

PUBLIC WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

Date	Lay Reader	Front Door Greeter	Usher Team	Deacon Team
November 5	Andrea Unson	Kathy Wakeman	3	5
November 12	Helen Priestley	Tess McKeel	4	1
November 19	Carrie Dykes	Keith Hadley	5	2
November 26	Tom Ward	Barb Chapman	6	3

Communion Team: D

Left: 1. Ann Marie Simm
2. Gordon Chapman
3. Osmond Simm
4. Dan Charcholla

Right: 1. Bruce Taylor
2. Barb Chapman
3. Maya Charcholla
4. James Poole



HEAR YE HEAR YE !!!!

The **Worship Team** is looking for people to join our lively group! If you would like to work with folks who plan and prepare for events and experiences such as: assisting with Advent activities; celebrating our music program's personnel; decorating the sanctuary for the Christmas season; setting up for baptisms; preparing for communion (set-up and clean-up); assisting with Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter services; scheduling music participants for summer services, etc. then this the group for you. We meet September through June, on the first Tuesday evening of the month, or sometimes directly after worship. Meetings usually last one and one-half hours. Our Worship Team, "stage crew," works to assist in creating meaningful experiences for worshipers. Please consider joining our group as we would love to welcome new Team members. Should you be interested, or if you have questions, contact any Team member: Jeannie Bauman, Barb Chapman, Kathy Coons, Tommy Kelly, Margaret Millitello, Kris Ohman or Eric Vail.

PARKING LOT VALETS

The Hospitality Ministry Team is asking for volunteers to help out with the parking lot valet services this coming fall and winter. Generally volunteers are only asked to help out 2 or 3 Sundays through the winter months. This is a valuable service provided for our Church family. Please make a note in the hospitality register or contact Eric Vail 889-5491 (email vailagency@yahoo.com) or contact the Church office if you can help. Thank you.

LIBRARY NEWS

New Display! The GPC Library Volunteers highly recommend the Anne Lamott books on the Fall Display Table. Author Lamott writes about prayer, grace, mercy, etc. An Anne Lamott book is hard to put down once you start reading! There are 5-6 copies of her books on display. Feel free to sign one out! Happy and Thoughtful Reading!

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends,

One of the greatest joys of being in community at GPC is to have the opportunity to share together in the stories of generosity that lifts up the ways we embrace "life that really is life." Life that recognizes God is at the center of all that we do. Life that makes the connections between what we feel is important to us and how our time and resources support those commitments.

The stewardship emphasis at GPC this year is "Live Generously." I am reminded of how appropriate this theme is for our congregation every time I hear the stories of those in our congregation who live generously by giving of:

- Phone calls to check in with someone who recently lost a loved one;
- Pounds of hamburger to make "GPC Goulash" for St. Joseph's House;
- A week to journey with our youth group on a work project;
- Commitments that explore the ways we join with God to work for peace and justice;
- Cards to encourage those facing difficult times;
- "Hellos" and handshakes with a new person in worship;
- Voices raised in song to praise God;
- Willing spirits to serve in leadership roles;

These stories are reminders that God does so much with what we are able to share. My hope is that, as you consider what your commitment will be in the upcoming year at GPC, you will take a bit of time to also notice (and give thanks!) for the ways God is at work in our lives. In turn, I would invite you to consider the ways you are called to share as a central act of our faith.

On **November 12, 2017** you will be invited to complete your 2018 pledge card and make a financial commitment during worship. This is a symbol of our individual and collective witness to Christ's presence in our lives and support of our ministry. If you are not able to be present on November 12th, you can mail it to the church. However you make this commitment, I hope you will prayerfully consider this as one of the expression of how you are living out "life that really is life." Your pledge holds a unique place in the decision you make about your faithful responses to God's grace.

Over the past couple of years, the financial aspects of GPC's program and energy has been a healthy reflection of our values and commitments. We have moved away from the "crisis" and "scarcity" mentality when it comes to finances; and, we continue to work on our practices of gratitude for God's abundance all around us. With that being said, we remain open to the new opportunities for serving our community and those beyond our walls.

Thank you GPC, for all the ways you continue to share your stories and "Live Generously" as a community of faith!

