



March 17, 2024 GPC Events

Children & Communion: A Workshop – Today and next Sunday, following the Children's Message, in Room 11. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Easter Volunteer Opportunity – To celebrate Christ's resurrection and the end of Lent, we will make lunches for SOME following the 9:30 service on March 31. Contact Elisa McClelland if you can volunteer on Saturday morning to prepare for Sunday. Can you shop for supplies?



Put GPC's Spring Clean Up on Your Calendar – Save the date and time now – Saturday, April 13 from 9 to 11 am, to help spruce up GPC's grounds and gardens. It's our annual Spring Clean Up and many hands make light work and lots of fun. Please bring your own gloves and your favorite gardening tools.

We need your input.
WHO, ME...?
YES, YOU!

**Come to JUMPSTART-
Our All-Church Mini Retreat
Saturday, April 20
9:30-2:30 in Lindsay Hall**

The anticipated results of the Jumpstart mini retreat are to...

- Help us gain clarity about our priorities for mission and ministry
- Provide an opportunity to get things moving for a future direction for GPC
- Create our Ministry Discernment Profile (the required next step in our process)

It is essential that we have as many people present in person as possible. We know that this is a big ask.

We also believe that the future of our church is worth this investment.

So mark your calendars, and invite others to join you! Lunch provided (suggested donation of \$5).



ORDER YOUR EASTER FLOWERS ONLINE



Easter flowers are \$14 per plant.

The last day to place an order is next Sunday, March 24.

Ordering online can be done in two easy steps:

1. FILL OUT THE ORDER FORM

by scanning this
QR code or visiting
gpchurch.org/flower-form



2. SUBMIT ONLINE PAYMENT

by clicking the button at the bottom of
the order form

or PAY BY CHECK

by mail or in the offering plate

You may take your plant(s) home after the 11:00 service on Easter Sunday.

Weekly Announcements

Announcements – Brief announcements of no more than 4 lines should be emailed to bulletin@gpchurch.org by 7pm on Tuesday. Longer announcements may be edited to fit space requirements.

The Nominating Committee seeks Elder and Deacon nominations for three-year terms. Elders are spiritual leaders with wisdom and vision who lead the church to live out the will of God in a particular time and place. Deacons are spiritual leaders with particular gifts of compassion and confidentiality who visit the sick and homebound. To nominate yourself or someone else, please contact Elisa McClelland or Edge Kaunda. Please don't be shy!

Spring into Action! – No reason to keep putting it off, **Add Your Smile** to GPC's online directory. Let's fill up our directory with smiling faces by Easter! If you are a member of our online worshiping community, just email your photo to pwhiteh@hotmail.com. He will post it for you. Or, you can add a photo yourself by following the video and written directions on the Member Portal section of the GPC website. When you worship at GPC, anyone can have their photo taken in Lindsay Hall after church services.

Celtic Blessings on this St. Patrick's Day! – It's not only Irish eyes that are smiling when they see GPC attendees wearing their name tags today, but everyone in our beautifully diverse congregation lights up when they can identify a church family member by name. Wear your name tag and give everyone a reason to smile!

Help for Summit Hall Families - Families have expressed a need for boys' sweatpants. Please consider giving either new, or very gently used sweatpants for boys aged 5-10. Sizes XS, S, M, L, XL. These can be dropped off under the mailboxes near the church office.

During Lent – We are reading *Sailboat Church* by Rev. Joan Gray. Join us while we engage in 40 days of prayer. Scan to download the devotional.



March Creation Care Committee Recommendation – At present, 5 million people rely on water from the Potomac River for drinking; however, it is illegal to swim or fish in it due to concerns of pollution. What can we do? Support replanting and reforestation near stream banks and elsewhere. Pick up trash especially near storm drains. Use eco-friendly fertilizers, and support organizations that work to clean and protect our waterways. Jesus offers us his "living water" so that we can spread His love; we in turn can show our love by providing clean water to live by.

Little Free Food Pantry – The need continues for our food insecure neighbors. Will you please continue to provide shelf-stable, quality food and cans with pop top lids. Place donations directly in the pantry or in the wooden bin in the Gathering Space. If you would rather, you can make a monetary donation online or via check designating the Pantry. This week's needed item is **Peanut Butter**. Thank you for faithfully donating to our Food Pantry.

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.

Wednesday Night Bible Study - 7:30-8:30 pm on Google Meet
Join the Wednesday evening group in a 9 session Hebrews study.

Email office@gpchurch.org to request the links