



September 18, 2022 – Weekly Announcements

Winter Coat Drive (September 18-October 2) – Before it gets too cold, let's show the warmth of God's love to the children of our neighborhood (*students of Summit Hall and Rosemont Elementary Schools*). Many are recent arrivals from warmer climates, and this will be their first winter. **Bring NEW or Very Gently Used*** coats to the collection point near the sanctuary. **Girls and Boys sizes 4-16** are needed.

Note: *while pink and purple coats are adorable, there is a greater need for coats that boys will wear. If possible, please buy coats with hoods. Kids tend to lose hats very quickly!*

**Clean, no rips or stains. The kind of coats you'd have if your grandchildren lived in Florida and only visited you for a few days at Christmas and they didn't have time to wear out their coats you bought them.*

Who Should Be Using Our Building? – TODAY! September 18, after 11:00 service in Fellowship Hall – GOT IDEAS? Come and help make a list of possibilities. Your ideas and positive contributions are most welcome. **All ages invited!**

Fall Young Adult Gatherings – In honor of the 40th anniversary of E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial, GPC young adults and their friends are invited to a fall series centered on aliens. Aliens! Do you remember the 1980s sitcom ALF? The title character's name was the acronym for "alien life form." We will use those categories as an entry point for exploring what it is for us to embrace our own alien identity as well as the alien identity of others, and how our accepting the fact that we are aliens shapes the way that we behave. Using scripture, pop culture, and conversation, we will explore what it means to be in the world but not of the world and how our own faith makes us alien people! From **Sep. 11 to Oct. 30**, with the exception of three Sundays, we will meet either in person or on Zoom at 12:30 p.m., following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. On **Sep. 18, Oct. 2, and Oct. 16**, we will meet at 4:00 p.m. for matinee viewings of E.T., District 9, and a third film (*to be determined*).

Congregational Meeting – September 25, at 12:05 pm – The session has called a meeting of the congregation for September 25, immediately following the 11:00 service, to elect church officers. The meeting will be in the sanctuary and on Zoom. Bios and pictures of the candidates will come later in September. Zoom link to follow.

Get Ready! September is GPC Photo Month! GPC is getting an updated website, and the whole congregation is invited to take photos this month, which our Communications Manager will sort out for use on the new site. Photos should be submitted digitally (*instructions to follow*) and be high resolution pictures which reflect the vitality, joy, energy, and love of the GPC congregation. *By submitting pictures, you're giving consent to GPC to use them.* **Here's how to participate:** on any Sunday in September, stop by the Welcome Desk near the sanctuary and pick up your "Press Pass." It will have all the instructions. Then, take pictures of people. Remember, some folks may not want their picture taken for use on the website and are always welcome to decline. **Participation is open to photographers of all ages!** If you

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worship online, we would love to have a picture of you in your worship space. Send it to the church office at office@gpchurch.org. We want everyone to be included.

Children's Music Returns Wednesday Evenings This Fall! Children's Bells and Children's Choir resume **Wednesday, September 14** with **Bells/Chimes** (K-5th grade) meeting at **5:30 pm** and **Choir** meeting at **6:00 pm**. The group will meet weekly on Wednesdays and will appear in worship for the first time on October 2 for World Communion Sunday. If you have questions, please contact Wade Meyers, Kris Maldarelli, or Carol Anderson. We look forward to seeing you there!

Youth Retreat SIGNUP is finally open. If you a middle or high school youth you are welcomed to join us. Our theme for this weekend retreat is **"One Of A Kind."** Over the course of four unique retreat sessions, we'll ask students the question, "Who are you . . . really?" Many of us are one person at home, another person with our friends, and someone else around our school's principal. That's not a bad thing, but all the versions can make it difficult to know the REAL you. This weekend, we're diving into who you are and who you were created to be. As we do, we may just find ourselves stepping away from average, moving past what is "normal," and into a life that is one-of-a-kind.

WHEN: September 23-25 // WHERE: Manidokan Retreat Center
COST: \$25 // HOW TO REGISTER: Scan the QR code to fill out the registration form. More retreat info will be sent once registered.



Monday Evening Bible Study – 7:00 pm on Zoom – Join in as the group studies Ecclesiastes. All welcome.

Wednesday Morning Prayer – 8:30 am on Zoom – In our month of focusing on prayer, Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence will lead morning prayer on Wednesdays. All welcome to join.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study – 7:30 pm on Zoom – The group is currently finishing Genesis, and will begin Exodus shortly. Here's the study book, if you'd like to join. Discover Exodus. See Barb Clark for login info. Don't know Barb? Contact office@gpchurch.org. The curriculum is from *Faith Alive*, 2 books (\$8.99 each plus \$7.00 s/h). Zoom link to follow.

Community Engagement Ministry Invites You to a Conversation with Ed Travis – September 21, 7:00 p.m. – Ed Travis grew up at GPC and worked as youth ministry intern and director for many years. He now lives in Austin, TX and works with Mobile Loaves and Fishes. He will speak on the topic "Housing Will Never Solve Homelessness but Community Will," and give us much to think about as the GPC community seeks to serve our neighbors.

September Book Club – September 22, 7:00 pm on Zoom – Join the Zoom Book Club as they discuss *Traveling Mercies* by Anne Lamott. New members welcome.

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