



GlenPres

*Sharing God's Love through our work and play
in our church and community.*

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper shall be celebrated as a regular part of the Service for the Lord's Day, preceded by the proclamation of the Word, in the gathering of the people of God. When local circumstances call for the Lord's Supper to be celebrated less frequently, the session may approve other schedules for celebration, in no case less than quarterly. If the Lord's Supper is celebrated less frequently than on each Lord's Day, public notice is to be given at least one week in advance so that all may prepare to receive the Sacrament.

- Book of Order W-3.0409



GPC introduced celebrating communion twice a month in January, 2016. It was a change to the rhythm and routine of the service that for the most part I have treasured. Sharing the bread and cup is a source of some of my most meaningful moments in ministry with the congregation. I confess there were a few Sundays when the Lord's Supper felt a bit rushed, even clunky, leaving me dissatisfied. Now with the new Sunday schedule, introduced last fall, we have discovered that the rhythm of worship is a little more awkward as our children go out for Sunday school and return to receive communion with their parents—a valued practice here at GPC.

The Scriptures are not clear about how often the Lord's Supper ought to be celebrated. Jesus himself gave no direction on the matter, nor did the apostle Paul. But Luke reports in the book of Acts: "On the first day of the week we came together to break bread." (20:7) Luke was describing his seven-day visit to the city of Troas in Asia Minor. The passage implies that the breaking of bread was not an unusual occurrence, but the normal practice of the Christians in that city.

"Prior to the Reformation a number of abuses crept into the life of the church, some of which affected the celebration of the Lord's Supper. For example, few people were allowed to partake of the sacrament. Often only the "celebrants" received the bread and wine, while everyone else watched. Laypeople were left to partake of communion only once a year. John Calvin frowned upon this practice writing, "...it (sic) is a veritable invention of the devil." (Reformed Worship)

How to strike just the right balance has long been the question for most congregations. Some argue the weekly celebration of communion makes it less special & fosters indifference. Others, of course, argue the opposite. Some folks, when really honest, just think it takes up too much time in the worship service. Others, of course, crave the full liturgy for it feeds them spiritually.

After considering the matter, the Session has approved a new schedule for 2018. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated once a month on Family Worship Sunday—the first Sunday of the month. During the summer, the Lord's Supper will be celebrated twice a month. Our congregation travels a lot, particularly during the summer months. Celebrating the Lord's Supper twice a month will give the congregation a greater opportunity to partake of the bread and cup.

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Worship in the Sanctuary

February 14

7:00 p.m.



Sunday, February 4

Can goods and cash donations will be gathered by GPC Youth for this annual offering. The offering will be given to Webster Rock Hill Ministries.

Presbyterian Women

February 27th at 9:30 a.m.

The Presbyterian Women will continue the bible study, "Cloud of Witnesses" at their next gathering. All are welcome, male and female, to join them for a time of learning and fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Beth Reynolds.

**Holy Conversations:
Our Worshipful Work**

February 11th at 10 a.m.

Come and worship. Come and learn.
Come and grow in your faith.

Thank you to the January Room at the Inn Volunteers:

Bob Bidstrup and Terry Ulmer
and thank you to the congregation
for the continues support of this
mission.

Dessert Project

Third Sunday of the Month

Once a month, a home baked dessert is raffled off. For every dollar or can good donated, you are given a chance to take that dessert home!

All donations are given to Webster Rock Hill Ministries in support of the food pantry.

**The next Dessert Project Sunday
is February 18th!**



February 24 & 25, 2018
Webster Groves Presbyterian Church
Keynote Speaker: Brian D. McLaren

Theme: *Moving your passion from your heart to the world*

Faith isn't just about showing up in the pews. How do we express our faith throughout our daily lives? Come and be spiritually fed as we explore ways of living out our faith 365 days a year and moving our passion from our hearts to the world.

About Faith365

Faith365 is a conference sponsored by Webster Groves Presbyterian Church with keynote speeches by Christian author and speaker Brian McLaren. This event seeks to help people in the St. Louis community live a more faithful life 365 days a year.

The 2018 conference theme—"Moving your passion from your heart to the world"—was inspired by John 5:1-17, and many of our panel questions will be based on the different movements of this story. Just as the man in need of healing has sat by the pool for 18 years, we know many people want to lead lives of greater faith and service but often hesitate. We hope that this weekend will ask, "Do you want to be made well?" and move attendees to their feet and into the world.

