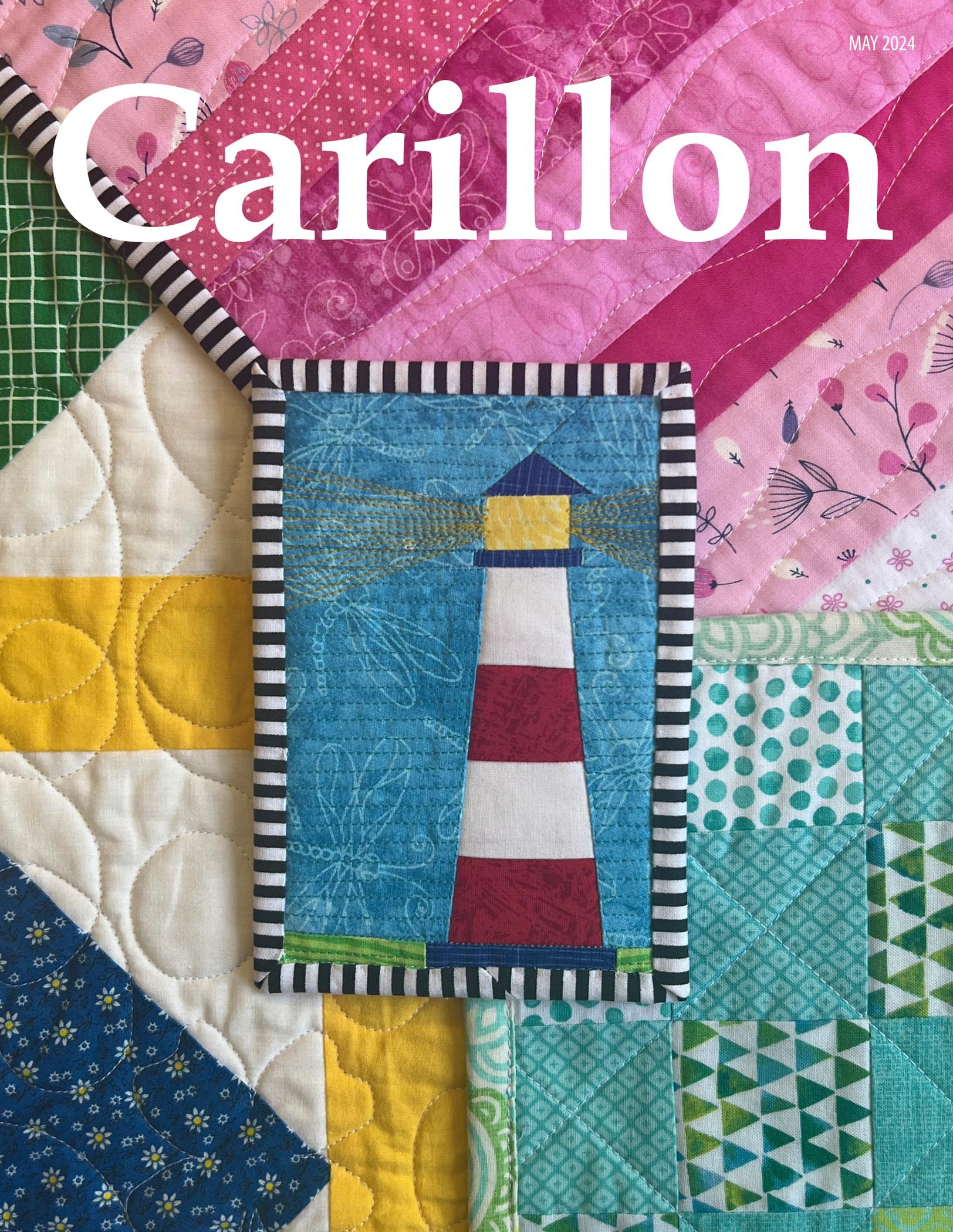


Carillon



STAFF CORNER

Dear GPMC Friends and Family,

When spring finally arrives in Michigan, we are ready! I hope your first few weeks of good weather has brought that natural optimism in you and in the activities of your life. Here at GPMC, we are excited to celebrate with our church family every week!

As May begins, we honor our Confirmands with a Session lunch on May 5, followed by their service of admission on May 12. We are proud of all the growth in their faith this year.



May 26 is a one service Sunday at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary for Memorial Day Weekend, the unofficial start of summer!

