



March signals the beginning of Lent.

When it comes to us Protestants, the word "Lent" can bring up a variety of feelings. We've seen online discussions where people made comments like, "Lent is just a Catholic thing...we don't have any business being so 'Rome-ish'...the Bible doesn't tell us to give up things for Lent."

We guess it depends on your viewpoint of Lent. We can only tell you what our understanding of Lent is and it's simple. It's a time for all of us to re-examine our faith, to reconsider what the mission of our particular congregation is all about, and to renew our commitment to serving Jesus and others with our actions as well as our words. For us, it's not about giving something up, unless you've found that giving up chocolate for Lent has helped in your spiritual growth. No, we believe that in this fast paced world we live in, we owe it to God and ourselves to take some time to think about who we are as Christians.

Nor does Lent have to be depressing. Throughout Lent, we also keep in mind all that God has done for us and give thanks. It's not a time to beat yourself up ("*Woe is me, I'm a miserable human being!*"), but a time to remember over and over again that each of us is so loved by God that Jesus was willing to go through the most difficult trials and challenges imaginable for our sake.

We hope that each one of us will give some time for reflection during the season of Lent, whether it's during worship, a Bible study, or your personal devotional reading – and that we will then work together to be an even stronger presence of Jesus Christ in our community in the months ahead.

"For God so loved the world..."

Peace be with you,

Mitch & Sue

Mardi Gras Pancake Supper

Bring your festive spirit and celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a Mardi Gras flair!

Tuesday, March 5, 5:30 to 7:00pm

Pancake supper provided
by Chris Cakes

Mardi Gras Bingo
(there will be prizes!)

Music provided by our
own Dixieland Band

Trivia Time
(win some beads!)

\$5 per person (maximum \$20 per family)

Proceeds support the work of the Children's Ministry Team

Call the church office to reserve tickets (913-345-1256)
or purchase tickets in Heartland Hall on March 3

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." – *Hebrews 13:2*

Visitors delight us.

Our goal is simple: make all people feel welcomed, not overwhelmed.

We were all visitors once and remember how it feels to try a new place of worship. Attend as often as you want. Visitors are welcome at all GCPC events, classes and small groups as well as in worship. We will always be glad to see you!

Join us for coffee in between our two services or grab a cup of coffee in Heartland Hall on your way to Sunday School class. Heartland Hall is located next to the Sanctuary. There are always people to visit with or things to learn about if you want to just hang out.

**REAL FAITH
REAL STORIES
REAL GRACE**

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, love and a sound mind.
– 2 Timothy 1 v 7

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Introducing Intergenerational Formation

Christian Education ministry has always enjoyed intergenerational activities. They are fun to do and help build important relationships. But can you imagine creating an intergenerational culture for all of the church? That was the focus of the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators Conference in Galveston, TX February 5-9. I attended the conference expecting some great speakers and workshops, but I didn't imagine discovering something that could change the way we live together as church in exciting ways.

For the Baby Boomer generation, ministry has been largely separated by ages and stages. Sunday school programs were designed to be age appropriate for classes divided by age level. Worship even became divided in ways that separated people by age and/or interests; ie: worship for children during the adult worship, contemporary and traditional services, etc. Those were great years, but studies are finding that those methods are not as attractive as they once were. Young adults are seeking faith, but not like their parents and grandparents. There is a desire to not just bring children, youth and young adults back to church, but to create a community where faith is formed together; at the same time; in the same space.

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In the months and years to come, I will be exploring ways the Church can become intentional about generational formation. I will be seeking ways for church to be an energetic, inclusive community carrying out God's mission together. I invite you to join me on that journey. Think about ways we can pass our faith on to one another. How will we help our youth and children encounter God with us as well as in their own groups? It's a great question to ponder as we seek to be Christ's church in this day and time.

Have an idea? Please share it with me.

Rev. Sue

Visioning Day 2019

Here We Stand - There We Go

Our thanks to everyone who attended our first Visioning Day! There were about 90 people in attendance. We reviewed our mission statement and how our ministries live into it. The most recent mission study provided the spark for much conversation about our strengths (which are many) and our growing edges. It was a great day of thinking about how to be the church, how to be disciples; and how to be evangelists who share the Good News into the future. We also plunged into updating our team job descriptions that will be included in our new Operating Manual which is the guide for us as we carry out our mission. It was a lot of work, but we are grateful for such a wonderful outpouring of information and creativity!

