



**Service of Worship  
August 15, 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:** Celia Nicholas

**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. **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:** First Presbyterian Church, Higginsville, MO

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

## SPOTLIGHT

**NEW TIME FOR WORSHIP BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY!** Beginning on August 22, Sunday morning worship at Grace Covenant will begin at 9:30am, with Christian education classes starting at 10:45am. This schedule will be in effect through the rest of 2021, after which it will be re-evaluated.

**RED BAG STOCKING ASSEMBLY PROJECT:** Join us on Saturday, August 28, in Rooms 3 and 4 to sew stockings for our Red Bag Santas, who will then fill them with donations this December. We will have an assembly line of folks who can iron or cut out or sew 20 simple stockings. All in 2 hours — 10am–12pm! RSVP to Donna Heer, [taxdheer@gmail.com](mailto:taxdheer@gmail.com), or 913-485-5812. If you have Christmas-themed or solid colored fabric you would like to donate, we'd love to add it to the collection — at least ½-yard increments, please. Thank you!

**CONTACTING STAFF:** A reminder that the GCPC church building has returned to normal operations. The office is open from 8am to 4pm, Monday through Friday; however, some staff members are continuing to work part of the time from home. The best way to reach a staff member is by e-mail:

Rev. Sue: [sue.trigger@gcpc.org](mailto:sue.trigger@gcpc.org)

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**HOW TO PLEDGE DURING THIS TIME:** Although we are now offering limited in-person 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](http://gcpc.org) and clicking "Online Giving."

## ADULT

**THE THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will meet on August 19 at 9:30am at Cheryl Johnson's house (12840 Century St.) to discuss the book *Finding God in the Margins* by Carolyn Custis James. **The group will resume regular meetings on September 9.** We meet from 9:30 to 11am in Room 3. There will be a Zoom option too. This year, we will be using a Kerygma study called *The Bible in Depth* (<https://kerygma.com/products/bible-in-depth>). The cost of the book will be about \$35. Please let Cheryl Johnson, [agathatoo@gmail.com](mailto:agathatoo@gmail.com), know by August 19, if you'd like to order a book.

**RACHEL/RUTH CIRCLE HAS SWITCHED TO A DAYTIME EVENT.** We will continue to meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday but at 1:30pm. We will begin with Lesson 1 on August 23 in Room 3 at the church. There has been no review other than at the National Gathering. Please let Chelly King know if you need a book: *What My Grandmother Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*, 913-634-4450 or [chelly41rn@gmail.com](mailto:chelly41rn@gmail.com).

## YOUTH

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SNEAK-A-PEEK THIS MORNING!** Please come down to the youth lounge after worship to hang out, eat doughnuts, play foosball, etc., and meet with our leaders and each other. The 22<sup>nd</sup> is the official first day when we adjust our worship time to 9:30am and start classes at 10:45am in the youth space downstairs.

**RE-CONNECT THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 6:30–8PM!** We are going to have a Connect (or re-connect) gathering at church this Sunday evening, August 15 and it will be the first one including rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders! I'm planning for a bunch of fun things to kick off the year so try to be there if possible! We will meet from 6:30–8pm in the youth space downstairs.

**YOUTH AND FAMILY PARTY AT MILES' HOUSE AUGUST 22:** We will celebrate the end of summer and beginning of fall with a youth party next Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> at Miles' house! (5750 W. 69th street, Overland Park, 66204), 6–8pm. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Hotdogs, hamburgers, and drinks will be provided. We will have some 9 square-in-the-air going on and who knows what else. Pray for nice weather!

## MISSION

**SUPPORTING A LOCAL YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEER:** Mitchell Borgstadt, a young member of First Presbyterian in Higginsville, MO, is leaving August 28 to serve as a Young Adult Volunteer in the Tucson area. Some of the work Mitchell will be doing includes low-income housing improvements and assisting immigrants. You can read his bio here:

<https://donorbox.org/mitchell?fbclid=IwAR01lOZttSFAhtzu2m15RcFOZSY3uSg3YxNjAcN90uT3xvXSMtGS4c2qjw>

Mission Team is supporting Mitchell with a gift of \$100. Please support him with your prayers, and consider a monetary gift if possible. The Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program is an ecumenical, faith-based year of service for young people (ages 19–30) in sites across the United States and around the world. YAVs accompany local agencies working to address root causes of poverty and reconciliation. Alongside this work, volunteers explore the meaning of their Christian faith and accountability to their neighbors in the community with peers and mentors. You can read more about YAV here: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/yav/>

**COLLECTIONS FOR A GATHERING OF FRIENDS CONTINUE IN AUGUST!** Our plans for an August donation partner fell through, so we're going to continue collecting for A Gathering of Friends (the July donation partner). A Gathering of Friends is a grassroots organization serving those experiencing homelessness and food insecurity in Johnson and Wyandotte counties.

Please see the list below for what you can donate to support their mission, or the link below to their Amazon Wish list for more items. (Items ordered from the Wish List will be delivered directly to AGoF — not brought to church.) Donations can go in the Weekday Entrance bin anytime you're at church. Please note there will NOT be a Saturday morning collection event in August — contact [Mikki Walker](#) if you have any difficulty with dropping donations off at church and we'll make alternative arrangements.

**Highest priority needs currently are:**

peanut butter  
AAA, AA, C, & D batteries  
individual trail mix packets

**Other greatly needed items include:**

propane  
bug spray  
Pop Tarts  
individual packets of oatmeal  
Keebler sandwich crackers  
fruit snacks  
flashlights  
QuikTrip gift cards for gas  
Walmart gift cards

Amazon wish list: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/DO2I2FHHFWHD?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/DO2I2FHHFWHD?ref_=wl_share)

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