

October 24, 2021 Announcements

Music in a Great Place Series: Side X Side Percussion Duo!



WGPC welcomes St. Louis-based Side X Side Percussion Duo at this morning's service. 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. We thank them for sharing their talents with us this morning.

ECC Fundraiser at Story Seven and Never Enough Boutique

Wednesday, October 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m.



Two local stores have offered to help WGPC Early Childhood Center raise funds for a sink in its largest classroom by donating 15 percent of all sales made on October 27, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The sink is needed

to meet health department requirements so that the Little Learners class can expand into that room allowing us to help more families experience our amazing school. (Our waiting list is currently at 30 kids!) Participating stores are:

- **Story Seven** (home décor and accessories) at 7 N. Gore
- **Never Enough** (fashion and jewelry) at 51 N. Gore

Donations can also be made at ecc-wgpc.org and Venmo (@wgpc-ecc) or by check made out to the ECC.



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.

International Institute Volunteers Needed Tuesdays & Thursdays,

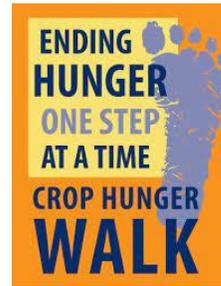
**8:30-11:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
(or any amount of time you can spare!)**

Looking to help our soon-to-be arriving Afghan neighbors? With the outpouring of community donations and support, International Institute has been flooded with in-kind donations. If you can help sort and organize, they would love your assistance on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the times above. A full shift is not required; even an hour is welcome! Sign up at: iistl.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=57148



CROP Hunger Walk is Today!

4:30 p.m. check-in – 5:00 p.m. start



This year's CROP Hunger Walk is a hybrid event, and our team is Churches Together for Justice WG. Those who wish to walk safely with others may check-in at Eden Seminary, 475 E. Lockwood Ave., at 4:30 p.m. before the 5:00 p.m. walk. Plan to stay for the CROP Concert at 7:00 p.m. in Eden's Wehrli Chapel. Alternatively, you may register and walk wherever and whenever you want. For more details and to register, raise funds, and/or donate, please visit wgpc.org/get-involved/upcoming-events.

Thank You for Your Support of the Peace & Global Witness Offering



We collected \$495 enabling WGPC and PC(USA) to continue our mission of peace and justice. Four special offerings are collected during the year, and we were recently acknowledged as one of 12 congregations in our presbytery to have supported the One Hour of Sharing offering for over 20 years.

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 Friday Flash. Just visit: wgpc.org/announcements/



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

Technology Issues: We have experienced technology issues during Faith Formation. Please have patience as we address these issues with our 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: "How is the Pandemic Changing the Christian Church?" facilitated by Rev. Susan Andrews, Theologian in Residence.
- October 31: "Birds!" 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.
- November 7: "The Challenges of Mission in Nicaragua" with Tracey King-Ortega, our guest via Zoom, who has built mission partnerships between communities and organizations throughout Central America for over 20 years. Harriot Hall will also provide an update on Plan Grande #2. Please note: Adult Classes will move to the Parlor beginning November 7.

Upcoming topics include: Coping with Pandemic Stress, 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/Activities
Sunday evenings**

- TODAY, 4:30 p.m., Celtics and Agape participation in the CROP walk.
- Sunday, October 31, 5:00 p.m., youth Halloween bonfire. Please RSVP to Cherstin Byers at chb@wgpc.org.

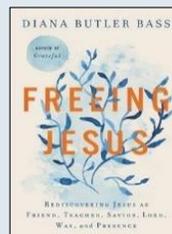


ADDITIONAL FAITH FORMATION

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!

- Sunday School Classes for children, Patty Mabie at pattymabie@gmail.com
- Environment Stewardship, Dennis Wacker at wacker.dennis@att.net
- Wednesday Book Club, Jan Phillips at janicephillips66@gmail.com



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