



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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GRACE NOTES

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God draws us together into a welcoming community, embracing our curiosity and questions, to worship with creativity, learn from God's word, share our gifts, and grow in faith.

With gratitude and a spirit of adventure, we are sent to serve Christ in the world—spreading kindness to all and striving for justice grounded in God's boundless love.

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In addition to in-person worship, our service is also livestreamed on our website, Facebook and YouTube channel.

Giving Thanks for All the Saints

As we enter November — honestly, how did that happen so quickly? — we turn our hearts toward a season of thankfulness. Of course, gratitude should be a permanent posture for people of faith, but this month the wider world joins us in giving thanks.

As Grace Covenant continues to celebrate 40 years of ministry, I find myself reflecting on all the saints who have shaped this congregation through the years. I've met people in the community who once called GCPC home and who carry fond memories of their time here. I've heard stories of faithful saints who served as pillars of this church, whose gifts and presence helped it flourish. And I give thanks every day for those who are part of our church family right now — the living saints who continue to serve, sing, teach, pray, and love so well.

I truly love walking this journey of faith alongside you. I'm grateful for our dedicated staff, for the laughter and energy of our children and youth, for the beauty of our music ministry, and for the ways God continues to call us into mission — both within our community and beyond.

We all stand on the shoulders of those who came before us. This month, may we remember and give thanks for the people who have contributed to the story of Grace Covenant — and may we also look forward with hope, ready to continue the unfolding story of God's grace and promise in the days ahead.

—Pastor Karen Wright

Stewardship Update

Thank you to everyone who has submitted a pledge for 2026! I continue to be deeply grateful for the faithfulness and generosity of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church. Every gift — large or small — helps make GCPC the vibrant, caring community it is.

When we give financially, we sustain programs and create space for new opportunities. When we offer our time, we strengthen relationships. And when we share our talents, we bring joy and honor to God, enriching our worship and life together.

Thank you for being part of the growing story of generosity at GCPC!



A LIVING LEGACY
CALLED TO PLANT. CALLED TO GROW.



Waiting Well for Advent

Beginning November 30th, we will start our Advent journey “Waiting Well.”

Waiting isn’t the strong suit for most in our fast-paced society—we may understand it at times, but we still don’t like it. Yet anticipatory waiting is at the heart of Advent.

Advent is a season of the “now and not yet.” We begin by contemplating Christ’s promised return before turning toward the story of Mary and Joseph and their waiting for the Christ Child’s birth.

This Advent, let us heed the call from Matthew 24 to “*Keep Awake*” as we await both Christ’s return and celebrate His birth once again.

A Living Legacy: Called to Plant. Called to Grow

Our Stewardship Campaign wrapped up on October 26, and we extend a heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who completed and submitted a pledge. We’re also deeply grateful to our “Stewardship Moment” speakers for sharing their stories this past month, and to our Finance Administrator, Tara Hyder, for keeping us updated throughout the campaign.



We were especially touched to receive a thank-you note from **Safe Home**, the recipient of our leftover food from the *Scrambled Eggs and Stewardship* brunch. Megan and Emily wrote, “Thank you for filling our survivors’ hearts and bellies with food! Thanks for your ongoing support!” Our generosity was truly planted — and it’s wonderful to see the grateful growth it continues to inspire.

The **Generosity Team** now meets at **6:30pm on the first Tuesday of each month**, either in person or via Zoom, and we always welcome new members! The current team includes Eileen Thomson, Jane Knoche, Rev. Karen Wright, Keith Langabee, Kim Krueger, and Tom Stroud. Mark your calendar for **November 4**, and contact Eileen if you’d like to join us — we’d love to have you! Our next meeting will focus on organizing the team and elders to begin reaching out to members who have not yet turned in their 2026 pledges.

Generosity through the Generations

2025 Fulfillment Update: The Generosity Team is happy to share our 2025 fulfillment numbers as of September 30. We have received 75.9% of our total pledges and 75% of this year 2025 has gone by us. ***We continue to appreciate everyone who has contributed to Grace Covenant.*** Thank you for your faithfulness!