Notes from the meeting will be assembled into a document. Printed copies will be provided by the office upon request.

Special thanks to our Donna Goeckler and Kevin Johnson for their assistance with lunch, and Kim Krueger for her assistance with the PowerPoint.

Music Notes

Mission & Music Happenings

M&M Candy Tube Fundraiser

Enjoy the candy in your tube of **M&Ms** and return the tube to the **BIG GREEN M&M** in the concourse with your check, cash, or coin contribution inside by **Sunday, March 3.**

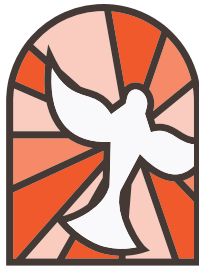
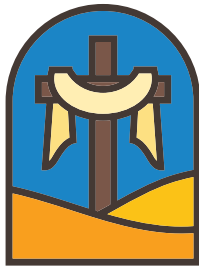
Thank you for helping our senior high students **travel to Corpus Christi and Rockport, TX** for a life changing experience **Friday, June 21st 8pm to Saturday, June 29th.**

Because we'll be helping these communities continue to recover from Hurricane Harvey, **this year's theme comes from one of our songs:**

"The Storm Is Passing Over"

"Have courage my soul and let us journey on.
Though the night is dark and I am far from home.
Thanks be to God – the morning light appears.
The storm is passing over Hallelu!

- by Charles Albert Tindley



Holy Week Music

4/18 – MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:30pm COMMUNION
Music from the Taizé Community in Burgundy, France

4/19 – GOOD FRIDAY 7:30pm
Chancel Choir sings "Songs of the Cross" accompanied by piano and strings

4/21 – EASTER SUNDAY
8:50am Praise Team, Solos, and Ensembles
11:05am Chancel Choir, Charter Ringers, Chancel Brass, Strings, and Percussion

BELL FEST XXXI

May 5 at 6pm

This year's theme is:
**"I'm Gonna Ring When
the Spirit Says Ring"**

Come and hear toe-tapping spirituals and gospel music on the bells. There will also be some dance numbers, sing-a-longs, and a humorous, funny, delightful (?) emcee! Stay for ice cream sundaes following the program.



There is a special treat accompanying the Bell Fest this year! **The Mission Team** is planning a **Tamale dinner** just prior to Bell Fest from **4-5:30pm in Heartland Hall**. The dinner is in celebration of the **25 year partnership of Heartland and Maya Quiche Presbyteries**. More information to come. **Save the date!**

"Thank You" Notes

Thank you to **Mike and Kathy Hockley** for the donation of "Thine Be the Glory" by G. F. Handel, arr. by J. Marty Cope. **The gift is given in memory of Mike's parents, Calvin & Joan Hockley.** This Easter anthem is scored for Choir, Organ, Brass Quintet, and Percussion.

Thank you to **Jim and Pam Kelly** for the donation of two choral anthems, "An Irish Blessing," music by Mary Lynn Lightfoot. **This anthem is dedicated to Pam's mother, Maureen Smith,** for her generous, loving spirit and love for her church. The second anthem, "Raise Your Voice In Song" was written by Pam's father, Claude T. Smith. **It is dedicated to Claude T. and Maureen F. Smith** for their loving guidance in music ministry.

Thank you to **Bob and Linda Dover** for the donation of "Be Filled With the Spirit" by Craig Courtney. **The anthem is dedicated in memory of Bob's father, Robert L. Dover, Sr.**

"Thank you all for giving."

Children's Ministries

March Sunday School

March takes us into the Season of Lent when we will hear the stories of Jesus' life and ministry. The stories will begin with bright light shining on Jesus on the mountaintop where God's voice instructed the disciples, "listen to him." We will listen to him as we hear parables and stories Jesus told his followers. We will learn about what is required of us, to love God and our neighbor, and about the kingdom of God that grows and grows!

