



## Service of Worship — June 11, 2023

***“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.

**TODAYS FLOWERS** are in memory of Jeremy Frye by Harold Frye.

**ELDER ON DUTY:** Melanie Townsend

**HEAD USHER:** John Gilbert

**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.



## Pledge Portal



**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:** Julie Webb

**Cancer Treatment:** Pam Kelly, Harold Farren

**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:** First Presbyterian Church, Albany, MO; Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church, Appleton City, MO; Parkville Living – New Worshiping Community.

(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**

**TACTILE LAP QUILT WORK DATES:** We will an upcoming gathering to sew notions into 6-1/2” fabric squares on July 8, 10am–12pm in Room 3. All you need to bring is your machine, thread and scissors, or just a needle if you are a hand sewer. If you would like to participate, or if you would like to sew from home, contact Donna Heer, [taxdheer@gmail.com](mailto:taxdheer@gmail.com).

**DO YOU DRIVE AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE?** Sunday, June 18, our Grace Summer Session will be about electric vehicles. This will be an opportunity to show your electric vehicle (cars, vans, bikes) to members and friends who want to learn more about it. This intergenerational session will begin at 10:45am in Heartland Hall with a brief presentation and then move to the west-end parking lot to see the vehicles. If you would be willing to display your vehicle, please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A45A4A722A4FC1-electric>

## ADULT

**DURING ITS SUMMER HIATUS, THE THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP** meets once a month in a member's home to share fellowship and hold a book discussion. (In other words, come even if you haven't read the book!) Here are the books for this summer:

- June 15: *Survival Guide for the Soul* by Ken Shigamatsu at Sarah Evans' house (6402 Cooper St.) at 9:30 a.m.
- July 20: *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant at Jan Cummings' house (9815 Broadmoor) at 9:30 a.m.
- August 17: *The Light We Carry* by Michelle Obama at Glenda Johnson's house (11712 W. 108th Street) at 9:30 a.m.

Please contact Cheryl Johnson, [agathatoo@gmail.com](mailto:agathatoo@gmail.com), with any questions.

## CHILDREN

**VBS 2023!** Thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's Vacation Bible School a success! We could not have done it without your countless volunteer hours.

## MISSION

**THE JUNE COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT** will be directed to Johnson County Christmas Bureau. JCCB is a long-time partner of GCPC; every year, they run a 9–10 day Holiday Shop during the month of December. At the Holiday Shop, pre-qualified, low-income Johnson County residents can shop for groceries, personal care items, toys, books, coats and hats, and other items for their families' needs. JCCB also provides packages for low-income nursing home residents, including items such as pajamas, slipper socks, twin bedding, lap quilts, tool belts and walker bags. Find your Christmas spirit in the middle of summer and help JCCB achieve their mission!

**JUNE BLOOD DRIVE:** We're excited to host the Community Blood Center donation drive on June 27 during their Royals' promotion week. This means two tickets for everyone who comes in to donate! New donors are always welcome! We'll be making appointments between 2 and 6pm. Book at [savealifenow.org/group](https://savealifenow.org/group) and enter Group Code: IM. For questions, contact Sarah Byrd, 913-909-1559 or [swbyrdks@gmail.com](mailto:swbyrdks@gmail.com).

**77TH IHN ROTATION IS JUNE 11–18:** "There are many rooms in my Father's house, and I am going to prepare a place for you." —John 14:2 Good News Translation. From Sunday evening, June 11, to the next Sunday morning, June 18, our guests will have dinner, prepare their lunch

for the next day, and get a cold breakfast before leaving for work, school, or the Family Center the next morning. On Saturday, we have a hot breakfast for them! We always appreciate the support our members give to this program! If you have any questions, please contact Jane Knoche or Christine Caseres.

**CAN RECYCLING = (ALMOST) FREE MONEY FOR YOUR FAVORITE GCPC TEAM OR MISSION:** With our Youth Director's departure, we need a new system for getting the aluminum cans in the can shed to the scrap metal recycler. The good news is, taking cans to the recycler is a source of easy money! The bad news is, we need volunteers to do it. The scrap metal recyclers are located in KCMO, and you need a large vehicle like a truck or van to do it efficiently. (Taking a trunkful of cans in a sedan isn't worth the time it takes to get there and back.) We need to keep up with the cans as they come in so that the volume doesn't become overwhelming.

For the next two months, we'd like to try a pilot program where any interested church member can sign up to take a load of cans each month. Whoever takes the cans in a given month gets to decide where the money for that load goes — you can direct it to your favorite GCPC Ministry Team (like Facilities Team or Children's Team) or to your favorite GCPC mission partner (like IHN or Uplift). The price of aluminum varies, but normally it is from \$50 to \$100 per truckload of cans. At the end of July, we'll determine the success of the pilot program and decide how to move forward. Contact Mikki Walker at [michala.walker@gmail.com](mailto:michala.walker@gmail.com) if you're interested in getting more details and/or taking the cans in June or July.

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## Generosity Team Update For Good – Living in God’s Grace

We’d like to share with you the pledging update as of May 16, 2023, which is 37% of the calendar year. There’s been positive movement with 42% of projected pledge amounts being received. Some of that can be attributed to members who have pre-paid their 2023 pledges, but we must also thank the timely generosity of our members. We are happy to share that we have received one additional pledge last month. We want to share a note of caution, while the overall picture is healthy — we still have 24 of the submitted pledges and 9 of the rollover pledges remaining at 0% in mid-May.

Here is our giving progress shown by numbers of pledges:

Submitted Pledges (102)	April 12th	May 16th
0% fulfilled	32	24
1-25% fulfilled	33	12
26-50% fulfilled	29	52
51-75% fulfilled	0	3
76-100% fulfilled	7	11
\$533,282.63	\$187,129	\$211,291.51

Rollover Pledges (28)	April 12th	May 16th
0% fulfilled	11	9
1-25% fulfilled	6	1
26-50% fulfilled	9	9
51-75% fulfilled	1	5
76-100% fulfilled	1	4
\$101,369	\$15,480	\$53,965

5 groupings are used to show giving progress and calendar relationship. They are 0%, 1-25%, 26-50%, 51-75%, 76-100%. Each pledge falls into one of these groups.

We are seeing our 0% fulfilled numbers slowly decreasing. If a person or family hasn’t given any funds yet toward either their submitted or rollover pledge in 2023, they are in the 0% fulfilled category. As always, we thank you for your generosity and commitment to Grace Covenant. If you have questions about the above information, please contact any of the members of your Generosity Team: Dave Sutherland, Ryan Hussey, Bill Brown, Jane Knoche, and Mitch Trigger.

### Faith and Hope Campaign Update

Our \$50,000 Faith and Hope Campaign has one additional pledge since last month! Thank you for the \$100 supplemental pledge! That makes 34 members who have come forward with a supplemental pledge amount. As of May 16, 2023, 43% of our goal has been raised for a total of \$21,635. You may be wondering why are we still campaigning for more funds? Our largest budget expenses are Facilities and Personnel. The other committee budgets are so tight, there is no room to grow these programs. Yes, we are down one staff person and the Personnel Team is preparing a Staffing Study to present to Session. If the result is to hire additional staff, we would want to put our best foot forward. Potential candidates could be deterred by a deficit budget.



Please consider our Faith and Hope Campaign and give a supplemental pledge. You can access it through “Online Giving” at [gcpc.org](http://gcpc.org). Click on the “Grace Covenant Online Giving Portal” and **choose the 2023 Faith and Hope Fund**. You may also send an e-mail to Tara Hyder, [finance@gcpc.org](mailto:finance@gcpc.org).

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