- Melissa



Sermons are meant to be a response that invites a dialogue between our lives and the passages of scripture read in worship. Once a month after service, there will be an opportunity to join Melissa or Katie for a conversation about the sermon, scripture and how we are living our faith together as the

church. The next “Talk Back” session is scheduled for November 19th at 11:30 in the Adult Lounge. The focus will be sharing questions and answers regarding the information shared about the “Renewal Time” happening in 2018!

BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday evening 6:30-7:30pm in the Junior High Lounge a community gathers to nurture one another through spiritual formation, prayer, and Biblical exploration. Whether you have been reading the Bible your whole life or this is your first time, you are welcome!

You don't have to but if you would like to read ahead for that week, here is a look at what the scripture text will be. A great website to find the scripture texts in different versions:

www.biblegateway.com

During October we will discuss the following texts:

- Wednesday, November 1st** Matthew 23:1-12
- Wednesday, November 8th** 1 Timothy 6:6-19
- Wednesday, November 15th** Deuteronomy 8:7-18
- Wednesday, November 22** **NO BIBLE STUDY**
- Wednesday November 29th** Luke Chapter 1

On Church, One Book

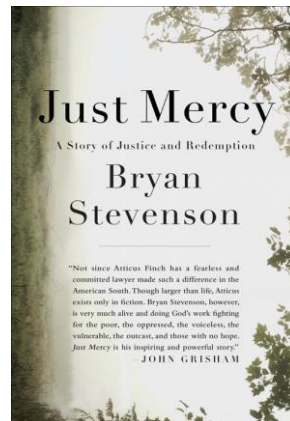
“Just Mercy” by Bryan Stevenson

Sunday, November 12th 11:30- 12:15 Adult Lounge

Thursday, November 30th 7:00pm- 8:15pm Adult Lounge

GPC continues our commitment to exploring the issues of race with our book discussion “Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson. Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system.

Copies of the book can be ordered on Amazon.com or talk to Melissa if you would like her to order you a copy (\$10).



FUSION SUNDAY Worship & Potluck Brunch

Sunday, November 26 @ 10am in Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite brunch dish to share for a special combined worship and potluck brunch in Fellowship Hall. Continuing our 2017 theme “Living the Stories” we will share God’s stories, and ours, around the table in worship, while we enjoy a meal together.

FROM THE DEACONS

Please keep in thought and prayer:

Frona Rossman recovering from a broken foot

Bonnie Beckett recovering from foot surgery

Eric Vail’s father diagnosed with Parkinson’s

Ginny Smith’s brother facing health issues

Continued prayers for **Phyllis Titus, Judy Gluchowski, and Marge Westfall**



Congratulations to **Robb and Kate Christensen** on the birth of twin sons on September 15th, **Liam Raymond** and **Rowen Arthur**. Both are home and doing well. Proud grandparents are **Sally and Steve Christensen**.

Congratulations to **Kelly and Matt Cox** on the birth of their daughter, **Meredith Deanna** on September 26th. Proud brother, **Nathan**; proud grandparents, **Debbie and Dennis White**.

REMINDER TO DEACONS: Deacons will meet on Monday, November 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Lounge.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7 in Room 16.

REBECCA CIRCLE meets on Monday, November 13th at 11:00 a.m. in the Adult Lounge

DECEMBER HARBINGER articles are due in the office by noon on Wed, November 15th.

THANK YOU to everybody who helped host October 21st's Anti-Racism training! It was wonderful to be able to welcome people so warmly with GPC hospitality.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

On the first Monday of every month (10:00am to 1:00pm) a group of volunteers from GPC partner with Salem United Church of Christ Soup Kitchen to prepare and serve a meal to those in the city of Rochester who are hungry. No experience is needed! Please contact Melissa DeRosia at 247-5292 if you are interested in going. Our next time to serve at Salem is Monday, November 6th. If you would like to carpool, please meet at GPC around 9:30.



JOIN US FOR THE GROCERY RUN ON NOVEMBER 4TH

Join the Gates Presbyterian Team for a fun and personally rewarding day at the East Avenue Grocery Run on November 4th!

The East Avenue Grocery Run, a 5k and 1 mile run and walk, raises money to feed hungry people in Rochester. In the last five years, this fun, family-friendly event has raised more than \$145,000 for local food pantries and emergency-meal programs!

This year, you can join the Gates Presbyterian Team and 100% of your \$25 registration fee will go directly to our hunger programs.

