

GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH

“A light by the lakeshore”

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 | WORSHIP 9AM

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

YOUR *Word*
IS A
LAMP
TO MY
feet AND A
LIGHT
TO
MY *path.*

PSALM 119:105

Order of Service for the Worship of God

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE—Elegie, Op. 38, No. 6

Edvard Grieg

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: How shall I acknowledge God's great bounty toward Me?

Many: **What shall I return as an expression of gratitude?**

One: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Many: **In the presence of God's people, I will honor the vows I have made.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

OPENING HYMN 440—Jesus, Lover of My Soul
(see bulletin pg.14)

Tune: Aberystwyth

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION

Our prayer of confession is followed by a time for silent confession.

All: **Gracious God, we confess remaining unaware of your deliverance that frees us and sets us on a path to new life. Forgive us for refusing to see the blessing and beauty that surrounds us and the gift of relationships that enrich us. Forgive us for not hearing the cries of human need and our failure to seize opportunities for justice. Forgive us for hardness of heart and softness of will to engage your call to love and heal and restore. May your deliverance for us lead to our transformation as a servant people for this world you love.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

One: Amen. Through the waters of baptism, our old life has been buried, and the new life in Jesus Christ is given! Hear the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus we are forgiven and a fresh path is set before us!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of God's deliverance and transformation be with you!

All: **And also with you!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO FAITHFULNESS—Love the Lord Your God *Tune: Great Commandment*
We affirm our faithfulness to God by singing Hymn 62, the "Great Commandment."

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Love the Lord your God with all your soul.

Love the Lord your God with all your mind.

Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: Awaken our hearts and minds to your Word of life, O God.
By your Holy Spirit, enable us to do all you command for love's sake. So we pray in Christ's name, gathered around the Word.

All: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL READING—Mark 2:23-3:5

After each reading:

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM—I've Got Peace Like a River

Spiritual, arr. Phil Orem

OLD TESTAMENT READING—Exodus 20:7-11

SERMON—Following God's Lead

Mark Diehl

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO OFFERINGS OF SELF AND GIFTS

For those who are able, we are grateful for your continued offerings to our ministries. You can donate online using the “Secure Donation Form” link on our website’s front page. Your contributions are so important at this time.

SOLO–Faith, Hope, and Love

attr. to J. S. Bach

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The liturgist will bless the elements and then invite you to partake, knowing that the Spirit unites you with our Lord, our church community, and with Christians around the world as we share this sacred moment in new ways.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

BLESSING OF THE BREAD

BLESSING OF THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

CLOSING HYMN 320 – The Church of Christ in Every Age
(see bulletin pg.15) *Tune: Wareham*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE–Minuet, Op. 68, No. 2

Edvard Grieg

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WELCOME TO GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH

We are a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and one of its growing congregations. As a multi-generational community of faith, we are pleased to offer a host of ministries that respond to the varied interests of our members and friends. **We give thanks to God that you joined us today and we pray you will receive a sense of God’s loving Spirit from your time with us.** No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.

A Sermon Series for This Moment in Time

We live in a moment of significant societal unrest and turmoil precipitated by the present pandemic and long-standing, unresolved discrimination against citizens of our country. Does our faith provide any guidance in this time when wisdom and clear direction are needed to move us toward justice and hope and peace and renewed community life?

One of the valuable treasures of Jewish and Christian faiths is the prominence given to scripture: it is often referred to as the word or words of God. For some, the “word of God” denotes demand and restriction; for others it connotes challenge and courage; still for others it conveys reassurance and comfort and succor. One perspective highlighted in Jewish scripture is God’s word, God’s Torah or Law, as that which leads the faithful into wisdom and understanding and knowledge.

Our theme for the fall program year of 2020 is “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Ps 119:105). When faith communities attend God’s word by reading and studying and meditating on its meaning and significance, and implement its wisdom, those communities are led to wholeness and fulfillment, righteousness and peace.

