



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — July 5, 2026

*“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: Kevin Johnson

HEAD USHERS: Mike & Susan Fitzgerald

HEARING ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE. Please ask at the sound booth.

NURSERY CARE is available during worship, located in Room 22 in the east wing.

RECORD YOUR ATTENDANCE AT TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVICE WITH OUR VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE PAD: Click this link: <https://bit.ly/GCPCattendance>, or scan the QR Code below.



CONTACTING STAFF: The main office is open 8am–4pm, M–F. To reach a staff member by e-mail:

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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: Karen Fankhauser, Nancy Taylor

Cancer Treatment: Trooper Shaw, Johnnie Baker

Aging Challenges: Lee Will, Charlie Bogan

Military Service: David Zak, C.J. Bradley, Seth Lorimer, Mary E. Johnson II, Alanna Funk, Shannon Lorimer, Clara Frye, Eliana Wilson. **All veterans, deployed military, and reservists.**

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: Butler Presbyterian Church, Butler, MO; The churches and congregations, with fewer than 10 families in Maya Quiché Presbytery.

(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

THE CHURCH'S PARKING LOT WILL BE RESURFACED ON MONDAY, JULY 6, weather permitting. *There will be no access to the lot for the entire day.* The church building will be open, but it would be advisable to use e-mail or phone to contact staff members, as accessing the building will be difficult. Thank you.

CRAFTING & FELLOWSHIP DAY! Calling all crafters, quilters, makers, and hobby enthusiasts! Join us on Saturday, July 11, in Rooms 3 & 4, West Wing, for a special **Crafting & Fellowship Day** at GCPC. All crafting and hobby groups are welcome! Invite a friend and create with us. The **Piecemakers**, our quilting/sewing group (with a mission purpose) will meet from 10am–Noon in Room 4, and the **Weekend Crafters group** will enjoy open crafting time from **9:30am–3pm in Room 3**. Bring whatever creative project is currently on your table—quilting, knitting, crocheting, scrapbooking, card making, painting, sewing, beading, or any other hobby you enjoy. Stay for a couple of hours or the full day as we craft together, exchange ideas, encourage one another, and enjoy fellowship. Whether you're an experienced maker or simply looking for a relaxed, welcoming way to connect with others, you'll find a seat at the crafting table. For questions or to let us know you're coming, contact Donna Heer (Piecemakers) or Kim Krueger (Weekend Crafters).

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS on **Sunday, July 26**, as we come together **to assemble Blessing Bags** to share with people in our community. Donations of the following items are appreciated: gallon-sized Ziploc bags, toothbrushes, travel-sized toothpaste, wet wipes, hand sanitizer, deodorant, lip balm, granola bars, protein bars, trail mix, bottled water or sports drinks, Band-Aids, travel-sized soaps and shampoos, disposable rain ponchos, and washcloths. Please sign up using the link below, and place donated items in the collection box located in the Weekday Entrance. If you would rather contribute financially, monetary donations are also welcome, and Katie Hearn will be happy to do the shopping on your behalf. (Venmo: @katie-hearn-12, last four: 1560) Donation sign-up link: <http://bit.ly/4piWfGp>

JOIN US FOR A MAHJONG AFTERNOON on Sunday, July 26, 2–4pm in Heartland Hall. Whether you're a seasoned player or curious to learn, all are welcome! **RSVP** to Katie Hearn (katiehearn08@gmail.com or 913-568-1560) or Erin Frye (erinmehl31@gmail.com or 913-220-1107). Please indicate whether you'll be learning to play or coming to play so we can plan accordingly. Bring a snack to share!

ADULT

PAGE TURNERS will meet at Cheryl Johnson's house on **July 9 at 7pm** to discuss *There are Rivers in the Sky* by Elif Shafak. Note that we're meeting the second Thursday instead of the first because of the holiday weekend. Please RSVP to Cheryl at agathatoo@gmail.com.

THERE WILL BE NO ADULT EDUCATION CLASS THIS SUNDAY, JULY 5. Please plan to join us on **July 12 and July 19** as **Patrick O'Halloran** returns to lead us in a two-part class, **"Why the Church Sings."** Patrick's earlier session invited us to think deeply about the music of the church—not simply as something we enjoy, but as something that forms our faith, shapes our worship, and helps us pray when words alone are not enough.

In these next two sessions, Patrick will continue helping us explore why singing has always been at the heart of Christian worship and how hymns, psalms, and sacred music carry theology, memory, community, and hope across generations.

Join us in Room 3 at 10:45am on July 12 and July 19 for this thoughtful and inspiring Adult Ed series.

- July 12 — *Why the Church Sings* – Part II — Patrick O'Halloran
- July 19 — *Why the Church Sings* – Part III — Patrick O'Halloran
- July 26 — Blessing Bags for Homeless Families (intergenerational) — Charlotte, Mallory, & Katie Hearn
- August 2 — *Spiritual Practices 101: Small Steps Toward a Deeper Faith* — Kevin Johnson
- August 9 — No Sunday School — Mission Sunday

KAIROS

KAIROS KLUES: Be sure to stop by the KAIROS bulletin board just outside of Heartland Hall when you are at GCPC. LOTS of new information — overtures passed at GA, deadlines for registering to vote in the KS primary on August 4, Immigration Movie Night announcement, and more! FYI: July 8 is **the last day** for MO residents to register to vote in the August 4 primary!

