

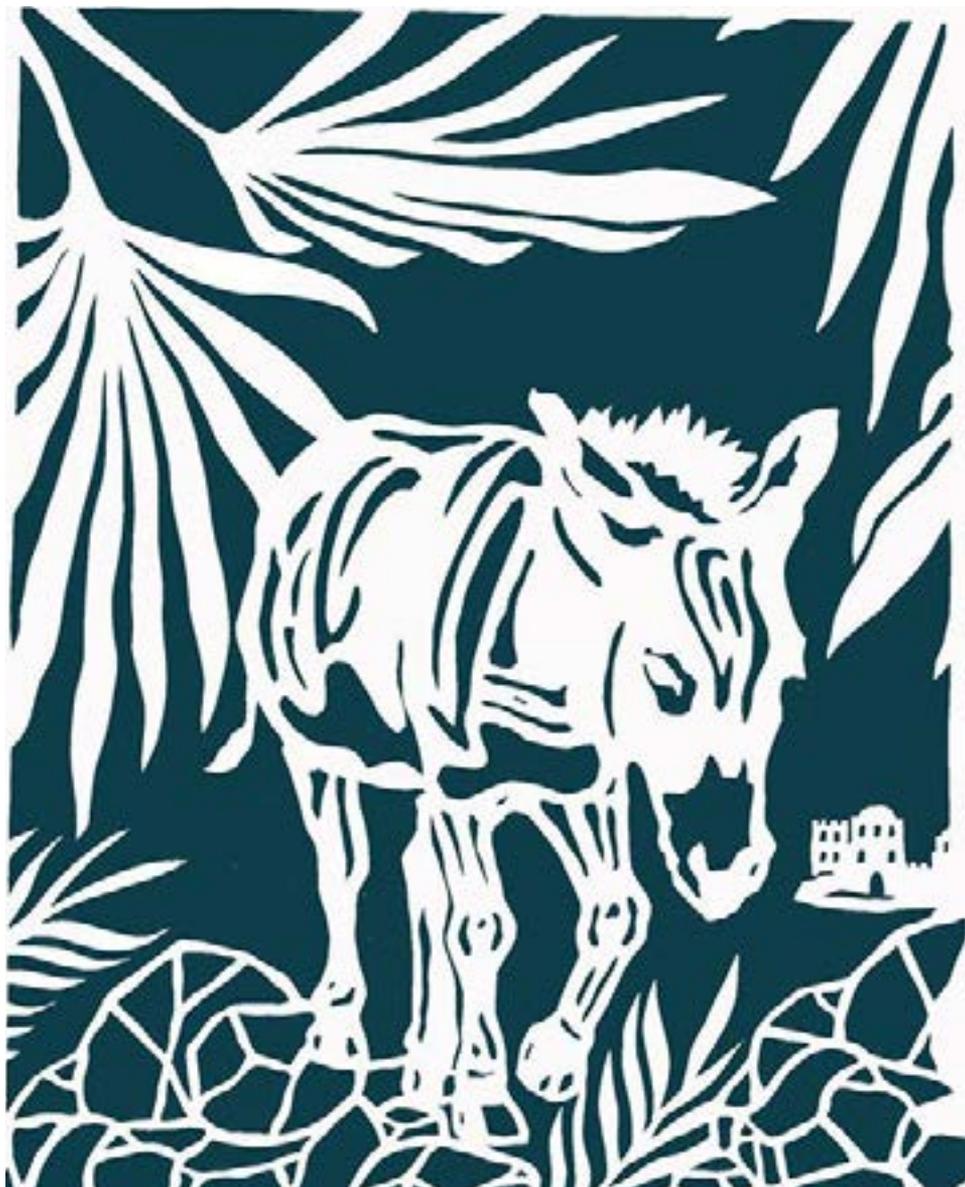
GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH

“A light by the lakeshore”

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

APRIL 5, 2020 | WORSHIP 9AM

PALM SUNDAY



Order of Service for the Worship of God

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: People of God, let us worship God, separated though we are,
yet made one through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

All: **Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION

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

All: **Gracious God, we come before you today in all humility,
vulnerable as never before, sharing as never before the same
circumstance and fear, one people who need your saving
grace.
Hosanna, save us.**

**We confess that each day we fall into moments of despair,
overwhelmed by worry for ourselves and our loved ones.
Forgive us for not seeking your peace; forgive us for forgetting
that you have known us and loved us for our entire lives,
and that you will know us and love us forever.
Hosanna, save us.**

**In the midst of the noise of the crowd that surrounds us and
you today, dear Lord, hear our silent prayers of confession,
our hearts and lips quieted in this moment to breathe our
prayers to you.**

KYRIE -Lord, have mercy

Healey Willan



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Amen. My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, as we follow
Jesus into Jerusalem today, we know the end of the story.
On a humble colt today, on his way to the cross that will appear
to be an utter and agonizing defeat, we know today that we will
celebrate his resurrection next week. In the name of the risen
Christ whom we worship and adore, we are forgiven!

