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GRACE NOTES

We Are All in This Together: ***Exploring God's Creation***

Learning, Working, Playing, Praying, and Caring for all of God's creation

- If we act as an individual – it might be too little
- If we wait for governments – it might be too late
- If we are a community, it just might be enough!

Have you calculated your carbon footprint AND signed your Earth Care Pledge? Stop by the table just outside Heartland Hall and do it today!

Our Summer Book Read — *Inhabiting Eden* by Professor Patricia Tull.
11:45am Sundays, July 10, 24 and August 7.

Upcoming actions/topics: Droughts and strife fuel immigration here and around the world, no-waste lunches, JCCC sustainability tour, and many more.

The time is now to cherish creation, learn and make your voice heard.
Join us at our next planning meeting as we plan earth care adventures.
We will meet on Tuesday, July 26, at 7pm in Room 3. If you have questions contact Rev. Sue, sue.trigger@gcpc.org.

M&M Trip Blog!

Visit www.gcpc.org/mm22 to read and view photos shared by our **M&M** trip participants on their recent trip to Mission, South Dakota. **M&M** Trip participants will lead worship on Sunday, July 10 at 9:30am. Join us in-person, or on Facebook and Zoom and be inspired by their stories and experiences. Following worship there will be a cookie fellowship in Heartland Hall.



God gathers us in a welcoming community, with our curiosity and questions, to worship creatively, learn from God's word, share our gifts, and deepen our faith.

With grateful hearts and a spirit of adventure, we go to serve Christ in the world, sharing kindness with everyone, and working for justice rooted in God's love.

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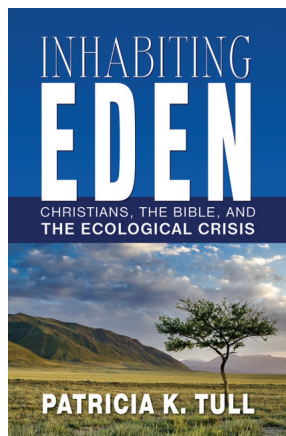
In-Person Worship and Online Worship every Sunday on Facebook Live and Zoom.
Visit gcpc.org/online for links!

Adult Sunday School Summer Studies

We Are All in This Together: A Year Exploring God's Creation

Join us for Summer Lunch and Learn Studies
Bring your own lunch!

We are reading *Inhabiting Eden: Christians, the Bible, and the Ecological Crisis* by Dr. Patricia Tull for our summer book group. In this thoughtful study, respected Old Testament scholar Patricia K. Tull explores the Scriptures for guidance on today's ecological crisis. Tull looks to the Bible for what it can tell us about our relationships, not just to the earth itself, but also to plant and animal life, to each other, to descendants who will inherit the planet from us, and to our Creator. She offers candid discussions on many current ecological problems that humans contribute to, such as the overuse of energy resources like gas and electricity, consumerism, food production systems—including land use and factory farming—and toxic waste.



Our study guides are: Nelson Townsend, Jo Randolph and Mikki Walker. Rev. Sue has ordered 14 copies of the book. (*First come first served.*) The book can also be purchased from Westminster John Knox Books, <https://www.wjkbooks.com/Products/0664233333/inhabiting-eden.aspx> and Amazon.

The group will meet on July 10, July 24, and August 7 at 11:45am in Room 3. Bring your own lunch.

Earth Care Pledge

Our **worship** and discipleship will celebrate God's grace and glory in creation.

Our **education** will encourage and support each other in keeping and healing the creation.

Our **facilities** will be managed, maintained and upgraded to respect and cherish all creation.

Our **outreach** will encourage community involvement and public policy to protect and restore the earth.

Intergenerational Summer Events in July

July 10 – August 7

Come enjoy special conversations and activities for the entire family during our Sunday school hour at 10:45am. We will meet in Heartland Hall unless otherwise noted.

