



**Service of Worship
August 29, 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 worshipping 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: Johnnie Baker and Family in the death of Larry Baker.

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses

Cancer Treatment: Kathy Jonas

Aging Challenges: Shirley Sisk

Military Service: David Zak, C.J. Bradley, Seth Lorimer, Mary E. Johnson II, Alanna Funk, Bryce Hearn, Shannon Lorimer. **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, Independence, MO; Trinity Presbyterian Church, Independence, MO; Heartland Presbytery Stewardship

(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

CONTACTING STAFF: A reminder that the GCPC church building has returned to normal operations. The office is open from 8am to 4pm, but the best way to reach a staff member is by e-mail:

Rev. Sue: sue.trigger@gcpc.org

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HOW TO PLEDGE DURING THIS TIME: Although we are now offering limited in-person 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 "Online Giving."

ADULT

THE CONFESSION OF BELHAR ADULT EDUCATION CLASS continues today at 10:45am in Room 4, or via the Zoom link listed at the end of this announcement. We will be taking a look at the PC(USA)'s relatively "new" Confession of Belhar, some thoughts from Ibram Kendi's book "How to Be an Antiracist," the commitment we've made in being a Matthew 25 Congregation, and applying these all to our continued spiritual growth and faith journeys. (Some fast tracking for sure!) Contact Joel for more information, joel.ilten@gmail.com. Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3967863573?pwd=MFloWWI1emY0N2FINnBYaUxCeVpVQT09>

FOLLOW ME — BIBLICAL PRACTICES FOR FAITHFUL LIVING: A living faith is so much more than simply believing in God. Jesus called all sorts of people to follow him to God, showing concrete ways to love God and one another. Together we will learn about the Jesus' practices that have shaped the church. Participants will practice seeing Christ in every person and discover their own gifts of hospitality. This adult class will meet in **Room 3 at 10:45am**. Or join via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84753688013?pwd=SzZsMTRuREJreXAwelN2QjB3VHRmZz09>

PAGE TURNERS WILL KICK OFF THEIR NEW YEAR with a salad supper at Cheryl Johnson's (12840 Century St.) next Thursday, September 2, at 6:30pm, followed by a discussion of *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett. Unless it's raining, we'll be meeting on the deck. Please RSVP to Cheryl at agathatoo@gmail.com. If you want, bring either a salad, bread, or a dessert to share.

AS THE PAGE TURNS MEETS on September 1, at 1:30 in Room 3. The book for discussion is *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger. We look forward to starting our new reading year and welcome anyone who would like to join our group whether you have read the book or not. Per GCPC guidelines, we are required to wear masks during our meeting time together.

THE THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP will resume weekly meetings on September 9. This year, we're using a Kerygma study called *The Bible in Depth*. If you'd like to join our discussions, please contact Cheryl Johnson, agathatoo@gmail.com, as we're ordering the books. The cost of the books will be \$36.60.

The group meets on Thursday mornings (duh!) from 9:30am until 11am. It's hoped that we can meet in-person (wearing masks) in Room 3 but will keep Zoom as an option.

MUSIC

MUSIC BEGINS – SOME AS PLANNED – SOME HAS CHANGED

Some as Planned:

Praise Team rehearsals have moved to Tuesdays @ 7pm.

If interested in joining this excellent group, please contact Carrie DeVries or Rebecca Prater

Sundays @ 10:45am

Joy! (4s-K) Emily Hussey, director – Room 25
Celebration! (1st-6th grades) Pam Kelly, director
& Lara Schesser, assistant director – Room 15

Today at 12pm, Kathy Bures will be leading a
“Learning to Ring/Handbell Refresher” for all interested
ringers from 8th grade – Adults – Room 1 (Handbell Room)

And Some Has Changed:

We had hoped Chancel Choir + Exaltation! Singers would resume as a whole on Wednesday, September 1st, but then along came the Delta Variant and for safety reasons, we made some changes.

Here's the Change:

Chancel Choir + Exaltation! will begin rehearsals on September 1st, but we will continue with the 3 smaller ensemble format as we did last school year. These singers will be masked at all times & we'll continue with disinfecting, spacing, shorter rehearsal times, & ventilation. We will also continue to pre-record for worship but hope to be able to sing live in worship a couple of times in the semester, as able. We hope to resume full vocal ensembles in January of 2022.

Please read the upcoming September newsletter for more information on our complete list of ensembles.

YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY! We had a small but mighty group last Sunday, and we hope that more of you will join us each week! As usual we will have snacks before class. Then our new plan is to meet all grade levels together at 10:45 for an opening time and then to split the group into two when we get into the content. For those Zooming in, we will separate into two breakout rooms

Our Sunday School Zoom is setup as a reoccurring meeting for Sunday mornings and we plan to have ready to go for at least the next few weeks. Here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5784595517?pwd=RFlwNkltcUtlSVQ4czFQNXRyYUdHZz09>

Meeting ID: 578 459 5517

Passcode: 1111

CONNECT TODAY: We will “Connect” at church his evening from 6:30 to 8pm. Please come for yourself but also for the others in the group. You are an important part of who we are, and we need you! It was great to have so many at the BBQ party last Sunday, let’s keep up the momentum!

MISSION

SUPPORTING A LOCAL YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEER: Mitchell Borgstadt, a young member of First Presbyterian in Higginsville, MO, is leaving August 28 to serve as a Young Adult Volunteer in the Tucson area. Some of the work Mitchell will be doing includes low-income housing improvements and assisting immigrants. You can read his bio here:

<https://donorbox.org/mitchell?fbclid=IwAR01I0ZttSFAhtzu2m15RcFOZSY3uSg3YxNjAcN90uT3xvXSMtGS4c2qjw>

Mission Team is supporting Mitchell with a gift of \$100. Please support him with your prayers, and consider a monetary gift if possible. The Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program is an ecumenical, faith-based year of service for young people (ages 19–30) in sites across the United States and around the world. YAVs accompany local agencies working to address root causes of poverty and reconciliation. Alongside this work, volunteers explore the meaning of their Christian faith and accountability to their neighbors in the community with peers and mentors. You can read more about YAV here: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/yav/>

COLLECTIONS FOR A GATHERING OF FRIENDS CONTINUE IN AUGUST! Our plans for an August donation partner fell through, so we’re going to continue collecting for A Gathering of Friends (the July donation partner). A Gathering of Friends is a grassroots organization serving those experiencing homelessness and food insecurity in Johnson and Wyandotte counties.

Please see the list below for what you can donate to support their mission, or the link below to their Amazon Wish list for more items. (Items ordered from the Wish List will be delivered directly to AGoF — not brought to church.) Donations can go in the Weekday Entrance bin anytime you’re at church. Please note there will NOT be a Saturday morning collection event in August — contact [Mikki Walker](#) if you have any difficulty with dropping donations off at church and we’ll make alternative arrangements.

Highest priority needs currently are:

peanut butter
AAA, AA, C, & D batteries
individual trail mix packets

Other greatly needed items include:

propane
bug spray
Pop Tarts
individual packets of oatmeal

Keebler sandwich crackers
fruit snacks
flashlights
QuikTrip gift cards for gas
Walmart gift cards

Amazon wish list: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/DO2I2FHFWHD?ref=wl_share

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