All: **Hosanna! Thanks be to God.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Wherever you are this morning, whatever your situation,
know that I and the entire church staff are wishing you
the peace of Christ. Please share the peace of Christ, either
in person where you are, or by reaching out in other ways
today towards others who are not beside you. May the peace
of Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you!**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **Gracious God, help us to calm our minds from all the
concerns of today and open our hearts to your word,
as it is read and preached. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

PSALM READING—Psalm 118:1- 2;19-29 (O.T. pg.534)

After each reading:

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING—Matthew 21: 1 -11 (O.T. pgs. 21-22)

SERMON—Hosanna Sarah Godbehere

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF SELF IN A TIME OF MEDITATION

One: Gracious God, we dedicate ourselves this week to the hard
work of living our lives in ways that will keep others safe.
We dedicate ourselves to loving others as we are loved,
knowing that evidence of our love for others now takes
forms that we might never have imagined. We dedicate our
treasure to our part in the building up of your kingdom.
Amen.

BENEDICTION

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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.

What’s Happening Today, April 5, 2020

9am Worship Service Livestreamed

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

ABOUT WORSHIP AT GPMC

Leading and Assisting in Worship: Sarah Godbehere

Flowers for the sanctuary are funded by our members in memory or in honor of a loved one. If interested in dedicating flowers, please contact Ellen Creager: 313.378.6893 or e-mail: ecreager1@gmail.com.

Easter Joy - Although we cannot physically gather this Easter season, we know that the resurrection is not cancelled! To celebrate God’s story of salvation and hope, we will be creating a communal video offering, which will be part of our Easter Sunday morning service. All ages are encouraged to participate and use their creativity in telling this wonderful, glorious story! If you would like to participate, please email Sarah Godbehere at sgodbehere@gpmchurch.org or Lisa Turner at lturner@gpmchurch.org to receive full instructions. Easter is fast approaching so please plan to submit your video by noon on Sunday, April 5th.

As a result of the increasing risk and continuing crisis of Covid-19, GPMC's facilities and offices will remain closed through April 30. This is consistent with our commitment to participate actively in public health care responses to reduce and mitigate the Coronavirus, and to follow federal, state, and local regulations and CDC guidance. Sunday worship services will continue to be live-streamed and recorded for our congregation and community, and can be found on our website. Call or email staff for any assistance related to pastoral care or programs or scheduled events.

Our Holy Week schedule has been revised as follows:

- Maundy Thursday Service is cancelled.
- Prayer Vigil will take place but not at the church; those who have signed up will participate from home.
- Good Friday Service will be live-streamed at 7:30pm and available for viewing later on our website.
- Easter morning run/walk is cancelled.
- Easter Sunrise Service is cancelled.
- Easter Worship will be broadcast online at 9am and available for viewing later on our website.

CDs of our worship services are available the week following the service. Please request copies at the reception desk. Sermons are available on GPMC's website.

If you use envelopes to deposit a monetary offering, please consider sealing the envelope with tape (or leaving unsealed) rather than "licking" the envelope. Our ushers, counters and financial staff will appreciate your attention to their health concerns.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

LOGOS: Many thanks to all the families, volunteers and this generous congregation for the continued support of the LOGOS program. We have been blessed to offer this ministry to our children and families for over thirty years! It is our hope that we can continue to enrich and connect people of all ages to grow in their faith and in relationship with one another for another thirty years.

LIFE & TUXIS youth groups will be meeting online via Zoom from 7-8pm on Tuesdays as long as the school system remains closed. All middle school students and high school students are welcome to attend. This online meeting will include prayer, Bible study, small group discussion time, and games. This week: come dressed as your favorite children's book character. Hope to see you there!

Sunday School/Small Group - Closed until we resume in-house worship services.

2020 High School Mission Trip: We are closely monitoring the situation to see if it will be safe for us to travel to Costa Rica from June 13-20 as planned. More details will be released as soon as they are available. Thanks for your patience and understanding!