The focus of sermons in worship through the end of October will sharpen that theme centering on the Decalogue or the “Ten Words,” otherwise known as the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17). The Ten Commandments were given to a community that had been enslaved for 400 years in order to provide these newly freed people with relevant patterns of justice and dignity and responsibility. Understood properly, the commandments can guide us in our challenging moment in time as well.

Mark has provided a study guide for the congregation to use during the series which can be found and downloaded from GPMC’s website. You are encouraged to read the scripture and engage the questions from each week’s study prior to the sermon. This week will be Study #5. All sermons will be recorded and broadcast at 9am on Sundays, and can be found on the website or our YouTube channel.

ABOUT WORSHIP AT GPMC

Leading and Assisting in Worship: Mark Diehl, Susan Mozena, Carol Marks; Stephanie Shapiro, oboe; Marilyn Biery, organist; The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Virtual Choir; James Biery, organist; Tallulah Brooks and Diane Schoff, soloists; Carol Ambrogio Wood, soprano; Joe Masinick, worship service production.

The Birth rose is for **Dianna Barbara Yascolt**, born on August 16, 2020 to Jessica and Matthew Yascolt. Barb and Paul Yascolt are Dianna's grandparents.

What's Happening Today, September 6, 2020

8:30am Worship Service Trinity Terrace by Reservation
9am Worship Service Pre-Recorded (Livestreamed)
5pm Worship Service Trinity Terrace by Reservation

Weekly Livestreamed Services will be available on GPMC's Website.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Children's Sermons for the month of September will focus on going back to school using the themes of hope, finding time for rest and prayer with studying and activities, friendship and knowledge.

Youth Groups for middle school and high school students are done meeting for the summer! We'll see you again on September 15 at 7pm as youth group starts up for the school year. Due to the ongoing pandemic and changes in the public schools, our programs look a bit different this year. 5th and 6th grade students at GPMC will be part of a new youth group called FLAME, which stands for Fellowship in Love And Ministry Everlasting. This year, FLAME (5th and 6th grades), LIFE (7th and 8th grades) and TUXIS (high school) will continue to meet regularly on Tuesday nights from 7-8pm, even when the weather turns colder. Since many of our young people will be on computers all day for school, we are trying to facilitate a youth program that allows for in-person interaction while mitigating the risks. We're going to meet on Trinity Terrace dressed for the weather, with masks and social distancing. We'll have a fire pit for each group to gather around to help everyone stay warm. During our meeting we will share our highs and lows from the week, read a Bible verse and discuss it, play some active games, and pray. If the weather is really terrible, we'll meet online for a similar program via Zoom. Change and uncertainty are hard for everyone. Our prayer is that GPMC continues to be a place of support, connection, and real relationships for our youth in this season.

Please check emails, the bulletin, and the website for Adult Education updates. **A Note About Zoom Links in the Bulletin:** Zoom links which you find in the bulletin are not "live" links. You must either copy and paste them into your browser, or you can also type them into your browser. The links in the weekly congregational email are live links, and a convenient means of connecting to various Adult Education offerings. Questions, or help "signing up?" Contact Susan Mozena, susanhmozena@gmail.com, or 313.204.4875.

Preacher's Workshop does not Sept. 7 but meets again Sept. 14 at 10am via Zoom with Mark Diehl. The preaching text is Exodus 20:13

Women's Bible Study, Tuesdays, 7-8am. Meeting remotely via Zoom. If you are not now a participant, but wish to join, contact Susan Mozena.

Men's Bible Study, Wednesdays, 7-8am. We're now meeting on Trinity Terrace. Please contact Steven Voorhees at captaingadget@comcast.net with any questions.

Adult Bible Study, first and third Wednesday nights of the month. 7:30-9pm. via Zoom. If you are not now a participant and wish to join, please contact Susan Mozena.

Novel as Theology in September: "Novel" returns on Sept. 23, 7:30pm, via Zoom after a bit of a summer break. Don Ditmars has chosen *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, by Mark Twain as our first read for the new "school year," and will be guiding the discussion. It has been a long time since most of us have read that wonderful piece, published in the U.K. in 1884 and in this country in 1885, by one of America's most talented and observant writers. Join others in reading and discussing this American classic. If you haven't yet been part of the "Novel group," and wish to join the September discussion, please contact Susan Mozena.