Summer programming takes a different rhythm for children and youth ministries. We'll celebrate our high school graduates on June 2 with an ice cream and hot dog social, courtesy of Parish Life Council. A few weeks later, High School students will be headed to North Carolina for their mission trip, so thank you for helping us reach our fundraising goal and for praying for them during this time (June 23-30).

Our VBS registration opened in March, and although our youth slots are all full, we are still open to rising K-4th Grade participants! Our Scuba theme of under the sea is shaping up to be a lot of fun, so we hope you jump in and join us as a volunteer! (Aug 19-23).

Wherever your travels take you this spring and summer, you can always connect in worship with GPMC on our youtube livestream. May God bless you and give you much to celebrate.

Rev. Jasmine Smart
Transitional Associate Pastor

About the Front Cover

As the Front Cover hints through the pile of fabric and stitches, Makers at Memorial is hosting their 2nd Annual Stitch-A-Palooza on Saturday, May 18 from 8:30 am – 4 pm.

One of the special opportunities during the all-day event is an afternoon breakout in the exploration of fabric postcards like the lighthouse pictured on the cover.

The free event will be filled with charity sewing, camaraderie, and chocolate so you don't want to miss it later this month!

Interested in attending? Register at bit.ly/GPMCQuiltEvent2 or call 313.882.5330.

WHO WE ARE



Grosse Pointe Memorial Church (GPMC) is a 1,100 member congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Started in 1865 as the Grosse Pointe Evangelical Protestant Association, the oldest Protestant congregation in the Grosse Pointes, our 159-year history is a rich one. The greatest treasure we have are our members. As a presbyterian church, we are a congregation where every member is a minister. GPMC is a Stephen Ministry congregation.

Our Mission and Vision Statement:

Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever, we are called and committed to living out our love by God. Through worship, study, and service, we strive to continue God's transforming work by worshiping God joyfully, welcoming others graciously, supporting one another lovingly, and faithfully responding to our community and world with compassion.

Inclusion Statement:

As a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA), GPMC is an inclusive community of faith, welcoming people of all races, gender identities, and sexual orientation, believing that God gifts and calls everyone into beloved service and community with God and others.

