playground in the garden area.

A heartfelt thank you to our amazing volunteer photographers — Keith Langabee, Jeff DeVries, and Lindsay Callender — who captured the joy, love, and spirit of Grace Covenant's 40th Anniversary Worship and Brunch so beautifully. Your photos help us hold on to these sacred memories and share them with those near and far.

We're grateful to everyone who helped make our 40th Anniversary year so special—whether you bought an anniversary T-shirt, contributed to the Savers Fundraiser, sorted and packed donations on Workship Sunday, helped the Men's Group load the truck, or supported the Craft Fair. A special thanks to the children and families who ran the lemonade stand at the fair. And to all who joined us for our intergenerational events—the Tea Party, DIY Mini Golf, and Friendship Bracelet Party—thank you for showing up with such joy and enthusiasm. Through all of these celebrations and acts of service, we have honored the faithfulness of God and the transformative power of His presence in our lives and in the life of this church.

If we've unintentionally missed anyone, please know our heartfelt thanks includes you, too. It truly took our entire church family to bring a celebration like this to life, and we're so grateful for all who played a part. Thank you for being part of this joyful occasion!





### **Celebrating 40 Years of Ministry**

As we mark 40 years of ministry at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, we give thanks for the many ways this community has shaped lives. Again and again, we've heard how Grace Covenant is a place of belonging, faith, and transformation.

To help us continue the journey, we invite you to make an offering to our **40th Anniversary Fund.** 

Your gift supports the Facilities Reserve Account, helping us care for our church building for future generations of ministry and mission.

Join us in this journey of faith. Thank you for being part of our story and the story which is still unfolding.

Donate at gcpc.org/40thFund or safely scan the QR code shown



# **40th Anniversary History and Memory Book**

Church member Kim Krueger is hard at work researching, writing, and designing the GCPC 40th Anniversary History and Memory Book, which we hope to complete by year's end. This special publication will highlight the life of Grace Covenant year by year, featuring photos and reflections from church staff, team moderators, and members.

We're accepting contributions to the memory book portion through July 31, 2025. Share your memories at <a href="mailto:gcpc.org/memories">gcpc.org/memories</a>.

The final version—expected to exceed 200 pages—will be available as a downloadable PDF or as a printed, bound copy (with printing cost to be announced later). Questions? Contact Kim at kimgoeckler@outlook.com.

# Thank You to Our 40th Anniversary Facilities and Church Workers Team!

As we celebrated the 40th Anniversary of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, much of the joy and beauty of the day was made possible by the dedication and hard work of those who prepared our church home — inside and out.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Facilities Team and Church Workers who gave their time, energy, and care to ensure every detail was ready for this milestone celebration. This devoted group repaired doors, replaced lights, handled plumbing fixes, cleared leaves, trimmed trees, refreshed the sign garden, and even removed a tree! They dusted, swept, picked up trash, and tended to countless tasks well beyond the usual cleaning routine.

Thank you to Patrick Bell, Cal Sweeten, Steve Becher, Dave Peck, Ric Cummings, Paul Bruns, Kirk Heer, Chris Dixon, Chelly King, our sidelined cheerleader Harold Farren, Liz Chandler, Patrick O'Halloran, Ellie Nelson, Bob, Gaylee Ludwig-Bonney, the Circo Family, Dave Pack, Eric Burdette, Joy Slayton, Christine Hutchins, Sterling and Leslie Jones, Marcie and Drew Monrad, Don and Joy Wilson, Tim Hayden, Patty Smithson, Lee Mattix, and again Patrick Bell — who gets double credit for his incredible commitment!

We are especially grateful for the ongoing work of **our gardeners**, led by **Cindy Monshizadeh**, who quietly and faithfully care for our grounds — pulling weeds, planting flowers, and making the outside of the church as welcoming and beautiful as the inside.

And to those who saw something that needed doing and simply did it — without being asked and without recognition — thank you. Your quiet service shines. Because of you, we were ready to celebrate 40 years of God's faithfulness in a space that reflects our gratitude, love, and community.

