

## October 3, 2021 Announcements

### Welcome Shanise Johnson!

Our Minute for Mission guest today is Shanise Johnson, executive director of the St. Louis Internship Program (SLIP), one of our Dorothy Meyer grant



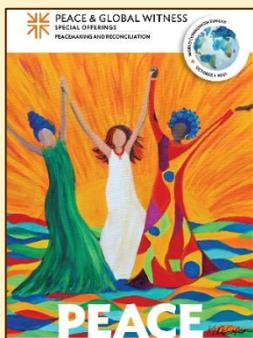
partners and a powerful force to raise up youth throughout the St. Louis community. Shanise was an intern in the SLIP program herself while a student at Soldan International Studies High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in business information systems from SLU, an MBA in computer information systems from Webster University, and a master's degree in teaching from Lindenwood University, all while working part time at SLIP. Following our worship service this morning, we will be creating care packages for college freshmen who graduated from SLIP's intern program this past summer.

**MISSION**   
Weekend *is here!*

Thank you to all who have volunteered and to those who are ready to get to work after our worship service. If you have any questions about the project you have signed up for, please look for Beth Kazlauskas in Fellowship Hall.

### TODAY: Peace & Global Witness Offering

Your offering today helps empower congregations and individuals to address anxiety and discord globally. Look for special envelopes in the pews, mail a check to the church office, or donate via our website by selecting Special Offering > Peace & Global Witness. Thank you!



### Cub Scout Car Wash

**Today: 2:00-5:00 p.m.**

Enjoy a sparkling clean car and help our Cub Scouts raise funds by pulling into the Hale parking lot this afternoon!

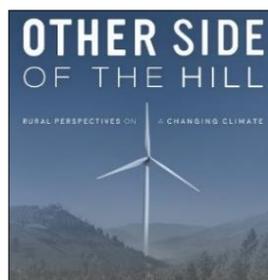


**WELCOME**

### Come and Consider: Conversation & Lunch Sunday, October 10, 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

If you or someone you know is thinking about becoming a member of our church family or simply has questions about the Presbyterian faith, plan to attend "Come and Consider" next Sunday from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for lunch and casual conversation with Pastor Ed Zumwinkel. If you'd like to attend, please let Barbara Fischer know by emailing her at [baf@wgpc.org](mailto:baf@wgpc.org) or calling 314-962-9210, ext. 3202.

### 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.

### Stay in the Loop!

#### Sign up for our Emailed Friday Flash!

Announcements and info about upcoming events with direct links for sign-ups and resources are available in our weekly e-news, the Friday Flash. To sign up (and view past announcements), just visit: [wgpc.org/announcements/](http://wgpc.org/announcements/)

### Name Tags Are In!

If you placed a request for a name tag this summer, it is now on the magnetic board alphabetically in the hallway next to the elevator.



# LIFELONG Faith Formation

For the full fall schedule, visit [WGPC.org](http://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.

- October 10: “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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:hmd@wgpc.org) to find out what book we're on each week. Questions? Contact Diane McCullough at [dmccpae@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dmccpae@sbcglobal.net).

### Wednesday Evening Book Study

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:wacker.betsy@att.net).

### Opportunities to Bee-Long at WGPC!

The Nominating Committee is currently preparing a new slate of officers for the Class of 2024. If you would like to serve as a Deacon, Elder or Trustee or would like to nominate a member to serve, please contact Lynne Binder at [ljbinder@msn.com](mailto:ljbinder@msn.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