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Heavenly Father, we lift up these people and ask for your healing touch on their lives.



Presby-Notes

Pat, Linda, Debbie, Katie, Terry, Kristen, Diane (terminal cancer), Ava, Bradley (nephew of Jackie Z), Steven, Linda A., Diana, Ruth, Lisa G., Art, Bob, Evie, Maleek, Nicole, healing for Bill Cowen, Mary, Dennis, and prayers for strength for Linda and her mom, prayers for a friend of Nyssa who lost her 3 month old daughter, and Patty a friend of Sue Lerner.

Continued prayers for members: our shut-ins including Lila and Roy, Ruth, Shirley, Janet, Sheila, Pat and Pete, John and Dolores, and Rosemary, Joe, Theresia, Barb, and Gary Baker

Prayers for the Fuller family upon the passing of Ed's wife, Donna following complications from MS. The Fullers were former members of GCPC



Peter Flynn	4/2
Dennis Kapelanski	4/2
Barbara Keough	4/4
Janice Sebastian	4/5
Jackie Zopff	4/7
David Armstrong	4/16
Theda McBryde	4/23



Will You Be My Witness?

As a girl, as a young woman, even, I never dreamt that I would have the privilege of being a pastor.

Now that God has put me here, now that you at GCPC are allowing me to be your pastor, I find myself needing to determine how best to meet this challenge.

A CEO whose name I don't even know spoke at a conference where he shared the prayer that he liked to pray for those in leadership. This CEO said he began every morning with this prayer:

“God, how can I help great people to do great things?”

I love that prayer, and I have adopted it for my daily prayer for ministry. Each one of you reading this is a great person. Each one of you reading this can and should pray with the Psalmist, “I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made” (Ps 139:14).

- I don't care if you were always the last person chosen at recess because you couldn't run fast
- I don't care if a teacher shut you down as you were singing out your heartfelt joy
- I don't care if mean kids made fun of your chubby body
 - or your freckles
 - or your shabby clothes
 - or your struggle to get the words straight as you read
- I don't care if you made mistakes as you grew up and did things you are now ashamed of
 - or if you couldn't find it in you to face possible failure so didn't try
 - or if you didn't have support or the adult example to know how to go forward in life and now see yourself as not amounting to much.

God says, in Isaiah 43, “I have called you by name, you are mine ... you are precious in my sight and honored.”

Jesus, who said, “Come to me all who are heavy burdened,” gave himself willingly for YOU; died on the cross and rose from the grave! For YOU.

God says, YOU are great people!

In the month of April, we enter the Easter season. Our messages will be taken from the Book of Acts this month, looking at the way those redeemed by the work of Christ on the cross and empowered by his victory over death on Easter morning – how these people responded to the gospel message. They will be our example for how we can respond, setting aside all the naysayers and all the internal messages that try to hinder us from shouting the joy of our salvation. Our example of how to keep God’s great people doing great things.

My prayer will continue to be, “God, how can I help Your great people do great things.”

“...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8b

Pastor Theda



Participation in the life of a church is serving God. If you would like to help out on any of these teams, please let the church office know.

Date	Leader	Counting Team	Usher Team	Acolytes
04/07	Chester Parys	2	1	Imrielle
04/14	David Radcliffe	3	2	Usher
04/21	Nyssa Hargett	1	3	Darren
04/28	Malcolm McBryde	2	4	Emily
Leaders are needed as substitutes. If you are willing, please tell Carol				

Usher Teams	
Team 1	Jeff Teichman, Bill Cowen and Josh Beels
Team 2	Mary Deykes, Erik Domino, John Peters
Team 3	Chester Parys, Hawley Harmon, Chris Domino
Team 4	Pam Parys, Dennis Kapelanski, Malcolm McBryde
Counter Teams	
Team 1	Rita Gibbs, Tom Morgan
Team 2	Mary Deykes, Jeff Teichman, Erik Domino
Team 3	Carol Morgan, John Peters

Counters and Ushers are needed. Please prayfully consider volunteering. Jobs are not hard and can be done while you are here at church anyhow.