Scripture and Conversation for Women, meets each Wednesday morning, 11:15am-12:15pm, via free conference call (1.978.990.5000, access code 658374). If you are not a participant, but wish to join, contact Susan Mozena, so you can be updated as needed regarding details.

Men's Bible Study, Saturdays, 8-9am. Meeting remotely via Zoom. If you are not now a member and wish to join, contact David Asker at davidasker@outlook.com.

Short Story Returns from Summer Vacation! Join us on Wednesday evening, September 9th at 7:30pm via Zoom (or "Zoom Phone") to connect with each other and with Willa Cather's short story, "Double Birthday," You can download the story from the link in the weekly email. Many thanks to Deb Voorhees for volunteering to lead our discussion. We hope you will join us. Here is the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/735538314> If you are joining by phone, the number is 646-558-8656, meeting ID 735538314.

OUTREACH



With the help of GPMC and the community, Our 313 Calling has recorded 11,730 acts of kindness... and counting! There will be plenty more ways to get involved and the web site gpmchurch.org is the best source of information. Currently, 440 peanut butter

and jelly sandwiches are being made and delivered per week through the community's efforts. A sign-up link is online for those interested in getting involved. Please note that spots fill up quickly even as we've expanded capacity. For our August Drive-Thru Food Drive, 5,000 items were donated to benefit Manistique Community Treehouse and Second Mile Center. It was wonderful seeing so many friendly faces as we pulled together to help our neighbors in need. If you have an idea for the 313 Calling outreach, contact Steve Tengler at stcengler@gmail.com.

The September Hunger Offering will go to Everyone Eats. (E1E). This is a group of churches in Metro Detroit (including GPMC) that is working to alleviate hunger in the city of Detroit. During the pandemic, cooking and serving the weekly sit-down meal service has proved impossible, but these churches and their members have continued to serve in food distribution centers and to donate to area food banks. They look forward to the time when they can return to serving meals on a weekly basis at a new home in Detroit. GPMC will match congregation donations made this month up to \$2,000. Tell us you want to help by directing your donation made at gpmchurch.org to the Hunger Offering or dropping off a check to GPMC with "E1E" on the memo line.



Habitat for Humanity Grosse Pointe Partners' next Second Saturday is September 12th 9am to 3pm. All talent levels are welcome, but, due to Covid, HFH is especially looking for people who will become "Habituals," those who can commit to 8 hours a month. We have a few of these saints at GPMC and are looking for more. This could be YOU! Lots of details about working at Habitat safely are found on the Habitat

links on the gpmchurch.org website. This September workday is to put "final touches" on the home at 4254 Maryland. Please contact Ron Berli at rberli@sbcglobal.net to answer remaining questions. To reserve your spot on Saturday go to: https://habitatdetroit.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=535661

Attention Golfers! GPMC is one of the Detroit area churches supporting the Second Mile Center of Detroit in their annual fundraiser. It is a scramble format at the Glen Oaks Golf Course in Farmington Hills on Sunday, September 20, 1 pm start. The fun will include dinner and awards too. Not a golfer? Come for just the dinner or sponsor a hole. For all details and to sign up, go to secondmilecenter.org/golf-outing. Please help by signing up by September 14!



Be A Tutor, Change A Life. As the school year approaches, GPMC partners are on their annual drive to match tutors and mentors with students. It's a LOT different this year as remote learning is the order of the day. Imagine yourself in that role for just a moment. You can open the world to someone when you help them learn to read or get them on the path to higher education and better employment. From your couch! It's a high calling with the main qualification being a willingness to serve – usually once a week. Our "updated for 2020" Tutoring Flyer will tell you more about serving with our local partners: Dominican Literacy Center, Winning Futures, The Center for Success, The Front Porch, and The Tutoring Tree. Call soon so they can plan for a great school year.

