



GRACE COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

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God gathers us in a welcoming community, with our curiosity and questions, to worship creatively, learn from God's word, share our gifts, and deepen our faith.

With grateful hearts and a spirit of adventure, we go to serve Christ in the world, sharing kindness with everyone, and working for justice rooted in God's love.

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Into the Wilderness

Lent commences amid the wilderness, with the Spirit guiding Jesus into a place of temptation and struggle. Throughout his forty days of fasting, resisting, and wandering, Jesus undergoes a transformative experience, shaping him for ministry. In a parallel fashion, during the Lenten wilderness, we are encouraged to embrace the untamed guidance of the Spirit.

While entering the wilderness may not be our choice, through our journey, we hope to rediscover our identity and connection to a higher purpose. The wilderness, though perilous, can become sacred, with no space too harsh or threatening for God's love. This Lent, we extend an invitation to join the journey.

A **Lenten Devotional Booklet** has been prepared with reflections written by members of our congregation. Printed copies will be available in the concourse beginning February 11.

Ash Wednesday Worship, February 14, 6:30-7:00pm

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 24, 9:30am

Maundy Thursday Worship, March 28, 7:30pm

Good Friday Worship, March 29, 7:30pm

Easter Sunday Worship, March 31, 9:00am and 11:00am

(The flowering of the cross begins 15 minutes prior to the start of each worship service.)

Covenant Group Potluck - February 25

Enjoy a potluck brunch with your Covenant Group after the church service on Sunday, February 25. The Deacons are in the planning process with details to follow.

Please check the Midweek Announcements for information closer to the date. If you don't get the Midweek Announcements email, contact Patrick in the church office at office@gcpc.org.

MUSIC NOTES

MUSIC IN WORSHIP

February 4th – 5th Sunday after the Epiphany
Organ Led, Chancel & Exaltation! Singers Anthem:
“Christ, We See You” by Ken Medema, and
Joy! Singers (4s-1st graders) & Celebration! Choir
(2nd-6th graders) will also sing

February 11th – Transfiguration Sunday
Praise Team & Charter Ringers lead worship

February 14th – Ash Wednesday Service – 6:30-7pm
Organ led worship

February 18th – 1st Sunday in Lent
Organ led worship. Chancel & Exaltation! Singers
Anthem: “The Kingdom” by André J. Thomas
and Wind Ensemble will play

February 25th – 2nd Sunday in Lent
Organ led worship. Chancel & Exaltation! Singers
Anthem: “More Love to Thee” by Mark Shepperd
and Jubilation! Ringers will ring

LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, March 24th
Music Leadership by Praise Team,
Joy! Singers (4s-1st graders),
& Celebration! Choir (2nd-6th graders)

MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 28th – 7:30pm Worship
Music Leadership by Praise Team

GOOD FRIDAY, March 29th – 7:30pm Worship
Music Leadership by Chancel & Exaltation! Singers
and Chamber Orchestra as they present
Requiem by Mark Hayes

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31st
**Please note: the flowering of the cross will begin
15 minutes prior to the start of each worship service.*

***9:00am Worship**
Music Leadership by Praise Team

***11:00am Worship**
Music Leadership by Chancel & Exaltation! Singers,
Charter Ringers, & Chancel Brass

LOOKING AHEAD TO ADDITIONAL MUSIC EVENTS FEBRUARY - MAY

February 13th SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER
5:30-7:00pm with Dixieland Band
– Bob Dover, director

BRIGHT SUNDAY, April 7th – 9:30am Worship
Music Leadership by Grace Mountain (Bluegrass)

April 14th MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY
Praise Team, Chancel & Exaltation! Singers, Charter
Ringers, and Organ Led

April 21st EncoreKC Concert
Held at Village on Antioch at 3pm

**April 28th GCPC Hosts EAST HILL SINGERS
CONCERT at 4:00pm**

East Hill Singers are a choir made up of inmates
from Lansing Correctional Facility plus Community
Singers. Many thanks to Kairos & Mission Teams for
coordinating this concert.

May 5th BELL FEST XXXIV at 6:00pm
Our theme this year is “The Classics: From Beethoven
to Folk, Sacred, and Rock!” It’s always a fun time!

**Friday, May 31st REZOUND HANDBELL ENSEMBLE
CONCERT at 7:00pm**

Rezound Handbell Ensemble is an exceptionally
talented auditioned handbell ensemble.
Our own Trey Bures, Lindsay Callender,
Jill Endaya, and Marshall Allen (*who will be married to
Jill Endaya on February 3rd*) are ringers
in this outstanding ensemble.