—Liz Chandler





















# **July Worship at Grace Covenant**

#### Batter up, church family!

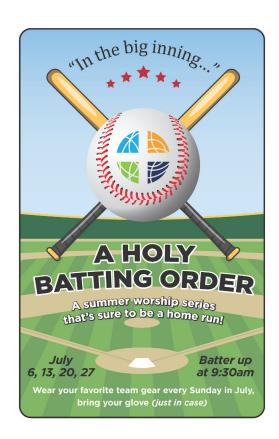
This July, we're stepping up to the plate for a worship series that brings together two of our favorite things—faith and baseball. Join us each Sunday at 9:30am for "A Holy Batting Order," a summer worship series that's sure to be a home run! After all, we know God must be a baseball fan—the Bible starts "In the big inning…"

Each week, we'll explore how God's love plays out like a divine batting lineup—loves leads off with Creation, on deck is covenant, cleaning up with Christ, and closing strong with Grace. We'll connect scripture to America's pastime in playful and profound ways, discovering how God calls us to live, love, and serve as a team.

July 6th Love Leads Off
July 13th Promise on Deck
July 20th Jesus Cleans Up

July 27th Grace Always Bats Last

And yes—we're inviting you to wear your favorite team gear every Sunday in July! Whether you root for the Royals or your local Little League team, let's show up in full color and spirit.



Don't miss this fun and faithful journey. Bring a friend, bring your glove (just in case), and join us in July because worship should be joyful, surprising, and filled with grace. Let's play ball—with God as our coach and grace batting last.

# **New Member Class**

#### July 20, 10:45am, Room 5

Are you interested in becoming a member of Grace Covenant or just want to learn more about who we are? Join us for our "This is Grace" New Member Class on Sunday, July 20 at 10:45am in Room 5.

This is a great opportunity to explore what it means to be part of the Grace Covenant family, learn about our mission and ministries, and ask any questions you may have. Whether you're ready to join or just curious, all are welcome!

Contact Kathy Williams (via the church office at office@gcpc.org)
OR, complete the form on our website (gcpc.org/newmember) for more information or to let us know you're coming. We look forward to welcoming you!

# **Ministry Fair - August 10**

The Ministry Fair will be held August 10 in Heartland Hall. This is a time when church members can see the teams, clubs and organizations that make up our church community. It gives members a chance to sign up for a team or group that interests them. See you in Heartland Hall after worship on August 10.

— Care and Connection Team

# **Thursday Morning Bible Study**

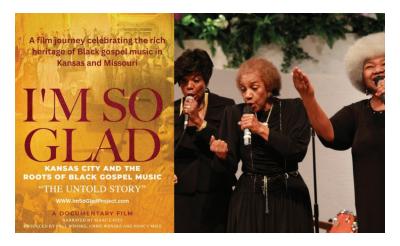
During their summer hiatus, the Thursday morning Bible study group is meeting monthly to discuss a book with spiritual aspects. Everyone is invited to join us. The meetings are all on a Thursday in members' homes. Here are the details:

- July 17, 9:30am: The Just Kitchen by Derrick Weston and Anna Woofenden. Discussion will be at Glenda Johnson's house (11712 W. 108th St). RSVP to Glenda at: geojohnso@aol.com.
- August 14, 9:30am: Stone Yard Devotional by Charlotte Wood.
   Discussion will be at Cindy Schendel's house (11654 Grant Dr).
   RSVP to Cindy at: cschen56@hotmail.com.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Johnson at agathatoo@gmail.com.

# **Embellish Handbell Ensemble Concert, July 8**

We are thrilled to welcome Embellish, a premier handbell ensemble from Western Michigan, for a special concert on the evening of July 8 at 7pm in the GCPC Sanctuary! There is no cost to attend, but a love offering is appreciated to help offset the cost of the ensemble's travel. Join us for an unforgettable night of inspiring music. You won't want to miss this!



## **Special Movie Event:**

# I'm So Glad – Kansas City and the Roots of Black Gospel Music, the Untold Story

Sunday, July 13, 3-6pm, GCPC Sanctuary Child care available by reservation

Join us on Sunday, July 13, from 3-6pm in the GCPC sanctuary for a powerful afternoon of music, history, and storytelling as we present the documentary *I'm So Glad: Kansas City and the Roots of Black Gospel Music, the Untold Story.* This compelling film uncovers the forces that shaped both black gospel music and the black community in and around Kansas City, Missouri, and pre-Civil War Kansas. Through rich stories of the region's pioneers and insightful interviews with historians and scholars, the documentary reveals a vibrant musical and cultural heritage. Q&A will follow the screening.

Child care for children 5 and under will be available by reservation. To reserve a spot, please email the church office at <a href="mailto:office@gcpc.org">office@gcpc.org</a> with your name, the number of children, and their ages. Reservation deadline is Monday, July 7, at noon.