WHO'S WHO AT GPMC

The Reverend Dr. Jeff Lincicome
Pastor and Head of Staff

The Reverend Jasmine Smart
Transitional Associate Pastor

Dan Aggas
Head Sexton

James Biery
Minister of Music and Organist

Dave Buckler
GPMC Treasurer

Marie Calcaterra
Director of Mornings at Memorial

Lindsay Cameron
Director of Communications

Susan C. Griffin
Director of Accounting

Donna Hartzell
Executive Assistant and Volunteer Coordinator

Tena Harwick
Assistant Accounting Manager

Julie Huellmantel
Director of Outreach Ministries

Carson Landry
Resident Carillonist

Carol Beltz Marks
Director of Pastoral Ministries

Margaret Mollison
Director of Youth Ministries

The Reverend Susan Mozena
Parish Associate

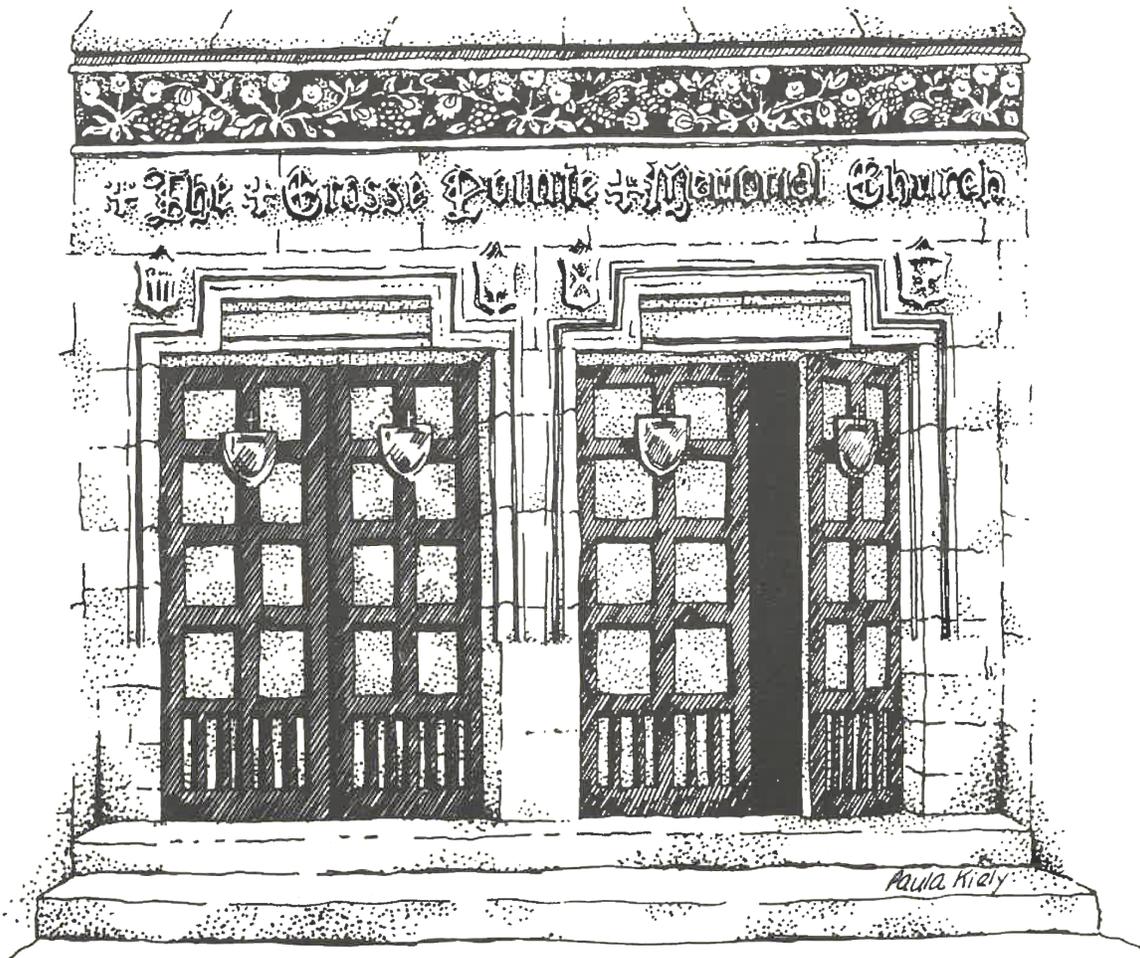
Rory Powell
Handbell Choir Director

Dan Ryan
Building Engineer

Joe Warnez
Sexton

Carol Ambrogio Wood
Admin. Assistant for Membership, Christian Education

WORSHIP AT GPMC



Eastertide Sermon Series: The Question of Jesus

Running Sunday, April 7 – Sunday, May 12

One of the beautiful things about Jesus is that he loved questions. He knew that questions draw people into relationship, with each other and with God. Join us during Eastertide as we ponder the questions Jesus asks to the people he meets. In so doing, we hope to learn more about his deep and abiding love for everyone—including us.

SUNDAYS IN MAY

GPMC's worship schedule in May is going to look a little different with the celebration of James Biery's ministry and the holiday weekend. Here's an overview of Sunday worship times in May to plan ahead!

SUNDAY, MAY 5

Worship Time(s):

10:30 am in the Sanctuary (Livestream)

5 pm in Barbour Chapel

Leading Worship:

Rev. Dr. Jeff Lincicome

Preaching Text and Sermon Title:

John 5:1-9

"Do you want to get well?"

What's Happening?

- Communion will be offered during the 10:30 am and 5 pm services.
- Children's church during 10:30 am service (Open to ages four – second grade)
- Childcare available during worship (Open to birth – three years old)
- 12 pm, Seeker's Lunch with Session
- 2 pm, Grosse Pointe Theater Outing

SUNDAY, MAY 12

Worship Time(s):

9 am in the Sanctuary (Livestream)

11 am in the Sanctuary

5 pm in Barbour Chapel

Leading Worship:

Rev. Dr. Jeff Lincicome

Preaching Text and Sermon Title:

Colossians 1:15-23

"Who Do You Say That I Am?"

What's Happening?

- Children's church during 9 am service (Open to ages four – second grade)

- Childcare available during worship (Open to birth – three years old)
- 10:10 am, The Great Tomato Giveaway

SUNDAY, MAY 19 – PENTECOST SUNDAY

Worship Time(s):

10:30 am in the Sanctuary (Livestream)

Leading Worship:

James Biery

Music by Haydn, Mozart, and others presented by the GPMC Choir and the Neuss Chamber Orchestra

What's Happening?