The Seekers retreat, scheduled for April 24-25 has been cancelled. We will not be meeting on Sunday mornings until we resume in-person worship services. We're hoping to put together an online learning system so students can watch videos at their own pace and complete the confirmation process this year. Stay tuned for more details!

Calling all College Students and Young Adults: With the stay home order, we know that things can be lonely for young adults right now. So we've set up a time for you all to hang out together, have some conversation, and pray for each other. We have Zoom meetings set up and ready to go! College students will meet on Wednesdays at 7pm, and young adults will meet on Thursdays at 7pm. Please contact Sarah Godbehere to receive the Zoom invitation. Hope you'll join us this week!

Adult Education During this Moment in Time:

Technology and the Holy Spirit Are a Mighty Team! (Adult Ed at GPMC isn't "remotely" shut down...see the details below.)

Preacher's Workshop, Mondays, 10:30am. Meeting remotely via Zoom. If you are not now a participant, but wish to join, contact Susan Mozena.

Reel Theology: If you are hankering for the baseball season, watch "The Natural" (available at least via Netflix and Amazon Prime streaming, the latter a \$2.99 rental) before 7:30pm Monday, April 6th, and join Susan Mozena and other movie-goers via Zoom for a discussion about the movie on April 6 at 7:30pm. (Don't let this seem too complicated! If you are interested in joining in, call Susan at 313.885.8178, or email her at susanhmozena@gmail.com, so that she can tell you how to join in). Hoping to "see" you at the movies! Batter up!

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 meeting via Zoom. The link is (<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5795278821>) to the recurring Zoom meetings (thru May 13). Please contact Steven Voorhees at captaingadget@comcast.net, to get connected.

Scripture and Conversation for Women, fourth Wednesday, 10:30-noon. Meeting remotely, via conference call. If you are not now a member, but wish to join, contact Susan Mozena.

Adult Bible Study, first and third Wednesdays, 7:30-9pm. Meeting remotely via Zoom. If you are not now a participant, but wish to join, contact Susan Mozena.

Short Story as Theology, second Wednesday of the month, 7:15-8:30pm. TBD. Stay tuned.

Novel as Theology, fourth Wednesday of the month, 7:30-9pm. Meeting remotely via Zoom. If you are not now a participant, but wish to join, contact Susan Mozena.

Downtown Disciples Bible Study, first Thursday, 12:15-1:15pm. TBD. Stay tuned.

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.

Middle Hour, selected Sundays, 10:10am. TBD. Stay tuned.

(This is obviously a fluid situation. Please check emails, the bulletin, and the website for updates. Questions, or help "signing up"? Contact Rev. Susan Mozena, susanhmozena@gmail.com, or 313.204.4875.)

STEWARDSHIP

Are you part of the 331 families, members and friends of GPMC who have made a 2020 Pledge to GPMC? If not, we still need your support! Please do so as soon as possible so that we can properly plan for our current year budget. Stewardship 'Did You Know': Why does pledging matter? In order to support our ministries, we need robust and faithful giving by our members. Budgets for all programs, departments & staffing are established through pledge activity. Your pledge gifts or weekly giving support our budget for all programs, departments and staffing. This includes Christian Education, Music, Outreach and other budgeted expenses. Your giving – no matter how big or small – makes a BIG difference for GPMC and is appreciated!

OUTREACH

Our April Hunger Offering will go to Gleaners Food Bank. In response to the Covid-19 crisis, Gleaners is coordinating increased mobile food distributions at schools and other sites near schools. They are also preparing for the potential next wave in community need. They plan to provide food boxes for community members who are in need of support due to temporary workplace displacement caused by precautionary coronavirus closures. Expanded operations and food distribution is expected to cost Gleaners as much as \$90,000 per day and they can use your help now. They serve Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, and Livingston Counties. GPMC will match congregation donations made this month up to \$2,000. Send a check to GPMC with "Gleaners" or "Hunger Offering" on the memo line today.

AND MORE

PRAYER VIGIL 2020 (All prayers will be at individuals' homes)

Thursday – April 9

9 – 10pm James Lady;
10 – 11pm John Poole;
11pm – 12am Wayne and Karen Pratt;

Friday – April 10

12–1am Jimmy Hooper
1 – 2am David Buckler
2 – 3am Howard & Victoria Hill
3 – 4am John Boris
4 – 5am Lee Sanborn
5 – 6am Bert Ross
6 – 7am Judy Masserang
7 – 8am
8 – 9am Marsha Ball
9 – 10am
10 – 11am
11am–12pm Susan Mozena
7:30pm Good Friday Service

Interim Teams for Nominating Committee: **History Team:** Tamara Gilbert, Sarah Godbehere, Michelle DeLand, Jay Lady, Martha Speer, Lois Palazzolo, Chick VanDusen; **Mission Team:** Don Ditmars, Didi DeBoer, Chelsea Gilbert, Jo LeVan, Julie Huellmantel, Dan Grano, Beverly Butler, Mary Edwards.