Here's how: Register online at www.groceryrun.org or in person at Fleet Feet Sports locations. Indicate your affiliation with Gates Presbyterian Team.

You can also boost your positive impact by spreading the word about our online fundraising page at <https://www.crowdrise.com/GatesPresbyterianChurch>. Send a quick email to friends and family with this link to let them know you're running or walking and ask for their support. Again, 100% of all contributions go directly to the Gates Presbyterian hunger programs.

Participants are invited to bring non-perishable food items to donate to Foodlink. Last year's collection totaled more than 1500 pounds of food for local emergency-meal programs.

Let's get fit and fight hunger together on November 4th!



Announcing two new groups for GPCers to get together!

Young Adult Second Sundays: Everyone age 18-25ish (we're not picky) are invited to a new monthly get-together! Join us for lunch (our treat!) at 12:30 on Sunday, November 12th at Pixley's. RSVPs appreciated, but not needed, and friends are always welcome. If you can't make it but want to come, please contact Katie.

Toddlers and Tinies Group will meet from 2-4pm on the Third Thursday of the month, starting with Thursday, Nov. 16th! Children from birth to 5ish are invited (along with their parents, grandparents, etc). There will be snacks, toys, and playtime! If you have questions or would like to come but have a conflict, please contact Katie.

LET'S DECORATE TOGETHER

The Worship Ministry Team is extending an invitation to all to come and be a part of the annual Advent & Christmas decorating gathering on Sunday November 26, 2017. We will meet right after the potluck lunch that will be taking place after worship that morning.

We need many volunteers to help trim the Christmas tree as well as decorate the sanctuary in preparation for the season of Advent and Christmas. Please come for as long as you are able to help with the decorating. All ages are welcome, there is lots to do.

Many of you have expressed a desire to help out in the past and for that we thank you. Please come and have some fun with us as it is a special opportunity for fellowship and bringing in the spirit of the holiday season.

Results are in! 2017 Red Wings Fundraiser was a success!!

The 2018 Jamaica Work Project team tried out a new fundraiser opportunity this past summer. Traveling youth and their families had the opportunity to work up to 13 home games at Frontier Field food stands earning 6-7% of the nightly profits. **A total of \$1852.60 was raised!** Youth, parents and advisors would like to thank the folks who volunteered to help at the food stands: Carol and Dave Balsley, Sharon Costrino, Vicki Gutheil, Nikki Salem, Katie and Phillip Styr, Karen Taylor, and Karen Young. And, thank you to our GPC family who stopped by during the games to give moral support and contributions to our donation jars!!

SUMMER SEASON THANK YOU

Thank you to the following guys for keeping the lawn looking good in 2017. Their dedication to the task is much appreciated. Ed Vander, Gordon Chapman, Dennis White, Todd Pimm, Bill Dassero, John Schramel, Bernie Kohlmeier, Steven Walker, Matt DeRosia, Dan Charcholla, Keith Hadley, Gary Puckhaber, Buz Bauman, Roger Best and Jason Millington. A special thank you goes out to Ed Vander and Buz Bauman for maintaining and keeping the mowers running for several years. They are stepping down from that task at the end of the season.

Thank you all, The Trustees

SAVE THE DATE: FAMILY ADVENT FESTIVAL
Friday evening, December 1st from 6:00 – 7:30
Join us for a meal, crafts and "The Rest of the Story."

PLEASE NOTE: IN CASE OF HOSPITALIZATION

Please have someone (friend or family member) call the church office if you or a loved one happens to be in the hospital. The area hospitals are no longer able to let us know a name when we have a parishioner in their facilities. So, we won't know you or your loved one is there unless you tell us. Thanks!

OPEN GATE COMMUNITY GARDEN

The second year of GPC's community garden was another "growing" experience.

- Increased the size of the garden adding 3 additional 4' x 8' beds and 3 new 4' x 4' beds
- Added a picnic table within the garden
- Ran a waterline underground from church to garden to minimize dragging of hose for watering & installed 2 rain water barrels
- Built a separate planter for common use (herbs)
- Added 2 more compost bins

Most importantly we were able to have a dedicated bed for Cameron Street Ministries. They were delighted to have fresh herbs for their cooking, as well as other vegetables, & weekly visits have led to us working with them to grow some of their own herbs through the winter.

