

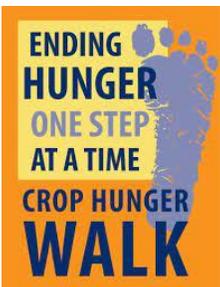
October 10, 2021 Announcements



Thank You for a Successful Mission Weekend!

Thanks so much to all who participated in and supported our Mission Weekend! Despite a few challenges, we had **100 members** volunteer for nine projects over the weekend! We worked in the gardens in front of the Jewel Box in Forest Park, gave blood, spread mulch on the ECC playground, donated canned goods for Webster Rock Hill Ministries' food pantry, wrote cards to members and friends, sorted and organized items at Isaiah 58 Ministries, packed sack lunches for those served by St. Patrick Center, and created care packages for college freshmen who graduated from the St. Louis Internship Program (SLIP). It was wonderful to see so many of you this weekend, and we are grateful to all who shared their time and talents!

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. 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. However, participants also can register and walk wherever and whenever they want. Our team is

called Churches Together for Justice WG. For more details and to register, raise funds, and/or donate, please see the Friday Flash or visit <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/peace-ucc-wg>. [<Cherstin – Do we need this?>](#)

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.

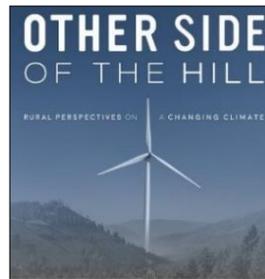
Mini Meets resume Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. starting October 12. Come meet and greet your church friends at the Hale Entrance or in the Conference Room depending on the weather. Be sure to bring a mask.

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/

Film Discussion to Focus on Rural Perspectives on Climate Change Thursday, October 12, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom



In a time of unprecedented cultural divide between rural and urban communities, explore how government, private industry, farmers, and environmental activists are working together in Oregon by watching the Emmy-nominated film, *Other Side of*

the Hill, online from now to October 13. Then, on Thursday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m., join the Mission Commission, Environmental Stewardship, Adult Education, and Advocacy Team for a Zoom discussion with Jim Walls, the public official who began the work in Lakeview and Wallow County. See the Friday Flash for links to the online film and Zoom discussion.

Environmental Focus: The Blessing of Birds A poem by Clarence Heller

I greet a goldfinch as he perches
a coneflower in my yard.
A red-winged blackbird greets me
as I sit in the park in prayer.
The Holy Spirit hovers over me,
out of sight.

When we care for the birds,
we care for creation,
including ourselves,
and our pace slows,
and gratitude and kindness grows,
and we can fly free and be ourselves.





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

“More Light,” a program welcoming LGBTQ+ Christians, will be the topic of the next two classes.

- TODAY: “What is the Biblical Invitation to be a Welcoming Church?” facilitated by Janice Seele, Co-Chair WGPC Advocacy Team.
- October 17: “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.

Upcoming topics include: Gratitude in Tough Times, Presbyterian Mission in Latin America, Advent Explorations, plus presentations from Environmental Stewardship and mission activities.

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

- 4:00-5:30 p.m. Celtics Middle School Fellowship
- 5:00-7:00 p.m. Agape High School Fellowship
- 5:00-5:30 p.m. Family meal for all youth

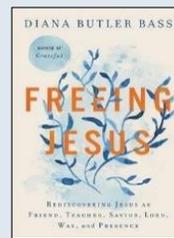
If you would like to provide a simple meal for our youth, please contact Pastor Hannah at hmd@wgpc.org.



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!

- Disciples Bible Study, Linda McNeeley at lmcneely721@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 worshippers 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