

SERVING & SUPPORTING THE SALEM NUTRITION CENTER



Volunteers from GPC continue to prepare and serve at the Salem Nutrition Center on the first Monday of each month. We meet in the GPC parking lot at 9:30 am to carpool.

Salem has also asked if GPCers would be willing to supply hard boiled eggs on our once a month volunteer date. These would be used for the following day's lunch. We are in need of 12 volunteers to provide 1 dozen hard boiled eggs each & place them in the GPC refrigerator on the Sunday before we serve.

If you are willing to help out in this new capacity, please email Tracy Burkovich at tburkovich@yahoo.com. This is not required from the volunteers that go each month (although welcome if able) but hoping that perhaps folks that are unable to volunteer could help support Salem this way.

FROM THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Nora and Dorothy are asking for your assistance in making our Library more accessible to our church members. You may have noticed many piles of materials on every available surface which can be annoying when someone is looking to borrow a book from our collection. Many of these items have been gathering dust for some time and because of the upcoming Church Mouse Sale, everything other than books will need to be moved to the Sanctuary to allow for setup of crafters. This is a big job and it seems unfair to ask volunteers to move things that are unnecessary. It would be great if anyone who has stored items in the Library or has plans to use them, to take a few minutes to check out the items which may be important to them, such as Sunday School and Mission projects. Storage is a problem, but it is possible many of these items can be recycled or find homes with someone who could use them. Thanks.



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 247-5292 if you can help. Thank you.

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet on Monday, November 12th at 11:00 a.m. in the GPC Adult Lounge. Please bring a lunch. Drinks will be provided. Our group will once again be making bookmarks that will be handed out to the congregation for them to send Christmas cards to our shut-ins. See you on the 12th!

Message from the Pastor ...

Dear GPC,

What a wonderful gift it was to receive your enthusiasm as I returned from our "Time for Renewal." I have enjoyed hearing all the ways you offered and received hospitality from persons of various faith traditions. I continue to pray this time will bless us all!

And what timing to do a series based on the faith and theology of Fred Rogers. You all know that Fred Rogers isn't simply, "Mr. Rogers" but the Reverend Fred Rogers, ordained Presbyterian Minister who took his understanding of God's overwhelming love to children by encouraging them to grow into caring, compassionate, and giving neighbors. I don't know about you, but I am moved by his simple songs and find myself singing them throughout the week.

What you may not know is Fred Rogers also wrote a book to help parents and families have discussions and create practices of giving. This book includes a collection of multicultural folktales, anecdotes, and suggested activities. He explains, "Being a giver grows out of the experience of having been a receiver—a receiver who has been lovingly given to by parents, friends, and family... We can help children feel that they have a part in being a giving and caring neighbor. Everyone has needs and everyone has something to give. As different as we are from one another, as unique as each of us is, we are much more the same than we are different."

During this season of stewardship, I am reminded that the wisdom of Mr. Rogers is insightful for all ages. On Sunday, November 11th we will have the opportunity celebrate the ways God invites us to be a neighbor and give of our time, gifts and financial resources to support the ministry happening in and through GPC. Please bring your 2019 completed pledge card to worship. This is a symbol of our individual and collective witness to Christ's presence in our lives and support of ministry to love our neighbors far and near. If you are not able to be present on November 11th, you can mail the pledge card to the church.

Also, take this opportunity to teach the children in your life about the importance of giving. Often our children don't see us taking an action on behalf of others. Stewardship season is an excellent opportunity to share with them the ways we give time, gifts and money to support what is important to us. Don't forget to ask children what is important to them. We build caring attitudes when we talk about the ways in which we show our care and respect for others, in all the ways we care for one another.

Thank you GPC, for all the ways you continue to be a good neighbor!

- Melissa

BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday evening 6:30-7:30 pm in the Jr. 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

In November we will discuss the following texts:

Wednesday, November 7th	Mark 12:38-44
Wednesday, November 14th	Text to be determined...
Wednesday, November 21st	NO BIBLE STUDY
Wednesday November 28th	Luke 21:25-36



CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION

November 11th at 11:15 in the Sanctuary

An opportunity to engage in GPC's capacity to engage in ministry in Gates is emerging through the development of the church property. A letter was mailed to the congregation and you are invited to bring your questions and participate in a conversation about what God has in store for GPC's future!



