

## February 5, 2023 Announcements

### WORSHIP

#### Lenten/Easter Dates

February 22: Ash Wednesday Worship, 7:00 p.m.

February 26: Faith Formation: Unbound from Loneliness to Community, 10:40 a.m.

March 12: Faith Formation: Unbound from Sin to Forgiveness, 10:40 a.m.

March 19: Faith Formation: Unbound from Divisiveness to Shalom, 10:40 a.m.

March 26: Faith Formation: Unbound from Anxiety to Faith, 10:40 a.m.

April 2: Palm Sunday – Faith Formation: Unbound from Despair to Hope, 10:40 a.m.

April 6: Maundy Thursday Worship, 7:00 p.m.

April 7: Good Friday Worship, 7:00 p.m.

April 9: Easter Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.



#### Help Needed with Lenten Art Project: From Thorny Vines to Blooming Flowers

Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,  
through Tuesday, February 21



Volunteers are needed to work with tulle and curtain fabric to create two large banners of thorny vines for the season of Lent that will come alive with brilliant blooming flowers on Easter Sunday. Skills needed are using a paper pattern, cutting, pasting - and a little patience. If you can help individually or with a group anytime from Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., before the Ash Wednesday completion date, please contact Shawn Portell at 314-962-9210, ext. 3211. Let Shawn know when you will be in the Art Room, and he will give you some simple instructions.

### Music in a Great Place, 2022-2023

#### Stony Hill Brass Quintet WGPC Artists in Residence Coming Sunday, February 12 9:30 a.m. Worship Service

We welcome the Stony Hill Brass Quintet as our first Artists in Residence at WGPC. Playing for our “Music in a Great Place” series in four unique worship services this season, the membership of the quintet includes some of the most well-known St. Louis brass musicians.

We welcome them and look forward to this extended relationship.



#### Thank You, Chancel Flower Donors!

Flower arrangements to beautify the Sanctuary are appreciated by all. If you would like to donate a flower arrangement, please contact Gay Moppert at [mopfam@aol.com](mailto:mopfam@aol.com). Your donation can be made in memory or honor of a loved one/s. After Worship, chancel flowers are traditionally arranged into smaller bouquets and delivered to members who could use a little extra cheer from our congregation.

### FELLOWSHIP

#### Let's Celebrate WGPC: Our Faith, Our Friends, and Our Future!



Please save the dates now and plan to join us! Attend a special worship service to be followed by brunch and other festivities on **Sunday, March 5**. Join in a new way for WGPC members to connect through small groups on **Tuesdays,**

**March 14, March 28, and April 11**. Lots of details will follow in the upcoming weeks. It's sure to be a celebration!

**WGPC CELEBRATES  
SMALL GROUPS**

march 14  
march 28  
& april 11

- deepen friendships
- reflect & look forward
- sample top-rated local desserts
- more details coming soon

rooted in grace  
**LOVE ABOUNDS**  
webster groves presbyterian church

**Welcome to the Gathering Spot!**



Congregation members enjoyed socializing in the new Gathering Spot (formerly the front office) last Sunday. Haven't been there yet? Check it out!

**MISSION**

**Rise Against Hunger**

**All Church Mission Project**

Next Sunday, February 12, in Fellowship Hall following Worship

Help us Rise Against Hunger by joining us in this popular mission project for all ages! With your help we will package 10,000 just-add-water, fully nutritious



meals for people in need of critical aid across the globe. Participants may wear baseball caps or will be provided a hairnet to

follow food safety protocols. To sign up for a volunteer shift, please visit [wgpc.org/get-involved/sign-up-links](http://wgpc.org/get-involved/sign-up-links).

**2023 Agape Mission Trip to Lexington!**

Sunday, June 11, through Friday, June 16  
(registration ends Sunday, February 12)

This summer, our youth will participate in the Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church Mission Immersion located in Lexington, Kentucky. All who are completing 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade this year are welcome to join us. The cost is \$425, but scholarships are available as the cost should not prevent anyone from attending. To reserve your spot, email Cherstin Byers at [chb@wgpc.org](mailto:chb@wgpc.org) by Sunday, February 12, and submit a \$100 deposit online at [wgpc.org/give](http://wgpc.org/give) > "click here to give," and choose "registration fees." Payment can also be made by check with "Agape Mission Trip" noted in the memo. More details about the trip (and paperwork) will be available as the trip approaches, but feel free to talk with Matt Miller or Pastor Ed if you have any questions.

**Recycle Egg Cartons and More**

Environmental Stewardship is collecting egg cartons to be donated to a woman in St. Louis who raises chickens and gives the eggs to veterans. Please drop off your empty egg cartons in the Mission Hub where you will see containers for many other items that can be recycled. Collection will be ongoing until further notice. Please be green and help keep materials out of the landfill.

**Environmental Stewardship's February**

**Focus: Laundry Products and our Air**

Did you know that laundry products can affect indoor and outdoor air quality? According to the National Park Service, some scented liquid laundry detergents and dryer sheets contain hazardous chemicals and emit volatile organic compounds (VOCs), two of which are classified as carcinogens by the EPA. Unscented, environmentally-friendly laundry products are safer alternatives. Reusable dryer balls cut down on drying times, thus saving energy, money, and resources.

