

October 6, 2024 GPC Events & Announcements

Congregational Meeting Today! – The Session is calling a brief Congregational Meeting today, following the 11:00 am worship to elect officers.



At Our Potluck Today – To help build community at GPC, wear your name tag to our Potluck! Speaking of building community, is your photo in our online GPC Directory? We will thank one of you whose photo is posted and encourage other folks who haven't posted yet by holding Thank-You drawings starting at the Potluck. Those who are already pictured will be entered and have a chance to win a grand prize of a \$50 gift certificate to an area restaurant. A second drawing will be held in the next few weeks for folks who get their photos added after today!

Racial Justice Drop-In Conversations – What is racism? How would you define it? How have you heard others use the term? What does it mean for us as Christians? Join some of the Racial Justice Ministry (Matthew 25) committee for drop-in conversations discussing this at 9:30 am on Sunday, October 13, and on Zoom on Tuesday, October 15 at 7:30 pm. Stay tuned for our next drop-in conversation about voting rights on October 27/29!

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.

Monday Morning Coffee – All are welcome to join us at 10:30 am on Zoom. Monday Morning Coffee is held on the first and third Monday of the month. Come for a few moments to say hello or stay the whole time. Please email office@gpchurch.org for the Zoom link.




Stewardship Campaign – The income received from members to support our operating budget totaled 1.04 million dollars in 2017. Last year (2023) the income received from members for our operating budget was 1.00 million dollars (both numbers rounded). Inflation over those six years totaled 25%. GPC thus experienced a 29% reduction (25% due to inflation and 4% due to decreased giving) in our ability to fund key programs. Our future giving needs to increase *as fast as inflation* to avoid regularly reducing our programs and staffing. Please consider inflation as you pray on your 2025 estimate for giving to GPC.

Important Updates from the Buildings & Grounds Committee – The Installation of new windows was planned to start this past week (sometime between October 2-4). Blinds have been ordered and will be installed once they arrive. Scheduled improvements to the parking lots were delayed by rain. That work will continue as the weather permits. Make sure to allow extra time to find parking when coming to church activities. Many chairs in the sanctuary have become badly soiled. Please join us in the Sanctuary after the potluck today to swap them with clean chairs that we have in storage. Youth, we'll be happy to give service-learning hours for helping. Bring your service-learning hours forms. Thank you for making these improvements possible by your contributions to the Capital Maintenance Reserve, over and above your regular gifts to the church.

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.

Youth Fall Calendar	Oct 9	Wednesday Night Youth 7-8:30pm BFG "Big Fun Game" Night
	Oct 11-13	Youth Fall Retreat (no Sunday Youth)
	Oct 14	Rhythms Begins (21 day challenge)
	Oct 16	Wednesday Night Youth 7-8:30pm Serve Night
	Oct 20	Sunday Morning Youth 11am (start in youth room)
	Oct 23	Wednesday Night Youth Corn Maze Night
	Oct 27	Sunday Morning Youth 11am (start in worship)
	Oct 30	Wednesday Night Youth 6:30pm Fall Children's Festival



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