

## September 29, 2024 Upcoming Events

**VIPS meeting** – Thursday, October 3 at 11:30 am, in Lindsay Hall – Speaker - Mark E. Ward, Senior Expedition Leader, OceanX, "Making Ocean Exploration More Accessible". Bring your own lunch or join in on the shared lunch of pulled pork sandwiches, sides, and dessert. Please contact Nancy Sanders at [office@gpchurch.org](mailto:office@gpchurch.org) with questions.



**Congregational Meeting** – The Session is calling a brief Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 6, following the 11:00 am worship to elect officers.

**Save the Date!** – The Montgomery Philharmonic will hold the first concert of its 18th season in our Sanctuary on Sunday, October 13, at 6:30 pm. The program will include *Symphony No. 25 in G minor* – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, *Avartan* – Reena Esmail, and *Dabke* – Kareem Roustom. Admission is free but donations are gratefully accepted.

**Creation Care Field Trip Planned to Glenstone Museum** – Join us on Saturday, October 26, from 11:45 until about 2:00 for a free tour of the peaceful, naturally landscaped site on Glen Road in Potomac, where art, architecture, and nature meld. We have tickets available for the first 20 people to sign up in Lindsay Hall by Sunday, October 20. Anyone 12 and older may visit the museum. For more information, go to the museum's website or contact Laura Wilson.

**Children's Choir on Wednesdays** – 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.

**The Sunday Morning Group** – Sundays at 8:15 am in Room 33 and on Zoom. Join the group as they study Richard J. Foster's Celebration of Discipline. For the Zoom link please email Steve Olin at office@gpchurch.org.

## Announcements

**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. Consider donating hearty canned stews, pasta, and other main-course items. Thank you for helping to combat hunger in our community.

**Stewardship Campaign** – “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. *2 Corinthians 9:7*”

**Table Fellowship for Individuals and Couples** – Sign up for Table Fellowship as an individual, with a friend, or as a couple. This new program does not require everyone to host. As eight adults sign up, groups are created. After participating in one group, you can sign up to be included in a different group. For questions or to be added to a group, contact Clara Pratt at office@gpchurch.org.

**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 am – 3 pm.



Mary Beth Lawrence treasures her long service with GPC, so we are sending her off on her new adventures with a digital frame filled with photos of the folks who love her & are grateful for her presence in our lives.

Please send pictures of yourself with family & friends & Mary Beth (or not!) to Lisa Whitehead at office@gpchurch.org by November 10. We will be celebrating Mary Beth on November 24.