Yoga: For those of you who are missing the yoga classes hosted at the church, we are providing links to two taped classes, put together by instructor, Victoria Birk Hill. Please enjoy these classes in the privacy of your own home and even if you can't do everything in these videos, please do what you can, remembering that just taking quiet time with your breath is an important part of any yoga practice. The links are: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8y9RuA8tkyU&fbclid=IwAR1b2EWgws_7xj9f1GpQYUxtRO8aDIILi_82hC6Er1FwmNS-7Ds_JPrSUVg and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7kgoFG9NiDA&feature=youtu.be>.

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.

RECENT PRAYER REQUESTS: Dzvinka Dobrianska Burchak (friend of Carol Wood), Jean Carmichael, Arlene Cobau, Raleigh and Robert Eckert and their baby girl due to be born in June (grandbaby of Peggy and Pete Dettlinger and Nancy and Rick Eckert), Janet Hooper (Jim Hooper's sister), Jane Johnson, Jim Kelly (friend of the Morlans), Phyllis Kerslake (Holly Burns' mother), Jack Liang, Richard Marks, Max Morinelli (Kathie Morinelli's grandson), Cynthia Singelyn (daughter of Tom and Denyse Singelyn), Barbara Wratchford and Margaret Kumar (Kenneth Shepherd's aunt and mother in law).

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS: James Biery, Adam Bolton, Holly Burns, Guy Doyal, Geraldine Hoch (Jim Schultz's mother), Leonard Hooper (Jimmy Hooper's brother), Jane McFeeley.

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.

Please pray for all who are on the frontlines of the war against Covid-19. This group includes doctors and nurses and respiratory therapists and lab technicians, hospital and clinic staff, emergency responders, food service personnel and janitors and laundry workers, clinical researchers and scientist seeking vaccines and treatments and cures. **We would like to pray for these people by name. If you want your name included in our prayer list, please contact the church or a staff member and give us permission to include your name in this prayer list.**

In Memoriam

Timothy Wynn Butler Jr.

(March 18, 1989 - March 26, 2020)

The service will be at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church at a future date. Please pray for Beverly and Tim Butler as they mourn the death of their dear son.

In Memoriam

John Reed Cobau

(August 28, 1934 - April 1, 2020)

Please pray for Jack's wife, Arlene and their children and grandchildren in these sad days of loss. There will be a service for Jack at a future date.

THIS WEEK AT MEMORIAL

- Monday, April 6: Preacher's Workshop 10:30am via Zoom
Reel Theology Discussion 7:30pm
- Tuesday, April 7: Women's Bible Study 7 - 8am via Zoom
LIFE/TUXIS 7- 8pm via Zoom
- Wednesday, April 8: Men's Bible Study 7-8am via Zoom
- Thursday, April 9: Prayer Vigil 9pm - 12am Offsite
- Friday, April 10: Prayer Vigil 12am - 12pm Offsite
Good Friday Service 7:30pm via Livestream
- Saturday, April 11: Men's Bible Study 8 - 9am via Zoom
- Sunday, April 12: Easter Worship Service 9am via Livestream

Mark's Letter to the Congregation Dated March 25, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Here is the situation at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church as of this date:

The church facility and all our offices are closed through April 30. Prior to the state order restricting all gatherings, our staff had self-quarantined because of possible exposure to Covid-19 (one of our staff families is quite ill). After the state order, we extended our in-place staff quarantine to close all offices and the facility to comply with state orders and to do all we can to mitigate virus spread. The closing of the facility and offices will be reevaluated as the situation warrants.

Worship: The past two Sundays, worship was provided through live streaming on our website (Sundays at 9am); it also is available recorded (you can find it on our website homepage). Our intent was to extend the online worship experience to include more music and singing and liturgy. Unfortunately, the escalating impact of the pandemic has undermined our plans. Our plan is to continue streaming online live worship service (and offer it recorded) even if it is more basic than we had hoped.