Here's a look at what is coming in July:

JULY 3 – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

**JULY 10 – COOKIE FELLOWSHIP TIME WITH
M&M PARTICIPANTS**

JULY 17 – FEEDING THE HOMELESS

Christy Soule will lead the class as we prepare food for a Free Hot Soup picnic. Join us as we talk about food insecurities and prepare items for the picnic, to be held the same day, for community members facing this challenge.

We may play have some bible food trivia while we prepare items that will be served on July 17 at Prospect Plaza Park. This picnic is put on by local volunteers that follow the Facebook Group Free Hot Soup.

We are asking for some help in providing the makings for our picnic. If you can help, please see the details on our sign up link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805054FAEA72EA46-intergenerational>

We ask if you sign up for any of the items that you bring them to the Church Kitchen on/before Friday July 15 at 4pm. This allows us time to prepare for any shopping we might need to do.

If you have any questions/concerns, please contact Christy Soule or the church office; Christy Soule, christysoule@yahoo.com or 913-461-8009. Please join us to hear more about this great showing of community support.

JULY 24 – HOMELESS HYGIENE KITS

Join Erin Frye who will lead us with putting together hygiene kits for the homeless in the Kansas City metro.

JULY 31 – CARING FOR CREATION

Lowering Our Carbon Footprint – Come take a look at your carbon footprint and imagine ways people of all ages can decrease them.

Mark these Dates:

July 31 – 11:45am

**Teacher Training for Pre-school
Elementary Teachers** in Room 3.

August 14 – 10:45am

Sneak a Peek & Ministry Fair Sunday.

Find out more about Sunday school
and the work of our committees and
teams at GCPC.

August 21 – 10:45am

Age level **Sunday school
classes resume.**

Movie Night Thanks!

Thank you to all the movie goers who came out on
Friday, June 10, a beautiful night, to catch Encanto
on the west lawn at GCPC.

Sixty guests, including members, VBS participants,
and Pioneer Preschool families spread out there
blankets and lawn chairs to catch the show. A
big thank you to Chris Callender and Brad Schmit
for helping with equipment set up, Mitch and
Sue Trigger for the movie rental, and Care and
Connections team for setup up and concessions.

A special thank you to Patrick Bell and Kim Krueger
for all their creative and continued work in
advertising and publicity.

Thank you Church Family!

We want to thank our church family for the many
messages of support, meals, and help with tasks
during Tim's recovery from surgery. It is wonderful
to belong to such a caring church community.

—Tim and Susan Hayden

PHOTOS: HVAC work in June



Church Rummage Sale with a Twist!

The church is having a rummage sale to get rid of
the things left from the closing of Kid's Day Out, and
some other assorted stuff that needs to go. If you have
things you would like to sell, you can get in on the
action by renting a parking space to sell your stuff.
You can sell anything you like, including craft and
direct marketing items (*but not old car seats, firearms,
and alcohol*). You may sell from the back of your
vehicle, or set up tables, tents, etc. You may not bring
your stuff into the church to be sold there.

**The church will only be selling items that
belong to GCPC.**

The sale will be Saturday, July 9, 9am-3pm.

Parking spots may be rented for \$20 (*or two spots for
\$30*). All proceeds will go to support the
ministries of GCPC.

To rent a spot, or if you have questions, contact Kathy
Bures (913-302-1755 or kathy.bures@gmail.com).
Spots are limited, so reserve yours soon!



MUSIC NOTES

MUSIC IN WORSHIP

July 3rd Worship

Organ led worship. Anthem: "Blest Are They" by David Haas. The anthem will be sung by Darryl & Rebecca Prater on the verses and the Congregation on each refrain. We'll be accompanied by Donna Heer & Chris Lindsay, violins – Christopher Callender, acoustic guitar & Chris Krug, piano



July 10th is M&M Led Worship

Come listen to our songs and see & hear our stories from our Senior High Mission & Music Trip in Mission, South Dakota on the Rosebud Reservation. Stay after worship for an M&M Cookie Fellowship in Heartland Hall.