Goals for 2018 include:

- Involving more non-GPC community gardeners
- Dedicating more space to growing vegetables for community donation
- Adding to the rain water collection system

True gardeners know it is never too soon to start planning for the next growing season. We hope to have new gardeners, so if you think you are interested let us know at any time. If you know anyone from Gates who is interested, even if they are not GPC members, please refer them to us. We are also looking for more hands to help with some of the on-going tasks even if you are not a gardener.

Jim & Sue Poole

ANNUAL WOMEN'S CANDLELIGHT DINNER

HOLD THE DATE!!! – Tuesday, December 12th

Please join us at the Whittier Party House for our annual Women's Candlelight dinner beginning at 6pm.

We will be collecting personal items for Willow (formerly ABW) again this year.

Tickets will be sold in early November. Any questions??? Call Barb Snaith at 247-9066.



CHRISTMAS DINNER BASKETS for SWEM (Southwest Ecumenical Ministries)

Due December 3, 2017

Help provide a Christmas dinner for a family in need living in the Southwest quadrant of our city. The following requested list from SWEM is for a family of 3-4. The ten dollars that goes with the meal is used to purchase a chicken, eggs, and margarine. If you feel creative, decorate the box that holds your dinner and add some small candies, mints, instant coffee, or tea bags. Please don't include gifts, toys, clothing, etc.

1 can of fruit cocktail or other canned fruit	2 cans of soup
1 large can of fruit juice	1 box of instant mashed potatoes
1 large canned sweet potato	1 can of cranberry sauce
3 cans of vegetables	1 bag of stuffing mix
1 or more relish/pickles/olives	\$10.00 in cash
1 cake mix and frosting or pie crust and filling	

Members of the Mission/Peacemaking Committee will be in the parking lot to receive your dinner before service on Sunday, December 3rd. Please hand your money to them separately from your dinner.

HELP MAKE OUR 40th CHURCH MOUSE BAZAAR A SUCCESS!!



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18th, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

The Church Mouse Bazaar was started 40 years ago as a fundraiser to supplement our annual budget and it still contributes to all parts of it. In the beginning, church groups made items to sell. Now we have church people and crafters from all over the community looking forward to showing off their creativity and selling only handcrafted wares. This, the longest running craft show in the area, has expanded to more than 80 tables of arts and crafts, and a church-run baked food sale and an extensive Snack Bar. Every year there are wonderful gifts to be had for you and for Holiday presents! Admission is FREE, so tell your friends!

Sign up to make the 40th CHURCH MOUSE BAZAAR A SUCCESS!!

It is so exciting that we have been successful for 40 years providing this opportunity for the crafters and the community. To make our Bazaar a successful year again, WE NEED YOUR HELP on Friday evening, Saturday during the day and Saturday after 4pm. It takes over 100 volunteers to make the day happen, so we are counting on you!

We keep the time commitments short. GPC has made this a fun, well run event that crafters and the public love. It is a great way to meet church people you may not know, too. Sign-up sheets for volunteering will be in the November Harbinger, Sunday bulletin and at the kiosk, so sign up to help in any way you can. And, come and enjoy the arts, crafts and food!



THE PLACE FOR ALL YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!
40th Annual CHURCH MOUSE BAZAAR
Saturday, November 18, 2017 - 9:00 am to 3:30 pm
HELP needed in the following areas:

- _____ Friday evening breakdown: taking church school rooms apart and moving items to Sanctuary. Need lots of willing hands. MAX - 2 hours. Start at 6:30PM – Jason Taylor (617-816-3195)

- _____ Saturday afternoon setup: taking the classroom equipment from the Sanctuary and putting it back in church school rooms after the Bazaar. Need as many as possible to help. MAX. - 2 hours. Start at 4:00PM. Marty Ohman, (293-0608)

- _____ Hostesses needed to assist craft people find their areas, relieve crafters for lunch, breaks, etc. SHORT SHIFTS throughout the day. Heather Pimm (694-6746)

- _____ Baked food booth needs MANY donations of baked foods. We will appreciate any items you can donate. SHORT SHIFTS.
 _____ work _____ donate baked goods
 Linda Allen (571-4437) or Betty Blystone (247-2820)
Please mark food w/nuts or no nuts. Sugar free items are also welcome.

- _____ The snack bar prepares and serves food to the public.
 SHORT SHIFTS throughout the day – call Beth Molina (727-9129)
Also, looking for donations of food items. Please check the Kiosk for a list and to sign up to donate food. Thanks for your help!!