Bible Studies, Youth and Children's Programs: The Logos program was cancelled for the remainder of this Spring term. Lisa Turner is communicating with families and their children, and is providing resources for Christian Education at home. Seekers, LIFE and TUXIS have shifted their meetings to online (tech-driven) opportunities. Sarah Godbehere coordinates those events, gatherings, and studies. Susan Mozena is facilitating adult study groups with Zoom gatherings and phone-ins. If you want to join any of those adult groups through technology, contact Susan by email or leave her a message.

Pastoral Care: Our deacons (and other volunteers) are contacting every member of the church in the Detroit vicinity (by phone preferably, or by email if necessary) to determine their wellness, to make sure they are connected to family and friends and to the church, to assess any need they may have and how we can address it, and to let them know of our love and God's love. Special attention is being paid to any member socially isolated by infirmity or disability. This is a tremendous and necessary endeavor and I am so grateful to the deacons and their leadership for implementing this strategy (which will remain ongoing during this crisis). Anyone needing pastoral care can contact one of the pastors or use the pastoral care line on the church's telephone system. A daily or weekly phone-in and online devotion and/or prayer will be implemented soon.

Outreach and Mission: Due to the unprecedented nature of, and dislocation caused by, the pandemic, all mission activities must be reassessed for viability in the present context. That reassessment includes reexamining priorities in light of new challenges related to the pandemic, how to assemble teams to work on projects and fresh ways to do mission in an era of social distancing.

The Interim Committees: Both the History-to-Our-Story Team (HOST) and the Mission Study Team (MST) were just beginning their work when the pandemic swept through our area. Both teams' work has been suspended until we get our bearings personally and institutionally. They will be restarted as soon as possible.

Staff: The directive to staff is that if they are sick, their priority is taking care of themselves and getting well. If they are well, they are asked to work from home to the extent they are able to do so. We are exploring new avenues to accomplish and discharge our responsibilities in ways faithful to our calling and the needs of the church. In the midst of all that is going on, some staff are sick, some are caring for family members who are ill, and all are shouldering the extra burden of anxiety and our concerns for the church, our families, and one another. Please keep the staff in your prayers.

Leadership: The Session has approved the necessary steps the staff has suggested for GPMC to follow, and continues to be apprised of the situation in our congregation.

Finance: The staff have been asked to anticipate the financial consequences of wide-spread unemployment and economic dislocation for our membership and our society, and the budget of GPMC. Staff will suspend any non-essential major purchases that were planned for this programming year, and reassess the need for other spending throughout the remainder of the budget year. Financial decisions for the year will be reevaluated as warranted.

Stewardship: With worship only available online and the offering plate not being passed, a typical avenue by which we receive contributions has disappeared. For those who are able, please keep current with your pledges and gifts and offerings. Your contributions are so important at this time.

I am grateful to share with you the burdens and opportunities of ministry in this time. Please pray for all those on the frontline in the fight against this pandemic.

Grace and peace,
Mark E. Diehl, Interim Minister and Head of Staff



WE MISS YOU!

In this time of uncertainty, we bring you one undebatable statistic. We are 100 percent sure that we miss you.

And we are anxious to see you as soon as the *Stay Home, Stay Safe* order is lifted. Until then, we are offering a way for you to show your neighbors how much you care about them.

Join our Art from the Heart: Frontyard Art Exhibition

Enter your work to win weekly prizes!

It's easy to enter!

To help share your best wishes, we will post your work online for everyone to enjoy!

Be creative! Let your neighbors know you care through chalk artwork, lights in your trees, banners, or anything you dream up.

How to Enter

Email a picture of your work to gpaa@grossepointeartcenter.org

Deadline Friday evening at 6pm each week

Prizes Announced Sunday each week

Please include your name; the best way to contact you; permission to use the location of the art; and a written statement explaining the reason for your piece. No more than 50 words, please.

This Week's Prizes

Each week, the Promising Artists Council of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association will review the entries and name the winners!

Best of Show Family movie tickets including luxury box seating at The War Memorial's Patriot Theater

Honorable Mention Gift card to Tropical Smoothie provided by Nursing Unlimited

Project Partners

- Grosse Pointe Artists Association
- The War Memorial
- Nursing Unlimited
- The Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods
- The Grosse Pointe Garden Center
- Christ Church Grosse Pointe
- Grosse Pointe Memorial Church



Pastoral and Program Staff

The Reverend Mark E. Diehl, Interim Pastor and Head of Staff
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Susan Acton, Coordinator of Outreach Ministries
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Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm

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