

Service of Worship March 14, 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 worshiping 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: Linda Bridges and family in the death of her mother; Beth Lillian and Family in the death of her father.

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses: Gary Dubois, Gail Harris, Cindy Schendel, Paul Wirtz, Karen Fankhauser, Gay Lee Ludwig-Bonney, Ric Cummings

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, David Minaschek. **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: Village Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, KS— Mission & Antioch; Rantoul Community Presbyterian Church, Rantoul, KS; Raymore Presbyterian Church, Raymore, MO

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

SPOTLIGHT

A BEAUTIFUL DISPLAY OF SPRING FLOWERS will transform the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. The flowers are provided through the generosity of members who donate flowers "in memory of" or "in honor of" a friend or loved one. If you would like to be a part of the tradition of donating flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please send your donation along with your name and whom the memorial/honor recognizes to the church office: GCPC, 11100 College Blvd., OPKS 66210, Attn. Patrick. (PLEASE PRINT THE MEMORIAL/HONOR NAMES NEATLY IN BLOCK LETTERS) You may also make a donation through the online giving portal of our website. *Deadline for names to be included in the bulletin insert is Monday, March* 29. Thank you!

MITCH AND SUE INVITE YOU TO JOIN THE JERUSALEMA DANCE CHALLENGE! We need to have some fun, so we are going to create our own GCPC video to add to this global celebration on YouTube. Below are two videos to help you learn the steps. The last two videos are fun to watch and will give you an idea what we are putting together. You can make your own video at home and/or you can join a group on Saturday, March 27, at 11:15am (Rain date: April 3) We will briefly review the steps and then make a video at 11:30am in the west church parking lot. Learn the steps and come and join us! Send your home videos to Emily Hussey at ekthussey@gmail.com.

Instructional video on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YtuVWAQzGtE

What complete steps look like: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vqxeMMAgatw

Irish Nuns & Priests Jerusalema Challenge: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zSM08m7zr78

Jerusalema Dance Challenge 2021-Grannies Tiktok Compilation: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XK95XmfBCLo

THE GENEROSITY TEAM WOULD LIKE TO THANK everyone who has pledged to this year's "Stewart-ship" Campaign. If you haven't made your pledge yet, you can go online at http://gcpc.org/2021pledge, or you can call our Finance Administrator, Tara Hyder. You can also download a pledge card https://gcpc.org/2021pledge, or you

CONTACTING STAFF: A reminder that the GCPC church building is open to limited use in response to the ongoing public health emergency. Office staff members are primarily working remotely. The best way to reach a staff member is by e-mail:

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HOW TO PLEDGE DURING THIS TIME: During this time of online-only 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 and clicking the "Online Giving" tab.

ADULT

LEARNING TO WALK IN THE DARK: A LENTEN STUDY — February 14—March 28; 11:15am Zoom Class — Our adult Lenten study continues this Sunday and will explore the images of light and darkness in Barbara Brown Taylor's book, "Learning to Walk in the Dark." Taylor has become increasingly uncomfortable with our tendency to associate all that is good with lightness and all that is evil and dangerous with darkness. In this book, Taylor asks us to put aside our fears and anxieties and to explore all that God has to teach us "in the dark." Through darkness we find courage, we understand the world in new ways, and we feel God's presence around us, guiding us through things seen and unseen. Often, it is while we are in the dark that we grow the most. This Zoom online class will be led by a team of members. Join us at 11:15 a.m. at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88313024210?pwd=eDZGT2NSaE1CYUoxZ0JmWnpnemVvZz09

Meeting ID: 883 1302 4210; Passcode: GCPC2020

YOUTH

TODAY: Once again Sunday morning class will not meet this week, and Connect will not meet either. Everyone I have heard from will either be out of town or unavailable, so we will not plan to gather as a group.

BROOMBALL COMING UP: Since we have skipped a couple weeks of in-person activities, I'm hoping to do something big and fun on March 28. Broomball is much like street hockey and is often played on an icerink. It can also be played on a roller hockey rink, and there is a good one at Listowel Park at 71st and Quivira (12037 W 71st St). Mark your calendars for 5:30pm on the 28th, and I'll bring the brooms and a ball. I hope to see you there!

YOUTH SPACE: Session has approved us meeting again in the youth space downstairs at church — YAY! When we open the partitions in Room 19, it is quite a large space, and we will also open some windows to keep the fresh air following. When Sunday morning classes meet again at 11:30 on the 28th, we will be down there instead of Heartland Hall.

SUMMER TRIPS: As I'm sure you expect, we will not be renting a bus this summer and taking a Mission & Music trip as has been our tradition for many years. Look for a message from Miles however, as we are trying to determine if we can make a go of a youth and family canoe trip. We have also started thinking creatively about Montreat. They are moving ahead with in-person youth conferences this year and have put several new safety protocols in place. Our biggest challenge is travel, but we have some options to consider. We are also looking into local or regional service opportunities for us, so stay tuned!

MISSION

THE GCPC MISSION TEAM HAS CHOSEN CROSS-LINES (a safety net for Kansas City neighbors in need) as our donation partner for the month of March. The following are the most-needed donations as requested by Cross-Lines for families in need:

food items, especially peanut butter and jelly, cereal, canned soups, and any "pop-top" snacks such as fruit cups and Vienna sausages.

Also needed are diapers size three and up; kitchen cleaning supplies, including dish soap and Lysol spray; and "full size" bathroom toiletries such as shampoo, soap, deodorant, etc.

Donations can be dropped off at GCPC on Saturday, March 20 between 8:15 and 9:15am (same time as KCK Hot Lunch drop-off). This will be a drive-up/drop-off event such as we have had in the past few months.

THE MS WALK FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS IS SATURDAY, MAY 1. Most of us know friends, relatives, or church members who are battling this disease. Please consider joining our GCPC team and walking (or virtually walking) to fight MS. The main walk is cancelled, but we will have a small socially distanced gathering in the church parking lot that morning and take a short neighborhood walk, much like we did for the CROP walk last October. Please go to this link to sign up as a walker or sponsor a GCPC walker: MSWalkGraceCovenant2021

FOOD DONATIONS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES: We are again collecting food donations for Catholic Charities! Donations can be dropped off at church at one of these times:

- 1) Weekday mornings between 8:30am–12pm look for the barrels marked "Catholic Charities" outside the wooden doors.
- 2) Tuesday evenings between 6 and 9pm, and Wednesday evenings between 5:30 and 6:50pm. Drop items in the Weekday Entrance bin. Check the church calendar to ensure music rehearsals are scheduled on the night you intend to drop your donations off or the doors may not be unlocked!
- 3) The 3rd Saturday morning of each month from 8:15-9:15 (the same time as KCK Hot Lunch drop-off). A volunteer will take your donations right out of your trunk or car window!

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