- Children's church during 10:30 am service (Open to ages four – second grade)
- Childcare available during worship (Open to birth – three years old)
- 11:30 am, Reception in Honor of Jim Biery

SUNDAY, MAY 26 – TRINITY SUNDAY

Worship Time(s):

10:30 am in the Sanctuary (Livestream)

Leading Worship:

Rev. Jasmine Smart

Preaching Text and Sermon Title:

Isaiah 6:1-8

"Angelic Message of Hope"

What's Happening?

- Children's church during 10:30 am service (Open to ages four – second grade)
- Childcare available during worship (Open to birth – three years old)



Fourteen: A Farewell to James Biery

BY: JUDY MASSERANG

This is not going to be yet another piece about Jim's career and about how much we love him and will miss him. Instead, I decided to take a Tuesday morning off from "music librarian" duties a few weeks ago and again, as often happens on Tuesdays, keep him from his work. I interviewed him.

First, he talked about what he hoped would be his legacy at GPMC, hoping that he has left a mark. He has always looked upon his music as a way to help people find God and to foster their prayer when they come to church. He very carefully picks organ and choral music and hymns to complement the message or theme for every Sunday. "It's an opportunity to hear music, music that is never a performance." He hopes that it has always been presented in a way that helps us to worship and to feel closer to God. He would like to think that was the case in all of his churches. "Some of my colleagues just show up to play the organ and lead singing," he said. He hopes that he's had high standards but held to them in a low-key way.

"It's common," he says, "for choir members to battle with each other. Our choir is happy." (And we are!) He's proud of that!

He's been thinking about the virtual choir through Covid. "Having our presence on screen with all of the singers' faces kept the church visible to people. It was a tremendous amount of work, but it was worth it. It was also a way to keep the choir together," even though we too had to watch on Sunday to see each other.

What's next, I asked. "I'd like to chill out a bit, rather like being on a sabbatical." And he wants to do more writing/composing. But then ...

Music publishers promote composers' music by posting recordings of the works. "I would love to do those recordings." It's really expensive to record in churches. But he and Marilyn have a virtual organ set-up at home. In Minnesota, they had the problem of not having access to an organ that had any kind of privacy, so they were always practicing "in public." "Not to mention that it was very cold in the cathedral in St. Paul." Jim knew about the developing technology that has been around since the late '90's, but it was so

new they couldn't "go see it." So they ordered three keyboards, two for hands and one for feet, and discovered that it was "quite amazing. The computer takes a pipe organ and individually records every single pipe in the organ. Then it's set up so that when you play the keyboard, you command all of those recordings to play. And with headphones, it sounds like you're really in a sanctuary. And now computers have gotten so powerful that they've made many more 'organ sets' of organs from all over the world, suitable to all kinds of organ repertoire. This will never replace the real thing, but for your house it's a game changer." So they've upgraded everything.

Jim did some recordings for Concordia Publishing House last January and February. "Concordia then sent me a huge batch to record. I can record one or two a day," he said.

Not toy trains anymore. After the flood - no, not Noah's, the one in Grosse Pointe Farms - they cleaned out their basement resulting in a beautiful empty room. "Maybe you should get out the trains you had as a kid," was Marilyn's thought. His father was in the military, and so Jim was born in England. "I was the first boy and so my dad bought German trains. They were probably not particularly expensive sold at the base exchange," he said. He fooled around with them as a kid, but it was a toy. "But in Germany, it's now considered serious model train equipment. The whole hobby has evolved a bit since 1956," he said smiling. "Now all of the toys are back in their boxes and now it's not a toy." Now he's built everything "from nothing," including tables to hold them.

And I guess it's no secret that they're planning on a move at some point to the Holland, Michigan area.

So ... sitting idly by, eating bonbons, watching TV, reading? You think so? Really?

But, in the end, I can't help but say how much we will miss him! We in the choir get to watch him play, often smiling, nodding or shaking his head conducting himself, fingers and feet flying, happy that he is able to add musically and spiritually to our feeling and thinking about our relationship to God. Thank you, Jim!

MUSIC AT MEMORIAL

NEUSS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, MAY 19

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church is pleased to welcome the Neuss Chamber Orchestra from Neuss, Germany. They will be visiting on Sunday, May 19, performing with the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Choir at the 10:30 am morning worship service. Together they will present music by Joseph Haydn and W. A. Mozart.