8:50am and 11:05am

Awakening to Worship (Room 12)

10:00am Sunday School

2s & 3s: Lisa Cox and Tatum Cox (Room 23)

Preschool 4s & 5s: Danielle Dalton and Lara Schesser (Room 25)

K-1st Graders: Christy Soule and Katie Hearn (Room 14)

2nd-5th Graders: Matt McBride, Jenny Stromberg, Jerel Williams (Room 10)

10:45am Choir - K-5th Grades: Lara Schesser (Room 15)



**Bring a
friend and
join the fun!**

Explore God's Grace and Gratitude Each Day

When your children are at home, use these tools to explore God's grace and gratitude each day.

Find these tools at: www.pcusastore.com/GGGdownloads

Grace Sightings: the weekly Bible story and age appropriate activities for your family to do at home.

Audio Recordings: the weekly Bible story brought to life by endearing readings and sound effects.

E-books: the quarter's colorful illustrations, Bible stories and Grace Sightings, in ebook and Kindle formats.

Children and Worship

Awakening to Worship is our wonder and worship program for children ages 4-1st grade and meets following the children's sermon weekly. We invite children in elementary school to continue participating and experiencing worship as they move into the sanctuary for worship with the wider family of Grace Covenant.

- **Worship Bags** are in place to help busy hands and hearts.
- **Worship Bulletins** are available from the ushers every week. There are on two age levels.
- **Worship Leaders** are invited to light the candles weekly, read in worship, and assist in other ways. Stay tuned on this one! Watch for more news about this in the new year.
- **Children's Choir** will sing in worship occasionally.



March SMASH!

**Sunday, March 3, from 4-6pm
Heartland Hall**

Theme: Faithfulness

SMASH is for 1st through 5th graders ...Bring a friend and come for a great afternoon of fun as we grow with the fruit of the Spirit!

SMASH (*Service, Music, Arts, Sports, Hangtime*) is for all children in completed 1st-5th grades, and seeks to bring children and adults together to grow in faith through creative time together. Join us!

Awakening to Worship Scheduling for February through May

It is time to fill our schedule for Awakening to Worship leaders!

We will need greeters
and storytellers.

To sign up please contact
Kristy Shaw at:

kristinashaw@everestkc.net

Thank you!

Welcome to the Lord's Table

We are excited to welcome **Morgan Krug** and **PJ Peck** to the Sacrament of Communion with their families on March 3. Morgan and PJ have completed the "Gathering at the Lord's Table" training workshop with Rev. Sue and will be serving the Sacrament to their families during worship on March 3. Come and celebrate with them!

Outreach Notes

Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)

Did you know that GCPC hosts homeless people in our basement youth area four weeks a year starting the first Sundays in February, May, August, and November?

We have been part of the Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) for nearly 15 years. Our guests operate from the IHN Family Center near the Overland Park Convention Center during the day and live in our church overnight. Paid IHN staff members monitor their finances and provide them with life guidance, seeking to return them to independent living within 90 days. Sometimes it takes a little longer than that, but this ministry has about a 75% success rate.

Our participation requires a village — overall coordinators, sub-coordinators for dinner and overnight hosting, van drivers, setup and takedown of guest bedrooms, and non-cooked food, as well as numerous volunteers to provide food and be present in our building when our guests are here.

We are presently looking for overall coordinators starting in August and a co-sub-coordinator for setup and takedown starting in May. Might this ministry to others be something God is calling you to? If so, please contact the Mission Team moderator Mikki Walker at michala.walker@gmail.com or Karen or Dave Pack at kndpack@everestkc.net (or phone 913-541-1907).

MS Walk 2019

Help stomp out multiple sclerosis! On Saturday, April 27, we will be joining lots of folk for the 2019 MS Walk at the Legends in Kansas City, KS. You can join our Grace Covenant team as a walker, virtual walker, or supporter! For more information/questions, please contact Jane Knoche, jeknoche@att.net.

Fair Trade Sales

Reminder: Fair Trade Sales are March 3, at the entrance to Heartland Hall between services and 15 minutes following the 11:05am service.

Save the Date!

Tamale Dinner
Sunday, May 5th
4:00-5:30pm in Heartland Hall
followed by Bell Fest at 6pm

The Heartland and Maya Quiché Partnership, GCPC Mission Team, and the GCPC Bell Fest participants, have teamed up to celebrate the signing of the five-year renewal agreement between the two presbyteries who have held a 24+ year partnership!