“Thank You” Notes

We are thankful for the following donations to our music libraries in January of 2024.

The anthem “All Things New” by Elaine Hagenberg has been donated in memory of Mary Ann Wilson from the Mary Ann Wilson Choral Music Grants.

The anthem “Crown Him!” arr. Dan Forrest has been donated by Linda & Paul Bruns in memory of Linda’s parents, Charles & Letha Ellis, in gratitude for their influence and support.

The anthem “More Love to Thee” by Mark Shepperd has been donated by Celia & Mike Nicholas in recognition of the many gifts we receive from Chancel Choir.

The anthem “The Day of Resurrection” arr. Shelton Ridge Love has been donated in memory of Joe Hoffman from his memorial funds.

The handbell piece, “Africa” arr. Julie Turner, has been donated by Celia & Mike Nicholas in honor of Charter Ringers and their many talents.

The handbell piece, “Call of the Water” by Kathleen Wissinger was donated by Kathy Bures, Katie Hearn, Cheryl Johnson, Angela & Chris Krug, and Celia Nicholas in memory of Kipp Willnauer (1949-2023) who was an integral part of Heartland Presbyterian Intergenerational Handbell Camp, a director of handbells at GCPC for a time, and a dear friend.

The handbell piece, “Fly Me to the Moon” arr. Ron Mallory, has been donated by Celia & Mike Nicholas in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, August 30, 2024.



Greetings Grace Covenant Friends,

I wanted to say thank you for allowing me time to journey with you all in this time of transition. In my time as the Bridge Pastor I have seen a congregation that is a community and is dedicated to serving. I believe that God has great things in store for GCPC but it will also require work. However we are assured that work in the Kingdom of God is done alongside the one who continues to do the heavy lifting for us.

The Gospel of Matthew: 11:28–30 *“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”*

As you continue your journey in this time of transition, lean on one another and on God. Celebrate the amazing things God has and is doing at GCPC, and take time to dream and ponder where God is leading in the future.

Grace, Mercy, and Peace,
—Pastor Karen Wright

Altar Flowers

Due to rising costs, our fresh flower supplier, Dalton’s Flowers, has permanently closed. In researching other florists, I found the cost to be almost twice what Dalton’s had charged us. Linda McMaster, our permanent flower artist, has agreed to make more arrangements available for our special anniversaries. This is her gift to us.

The \$30 donation for the permanent arrangements would continue to go to the communion offering.

Thank you for your continued support in remembering the special occasions in your life, beautifying the sanctuary, and contributing to the communion offering. —Chelly King



Communion Offering Collection Change

Each month GCPC designates an organization to receive Communion Offering. These organizations have been organized into a PDF document to allow you to easily view the organizations by month for 2024.

Download the **2024 Mission Calendar** PDF on our website here <https://gcpc.org/calendar/mission-calendar.html>.

The 2024 Mission Calendar is also posted on the Mission Bulletin board (just outside the Sanctuary doors behind the sound booth). The Communion Offering recipient is also listed in the bulletin every Sunday.

Any member can choose to give Communion Offering by either selecting "Communion" in the online giving portal, or writing "Communion Offering" on the check or envelope that you put in the offering plate.

Currently, many members give to one of the Communion Offering organizations outside of the month that is designated for it. For example, someone might give an offering for Rosehill Elementary in April, although the month designated for Rosehill is February. However, receiving offering for a Communion Offering organization outside of the designated month creates a lot of work to track and direct those amounts correctly for Tara, our Finance Administrator. To alleviate that burden, effective February 1, 2024, all Communion Offerings received will be directed to the organization for the month it is received. So to continue the example above, all Communion Offering received between February 1 and February 29 will be directed to Rosehill.

If you would like to give to a Communion Offering recipient outside of the month designated for it, please consider giving directly to the organization. Mission team will start including information on how to contact the organizations directly in the bulletins. Your generous donations are much appreciated! Thanks as always for your kindness. For any questions, please contact Mikki Walker at michala.walker@gmail.com.

Interfaith Hospitality Network

GCPC'S next IHN rotation is February 4-11. We need overnight hosts for Friday and Saturday nights. When you volunteer with JoCo IHN, you'll not only meet the people you're helping; you will hear their stories, witness their determination, and see their pride as they learn to budget, save, and lift themselves up. We ask that all volunteers attend a two-hour training session. JoCo IHN holds these sessions every other month, usually on a weekday evening 6:30-8:30 pm. If you have any questions, contact Christine Caseres at 913-908-8819. Thank you to all who have already signed up to volunteer. We appreciate you.