That Sunday will also be retiring Minister of Music James Biery's last one at the church. There will be a reception in Fellowship Hall immediately following the service to celebrate Jim Biery's 14 year ministry. If you would like to honor Jim, please send a check payable to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church with Jim Biery's name in the memo line, or donate through the church website at bit.ly/GPMC-GiveNow. Please respond by June 1, 2024.

On Saturday, May 18, at 5 pm, the Orchestra presents a concert at Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church in Bloomfield Hills. The concert features symphonies by Haydn and Mozart, Gerald Finzi's "Romance," and organist James Biery playing a concerto by C.P.E. Bach. There is no admission charge for the concert.

The Neuss Chamber Orchestra was founded in 1957 by Wilhelm Schepping to encourage and support talented local musicians. The ensemble pursues this aim by participating in the Young Neuss Artists Concert Series. Since its inception, more than 240 soloists have been presented to the public. In 1999 Joachim Neugart, choirmaster and organist of Quirinismünster Neuss, became conductor of the orchestra. Since then, he has directed the orchestra in various large oratorio performances as well as in several CD recordings, including the first performance of an award-winning composition on the "Stations of the Cross" by Thomas Daniel Schlee. In October 1992 the orchestra went on its first tour to the US, giving concerts in St. Paul and New Ulm (Minnesota). This was followed by a successful tour to Japan in the autumn of 2005 and further tours to the US in 2007 and 2010. In 2013 the orchestra travelled to Australia and New Zealand, 2005 and 2017 to Japan.

The orchestra's director, Joachim Neugart, was appointed Director of Music and organist at the Quirinismünster in Neuss in 1988. He studied church music at the Musikhochschule Saarbrücken, and was an award winner at music competitions in Bruges and Munich. Since 1999 he has been conductor of the Neuss Chamber Orchestra and since 2002 conductor of the Schönhausen Choir Krefeld. In addition, he worked for many years as a professor of choral conducting at the Robert-Schumann-Hochschule Düsseldorf. The cities of Neuss and St. Paul, Minnesota, have a sister city relationship. It was this connection that led to the friendship between Herr Neugart and our minister of music, James Biery, who served as music director at the Cathedral of St. Paul before coming to Grosse Pointe.

The Basilica of St. Quirinus in the city of Neuss, Germany (across the Rhine River from Düsseldorf) was built in the 13th century and is considered one of the finest examples of Romanesque church architecture in all of Germany. The church is dedicated to St. Quirinus of Neuss, a third-century Roman martyr whose relics were moved to Neuss in the year 1050.

If you can help us by providing accommodations in your home for one or two of our German friends on the weekend of May 18 and 19, please contact Donna Hartzell at the church office (dhartzell@gpmchurch.org or 313.882.5330).



18 Months with Ministry Architects

An Update from the Renovation Team

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church engaged Ministry Architects in August 2022 to aid in revitalizing the youth and children's ministry. The team from Ministry Architects and the Renovation Team (comprised of GPMC members) held a Vision Summit where a fresh vision, values, and goals for the youth and children's ministries were established.

MISSION STATEMENT

We include, love, and inspire children and youth in the greater Grosse Pointe area so that they may develop a meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ through joyful fellowship and service.

CORE VALUES

- *Christ-Centered: Using Jesus' loving example as a foundation by teaching, extending grace, and serving others.*
- *Inclusive: Intentionally and unconditionally welcoming people who are seeking a greater sense of belonging.*
- *Kind: Showing compassion, empathy, and grace for others.*
- *Fun: Building community through creative, enthusiastic adventures that yield exciting experiences.*

THREE YEAR GOALS

- *50 youth (5th–12th) and 75 Children (Birth–4th) engaged in at least one program on a weekly basis, September–May.*
- *Social or outreach events are held monthly for youth and quarterly for children.*
- *30 youth and 70 children's volunteers with a balance of gender and those who do and do not have children and youth in the program.*
- *Select and implement a sustainable and cohesive discipleship plan aligned with our mission statement and values.*
- *Offer five separate children's ministry summer "camp" opportunities*

Here's a snapshot of stories from work done in support of the new vision, values, and goals!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

In 2023, we had 47 children and youth participate. Registration for this summer's VBS opened mid-March, and we have 50 registered with our youth program full!

How did we get there? Focused on rebuilding trust and engagement with Realm attendance tracking, calendar planned 12 months out and synced with GPPSS calendar, Fall parent kick-off and orientation to engage parents and families, handwritten notes inviting families to register for VBS.