Help us celebrate with pictures, stories, dinner and a bit of bell music! Dinner from 4-5:30pm provided by **Tamale Kitchen**, thetamalekitchen.org. Afterwards enjoy the GCPC Bell Fest concert at 6pm in the Sanctuary with a dessert reception in Heartland Hall.

This is Grace Classes begin March 17

Starting Sunday, March 17, we will host This Is Grace for anyone interested in learning more about Grace Covenant. The class is open to all guests and visitors and is the best way to get an overview of the church.

First time visitors and long-time friends are encouraged to attend to get questions answered and to discover more than you can learn from attending worship each week. This Is Grace will meet on Sundays from 10am-10:45am in Room 5, and continue for four consecutive weeks. The first session will be introductions and a history of Grace Covenant. On March 24, we will study what Presbyterians believe. On March 31, the class is subtitled, "Everything you've wanted to ask a pastor but have been unable to ask!" The final session will be April 7 and will focus on the meaning of membership in a church within the Presbyterian Church (USA). After the final session, if you want to join Grace Covenant, you will be invited to meet with the Session (the governing body that oversees the ministry of the church, and will be welcomed into our faith family in the official Presbyterian style on Palm Sunday, April 14.

If you decide you are not interested in joining, or not quite ready to join, we hope you will have a much better sense of Grace Covenant and we will continue to delight in your presence with us as a visitor and friend.

For questions and to RSVP – please contact: Pastor Sue or Pastor Mitch at 913-345-1256.

Grace Studies

March 3: Bible Study: Feasting on the Word

Are you interested in a Lectionary based Bible study? Feasting on the Word curriculum offers some of the best in biblical scholarship and theological reflection in a study designed for everyone.

- *This 7-week series will be led by Sarah Evans, Bond Faulwell, Barb Purvis and Don Wilson. Gather in Room 3.*

Theology and Life: "Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again" by Rachel Held Evans.

Evans is a young American Christian columnist, blogger and author who will take you on an exploration of the magic of the Bible as she engages the old, familiar stories in new ways that honor the past and enlighten the present.

- *This book discussion will be led by Melanie Townsend. The class will meet the same dates as the Feasting on the Word Bible study. Books are still available from Rev. Sue or when you arrive at the class. Cost: \$10 Gather in Room 4.*

March 10, 17, 24, 31

Embracing the Uncertain: A Lenten Study for Unsteady Times

Just turning on the news shows that we live in uncertain times. Most of us find uncertainty to be uncomfortable, preferring stability and a predictable future. This study will invite you to take a different perspective this Lenten season. Instead of ignoring or hiding from life's uncertainties, you can engage them with confidence and find a stronger faith along the way.

- *This six week study will be led by Nelson Townsend in Room 3.*

We're going to Mars, but first we'll have Lunch!

VBS Volunteer Lunch, Sunday, March 31

12:15 p.m. (following worship) in Heartland Hall

VBS Volunteers, come and see the exciting program we're going to launch this year. You will receive a notebook full of the tools you'll need to lead Vacation Bible School. VBS is June 3-7. Watch for registration information coming soon. **Check out our new VBS Fpage for participants and leadership on Facebook at:** To Mars and Beyond, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, KS Be sure to like us!



Thank you all so much for your encouragement, thoughts and prayers in the weeks since my mother's death. Your love and support has meant the world to me and to Kim. Thank you as well to those who made a donation in my mom's memory to the Silver Lake Library.

- Donna Goeckler

Journey Through the Wilderness: An Ash Wednesday Experience

March 6, 4:00-7:00pm
in the Sanctuary

After Jesus' baptism he journeyed in the wilderness for 40 days. It was a time of fortitudinous testing and soul searching reflection. It was more than a wilderness of sand, it was a wilderness of the soul.

During the season of Lent we are encouraged to journey through the wilderness places in our lives; the places that challenge us. Relationships fail, confidence falters, fears loom, temptations grow, doubt increases. Bring all that challenges you to God in a journey through the wilderness on Ash Wednesday.

