

GPC CRAFTERS - GPC Applications now available!

Do you make hand-crafted items to sell? Come and participate in GPC's 41st Church Mouse Bazaar on Saturday, November 17, 2018, 9am – 3:30pm.

Applications and details for crafter spaces for church members are available May 20th in the publication rack and the table in the foyer. Send your application in ASAP because applications for the public will be available soon. Last year, all spaces were filled by mid-June!



Our arts and crafts bazaar takes over our building with 80+ tables of creations! This is a high quality, extremely well-advertised and attended event! It is fun for crafters, as well as our congregation who help make the bazaar so successful. This is a premiere fundraising event for our church, so its benefits reach far and wide.

Tell your crafty friends! Applications for the public will be available June 6. If the crafter is on our mailing list from last year, they will receive an application mailed or emailed to them. Applications will also be available on the GPC website, at the church or from Tess McKeel (766-7151, church_mouse@gatespres.org).

TODDLERS & TINIES

The group will get together on Thursday, June 21st at 11:00 a.m. Look for details in upcoming bulletins.

ITS TIME AND TALENT TIME!

If you haven't yet completed your Time and Talent sheet please do so as soon as possible. Copies of the sheet were mailed out in our May Harbinger and are also available in the Narthex. Completed sheets can be submitted to Kathy Wakeman or you can put them in the plastic container on the Narthex table. If you have questions or need help, please call or email Kathy at 247-3296, kbwsings@yahoo.com. Thank you!

GPC OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday- Friday, 9:00am- 2:00pm.

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

Dear GPC,

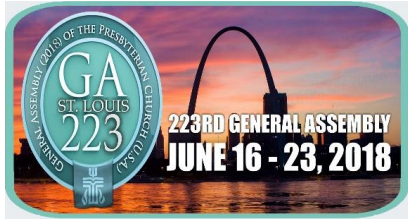
As the ground thawed this spring, and thoughts turned to what folks might plant in the Open Gate Community Garden here at GPC, I came across an article about a woman in Texas who in preparation for a family barbecue ordered a wooden picnic table. Before Kristin Schell had the chance to redirect the delivery persons to the back, they dropped the picnic table in the front yard. Unable to move the heavy table herself a thought crossed her mind, "What if I leave the table right there, right next to the street and made a point to show up?" With a bit of turquoise paint, Kristen started a movement of what she calls "front yard hospitality." Kristen sat outside with her coffee and devotions each morning and began to meet people she had lived next to for years. She says, "I started learning the difference between entertaining and hospitality," Schell says. "Entertainment... you can't do all the time, you can't do that at every opportunity. Hospitality is a way of life. It's not what we're doing; it's who we are."

I shared this story with Jim and Sue Poole, the organizers of Open Gate Community Garden. And once the snow melted, the once plain table in the garden was painted a bright turquoise. I love this visual reminder that GPC is a community rooted in practicing God's hospitality as a way of life. It is who we are. Practicing our faith values happens when we are together, when we are with our families, and when we are living in our neighborhoods. Inspired by the turquoise table at GPC and our upcoming Time of Renewal "In the Company of Strangers," I hauled home and painted turquoise my own picnic table for the front yard. I included a painted on checkerboard and sign welcoming neighbors to play a game and get to know each other. It will serve as a great spot for me to enjoy my morning cup of coffee and finally meet the neighbors who walk their dogs by my house.

I would encourage that if you don't have a picnic table in your own front yard, head over to church with a picnic lunch, a cup of coffee, or a game of checkers. Allow the turquoise table to serve as an invitation to you and our neighbors as a way to slow down and connect simply. While you are there, also check out the soon to be dedicated (June 10th) Labyrinth. The Open Gate Community Garden, Memorial Garden and Labyrinth are powerful physical reminders that God welcomes us as guests to experience our faith and relationships in new ways.

Blessings to you all this summer! May our shared Time of Renewal be reflected in all the ways we practice God's welcome during this time.

~ Melissa



The 223rd Meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Convenes in St. Louis, MO June 16-23rd. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) meets

biennially in even-numbered years. It consists of commissioners elected by each of its 173 presbyteries. The GA is full of activities: business sessions, committee meetings, an exhibit hall, daily worship services, and mission tours sponsored by the Committee on Local Arrangements. The assembly acts on hundreds of items of business, which it receives through the reports and recommendations of various assembly entities, and through overtures from synods and presbyteries. You can follow the business of GA at www.pcusa.org.