July 17th Worship

Organ led worship. This will be the first Sunday for "Summer Choir" to sing. Summer Choir is open to any singers from rising 6th graders through adults. Our anthem will be "This Is My Word" by Pepper Choplin. We will rehearse that morning.

If you don't usually sing with Chancel & Exaltation! Singers, please let Rebecca Prater know you will plan to sing by Sunday, July 10th.

July 24th Worship

Organ led worship. Music will be shared by Kat Mason, flute soloist & Beth Lillian, soprano soloist.

July 31st

Praise Team led worship.

MUSIC ENSEMBLES RESUME IN AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

Mark the following tentative dates & times for our ensembles to resume & plan to join us!

Sunday, August 21st at 10:45am (at the beginning of Sunday school) **Joy! (3s-K)** Emily Hussey, director and **Celebration! Singers & Ringers (1st-5th graders)** Pam Kelly, director – Lara Schesser, co-director Angela Krug, accompanist

Tuesdays at 7:00pm

(Rehearsal Dates as determined by director)
Praise Team (Youth – Adults) Carrie DeVries, director

Wednesday, August 31st at 7:05pm

Chancel Choir & Exaltation! Singers (6th grade – Adults) Rebecca Prater, director

Wednesday, September 7th at 6:00pm

Charter Ringers (College – Adults)
Chris Krug & Celia Nicholas, co-director

More Information to Come Regarding These & Other Ensembles

YOUTH

Exaltation! Ringers

ADULTS

Jubilation! Ringers – Kathy Bures, director

INTERGENERATIONAL

(8th graders – Adults)
GCPC Orchestra – Pam Kelly, director



Youth Page

Mission & Music Trip 2022 to Mission, SD

Our M&M trip was a fabulous experience for the group and a great opportunity to learn about Native American society and culture, particularly the Lakota Sioux, from a first-hand viewpoint. We presented four concerts/worship experiences, scraped and painted the exterior of a church building, repaired an outside worship space, painted the kitchen of our host church, and cleared massive debris from a church building inhabited by squatters. Perhaps more importantly, we built some great relationships, heard many interesting stories from our local hosts and guides, and gained much appreciation for the culture. We thank you for your prayers and donations! The trip was not without schedule changes and a few twists but that goes with the territory. You can check out updates from our trip on the GCPC youth Facebook page and/or at gcpc.org/mm22. We look forward to sharing many of the amazing stories we heard and experienced during worship on July 10.

Our "Band" App.

We have launched a new platform for Youth Information and Communication called "Band." It allows us to centralize events, forms and communication in one place. Youth and parents can join 'band' by downloading the app so they can receive notifications when important information is uploaded or posted. They can also sign into a web browser version to access it from a PC. The calendar is currently updated with events, and we will be conducting RSVPs through Band to see which are the most popular. Click this link to join the group!

<https://band.us/n/adae74l4k811N>

July Youth Events:

Most of our bigger youth activities will take place in July. Our service day titled "Hunger Games" will revolve around food insecurities in the area. We will work in a community garden and then possibly help with the local GCPC food pantry and Harvesters in the afternoon, followed by a friends and family picnic. We will also be taking a day at Olathe Lake, as well as Worlds of Fun. We are also looking at doing a potential challenge course activity or zip line course, so stay on the lookout for more details! We are staying flexible with our dates this summer so that we can accommodate as many of our youth schedules as possible.

Tentative Youth Event Dates:

July 16: Hunger Games Service Day
July 20: Worlds of Fun
July 23: Olathe Lake





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Worship Schedule

9:30am Worship
In-Person, Facebook & Zoom
Visit gcpc.org/online for links

Upcoming Newsletter Article Deadlines

August 2022 issue - Deadline, July 22
September 2022 issue - Deadline, August 22