



## October 27, 2024

### GPC Events

**Children's Fall Festival** – October 30, 6-8:00 pm, in Lindsay Hall (enter through the north doors). Join us for games, yummy snacks, crafts, and pumpkin decorating. Admission is free. All ages are welcome!

**Children's Joy Choir** – The children's Joy Choir, for ages 4-11, meets regularly after the 11:00 am service. We enjoy snacks, then a time for singing and playing. The choir will sing at the 11:00 am service on November 24 and December 22. The children will also lead the Las Posadas family worship on Christmas Eve. Contact Katherine Williams at [kwilliams@gpchurch.org](mailto:kwilliams@gpchurch.org) for more information.

**Children's Bell and Chime Choirs on Wednesday** – Joy Chimes (K – Grade 3) meet in Fellowship Hall, from 6:00-6:30 pm. Joy Ringers (Grades 4 -5) meet in Handbell Haven from 6:00-6:30 pm.

**Advent Book Study** – Our book study for Advent this year will be *Listening for the Heartbeat of God, A Celtic Spirituality* by J. Philip Newell. We will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in Room 35 from November 10 through December 15. Books are readily available on most bookseller websites.

**New Adult Study** – Facing Racism: A Vision of the Intercultural Community. From the PC(USA) Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries. Sunday Mornings at 8:15 am, in Room 33 and on Zoom - beginning October 27. Please contact Steve at [office@gpchurch.org](mailto:office@gpchurch.org) for the link.

**Racial Justice Drop-In Conversations** – Are you curious about the history of voter suppression in our country? What have you heard about voter suppression in recent years? How does this tie in with racial justice? Join the Racial Justice Ministry for a conversation on the history of voter suppression on Tuesday, October 29th at 7:30 pm on Zoom. Email [office@gpchurch.org](mailto:office@gpchurch.org) for the Zoom link.

**Men's Breakfast Group** – Their next meeting will be on Saturday, November 4, at 8:00 am in Lindsay Hall. The speaker, from the Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County, will share information about their organization's many programs, including the free pet pantry. All men and women are welcome to join us for Christian fellowship, prayer, a light continental breakfast, and a short program. Questions? Contact Ted Farrand.

**VIPS Meeting** - Thursday, November 7, Lindsay Hall beginning at 11:30 AM: a Time for Thanksgiving and Celebration! Professional pianist Jina Terrell will share some special music with us, and we will join in a variety of other joyful events! Please bring your own lunch or join in the shared lunch of ground turkey taco salad. The dessert served to all will be Tres Leches cake. Contact Nancy Sanders with questions.

**November 24 Celebration** - Our congregation looks forward to the opportunity to wish Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence a wonderful retirement at this celebratory reception! At the reception nut-free finger food snacks such as small sandwiches, vegetarian options, Charcuterie sticks, fish pies, taquitos, spring rolls, deviled eggs, puff puffs, fresh fruit, vegetables, cheese & crackers, cookies, will be served. To contribute to this celebration, please sign up following any church service beginning November 3.

**Doris Gordon Funeral** – The funeral service for long-time member Doris Gordon will be held at GPC on Saturday, November 16, at 3:00 pm.

## GPC Announcements

**Creation Care October Message** – Creation Care comes in all colors and places. It is not just about being “green.” In September, some of us joined the PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) team to work in New Bern, NC. Tip from Creation Care: Here and there, all of us can strive to extend God’s nature and power to all of creation through caring actions.

**Grow and Share** – Are you an avid gardener? If you have abundant garden produce to share, the Manna Food Center’s warehouse at 9311 Gaither Rd, Gaithersburg, MD 20877, accepts donations of fresh produce Monday through Friday from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm.



**Please Add Your Smile!** – It’s as easy as one, or two, or three, to check this off your GPC To-Do List. What’s the task, you ask? Adding your photo to our GPC Online Directory! 1. Add a photo yourself by following the directions and video provided when you use the navigation bar for “Member Portal/Online Directory. Or 2. Email your photo to pwhiteh@hotmail.com. Or 3. Have your photo taken in Lindsay Hall after services. We really want to have the directory filled with our faces when our new pastor arrives!

**Stewardship Campaign** – The Stewardship team thanks everyone who has sent in their Estimate of Giving Card for 2025. Our sincere thanks for your generosity. It is important we receive as many of your estimates as possible to allow us to better plan the 2025 GPC operating budget.

**Money May Run Short by the End of the Month for Those on a Tight Budget** – Neighbors in need may have to choose between buying food and paying their regular bills. We can help ease that stress by keeping our pantry well-stocked. This week’s needed item is Spaghetti Sauce. Thank you for helping to combat hunger in our community.