Here is our progress shown by numbers of pledges:

Submitted Pledges (136)	March 31st	June 6th	August 5th	September 30th
0-25% fulfilled	98	56	38	24
26-50% fulfilled	18	51	27	13
51-75% fulfilled	4	6	42	54
76-100% fulfilled	12	12	28	45
\$722,179	\$226,719	\$324,383	\$442,532	\$548,781

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.

Your invitation to plant and grow

Let us be a congregation that plants abundantly, tends faithfully, and trusts God to give the growth. **Submit your pledge securely online at gcpc.org/generosity2026.**



Intergenerational Friendship Bracelet Making Party

Saturday, November 15, 1–3:30pm, Heartland Hall

Open to all friends and family of GCPC members!

RSVP by November 10 at gcpc.org/friendship so we can reserve a table for you.

This isn't just about beads and string—it's about tying those invisible strings of connections across ages and celebrating the joy of friendship. Expect music, conversation, and plenty of fun as we make bracelets to keep, share, or gift.

Whether you're a kid, teen, parent, grandparent, or friend, this is the perfect chance to gather, share stories, and string together something beautiful. No experience? No problem! There are people who can teach you!

- **Supplies:** To keep this event free, please bring your own bracelet-making supplies.
(Supply list at gcpc.org/friendship)
- **Snacks:** Please bring a dozen cookies to share.
Bring your own beverage (*with a lid*).
- **Dress Code:** (*optional*) Come in your Swiftie Era outfit, something sparkly, or Chiefs shirt or Travis Kelce jersey!

Contact Kim Krueger or Kristy Shaw for details.



One Goal Not Met, Another Goal Blown Away at the CROP Walk

Twenty-nine walkers were at the October 12 Heart of America CROP Walk for Grace Covenant, a bit short of our goal of 40 walkers in our 40th anniversary year.

The walkers were: Sandy Adams, Mitch Akers (Village), Jim Byrd, Sarah Byrd, Eric Burdette, George Bures, Christine Caseres, Ed Caseres, Matt Caseres, Erin Huff, Teresa Ilten, Glenda Johnson, Nancy Kalesz, Jane Knoche, Lee Mattix, Mike Mattix, Elizabeth McKell, Jay McKell, Dave Pack, Karen Pack, Abigail Schmidt, Evelyn Schmidt, Hilary Schmidt, Jake Schmidt, James Schmidt, Eileen Thomson, Marcia Turner, Don Wilson, and Allen York.

Our other goal was to raise \$4,000 through our walker's efforts. Final totals will not be known for several weeks, but our online donations have already surpassed \$4,000 and off-line donations could easily be as much as \$2,500 more.

Thank you for your generous support of the Heart of America CROP Walk!



A Heartfelt Thank You!

We are deeply grateful to everyone who donated food pantry items recently, and who made goodwill contributions at our BBQ Potluck on October 4! Your generosity supported The Renewed Hope Food Pantry in their mission to feed the hungry and care for our neighbors in need. The sign now displayed by our weekday entrance, is a beautiful reminder of how your gifts make a real difference in our community. *"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."* — Matthew 25:40

Learn more at renewedhopefoodpantry.org



November Music in Worship

As we move into a season of gratitude, we have a wonderful and varied month of musical leadership planned for our November worship services. Mark your calendars for these special Sundays! We look forward to worshipping with you this November!

- **November 2:** The GCPC Winds will join us, sharing the powerful *"Overture on an Early American Folk Hymn"* to begin the month.
- **November 9:** The Praise Team will lead us in worship with contemporary songs and hymns.
- **November 16:** In a special collaboration, the Chancel Choir and the Charter Ringers will combine to present a beautiful new anthem, *"My Father's World,"* arranged by Joel Raney.
- **November 23:** Join us for *"From Scattered to Saved: Songs of Thanksgiving!"* The Grace Mountain Sextet will join the Chancel Choir for an exciting morning of music to lead us into the holiday season.
- **November 30:** The Praise Team returns to close out a wonderful month of music and lead us in praise.

