



**Service of Worship
August 22, 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

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, Holden, MO; Iglesia Salem, La Cumbre (MQP); Heartland Presbytery Commission on Preparation for Ministry

(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

RED BAG STOCKING ASSEMBLY PROJECT: Join us on Saturday, August 28, in Rooms 3 and 4 to sew stockings for our Red Bag Santas, who will then fill them with donations this December. We will have an assembly line of folks who can iron or cut out or sew 20 simple stockings. All in 2 hours — 10am–12pm! RSVP to Donna Heer, taxdheer@gmail.com, or 913-485-5812. If you have Christmas-themed or solid colored fabric you would like to donate, we'd love to add it to the collection — at least ½-yard increments, please. Thank you!

CONTACTING STAFF: A reminder that the GCPC church building has returned to normal operations. The office is open from 8am to 4pm, Monday through Friday; however, some staff members are continuing to work part of the time from home. 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

PLEASE JOIN JOEL ILTEN IN A FOUR-WEEK ADULT EDUCATION CLASS starting today, August 22, at 10:45am in Room 4, or via 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://us05web.zoom.us/j/85377333666?pwd=dzVobWNwUU5TZnMyUGlBZU4rNmppUT09> (Meeting ID: 853 7733 3666 / Passcode: qma45M)

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, starting today**. Or join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84753688013?pwd=SzZsMTRuREJreXAwelN2QjB3VHRmZz09>

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 around \$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.

RACHEL/RUTH CIRCLE HAS SWITCHED TO A DAYTIME EVENT. We will continue to meet on the 4th Monday but at 1:30pm. We will begin with Lesson 1 on August 23 in Room 3 at the church. There has been no review other than at the National Gathering. Please let Chelly King know if you need a book: *What My Grandmother Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*, 913-634-4450 or chelly41rn@gmail.com.

YOUTH

YOUTH AND FAMILY PARTY AT MILES' HOUSE TODAY, AUGUST 22! We will celebrate the end of summer and beginning of fall with a youth party this afternoon at Miles' house! 5750 W. 69th street, Overland Park, 66204, 6–8pm. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Hotdogs, hamburgers, and drinks will be provided. We will play 9 square-in-the-air and other games.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 AT 10:45AM! 6th–8th grade meets in room 19B&C, using a variety of fun activities to learn the message and value of New Testament concepts and stories. A Zoom option is available. 9th–12th grade in room 19A using videos and activities, to explore practical applications of faith and how God works in and through each and every one of us. A Zoom option is available.

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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