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Communion Offering	ReNewed Hope Food Pantry	Rosehill School	PCUSA One Great Hour	IHN	Crop Walk	PCUSA Pentecost
Donation Partner	Souper Bowl	Little Free Pantry	Uplift	A Gathering of Friends	VBS	The Starfish Project
Donation Items	Non-perishable foods	TBS	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Offerings		Noisy Offering	PCUSA One Great Hour		Noisy Offering	PCUSA Pentecost
ReNewed Hope FP	Food donation in Weekday Entrance. 8741 Antioch Mobile Pantry volunteer Tuesdays a.m. 8-11:30am greet, direct traffic, 9-11:30am load trunks Hope Bus food pantry various times and locations - see app.vomo.org					
Regular Activities	KCK Hot Lunch 1/20 Uplift 1/27	IHN 2/4-2/11 KCK Hot Lunch 2/17 Uplift 2/24	KCK Hot Lunch 3/16 Uplift 3/23	KCK Hot Lunch 4/20 Uplift 4/27	IHN 5/5-5/12 KCK Hot Lunch 5/18 Uplift 5/25	KCK Hot Lunch 6/15 Uplift 6/22
One-Time Activities			Blood Drive	MS Walk East Hill Singers Concert 4/28		
Good Faith Network				Solutions Briefing 4/14	Nehemiah Action 5/7	
Minute for Mission	1/28	2/25	3/24	4/28	5/26	6/30
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Communion Offering	PCUSA Mission Agency	Mission Co-Workers	JCCB	Duschene Clinic	Red Bag	Argentine Baby Closet
Donation Partner	Safehome	Crosslines	JCCB	Duschene Clinic	Red Bag	Argentine Baby Closet
Donation Items	TBD	Food & other needs	Food and new toys	OTC meds	Christmas gifts	Formula & diapers
Offerings		Noisy Offering		PCUSA Peace & Global Witness	Noisy Offering	PCUSA Christmas Joy
ReNewed Hope FP	Food donation in Weekday Entrance. 8741 Antioch Mobile Pantry volunteer Tuesdays a.m. 8-11:30am greet, direct traffic, 9-11:30am load trunks Hope Bus food pantry various times and locations - see app.vomo.org					
Regular Activities	KCK Hot Lunch 7/20 Uplift 7/27	IHN 8/4-8/11 KCK Hot Lunch 8/17 Uplift 8/24	KCK Hot Lunch 9/21 Uplift 9/28	KCK Hot Lunch 10/19 Uplift 10/26	IHN 11/3-11/10 KCK Hot Lunch 11/16 Uplift 11/23	KCK Hot Lunch 12/21 Uplift 12/28
One-Time Activities		Head for the Cure Walk/Run		Crop Walk Blood Drive WORKshop Sunday		
Good Faith Network	Celebration 7/14		Members Issue Forum		Community Problems Assembly 11/10 (?)	
Minute for Mission	7/28	8/25	9/29	10/27	11/24	

New Red Bag Coordinator Needed!

Every November, GCPC participates in the Red Bag project and collects Christmas gifts for about 20 children in foster care. Angela Krug has coordinated this effort for a number of years and is ready to retire from that service! Tell Angela, "Thank you," if you get a chance, and please consider whether you could be the new Red Bag Coordinator in 2024 and beyond. Angela is willing to teach the new coordinator what to do! If you're interesting in this opportunity to brighten Christmas for vulnerable kids, please contact Mikki Walker at Michala.walker@gmail.com.

Clerk's Corner

Session met on Tuesday, January 18 via Zoom due to the weather.

The 2024 budget was reviewed, revised (one last time) and approved! The approved budget has been sent to the Congregation and was discussed at the Congregational meeting on January 28.

Our aging building had a pipe burst during the January cold snap. Insurance will cover this incident although we will have to cover our deductible and a percentage of the expenses.

Our shared youth program with Village on Antioch is gaining traction and attracting interest from our neighbor Knox Presbyterian as well.

In VERY exciting news, the Interim Pastor Nominating Committee brought terms for a Covenant with an interim pastor. The Session approved the terms and the agreement will be forwarded to Commission on Ministry for approval. Once we have that final approval, the information will be shared with the Congregation. As a reminder, while a "permanent" pastor is called by the congregation, interim pastors are contracted by the Session. We thank the IPNC for all their hard work in vetting and interviewing candidates and negotiating terms on behalf of the Session. We are so grateful to Bill Turner, Mac Fechtling, Terri Monrad, Cheryl Johnson, Paul Bruns, Chris Cabe, and Meredith Watson for executing this task (and being "guinea pigs" for PCUSA's new matching system).