MISSION

MANY THANKS to Paul Bruns, Debbie Campbell, Jason Turner, and everyone else who helped to make the screening of Charity Redefined in June a success. Paul, Debbie, Jason and other members of the Facilities Team took action to get the projector bulb replaced on short notice and coordinate technical details. Thanks to their work and the congregation's generosity, we raised more than \$800 for SowHope!

JULY COMMUNION OFFERING — the PCUSA Mission Fund for the National Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Guatemala: Within the National Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Guatemala, Maya Quiché Presbytery serves the people of the central western highlands and operates the Bible Institute in San Cristobal. For many years, GCPC was part of a partnership between the Maya Quiché and Heartland Presbyteries. This long partnership fostered theological education and mutual support. Although the partnership has ended, we can still support our siblings in Guatemala through gifts to the PCUSA Mission fund names above. Gives to this fund support evangelism, theological education, women's empowerment, and disaster assistance and will assist the Presbyterian Church of Guatemala in its commitment to strengthening the church and serving its people. To give, use the "Communion" option in the online portal to make a donation, or write "Communion Offering" on your check or envelope and donate it during Offering before August 1.

OUR JULY DONATION PARTNER is Safehome (check their website to update list of needed items). Safehome is a domestic violence shelter in Overland Park. Their core purpose is to provide a healing atmosphere where survivors of domestic violence can gain inner strength, explore options, and be empowered to live a life free of abuse. As the only domestic violence shelter in Johnson County, and the largest in the state of Kansas, Safehome strives to break the cycle of domestic violence and partner abuse for victims and their children in our community. Besides providing safe housing, Safehome also provides mental health counseling and legal services for shelter residents. Operating the shelter requires all the necessity of daily life for the women and children housed in it, many of whom leave their abusers with nothing but the clothes on their backs. You can help Safehome execute their important mission by donating an item from the list below; just leave donations in the Weekday Entrance bin anytime during July. Please note all items must be new, and toiletries must be full-sized.

- new hand & body towels
- toilet paper
- paper towels
- new pillows
- new twin-sized comforters
- new twin-sized sheet sets
- shower curtains + rings
- diapers (size 5 & 6)
- small laundry baskets

- full-sized shampoo, conditioner, body wash & hand soap
- deodorant
- hairbrushes
- small trash cans
- plastic cutlery
- disposable plates/bowls

GENEROSITY

GENEROSITY FULFILLMENT JUNE 2026 UPDATE — Generosity through the Generations: The figures are in for Grace Covenant's generosity through May 2026. The Generosity Team is pleased to share our 2026 fulfillment numbers as of June 2. We have received nearly 53% of our total pledges and only 42% of this year has gone by us. **We are appreciative of everyone who has contributed to Grace Covenant.** Here is our progress shown by numbers of pledges:

Submitted Pledges (130)	February 23rd	June 2nd	Amount Received
0-25% fulfilled	120	36	\$8,400
26-50% fulfilled	4	64	\$137,468
51-75% fulfilled	0	4	\$11,116
76-100% fulfilled	5	26*	\$213,264
\$689,012	\$226,719	\$370,248	

Four groupings are used to show giving progress and calendar relationship. They are 0-25%, 26-50%, 51-75%, 76-100%. Each pledge falls into one of these groups. *The asterisk denotes several pledges being overpaid.

Our Generosity team meets on July 7, at 6:30pm in person or via Zoom. We are always glad to have new team members. The current team is Eileen Thomson, Jane Knoche, Rev. Karen Wright, Keith Langabee, Tom Stroud and Kim Krueger. Our 2026 stewardship campaign theme is *Led by the Spirit, Growing in Grace*. We are planning our Town Hall on Sunday September 27, 2026. Please contact Eileen or Jane if you are interested — we have room for You!



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2026 Upcoming Events and Services

(Save these dates)

Crafting & Fellowship Day!

Saturday, July 11, Rooms 3 & 4

Weekend Crafters, 9:30am-3pm

Piecemakers, 10am-Noon

(All are welcome!)

Mahjong Afternoon

Sunday, July 26, 2-4pm, Heartland Hall

RSVP to Katie or Erin

(see bulletin for email addresses)

Ministry Fair and the Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 9 *(Following worship)*

KAIROS Movie Night

August 14, 6pm, Choir Room

Sunday School Kick-Off

August 16, 10:45am

First SMASH of the School Year

(K-5th grade fellowship)

Sunday, August 16

Worship in the Park

Sunday, September 13, 9:30am

Meadowbrook Park (91st & Nall)

Grand Pavilion (SE Corner) Prairie Village

(Lunch following)

Baker/Reynolds Golf Scramble

Sunday, September 20, 1pm

Stewardship Town Hall and Brunch

Sunday, September 27

(Following worship)

Heart of America CROP Walk

Sunday, October 11, 2pm

Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, October 17

Generosity Sunday

Sunday, October 25, 9:30am

Blood Drive

Thursday, October 29, 1-5pm

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 29

Christmas Eve Worship

Thursday, December 24

5:30pm and 8pm

~ Please be mindful of the following deadlines for our communications publications ~

Grace Notes Weekly email newsletter - articles due to the church office by 10am, each Wednesday

Weekly church bulletin - articles due to the church office by Noon, each Wednesday

Grace Notes Monthly Newsletter - articles are due to the church office on the 3rd Tuesday of the month

Please respect the timelines needed to produce these publications. Thank you!

Details on these events and services are shared in the midweek email, bulletin, newsletter,
and Facebook and Instagram. For an online church calendar, visit gcpc.org/calendar