



Gaithersburg
Presbyterian
Church

March 19, 2023 Weekly Announcements

Our Little Free Pantry is getting used! Protein items seem to be the most appreciated, so think about adding to your next shopping list peanut butter, canned tuna and chicken (pop-top lids are a special gift), shelf-stable milk, and protein bars. Put items directly into the Pantry or leave them with Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence.

GPC Website Calendar – Did you know that the GPC Website now offers not only upcoming featured events, but full Calendar page listings? Thanks to the volunteer commitment of member Paul Whitehead, your church-related event, meeting, or activity information can be posted for all to see throughout the year. Just email your entry information to office@gpchurch.org.

Is preparing and serving good food your love language? If so, consider baking nut-free sweet treats for our Sunday Coffee Fellowship. Or if you binge-watch the Food Network, whip up a batch of savory appetizers for us to sample on Sunday mornings. Good food leads to conversation, which increases our fellowship, and multiplies our mutual life in Christ! Thank you in advance.

Today's Events

Newcomer Welcome Reception – New to GPC? Curious about faith? Want to know more about the church? Join us March 19, following the 11:00 service, in the church library for the Newcomer Welcome Reception. This is the place for you to meet others who are also new to the congregation, ask questions of the staff, and get to know other church leaders. Whether you are ready to become an official member of the church, or if you simply want to know more, we would love to see you there. Questions? Ask Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence.

Creation Care Committee Meeting – Join us on Sunday, March 19th at 11:00 am in room 32/33. We welcome present and new participants. We will be discussing plans for spring activities.

Upcoming Events

GPC Website Tutorial – We hope that everyone is enjoying using the new GPC website. The Communications committee invites anyone who has questions or would like to learn more about the features of the new format to attend a GPC Website Tutorial next Sunday, March 26, after the 11:00 a.m. service in Room 202. If you haven't really used the website, come find out what benefits you've been missing!

We're NOT Foolin'! – Join the fun on Saturday, April 1, 10:00-12:00, to clean up GPC grounds & plant flowers in preparation for the culmination of Lent: Easter! Please bring enthusiasm, a water bottle, gloves, and helpful tools, such as a trowel, shovel, clippers, loppers, etc. We will provide flowering annual plants, bags for trash & plant refuse, and tempting snacks. Questions? Contact Lisa Whitehead.

Weekly Meetings

Sunday Coffee Hour – Every Sunday after both the 9:30 and the 11:00 am Church services, provided by the Congregational Life Ministry.

Children's & Youth's Music – Wednesday evening rehearsals. The children's choir meets at 5:30 pm. The children's chimes and bells as well as the youth bell choir meet at 6:00 pm. Come join us!

2023 Lenten Mission Project

This year your financial gifts will support both a local and a global project.
And we have a hands-on collection drive suitable for all ages.

Make your financial gift online, through the mobile app, through the mail, or in the Sunday offering plate.

Global Mission

In memory of Juliana Ziorklui, we will support the work of the Presbyterian Church in Ghana.

Local Mission

We will give every student at Summit Hall Elementary School and Gaithersburg Preschool & Kindergarten a free book at the end of the school year to promote summer reading. If sufficient funds are available, we will support another MCPS school.

In-kind Collection Drive

Benefits Gaithersburg Community Soup Kitchen, a.k.a. The Lord's Table.
Shopping Lists are available in the Gathering Space.

Thanks to the 9 people so far who have made financial contributions. We are well on the way!



WEEKLY Virtual Meetings

Monday Morning Coffee – 10:30 am on zoom

All welcome. Please join us for a few moments to say hello or stay the whole time.
Never been before? We'll be glad to see you.

Monday Evening Bible Study – 7:00 pm on Google Meet

Currently studying books in the Old Testament. Contact Carolyn Hayes for details or just jump in!

During Lent: Virtual Morning Prayer - Wednesdays at 8:30 am on zoom

Join us on Zoom for a brief prayer service each Wednesday morning.
At work, or commuting? Join by phone. All welcome.

Exodus Bible Study – Wednesdays at 7:30 pm on Google Meet

We're studying Exodus. If you'd like to join, the book is titled Discover Exodus.
The curriculum is from Faith Alive, 2 books (\$8.99ea +\$7.00 s/h).



Email office@gpchurch.org to request the links



Easter Flowers



Please take this opportunity to remember or honor a loved one by ordering a plant to be placed in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. The cost is **\$14 per plant**. Please make checks payable to "GPC," with "Easter flowers" written on the memo line. To place an order, complete this form and return it to the church office, with proper payment, no later than **Sunday, April 2**.

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Name _____ Phone _____

Number of Plants _____

Circle one: IN HONOR OF IN MEMORY OF IN CELEBRATION OF:

Please pick up your plant(s) after the 11:00 am Easter Sunday service.