WEEKLY meeting



Sunday Morning – 9A Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Tuesday Mornings – 10A PW Craft Circle

Wednesday evenings – 6P Adult Bible Study Led by Pastor Theda



April 18 7P



April 11 6P

Property Committee	1 st Sunday of the Month	11:30A
Worship Committee	1 st Thursday of the Month	7P
Finance Committee	2 nd Wednesday of the Month	7P

Christian Education	April 17	7P
Visioning Committee	April 24	7P



Our Community Outreach Commitment

Radio Club

Third Tuesday of each month at 7P

AA Meetings

Monday 8P
 Tuesday 8P
 Wednesday 7P
 Thursday 7:30P
 Friday 8P
 Sunday 8P

Overeaters Anonymous

1st and 3rd Saturday of each month 1-2 PM

Scouts

Troop 77284 Monday 5:30P
 Troop 76859 Friday at 6:00P
 Troop 1841



The Presbyterian Women will be making plans for the Annual Celebration of Women dinner. Watch for more information very soon. But in the meanwhile,

SAVE THIS DATE!

May 10th 2024



Session Highlights in March 2024 Lindsey Basile-Goodlow, Clerk

Income	Actual February	Monthly Budget	\$over/ (under)	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	\$over/ (under) YTD
Congregational Giving	6,898.25	8,906.83	(2,008.58)	23,470.89	17,813.66	5,657.23
Non-Pledge	2,047.00	2,048.75	(1.75)	4,506.41	4,097.50	408.91
Other General Fund Income	1,227.00	1,186.08	40.92	2,819.00	2,372.16	446.84
Other Income (non-budget)	1,799.51		1,799.51	2,488.59		2,488.59
Total All Fund Income	11,971.76	12,141.66	(169.90)	33,284.89	24,283.32	9,001.57
Expenses	Actual February	Monthly Budget	\$(over)/ under	Actual 2024	Budget YTD	\$(over)/ under
General Fund Expense	18,054.86	11,561.68	(6,493.18)	33,344.87	23,123.36	(10,221.51)
Net Gain/(Loss)	(6,083.10)	579.98	(6,323.28)	(59.98)	1,159.96	(1,219.94)

A special Congregational Meeting was called to accept Jane and John Bates, Maureen Kart, Linda Powrozek, by Letter of Transfer and Debbie Elson, William Florence, and Linda Radcliffe by reaffirmation of faith.

Finance Committee – Jeff Teichman, Chair

- Presentation of the Financial Reports.
- Legacy Profit this month. No longer Youth Group changed to Christian Education Community Fund. No major Expenses this month except gas bill and snow removal.

Property Committee – Chester Parys, Liaison

- Property reported that a fire inspection has passed upon replacing fire extinguisher.
- Property presented fire escape plans approved by the Fire Department.
- Property also reported various options to get a wheelchair accessible entrance with a ramp or possible chair lift.
- Session discussed having a fire drill after the fire escape routes are hung and discussion with the congregation.

Nominating Committee – Sue Flynn, chair

- No report because Sue wasn't at the meeting. However, a meeting needs to be called to fix a vacant position on the Board of Deacons.

Personnel Committee – Nancy Wolter and Sharon Osmond, co-chairs

- Nothing to report.

Worship Team – Gail Merrifield, Chair

- Discussion of the upcoming Holy Week services

Christian Education – Lindsey Basile-Goodlow, chair

- Plans underway for VBS

Fellowship, Care & Outreach, PW – Sue Flynn, chair

- No report

Mission Committee

- Easter means One Great Hour of Sharing. All money will be sent to the PCUSA once donations have ceased. Lead on teaching the CPR and AED will be hung once training is completed.

Visioning Committee- Reported by Pastor Theda.

- Series in June on the 4 marks of the Vital Congregation which will give the church an idea of what we can do as a church going forward. In the bulletin, we will have questions on the vital congregation. Activities on what to do with the church family. They worked out the kinks in the new committee. Survey box to submit questions.

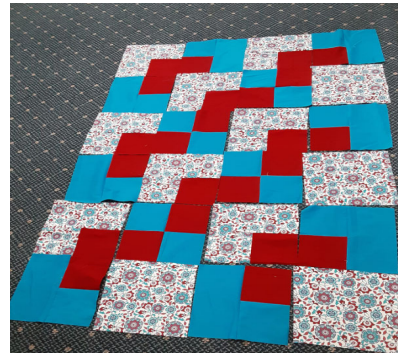


Board of Deacons Highlights March 14

The deacons this month responded to news of a fire affecting a church-member family with a grant that we hope will help with recovery costs. You'll have heard about the fire during recent prayer requests. We continue to look at ways we might improve our food delivery to needy people in the Garden City area, whether that will be cooperating with the Elmwood Blessing Box or by putting up a similar service on church grounds. Our need for a small refrigerator was met by one of our own: Thanks, Sue Kren, for the donation of a small fridge that was gathering dust at her house. We plan to use it to supply a small selection of perishable foods to our food-pantry patrons. The deacons also decided to support Blum's Landing, a free getaway and rest spot near Rogers City for veterans and their families, with a \$100 donation.