This service is a personal spiritual journey. There is no communal order of service. There will be a guided series of reflection tables in the Sanctuary. Come alone, come with a friend, come with your family. This is an intergenerational service. Come when you are ready. Allow yourself 30 minutes to journey through all of them. When you have finished, the Rev. Sue or Mitch will dismiss you with the imposition of ashes. **Please plan to arrive no later than 6:45 p.m.**



KAIROS – PEACE, JUSTICE, EARTH CARE

Ash Wednesday is March 6 — the beginning of the Lenten season.

Be sure to stop by the KAIROS bulletin board in the narthex and choose to start a new habit — Care for Creation. You will find some ideas and activities to help you care for this Creation.

Some of the items to take note:

PCUSA environmental ministries — Tread Lightly for Lent calendar — pick up your copy here:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/tread-lightly-for-lent-lent-calendar/>

A calendar of activities, reflections, actions and more for individuals, families, and congregations to slow down and discern the way we live out our Christian faith in the world around us. "As people of faith, we seek to 'serve and preserve' God's world."

Another resource to help you identify and change your habits: **Less Plastics for Lenten Calendar:** https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/news/less-plastics-for-lenten-calendar?fbclid=IwAR0d4MI2m1WWo-JuNE6mMU9xlpuhq1UED-65iAy-D_0uUTdbLezbxLpLe4



UN World Water Day is March 22

This year the UN theme is "Leaving no one behind." "Today, billions of people are still living without safe water — their households, schools, workplaces, farms, and factories struggle to survive and thrive." More information and actions you can take will be posted. Please take a moment to visit the KAIROS boards in the Narthex and just outside Heartland Hall! www.worldwaterday.org

SAVE THE DATE:

March 3 and April 7: Fair Trade sales at GCPC

April 4-8: Ecumenical Advocacy Days Washington DC

April 27, 8am–2pm: JCCC OP Spring Recycling Extravaganza
Learn more at www.opkansas.org/events/spring-recycling-extravaganza/

April 28: GCPC celebrates Earth Day

Ecumenical Advocacy Days

April 5–8, Washington, DC

Dynamic speakers include Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis, Rev. Dr. Raphael G. Warnock, and David LaMotte! Workshops on *Criminalization of Poverty*, *Re-Building a Global Future of Hope: Putting Justice & Peace First*, *Anti-Nuclear Movement: Back for the Brink*, *Border/Immigration Updates*, *Organizing with Youth*, *Music in the Movement*, and many more.

For more information contact Rick and Jo Randolph who have attended this conference in the past are attending again this year, or visit link here: <https://advocacydays.org/2019-troubling-the-waters/>. Register today.

KAIROS has some funding available to defray some of the conference costs. Contact Dave Pack, kndpack@everestkc.net, for more information.

Troubling the Waters

for the Healing of the World



For the consideration of those around you and for those leading worship, please turn off your cell phones, tablets and other electronics when you enter the sanctuary, or place on silent. - Thank you!

PRESBYTERIANS AROUND THE WORLD

Mission Co-Workers Speak for Global Advocacy - Part I

The names of Christi and Jeff Boyd, two of our Mission co-workers, appear weekly in the Sunday Bulletin in the section of the Bulletin that requests, "Remember the following in prayer." Both serve in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). In a 2018 Presbyterian Mission publication, called "Crisis in Cameroon," José Luis Casal, Director of World Mission, stated that Mission co-workers "work alongside global partners to address poverty, hopelessness, violence, and other pressing problems in the name of Jesus Christ."



This article includes information from an article published in the spring 2019 issue of Mission Crossroads. Jeff Boyd, one of the authors of the article, "Mission as Advocacy," serves in the role of World Mission's Regional Liaison for Central Africa. The second author, Douglas Tilton serves in the same role in Southern Africa and Madagascar. The first words of the article [Congo Mission Network creates energy in faith-based advocacy] introduce the content of this article.

According to Boyd and Tilton, the Congo Mission Network includes representatives of congregations, presbyteries, other Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) entities, as well as concerned individuals. The authors emphasized that the Network had a long history of recognizing the call to work for justice and peace in the DRC. In 2018, on Congo Advocacy Day, Network participants met with staff members in 18 congressional offices, including those of the Democratic and Republican leadership of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. They asked congressional representatives to expedite the passage of HR 6207, the Democratic Republic of the Congo Democracy and Accountability Act of 2018. The Network made other requests not included in this article.