The morning will begin with a keynote speech by Brian McLaren, author, speaker, activist, and public theologian. A former college English teacher and pastor, he is a passionate advocate for "a new kind of Christianity"—just, generous, and working with people of all faiths for the common good.

We'll then have a 90-minute moderated panel made up of five panelists who will be asked both scripted question and screened questions from the audience. Questions will encourage discussion between panelists and will focus on the personal stories of passion and calling that have shaped each panelist's life focus through vocation, avocation, and profession.

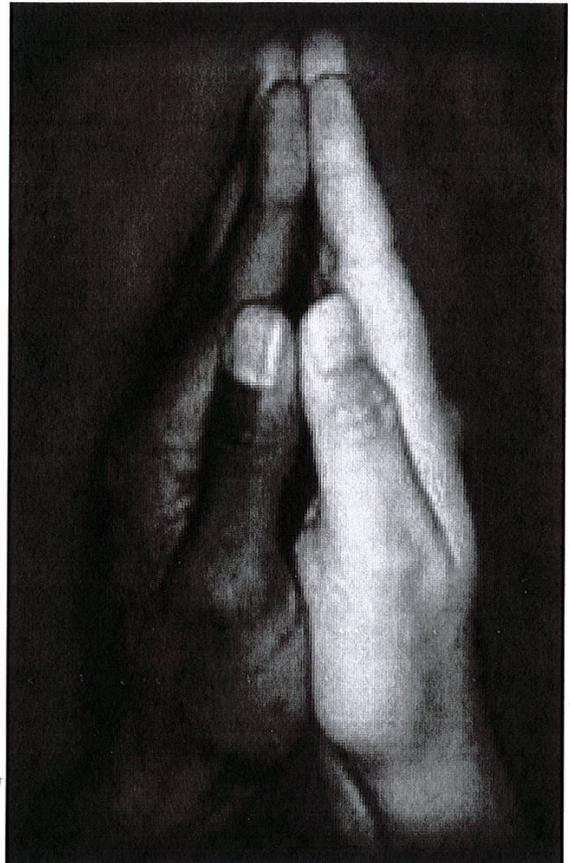
After lunch, panelists will offer 45-minute workshops (each presented twice) that explore and offer insight to the work of the presenter's organization. The presenters will speak to the specific work of their passion with the hope of engaging the passions of conference participants and detailing the ways in which conference participants can be involved. Workshops are intended to address the specific work of the organization as well as the systemic issues that necessitate the organization's work.

Kirkwood Tragedy
10 Year Anniversary

Prayer Service

Wednesday,
February 7 at 7:00pm

Kirkwood UMC Sanctuary
201 West Adams Ave, 63122



All are invited for a time of *reflection*, *discussion* and *prayer*.

We will remember the tragic events of February 7, 2008.

We will reflect on where we have been – *there* to *here*.

We will look forward to a hopeful future, moving from *here* to a *new there*.

Featuring:

The Community Gospel Choir of St. Louis

The Kirkwood United Methodist Church Chancel Choir

All are welcome to stay after for refreshments and discussion.

Proverbs 23:18

There is surely a future hope for you; your hope will not be cut off.



Holy Conversations: Our Worshipful Work

How can we turn Conversation into Action?

by Delores Bouffard

I look forward to joining the once-a-month gathering of the congregation in Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning. It is a time for us to gather in a new way in worship. Having an enlightening talk by a speaker who is current and actively engaged in meeting the needs of those in the surrounding community is important. It is important because we can learn how to become active in a meaningful way, too. It has been a time of enriching conversations and deepening relationships.

Holy Conversations has given us the opportunity to broaden our knowledge of outreach in the larger community. Churches have traditionally met the challenge and delivered assistance to those in need with food pantries or utilities assistance for example. I'm encouraged to discuss possibilities for an outreach activity and a target group beyond these traditional ministries. I hope we continue to identify speakers who can help us explore the following questions:

What is the mission?