Help St. John Presbyterian Church Alleviate Hunger. On Friday, September 18, from 10am - 1:30pm, we will help the members of St John PC unload and unpack pallets of food from a Forgotten Harvest truck and put it in the cars of hungry people. We know that hunger is a bigger problem in the City of Detroit this year due to the economics of Covid-19. We know that Forgotten Harvest knows how to run pop-up food delivery points – and all the work is outside! GPMC is delighted to jump into this NEW (to us) opportunity! **Go to Sign-up Genius link: bit.ly/UnpackTheTruck** for all the details and to let us know you'll be ready to help.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for your on-going support of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church! We are so thankful for your generosity during these uncertain times and your unwavering commitment to GPMC continues to power our "Light by the Lakeshore." Giving by members makes up most of our budgeted income every year and we are grateful for the generosity of our members so far in 2020. Your continued financial support and partnership is critically needed and appreciated now more than ever in the present new reality we all face together. The opportunities to share the eternal love of Jesus through ongoing ministry within our community are only increasing in these days. We know times are difficult for many, but if you are prayerfully able to step forward for those who can't, please do so. Just this past month, several unexpected gifts helped reduce our shortfall! Within and beyond the walls of GPMC (and on Trinity Terrace), we will continue to provide meaningful programs and outreach ~ be it virtually or otherwise ~ that enable us to witness as fully as possible God's love. Ongoing Christian Education efforts will make sure our children know there is always love and hope, even in a world that often demonstrates to them otherwise. "Livestream" Worship will continue to bring us together at a time when we seem far too apart, separated by space, lacking human touch, and seemingly divided as ever in America. Our Music programs continue to provide us a beautifully poignant and emotional release from the concerns that fill our days. Now more than ever, GPMC needs and appreciates your gifts, no matter how large or small.

AND MORE



Mornings at Memorial Update: The Mornings at Memorial start date, which was intended to be Monday, September 14th has been moved to Monday, September 21st to ensure that safety protocols are in place and effective. We apologize for the delay, but the safety and well being of the children, families and

the teaching staff of M@M is of the utmost importance. We are excited to see the children and to provide for them a safe and loving facility where they can learn, grow and thrive.

Calling all Grosse Pointe Memorial members!! The HOST Committee needs your help! We would like to hear your stories to include in the Living History project we are preparing. Are you a long-term member who sang in the choir as a youth or a new member who is excited about your Outreach participation? Do you know about some of the ways that GPMC has made an impact in the Grosse Pointe and surrounding communities? We want to highlight the memories and experiences that have contributed to making GPMC the *Light by the Lakeshore*. Whether you feel comfortable submitting a short video or sending in great photos, we need to hear from as many members as possible.



If you would like to submit a video, we have some general guidelines to share. See pages 20-21 in bulletin for Home Recording Standards. If you would like to make a video but need some help with the technology, we have the ability to assist. You can contact Tamara Gilbert at gilby21471@aol.com or any member of the HOST committee if you have questions. HOST members: Michelle Deland, Tamara Gilbert,

Sarah Godbehere, Jay Lady, Lois Palazzolo, Martha Speer, Chick VanDusen and Joe Masinick.

Congregational Conversations: The Mission Study Team continues leading our congregation's self-study and is learning about our community. We are moving toward the culminating Mission Study Report that will be submitted first to our Session, and then to Presbytery's Commission on Ministry for approval. The Mission Study Report will be informed by the six key activities of our mission study: Congregational Gatherings, Congregational Survey, Financial Review, Demographic Study, and Community Study. **Thank you to those who participated in our Congregational Conversations** and in helping to discern God's voice and mission for our church. Our process involves careful and prayerful consideration of who we are and who God is calling us to be, as well as the identification of our collective experiences, gifts, passions, perspectives, and the strengths and needs of our community.

Stephen Ministers are here for you during these challenging times to listen, encourage, and to pray for you ~ it's what we do, and we would be happy to talk with you. If you would like a confidential phone conversation with a Stephen Minister, just let us know and we will set one up for you. Call Carol Marks (313.882.5330 ext.127) or one of our Stephen Leaders: Debby Owen (313.549.9644) or Lois Ann Hernquist (586.945.0094).