Don't miss this opportunity to explore the untold story of a powerful musical tradition and the community that shaped it. **Learn more at www.imsogladproject.com** 

# **Mission Spotlight:**

#### **KCK Hot Lunch**

On the third Saturday of every month, GCPC send a group of volunteers to the Wilhelmina Gill Service Center in Kansas City, Kansas, to serve lunch to low-income residents of that community. The nonprofit organization that operates this program exists solely to support Kansas City area residents in need and is supported entirely by donations and volunteers.

GCPC is a long-time participant in the Hot Lunch program, and Meredith Watson has served as our coordinator for multiple years. In addition to sending volunteers, Meredith organizes donations of cookies to serve as dessert, and the transfer of commodity foods funded by a USDA grant to the program. If you're interested in spending a few hours helping this worthwhile program, contact Meredith at <a href="mailing-mere">mere watson@icloud.com</a> to get on the mailing list.

#### **Good Faith Network**

The Good Faith Network has been making progress towards support for those in



our community who struggle with mental health, housing, and aging in place! Approximately 60 people of the 1600 people that participated in this year's Nehemiah Event, were part of GCPC. After successfully advocating for a voluntary treatment unit for those experiencing a mental health crisis, the GFN continues to advocate for an involuntary crisis-intervention treatment facility.

The GFN continues to work towards support for an affordable trust fund to assist home building for low-income housing. CAPABLE is a program that provides support to seniors enabling them to age in place. The GFN has successfully gained a commitment from the state to partially fund a pilot year of CAPABLE in Johnson County. This fall we will once again hold listening sessions to learn more about the GFN and to invite participation in the network!

# For any questions or for more information please contact one of the following:

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#### Clerk's Corner

The June 16 Session meeting was a fun one, as we heard reports of wonderful adventures at VBS, plans for the 40th Anniversary celebration, and the June 7 Presbytery meeting where Karen was approved as our Designated Pastor!

We also welcomed our new Session members Chris Cabe, Debbie Campbell, Kevin Johnson, and Frank Slovick and thanked retiring elders Tom Stroud, Joy Circo, Lara Schesser, and Jake Schmidt. (When you see them, please thank them, too).

While we enjoy lots of wonderful activities, our building continues to have challenges. At the July Session Retreat, we will be discussing issues related to our audio/visual system and streaming resources. In addition, the newly repaired elevator has new challenges, and our roof will require attention soon. And of course, we have ongoing maintenance issues.

Fortunately, pledge payments are still slightly ahead of schedule and teams have been doing a good job of using funds earmarked for them. The Finance Team will be meeting with each team in the coming months to discuss 2026 budget needs (and wants), starting with the Facilities Team, since that is the biggest portion of our budget. We will all have an opportunity to hear about 2026 budget planning on September 14 at our "Stewardship Stories and Scrambled Eggs" event (brunch provided).

Please talk to any Session member if you have a concern that you think we need to address.

—Melanie Townsend, Clerk of Session

## **MUSIC NOTES**

Dear GCPC Community,

I'm still riding high from the incredible, one-of-a-kind 40th Anniversary celebration. I don't think I've ever experienced so much joy, beauty, and community in one setting before. It was a powerful reminder of what we can create together—and I am so deeply grateful to each and every one of you who helped make it possible.

To **Rebecca Prater**, thank you for your steadfast mentorship and leadership.

To **Carrie DeVries**, thank you for your collaboration, musicianship, and partnership. It is a privilege to work alongside you.

To **Connie Richards**, thank you for your tireless devotion to the music library and for making sure all of our musicians had exactly what they needed to shine.

To **Kim Krueger**, your hours of selfless dedication and attention to detail kept everything beautifully organized —thank you for the grace and care you bring.

To **Liz Chandler and Kristy Shaw**, your help was simply endless. CHAIRS, CHAIRS, CHAIRS! I honestly don't know how we could have done it without your energy and organization.

To all our musicians, each one of you brings something unique and special to our community, and it simply would not be what it is without you. Special thanks to Celia\ Nicholas, Chris Krug, Pam Smith Kelly, Linda Dover, Hilary Schmidt, Emily Hussey, Bob Dover, Paul Bruns, Mary Jane Voogt, Daryl Prater, and Trey Bures—thank you for your unwavering leadership, insight, musical gifts, and joyful spirits. You each brought something vital to this celebration, and I am in awe of the love and care you pour into this ministry.

