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# GRACE NOTES

## Sneak-a-Peek & Ministry Fair Sunday August 14, 10:30am

### 10:30am – Sneak-a-Peek

Everyone interested in Sunday School will want to begin with Sneak-a-Peek activities.

- Infant – high school activities  
Come to the east wing and visit our nursery – high school classrooms and get acquainted with teachers.
- Adult classrooms – Check out our classrooms in the west wing, rooms 3, 4, and 5.

### 10:30am – Ministry Fair

Come to Heartland Hall to find out more about the life and work of GCPC. Each ministry team and committee will have a table where you can learn about their work, volunteer opportunities, ask questions, and more.

## Blessing of the Backpacks

The new school year is beginning and we want to send our teachers and students back with a blessing.

Join us for worship on Sunday, August 14, during which we will bless the backpacks of those who bring one. We will also present a backpack tag that will be a reminder of this blessing all year.

## SMASH Sunday!

*Service, Music, Art, Sports, Hangtime*

**Arise! Shine With Love**  
**August 21, 4–6pm**

Our August SMASH will focus on ways we can shine with love. Join us for story time, crafts, games, snacks and more! Does this sound a lot like VBS? Yes! We are going to remember the VBS pathfinder verses, sing our favorite songs and have a great time! SMASH meets in Heartland Hall.



Max selling lemonade at the church rummage sale

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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# Sunday School Classes

## Resume Grace Studies: For Kids

**Toddlers and Pre-school:**  
Our youngest ones, 2 and up, are introduced each week to favorite stories of the Bible.



### K- 5/6th Grace Makers:

We will begin a new season of creative learning through art, cooking, and drama. We will begin by looking at the diversity of God's creation and Biblical teachings that call us to love one another equally.



## There's Room for everyone in Sunday School!

**Nursery:** Room 22

**Toddlers/Preschool:** Room 23

**Kindergarten – 1st Grades:** Room 25 (10:45am gathers here for Joy! Singers and will be escorted to their workshop.) (*Grace Makers Workshop Rotation classes move each week.*)

**2nd—5th/6th Grades:** Room 15 (10:45am gathers here for Celebration! Singers) (*Grace Makers Workshop Rotation classes move each week.*)

**6th–8th Grades:** Room 19b

**High School:** Room 19a

## We Need Your Help!

We are in need of Sunday school teachers for our Toddler/Pre-school Sunday school class as well as workshop leaders and substitute teachers for all grades. If you love working with children and would like to teach, please contact Rev. Sue at [sue.trigger@gcpc.org](mailto:sue.trigger@gcpc.org).

# Grace Studies: Adult Study Opportunities

## Follow Me:

### Honor God's Diversity

Resumes meeting in Room 3

Zoom in at:

<https://tinyurl.com/yanmupj9>



God calls us to honor diversity that God has created in our world by diving deep beyond just accepting diversity. When we recognize and celebrate the different gifts, abilities, and voices in all creation, we honor the diversity in the world that God has created.

God embraces our differences as God created all in the image of God's own diversity. Honoring God's diversity helps us see those who are marginalized in our society and affirm them. Once we do this, we can work to bring those vital, diverse voices in from the margins to the center of the work God is doing in the world to listen and learn from them. In listening to marginalized voices, we can hear the Spirit in their call for all of us to work for liberation while challenging oppression.

In Honor God's Diversity, we learn to recognize and appreciate diversity as a valuable aspect of God's creation. We are challenged to look beyond the comfort of uniformity to identify the variety of life God gives.

## The other Adult Class:

A new adult study will be introduced soon.

The class will meet in Room 4.

You can Zoom in at: <https://tinyurl.com/krd5pz84>

## Let's Get Ready to BINGO!

Mark your calendars for BINGO, Friday, August 12, from 6 to 8pm in Heartland Hall. Bring the family, friends, the significant other (*the BINGO Caller can approve!*) for a night of fun and laughter. This is a great way to have family time before kids and adults head back to school. **We ask that you bring a heavy appetizer to share.** Fun prizes will be given to winners. Hope to see you there!