Unfortunately, we are not collecting returnables at this time. Many of you have been very generous about donating your cans and bottles to our youth mission trip fundraisers in years past. Thanks to your generosity, we've raised about \$2,000 a year in support of our youth mission trips at home and abroad. This year our mission trip planning is on hold as we wait to see if a vaccine will be widely available by next summer, so we don't have a team of youth to handle returnables. Please do not bring any cans and bottles to church at this time. The bin is full and we cannot return them. Thank you!

Sabbatical Leave: Sarah Godbehere, our Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families, will be on an extended professional leave from September 16 - December 16. GPMC's extended professional leave policy allows for 12 weeks of leave for renewal and professional development after six years of full-time ministry, much like the sabbaticals offered by other institutions. Carol Marks, Lisa Turner, Jim Biery, and Peter Henry have all received extended professional leave since the establishment of this policy. Sarah Godbehere was granted this leave by the Session at its June meeting. Sarah will spend this time as a "sabbath-ical," engaged in study and experience of the Biblical practice of sabbath rest. She will be out of the office, away from her email, and unavailable for pastoral services and duties during her sabbatical. We wish Sarah rest and renewal and we are thankful for the wonderful staff and youth program advisors team who will keep everything moving in her absence.

In-Person outdoor worship service at 8:30am on Trinity Terrace begins today, Sept. 6. in addition to the 5 o'clock service. As with the 5pm service, we expect to hold this service every Sunday that weather permits us to be outside. Seating will be limited to 50 people and registration is required. Please make yourself comfortable by weather-appropriate clothing and bringing a hat or umbrella and a water bottle. Reservations for both services will open the Monday prior to worship at 9am and will close at 4pm each Friday. Reservations can be made either online through our church website (see the green button on the bottom right side of this page) or by calling the church office at 313.882.5330 Monday through Friday between the hours of 9am to 4pm. There will be 5 reserved parking spots for people who are at high risk. Each spot is for 1 vehicle to worship from within your car. **Please note, several handicap spots are also available near Trinity Terrace. No reservation is required for these spots.**

PRAYING FOR OTHERS

The congregation and staff of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church believe that prayer is very important. If you would like to add a person to our prayers, please call Carol Marks 313.882.5330 ex. 127 or e-mail her at cmarks@gpmchurch.org. May God continue to surround you with love and care.

Please continue to pray for all who mourn, especially the family and friends of those who have recently died in our congregation: Holly Burns, Timothy Wynn Butler, Jr., John Cobau, Audrey Ruth Eckert, Gladys Hunter, Cristy Hyde, Jane Johnson, Donna Johnston, Victoria Keys, Margaret Odell, Marnie Oakman, Joseph Pehrson.

RECENT PRAYER REQUESTS: Joan Coyle, Carrie Devlin (Peg Carpenter's niece), Paul Diehl (Mark Diehl's brother), Jean Hodges, Sandy Jackson (Sarah Godbehere's sister-in-law's co-worker), Perry Kent (Phyllis May's son), Mary Lamparter, Alex Scapini (Fran McCabee's nephew), Susan Stapleton (friend of Joan and Tom Coyle).

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS: Adam Bolton, All who are on the frontlines of the war against Covid-19, Jean Carmichael, Arlene Cobau, Thomas M. Coyle, Jr. (Tom and Joan Coyle's son), Shawn Cunningham (Cheryl Littleton's friend), Lynne Doyal (Guy and Marilyn Doyal's daughter-in-law), Barbara Flood, Dale Foote (Dan Aggas' partner), Andrew Godbehere (Sarah Godbehere's brother), Dick Heglin (friend of the Van Dusens), Janet Hooper (Jim Hooper's sister), Leonard Hooper (Jimmy Hooper's brother), Linda Jaafar and Louise Winters (Ken Shepherd's wife's neice and Ken's sister) Tina Kilates (Kathie Morinelli's friend), Jack Liang, Jane McFeeley, JC Robinson (Christina Robinson's husband), Barbara Wratchford and Margaret Kumar (Kenneth Shepherd's aunt and mother-in-law).

FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL: Maria Marable (friend of Elizabeth Tengler), Phoebe Piku (advanced training in U.S. army), Salvador Zúñiga (Janice Zúñiga's son), Bart and Amanda Ward.

FOR OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS: Keith Bellovich, Anna Brucker, Heather Frahm, Matt Koral, Lauren McCabee, Rebecca McCoy, Chris and Rosa Moore, Blake Sanford, Karlyn McCoy Schoen, Karol Swenson, George Williams, Erin Hepler Worrell.

THIS WEEK AT MEMORIAL

Monday, Sept. 7: Church Offices closed in observance of Labor Day

Tuesday, Sept.8: Women's Bible Study 7 - 8am via Zoom
Wonder Group 9 - 11am Trinity Terrace

Wednesday, Sept.9: Men's Bible Study 7-8am Trinity Terrace
A.A. Meeting 8:15 - 9:15am Trinity Terrace
Script. & Conv. for Women 11:15am via phone
Short Story Theology 7:30 -8:30pm via Zoom

Thursday, Sept.10: Yoga 6 -7pm Trinity Terrace

Friday, Sept.11: No scheduled activities

Saturday, Sept.12: Men's Bible Study 8 - 9am via Zoom
Habitat for Humanity 9am - 3pm Offsite

Sunday, Sept.13: Worship Service 8:30am Trinity Terrace by
Reservation
Worship Service 9am via Livestream
Worship Service 5pm Trinity Terrace by Reserv.

440 Jesus, Lover of My Soul

1 Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om fly,
 2 Oth - er ref - uge have I none; hangs my help - less soul on thee.
 3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find.
 4 Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin.

while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the temp - est still is high.
 Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone; still sup - port and com - fort me.
 Raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
 Let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in.

Hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past.
 All my trust on thee is stayed; all my help from thee I bring.
 Just and ho - ly is thy name; I am all un - righ - teous - ness.
 Thou of life the foun - tain art; free - ly let me take of thee.

Safe in - to the ha - ven guide. O re - ceive my soul at last!
 Cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.
 False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.
 Spring thou up with - in my heart. Rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

320 The Church of Christ in Every Age

1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

The congregation of GPMC is quickly moving into its next phase of the interim process. Leaders of the History-to-our-Story Team and the Mission Study Team are concluding their work. A mission study produced by the MST will soon be in the hands of the Session, and, with their approval, into the hands of the Presbytery of Detroit. A date for completion of this process could be as early as October. When this phase is complete, the next step will be the election of a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).

In anticipation of this next phase, the Session has received approval from Detroit Presbytery to begin the process of assembling names of people who will be considered, vetted, and nominated for election to the PNC at a congregational meeting. At this point, our Nominations Committee can receive from the congregation suggestions of names of members who are recommended for consideration to serve on the PNC.

So, during the month of September, you may forward name suggestions to the Nominating Committee who you believe could represent the congregation well in the pastoral search process.

Who would be a good candidate to suggest for the PNC? Here are some criteria:

- Active member in the life of the congregation
 - o Participates in worship regularly
 - o Engages in bible study through Sunday School or small group
 - o Financially supports the church
 - o Volunteers and leads
 - o Engages in mission outreach
 - o Spiritually sound, wise, and grounded
- Familiar with the people and attitudes and values and mission of GPMC
- Works well in a group and with a group process, contributing progress to the group's agenda and goals
- Shares several of the skills needed by the PNC, including:
 1. Leadership of group process
 2. Analytical and insightful
 3. Spiritually sensitive
 4. Theologically and biblically informed in the Reformed Tradition and Presbyterian policy
 5. Good judge of character/people
 6. Writer/wordsmith
 7. Familiar with GPMC Mission Study
 8. Articulate
 9. Able to listen to, and respect, differences of opinion
 10. Willing to offer alternate ideas even if novel or unpopular

- Will devote the time required for the demanding task of serving on the PNC

If you, or a church member you know, have these qualities, gifts, and time, please pass those names to the Nominating Committee. **Please email Jim Hooper at jfhooper4@gmail.com or Carol Marks at cmarks@gpmchurch.org to provide your suggestions to the Committee.**

An Update from Mark Diehl, Interim Pastor, Head of Staff August 19, 2020

“How long will this go on?”

