April 4, 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!

Family Easter Craft
*11:00am just outside the Lockwood doors*
Families of all kinds are welcome to join us outside the Lockwood doors to make household Paschal candles for the Easter season! Please wear a mask (everyone 3+) and plan to social distance.

Church Building Closed
*Monday, April 5th*
The church building will be closed Monday, April 5th in observance of Easter Monday.

The Black Tax Webinar
*Thursday, April 8th, 6:30pm - Zoom*
All are invited to register for Part Two of The Black Tax webinar taking place on April 8th at 6:30pm. If you missed Part One, you can watch the recording at www.youtube.com/watch?v=2eRhSpNGDaE Part One details the economic impact of slavery and racism on Black Americans.

See the Friday Flash to register for the Zoom link to join author Shawn Rochester for Part Two, which will help guide us towards taking action in response to these injustices. The webinar is hosted by the Dismantling Racism & White Privilege committee of the Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery.

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.
Faithful Endings, Hopeful Beginnings
Small Grief Fellowship Group
Sundays, April 11-May 16, 8:15am - Church Parlor

It's an understatement to say that this past year has been a difficult one. During this time many things have changed and strained our old normal. Many of us have experienced the loss of a loved one, a job or the ability to physically gather together. In addition, we each have been busy figuring out how things will work, what we feel safe doing, where to go and what lies ahead. We have lost many of our usual ways of processing and managing life’s challenges and the opportunity to gain support through gathering together in community.

As our church is re-opening, the Gathering Task Force is forming a small, grief fellowship group called Faithful Endings, Hopeful Beginnings. It will be facilitated by Stephen Minister, Nancy Knight. This is an opportunity to connect with others, share experiences and offer each other support and hope. We will practice all safe health protocol with masks, safe distancing and hand sanitizer.

If you are interested in being a part of, or learning about this group, please contact Nancy Knight at ncknight218@gmail.com or 314-494-2283

Operation Food Search Volunteers Needed
Saturday, April 24th

Looking for a way to volunteer and serve others in our community? If so, check out this opportunity to help Operation Food Search with the April Showers collection on Saturday, April 24th. Volunteers (ages 18+) are needed to receive and pack items at donation drop-off sites. Visit wgpc.org/get-involved for a link to learn more.

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!