Thanks for all the food you've donated to the food pantry in the past month. Our food-pantry patrons are benefiting.

-- GRC Sewing
HOPE etc., etc., etc.
In loving memory of Chelsea MacLean



In March, our group project was very successful. When these are finished, they will be added to our Project Linus donations.

Our next meeting will be April 6th 10 am to 4 pm. As always, we extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join us.

An outdoor Spring Clean-up
day is scheduled for
April 13th from 9A-3P

Come when you can ... leave
when you must.

Lunch will be provided.



*"I am the
resurrection
and the life."*
JOHN 11:25



To all who ordered Easter Lily's that
adorned our sanctuary on Easter
Morning, THANK YOU We
haven't had that many lily's in
years. How beautiful the day it
was!

Christ is Risen ... He is Risen Indeed!

We had a visit from a representative from FEMA informing me of the continuing funding for damage done by flooding and storm damage during August of last year. If you have any claims, the flyer on the next page will give you information on how to file a claim or to talk to a FEMA representative. The deadline for applying has been changed.



FEMA

HAZARD MITIGATION FAITH-BASED BULLETIN

If you are still working to rebuild after the August 24-26, 2023 severe storms, flooding, and tornadoes, FEMA Mitigation Specialists have resources available to provide clean-up, repair, and rebuilding information at 833-FEMA-4-US (833-336-2487) or via email to FEMA-MIMIT@fema.dhs.gov.

Survivors who have not yet applied for FEMA disaster assistance can apply by visiting www.disasterassistance.gov, downloading the FEMA app, or by calling 800-621-FEMA (800-621-3362). The toll-free telephone line operates from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. CDT seven days a week. The deadline to apply is ~~April~~ *May* 8, 2024.

Thank you for allowing us to share our message during your fellowship.

FEMA Mitigation Staff

How can mitigation help you recover?



Subscribe to Hazard Mitigation emails!

Found on Facebook:

WD 40, Duct Tape or a Nail?

A man dies and goes to heaven. St. Peter meets him at the Pearly Gates and says, 'Here's how it works. You need 100 points to make it into heaven. You tell me all the good things you've done, and I give you a certain number of points for each item, depending on how good it was. When you reach 100 points, you get in.'

"Okay" the man says, "I was married to the same woman for 50 years and never cheated on her, even in my heart."

"That's wonderful," says St. Peter, "That's worth two points!"

"Two points?!" he says.

"Well, I attended church all my life and supported its ministry with my tithe and service."

"Terrific!" says St. Peter.. "That's certainly worth a point."

"One point!?"

"I started a soup kitchen in my city and worked in a shelter for homeless veterans."

"Fantastic, that's good for two more points," he says.

"Two points?!?"

"Exasperated, the man cries. "At this rate the only way I'll get into heaven is by the grace of God."

"Bingo! 100 points! Come on in!"

We often try to fix problems with WD-40 and duct tape.

God did it with a nail. AMEN... 🙏



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	5:30pm - Troop 77284 8pm - AA Group SH	10am - Craft Circle 8pm - AA	6pm - Adult Bible Study 7pm - AA - SH	7pm - Worship 7:30pm - AA Group - SH	8pm - AA - SH	10am - Sewing Hope - SH 1pm - Overeaters Anon
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10am - Worship 8pm - AA - SH	5:30pm - Troop 77284 8pm - AA Group SH	10am - Craft Circle 8pm - AA	6pm - Adult Bible Study 7pm - AA - SH 7pm - Finance Committee	6pm - Deacons Meeting 7:30pm - AA Group - SH	8pm - AA - SH	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10am - Worship 8pm - AA - SH	5:30pm - Troop 77284 8pm - AA Group SH	10am - Craft Circle 7pm - Radio Club - SH 8pm - AA	6pm - Adult Bible Study 7pm - AA - SH	7pm - Session Meeting - 7:30pm - AA Group - SH	8pm - AA - SH	1pm - Overeaters Anon 2pm - special event
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10am - Worship 8pm - AA - SH	5:30pm - Troop 77284 8pm - AA Group SH	10am - Craft Circle 8pm - AA	6pm - Adult Bible Study 7pm - AA - SH	7:30pm - AA Group - SH	8pm - AA - SH	9am - All Str 1pm - Private Event
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
10am - Worship 8pm - AA - SH	5:30pm - Troop 77284 8pm - AA Group SH	10am - Craft Circle 8pm - AA				