*Then they who are alive, shall be caught up together into the clouds with them who remain, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we be ever with the Lord.*  
Thessalonians 4:17.

**Give-A-Meal-A-Month Menu for February**

Help provide a healthy meal for those served by Webster-Rock Hill Ministries. Purchase a bag of menu items and drop it off in the Mission Hub. The February menu is canned beef stew, canned pears or oranges, a box of crackers, and salt-free seasoning. Additional needs: Diapers and laundry detergent are always appreciated.

**This Black History Month, We Remember  
Local Pillars of the Community**

*Sunday, February 26, 1:00 p.m., Eden Theological Seminary, 475 E Lockwood Ave.*

All are invited to a multi-faceted Black History Month event focusing on *local* Black history. We will meet at Eden Seminary (visit [allianceforinterracialdignity.org](http://allianceforinterracialdignity.org) for map) at 1:00 p.m. starting with an optional kid-friendly opportunity to visit a few local history sites in a mini scavenger hunt. At 2:00 p.m., we will convene for live music, snacks, and a panel of multi-generational speakers. The story of Walter Rusan, founder of the North Webster YMCA and the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church – will be shared. Don't miss music from local legend Michelle Sargent and friends and a glimpse at how high school students are teaching each other the Webster Groves history they may have missed. More details to come! Please spread the word, and hope to see you there!

is located at 2039 North Geyer Road. To sign up, visit [wgpc.org/get-involved/sign-up-links](http://wgpc.org/get-involved/sign-up-links) by March 17. For questions and information, contact Deb Grossman at [grossmandeborah5@gmail.com](mailto:grossmandeborah5@gmail.com).

**SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION**

***See the Friday Flash for the current Zoom link for Sunday Adult Education classes.***

**Coffee & Conversation with the Lectionary**  
*Sundays, 8:30-9:15 a.m. in the Parlor and by Zoom*  
Participants will consider Biblical texts used in the day's worship and explore historical settings and the people and issues involved. Leaders: Jeff Buck, Deb Grossman, and Pete Putnam.

**Practice Joy!**

***Today, February 5 and Sunday, February 19, 10:40-11:45 a.m. in the Parlor and by Zoom***

Christian joy is more than a feeling. Scripture invites us to practice joy not as a passive response but as a faithful choice. Paul writes, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice"—not because life always unfolds in delightful ways, but because, no matter what else may be happening, "the Lord is near" (Philippians 4:4). Come learn, explore, and discuss how we Rejoice in God's Mercy (February 5) and See Joy in God's Creation (February 19). Led by John Hughes, Harriet Hall, and Jan Phillips.

**Unbound and Set Free: Embracing  
New Life in Christ (Lenten Series)**

**Jesus said to them:**

**"Unbind him and let him go." (John 11:44)**

When Jesus learns that his friend Lazarus has died, he travels to Bethany to be with Mary and Martha. After weeping with the sisters, he goes to the sealed tomb. And after the stone is rolled away, he speaks words of life to Lazarus – and then turns to all those gathered around. He orders the crowd to "unbind him and let him go." With these words, Jesus speaks to us – inviting us to turn to him, to trust in him, to feel ourselves unbound from all that holds us back, and to move forward into new life. Our Lenten Faith Formation will include Biblical study, small group conversations, and suggestions for spiritual disciplines to help us grow in faith and life.

**Unbound from Loneliness to Community**  
*Sunday, February 26, 10:40 a.m. in the Parlor and by Zoom*

John 4; I Corinthians 12. Led by Rev. Karen Blanchard, former Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood.

**FAITH FORMATION**

FAITH FORMATION THIS WEEK <i>(see full details that follow)</i>		
Sunday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>Coffee and Conversation</b> 8:30 a.m. <b>Practice Joy!</b> 10:40 a.m.	<b>Men's Bible Study</b> 7:00 a.m.	<b>Theology on Tap</b> 7:00 p.m. Perennial on Lockwood
<b>Sunday School</b> 10:40 a.m. <b>Celtics</b> 4:00 p.m. <b>Agape</b> 5:00 p.m.	Thursday	
	<b>Disciples Bible Study</b> 10:00 a.m.	

**Join Us for the 2023 Women's Retreat**

*Saturday, April 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Mercy Center (registration ends Friday, March 17)*

All women of WGPC and their guests are encouraged to attend the 2023 Women's Retreat where we will learn more about the Enneagram, a tool used to gain greater understanding of yourself and others which many have found helpful in their spiritual journey. The session will be led by Brian Kuhn, MA, LPC, of Care and Counseling, who is well known to our faith community. Cost is \$37.50 per person which includes lunch and breakout snacks, but financial assistance will be available, if needed (contact Rev. Susan Andrews at [sra@wgpc.org](mailto:sra@wgpc.org)). Mercy Conference and Retreat Center

*Sunday, March 5*

*No class – Congregational Celebration and Brunch*

### **Unbound from Sin to Forgiveness**

*Sunday, March 12, 10:40 a.m. in the Parlor and by Zoom*

Psalm 51; John 8: 1-11. Led by Rev. Susan Andrews, Theologian in Residence.