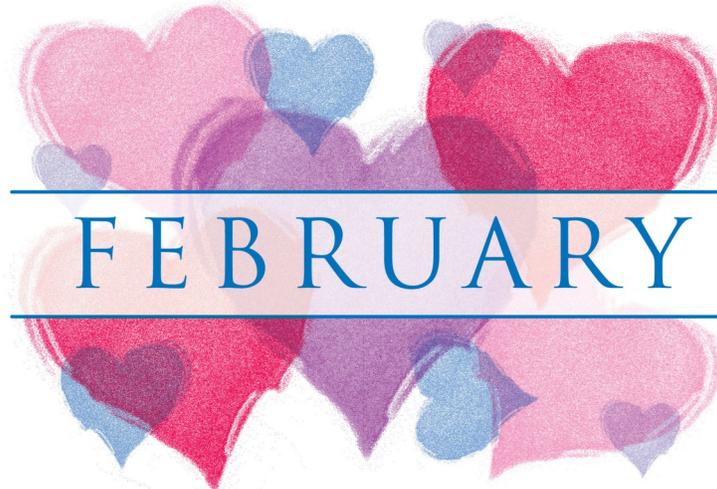
What do we need to do it?

How do we evaluate its progress?

Our congregation owns the outreach: everyone can do something. Everyone start thinking about what we can do for others who are in our surrounding communities.

News from Session

The Session met on January 21 and approved the 2018 budget. In addition they approved that Communion will be served on the first Sunday of each month through May and then the first and third Sundays June-August. They also approved that memorial gifts totaling up to \$500 will be placed in the general memorial fund unless the family specifies otherwise and that when funds total over \$500 the church will reach out to the family for their preference. And finally some building rentals were approved including for two one-week summer Low Brass Summer Camps being held by Gabe Mueller.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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GPC Office closed Monday, January 19th for President's Day.



Happy birthday to the following GPC members & friends!

Please communicate any errors or additions to the church office.

- Carol Wright February 13
- Hae Jeong Schroeder February 15
- Beth Ford February 19
- Mary Beth Reynolds February 19
- Kurt Buchholz February 25
- Caroline Krob February 28



\$31.00 per Member

2018 Office Hours

Linda Aiken, Office Administrator is now in the office on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.



February 19th

The Church Office will be closed in honor of Presidents Day.

We Hold in Our Prayers

The following is a compilation of prayer requests from the March worship bulletins.

Members in care and homebound

Edith Aitkenhead, Maggie Bauer, Gene Herr, Ed Stupp, and Jean Zahnweh

For those with cancer

Our prayers for those with cancer are on-going. No one will be removed from the list until a change of status has been communicated to the church office.

- Dennis Menos Chris Opfer Carol Goodwin
- Laurie Sharp Annette Laverty Duang Nelson
- Cathy Lind Kern Randy Schroeder's sister, Keri
- Terry Ulmer's cousin, Kristy
- Marie Sullivan, friend of the Chamberlin family
- Emma & Delaney Fleming's grandmother, Judy
- Karen Kesselring's cousin Lori
- Anne Pletz, Jodi Foresman's mother
- Derrick, Barbara and Al Buck's son-in-law

For Healing and Comfort

- For Maggie Bauer
- For Florence Kelley
- For safe travels for holidays
- For Emily McCay, friend of the Kesselring family
- For Nick Dopuch, who was hospitalized and is now home

Joy

- For Kathy Whalen's birthday

Our Deepest Sympathy

- For the family of Betty LeCrone, who died on December 3rd in Oakland, Missouri
- For the Jatcko family on the death of their son Nathan who took his life. He was a friend to many in the St. Louis jazz community.
- For the family of Betty LeCrone

I believe the change to the schedule creates an opportunity for each of us to reflect on our understanding of the Lord's Supper and how it nurtures us spiritually.

Clearly, the Lord's Supper is more than preparing the table on Sunday morning. The Book of Order instructs us to spend time in preparation prior to ever stepping over the sanctuary threshold. What does being prepared to share in the bread and cup look like for you? I cannot find any hard rules on the matter, but perhaps we could begin by asking ourselves, "Where in my life am I sinning? In other words, what bad things am I doing, and what good things am I failing to do? Is there anybody who has offended me and I haven't forgiven?" Perhaps you prepare by reading the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday or spending time in meditation. What would you add?

Preparing for the Lord's Supper should not be confused with perfectionism or legalism. No one arrives at the Lord's Table having everything in their life just right. However, your experience of the bread and cup may be richer, more meaningful, with time set aside in preparation.

- Pastor Liz

GlenPres Deadline

Please submit articles, announcements, or anything you want in the newsletter by

Monday, February 20th

Email articles to glenpres@sbcglobal.net or leave in the Office Administrator's mailbox.



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