



Service of Worship — April 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 worshipping with us today.

ELDER ON DUTY: Jake Schmidt

HEAD USHER: Eric Burdette

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

RECORD YOUR ATTENDANCE AT TODAY’S 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.



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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: Glenda Johnson, Rosemary Gibson

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: Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church, Raytown, MO; United Christian Presbyterian Church, Richmond, MO.

(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

WHAT IS "BRIGHT SUNDAY" OR "HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY"? In the early church, the Sunday after Easter was observed by the faithful as a day of joy and laughter with parties and shenanigans to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. The custom of Bright Sunday, as it was called, came from the idea of some early church theologians that God played a joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. Easter was God's supreme joke played on death, hence the risus paschalis — "the Easter laugh."

ARE YOU IN PURSUIT OF SOME TRIVIA? Join us as the Care and Connection team again hosts an evening of Intergenerational Trivia. Join us Friday night, April 12, 5:30–7pm. The illustrious Jake Schmidt will be our fearless leader. We are asking participants to bring finger foods, either a light appetizer or a dessert. There will be a sign-up on April 7 in the church concourse, but please make sure to mark your calendars now. Oh, and last but not least, there will be prizes for you trivia-minded! GCPC is the place to be!

EAST HILLS SINGERS CONCERT — SUNDAY, APRIL 28 AT 4PM: East Hills Singers is a choir composed of about 40 Lansing prison inmates and community volunteers. The choir will present their spring concert at Grace Covenant, followed by a dinner for choir members offered by Grace Covenant. We will also provide a 3pm snack for choir members. We need volunteers to usher at the concert and to do set-up and clean-up for the dinner. The dinner main dish will be catered, but we need donations of bagged salads, non-frozen garlic bread, and desserts. We also need donations of fresh fruit and sweets (candy) for the 3pm snack. Please volunteer your time and/or food donations using this SignUpGenius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054AAFA929A2F85-48833711-east>

ADULT

THIS SUNDAY'S ADULT EDUCATION CLASS will be a Good Faith Network (GFN) presentation moderated by Tim Hayden and Mikki Walker, covering GFN's many successes in 2023 and what's in store going forward in 2024.

CHILDREN

TODAY WE ARE HOLDING OUR REGULAR SUNDAY PROGRAMS: ATW, music and Sunday school. If you need any further information, please visit the bookcase outside the sanctuary.

DON'T FORGET VBS REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY. Camper registration *and* new this year, we have a Volunteer Registration Form that can be found at gcpc.org/vbs. Contact any member of the Children's Team if you have any questions about VBS. We are going to have a great week at Camp Firelight.

OUR VBS DECORATING COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR A FEW DONATIONS. Please check our donation board outside the sanctuary for our current requests. We will add more items as we finalize our plans for crafts, games, science, snacks and more! Thank you for helping us create the best possible VBS experience for our children.

MUSIC

AT THIS YEAR'S BELL FEST, we will be collecting items to support the P.E., music, library and art teachers at Rosehill Elementary School. Please consider purchasing an item from their wish list and bringing it with you the night of May 5.

<https://amzn.to/4au1daA>



MISSION

OUR APRIL DONATION PARTNER IS A GATHERING OF FRIENDS, a grassroots organization serving those experiencing homelessness and food insecurity in Johnson and Wyandotte counties. A Gathering of Friends relies on donations and volunteers for everything needed to make sure those they serve have a good, home cooked meal each week, along with sandwiches, snacks, and

fresh fruits to eat later, as well as supplies to ensure their safety, health, and comfort. Please see the list below for what you can donate to support their mission. Donations can go in the Weekday Entrance bin anytime in April.

AAA batteries	hoodies (used but in good condition is okay)
back packs	men's jeans/sweats/cargo
reusable shopping bags	(used but in good condition is okay)
flashlights	tents
lighters	sleeping bags
men's large/XL T-shirts	insect repellent
(used but in good condition is okay)	

OUR APRIL COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT IS INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (IHN).

GCPC is a long-time host congregation for JoCo IHN, an interfaith community that provides assistance for homeless families in Johnson County using a network of religious affiliates. Assistance to homeless families includes housing, meals, life skills, and social interaction. IHN has a record of success — nearly 75% of IHN graduates attain permanent, sustainable housing. If you'd like to make a gift to IHN during April, just use the "Communion" option in the online portal or write "Communion Offering" on your check or envelope.



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