December Music in Worship

Sunday, December 7 – Second Sunday of Advent

- **9:30am Worship Service:** The service will feature Songs of the Season from our Wind Ensemble.
- **6:00pm Evening Program:** *"A Christmas Exclamation!"*
Join us for a festive evening celebration featuring our Joy! Singers, Celebration Choir, Jubilation!, and Charter ensembles. We will also be joined by guest musicians from EncoreKC! and will all sing favorite carols together.

Sunday, December 14 – Third Sunday of Advent

- **9:30 AM Worship Service:** Chancel Choir, Organ, Handbells, and other instrumentalists lead us in worship with songs of the season.

Sunday, December 21 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

- **9:30am Worship Service:** The Praise Team will lead the morning service with songs of the season.
- **7:00pm – Longest Night Service:** A quiet, contemplative evening service for all, especially those seeking peace and comfort during the holidays.

Wednesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Services

- **5:00pm Family Service:** This joyful service will feature music from our Joy! Singers, Celebration! Choir, and others!
- **8:00pm Traditional Candlelight Service:** This traditional service will feature music from the Organ, Chancel Choir and GCPC Brass.



A Note of Thanks

Thank you to all who attended October's adult education class, *"The Chord Changes."* It was a lovely morning filled with great discussion and wonderful fellowship. Your presence and thoughtful contributions made it a truly meaningful time together. We'll be looking to explore more ways in which music and faith intersect.

New Music for Our Season

Extra special thanks to **Celia Nicholas, Joy Slayton, Donna Heer, Gene Wilson and the Wilson family**, who have all generously donated special anthems to the church for this fall and winter season. It's such a joy to bring new music to the church, and it is made possible by folks like you. Specific anthems will be notated in the bulletin when they are performed.



Mission Offerings

Each month GCPC designates an organization to receive the Communion Offering. The Communion Offering recipient is listed in the bulletin each Sunday. Members can give to the Communion Offering Recipient of the month by either selecting "Communion" in the online giving portal with their donation, or by writing "Communion Offering" on their check, or envelope they put into the offering plate. All Communion Offerings submitted will be directed to the Communion Offering Recipient designated for the month in which the donation was received. If you would like to give to a Communion Offering Recipient outside of the month designated for them, please give your donation directly to the organization. The Mission Team will share information on how to contact the organizations directly in the weekly bulletins. For any questions, please contact Mission Team Moderator, Mikki Walker at michala.walker@gmail.com. Download the Mission Calendar at <https://gcpc.org/calendar/mission-calendar.html>

Thanksgiving Eve: Hope Stories

Wednesday, November 26, 7pm

As we approach Thanksgiving, we know that many are finding it hard to feel hopeful in these challenging times. This year, on Thanksgiving Eve, we'll gather to share **Hope Stories** — real stories of encouragement, renewal, and gratitude.

If you have a story of hope you'd like to share, you'll be invited to come to the microphone during the service — or, if you prefer, someone can read it for you. We're looking for uplifting stories from the past year that remind us of God's presence and goodness. *(Please avoid stories tied to politics please.)*

All stories must be approved in advance. Please send yours to Kathy Bures at kathy.bures@gmail.com. You don't need to attend the service to participate — your story can still be shared! Submissions may be a few lines or several paragraphs, but we'll only have time for a limited number, so please be concise and send yours soon.

Let's come together this Thanksgiving Eve to lift one another up and celebrate the hope that sustains us.



EncoreKC! Concert

An American Quilt:

Folk Music that Inspires Us

November 16, 3pm

Join EncoreKC! for a beautiful afternoon of music where timeless folk melodies weave together threads of history, hope, and community—coming together like a quilt to warm the soul and inspire the spirit.

- Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 3pm
- Grace United Methodist Church, 11485 S Ridgeview Rd, Olathe, KS
- Free admission | Donations appreciated
- Learn more at encorekc.org

Come be inspired—bring your friends and family for this musical celebration!

EncoreKC! is the artistic partner of GCPC.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The Children's Team is counting our blessings this month as we head into the season of Thanksgiving! The children of GCPC bring such joy to our whole congregation!

Bible Workshop on November 2

Our 3rd grade students, along with a beloved adult of choice, are invited to attend our Bible workshop on **November 2 at noon**. We'll present our friends with their Bibles in worship at the 9:30am service. Then after Sunday school, we'll gather to have lunch together and learn a little history of the Bible, how the Bible is organized, and how we can study and learn from its stories. All third graders are welcome, please bring a beloved adult of your choice.

Trunk or Treat

We appreciate all the volunteers who helped host a trunk, assisted children playing games, prepared our hot dog lunch, and every job in between! We appreciate our members who brought their children and/or grandchildren to share in the fun. We appreciate our youth for helping lead games and for bringing the fun video. We appreciate the children who brought excitement and energy we always love about our church! Thank YOU and hope everyone had a safe and Happy Halloween!

Children's Events in November

- Nov. 2** ATW, Music, & Sunday School, 3rd Grade Bible Workshop for all 3rd graders and a beloved adult—Bibles presented in Worship
- Nov. 9** ATW, Music, & Sunday School
- Nov. 16** ATW, Music, & Sunday School and SMASH from 4-6pm
- Nov. 23** ATW, Music, & Sunday School
- Nov. 30** ATW, Music, & Sunday School, First Sunday of Advent

***** We need LOTS of volunteers** to make all our programming possible — **please sign-up to help! Contact the church office or Emily Dixon.**

If you have any questions or comments about our children's programs or pictures of our children's events, please contact our DCE, Emily Nelson Dixon, emily.dixon@gcpc.org.

SMASH

Sunday November 16th, 4pm - 6pm.

On October 12th, nineteen SMASH kids had a smashing good time learning about "endurance" through the story of Noah's ark. From Apple arks at snack time to wall swimming, Jenga and real life rock, paper scissors, we had a great time. The afternoon was topped off with a scavenger hunt so everyone could take home their own "little Jesus". Thanks to everyone who helped make it a success!

Join us Sunday November 16th, 4pm - 6pm. **RSVP via our GCPC Children's group Facebook event** or contact our Director of Christian Education, Emily Nelson Dixon. We could also use additional volunteer helpers, our sign up is found here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A45A4A722A4FC1-smash1>

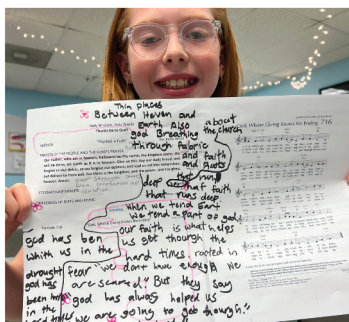
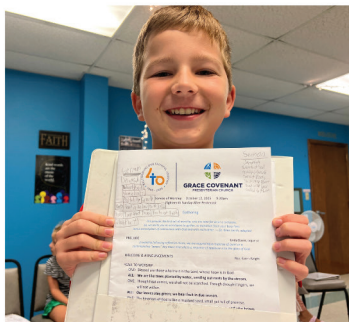
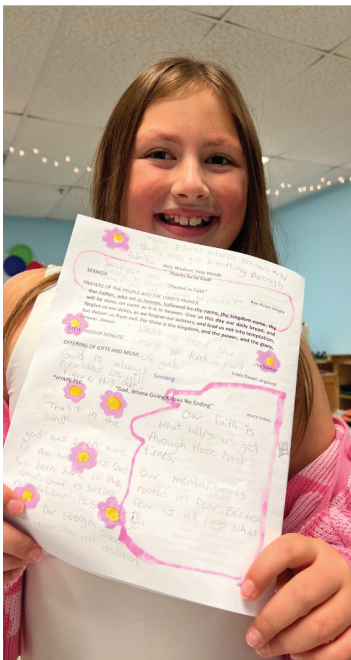


CHILDREN'S MUSIC

The Celebration! Choir is all about growing in faith and song!

