

January 8, 2023 Announcements

WORSHIP

Music in a Great Place, 2022-2023 26th Season, Upcoming Events

The Mazzone Duo

Matt and Jennifer Mazzone

*Sunday, January 22, 2023
9:30 a.m. Worship Service*



Inspired by the beauty around them, the Mazzone Duo has been presenting music as a dynamic flute and piano ensemble for over 15 years. After meeting in a theory entrance exam in 2003, Matt and Jennifer have brought a "fluid and seamless blending" of their instruments to concert stages nationally and

internationally. Recent winners of the Artist Presentation Society, the duo seeks to present engaging repertoire that energizes and uplifts its audiences. The duo has recorded two albums: *Morning by Morning* (2017), a collection of hymns for flute and piano, and *Love's Pure Light* (2020), a Christmas album for flute and piano.

Per Capita Giving

As Presbyterians, we embrace the concept of "polity," the form of government that unites us with our own presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy and the Office of General Assembly. To support the operations of the broader Church, each member is asked to donate \$35 per member per year. This reduces the amount WGPC must pay toward these services and allows more funds to remain for our ministry here. Please make your donation at wgpc.org/give/paying-per-capita/.

Thanks to Those Who Have Donated Chancel Flowers!

Flower arrangements to beautify the Sanctuary are appreciated by all. If you would like to donate flowers, contact Gay Moppert at 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

"Women of a Certain Age" Group is BACK!

First Outing: Wednesday, January 18, 10:00 a.m.
What's a "certain age" for this fellowship group? Any age! The first outing of 2023 will be for a docent-guided tour at the St. Louis Art Museum. Join us to connect with old friends, meet new friends, and enjoy WGPC fellowship. **Please sign up by Wednesday, January 11**, using the link found in the Friday Flash. For more information, contact Michelle Lepak at mml@wgpc.org.

Free MLK Concert at Powell Hall

Monday, January 16, 2023, 7:30 p.m.
Powell Hall, 718 North Grand Blvd.

Celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra at a free, one-hour, tribute concert with conductor Stephane Deneve and featuring the IN UNISON chorus directed by Kevin McBeth. Reservations for the free concert are required and can be made by visiting shop.slsso.org/7439/7440. Please note that concert is almost sold out! Parking at SLSO is \$20, but carpooling (leaving from WGPC at 6:45 p.m.) is being arranged by Julie Burchett who can be reached at burchett.juliekay@gmail.com.

MISSION

Furniture Assemblers Needed **Tonight**

January 8, 5:00-7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Do you love assembling IKEA furniture? Or just want a chance to partner with our youth? Then join us for our assembly event as we put together IKEA storage units for Home Sweet Home. We'll enjoy a pizza dinner together and then divide into small groups to work together on a fun challenge! Cloth bins will be added to make nice clothing storage units for children served by HSH. You can sign-up at wgpc.org/get-involved/sign-up-links/ or see Beth Kazlauskas for more information.

Help Build Bird Feeders for Our Feathered Friends

Sunday, January 15, following Worship, in Fellowship Hall

Are you looking for a way to help the birds in your neighborhood? Then join Environmental Stewardship after Worship next Sunday as we spread our generosity toward God's creatures by making bird feeders. All are welcome to come, and Sunday School kids can join in the fun following their class!

Agape Donuts and Detergent Drive-Thru
Sunday, January 15, 10:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., WGPC parking lot at Hale entrance

Mark your calendar for next Sunday and help our Agape Youth with their Martin Luther King Day of Service project! On Mission Sunday in October, Agape sorted and sized clothing donations for Isaiah 58 and learned that laundry detergent is always in short supply at the food pantry. Agape has set a goal of collecting **100 jugs of laundry detergent** to help Isaiah 58 families have clean clothes. Since we know everyone loves Krispy Kreme donuts, we will be at the Hale entrance from 10:45 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., so you can drive up and hand your detergent out your car window in exchange for a tasty Krispy Kreme donut! (One per person in your car.) **We'll also be at each entrance before Worship** if you'd rather bring your detergent with you when you come to the service.

Our Giving Tree Reaches Many!



Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the Giving Tree this year! We sent:

- 26 comforters, 6 sets of pots, two microwaves, and many utensils and kitchen items to Home Sweet Home;
- 38 toys, games, clothing items, and other gifts to kids served by Presbyterian Children's Homes;
- 27 comforters to clients of EnergyCare;
- funds for counseling at Care & Counseling;
- a car full of coats, pajamas, and underwear to kids served by Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition;
- overflowing baskets of gifts to a single mom and her six kids served by Beyond Housing;
- funds for development projects in Nicaragua through CEPAD; and
- gift cards for Webster-Rock Hill Ministries' clients.

Almost \$9,000 worth of items and financial donations were shared, and we are grateful to you for helping to make a difference in the lives of those in need.

