



# GlenPres

March 2023

Sharing God's love through our work and play

Grace and Peace to you!

One of the deepest joys of ministry is getting to know each of you. To know how you are doing. Really actually doing. How God is showing up in your life, or how you are searching for God's presence. It is always an honor to be invited into your lives, in whatever capacity, to experience the good and the bad together as a community of faith.

Throughout the season of Lent, we are using blessings from Kate Bowler's "Bless the Lent we Actually Have" to shape our worship at our Liturgical Arts. What I like most about her writings and these blessings, in particular, is they invite God's presence into our lives *as they are*. *We don't need to keep God at a distance until we have it all together (whatever that might look like) but can ask God to bless our actual lives, not our idealized ones.*

On Ash Wednesday we did this together. In Ashes-to-Go in the morning in front of our church, at Teleo Coffee in the afternoon, and at our Ash Wednesday Worship service, each person was blessed with the right sizing blessing to "remember that we are dust and to dust we will return." I preached about how this right-sizes us in the universe as it reminds us that we are cared for and created by our Creator God who loves us, while at the very same time, we are part of the fabric of the universe.

Our actual lives in this particular moment in the life of the church have been several members dealing with hip replacements, a few experiencing illnesses and isolation, and all of us continuing to hope and love and care in a world where there is still pandemic and war. Our actual lives include navigating the challenges of aging for both ourselves and our parents. We've been seeking to be a friend to our classmates and to navigate our own emotions in a changing world. We've tried to speak up when we can and to love those we might not always like. We've been choosing over and over again to worship God, to confess our sins, and to try to preach the Gospel.

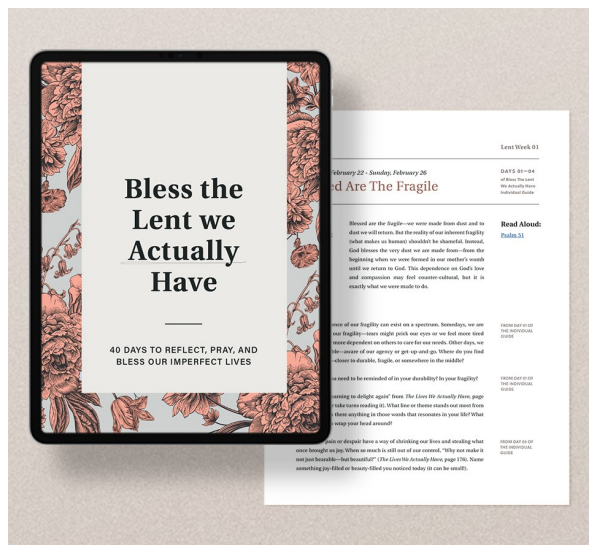
In the minutia of our day-to-day life it might not seem like anything extraordinary is happening, but that's sort of the point. When we zoom out, naming the good and the bad in these actual lives we're living helps us to notice the actual lives of everyone else around us, and the way all of it adds up into something so very worthy of blessing.

As Kate Bowler writes, "Lent is a time to remember that we are not alone on this journey, that we are part of a larger community of faith, and that we have the support and encouragement of our fellow travelers. As we reflect on our own mortality and our need for God's grace, we are reminded that we are part of a long line of faithful people who have gone before us. Together, we can support one another, sharing our joys and our sorrows, and reminding one another of the hope that sustains us along the way."

What a gift it is, to be living our actual lives together with each of you.

Blessings,

Rev. Kathleen Henrion





**Leslen Sanders for her work in auditing our kitchenware and donating what we no longer need to Home Sweet Home.**

**The mission of Home Sweet Home is to give underserved families a sense of pride and to improve the quality of lives**

**by providing basic household furnishings.**

**This agency often partners with Room at the Inn when their families receive furnishings when they are ready to move out of RATI and into homes of their own.**

**Our donation included 170 bowls, 120 plates, 50 cups and saucers, nine gravy boats, 12 platters, 12 pitchers, 24 glasses, and miscellaneous silverware and utensils.**

**We are so glad these items can be shared with such a good cause.**

**If you would like to make a gift, find out how by going to: [homesweethomestl.org/contribute/](https://homesweethomestl.org/contribute/), and if you do so, let us know so we can take note of our members' generosity.**



Three new parking lot signs have been donated to GPC in order to make our church more welcoming on Sunday mornings. When

the signs are eventually installed please be aware of their placement so that those parking spots can be used as designated.