This amazing group of 2nd–5th/6th graders, led by Pam Smith Kelly (director), learns not only to make beautiful sounds and read music—but also to listen deeply in worship.

Each week, they reflect on the sermon, jot down their insights, and bring those thoughts into their music-making. Through song, reflection, and joy, these young worshippers are learning how to lift their voices in praise for a lifetime!



YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Events in November

This fall, the youth have enjoyed connecting in fellowship time, Sunday school, doing service together, and helping with children's events, such as trunk or treat!

- Nov. 2** Worship, Sunday morning fellowship, and Sunday School
- Nov. 9** Worship, Sunday morning fellowship, Sunday School, 4–7pm YOUTH BONFIRE
- Nov. 16** Worship, Sunday morning fellowship, and Sunday School, 4–6pm YOUTH GROUP
- Nov. 23** Worship, Sunday morning fellowship, and Sunday School
- Nov. 30** Worship, Sunday morning fellowship, and Sunday School (First Sunday in Advent)

As we continue to grow and build programming, **WE NEED LOTS of volunteers to make youth programming possible!**

Please sign up here to teach a class, or just come hang out with some awesome youth: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A45A4A722A4FC1-57367467-gcpc>

GCPC AMAZON Wishlist:

NEW! We use many supplies over our many awesome programs! If you would like to contribute towards our ministries, here is ONE WAY to do so: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2S6DKHXFI7GKS?ref=wl_share, or talk with Christian Education Director, Emily Nelson Dixon, emily.dixon@gcpc.org, 913-345-1256.



Welcome New Members!

"This is Grace," our new member orientation class, is 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. Contact the church office if you would like to be a part of the next new member class, or visit gcpc.org/newmember. We were joyous to welcome eight new members to GCPC during worship on Sunday, August 17. Welcome Erin Huff, Anne Hirner, Leslie Jones, Walter Erselius (*bio not available*), Anne Parelkar, Kevin O'Halloran, Deb O'Halloran, and Patrick O'Halloran.



Anne Hirner

Anne Hirner lives with her mother, Sue, and their two beloved cats, Taz and Baby, who are five and a half years old. After 39 years in Kansas City, Missouri, Anne made her home in Prairie Village, where she has now lived for 22 years. Anne is a retired nurse whose career spanned several decades of compassionate care. She began in the Mother-Baby unit at Research Medical Center, then moved to the Community Blood Center's Outpatient Apheresis department. Her work continued with the Saint Luke's Bone Marrow Transplant group, where she specialized in stem cell harvests, transplants, and photopheresis. Anne later transferred to KU Medical Center, continuing her meaningful work in bone marrow transplantation.

In retirement, Anne enjoys singing, reading, gardening, crafting, cross-stitch, macramé, traveling, and much more. After joining the EncoreKC! Chorus a year and a half ago, she immediately felt at home, embraced by a community that was warm, welcoming, and full of joy. She continues to sing with EncoreKC!'s SSAA group and has also become a member of the Grace Covenant Chancel Choir. Anne is eager to explore new opportunities at Grace Covenant and looks forward to connecting with the Piecemakers and participating in all the creative and inspiring activities the church offers.



Erin Huff

Erin Huff recently moved into the Avia Apartments next door to Grace Covenant, making her Sunday mornings—and her walk to church—especially convenient. Before settling in Overland Park, Erin lived in Lenexa. Her two sons, Kurtis and Kenton, live in Norman, Oklahoma, where Kenton and his wife, Bridget, also make their home.