Please keep in your prayers the delegates, staff, and observers attending.

Time of Renewal

The Rev. Dr. Melissa DeRosia and GPC will be on a "Time of Renewal from June 13th to October 7th 2018. As part of her contract and voted on by session, we agreed that she would be granted this leave after five years of service. Melissa is coming up on eight years of service this October. During our Time of Renewal, pastoral duties will be covered by Rev. David Kilgore the Temporary Renewal Pastor. Karen Kozlowski will continue her wonderful efficient work as our Office Manager. Pamela Dayton will begin her role as the new Director of Youth, Children and Young Adults. And the elders, deacons, trustees, Ministry Teams, and committed volunteers will continue in their roles.

If you have needs or concerns that require pastoral attention, please call Carrie Dykes at 478-8914. We recognize that with so many new staff people, it is helpful to have some consistency and a familiar face. Carrie is serving as our "Renewal Administrator" and will follow up with the appropriate staff person to address any questions and concerns. There are two weeks when Rev. Kilgore is on vacation, and Rev. Carol Anne Strawbridge has agreed to provide pastoral care back up support during that time.

One of the ways we can best support Melissa during this time of Renewal is to refrain from communication with her. This includes phone calls, text messages, email, and Facebook Personal Messages. She has set up a Facebook Page so you can follow their family adventures this summer called "Winkyrocks." Melissa will not be checking her email, voicemail or text messages during this Time of Renewal. She is human, and promises not to run away if she sees you at Wegmans, so don't be afraid to say hello!

Mustard Seed Scholarship 2018 Recipient

It is with great pleasure that the Mustard Seed Scholarship Committee announces Samantha (Sam) Burkovich as the 2018 awardee. Sam will receive this four-year, \$1,500. per year scholarship in her pursuit of a college degree at Nazareth College beginning this fall. She is the daughter of Tracy and Jim Burkovich and sister, Jessica.

Sam's involvement at GPC has been very extensive! Some highlights include: served as Trustee; participated in youth group mission projects throughout junior high and high school; served meals at St. Joseph's House and Salem UCC Nutritional Center and REACH homeless shelter; and participated in numerous fundraisers at GPC including: Wheel-A-Thon, Yard Sale/Flea Market, church dinners, Coffee House, and Church Mouse Bazaars. She has been involved in Sunday School, youth choir, and has worked in the Toddler room. Beyond GPC, Sam participated in the Annual Flower City Work Camp each spring and has worked at Parkminster Church's summer camp programs as crew member and Director's Assistant for the past five years.

As a 2018 graduating Gates Chili High School senior, Sam's schedule has included vast involvement in the marching band, pep band and jazz band; participation in the tennis and baseball teams; has served on stage crews for the annual musicals; and is this year involved in the High School Masterminds program. Whew – such a busy lady! The Mustard Seed Committee wishes Sam well in her upcoming studies at Nazareth College this fall. All of us at GPC are proud of you!!

Meet GPC's New Director of Youth, Children and Young Adult Ministries!!

Pamela Dayton is a senior at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, and looks forward to graduating with a Master of Divinity degree next May. Prior to attending CRCDS, Pamela earned a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Baldwin-Wallace University in Berea, Ohio, and a Master of Arts in Social Justice from Kilns College in Bend, Oregon. She is the mother of four boys, ages 9, 11, 12, and 15, and despite her best efforts, somehow ends up caring for their sassy Guinea pigs, Penny and Peso, the very lazy cat Knucklehead, and their sweet dog Pearl. In her free time, Pamela loves to knit, bake, and make cheese.

Pamela will begin her time with us on Tuesday, May 29th and her first Sunday is Children's Sunday. We are very excited for Pamela to meet the youth and their parents at the End of the Year Picnic. And she will be part of our Work Project adventures in Rochester and New York City this summer.

LUNCH BUNCH will meet on Tuesday, June 12th at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

REMINDER: If you have a son or daughter graduating high school or graduate school this year, let the office know so that we may add our congratulations!

MEN 2 MEN

Men 2 Men will have breakfast June 24th at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Suggested donation for the breakfast is \$5.00. Please sign up on the Kiosk.

