

October 17, 2021 Announcements



ECC Fundraiser at Story Seven and Never Enough Boutique Oct. 27, 5:30-7:30pm

The WGPC Early Childhood Center is raising funds for a sink in its largest classroom. The sink is required by the Health Departments in order to allow the Little Learners class to expand into that room. **Little Learners had a waitlist of 30 kids** this year. This new sink will allow the ECC to help a few more families experience our amazing school.

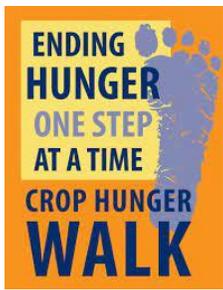
You can support the ECC while shopping on Oct. 27! 15% of sales will be donated to the ECC at

Story Seven, 7 N. Gore – home décor, accessories

Never Enough, 51 N. Gore – fashion, jewelry

Interested in donating but can't attend the fundraiser? Donations can be made at ecc-wgpc.org, Venmo (@wgpc-ecc) or check made out to ECC.

CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 24 4:30 p.m. check-in – 5:00 p.m. start



This year's CROP Hunger Walk will be a hybrid event. Our team is called Churches Together for Justice WG. For those who feel safe walking together, please check-in at Eden Seminary, 475 E. Lockwood Ave., at 4:30 p.m. before the start of the 5:00 p.m. walk. Alternatively, participants also can register and walk wherever and whenever they want.

For more details and to register, raise funds, and/or donate, please visit wgpc.org/get-involved/upcoming-events or see the Friday Flash. Following the walk, plan to stay for the CROP Concert at 7:00 p.m. in the Wehrli Chapel at Eden Seminary. COVID precautions will be in place.

Music in a Great Place Series: Side X Side Percussion Duo October 24, 9:30 a.m. Worship



Side x Side, a percussion duo based in St. Louis, was formed by Kurena Yamaguchi and Tim Crockett in 2013. They have performed throughout Japan and the United States with musical styles that range from classical music to pop. Side x Side Percussion Duo arranges their music to be performed with creative and innovative instrument combinations, such as marimba and timpani, marimba and drum set, marimba and snare drum, etc. Come and enjoy!



Return of Mini Meets Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m.

Mini Meets have resumed Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. Come meet and greet your church friends at the Hale Entrance or in the Conference Room depending on the weather. Be sure to bring a mask.

Stay in the WGPC Loop! Sign up for our Emailed Friday Flash!

For announcements and info about upcoming events with direct links for sign-ups and resources, sign up for the the Friday Flash.

Just visit: wgpc.org/announcements/

International Institute Volunteers Needed Tuesdays & Thursdays,

8:30-11:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Looking to help our soon-to-be arriving Afghan neighbors? With the outpouring of community donations and support for new arrivals, International Institute has been flooded with in-kind donations. If you can help sort and organize, they would love to utilize your time and effort on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-11:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Even if you only have one hour free, they will welcome you for part of a shift! Sign up at: iistl.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=57148



Environmental Focus: Birds

Every year billions of birds migrate north in the spring and south in the fall with the majority of them flying at night. As they pass over cities, they can become disoriented by bright lights and skyglow, often causing them to collide with buildings. Bird fatalities are also caused by the amount of energy the birds waste flying around and calling out in confusion. Their exhaustion leaves them vulnerable to other urban threats. Audubon's Lights Out program aims to reduce this problem by convincing building owners to turn off excess lighting during migration months.

- Avoid over-lighting and turn off or down-shield exterior decorative lighting
- Extinguish flood lights
- Turn off interior lighting especially on higher stories, substitute task and area lighting or pull window coverings
- Install automatic motion sensors when possible



LIFELONG Faith Formation

For the full fall schedule, visit WGPC.org > Ministries > Faith Formation > Adult Ministries > Adult Education.

Technology Issues: We have experienced issues with our technology during Faith Formation. Please have patience as we address these issues with our technology consultants as we adapt to our new ways of being together.

Adult Classes, 10:45-11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom

- TODAY: "What Does It Mean to Be a More Light Congregation?" facilitated by elder Carrie Rao and others.
- October 24: "How is the Pandemic Changing the Christian Church?" facilitated by Rev. Susan Andrews, Theologian in Residence.
- October 31: Learn about birds, their diversity and how we can contribute to their survival from Bill Rowe, VP of Education and Outreach, St. Louis Audubon Society

Upcoming topics include: Gratitude in Tough Times, Presbyterian Mission in Latin America, Advent Explorations and more.

Children's Classes, 10:40-11:45 a.m. Drop-off and pick-up in Room 210

Children pre-k through 5th grade will participate in a weekly rotation of classes to Praise (music and worship leadership), Explore (art, science, yoga and more), Grow (gardening and cooking), and Serve (mission projects). Each of the four-week segments focuses on the same Biblical story or theme.

Youth Classes Sunday evenings, Youth Lounge

- Youth will not meet this evening, Oct. 17

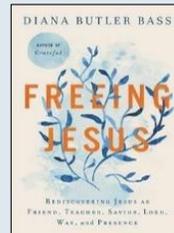
If you would like to provide a simple meal for our youth, please contact Pastor Hannah at hmd@wgpc.org.



ADDITIONAL FAITH FORMATION

Disciple Bible Study, Thursdays
10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Parlor and on Zoom
Beginning with 2nd Corinthians, take a leisurely walk through the New Testament - dialogue, doubt and curiosity are welcome! Contact Pastor Hannah at hmd@wgpc.org to find out what book we're on each week. Questions? Contact Diane McCullough at dmccpae@sbcglobal.net.

Wednesday Evening Book Study 3rd Wednesday of each month 7:00 p.m. in members' homes



Our 2021-2022 book is *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way and Presence* by Diana Butler Bass with group-led discussion (with support from Rev. Susan Andrews). For more info, please contact Betsy Wacker at wacker.betsy@att.net.

Opportunities to Bee-Long at WGPC!

- Advocacy Team, Julie Burchett at burchett.juliekay@gmail.com.
- Men's Bible Study, Frank Bloemke at ekmeolb@gmail.com.
- Early Childhood Center Assistant Teacher or Spring Registration, Julia Ringkamp at 314-276-7074 or Amanda Kingsbury at agk@wgpc.org.



Masks in Worship

The CDC guidelines have been updated to reflect new data on the Delta variant of the coronavirus. Data suggests it is more potent and contagious than the Alpha variant and now much more common. COVID cases are rising and the positivity rate has increased in our area. Children in our congregation 12 and under as well as some immunocompromised individuals are unable to be vaccinated. For the sake of these in our church family, we are at this time asking all vaccinated and unvaccinated worshipers to please wear a mask during worship and as you move around the church. We ask you to also remain "socially distanced." While the risk remains relatively low for vaccinated individuals, we believe making this sacrifice for others in our church is a faithful action to take to express our love for one another. Thank you for your kindness, understanding and patience. Encourage those you know who are not vaccinated to be vaccinated so we can get back to normal! Thank you. – Pastor Ed