

January 29, 2023 Weekly Announcements

Christmas Wrap-Up! –The final 2022 numbers are in, and here's how GPC shared the love of the Christ Child in December 2022

You gave \$2135 to the Christmas Joy Offering, which provides scholarships to racial-ethnic students at PC(USA) secondary schools and colleges, as well as providing support to retired church workers who have outlived their means.

You gave \$4300 to a neighbor in need, Londell Luther, the contractor who fell at GPC.

You gave \$3000 to the Christmas Giving Tree. We are sending \$1000 each to SHIP of Frederick County, Homes Not Borders, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Ukraine Relief.

You provided a week's worth of delicious meals to the women at the Interfaith Works Shelter.

You gave over 1000 pounds (that's half a ton!) of food to Gaithersburg HELP through the Reverse Advent Calendar!

Thanks for making Christmas a little brighter and a lot more hopeful for our neighbors near and far.

- **Souper Fellowship Luncheon** Today, immediately following the 11:00am Church service, in Lindsay Hall! The Souper Fellowship Luncheon provides an opportunity to enjoy wonderful soups, desserts, and fellowship for the whole family!
- **Craft Day** Join us on February 5th at 12:15 in room 30/31 as we continue knitting and crocheting to support the requests for prayer shawls, knitted hats, scarves, mittens, and prayer squares by local service organizations. Yarn and patterns are available, if you need them. If you would like to join or make donations, please contact Barbara Clark for more information!
- **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 6:00pm. Come join us!
- **GPC's Creation Care Committee** Creation Care will lead a Bible Study on the Stewardship of Creation on Sundays from 9:30-10:30am until February 19, in Room 32/33. If you wish to join us, please contact Laura Wilson who will facilitate the program or email office@gpchurch.org.
- **Pancake Supper** Tuesday, February 21st from 5:00–7:00 pm. Bring a friend and come enjoy pancakes and sausage before Lent begins, at GPC's own Mardi Gras-style supper. All welcome!
- **Ash Wednesday** Start Lent with worship at our Ash Wednesday Service, in person or online, Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:00 pm.
- **Volunteers Needed!** We are hoping to bring back our usual coffee hour after the 9:30 service and need additional helpers. If you can assist, please contact JoAnn Barney or Nancy Sanders.
- **Want to give Sunday flowers?** You can give flowers in honor of a special occasion, in memory of a loved one, or just because. The cost is \$45, and you can take the flowers home after the 11:00 service. Email your choice of date to office@gpchurch.org, and pay the \$45 thru the app or by check, noting that it's for flowers. Thanks to everyone who adds to the beauty of the sanctuary in this way.

Join Us This Week At One of Our Virtual Meetings

Monday Morning Coffee - 10:30 am

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

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

Exodus Bible Study – Wednesdays, 7:30 pm

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

Book Study - Thursdays, 7:00 pm

We are studying <u>A House United - How the Church Can Save the World</u>. We will meet on Zoom to discuss this timely book. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask chayes@gpchurch.org.

Email office@gpchurch.org to request the Zoom links