March 7, 2021 Announcements

Join us in a Lenten Journey - The Path from Lament to Hope

Prayer Stations - Now Open!
We invite you to visit the church building once, weekly or daily to engage in outdoor Lenten prayer stations. The three prayer stations, located in front of the church, will be open Ash Wednesday through Holy Week. The Memorial Garden will also be open for quiet contemplation and prayer. Each station is child-friendly. If you prefer to experience these at home, you may find them at wgpc.org/lent-prayer-stations.

Worship Services:
Palm Sunday, March 28th, 9:30am
Maundy Thursday, April 1st, 7:00pm
Good Friday, April 2nd, 7:00pm
Easter Sunday, April 4th, 9:30am

Lamenting Toward Hope - A Biblical Journey
Sunday mornings, February 21 - 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.

March 7th - Lamenting Together
All are welcome, even if you haven’t previously register. Register at wgpc.org/get-involved or email Susan Andrews at sra@wgpc.org with questions. The Zoom link is provided at the bottom of the Friday Flash

Food Collection for the Webster Groves School District
During the month of March, we are collecting food for students in the Webster Groves School District. The district now has a food pantry to help families dealing with food insecurity, so these items will support their pantry. Items needed include:

- Apple sauce/canned fruit
- Canned ravioli/pasta
- Canned tuna
- Cereal
- Crackers
- Fruit cups
- Granola bars
- Peanut butter/jelly
- Juice
- Macaroni and cheese
- Oatmeal
- Pasta/pasta sauce (no glass jars)
- Popcorn

Items can be placed inside the bin in the Hale entryway, March 1-31. We will also have a drive-thru collection Sunday, March 14th, 12:00-2:00 outside of the Hale Entrance.
Seed Sharing at WGPC

All are welcome to join in a new project to benefit pollinators – a seed sharing initiative at WGPC! Starting this week there will be a box inside of the Hale Entrance 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!

News from our Social Advocacy Team:

Social Advocacy Film Club

Wednesday, March 10th, 7:00pm - see Friday Flash for Zoom link

In honor of Women’s History Month, join the Advocacy Team for a Film Club discussion of "Iron Jawed Angels", a 2004 film based on the lives of women’s suffrage leaders Alice Paul and Lucy Burns as they use peaceful and effective nonviolent strategies to change the American system to grant women the right to vote. The film invites a great discussion about how to make voices heard in a meaningful way that leads to change. The film won three Golden Globe Awards in 2005 and is available through Amazon Prime, HBO, Hulu and YouTube TV. You can also check your local library for availability. If you cannot find the film, PBS's American Experience also contains some wonderful documentaries about American Suffrage.

Education Hour

Sunday, March 14th, 11:30am - see Friday Flash for Zoom link

Plan to join the Advocacy Team for the Education Hour featuring Denise Lieberman, General Counsel of the Missouri Voter Protection Coalition. Denise will speak with us about HR1, the For the People Act, a proposal designed to expand voting rights, change campaign finance laws to reduce the influence of money in politics, limit partisan gerrymandering, and create new ethics rules for federal officeholders. In March, the bill should be moving from the House to the Senate and Denise will let us know how passage of the bill would impact elections in Missouri. Denise will also address several voting related bills currently moving through the Missouri legislature.

(Note the later hour to allow for a special Lenten series at 10:45)

Absentee Voting for April 6th

An application for absentee ballots for the April 5, 2021 election is available at wgpc.org/ministries/advocacy-team/voting-information. Applications for absentee ballots must be received by 5:00pm on March 24th at the St. Louis County Board of Elections.