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### Worship at Glendale Presbyterian Church

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88072546641?pwd=a2NDNzVQMjJocVNZdTlSc1pWVTRvQT09>

**Meeting ID: 880 7254 6641**

**Passcode: 640048**

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# ANNUAL PER CAPITA LUNCH



The 2023 Per Capita Lunch  
will be Sunday, March 5th.

Per Capita for 2023 is  
\$35.00 per member.

A lunch of pasta, salad, and pie  
will be served.

Please join us to celebrate  
GPC and spring!

RSVP by signing up at church  
or emailing/calling church.

Questions??  
Email/Call Leslen Sanders



**THE LUNCH IS THIS COMING SUNDAY! ITS  
NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP! JUST CALL OR  
STOP BY THE CHURCH OFFICE!**





*GPC welcomes new member, Leslie McKinstry to our congregation! Leslie was born in Japan, where her father then worked. Leslie's father's job had caused them to move many times before settling in St. Louis when she was in 5th grade. Leslie comes to us by transfer from Webster Presbyterian where she was a member for many years. As an English as a second language (ESL) teacher, Leslie loves to help kids and is amazed at how fast they learn and how far they come in such a short time. In her spare time, Leslie likes to sew, scrapbook, and garden; although she says she is more successful at growing weeds than flowers. Leslie is interested in becoming active in our church life and has already volunteered to serve on the Care Committee and would like to work with liturgical Arts when and if her schedule allows. Leslie is excited to begin her journey with GPC!*



*There is a full house at Room at the Inn, and RATI could not be more excited to help these wonderful families — but they could also use our help! RATI is looking for food donations and has asked for these specific items:*

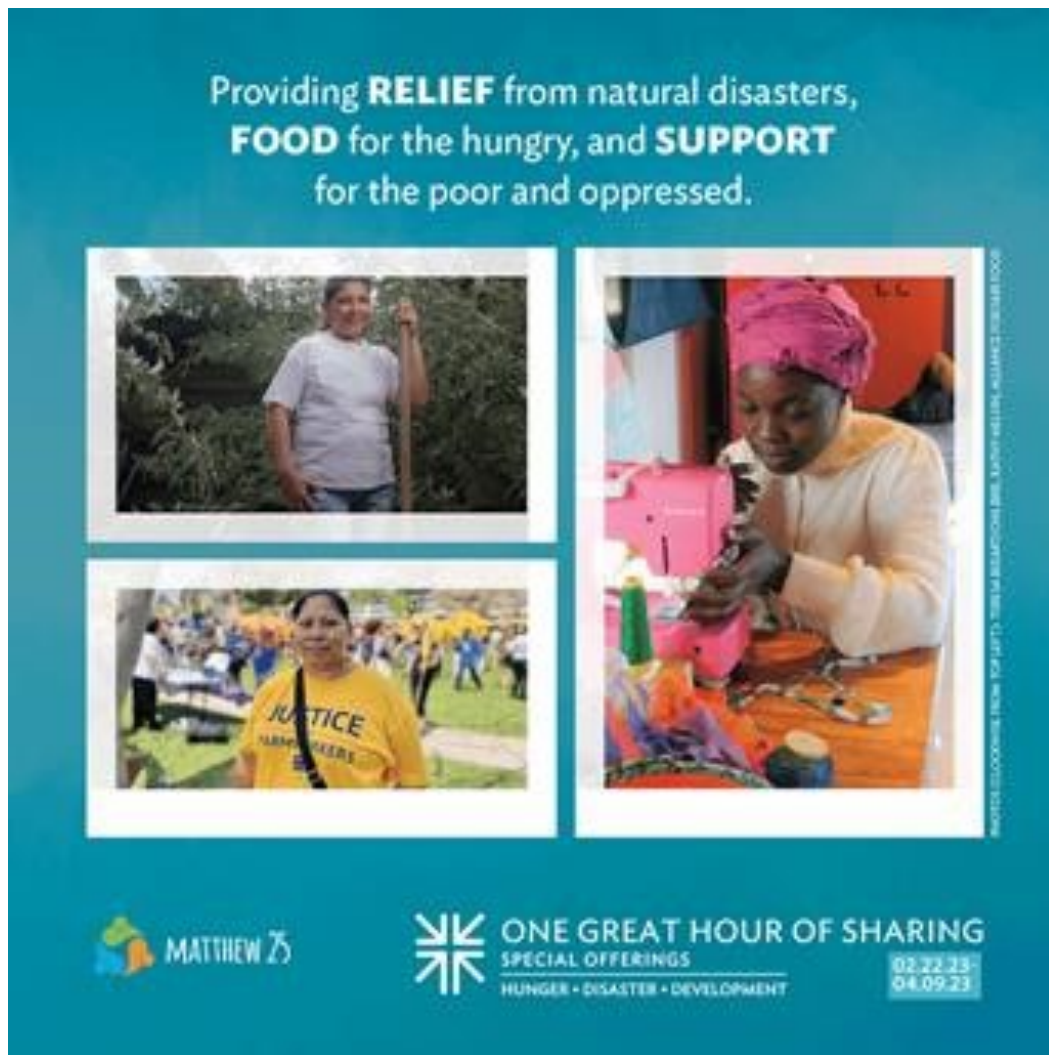
- *Rice Krispy Treats (individual packages)*
- *Fruit Snacks*
- *Small individual cereal containers (stay fresher and create less waste than big cereal boxes!)*
- *Ham and Cheese Hot Pockets*