FUSION SUNDAY Worship & Potluck Brunch

Sunday, November 25 @ 10am in Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite brunch dish to share for a special combined worship and potluck brunch in Fellowship Hall.

ALL SAINTS DAY - Sunday, November 4th 2018

All Saints Day will be recognized in worship on November 4th to remember the "saints" who have died in the past year. We recognize our members in prayer and give you an opportunity to recognize your own loved ones who have passed away this year. Join us for this meaningful service.



MEN 2 MEN Breakfast

Men 2 Men will meet November 25th at 8:00 am for fellowship and breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-up sheet is on the kiosk or email grchapman49@gmail.com.

ATTENTION GPC WOMEN, DAUGHTERS AND GRANDDAUGHTERS!!!



Hold the date – Saturday, January 5th – 12 noon to 2:30 p.m. (approx.). Something different this year!! Brunch at Sweet Briar Lodge (previously known as Lodge on the Green) on Ridgeway Avenue (near Elmgrove Road) – We will still collect items to support Willow. Hot buffet with breakfast items along with Chicken French, Roasted Vegetables, Potatoes and some sort of sweet dessert. Tickets to be sold beginning on Sunday, December 2nd after church in Fellowship Hall for \$20.00 a person. (Note – Less amount than in previous years.) We can offer carpooling from church as well. Hope you all join us this year!! For any questions please contact Barb Snaith at 247-9066.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

The Public Worship Team invites you to come and be a part of the annual Advent & Christmas decorating gathering on Sunday, December 2, 2018 following worship. We need volunteers to help trim the Christmas tree and decorate the sanctuary in preparation for the season of Advent and Christmas. With many hands, the work goes quickly! All ages are welcome. Please come for as long as you are able to help and have some fun with us. It is a special opportunity for fellowship and bringing in the spirit of the holiday season.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

41st Annual Church Mouse Bazaar

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17th, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

****Over 80 tables of handmade Arts & Crafts****

SIGN UP NOW AND JOIN THE FUN!! We need over 100 volunteers to transform our church into a place for crafters to sell their wares and for us to provide food. We keep the time commitments short and we have FUN, too! It is a great way to meet church people you may not know. You can sign up to help Friday evening, Saturday morning and/or afternoon, donate food, or work a short shift. Read all the opportunities and descriptions on the yellow form in the bulletin or at the kiosk and SIGN UP TODAY!

This is the longest running arts and craft sale in the area. Our church has been successful for many years providing this opportunity for the crafters and the community to benefit from our hospitality. Let's make this a successful year again! And don't forget to come on Saturday, November 17th and enjoy the arts, crafts, food and fellowship!



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6th in room 16.

MISSION TEAM NEWS

FOODLINK FOOD TRUCK COMING TO GPC



Volunteers are needed on Saturday, November 10th from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., to hand out donated food from the Foodlink mobile distribution truck. Please sign up on the kiosk. For more details, see Whit Beckett.

PLEASE DONATE a Christmas Dinner - SWEM needs you to make a difference!

The mission team will be in the parking lot prior to our service on **Sunday, December 2** to accept your gift. Please do not put money in the basket. There will be people in the parking lot to collect this money.

Christmas baskets are designed for families of three to four people. Please donate standard sized cans and 16 ounce boxes for each item. For each basket, please provide the following:

- 1 fruit cocktail or canned fruit
- 2 soups
- 1 large fruit juice
- 1 instant mashed potatoes (two 6oz or one 15oz)
- 2 regular or 1 large can of sweet potatoes
- 3 canned vegetables (e.g., corn, peas, beans)
- 1 cranberry sauce
- 1 bag stuffing (or boxed- two 6oz or one 12oz)
- 1 boxed dessert (e.g., gelatin or pudding, cake mix/frosting, or pie crust/filling)

Additionally, please add \$10 cash donation per basket to cover the cost of meat, eggs and margarine that SWEM will provide.

Feel free to include holiday touches of your own, such as coffee, tea, candies, mints, or napkins. Laundry baskets or totes to hold the contents make an additional gift.

ALTERNATIVE ADVENT MARKET

The Alternative Advent Market will be after worship on December 9th. Vendors include One World Goods, Bead for Life, Heifer, Socks for St. Joseph, Jamaica Basic School, and Coffee Connection.