Mikki Walker and Jo Randolph will be meeting with Amgad Megally of the Arab Christian Fellowship to discuss their current status and aspirations and how we can engage in effective ministry with them.

The officers of the Corporation for 2024 were elected. They are Katie Hearn—president, Lara Schesser—vice president, Aaron Soule—treasurer, and Melanie Townsend—secretary.

As always, please reach out to any Session member if you have questions or concerns.

— Melanie Townsend, Clerk of Session

Medical Equipment Available for Temporary Use

Many members find themselves in need of medical equipment following a surgery or other medical diagnosis. Grace Covenant has some pieces of equipment available to borrow. They are kept in a supply closet at the church and may be signed out upon request. The list of equipment is below.

Contact Chelly King, chelly41rn@gmail.com for more information.

- 3 wheelchairs: lg/med/small
- 1 bed rail
- 1 knee brace
- 3 walkers: 1-no wheels (lift + walk), 1- with seat, 1- with 2 wheels
- 3 over-the-toilet chairs
- 1 over-the-tub safety bar (boxed)
- 3 single foot canes
- 2 four-footed canes
- 2 sets of crutches: 1 wood, 1 aluminum with padding

Thank You Church Family!

I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to my church family for the many acts of kindness, support, and comfort shown to me and my family when my husband, Jim, unexpectedly passed away in December. We are so grateful for your compassion to us demonstrated through numerous gifts of food and expressions of loving support. It provided much comfort to ease our grief and loss and truly demonstrates the power of God's redeeming love. I am truly grateful to be part of this loving community. —Sandy Adams

Faith in the Cracks - a Podcast by Rev. Karen Wright!

Check out "Faith in the Cracks" - a podcast by Rev. Karen Wright. *"Just like new plants sprout in the cracks of the sidewalk, faith can grow and develop in the cracks of our lives. Whether the cracks are cracks of time in our daily schedule or cracks in our lives from changes, pressure, or life in general, when we allow God's word to seep into the cracks, new things can blossom."*

LISTEN here <https://www.buzzsprout.com/2120769>. Also on Spotify and others. Search for "Faith in the Cracks."

Children's Team



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The Children's team along with our fantastic volunteers are excited to be hosting our annual pancake supper. Bring your family and friends on Tuesday, February 13th, from 5:30pm - 7pm to Heartland Hall where we will enjoy pancakes, music from Dixieland Band, and some family fun activities.

Eating pancakes? RSVP!

If you plan to enjoy pancakes with us, we request your RSVP for our planning purposes. Please use this sign up: <https://bit.ly/GCPCPancakes2024>

Can you help?

If you can help us with set-up, cooking, clean-up or donating a griddle, please use this sign-up: <http://bit.ly/ShroveVolunteer>



SERVICE - MUSIC - ARTS - SPORTS - HANG-OUT

Once a month, SMASH happens!

This popular program is an activity for kindergarten through 5/6th graders combining sports, music, arts, service, and "hangout" time and offers a time for children to be nurtured in faith by building relationships with a variety of adults of all ages. In January, our SMASH kiddos met to talk about David's impact as a young child and how our children can make a difference, too.

Join us again in February on the 18th from 4pm - 6pm. We'll be talking about Mary as a young child in the Bible.

Communion Workshop

Our 2nd grade children and parent(s) are invited to a Communion Workshop to be held on Sunday, February 25th, beginning at 12 noon. We look forward to sharing their first communion with them shortly afterwards on Sunday, March 3rd. We are excited to continue our baptismal promise to these children as they learn more about the Sacrament of Communion.

Camp Firelight Vacation Bible School

Who's dreaming of warm weather and counting the days until summer?

At the end of this month, we'll be less than 99 days until our Camp Firelight Vacation Bible School. We hope you'll save the dates: June 3 - 7 from 9am - 12 noon. Look for more details in March.



Children's Events at a glance

- Feb 4 ATW, Music & Sunday School
- Feb 11 ATW, Music Hour for 2- 5th/6th & Sunday School for all others
- Feb 13 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - one of our favorite events of the year!
- Feb 18 ATW, Music & Sunday School and SMASH
- Feb 25 ATW is available. Enjoy our all Church Potluck during the Sunday School hour. Communion Workshop for our 2nd grade families.

