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Newsletter for Glendale Presbyterian Church
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From Pastor Kathleen

Grace and Peace to you,
Springtime is a season of new life; buds emerge from dormant plants and cicadas buzz their way to the surface. Like those cicadas, often when new life arrives it can be unwieldy, troublesome even. Mother's Day is often weighted by the joys and sorrows we carry around from our experiences as children, parents, or those wishing to be parents. It's all far less straightforward than a glance at a store's card aisle might lead us to believe. Our relationship to experiences of new life is complicated. I remember when I was awaiting the birth of each of my kids that anxious anticipatory feeling of knowing that our lives were about to be forever altered, but ultimately not having control over the timing or drama that might surround us. I imagine that there must have been similar anxieties around Jesus' resurrection. Jesus had told his disciples

that he would die and be resurrected. Even though they had nothing to compare this to, they had to have some expectation that he meant what he said. Scripture tells us that the disciples were terrified, Mary thought he was a gardener, he walked through walls, and still had apparent wounds from his crucifixion. Like so many alien sci-fi films, Jesus had first to assure the disciples that he came in peace before they could receive him and know his promises were true.

My prayer for each of you in this season is that you would open yourself to the hope that is ours through Jesus Christ, the peace that seeks us out in our worries of the unknown. May you know the beauty of new life, in whatever ways you find it.

Blessings,
Pastor Kathleen

Photos below are from our worship service on April 28th as we welcomed our new members.



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Session Update



Session was thrilled to welcome four new members of GPC at the April 21 meeting. In addition, Session approved renewing contracts with three AA groups and approved the use of the far end of the parking lot by the City of Glendale on Sunday morning, June 9. They also approved removing the large cypress tree that continues to do damage to our roof. It was reported that \$687 was collected for One Great Hour of Sharing. Attendance on Easter Sunday was 66. Professional Development and vacation days were approved for Pastor Kathleen.

Guest Preacher, Rev. Mark Miller

May 26th we will welcome Rev. Mark Miller as our guest preacher as Pastor Kathleen is attending a conference in Washington DC.

Rev. Dr. Mark R. Miller was born and raised in Indianapolis, IN. Mark received his Master of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary and his Doctor of Ministry from Eden Theological Seminary. His wife, Kathleen, is a professional organizer, and together they have six children and one grandchild. Mark was the pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Saint Louis for twenty-one years. He has been active in the Saint Louis area as a member of the Faith and Labor Board, The Betty Jean Kerr People's Health Center Board, and has served in various roles in the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy. In his free time, Mark enjoys being outside in the garden, lifting weights, and watching and analyzing anything from current events to basketball games.



Meet our New Members



Barb Cavicchia

I have been a paralegal for 39 years and am working full-time from home. Tom and I have one son, Dominic, who lives with his wife, Cecily, and their 2 cats (our grandkitties) in Manhattan, KS. We also have an adorable, 9-year-old puppy, DaVinci. His predecessors were Rembrandt and Picasso! Tom and I will celebrate our 40th anniversary on August 3rd. Though I was raised Catholic, we joined Affton Presbyterian Church 25+ years ago. We are happy to be welcomed by GPC and a worship environment of grace, forgiveness and inclusion.

Tom Cavicchia

I'm a lifelong Presbyterian, born in the Ozarks, I grew up in Mount Vernon, MO where my father was a pastor, and Springfield, MO where he was the first Presbytery Executive of John Calvin Presbytery. I'm currently an underwriter at AAA Insurance. Barb and I have been married for almost 40 years and have lived in St. Louis since we were married. Our son, Dominic and his wife Cecily, live in Manhattan, KS where he is an attorney with the non-profit Kansas Legal Services.



Anneliese Kemp

I am a veterinary assistant and very excited to officially join GPC after singing in the choir for about 6 months. I feel that GPC welcomes any and all people to worship, which is important to me.



Sunday School & Children's Choir



Summer Soloists



Show off your Musical Talent this Summer!

GPC is looking for summer singers, instrumentalists, or bell choir players from June through August to perform in worship. Only one song is needed. Our wonderful Music Director, Carol Schmidt, will be glad to help pick out music, and arrange to have a short rehearsal.

Contact Carol at carolschmidtpiano@gmail.com or call her at 314-707-2668.

Let's make music at GPC!