Part II of the article will summarize the proposed bill, HR 6207 and its significance to the DRC.

Grace Covenant,

Thank you very much for your prayers, cards, and all acts of kindness during the loss of Nathan's aunt, Laura Bolden, who was 96 years old. We also appreciate the outpouring of support and love from you during her illness. Again, we must say we feel truly blessed to be a part of such a caring church family! —Sylvia and Nathan Littlejohn

PEW DWELLERS' HEALTH NOTES

Two Health Questions - Part III



This article is a continuation of the facts given in the November 2018 issue of Grace Notes to address the question about an individual's risk for the development of type 2 diabetes. The November article included specific information for the risk factors of family history, race/ethnicity, and weight. Inactivity is the focus of this article.

Exercise versus inactivity helps build muscle mass. Adequate muscle mass facilitates the absorption of glucose from the blood by the muscles to use it for energy. According to the Mayo Clinic's Second Edition of *"The Essential Diabetes Book,"* one in five Americans, age 65 and over, has a diagnosis of diabetes. The Mayo Clinic relates this increased risk to declining activity, loss of muscle mass, and weight gain.

In individuals with chronic physical conditions that limit mobility, exercise is also important to reduce the risk for the development of type 2 diabetes. Consultation with a health care provider may be necessary to determine the type and amount of exercise.

The metabolic syndrome, as a risk factor, is the subject of Part IV of this series.

Clerk's Corner

Session met on February 18, 2019 in room 5, with Reverend Sue Trigger serving as moderator. In addition to the elders, Deacons Nancy Taylor and Liz Chandler were present. Reverend Mitch Trigger was excused to attend the Johnson County Citizens Academy.

The Session approved the baptism of Rowan Justine Cabe on March 24, 2019.

Team minutes: Bryan Evans reported that the Finance Team will finalize pledge numbers and hold a team meeting on March 6 to submit a proposed budget.

Bryan Evans also reported that Facilities has identified maintenance requests over the next three years that require attention. Once these items (like windows, sanctuary and parking lot lighting, and furnaces) are addressed in the coming three years, Facility requests are expected to be reduced.

Children's Team reported on plans for hosting the Mardi Gras event with Chris Cakes, games, and music! Plan to attend, Tuesday, March 5 at 5:30!

Consent agenda: The minutes of the January Session meeting and several membership requests were approved, with total membership currently 490.

Session reviewed plans for Visioning Day, February 23, 2019. We are looking forward to having more than 50 voices who will share their Vision for Grace Covenant!

Deacons' report: Liz Chandler and Nancy Taylor reported that Time & Talent surveys are coming in. Also, there have been some issues with Sign Up Genius. Rev. Sue will follow-up on these concerns.

Executive Committee shared plans to address issues with this year's annual meeting. Session heard a report from the Nominating Team.

After sharing some joys and concerns of the congregation, Sue closed the meeting in prayer. The meeting adjourned a little after 8:00pm.

Message for all Grace Members

The Cancer support group "Sharing Your Cancer Journey with Grace" began in 2016 when I was being treated for breast cancer. I was surrounded by amazing support from members who had also experienced cancer. Our facilitator for our group was Poppy Zurcher who had already survived many cancers and provided her encouragement to hundreds on the Cancer Hotline. We had many members of Grace going through radiation and or chemo-therapy during the two years we met.

Now that all the regular members have completed their treatments, the need to meet on a regular basis has changed. We thank God for his healing hands on our members. If any church member or family of a member is diagnosed with cancer, Poppy would be happy to speak with them. Just give her a call, 913-541-1239. —Kathy Williams

DATES TO REMEMBER

Quick list of upcoming events

March 3

- Fair Trade items; between services
- SMASH; 4-6pm; HH

March 5

- Mardi Gras Pancake Supper; 5:30-7pm; HH

March 6

- Journey Through the Wilderness, An Ash Wednesday Experience; 4-7pm; Sanctuary

March 17-April 7

- This is Grace, Learn more about membership; 10am in Room 5

April 13

- Easter Egg Hunt; 10am; HH/Lawns

Holy Week, April 18-April 21

- Palm Sunday
- Maundy Thursday Worship; 7:30pm
- Good Friday Worship; 7:30pm
- Easter Sunday; 8:50am and 11:05am