- _____ Traffic control works in the parking lot directing cars and filling in spaces as they become available. SHORT SHIFTS until 1pm. J.C. Rouchon, (225-9737)

- _____ Lunch Bunch needs help setting up, breaking down, and selling their hand-made items.
 Jan Bilohlavek (766-7131)

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

EMAIL _____ Return with offering or to office.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS and/or
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Relief-US Hurricane Response



If you would like to order a plant for display in the Sanctuary for Christmas and/or make a donation toward Presbyterian Disaster Relief in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the form below and leave it with the money (or check) in the offering plate or in the church office **NO LATER** than November 26th. Make checks payable to **Gates Presbyterian Church**. Mail the order to the church if it is more convenient. This year poinsettias will be available for \$10.00 a piece.

NAME OF DONOR (S) _____

ADDRESS _____

IN HONOR OF or IN MEMORY OF (please circle appropriate phrase)

Please check appropriate donation:

Poinsettias _____

Presbyterian Disaster Relief _____

YOUTH GROUP NEWS:

Jr. High YMCA Swim: Get your suit and get ready to swim! We'll be at the YMCA on Sunday, November 5th from 2 to 4 (meet at GPC).

Sr. High Bunko Overnight: It's time for our first overnight of the year! Join us at 8pm on Saturday, November 4th for snacks and bunko, then stay overnight. Bring comfy clothes and anything you need to spend the night, plus any snacks, games or movies you want to share. The overnight ends when church begins Sunday morning - and yes, sweats are totally fine church attire after an overnight.

Church Mouse help: Junior and Senior Highs will be selling snacks at the Church Mouse on November 18th, so be on the lookout for sign-up sheets at youth group. We need you!

SAVE THE DATE: On Feb. 20-22, all 6-12th graders are invited to a mini-mission retreat at ROC SALT, the Presbytery's new mission center! More info to come, ask Katie if you have questions!

Senior High schedule event switch: Camp Whitman Overnight will be 10am April 14th to noon April 15th, Bob Ross Paint-Along will be 6-8pm on May 6th. Both will be amazing!

Youth Calendar

Saturday, November 4	-- 8:00pm - Senior High Overnight Begins
Sunday, November 5	-- 9:30am - Youth Choir rehearsal -- 10:00am - Worship -- 11:15am - Junior High Sunday school -- 2:00-4:00pm - Junior High YMCA Swim
Sunday, November 12	-- 9:30am - Youth Choir rehearsal -- 10:00am - Worship -- 11:15am - Junior and Senior High Sunday school
Saturday, November 18	-- 9:00am-3:30pm - Junior and Senior Highs sell snacks at Church Mouse
Sunday, November 19	-- 9:30am - Youth Choir rehearsal -- 10:00am - Worship -- 11:15am - Junior and Senior High Sunday school
Sunday, November 26	-- 9:30am - Youth Choir -- 10:00am - Worship/Fusion Sunday – no Sunday school

Mission Team News

The SWEMMING pool was full! Thanks to all who brought in food. Remember, the need is constant – there is a drop-off shelf for food in the hall by the Toddler room.

We set a record for Undie Sundays in August! 291 pairs of undies were delivered to Cameron Community Ministries.

The Red Cross Blood Drive at GPC was on October 20th. This need is constant as well! Thank you to the volunteers who helped out.

The next Foodlink Mobile Food Pantry will be on Saturday November 11th. Set-up will start at 11:00, and the distribution will run from 12:30-2:00. The event will be inside if the weather is uncooperative again! Sign up is on the kiosk.

The Mission Team approved a donation to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help with hurricane relief. Visit presbyterianmission.org/pda to learn of other ways you can help. Thanks to those who prepared relief kits for Church World Services!

Your Mission Team has begun Advent planning.

- * SWEM meals will be collected on December 3rd before worship. **(A list of items is in this Harbinger.)**
- * The Alternative Advent Market will be after worship on December 10th. Vendors include The Coffee Connection, One World Goods, Bead for Life, Heifer International, and many more.
- * The Cameron Ministries Giving Tree will be in place by the first Sunday of Advent.

Your Mission Team welcomes you to attend any of our meetings and get involved. It is fun and rewarding work, as we try to do God's work in the world outside of GPC!

