March 28, 2021 Announcements

Last Chance to Order Easter Flowers

Today is the last day to order hydrangeas and lilies for Easter Sunday. Order for the sanctuary or for members who are home-bound. Simply indicate in the memo field your flower preference of “lily” or “hydrangea” and whether your purchase is for the “sanctuary” or “home.”

Orders may be placed online at wgpc.org/give (choose the drop down for Flowers) or by calling the church 314-962-9210. Cost is $10 each.

Flowers purchased for the sanctuary may be brought home or picked up after Easter Sunday’s service. Contact Jamie Scott at mjscott81012@gmail.com with any questions.

One Great Hour of Sharing

During Lent our church collects the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, which is a special collection of the PC(USA). This is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together each year to help people around the world. Your compassionate gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing will be used to provide relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and assist in the empowerment of the poor and oppressed. Envelopes can be found in the pew pockets for your contributions, or you can contribute online at wgpc.org/give by clicking on the "Give" button and selecting PCUSA Special Offering with "OGHS" in the memo.

Lamenting Toward Hope - A Biblical Journey

Sunday March 28, 10:45am on Zoom

This six-week adult education series, facilitated by Rev. Susan Andrews, will define the power of lament, and engage participants in a dialogue with scripture and the current landscape of our lives.

All are welcome, even if you haven’t previously register. The Zoom link is provided at the bottom of the Friday Flash

Operation Food Search Volunteers Needed

Saturday, April 24

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.
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.

Until then, you are in our prayers and held close to your church community with Christ's unending love,

*The Gathering Task Force*

WGPC Tech Team Forming

The WGPC broadcast of our worship service has become an important part of church evangelism. "Evangelism" comes from the Greek word evangelion and means "good news". Thus "evangelism" simply means sharing the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We share the good news through our broadcasts and our broadcasts have allowed us to connect with members and non-members all over the country and in other continents. They also will continue to be a great option for Sunday morning worship.

We are looking for people interested in joining this new Tech Team to help with broadcasts of Sunday worship, weddings, concerts, funerals, etc. No knowledge necessary. Just an interest in learning our new video and audio technology. Seventh grade through retired folks are welcome. If you have questions about what this entails before you decide contact Pastor Ed at efz@wgpc.org.
Holy Week at WGPC
Register to attend in-person worship services at wgpc.org/get-involved/sign-up-links

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 1 - 7:00pm, Zoom
Zoom Communion Service (Zoom link is listed in the Friday Flash)
Gather your elements of Communion and join Pastor Ed and Pastor Hannah in worship.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 2
A Journey through the Passion Story of Christ including the Faure Requiem with members of the Chancel Choir and members of St. Louis Metro Singers. View this pre-recorded service online at wgpc.org/online-worship beginning Friday morning.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 4
8:00am Outdoor "sometime after sunrise" Service
Join us on the parking lot for this brief outdoor service, rain or shine!, to delight in the Resurrection morning with the sacrament of communion. Registration opens March 30th. Bring your own chair!

9:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
Gather with us in person (registration opens March 30th) or online as we celebrate the resurrection in music, Word, and the sacrament of communion.

11:00am Family Easter Craft
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. If possible, let Pastor Hannah know if you plan to attend at hmd@wgpc.org