May 5 - Bell Fest XXXI; 6pm

June 3-7- Vacation Bible School

June 22-29 - M&M Trip to Corpus Christi

July 10-15 - Massanetta; 6-8th grade

July 15-20 - Triennium; 8-12th grade

Budget Update

The 2019 budget is being delayed until the March Session meeting. To date, we have only received 146 pledges. Mitch and Sue are working with Session and Finance Team to come up with next steps to reach out to those members who have not yet made a pledge. We hope to have better budget news in the coming weeks!

Youth Page

Behind the Scenes

Our Youth Sunday theme was “Behind the Scenes” this year and our students planned and led two heart-felt worship services on February 24 exploring how God has worked in our lives when nobody is watching and how God’s people can make big differences in each other’s lives without even knowing it. Almost all of our 6th–12th grade students participated in leadership in one form or another and sermons were delivered by five of our seniors: Lindsay Callender, Sam Cashman, Leif Johnson, Lina McCamon, and Charlie Trigger.

Summer Intern

Every now and then we are blessed to have a summer intern candidate who has already built relationships with our students, who has experience with our ministry and who we already know is a strong leader. This year is one of those years, and we are extremely excited to welcome Kyle Becher back for a repeat experience as our summer intern! Kyle interned with us back in 2015 and did an amazing job! Kyle has recently been assistant teaching, is preparing to begin graduate work in education this fall and has been looking for meaningful opportunities for the summer. We believe he has found just that and we will be able to do fabulous things together this summer!

M&M Trip Details

This year our Mission and Music trip travelers may be staying at a common tourist destination in Corpus Christi, TX, but we actually expect to work harder and sweat even more than most past trips. Our planning team considered serving in the Houston area last year after Hurricane Harvey devastated the region but it was too early for a group like ours to offer meaningful assistance. This year we have connected with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and they have assigned us to serve in the Rockport, TX, area which was one of the hardest hit areas by that storm. Corpus is close to Rockport and has churches that can handle more people for lodging so we will be staying there. We will be working longer hours than most years but we do hope to hit the beach at least once! We are hoping to take a couple extra folks who are good with building techniques and tools so if that could be you, and you are available June 21st–29th, please talk with Miles McDonald. **Registrations are due March 3 to www.gcpc.org/resources/.**

Many Thanks for your “Souper” Donations!

We collected significantly more food this year than last for our Souper Bowl of Caring drive! It is very exciting to see that kind of increase so thanks to everyone who contributed! We estimated about 70 yards of food lining the walls of GCPC!

Summer Planning

June 3-7	VBS - need volunteers of all ages
June 21-29	M&M Trip to Corpus Christi - completed 8-12th grade
July 15-20	Massanetta - completed 6-8th grade
July 15-20	Triennium - completed 8-12th grade



Lina McCamon and Lindsay Callendar were awarded the 2019 Regina Reynolds Memorial Scholarship by Donna Goeckler, Committee Member on Youth Sunday.





Young
Adults &
Families



Check out the Upcoming Events Planned by YAF!

Happy Hour at Barley's Kitchen and Tap

Friday, March 8, at 5:30pm

Adult's Only

11924 W. 119th St., Overland Park

Brookside St. Patrick's Day Warm-up Parade

In town for spring break? Join the YAFs on Saturday, March 16, 1:30pm for this fun, family-friendly St. Patrick's Day celebration in Brookside, MO. Meet in the parking lot of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church to walk over to the parade route and watch. Afterwards we'll head to a nearby restaurant for an early dinner.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 13, at 10:00 am
Meet in Heartland Hall for games and fun before the hunt. Bring your own basket.

Happy Hour at the J Bar Olathe

Friday, April 26, at 5:30 p.m.

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8:50am - Praise Team Led Worship
10am - Church School All Ages
11:05am - Choral Led Worship
Childcare is provided during Worship.

Upcoming Newsletter Article Deadlines

April Issue - Deadline March 19
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