WOMEN’S SOFTBALL SCHEDULE:

It’s that time of year!! Games in June for the GPC Women’s Softball team will be:

Date / Time	Opponent	Field / Address
June 4 th , 6:30 p.m.	vs. Open Door I	GPC
June 11 th , 6:30 p.m.	vs. Open Door II	Open Door 350 Scottsville Chili Rd.
June 18 th , 6:30 p.m.	vs. Grace Nazarene	GPC
June 25 th , 6:30 p.m.	vs. Orchard Community	Greece Assembly 750 Long Pond Rd.



We are looking forward to a successful, fun-filled season and we always appreciate our fan support!!

MEN’S SOFTBALL SCHEDULE:

Games in June for the GPC Men’s Softball team will be:

Date / Time	Opponent	Field / Address
June 5 th , 6:30 p.m.	vs. Parma Christian Fellowship	GPC
June 12 th , 6:30 p.m.	vs. Edgewood (DH)	GPC
June 19 th , 6:30 p.m.	vs. Greece Assembly – Vicente	Greece Assembly 750 Long Pond Rd.
June 26 th , 6:30 p.m.	vs. Parma Christian Fellowship	GPC



Labyrinth Dedication

June 10th (Following Worship)

A wonderful gift of generosity, inspired by the sacred space of the Memorial and Community Garden, GPC is now the home to an ancient symbol of spiritual journey. Please join us after worship (before the ice cream truck!) for a brief dedication of this sacred space.

Labyrinth walkers may use the time to pray for people they care about, to think deeply about a question or situation in their lives, to name blessings God has given them, or to enjoy the quiet time away from life's stresses. Labyrinths can be a tool for physical or emotional healing. They can be walked individually or as a family or group activity. The labyrinth may look like a maze, but there are no choices to make about the way to go, no dead ends and no way to get lost. The winding path may remind walkers of the ways that life sometimes wanders, but the path always takes one to the center, which represents the presence of God. The invitation is open and the space is welcoming. We give thanks to God that a space like this will soon be available to GPC and the surrounding community!

DEACONS’ PAGE

Please keep in thought and prayer:

Peter Derry recovering at home.

Sonia Davis dealing with health issues.

Wendell Burtner dealing with health issues.



REMINDER TO DEACONS:

The Deacon dinner is scheduled for Monday, June 11th at Rohrbach’s at 6:00 p.m.

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet on Monday, June 18th at 11:00 a.m. at GPC.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet on Tuesday, June 5th at 2:00 p.m. in Room 16.

From the Renewal Ministry Team

Save the Date Sunday June 10, 2018

The Renewal Ministry Team continues to gather and develop creative plans for worship during our Time of Renewal this coming summer.



We are in the process of planning our Kickoff/Sendoff that will take place on Sunday June 10th. We will officially welcome Rev. David Kilgore as our Time of Renewal Pastor and wish our Rev. Dr. Melissa DeRosia a temporary good bye as she begins her Time of Renewal. In typical GPC style we will be enjoying our celebration with a treat. Yes, the LuGia's ice cream truck will be parked in the GPC parking lot after worship on June 10th for all to enjoy! We will welcome the return of Melissa on Sunday October 7th, world communion Sunday, with a big celebration of our GPC family. Stay tuned for more details.

There will be two learning experiences that everyone can be a part of here in Rochester. The two learning opportunities will revolve around Judaism and Islam and will consist of 4 events each. People can go to any or all of the events and we will invite our Riverside Neighbors to join us.

1. We will have a second hour where we will learn about Judaism, we will attend a Jewish service at a Temple, a Jewish Rabbi will lead worship with us on a Sunday morning and we will have a traditional Jewish meal.
2. We will do the same for Islam. We will learn about Islam, attend a Muslim service at the Islamic Center, have a group of young Muslim women lead Sunday worship and we will have a traditional Middle Eastern meal.

We will be sending out a letter with specifics including dates and locations. You are encouraged to reach out to the members of the Renewal Team to ask questions and express your desire to become involved in the planning. Members of the Renewal Team are, Michelle Bartell, Carrie Dykes, Velta Rouchon, Kate Stanford, Eric Vail, John Kubiniec and Rev. Dr. Melissa DeRosia.