Grubby Saturday



Stewardship

Flipping for Per Capita

Sunday, April 14th was "Flip for Per Capita Day.". Pancakes and sausage were served during Fellowship Time on that Sunday by Stewardship Chair, Leslen Sanders. Thank you to all who contributed your \$36 per member per capita to support the ministry and mission of our denomination.



Mission

75
YEARS



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.
Thank you for your generous gifts towards this important offering.



WEBSTER  ROCK HILL

M I N I S T R I E S

TRIVIA NIGHT

\$30 Donation per person

Form a table of 8 or join with others!

Bring your own snacks, beer, wine or soft drinks.

Heads/Tails

50/50 Raffle Mulligans

Prizes To Winning Team

FRIDAY JUNE 14, 2024

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF
WEBSTER GROVES**

10 West Lockwood Ave. 63119

Doors open at 6:15pm

Game begins 7:00pm

To Register: Call WRHM office 314-961-5082

ask for Derek Bastian or Janice Scott

Prepayment is required for reservation of tables



On the Calendar



- **Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29:** 6:30 p.m. Choir practice
- **Saturday, May 4:** Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering at GPC, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, May 5:** 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion
- **Wednesday, May 8 - Thursday, May 9:** Pastor Kathleen Vacation
- **Sunday, May 12:** 10 a.m. Worship Service with Sunday School
- **Sunday, May 19:** 10 a.m. Worship Service with Sunday School, 11:15 a.m. Session Meeting
- **Tuesday, May 21:** 9:30 a.m. Presbyterian Women Meeting
- **Tuesday, May 21 - Sunday May 26:** Pastor Kathleen Con. Ed. in Washington D.C.
- **Sunday, May 26:** 10 a.m. Worship with Sunday School

May Birthdays

Julie Buchholz	May 1
Connie Beyrouy	May 2
Lauren Keeley	May 3
Alexa Beyrouy	May 9
Allison Kesselring	May 11
Addison Drace	May 12
Ira Buchholz, Bob Drace	May 14
Bob Bidstrup	May 16
Debbie Rose	May 19
Jean Gibbons	May 29
Jason Kesselring	May 30





Prayer Requests

4/7

Healing and Wholeness

Prayers for Deb Rose's daughter Chelsey's father-in-law.
Prayers for Peggy Mayfield as she goes through medical tests this week.
Continued prayers for Joan's granddaughter, Ellen, and for her Aunt Joan.

Joy, Celebration, and Thanks

Happy Birthday to Clarice Fleming today!
Randy and Hae Jeong want to thank everyone for prayers and support the past two years while Buddy was going through cancer treatment and hospice care.

4/14

Healing and Wholeness

Prayers for Nic Van Patten who is in the hospital.
Prayers for the family of Everett Ford, Beth Ford's cousin, who passed away.
Prayers for Elaine Bidstrup, recovering from foot surgery.
Prayers for Clarice's sister-in-law, Jan, undergoing radiation treatment for cancer.
Continued prayers for Joan's granddaughter, Ellen, and for her Aunt Joan.

4/21

Healing and Wholeness

Prayers for Jo's cello teacher, Mr. Gary and his wife who traveled to Alabama because his wife is in the ICU with diabetic complications.
Prayers for the family of Mary Johnson, our church custodian, whose sister died recently.
Prayers for Elaine Bidstrup, recovering from foot surgery and a possible TIA.
Prayers for Clarice's sister-in-law, Jan, undergoing radiation treatment for cancer, which has now spread throughout her body.
Continued prayers for Joan's granddaughter, Ellen, and for her Aunt Joan.

Celebration

Prayers for Anna Mora (Katie's cousin) as she welcomed a new baby this past week.
Happy Belated birthday to Terry Ulmer on April 17th and Brynn Bennett on April 20th.

4/28

Healing and Wholeness

Prayers for Joann Ford, Mary Beth's sister-in-law who had emergency surgery.
Prayers for Kenny Holtgrewe, Leslen's cousin, who is awaiting a leg amputation.
Prayers for Pat Hagar, Deb Rose's future mother-in-law, who fractured her knee cap and elbow, and is awaiting release from hospital into rehab care.
Prayers for Deb's sister Peggy, who is undergoing testing for heart arrhythmia.
Prayers for Steve Bauer, Deb's brother, who fell and injured his knee and eye.
Prayers for Curt and Nancy Blanc, friends of Deb Rose, upon the death of Curt's mother last week.

Celebration

Happy birthday to Julie Buchholz on May 1st, Connie Beyrouy on May 2nd and Lauren Keeley on May 3rd.