That is a reasonable question among all of us whose patience is legitimately stretched by precautionary restrictions imposed by Covid-19 prevention. And as we all are aware, the answer is unknown as to when a safe resumption of normal life can return. All of us want it to be soon, and some of us are willing to take more risks than others to engage a “more normal life” now.

At the same time, many people have resumed life as if no pandemic exists, or they never took it seriously to begin with. The results of disregard for public health protocols are surfacing in the widespread surges of C-19 in the South and in rural areas, once considered “exempt” from the disease. Colleges attempting to return for fall classes with in-person instruction and residential living on campus are rolling back those expectations because of outbreaks. Tentative attempts to return to some sense of normality are being undermined by the perniciousness of this contagion.

A few innovative and experimental approaches to childcare and early childhood education are being implemented in the US; these focus on limited risk exposure by class size restrictions and careful separation of groups into “pods” which remain together with the same teacher and children and room and equipment, and do not intermingle with any other pod or physical area. Using these educational- and health department-approved protocols, our Mornings At Memorial program will attempt reopening September 14.

“What is the plan for GPMC?” people want to know.

The plan determined by the Session at its June meeting remains in place and, after nearly two months of implementation, seems wisely prepared in retrospect. For those who may have missed the publication of these plans, here is a summary:

- Worship will continue to be offered indefinitely by remote recorded and/or streamed video through our website at 9am Sunday mornings.
- Communion will be resumed (and has now restarted). It is scheduled to be observed the first Sunday of every month from this point on.
- Trinity Terrace may be used for in-person gatherings provided that specific health protocols and restrictions are followed. Maximum number of persons allowed on Trinity Terrace is 50. Several GPMC groups and outside groups are using the Terrace now.
- Outside groups may be permitted and scheduled to use Trinity Terrace provided they comply with church requirements and restrictions (see requirements and restrictions immediately below). The church office will coordinate these requests.

- Requirements and restrictions for attendees at any in-person event held on the property: practice social distancing, wear masks, answer relevant health questions, have temperature taken, and provide info for contact tracing.
- Events threatened or interrupted by inclement weather on Trinity Terrace will be cancelled.
- A 5pm Worship Service was authorized (and has resumed).
- Baptisms will be considered for the 5pm service, or if necessary, as a small group inside the facility which will be recorded and included in the following Sunday’s recorded service as part of the liturgy.
- Any wedding or funeral schedule for Trinity Terrace will be permitted inside the building in the event of inclement weather, adhering to strict limits on number of persons and health protocols.
- No dates for a projected return to in-person worship or educational events within the church facility or the opening of the church offices were determined. Return dates for in-person use of the church facility will be assessed in light of current conditions.

A concern among all of us in this period of isolation is preserving and encouraging connection and community as much as is safely possible. To that end, an additional outdoor morning worship service is being explored for the remainder of the warm weather season, as well as other events and studies that bring people safely together for interaction and fellowship. If you have other ideas for accomplishing this, please direct them to our staff and our council leaders.

The interim committees continue their progress and we expect the completion of their tasks later this fall. Once that is complete, Presbytery will authorize GPMC to form a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) and the search for the new head of staff will commence.

The Nominating Council will make its report later this fall and elders, deacons, and trustees will be elected and positions on the Councils will be filled. Our Outreach Council and the 313 Calling team continue to address needs within our community through food drives and other opportunities for support. A Stewardship Program, along with budgeting for 2021, will be scheduled. Sunday School Classes will kick off in September.

I hope you are challenged by our Fall theme “Your Word is a Lamp to my Feet and a Light to My Path,” and engaged by the series on the Ten Commandments along with the study guide offered on GPMC website. God’s word feeds our souls and directs our paths in all we encounter along our journeys.

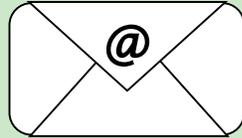
So much is taking place at GPMC, and I hope you will find a place to grow and be nurtured and serve!