### **Unbound from Divisiveness to Shalom**

*Sunday, March 19, 10:40 a.m. in the Parlor and by Zoom*

Psalm 62; Ephesians 2:11-22; John 14:27; Matthew 22:1-14. Led by Jeff Buck, Chair of WGPC Adult Faith Formation Team.

### **Unbound from Anxiety to Faith**

*Sunday, March 26, 10:40 a.m. in the Parlor and by Zoom*

Mark 4:35-41; Luke 12:22-34. Led by Rev. Dale Kuhn, former Director of Care and Counseling.

### **Unbound from Despair to Hope**

*Sunday, April 2, 10:40 a.m. in the Parlor and by Zoom*

Psalm 13; Romans 8:31-38. Led by Rev. Dale Kuhn, former Director of Care and Counseling.

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES**

*Sundays, 10:40-11:45 a.m. in Room 210*

Children pre-k through 5<sup>th</sup> grade gather for “Follow Me,” a curriculum based on practices Jesus did and taught us to do as faithful followers. Each class also features music that prepares the children to sing in worship services throughout the year.

*Sunday Evenings, Youth Lounge*

- Celtics, (6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade), 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- Agape (9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade), 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Youth today are seeking answers. Centered in Jesus Christ, Celtics and Agape ministries provide safe space for spiritual discussion as well as fellowship and fun while developing friendships. From 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. each week, all youth come together to break bread with a meal provided by church members. Interested in providing a meal? You can sign up at [wgpc.org/get-involved/sign-up-links](http://wgpc.org/get-involved/sign-up-links).

## **Theology on Tap**

*This Wednesday, February 8, 7:00 p.m. Perennial on Lockwood, 216 West Lockwood Ave., Unit B*  
Monthly informal conversations about faith and life. Facilitated by Scott Lyon. For more information, contact Scott at [sjlyon33@gmail.com](mailto:sjlyon33@gmail.com).

## **OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE WEEK**

### **February 14 Film Club Discussion:**

#### ***Becoming Frederick Douglass***

*Tuesday, February 14, 7:00-8:30 p.m. by Zoom*  
In concert with Black History Month, the February Film Club will discuss the PBS documentary, *Becoming Frederick Douglass*. In this film, “discover how a man born into slavery became one of the most influential voices for democracy in American history. Oscar-nominated filmmaker Stanley Nelson explores the role Douglass played in securing the right to freedom for African Americans.” The discussion will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14, via Zoom. Watch the Friday Flash the week prior to the discussion for a Zoom link. For more info, contact Janice Seele at [seelestl@aol.com](mailto:seelestl@aol.com).

### **Men’s Bible Study**

*Tuesdays, February 7 and 28, and March 21, 7:00-8:00 a.m., in the Parlor and by Zoom*  
Facilitated by Rev. Dale Kuhn, former Director of Care and Counseling. For more information, contact Frank Bloemke at [ekmeolb@gmail.com](mailto:ekmeolb@gmail.com).

### **Disciples Bible Study**

*Thursday Mornings, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor and by Zoom*  
This lively and interactive group will explore the Gospel of Matthew. Facilitated by Rev. Susan Andrews.

### **Wednesday Evening Book Study**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Parlor and by Zoom*  
**Wednesday, February 15, is a good time to join as a new book is going to be discussed – *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith* by Barbara Brown Taylor.** For February 15, please read through chapter three. Discussion led by Deb Grossman. For more info, contact Rev. Susan Andrews at [sra@wgpc.org](mailto:sra@wgpc.org).

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### **Need a WGPC Name Tag?**

Please contact Michelle Lepak at [mml@wgpc.org](mailto:mml@wgpc.org).

### **Missing Something?**

Our Lost & Found is now located in the mailroom on the way into the Gathering Spot.

### **Forms for Next-of-Kin and End-of-Life Wishes**

If you would like WGPC to have information about your next-of-kin and end-of-life wishes, please download forms at <https://wgpc.org/about/forms/> and return them to: Webster Groves Presbyterian Church, ATTN: Records, 45 W. Lockwood Ave., St. Louis, MO 63119.

### **Keep Up To Date! Sign Up to Receive the Emailed Friday Flash**

To learn about upcoming events with access to direct links for sign-ups and other resources, add your email address by visiting at [wgpc.org/announcements/](http://wgpc.org/announcements/).

### **Deadlines for the Bulletin and Friday Flash**

Please submit announcements by the end of Tuesday prior to the desired Sunday. For the bulletin, contact Barb Fischer at [baf@wgpc.org](mailto:baf@wgpc.org). For the Friday Flash, contact Cherstin Byers at [chb@wgpc.org](mailto:chb@wgpc.org). **If you would like your announcement to appear in both, please be sure to email both Barb and Cherstin.**

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