April 25, 2021 Announcements

Adult Education Hour - 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.

Adult Education Hour
Sunday, May 2nd, 10:45am - Fellowship Hall or Zoom

Hope for our future. Modeling an institutional approach to achieving diversity, equity and inclusion, "Voices Lifted - Two Centuries of Black Composers of Opera" – presents a selection of Black composers from Joseph de Boulogne to William Grant Still to Terence Blanchard. This presentation discusses the work and agency taken by these composers in the face of barriers of racist Jim Crow laws and prejudice. The presentation explores the musical forces that place these composers squarely at the heart of the development of an "American" sound in many genres of American music - folk, pop, jazz, and classical. And finally, learn how Opera Theatre of St. Louis has developed several exciting new programs to achieve real diversity, equity, and inclusion as an institution and serve as a model for positive results. Presenter, Diane McCullough, is an Elder at WGPC, a retired music teacher, and opera singer. She has been a cooperating teacher with Opera Theatre and has been an OTSL Guild docent since retirement.

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Registration for Worship Services Ending
Sunday, May 2nd

The Session is pleased to announce that beginning Sunday, May 2nd, we will no longer require those attending worship to register in advance! Please join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30 when you are ready. We will still practice social distancing, wear masks, and refrain from singing for the foreseeable future. Thank you!
WGPC Youth Update

Confirmation Retreat:
Our eighth grade confirmands will be exploring their faith this weekend at their confirmation retreat at Mound Ridge Camp. Seven confirmands are headed for the beauty of God's creation near St. James, MO. Pastor Ed, Donna and Pat will join them as they discern their faith. They will prepare their faith statements, enjoy a bonfire or two, and learn the irreplaceable gift of Christian community. Please keep them in prayer this weekend. Also, mark your calendars to come to worship and welcome them into the WGPC faith community as members when they are confirmed on May 16th.

Agape Mission Trip:
The high school youth group and college freshmen will be taking a "Summer Mission Immersion" mission trip to Memphis, TN, June 6-11. The theme is Charity vs. Justice. We will explore the issues of racism, poverty and prejudice from a Christian faith perspective. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we will adventure to various missions throughout Memphis to learn about the variety of perspectives surrounding these topics. Highlights will include the Civil Rights Museum and no doubt some delicious Memphis BBQ! Registration for the trip will close on May 2nd. Check with Pat Cleeland (pdc@wgpc.org) or Pastor Ed (efz@wgpc.org) if you have any questions. The cost is $450.00 and scholarships are available.

Teachers, Aides and Subs Wanted
The Webster Groves Presbyterian ECC is currently looking for loving and energetic adults to fill open preschool teaching positions. These include teacher's aide and sub spots for weekday mornings. For more information, please contact Amanda Kingsbury at 314-962-9210x3110 or email ecc@wgpc.org.

Attention Graduates!
Are you or someone in your family graduating from high school or college this spring? If so, we want to know! Email Cherstin at chb@wgpc.org with your graduation info. High schoolers, we want to know where you're graduating from and what your plans are for next year. College students, we want to know where you're graduating from and what degree you will receive.

Birthday Blessings
Would you like to be part of making someone’s day special? Join our card writing team! Email Tracey at tar@wgpc.org for details.