GPMC Home Recording Standards – Cell Phone

Sending Your Video

A Email your video to joe.masinick@gmail.com



B Upload your video to Google Drive Folder [here](#)



C Share a link. Links can be sent to the email above or by text 313-919-3012.

<https://link...>

D A Thumb Drive, sealed in an envelope with your name and address on it, dropped off in the Mail Slot of:

1100 Grayton St. Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230

Your Thumb Drive will be returned.



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Cell Phone Recording

Record inside, in a quiet space.

1 Find a place inside to set your cell phone horizontally. So it is stationary while recording. Friends may have trouble holding the phone steady.



2 Make sure you are standing or seated in a way that your head is in the center of the video and that there are no windows or lights behind you.



3 Press record, set the phone in its position, and take your place. Do a test to make sure you are heard and seen correctly.



4 Now it's time to record. Repeat step 3 and once in position take a deep breath and smile. You can have people off screen prompt you with questions but please leave space between question and answer. Watch and listen to your recording to ensure quality!



Please contact joe.masinick@gmail.com with any questions

Be a tutor,
change a life.

There are hundreds of students, youth and adults, on the eastside of Detroit, a few miles from our church, who yearn for a tutor or mentor to help them transform their own lives.

The programs noted here have converted to VIRTUAL tutoring for the fall. Each will find a way to use your talents—even if you haven't tutored before.

They require no degree or classroom, just the patience and encouragement of someone who cares about them and their future, and an internet connection. Some of these students are on a waiting list because tutors are desperately needed. Is this YOUR year to help? Why not give it a try?

TODAY?



The Front Porch

Providing educational and recreational activities to youth in Detroit.

Who: Elementary students.

When: Weekly, to be determined.

Where: At your computer!

Special info: Since 1995, this block club has grown to support the kids and their school. They are working hard to make sure computer support is available.

Program Director: Jean Vorkamp, 313 300-2766.

GPMC Connection: Sue Buckler, 313 885-8309.

Website: frontporchdetroit.org

Winning Futures

Virtual mentoring with local high school students with a structured curriculum focusing on values, planning and job readiness skills.

Who: High school students.

When: 45 minutes, once a week, 10-15 sessions during a weekday morning.

Where: At your computer!

Special Info: Mentors receive virtual training and support.

Program Director: Bryan Howard, Bryan@WinningFutures.org, 586 698-4418.

GPMC Connection: Lisa Gandelot, 313 882-5001.

Website: winningfutures.org

Please help an adult or a child know the joy you have found in reading. If you'd like to know more about these programs, please call the contacts listed or:

Sue Acton
Coordinator of Outreach Ministries
Grosse Pointe Memorial Church



Tutoring changes both the
tutor and the student.

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Is this YOUR year to try?  
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2020-2021

The Tutoring Tree

One-on-one mentoring and tutoring for Nichols Elementary students.

Who: Elementary students.

When: Weekly, to be determined.

Where: At your computer!

Special info: GPMC has supported The Tutoring Tree with gifts and volunteers for over 10 years.

Program Director: Kathy Chateau, 313 822-3456.

GPMC connection: Deb Voorhees, 313 570-3221; Sue Buckler, 313 885-8309.

Website: japc.org

The Center For Success

Academic focused, individualized mentoring and tutoring for elementary and through high school students at no cost.

Who: Elementary students.

When: Weekly. Mutually agreed schedule.

Where: At your computer!

Special info: Individual evaluation, parenting classes, computer training. Virtual mentor training will be provided.

Program Director: Anna Rosevear, 313 550-0954

GPMC connections: John Mozena, 313 885-8178; Lee Sanborn, 313 417-9857.

Website: center4success.org

Dominican Literacy Center

Providing educational career support for adults in Detroit.

Who: Adults seeking literacy, numeracy, GED skills.

When: Weekly, mutually agreed time.

Where: At your computer!

Special info: Training provided to all tutors.

Program Director: Kimberly Williams, 313 267-1000.

GPMC Connection: Lee Sanborn, 313 417-9857.

Website: dominicanliteracy@yahoo.com



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