



## Service of Worship — July 7, 2024

*“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 worshiping with us today.

**ELDER ON DUTY:** Jake Schmidt

**HEAD USHERS:** Steve & Caroline Becher

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

**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, and it will take you to the link.



**CONTACTING STAFF:** The office is open 8am to 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:** Shirley Faulwell

**Cancer Treatment:** Harold Farren, Katie Rickley

**Aging Challenges**

**Military Service:** David Zak, C.J. Bradley, Seth Lorimer, Mary E. Johnson II, Alanna Funk, Shannon Lorimer, Clara Frye. **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**

(If you have a prayer request you would like to include in the bulletin, please contact the church office at [office@gcpc.org](mailto:office@gcpc.org), or send to [gcpc.prayers@gmail.com](mailto:gcpc.prayers@gmail.com).)

**SPOTLIGHT**

**FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIE SCREENING — "COOKED — SURVIVAL BY ZIP CODE" ON JULY 12, 6:30–8:30PM**, in the Choir Room. KAIROS (GCPC’s peace, justice, and environment team), will host a community screening of the award-winning documentary “Cooked - Survival by Zip Code” based on the book “HEAT WAVE: A Social Autopsy of Disaster in Chicago” by Eric Klinenberg. The book and this documentary provide a social autopsy of the 1995 heat wave in Chicago. Join us on July 12, at 6:30pm in the choir room for viewing with group discussion afterward. Snacks provided. RSVP to let us know you are coming at [www.gcpc.org/rsvpcooked](http://www.gcpc.org/rsvpcooked). NOTE: Please park in the western portion of our lot and enter the door at the end of that wing, not the main entrance to the church. People will be located at the entrance to guide you. Contact Christine Caseres at [crcaseres032@gmail.com](mailto:crcaseres032@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**WORSHIP AND PICNIC ON AUGUST 4:** *Join us for worship on Sunday, August 4 at 9:30am, at Meadowbrook Park, The Grand Pavilion, located at 91st and Nall in Prairie Village.* Worship will be followed by a potluck picnic. The main dish and drinks will be provided. Everyone bring a side or dessert to share. Come together with your church family for worship, share a meal with your covenant group, and savor the fellowship and beauty of the park. Remember to bring your own plate and silverware, and feel free to bring along camp chairs if extra seating is required.

## ADULT

**PAGE TURNERS WILL DISCUSS** *I Take My Coffee Black*, by Tyler Merritt on July 11, at 7pm at Eileen Thomson's home at 14223 Eby, Overland Park, KS 66221. Everyone is welcome! Contact Eileen at [esthomson@gmail.com](mailto:esthomson@gmail.com) or call/text 913-461-3430.

**DURING THE SUMMER, THE THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will meet in members' homes for monthly book discussions. Everyone is welcome to join us — whether or not you have read the book. Remaining dates and books are below. Contact Cheryl Johnson at [agathatoo@gmail.com](mailto:agathatoo@gmail.com) if you have questions):

- July 18 @ 9:30 a.m. *Look for Me There: Grieving My Father, Finding Myself* by Luke Russert at Sarah Byrd's house (7821 W. 115th Street). RSVP to Sarah at [sbyrdks@gmail.com](mailto:sbyrdks@gmail.com).
- August 15 @ 9:30 a.m. *Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus* by Ann Spangler at Lee Mattix's house (11107 W. 132nd Court). RSVP to Lee at [lamattix@gmail.com](mailto:lamattix@gmail.com).

## MISSION

**GOOD FAITH NETWORK CELEBRATION EVENT ON JULY 14:** Please make plans to attend the Celebration for Good Faith Network on July 14! It will start at 3pm at the Islamic Center of Johnson County (9005 W. 151st St., Overland Park). The celebration is where the Network recounts the story of the past year, and asks GFN members to make their pledges if they haven't already. As with all Good Faith Network events, anyone who is interested is welcome to attend, not just those are officially network members. Let Mikki Walker know if you need a ride ([michala.walker@gmail.com](mailto:michala.walker@gmail.com)), or if you have questions!

**JULY COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT:** The Communion Offering for July will be directed to the Pentecost Offering. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also addresses the needs of at-risk children. Forty percent of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Astute observers will note that the 2024 Mission Calendar indicates that Pentecost Offering would be collected in June, and the July Communion Offering would be directed to the Presbyterian Mission agency. But the publicity in June accidentally indicated that the Communion Offering that month would go to Presbyterian Mission, so the Pentecost Offering is being collected in July. As always, thanks for GCPC's generosity and commitment to being the hands of Christ in the world!

**JULY DONATION PARTNER:** Safehome is a domestic violence shelter in Overland Park. Its 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

**CHECK OUT THE CREATIVITY ON DISPLAY AT THE GENEROSITY BULLETIN BOARD!** Liam Hussey plays Minecraft and wanted to build a zoo complete with animals. Crafting animals online wasn't working nor keeping up with his imagination. Liam went to paper and pencil and drew several "never seen before" animals. He then decided he could help Grace Covenant and offer them for purchase and placed them on the Generosity Board. When asked why he wanted to give the money to Grace Covenant, he said that he likes helping Grace Covenant and that this money can help. Way to share your talents with us! Look them over and buy one yourself or for a gift — Rev. Karen has been gifted one already!

**GENEROSITY TEAM JUNE UPDATE — WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS:** As we come to mid-June the Generosity Team would like to praise the generosity and commitment of the members. Just as rousing, 49.0% of submitted pledges and 32.2% of rollover pledges have been received. Our June column numbers are the same as May's numbers. In taking a closer look, we pulled the info a bit earlier in the month to make the newsletter deadline, so bracket movement is unchanged but monetary numbers have risen by 1% and 3%. We ask everyone to please keep up with summer

giving and buck the *summer slack off giving trend*. We express our thanks for the members who pay all or most of their pledge at the beginning, middle, or quarter of the calendar year, but **we are appreciative of everyone who has contributed to Grace Covenant.**

Here is our giving progress shown by numbers of pledges:

Submitted Pledges (114)	March 31st	May 21st	June 17 <sup>th</sup>
0-25% fulfilled	76	37	37
26-50% fulfilled	20	56	56
51-75% fulfilled	1	4	4
76-100% fulfilled	17	17	17
\$599,410	\$214,344	\$287,477	\$293,452

Rollover Pledges (16)	March 31st	May 21st	June 17 <sup>th</sup>
0-25% fulfilled	10	6	6
26-50% fulfilled	5	8	8
51-75% fulfilled	0	1	1
76-100% fulfilled	1	1	1
\$34,662	\$6,668	\$10,019	\$11,175

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.

**HELP WANTED:** Would you like to help Grace Covenant stride into Its future? Our Generosity Team meeting date is currently the second Tuesday and only one hour, usually after your kids are in bed (8:30pm). Participation by Zoom is available. Once a month, the Team meets to review pledge fulfillment. Quarterly we meet with the Finance Team. Come share your ideas and dreams! Our pledge drive planning begins in July and culminates in November. Please contact Rev. Karen Wright or Jane Knoche for more information.

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