*Donations will be collected at the parking lot entrance of the Church through Sunday, March 26. If you want to learn more about Room at the Inn and other ways you can support them in their essential work, check them out on the web at [roomstl.org](http://roomstl.org).*

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**The session met on February 19. Elaine Bidstrup was welcomed and approved as the chairman of the Care committee. Ten written reports were received. Buildings and Grounds has been especially active.**



## MINUTE FOR MISSION!

March 26th GPC will begin collecting donations for One Great Hour of Sharing! This is a wonderful organization that provides natural disaster relief, and food and shelter for the poor and oppressed. Donations will be accepted through April 9th, please consider making a donation to this charitable organization.

# SAVE THE DATE!

GPC's annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 8th! Bring your kids, your kids friends, your grandkids, your neighbors, the more the merrier! We are also in need of candy for the eggs, please drop donations off in the church office between now and April 2nd. If you can stay after worship on Sunday, April 2nd, we would love your help stuffing eggs!

A background image showing a close-up of many colorful Easter eggs in shades of orange, yellow, green, and pink, some with patterns. A white rectangular box with a thin black border is centered over the image, containing the event details.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

**AT GLENDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**APRIL 8TH 10:00AM**

**PRE-SCHOOL - 5TH GRADE**

**CANDY DONATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED THROUGH SUNDAY,  
APRIL 2ND. EASTER EGG STUFFING WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY,  
APRIL 2ND FOLLOWING WORSHIP.**



# ***MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS***

Mar. 1: 9-2 Kara office hours, 9-12:30 Pastor Kathleen office hours, 1-3 coffee shop hours, 6:30 pm choir

Mar. 2: No one in the office due to Spire's installation of a gas line. Pastor Kathleen will be available by phone and email.