# MUSIC NOTES

## MUSIC IN WORSHIP

### August 7th

Organ led worship. Anthem: "I Love to Tell the Story" arr. John Leavitt. The anthem will be sung by Summer Chancel and Exaltation! Singers

We also welcome **Arnold Rawls, tenor** to sing in worship on August 7th. Arnold portrayed the leading tenor role, Calaf, in Puccini's "Turandot" in the Lyric Opera of Kansas City's first season in the Kauffman Center. Go to [www.arnoldrawls.com](http://www.arnoldrawls.com) to read more about Dr. Rawls' operatic accomplishments.

### August 14th

Praise Team led worship

### August 21st

Praise Team led worship

### August 28th

Organ led worship. Anthem: "Sure Foundation" arr. Mark Hayes. The anthem will be sung by Summer Chancel and Exaltation! Singers

## MINISTRY FAIR

*August 14th, 10:30am in Heartland Hall*

Please stop by the Music Team table to sign-up to sing, ring, or play your instrument in one or more of our music ensembles. From 4-year-olds to senior adults – we have a place for you!

## MUSIC ENSEMBLES RESUME IN AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

Mark the following dates and times for our ensembles to resume and plan to join us! Contact any of the directors listed below or Rebecca Prater for more information.

### Sunday, August 21st at 10:45am

(At the beginning of Sunday School)

**Joy!** (4s-1st graders)

Emily Hussey and Hilary Schmidt, co-directors and **Celebration! Singers & Ringers** (2nd-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 and Celia Nicholas, co-directors

### Sunday, September 11th at 4:30pm

**Jubilation! Ringers** (6th grade – Adults)

Kathy Bures, director

**GCPC Orchestra** (8th graders – Adults)

Pam Kelly, director

Rehearsal dates as determined by director





# Youth Page

## Fall Youth Events (Reconnect)

This Fall we will be getting creative with our youth schedule and changing up the way we have traditionally planned our Sunday events. We will still have Sunday School for middle and high school students but plan to lengthen some weeks to include a lot more fun and craziness and will also likely include a meal. We will combine the original feel of Sunday school and connect into this time, focusing on the biblical text, as well as participating in games and activities. We are currently calling these Sunday morning events "Reconnect." Then, instead of weekly Connect events on Sunday evenings, we plan to do a large event once or twice a month and a regular length Sunday School class that week.

## Confirmation In 2023

Based on the availability of our potential confirmation students we have decided to hold our next confirmation class in the 2023-2024 school year. That class will be for those who will be in 7-9th grade.

## Goodbye, Lindsay!

At the end of July we had to say goodbye to our beloved summer intern, Lindsay Callender. Lindsay did a fabulous job interfacing with our students as well as planning and leading youth events. We will miss you Lindsay and wish you God's grace and peace as you take on your final year of class working towards your master's degree.

**Lindsay says...** *"This has been an amazing summer as your youth intern, and I am extremely excited to see how the church will continue to grow and adapt over the next couple of years. I have loved getting to connect with the youth throughout the summer, both through M&M and events. I am so thankful for every one of you!"*



## August Schedule:

### August 14th: Ministry Fair/Sneak-a-Peek Sunday

The church will be hosting a Ministry Fair during Sunday School time. You are encouraged to check it out, as well as see what other groups and opportunities exist within Grace Covenant. The Youth Space will be open to hang out as well and food will be available.

### August 21st: First Reconnect

We will conduct our first week of Reconnect Sunday School on the 21st. Reconnect will last a little longer (and a little crazier) than traditional Sunday School, however there will be no youth event that evening. We will be focusing on "getting to know you" games and activities, as well as explaining how the rest of the semester will work!

### August 28th: Kick Off Party at Miles' House

During the evening of the 28th we will be hosting our youth and family kick off party! It will start at 6:30 at Miles' house and there will be hotdogs and hamburgers provided! Please bring a side or a dessert to share! Youth and families, look for more information in the coming weeks!

## Triennium Themed Presbytery Youth Retreat

Be on the lookout to join us out at Heartland Camp for a weekend getaway this fall. This will be open to 6th-12th grade students. Our goal as a Presbytery is to have annual semester retreats (Fall & Spring) for youth. We will use this time to connect to one another, to God, and to camp!