Where to Recycle

Check out the Mission Hub (or our website) for an updated "Where to Recycle" information sheet. Did you know that styrofoam can be recycled? Bins are available 24/7 at Foam Products Company (2525 Adie Rd.). Clothing that is past its prime can be taken to Remains (3340 Morganford Rd.) where textiles are recycled. Candles and many other items can be recycled by using the baskets in the Mission Hub. Please be green and help keep materials out of the landfill.

Rise Against Hunger is Back!

Save the date: Sunday, February 12, in Fellowship Hall following Worship

After taking a break during the pandemic we are happy to announce that Rise Against Hunger will resume in February! This much enjoyed congregation-wide mission event will take place in Fellowship Hall after



Worship where we will package 10,000 nutritious meals for distribution to children, families and communities facing hunger around the world. Everyone can take part! Mark your calendar!

Snacks for Students



Twice a year our congregation delivers healthy snacks to each of the schools in the Webster Groves School District through our Snacks for Students program. The goal is to support students who may come to school hungry by providing a snack to help them focus on learning. We are getting ready for our spring semester delivery and in need of volunteers to help deliver on **Wednesday, January 25 at 9:00 a.m.** (weather permitting). If you can help, please contact Beth Kazlauskas at bok@wgpc.org.

Give-A-Meal-A-Month Menu for January

Help provide a healthy meal for those served by Webster-Rock Hill Ministries. Simply purchase a bag of items on the menu below and drop it off in the Mission Hub. This month's menu is: canned pasta (ravioli, spaghetti with meatballs, etc.), canned mixed vegetables (low or no salt), canned peaches (lite or in fruit juice), and one can of soup. Additional needs: Diapers, wipes, and diaper rash ointment are always appreciated.

FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION

FAITH FORMATION THIS WEEK			
<i>(see full details following chart)</i>			
Sunday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Coffee and Conversation 8:30 a.m. Gun Violence Prevention 10:40 a.m. Sunday School 10:40 a.m. Celtics and Agape (joint project) 5:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study 7:00 a.m.	Theology on Tap 7:00 p.m.	Disciples' Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

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.

Gun Violence Prevention: How Are Presbyterians Responding?

Today, 10:40 -11:45 a.m. in the Parlor and by Zoom
 Join Rev. Susan Andrews and the Advocacy Team for a presentation on Gun Violence Prevention including our Presbytery's upcoming 2023 plans addressing this important issue. There will be an opportunity to write postcards to our elected officials about upcoming bills in the Missouri Legislature. This presentation will go over gun violence statistics nationally and locally, summarize statements and policies adopted by the PC(USA) General Assembly in the last 20 years, and offer examples of Presbyterian congregation responses (including WGPC).

Nones, Millennials, Gen Xers: Where Are They?

Sundays, January 15, 22, and 29, 10:40-11:45 a.m. in the Parlor and by Zoom
 During the last few decades, involvement in Christian churches has diminished, particularly among those 50 and younger. Why are the younger generations leaving active involvement in faith communities? Do they still believe even if they don't belong? How might churches like WGPC respond? Explore these questions with Rev. Ruben Rosario-Rodriguez, Professor of Theological Studies at St. Louis University.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Sundays, 10:40-11:45 a.m. in Room 210
 Children pre-k through 5th 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, (6th through 8th grade), 4:00-5:30 p.m.
 - Agape (9th through 12th grade), 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Please note: This evening, Celtics and Agape will meet in Fellowship Hall from 5:00-7:00 p.m. to assist with the furniture assembly project and enjoy pizza.

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.

OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE WEEK

Men's Bible Study

Tuesdays, January 10 and 24 and February 7, 7:00-8:00 a.m., by Zoom
 Facilitated by Rev. Dale Kuhn, former director of Care and Counseling. For more information, contact Frank Bloemke at ekmeolb@gmail.com.

Wednesday Evening Book Study

*3rd Wednesday of the Month, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
in the Parlor and by Zoom*

A discussion of the book *Do I Stay Christian?* by Brian McLaren will be completed, and the next book *An Altar in the Word: A Geography of Faith* by Barbara Brown Taylor will be distributed. Discussion is led by rotating leadership. For more information, contact Rev. Susan Andrews at sra@wgpc.org.

Theology on Tap

*Wednesday, January 11, 7:00 p.m., at Frisco
Barroom (8110 Big Bend Blvd.)*

Monthly informal conversations about faith and life. Facilitated by Scott Lyon. For more information, contact Scott at sjlyon33@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.

Social Justice Film Club

*2nd Tuesdays in February (14th) and May (9th),
7:00 – 8:30 p.m. by Zoom*

Discussion about the impact of a film focused on a social justice issue (which is watched in advance). Film titles and links will be forthcoming. Contact Janice Seele at seelestl@aol.com for more information.

Sign Up for Our Emailed Friday Flash

at wgpc.org/announcements/ to learn about upcoming events with access to direct links for sign-ups and other resources.

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. For the Friday Flash, contact Cherstin Byers at chb@wgpc.org. **If you would like your announcement to appear in both, please be sure to email both Barb and Cherstin.**