If you are new to Children's Ministries at GCPC, welcome!

We are glad you are here. To get an overview of our children's ministry program, please see our January 2024 newsletter or visit our web page: <https://gcpc.org/children-youth/children/>



Opportunity to Expand Composting at GCPC

Please Respond by 2/18 if Interested!

Late last year, Kansas City Food Cycle decided to discontinue the composting program we had been participating in at GCPC. The EarthCare team has been exploring options for continuing the program. It may be possible to expand our composting program, allowing members to bring their household compostable waste to church, if there is sufficient interest.



KC Can Compost

Here's how it would work. There would be a 64-gallon trash bin with a locking lid outside by the can shed. People who choose to participate in the program would receive the code to unlock it. Each participating household would sign up directly with **KC Can Compost (KCCC)** and pay a monthly cost of \$12.99 directly to KCCC. Participants would also create an account with KC Can Compost for billing. Participants would receive a bucket — delivered directly to their home address — and could bring their full buckets to church to dump into the big bin at any time. Participants will not be allowed to bring empty buckets into the church to clean, so use of compostable bucket liners is encouraged. (Compostable liners are sold by KC Can Compost.) Information about what compostable waste KC Can Compost accepts is available at <https://kccancompost.com/compostable-item>.

Overall, the monthly cost for this program is \$60. However, KCCC will reduce that amount by \$12 for every GCPC participating household. So if at least five people sign up, the program will be free to the church.

You can read more about why composting is important to fight climate change, and the good work that KCCC does in our local community at their website: <https://kccancompost.com/>. **If you're interested in participating, please let Mikki Walker know by February 18.** And let Mikki know if you have any questions — send them to michala.walker@gmail.com, or just talk to her in church anytime.

UPLIFT KANSAS CITY

Feeding the homeless in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

A large number of Grace Covenant members help prepare hot casseroles to feed 60–90 homeless for the UPLIFT organization on the fourth Saturday of every month. UPLIFT is a completely volunteer organization that distributes hot meals and survival essentials to the homeless three evenings a week all year round.

Taking part in the GCPC UPLIFT process is easy. You can participate as little or as much as you would like each month. Each month GCPC members receive an email detailing volunteer opportunities and items needed for that month's delivery. These items include casserole recipe items (canned soup, milk, butter, canned veggies, etc.) to help build our casseroles and donate items (coats, blankets, underwear, gloves, flashlights, etc.).

If you are on the GCPC UPLIFT distribution list then you can read the list and sign up to participate. We often have one or two Amazon listed items for "most needed" survival supplies so you can even participate from the comfort of your living room couch! A team of cooks prepare the meals on Saturday morning, and someone delivers the hot meals to the UPLIFT warehouse in Kansas City for distribution that evening.

In order to participate add your e-mail address to the GCPC UPLIFT distribution list.

There are three options:

1. Use your smartphone to scan the QR code below and fill out your name and email address on the web form;
2. Sign the attendance pad in your pew and write UPLIFT and your e-mail address in the comments section;
3. Contact Kevin Johnson, GCPC UPLIFT Coordinator at krpj01@gmail.com or 913-602-4071.



Take the Challenge - Give Up Plastic Bags During Lent!

This season of Lent, the EarthCare team is challenging GPCPC to give up single-use plastic bags.

Many plastic bags are used for a matter of minutes and then sit in a landfill for hundreds of years. They contribute to climate change and plastic pollution, and can harm wildlife. So join the challenge and stop using plastic bags!

Here's how to participate:

Between February 14 and March 28, take a selfie every time you use a reusable bag (or just a photo of your reusable bag, if you don't want to be in the picture). Upload it to <https://gcpc.org/photo>. Whoever has the most photos uploaded by midnight on March 28 will win a prize! The winner will be announced in worship on April 7.

The Rules:

- You can take one photo per place where you normally would receive a single use bag. So if you buy groceries and use 6 reusable bags to take them all home, you can take one photo of all 6 bags to upload.
- Photos from one household should all be submitted by the same person (to make it easier to count submissions and determine the winner).
- You can only submit photos from people who live with you. So unless your children/grandchildren/other relatives live with you, you can't submit their photos under your name.
- You don't have to upload photos on the day they are taken - you could upload all your photos at 11:59pm on March 28 if you'd like.

If you need a reusable bag, see Mikki Walker - she has extras to give away. And ask Mikki if you have any questions - Michala.walker@gmail.com.