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

We have begun a year of exploring God's creation helping us carry out our Earth Care Congregation pledge. In this year long program we will learn how to be stewards of God's creation in the time we are living in. Today you will have the opportunity to measure your carbon footprint, select the book we will read for a summer book group, and sign onto the PCUSA Climate Change Pledge.

2010 Your session signed the Earth Care Pledge and Grace Covenant filed the paperwork that was approved and we became one of the first 26 congregations in the PCUSA designated an Earth Care Congregation

Our **worship** - celebrate God's **glory** in creation.

Our **education** workshops and site visits leaning how to **heal** the creation.

Our **facilities** will **respect and cherish** all creation.

Our **outreach** will encourage community involvement and public policy that **protects and restores** creation

### Summer Book Read:

*Sunday, August 7, 11:45am, Room 3*

Join us for our last discussion of *Inhabiting Eden: Christians, the Bible, and the Ecological Crisis* by Patricia K. Tull. This is a lunch and learn opportunity. Bring your lunch and join us. You don't have to have read the book to benefit from the class.

### Intergenerational Summer

#### Sunday School Class:

*Sunday, August 7, 10:45am, Heartland Hall*

**School supply list: pencils, notebooks, backpacks and....lunches!** Many of us take a lunch to school or work, or buy fast food or convenience foods for lunch. A lot of foods use disposable packaging, which adds to the plastic pollution problem. **Join us August 7th for a Sunday school class on low-effort, no-waste lunches for kids, adults, and anyone else who likes a tasty & sustainable noon meal.** Part of our year-long series on Caring for Creation, this class in Heartland Hall will include a presentation by Mikki Walker and time for questions and discussion.

## Calling all Grillers and Bar-B-Que lovers

Mark your calendars for the GCPC annual Bar-B-Que event on October 8 at 5pm

We will be needing all those want to grill to contact Kevin Johnson by September 10 for details on when, where, and how to set up for the "Big Cook." The more we have "grilling," the more we can be fillin' all the GCPC folks that will be bring side dishes to fill up our plates!

So save the date everyone and come "Grill and Fill" up you plates. Bar-B-Que meats can also be cooked at home with your own special sauce in your oven or crock pot. See ya there!



17<sup>th</sup> Annual Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church Golf Scramble/Fundraiser for the Baker/Reynolds  
Scholarship Fund

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**When:** Sunday, August 21, 2022  
**Where:** Falcon Valley Golf Course, Lenexa, KS    **Time:** 1:00 PM  
**Format:** 9 Hole Golf Scramble  
**Fees:** \$100 covers Green fees, Riding cart, Prizes and your donation to the **Baker/Reynolds Scholarship Fund**

*This year marks the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual golf scramble/fundraiser in memory of Larry Baker & Regina Reynolds. Both of them were loving, active members of the church who enjoyed playing in our GCPC golf outings and supporting the Youth at GCPC.*

***We're excited to have you join us in this golf social and fundraiser. Thank you for your participation!***

*To reserve your spot in the field, just fill out the **entry form below**, enclose your check for \$100 (made out to Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church. **(Please note on the check that this is for the Baker/Reynolds Scholarship)**) and mail to Bill Turner at the address below.*

***Personal Golf Cart Rental***

***If you want/need to use a personal golf cart, the course will charge an extra \$10. If that is what you prefer, please let Bill Turner know and add \$10 to your Registration Fee Check.***

*Your entry form and check need to be received **no later than Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**, so don't delay as spots will be filled quickly.*

*Thank you so much for your support!*

Bill Turner  
(913) 515-5994

*P.S. - Your contribution/registration fee can also be sent **directly to the church** using the link provided below. (However, you will need to email Bill Turner at [99wdturner@gmail.com](mailto:99wdturner@gmail.com) if you elect to do so.)*

<https://onrealm.org/gcpc/-/form/give/KKHVZUJVDW>

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Put me in the field for golf. I would like to be paired with \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not golfing, but would like to make a contribution to the Baker/Reynolds Scholarship Fund in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Wedding Coordinator**.....Lara Schesser

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## ELDERS

Jim Byrd	Angela Krug
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## Worship Schedule

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

## Upcoming Newsletter Article Deadlines

September 2022 issue - Deadline, August 22  
October 2022 issue - Deadline, September 20