PUBLIC WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Date	Front Door Greeter	Lay Reader	Usher	Deacon
November 4	Whit Beckett	Kathy Wakeman	2	1
November 11	Keith Hadley	Jim Mossgraber	3	2
November 18	Bill Dassero	Todd Pimm	4	3
November 25	Dick Stewart	Cam Mossgraber	6	4

COMMUNION TEAM C

Left: Tess McKeel
Irene Ward
Irene Derry
Donna Schott

Right: Linda Beattie
Tom Ward
Peter Derry
MaryBeth MacKenzie



FROM THE DEACONS

Please keep in thought and prayer:

Ionie Crosdale recovering from surgery.

Ann Haag home recovering from pneumonia and a compression fracture of her spine.

Natalie McTarnaghan who was hospitalized for a urinary tract infection. She is recovering at Edna Tina Wilson Living Center.



Continued prayers for: **Jean Sklair, Bonnie Beckett, Marge Westfall, Peter Derry, JoAnn Vander** and **Hannah Walker**.

REMINDER TO DEACONS: There will be no Deacons' meeting in November.

FROM THE TRUSTEES: ROOF CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thank you to those who have donated funds for our northwest roof replacement. Those funds are in the bank in our GPC roof fund. A couple of opportunities for additional income sources are allowing us to reassess how much money we need to raise for this effort. The good news is that the roof is holding up really well based on the constant vigilance of inspecting and repairing trouble spots. Once we have a clear picture of the revised financial requirements then we'll restart the campaign. The funds that we've collected so far will definitely still be needed but hopefully we can lower the overall target.

Just a reminder...

ARTICLES FOR THE DECEMBER HARBINGER ARE DUE IN THE OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

(a week early due to Thanksgiving)

YOUTH CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

Friday, November 2 to Saturday, November 3

Junior High Lock-In

DROP OFF: Friday, 11/2 at 8:00 p.m.

PICK UP: Saturday, 11/3 between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, November 4

9:30 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Worship

10:20 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Junior Choir Rehearsal

Junior High/Senior High Sunday School

4:00 p.m. Confirmation Meeting

Saturday, November 10 to Sunday, November 11

Senior High Lock-In

DROP OFF: Saturday, 11/10 at 8:00 p.m.

Event ends on Sunday, November 11 when church begins

Sunday, November 11

9:30 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Worship

10:20 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Junior Choir Rehearsal

Junior High/Senior High Sunday School

12:00 p.m. Young Adult Second Sunday

Friday, November 16 and Saturday, November 17

Church Mouse Bazaar

Sign up for a shift at youth group

Sunday, November 18

9:30 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Worship, Music Sunday

Junior Choir performs during worship

Youth Choir performs during worship

10:20 a.m. Sunday School

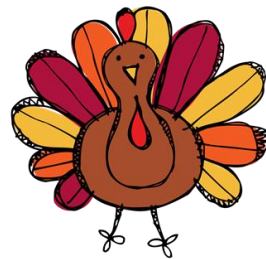
11:15 a.m. Junior Choir Rehearsal

Junior High/Senior High Sunday School

Sunday, November 25

9:30 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Worship



YOUTH INFORMATION



FAMILY ADVENT FESTIVAL will be on Friday, December 7th from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Join us for a meal, crafts and carols.

SAVE THE DATES FOR 2019

Jamaica Coffeehouse	January 12, 2019 from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Senior High Winter Retreat	January 25-27, 2019; Covenant Acres Camp, Pike, NY
Junior High Work Project	July 9-13, 2019; ROCSalt Mission Center
Senior High Work Project	August 4-10, 2019

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER SCHEDULE FOR ELEMENTARY AGES

November 4	Ann Marie Simm Carol Henchen	November 25	FUS!ON Sunday No Sunday School
November 11 AND November 18	Ann Marie Simm Kate Stanford	December 2 AND December 9	Jen Olson Sharon Costrino

YOUNG ADULT BRUNCH

All 18-25ish people are invited to join us at Pixley's on Sunday, November 11 at noon, for brunch and conversation. Bring a friend or your partner – all are welcome. GPC is picking up the tab!



PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM

Where: Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana

When: July 16-20, 2019

Who: All high-school aged students from entering freshman to graduated seniors and advisors

How much: \$555 for under 18, \$575 for 18+. This does not include transportation or spending money.



TODDLERS AND TINIES GROUP will meet from 11:30-1:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 15. Children from birth to age 5-ish are invited (along with their parents, grandparents, etc.). There will be snacks, toys, and playtime! If you have questions, please contact Vicki or Pamela.