SHROVE TUESDAY
Pancake Supper

Join us
Tuesday, February 13
5:30pm - 7:00pm
GPCC Heartland Hall
\$5 per person/ \$20 per family

Pancakes
Dixieland J&zz
Family Fun

RSVP by February 5
<https://bit.ly/GCPCPancakes2024>

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 13, 5:30–7pm

Family and friends are welcome!

If you plan to enjoy pancakes with us, we request your RSVP for our planning purposes.

RSVP HERE! <https://bit.ly/GCPCPancakes2024>

If you can help us with set-up, cooking, clean-up or donating a griddle, please use this sign-up: <http://bit.ly/ShroveVolunteer>

Enjoy live music provided by our Dixieland Band during the pancake supper from 5:40 to 6pm and again from 6:40 to 7pm. Members are Darryl Prater, trumpet; Rev. Karen Wright, trombone; Miles McDonald, saxophone; Jill Endaya, percussion; Trey Bures, string bass; Linda Dover, piano; and Bob Dover, clarinet & director.

Weekend Crafters Winter Retreat!

Our Weekend Crafters group held their winter retreat on January 12 and 13. Mother Nature made an appearance and due to winter weather concerns, we remained at home Friday evening but got together via Zoom. We braved the elements to come together at GCPC for a good part of the day on Saturday. Together we worked on various quilting projects as part our Piece Maker's mission work followed by some creative painting for Jaylee Soule's Girl Scout Gold Award "Ageless Inspiration" project. You can see us in action in the pictures below.

Did you know we have several active crafting groups?

Our crafters have also been busy making prayer shawls to be given to people experiencing challenges, hats for the Johnson County Christmas Bureau, and have started making handmade washcloths for children in need in Guam. This group is very happy to teach others how to knit or crochet.

Our **Piece Makers quilting/sewing group** meets the second Saturday of the month. Current projects include incorporating donated fabric into quilts for Uplift, tactile lap quilts for memory care patients or elementary school occupational therapists, Christmas stockings for Red Bag, and burp rags and bassinet blankets for Overland Park NICU. Sewing skills not required; we can use ironing and cutting skills too!

Our crafting groups meet during the day, evening, weekends and remotely when needed. We would love to see you join us. Visit our web page for more details at: <https://gcpc.org/ministries/connection-groups/craftinghobbies.html>, and reach out to one of our leaders today!



LIFE OF THE CHURCH



February Donation Partner GCPC's Little Free Food Pantry

Donations for February's Mission Partner will go to our GCPC Little Food Pantry. If you haven't seen it, this pantry is found on the east end of our property along Nieman Road. We stock the pantry with nonperishable items and we see these items moving from the pantry each week. Sometimes the pantry is wiped clean. Volunteers check the pantry twice a week and restock as best we can. On occasion, we see donations added to the pantry from within the community as well.

If you would like to donate to our food pantry, please bring your donations to the weekday entrance whenever you are at church during the month of February. The items most consumed are:

- Small jars of peanut butter
- Noodles & pasta sauce
- Box dinners
- Individual drinks or snacks of any kind

Thank you for participating in this important ministry with us.

February Communion Offering Rosehill Elementary

Rosehill is a Title I school in Lenexa, and a longtime partner with GCPC. Title I is a federal program that provides extra math and reading support; Rosehill is eligible for Title I because of the percentage of students who receive free or reduced lunch benefits. A quality education is necessary for every child to be successful in life; GCPC's partnership with Rosehill helps ensure that all our local children are equipped to succeed. **Make your donation online or in the offering plate; just note that it is meant for Communion Offering.**

What the Future Holds

A reminder that if you have not yet made your pledge for 2024, you may visit the Generosity Bulletin Board in the concourse and pick up a pledge slip and envelope and fill it out, and then put it in Tara Hyder's office inbox. You may also go to our pledge portal https://onrealm.org/gcpc/AddPledge/2024_pledgedoffering and enter it there! Tara always appreciates e-mails (finance@gcpc.org) or phone calls — leave a message. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dave Sutherland, Ryan Hussey, or Jane Knoche.

February Giveaway

Check tables in the concourse the first two weekends in February for "giveaway" items collected by the Facilities Team, as we continue to clean and organize various parts of the church building. *(Items left after Tuesday, February 13, will be donated.)*

2023 Annual Report

A PDF of the 2023 Annual Report is on our website. View and download here <https://gcpc.org/about-us/annual-reports.html>.



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9:30am Worship

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