April 11, 2021 Announcements

Coffee Fellowship
*Sundays, following the 9:30am worship service*

Join us in the parking lot after the worship service for in-person, socially distanced fellowship and coffee!

Adult Faith Formation - Is Resurrection Real?
*Sunday, April 11th, 10:45am - Fellowship Hall or Zoom*

The Easter message of Resurrection is the heart of the Christian Faith - and yet it is a mystery that is hard to understand or explain. What do you think? Join this dialogue with Pastor Ed and Pastor Susan as we reflect on two appearance stories from the Gospel of John and the Gospel of Luke, as well as ideas from theologians Shirlie Guthrie and Marcus Borg. Doubters are welcome!

See the Friday Flash for the Zoom link.

Adult Faith Formation - Benefits of Bees
*Sunday, April 25th, 10:45am - Fellowship Hall or Zoom*

Join us to hear Dr. Ed Spevak explain the important relationship between the bees and other beneficial insects buzzing around our home gardens, and the plants that rely on them to thrive. He has dedicated the last 40 years of his career to the conservation of invertebrates and is currently the Curator of Invertebrates at the Saint Louis Zoo and the director of the Zoo’s WildCare Institute Center for Native Pollinator Conservation (CNPC). He also Co-Chairs the Imperiled Bombus Task Force of the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign and is on the Steering Committees of the Honey Bee Health Coalition, Keystone Monarch Collaborative and Missourians for Monarchs Collaborative and the Science Advisory Council of Field to Market. Join us for this informative and fun talk!

See the Friday Flash for the Zoom link.
Mini Meets
*Tuesdays at 1:00pm, beginning April 20th - Outside the Hale Entrance*

Mini Meets begins Tuesday, April 20 at 1:00pm. Bring a lawn chair and wear a mask. Come meet and greet your church friends at the Hale Entrance.

Bee Bulletin from Environmental Stewardship

April and May are prime swarm season for honey bees. Honey bees have a large, complex society in which as many as 60,000 members perform services ranging from gathering food, constructing wax cells, tending the queen, providing health care, heating and cooling, nursing babies, etc.

Splitting the colony in half and leaving with the old queen allows a new colony to be born, with a new queen. Unprotected by their hive, a bee swarm is dangerously exposed to rain, cold, and predators, and generally cannot survive more than three days. Ironically, with no hive to defend, they are much less defensive when swarming. Their focus is protecting their queen mother at the center of the swarm. She is responsible for their continued existence because most worker bees don’t live more than six weeks during the growing season. So, if you see a swarm, let a beekeeper, your local beekeeping chapter, or your local Cooperative Extension Service know immediately, before it changes locations, so a beekeeper can attempt to secure the bees.

Plenty of Seeds to Share!

All are welcome to join in a new project to benefit pollinators – a seed sharing initiative at WGPC! There is a box on the table in the main hallway across from the library with packets of pollinator-friendly native plant seeds, collected and shared by members of the Environmental Stewardship Committee. If you have a spot in your garden for some new native plants then stop by and pick up some seeds to get started! Later this spring look for annual milkweed seeds to support the beloved Monarch butterfly. If you are a gardener who saves seeds and has some to share, contact Beth Kazlauskas at bok@wgpc.org for details!

Thank You!

A big thank you to all the women who did the beautiful job of knitting all the prayer squares that were handed out this past Sunday. We appreciated the time and effort that went into this service project. We have many wonderful caring church members and the knitters are in this group.

The knitters were: Becky Clausen, Betsy Wacker, Linda Magre, Judy Weng, Donna Small, Karen Schneider, Linda Schwartz, Ruth Meyers, Robin Reynolds, Penny Porter, Vicki Lane, Cinda Hauf, Nancy Price, Barbara Homeier, Ida Perabo, Marlene Levine, and Lynne Rapp.

Thanks again for a job well done. -The Gathering Task Force