Erin works as a physical therapist at Johnson County Rehab Hospital—another easy walk from her new residence. She has already enjoyed getting involved at Grace through the Piecemakers and the KCK Hot Lunch program. Looking ahead, Erin plans to volunteer with Uplift and Kairos. In her free time, Erin enjoys relaxing with a good book and looks forward to deepening her connections within the Grace Covenant community.



Leslie Jones

Leslie Jones grew up in Lee's Summit, Missouri, and has been married to her husband, Jarrod, for nearly 30 years. They are the proud parents of two sons—Sterling, 14, and Sullivan, who turns 11 in September—and share their home with a lively two-year-old Australian shepherd named Luigi. For 26 years, Leslie worked in the hospitality industry, serving as Executive Chef and Prepared Foods Manager for Cosentino's Grocery Stores. She now brings her organizational skills and precision to Collins Aerospace in Lenexa, where she works as a material handler. In her role, Leslie ensures accurate inventory and supplies parts for aircraft galley equipment repairs both locally and around the world.

When Sterling expressed a desire for their family to attend church, Leslie and Jarrod followed the recommendation of Mary Lou Jones—Leslie's mother-in-law and a current Grace member—and found their spiritual home at Grace Covenant, conveniently located in their neighborhood.

Leslie shares, *"I look forward to Karen's teachings every week. I feel inspired by the word and the fellowship I experience at GCPC. It is like no other experience I have encountered."* She hopes to join an adult Bible study soon and is eager to contribute wherever she's needed—especially in the culinary area, where her talents shine.



Kevin and Deb O'Halloran

Kevin and Deb O'Halloran moved from Chicago to Kansas City in 1995 after living in several cities across the Midwest. Along the way, they worshiped in many different churches and denominations—Kevin having been raised Catholic and Deb Presbyterian. As they searched for a faith community that shared their strong Christian values and offered meaningful children's programs for their four kids, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church quickly felt like home. They were warmly welcomed by Jay, Heidi, and the congregation, and soon became active in church life—joining the choir and handbell choir, teaching Sunday School, and participating in youth trips. Their children—Ryan, Megan, Patrick, and Kristin—were 15, 13, 10, and 6 at the time, and each quickly made friends through GCPC's music and youth programs. Many of those friendships remain strong today.

Several years later, Kevin and Deb began attending Resurrection United Methodist in Leawood, drawn by sermons that deeply resonated with them during that season of life. Now, after many years away, they have joyfully returned to Grace Covenant. As Kevin and Deb put it, *"In many ways, it feels like we never left—renewing old friendships and making new ones. It's been an interesting journey, but we're so glad to once again call Grace our home."*



Patrick O'Halloran

When asked what brought him to Grace Covenant, Patrick O'Halloran shared, *"I had been putting off reclaiming membership for far too long. What brought me back was an acceptance and embracing the gifts God has provided."*

Patrick currently serves as the Interim Music Director at Grace Covenant. A retired opera singer, he now enjoys a variety of pursuits—spending time outdoors, tinkering with furniture, thrifting, running, lifting, exploring new restaurants, and fully embracing his role as the "fun uncle." Patrick recently rejoined Grace alongside his parents, Kevin and Deb O'Halloran. Having lived in Fargo, Washington, D.C., and Norfolk, he is delighted to be back in Kansas City and part of the Grace community once again.

Since returning, he has enjoyed celebrating the church's 40th Anniversary, the installation of Pastor Karen, and the deep sense of joy he feels in worship and fellowship. Patrick is excited for upcoming music events during Advent, and opportunities to connect with the youth of the church.



Anne Parelkar

Anne Parelkar's family includes her husband, Nikhil; their daughter, Veda, a fourth grader; their son, Maxwell, a second grader; and their beloved family dog, Delilah. Before settling in Overland Park, the Parelkar family lived in Kansas City, Missouri, and they enjoy spending quality time together as a family. Veda and Maxwell have loved participating in Vacation Bible School and SMASH, while Anne has especially appreciated Grace's weekly worship services and the installation of Pastor Karen. Professionally, Anne is a self-employed attorney specializing in immigration law and is also a candidate in the 2026 U.S. Senate race. When asked what brought her to Grace, Anne shared, *"I was raised Presbyterian and had visited other churches around this area over the years. Grace was the last one I visited, and it felt like home. Plus, it doesn't hurt that we live close to Grace. We love it here!"*



Sign up to Work with Habitat KC!

