May 2, 2021 Announcements

Adult Education Hour
*Sunday, May 2nd, 10:45am - Fellowship Hall or Zoom*

Hope for our future. Modeling an institutional approach to achieving diversity, equity and inclusion, "Voices Lifted - Two Centuries of Black Composers of Opera" – presents a selection of Black composers from Joseph de Boulogne to William Grant Still to Terence Blanchard. This presentation discusses the work and agency taken by these composers in the face of barriers of racist Jim Crow laws and prejudice. The presentation explores the musical forces that place these composers squarely at the heart of the development of an "American" sound in many genres of American music - folk, pop, jazz, and classical. And finally, learn how Opera Theatre of St. Louis has developed several exciting new programs to achieve real diversity, equity, and inclusion as an institution and serve as a model for positive results. Presenter, Diane McCullough, is an Elder at WGPC, a retired music teacher, and opera singer. She has been a cooperating teacher with Opera Theatre and has been an OTSL Guild docent since retirement. *See the Friday Flash for the Zoom link.*

Registration for Worship Services No Longer Needed

The Session is pleased to announce that we will no longer require those attending worship to register in advance! Please join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30 when you are ready. We will still practice social distancing, wear masks, and refrain from singing.

Chancel Flowers

Would you like to provide Chancel flowers for a Sunday service? It's easy! One phone call to your favorite florist is all it takes! Contact Gay Moppert for more information: 314-324-5313 or mopfam@aol.com. The flowers beautify our service, then are deconstructed and delivered to our members in hospitals, nursing homes, etc. to brighten their day. Win-win!!

Congregational Art Project
*Friday, May 7th and Thursday, May 13th, 10:00am-noon in the Church Kitchen*

You are invited to come and help make "Tongues of Fire" flames that will be used for our Pentecost service on May 23rd. We will be learning about and working with thermoplastic material, IDye Poly dyes and heat guns! Please RSVP to Shawn Portell, spp@wgpc.org if you plan to attend a session.

New Church Office Hours
*Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-3:00pm*

If you need to be in touch with a staff person for any reason, please note the new church office hours are Monday-Thursday from 9:00am-3:00pm. It's always a good idea to call ahead to the person you need to speak with to be sure they will be available. For urgent and emergency matters, call a pastor at any time using their cell phone number.
Help Protect Voting Rights - Volunteer Opportunity

On Saturday, May 8, St. Louis will join in the National John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Action Day. The purpose of this event is to support S1 - the For the People Act and HR4 - the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. A strong democracy depends on the guarantee that all Americans deserve and have the right to cast their vote.

The event is planned for people living in North St. Louis in the Ville and surrounding neighborhoods. A ‘Voter’cade will start off the day, followed by a Celebration/Information ‘Village’ where the neighborhood participants will have a chance to do hands-on work to support S1 and HR4 as well as get information about their own voting.

The coordinators of this day have asked for assistance in getting everything ready for May 8. The Advocacy team will be providing PPE in the form of individually wrapped sanitizing wipes. The coordinators have also asked for help stuffing info/giveaway bags to distribute to the neighborhood participants. Bag stuffing will take place at various days and times next week at the St. Louis Voter Protection Coalition office at 2200 South 12th.

Find a friend and get involved as we work to protect the vote and access to the ballot. Visit wgpc.org/get-involved/sign-up-links to volunteer through Sign-up Genius. Contact Julie Burchett at burchett.juliekay@gmail.com with any questions.

New Mulching Date - Volunteers Needed

Saturday, May 8th, 9:00am-noon

Due to rain, mulching has been postponed until May 8th. Volunteers are needed to help spread mulch on the church's flower beds. Join us from 9:00am-noon. Any questions? Contact Amy Castagno at 314-591-8601

Adult Education Hour - Taking Creation Seriously

Sundays, May 9th, 16th and 23rd, 10:45am - Fellowship Hall or Zoom

In this three week series we will explore what the Bible really says about God's creation--and it's not just one thing. We will also examine how faithful believers have struggled to find meaning in creation over the years. Finally, we will reflect on what creation might mean for us right now, in this time and place.

See the Friday Flash for the Zoom link.

Social Justice Film Club

Wednesday, May 12th, 7:00pm on Zoom

Watch this month's Social Justice film, John Lewis: Good Trouble then join us for discussion on May 12th from 7:00-8:00pm on Zoom. The film is available on Amazon Prime.

See the Friday Flash for the Zoom link.
Let’s Be Happy Party!
*Sunday, May 23rd, 4:00-6:00pm - Church Parking Lot*

The Gathering Task Force invites you, your family and friends for a fun afternoon of fellowship!

*Live Music by Tracey Rapisardo and The Big River Trio*

*Family Games and Special Beverages*

Bring your lawn chairs (extra chairs will be available), family and friends

It will be helpful to have your RSVP and fun song request. Visit [wgpc.org/get-involved/sign-up-links](http://wgpc.org/get-involved/sign-up-links)

*Masks are required and social distancing guidelines will be followed. The parking lot will be closed to cars; parking will be available in the Moody lot and bank parking lots.*

**WGPC Youth Update**

**Confirmation**

Mark your calendars to come to worship and welcome our 8th graders into the WGPC faith community as members when they are confirmed on May 16th.

**Agape Mission Trip - Registration closes this Sunday, May 2nd!**

The high school youth group and college freshmen will be taking a "Summer Mission Immersion" mission trip to Memphis, TN, June 6-11. The theme is Charity vs. Justice. We will explore the issues of racism, poverty and prejudice from a Christian faith perspective. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we will adventure to various missions throughout Memphis to learn about the variety of perspectives surrounding these topics. Highlights will include the Civil Rights Museum and no doubt some delicious Memphis BBQ! Registration for the trip will close on May 2nd. Check with Pat Cleeland, pdc@wgpc.org or Pastor Ed, efz@wgpc.org if you have any questions. The cost is $450.00 and scholarships are available.

**Freestyle Pool Pass Donations**

Webster Groves is a great place to live, work, and play--and our community is striving to be consciously inclusive. To this end, the Alliance for Interracial Dignity, Webster Groves School District, and Webster Rock Hill Ministries have joined forces to create the new Freestyle Pool Pass. The Freestyle Pass will remove barriers to the community swimming pool by providing free daily swim passes for individuals and families that require financial assistance.

Webster Groves Presbyterian Church is supporting this initiative with a gift of $1,000, funded through the Mission Endowment Fund and the Gibbs Fund to Promote Racial Harmony and Justice. If you would like to contribute individually, you can do so this week by check made payable to Webster Rock Hill Ministries and mailed or brought to 111 East Waymire, Webster Groves, 63119. Checks must include “Freestyle Pass Fund” in the memo line. You may also donate online, see the link on [wgpc.org/get-involved](http://wgpc.org/get-involved).

Questions? Message freestyl ewimpass@gmail.com.