Mar 5: **10 am worship, annual Per Capita Luncheon**

Mar. 7: 9-2 Kara office hours, Pastor Kathleen attending Presbytery Stewardship conference

Mar. 8: 9-2 Kara office hours, 9-12:30 Pastor Kathleen office hours, 1-3 coffee shop hours, 6:30 pm choir

Mar. 9: 9-1 Pastor Kathleen Pastoral Care, 1-5 Office Hours

Mar. 12: **10 am worship, 11:15 Care Committee**

Mar. 14 : 9-5 Pastor Kathleen office hours, 9-2 Kara office hours, 1:00 staff meeting

Mar. 15: 9-2 Kara office hours, 9-12:30 Pastor Kathleen office hours, 1-3 coffee shop hours, 6:30 pm choir

Mar. 16: 9-1 Pastor Kathleen Pastoral Care, 1-5 Office Hours

Mar. 19: **10 am worship**

Mar. 21: 9-5 Pastor Kathleen office hours, 9-2 Kara office hours, **9:30 Presbyterian Women**

Mar. 22: 9-2 Kara office hours, 9-12:30 Pastor Kathleen office hours, 1-3 coffee shop hours, 6:30 pm choir

Mar. 23: 9-1 Pastor Kathleen Pastoral Care, 1-5 Office hours

Mar. 26: **10 am worship**

Mar. 28: 9-2 Kara office hours, 9-5 Pastor Kathleen office hours, 1 staff meeting

Mar. 29: 9-2 Kara office hours, 9-12:30 Pastor Kathleen office hours, 1-3 coffee shop hours, 6:30 pm choir

Mar. 30: 9-1 Pastor Kathleen Pastoral Care, 1-5 Office hours



## Week of 2/5/2023

Prayers for an easy recovery for Carol Cook who had hip replacement surgery this past week.

Prayers for Clarice Fleming who is back home after undergoing back surgery.

Continued prayers for Joan's granddaughter Ellen and her Aunt Joan.

## Week of 2/12/2023

Prayers for an easy recovery for Carol Cook who had hip replacement surgery this past week.

Prayers for Carol Staeger who was hospitalized for tests after experiencing a minor stroke. She is back at home now.

Continued prayers for Joan's granddaughter Ellen and her Aunt Joan.

Continued prayers for Randy's brother, Buddy and his friend, Mike, as they continue to battle cancer.

Prayers for Terry Ulmer as she recovers from hip replacement surgery this past week.

Prayers for those in Syria and Turkey and all others who have been affected by the devastating earthquake. Also prayers for the first responders and those grieving throughout the world.

### **Joys**

It was a Joy to have Joan join us to worship together in person.



## Prayer requests cont'd....

### Week of 2/19/2023

Prayers for Carol Staeger who is dealing with severe back pain.

Prayers for Connie Beyrouthy's father, Victor, who has been hospitalized for several weeks after undergoing critical oral surgery.

Prayers for Randy's brother, Buddy, who is not only dealing with cancer but also will be undergoing hernia surgery.

Continued prayers for Joan's granddaughter Ellen and her Aunt Joan.

### Week of 2/26/2023

Continued prayers for Joan's granddaughter Ellen who was hospitalized last week.

Prayers for Mary Beth's Garasky's daughter's PhD mentor who has stage 4 brain cancer. Also prayers for Mary Beth's daughter, Christie, as she works on her dissertation.

Prayers for our members, Peggy, Paige, Beth Ford and Bob Virgil, who are all dealing with an illness.

Prayers for Deb Rose's boss, whose daughter has been missing for three weeks.

Prayers for Deb Rose's future mother-in-law, Pat, who is currently hospitalized for abdominal issues.



# **MARCH** **BIRTHDAYS**

<b>Ethan Chamberlin</b>	<b>March 1</b>
<b>Leslen Sanders</b>	<b>March 6</b>
<b>Ada Stroud</b>	<b>March 7</b>
<b>Janey Drace</b>	<b>March 15</b>
<b>Gabe Mueller</b>	<b>March 17</b>
<b>Janet Kilcullen</b>	<b>March 18</b>
<b>Nic VanPatten</b>	<b>March 18</b>
<b>David Henrion</b>	<b>March 19</b>
<b>Jamie Krob</b>	<b>March 20</b>
<b>Matt Krob</b>	<b>March 30</b>
<b>Katie Niesen Cook</b>	<b>March 30</b>

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## **GlenPres Deadline**

Please submit articles, announcements, or anything you want in next month's  
newsletter by:

**Wednesday, March 29th, 2022**

Email articles to [glendalepres@gmail.com](mailto:glendalepres@gmail.com) or leave in the Office