To the **tech crew** for their flexibility and versatility.

Thank you all for making the 40th Anniversary a moment we will never forget. I am honored to be part of this family of faith and music.

With deep gratitude, —Patrick O'Halloran Interim Director of Music Ministries







## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

#### GCPC VBS 2025

# What a Wild and Wonderful Road Trip!

This year's Vacation Bible School at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church was nothing short of incredible.



With 71 enthusiastic young

"travelers" and more than 60 dedicated volunteers, our church building was buzzing with songs, snacks, crafts, games, storytelling, laughter, and the love of God and ALL of God's people!

Throughout the week, we hit the road together—exploring how God is with us on every twist and turn of life's journey. From morning worship to closing blessings, the joy and energy were contagious, and the lessons of faith, kindness, and connection will stay with us for a long time.

But let's be real—none of this happens without *a* whole lot of behind-the-scenes magic from the pit crew! VBS week required the hands, hearts, and help of our entire church family, and WOW did y'all show up!

To every person who decorated, prepped, welcomed a kiddo, led a song, taught a lesson, served snacks, played games, cleaned up glitter, offered a prayer, donated supplies, or stayed late to reset the space—thank you! Whether you were in a classroom, at a registration table, behind a camera, or sneaking goldfish into little cups, you helped create a space where God's love was made real for our kids.

Extra special thanks to our fearless leaders Erin Frye and Keith Langabee and their awesome VBS committee of Chrisy Soule, Kristy Shaw, Amy Sellers, and Kimberly Dereberry. And also big thanks to Kim Krueger for all of your great marketing and communication work and for helping us tell the story of our great adventure!

We're including tons of photos from the week so you can see all the joy in action. Be warned: the smiles are contagious!

Thank you, Grace Covenant, for being a church that shows up for children and families in such a big way. Until next summer, we'll keep traveling on our awesome journey with God and each other at GCPC, and we'll be making plenty of stops for ROAD TRIP SNACKS!

## **SPEAKING of showing up...**

Grace Covenant is SO GOOD at showing up for our children and youth and fulfilling the promises made to them at their baptisms. And can you believe it? It's time to talk about signing up to help our programs that are starting back up soon!

#### **Volunteer Opportunities for 2025-26 School Year**

We need LOTS of help every Sunday. As summer continues, we're hard at work planning the new school year.

#### We need of volunteers in several areas:

- Our Awakening to Worship program requires a storyteller and 2 greeters each week, during worship, to create the magical, age-appropriate worship experience for our 4-year-olds through 1st graders. You'll be helping our kiddos continue their spiritual journey of connecting with God and each other in worship.
- Sunday School teachers for our youngest kiddos. We offer a Sunday School class for ages 2-3 and 4-5. These kiddos are so darling, you'll be delighted to spend time with them, and have MANY funny stories of... "Oh the things they say..." You are provided lesson plans ahead of time with plenty of activities to keep these busy, fun friends engaged.
  - o **Toddlers** (2yo-3yo) Sign up at <u>gcpc.org/toddlers</u> o **Preschool** (4yo-5yo) Sign up at <u>gcpc.org/preschool</u>
- Our elementary kiddos enjoy our weekly Sunday School in a workshop rotation style, after worship. These kiddos are full of energy and will remind you what it feels like to be a kid again. Some weeks we're doing art, cooking, or putting on puppet shows. It's varied, fun, and centered around sharing the stories of the Bible. Our weekly needs include volunteer shepherds to accompany the kids to the class from music and assist, and teachers to lead the lessons each week.
  - o Elementary (2yo-3yo) gcpc.org/elementary
- SMASH for our K-5th graders. We need lots of volunteers to help lead games, lessons, snacks, etc., during our monthly K-5th grade fellowship.
  - o SMASH Sign up at gcpc.org/smash



























# The Return of Work with Habitat KC at GCPC!

Due to the positive response to the interest survey, we have 2 dates set up for 8 GCPC members to volunteer at the Habitat KC construction site in southern Olathe: July 22 and August 26.