GIANT COMMUNITY FLEA MARKET

Our fourth GPC Community Flea Market is fast approaching and we're excited for a successful event on Saturday, June 2nd. Some things you need to know: again this year, we will ONLY be accepting donations of:

- Books: novels, biographies, etc. (NO textbooks, encyclopedias, journals, magazines or tapes please!)
- Potted Plants
- Baked Foods ... Any time on Friday or the morning of the market.
- Please do not donate other items as we will have no space to sell them. Thank You!!

Donations can be left along the back (east) wall of the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings when you come to church beginning on May 13th thru May 27th. After that we will have people in the office to receive your donations on Thursday and Friday, May 31st and June 1st during regular office hours from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Normally the building is locked up tight to protect the pre-school children, so please ring the doorbell for drop-offs during those hours. If you unable to deliver during these hours, please call Larry at 247-3296 and we will make other arrangements to accommodate your schedule.

Look for sign-up forms on the kiosk where you can volunteer for short periods of time to help us with set up of indoor spaces and marking of outdoor spaces, help in church-benefit booths, act as hosts and hostesses, parking and traffic control and cleanup. Also, we would appreciate your time if you would like to work with the youth setting up and selling food. Thank you for all your encouragement and assistance ... whatever you can do. Also, **CONSIDER BEING A VENDOR!** You'll have a great time!!

HELP NEEDED

On June 2nd, the GPC youth group food booth will be open again at the 2018 GPC Flea Market. We need people power to help set up, break down, and serve. Sign-up sheets will be on the Kiosk soon. As in the past, I need help from the youth to be serving in one of 2 blocks of time. From 8:15 - 11:45 and 11:30 - 2:45. The overlap is for training, and insuring there is staff to serve. Please see Katie to sign up to serve. All proceeds go to the youth work projects. If you want more information, or sign up, or if you want to donate for specific items, please contact Tammy Endulovski via Facebook, e-mail or phone 429-6912. Thanks!

YOUTH:

END OF THE YEAR PICNIC – June 3rd from 6:00-8:00pm at GPC

Current 5-12 graders are invited!! Join us for a time to relax, celebrate, and honor the seniors, welcome the upcoming sixth graders, and thank the advisers and teachers! There will be delicious food.

PRE-PARTY for JR. HIGH

Pre-party to the End-of-the-Year Youth Picnic for fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth graders! Meet at GPC at 4:00 on June 3rd. All youth graduating 5th–8th grades are invited to have some fun at Clubhouse Go-Kart. Returning to GPC at 6:00, we will be ready for the next party – the year-end-party! No money needed.

Summer Work Project Dates: Mark your calendars now!

Junior High: July 16 through 20 – Projects around Rochester

Senior High: August 5 through 11 – New York City



WORK PROJECT BOUND

Are weeds taking over your garden? Do you need a babysitter? How about someone to spread mulch? Youth Team has a solution for you: Work Project Bound!

Work Project Bound is a program created to help defray the personal expenses of youth going on mission work projects. Here is how it works:

1. The Youth Committee creates a list of young people who are interested in being part of Work Project Bound.
2. You contact the church office 247-5292.
3. We give you the name of a youth. We tell them that you will be contacting them. You connect with the youth and make arrangements.
4. You pay \$9.00 an hour for the work done. Rather than paying the youth, you put the money in the box in the office marked “Work Project Bound” with the youth’s name attached.
5. The youth is then given credit toward their Work Project fee. A win/win to be sure! Thanks!

YOUTH CALENDAR

Sunday, June 3rd

9:30 a.m. Youth Choir rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Worship - Children’s Sunday

4:00 p.m. Junior High Pre-Party

6:00 p.m. End of Year Picnic

Sunday, June 10th

10:00 Worship - Senior/Graduation Sunday

Sunday, June 17th

10:00 Worship

Sunday, June 24th

10:00am Worship – Fusion Sunday



PUBLIC WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Front Door Greeter</u>	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
June 3	Carrie Dykes	Barb Snaith	4	5
June 10	Linda Beattie	Paula Sousa	5	1
June 17	Bruce Taylor	Mary Hadley	6	2
June 24	Ann Marie Simm	Brendan Shaw	1	3

Communion Team F:

Left: 1. Kathy Wakeman

2. Larry Wakeman

3. Gladstone Crosdale

4. John Schramel

Right: 1. Linda Sidore

2. Laura Nolan

3. Cam Mossgraber

4. Lynn Schramel



THANK YOU FROM THE FAMILY OF DEAN DAVIS

The family of Dean Davis would like to express deep appreciation for the many cards and other expressions of sympathy these past weeks. Special thanks to our wonderful Deacons and to Melissa for her visits and support during this challenging time. Please continue to keep Dean’s wife, Sonia, in your prayers.