ONE MORNING SERVICE

As a church, we decided to have one service on the first Sunday of each month and host a fellowship event after the service.

How did we get there? We thought it was important to integrate the children and youth into the church's life for them to be seen and feel like a larger part of the body leading to children/youth liturgists on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Fellowship events are a part of the game plan to offer multi-generational engagement and contribute to service projects.

VOLUNTEERS

As a church, we recognized that to grow our footprint, we needed a better system for encouraging and recruiting volunteers. Part of the process was launching Ministry Connect, where we have had over 160 people complete the volunteer survey. Since our volunteer initiative nearly 60 people have committed to or are engaged in new ministry areas.

How did we get there? Ministry Architects worked with staff to identify current and future needs, update descriptions for every volunteer role, celebrate and recognize the efforts of those that volunteer and organize joyful and engaging training.

The above information was shared and discussed in further detail during the Renovation Team's Middle Hour presentation on Sunday, April 14. Questions on Ministry Architects, or want to help as we work towards accomplishing our three year goals? Contact Pastor Jasmine at jsmart@gpmchurch.org, or 313.882.5330.



Children and Youth

Youth Group on Wednesday Nights (Open to grades 5 – 12)

Join us from 6 – 8 pm in the Youth Lounge for dinner, Bible study, and fun. Friends are always welcome! Our final Memorial Youth night of this school year will be on Wednesday May 22, outside on Trinity Terrace. There will be a barbeque and some traditional messy fun to celebrate the fun year we had!

The Coffee House fundraiser was a success!

There was so much fun at the event, with acts ranging from some of our youngest church members to some of our oldest. The night of the event we raised \$3,700, and through the rest of March, we met our fundraising goal of \$5,000. Thank you to everyone who came out to show their support of the youth! Our fundraising efforts are going towards our 2024 youth mission trip to North Carolina, where we will provide home repair to those in rural Appalachia.

Calling all High School Graduates!

We would like to recognize all of the graduates in our church community. If you or someone in your family is graduating from high school this year as part of the class of 2024, come to worship on June 2 to be recognized, and celebrate with us at our ice cream and hot dog social! Graduates will receive a gift and be prayed over. We also would love to celebrate with you, so please email Pastor Jasmine at jsmart@gpmchurch.org or call the church office, with the graduate's name and a brief bio. You can include things like the name of school, future plans, any awards or recognitions, sports, community organizations, or other activities, etc. These should be sent to Pastor Jasmine no later than Friday, May 24.

Be an Intern with the Christian Education Team!

Internship candidates should have a growing relationship with God, express an interest in working with children, be at least 15 years of age (or finished with their freshman year of high school), and be a member of GPMC or planning to participate in the GPMC Seekers program. No prior teaching experience is

necessary. Summer employment for the interns will begin in mid-June and will conclude on August 30. Applications are due May 31, 2024 and the forms can be found at bit.ly/2024CEIntern.

Educational Scholarships

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church is pleased to offer educational scholarships for active post-secondary members of the church community through the John H. Marshall Fund and George W. Johnson Fund. To learn more and download an application, please visit bit.ly/2024GPMCScholarship. Applications are due back to Carol Wood by June 9.

Thank you to 2023–24 teachers and advisors!

We are so grateful to all our teachers and advisors for children and youth throughout the 2023–2024 school year. Your commitment to the young people of our church is such a gift, and we're so thankful for your time, energy, and love! *Thank you Beth Baergen, Mac Bellovich, Rachel Bellovich, Steve Carrier, Cam Davies, Didi DeBoer, Sabina Dykstra, Lanie Fitzpatrick, Chelsea Gilbert, Julie & Mike Huellmantel, Lisa Kelch, Sheena and Don Killinger, Blair Lee-Linsdau, Cynthia Mageau, Caroline Marks, Peter Marks, John Mishler, Nathaniel Mitchell, Mary Mobley, Margaret Mollison, Suzanne Powell, April Sayar, Elizabeth Schaefer, Cat Scholtes, Jasmine Smart, Laura Studders, and Tiffany Thomas!*

Seekers Class of 2024

We are excited to celebrate the Seekers Confirmation class this month! It is a combined group of 8th and 9th graders who participated in three retreats this past year, which included study around worship and communion, the Bible and creeds, outreach initiatives, and connecting with nature. We're grateful for the mentors and parents who helped support these youth in their faith journey. This month, they will present statements of faith to session on May 5, and on Confirmation Sunday they will make a profession of faith on May 12. *Congratulations Charlie Bedsworth, Christopher Bejin, Drew Brown, Morgan Bunn, Bobby Cooper, Morgan Costello, Sela Dykstra, Alexander Hurford, Throop Linnell, Charlie Marks, Henrik Moore, Bealia Tabor, Charlotte Weldon, Libby Willson, Alexander Young!*

Vacation Bible School, August 19 – 23

The Christian Education team is thrilled to announce this summer's Vacation Bible School program – Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God! Children and youth will spend the week diving deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. VBS week will end with the children singing at the 8:30 am service!