If you're interested in the July date, you need to **REGISTER HERE** by noon on Friday, July 11. If you're interested in the August date, you need to **REGISTER HERE** by noon on Friday, August 12. You'll get an email after registering inviting you to complete the volunteer application - this must be completed by the deadline! **Spots are on a first-come, first served basis, so don't wait until the last minute.** 

- The workday is from 8:30am-3:00pm, with a 30-minute onsite lunch break. Bring your own lunch and a full water bottle (extra water will be available on site).
- Construction volunteers do not need to have any prior experience in construction or bring any of their own tools; we will give you all the education and tools you need!
- All registered volunteers will receive their assignment location via automated email 3 days prior to the volunteer day.
- In case of inclement weather, call our Weather Hotline at 816-897-7799 to hear a recorded message for any cancellations or changes. We update the message by 7:15am each morning.
- We ask that all volunteers stay the full day, from 8:30am to 3pm.
- We will have 30 minutes set aside for lunch time. You will need to provide your own lunch. Feel free to bring your lunch or have lunch delivered to the site.
- We highly recommend you bring a water bottle with you.
- Please wear clothes you don't mind getting dirt, mud or house paint on, and wear sturdy/closed toe & heeled shoes (NO flip flops, sandals or crocs!) If you have work gloves, please bring them.
- Dress for the weather. If there has been rain on previous days, be prepared for the sites to be muddy.
- The use, purchase and possession of alcohol, drugs and weapons are forbidden on Habitat KC property and volunteer sites.
- All volunteers must be 16 or older to volunteer.
   Volunteers under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

If you have questions, reach out to Mikki at Michala.walker@gmail.com.

# **Kairos Selling Grocery Bags**

Start your walk to save plastics in your daily activities. Think you have "enough" reusable bags?

Kairos is here to help you in your efforts to learn your use of plastics. Please consider purchasing a grocery bag for \$3/each after church on Sundays this summer. These bags are useful for: groceries, taking to the swimming pool with your towels, snacks etc., or carrying food to friends homes.

The bags will be sold most Sundays this summer after the Sunday service. Any donations OVER the \$3.00 base cost of the bag will be donated to the local organization PeaceWorksKC (See more information on the bulletin board outside Heartland Hall.)

# **Plastic Free July**

Plastic Free July® is a global movement that helps millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution – so we can have cleaner streets, oceans, and beautiful communities.



Click here for more information: <u>Plastic Free July – Be</u> <u>Part of the Plastic Pollution Solution</u>

Join millions of people around the world in reducing their plastic waste. Plastic Free July is a global movement that helps you to be a part of the plastic pollution solution. We can have cleaner streets, oceans, and communities. Take time this July to refuse single-use plastics. Take the Pesky Plastic Quiz at www.plasticfreejuly.org

#### How can I reduce my plastic usage?

- 1. BYO (bring your own) water bottle, straw, coffee mug, reusable utensils, produce and shopping bags, and containers for restaurant leftovers.
- 2. Use bar soaps, shampoos, conditioners, and toothpaste tablets. Visit local stores such as Suds Refillery-Shawnee KS; Sustainable KC Refill store-Olathe KS; Soap Refill Station KCMO
- 3. Use plastic-free dishwasher detergent, laundry detergent, and household cleaners.
- 4. Use reusable bags or jars instead of plastic bags, and beeswax wraps instead of plastic wrap.
- 5. Buy YOUR GCPC 40th anniversary reusable bag (\$3.00) on special Sundays. Keep your eye on midweek announcements!

### **Our Thanks!**

I wish to thank the congregation for your kind words, cards and hugs on the recent death of my mother, Betty McKee. Mike and I greatly appreciate your love and condolences.

—Lee Mattix

I echo the praise for our 40th Anniversary Worship and Brunch on June 22, and I would like to shout a BIG THANKS for all the amazing work that went into (and is STILL going into) the 40th celebration! What a fun, cool day! GCPC keeps amazing me and I am thankful for you all! Bravo, team!

A big thank you to Kristy Shaw, Kim Krueger, and Christy Soule. The event was so well organized, publicized, and attended. There were so many people involved to carry this off. It truly took a village. Thank you, all volunteers!

-Mary Ann Weyforth

—Emily Nelson Dixon

What a wonderful celebration of 40 years! I'm so happy we found GCPC 8 years ago when we moved from Salina, Kansas. We love the wonderful music, delightful children, friendships we've made and Rev. Karen is absolutely one of the best Pastors!

—Rosemary Gibson























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#### **Worship Schedule**

9:30am Worship
Streaming on YouTube, Facebook, gcpc.org
Visit gcpc.org/online for links

# Upcoming Newsletter Article Deadlines

**August 2025 issue** - Deadline, July 18 **September 2025 issue** - Deadline, August 22