With grateful hearts,

-The Davis/White/Olsen/Cox Families



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY this year will be on June 3rd! Our Sunday School classes will plan and lead worship together. The theme this year will be “Listen for God”! Come and see what our children share with us!

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Last year you may recall GPC being involved with the Summer Sizzle program spearheaded by Melanie Jones, Arts and Enrichment Director at Third Presbyterian Church. There were volunteers from GPC who participated in the program that was held at Cameron Community Ministries. Many of the children at Cameron Community Ministries and the surrounding area benefitted from the various programs that were put in place - from making and baking pretzels, to arts and crafts, visiting interesting places, learning music and dance, and a variety of other activities, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Children from GPC also participated in the program and had a wonderful time!

This year, the program will be held at the Wilson Wondercamp on the site of Wilson Commencement Park. You can visit the websites at <http://www.wilsoncommencementpark.com/> and <http://www.sojournerhouse.org> to learn more about these organizations. Below is information from Melanie regarding this year's program.

Summer Sizzle 2018 is a seven-week program, running Mondays and Thursdays from July 2 - August 16, 10:00am to 4:00pm. There will be a few Wednesdays added to the schedule. This summer, children at Wilson Wondercamp will have hands-on exploration of community activities, nature, music workshops, dance classes and field trips for an age group will range from 5 to 12 (13s ok). We hope to enroll 30-35 children. Ten to twelve children will come from outside of the Wilson Community. If you are interested in enrolling your child, please contact me at the information listed below.

This year we need 6-15 staff members to serve as onsite chaperones/counselors. Are you interested? The minimum commitment is 3 out of the 7 weeks and once a week (only Mondays, for example) is a possibility. Volunteers may bring their children as participants. The host building is accessible with elevators. Please contact me by Friday, June 1 with your interest in volunteering. Inquiries after June 8 will be welcomed on a space-available basis.

Are you interested in presenting a child-friendly workshop on something you are passionate about for one day? It can be science, art, math, reading stories, drama, cooking, dance and more. If you have something you would like to share contact me.

Thank you in advance for your support,

Melanie Jones
Director of Arts and Enrichment
Third Presbyterian Church
347-668-6181; artsenrichmentdirector@aol.com

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES, CONT'D

SWEM (Southwest Ecumenical Ministries)
10 Cady Street
Rochester, NY 14608

Jody LaRose is the SWEM Coordinator and she is reaching out to GPC for volunteers. She would appreciate anyone who can assist with the packing of emergency food bags the 4th Saturday of each month. A SWEM coordinator will be there to assist with the packing. They are also in need of drivers to deliver bags of groceries to 50 senior clients once per month. She likes to have at least 30 drivers on her list. The bags are to be picked up by 9am. She will send out an email in advance to determine who can deliver the groceries. Please contact her at 247-5932 or via email - jbowenlarose@gmail.com, if you need additional information and are willing to volunteer.

Thank you!

Mission and Peacemaking Team



GPC Roof Campaign

This fall we will kick off our 2018-2020 Roof Campaign. The trustees have done an amazing job on roof maintenance to allow for us to ONLY NOW be asking for additional roof funds. The roof over the north side of the building (the section that was added to the original building) passed its warranty a couple years ago, so we are now on "borrowed time", as they say. With the help of a roofing contractor we have estimated we need a budget of \$80,000 to cover the cost of replacing the roof. We have already raised \$20,000 from donations and trustee savings. There is a committee working on the plan for the remaining \$60,000 over the next two years. We will have a couple of fundraisers and are looking for grant funding, but the majority of the funds will be asked for from our GPC membership. It works out to be under \$0.50 per day for two years (730 days) per member if everyone participated. While we won't officially start the campaign until the fall, please prayerfully consider the level to which you can support the campaign. The roof fund is already established so if you'd like to get a jump on giving, go right ahead and designate the gift as "The Roof Fund". Thanks for helping keep the sun shining in and the elements staying out!