Morning Program: Kindergarten through 4th Grade
9 am to noon · \$45 per child, \$100 family maximum

Interested in signing your child/children up? Sign up at gpmchurch.org/scuba-vbs.

Please note the All-Day Program for Middle School students is full. If you'd like to join the waitlist for possible cancellations, contact Margaret Mollison at mmollison@gpmchurch.org.

Questions about programming or interested in volunteering with GPMC's Children (birth – grade 4)?

Contact Rev. Jasmine Smart (Transitional Associate Pastor) at jsmart@gpmchurch.org, or 313.882.5330 ext. 131.

Questions about programming or interested in volunteering with GPMC's Youth (grades 5 – 12)?

Contact Margaret Mollison (Youth Director) at 313.882.5330 ext. 142, or mmollison@gpmchurch.org.

ADULT PROGRAMMING

National Day of Prayer: 24 Hour Challenge

Join us in Barbour Chapel for the National Day of Prayer beginning Wednesday, May 1 at 6 pm. We invite you to sign up for an hour slot to come and pray during the 24-hour period at bit.ly/24HrPrayerChallenge. There will be resources available in the room to help you in this meditative time.

Volunteers Needed for Vacation Bible School (August 19–23)

Fun fact: It will take 18 volunteers per day to host VBS, in addition to our Christian Education Staff already working throughout the event. Do you like to facilitate snack time? Like to set up and tear down? Do you have a knack for science? Do you have lots of morning energy and want to burn some off with youngsters during recreation time? Are you a high schooler that needs something to do in August? Then this is the place for you! Check out our sign-up genius at bit.ly/2024VBSVolunteers. We would love to have you.

Reel Theology, May 15

Join us at 6:30 pm for a screening of “Chariots of Fire” in the 3rd floor movie theater room. As we get ready for the 2024 Summer Olympics, come watch a film about two British athletes from the 1924 Olympics, and the way their faith impacts their lives.

Preacher’s Workshop meets Mondays from 10 – 11 am in the 2nd Floor Lounge.

Chair Yoga meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 am in Room 301.

Each class is \$8. Chairs are provided. Bring your own water bottle.

Yoga meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 pm. Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall. Thursdays in Room 301.

Each class is \$10. Bring your own mat and water bottle.

Al-Anon meets Tuesdays and Fridays at 6:30 pm in the Church Library.

AA meets Tuesdays at 7 pm, Wednesdays at 8:15 am, and Fridays at 7 pm.

Women’s Bible Study meets Tuesdays from 7 – 8 am in Room 215.

Men’s Bible Study meets Wednesdays from 7 – 8 am in the 2nd Floor Lounge.

Questions? Contact Steve Voorhees at captain gadget@comcast.net.

Adult Bible Study meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 7:30 – 9 pm in 215 with Rev. Mozena.

Women’s Connection meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month from 9 – 10 am in the 2nd Floor Lounge.

Saturday Men’s Bible Study meets at 8 am at Panera in the Village.

For more information, contact David Asker at davidasker@hotmail.com.

Questions about programming?

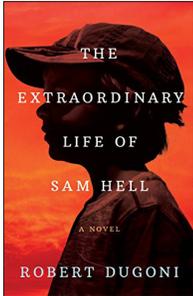
Contact Rev. Jasmine Smart (Transitional Associate Pastor) at jsmart@gpmchurch.org, or 313.882.5330 ext. 131.



NOVEL AS THEOLOGY

You're invited to read with us at GPMC's monthly book club!

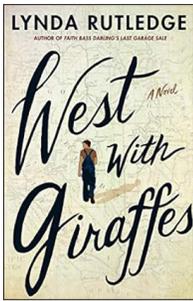
These are the final two Novel as Theology gatherings before the group takes a summer hiatus. They will return in the Fall, but if you're looking for some summer reads – don't forget about GPMC's library across from Fellowship Hall with shelves of books available for you to borrow! Stop by whenever the church building is open.