Tuesday, November 18, 9am-3pm

GCPC can send up to 8 people to work with Habitat KC, on Tuesday, November 18th from 9am to 3pm. Registration closes at 12pm Friday, November 7th. Use this link to sign up: <https://build.habitatk.org/reservations/22079?auth=1756995885> - Put your name and email address in the first open spot under the "Participants" heading on the left. You'll get an email after registering inviting you to complete the volunteer application - this must be complete by the deadline! **Spots are on a first-come, first-serve basis, so don't wait until the last minute.**

- The workday is from 9am-3pm, with a 30-minute onsite lunch break. Bring your own lunch and a full water bottle (extra water will be available on site).
- Construction volunteers do not need to have any prior experience in construction or bring any of their own tools; we will give you all of the education and tools you need!
- All registered volunteers will receive their assignment location via automated email 3 days prior to the volunteer day.
- In case of inclement weather, please call our Weather Hotline at 816-897-7799 to hear the recorded message for any cancellations or changes. We update the message by 7:15am each morning.
- We ask that all volunteers stay the full day, from 9am to 3pm.
- We will have 30 minutes set aside for lunch time. You will need to provide your own lunches. Feel free to bring your lunch or have lunch delivered to the site.
- We highly recommend you bring a water bottle with you.
- Please wear clothes you don't mind getting dirt, mud or house paint on, and wear sturdy/closed toe & heeled shoes (NO flip flops, sandals or crocs!) If you have work gloves, please bring them.
- Dress for the weather. If there has been rain on previous days, be prepared for the sites to be muddy.
- The use, purchase and possession of alcohol, drugs and weapons are forbidden on Habitat KC property and volunteer sites.
- All volunteers must be 16 or older to volunteer. Volunteers under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



Upcoming Events and Services

(Save these dates)

— 2025 —

Bible Workshop and Lunch

for 3rd grade students
Sunday, November 2, Noon
Heartland Hall

Intergenerational Friendship Bracelet Making Party

Saturday, November 15, 1-3:30pm
Heartland Hall
RSVP by 11/10 at gpcpc.org/friendship

EncoreKC! Chorus Concert

"An American Quilt: Folk Music that Inspires Us"
Sunday, November 16, 3pm
Grace United Methodist Church, Olathe, KS

From Scattered to Saved: Songs of Thanksgiving

*A special Music Sunday featuring the
Grace Mountain Ensemble, Chancel Choir,
and Cal Sweeten on hammer dulcimer*
Sunday, November 23, 9:30am

Advent Begins - "Waiting Well"

Sunday, November 30, 9:30am

GCPC Winds: Songs of the Season!

Sunday, December 7, 9:30am

A Christmas Exclamation!

Sunday, December 7, 6pm

The Longest Night

Sunday, December 21, 7pm

Christmas Eve Worship

Wednesday, December 24
5pm Family Service
8pm Traditional Service

— 2026 —

Bingo Night

Friday, January 23, Time TBA

Olympic Family Event

Saturday, January 31, Time TBA

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 17, Time TBA

Lent Begins - Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 18

Palm Sunday

March 29, 9:30am

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 2, 7pm

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4, Time TBA

Good Friday

Friday, April 3, 7pm

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5, 9am and 11am

Youth Sunday

Sunday, April 12, 9:30am

Trivia Night

Saturday, April 18, Time TBA

Vacation Bible School

June 1-5, 9am-Noon
Registration opens on January 1, 2026

Details on these events and services are shared in the midweek email, bulletin, newsletter, and Facebook and Instagram. For an online church calendar, visit gpcpc.org/calendar



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Worship Schedule

9:30am Worship

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