MAY: THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF SAM HELL

Wednesday, May 8 • 7:30 – 9 pm

Join us at the home of Wendy Beal (754 Sheldon, Grosse Pointe Shores) where Renee Catrambone will lead the discussion of the work by Robert Dugoni – an inspirational tale of a boy who overcomes the tremendous obstacles occasioned by the color of his eyes.



JUNE: WEST WITH GIRAFFES

Wednesday, June 12 • 7:30 – 9 pm

Join us at the home of Ellen Creager (1281 N. Oxford, Grosse Pointe Woods) where she will lead the discussion of the work by Lynda Rutledge – a novel inspired by the incredible true story of two giraffes who made headlines and won the hearts of Depression-era America.

GPMC Financial Update - Year to Date			
3/31/2024			
	Actual	Budget	Fav (Unfav)
Pledge Offerings	\$ 106,920	\$ 76,000	\$ 30,920
Non-pledge Offerings	\$ 13,439	\$ 20,000	\$ (6,561)
Endowments & Other Income	<u>73,376</u>	<u>75,525</u>	<u>\$ (2,149)</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 193,735	\$ 171,525	\$ 22,210
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 178,947</u>	<u>\$ 189,866</u>	<u>\$ 10,919</u>
Net Income (Deficit)	\$ 14,788	\$ (18,341)	\$ 33,129

Please see the Financial Update box for a snapshot of our receipts and expenses in 2024 through March.

In March \$2,056 was given for the March Hunger recipient, the Helm, Meals on Wheels program. They will receive that plus the full \$2,000 match from Outreach.

Thanks to all who support our monthly hunger programs.



NEW GPMC MERCH

Limited-edition GPMC baseball hats have arrived! They're perfect for summers on Lake St. Clair, the golf course, taking in a game at Comerica, or protecting you from the sun on Trinity Terrace. They're available for \$25.

We also have GPMC branded coffee mugs available for \$10.

Interested in purchasing? Reach out to communications@gpmchurch.org.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Saturday, June 1 • 9 am – 12 pm

Are you interested in joining the church? Do you know others who are looking for a church home?

We will hold our next New Member/Inquirer's class in June. Continental breakfast will be provided and childcare is available upon request. New members will be welcomed in the worship service on June 9. RSVP to Carol Wood at 313.882.5330, or cwood@gpmchurch.org.

ICE CREAM & HOT DOG SOCIAL

Sunday, June 2 • 11:30 am – 1 pm

Everyone is invited to join the Parish Life Council on Trinity Terrace to celebrate our graduating seniors. There will be ice cream, hot dogs, chips, and beverages! Bring friends and family of all ages for fellowship, food, and lawn games after the 10:30 am service.

Register through bit.ly/2024IceCreamSocial, call the main office line at 313.882.5330, or next time you're at church – sign up at the front desk!

BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, June 5 • 12 – 6 pm

All blood types needed! Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. It is essential for surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries. Whether a patient receives whole blood, red cells, platelets or plasma, this care starts with one person making a generous donation! GPMC is inviting you to give something that means something with a blood drive. To schedule an appointment, visit at gpmchurch.org/blood-drive-june-5.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

GPMC is seeking a Full-Time Director of Children's Ministries to lead the Christian Education programming for all children (infant – grade 4) and who will teach God's love through word and deed and leads by example as a teacher, role model, mentor, and friend. The full job posting with responsibilities and experience required is available at gpmchurch.org/job-opportunity.

Questions or wish to apply? Contact Brent Kelso (Personnel Council Chair) at bkello@gpmchurch.org.



NEEDLE NEWS

from Makers at Memorial

Stitch-A-Palooza 2 is coming on Saturday, May 18!

Last year we hosted our first and invited around 25 different quilting and sewing groups from all over the metro Detroit area. We had around 30 participants. The purpose was to promote fellowship and fun while using our particular sewing skills for the glory of God. What did we do? We sewed. The only real requirement for participation was that each sewer worked on some sort of charity project. We provided kits or they could work on their own or their guilds. The end product could be donated to the charities we supported (BuildingBeds4Kids and Samaritas), donated to their own particular charity or a charity that their guild, group or church supported. It didn't matter. You add in a free lunch, a lecture and workshop by a professional quilter and passionate Christian, chocolate and new friends - it was a fun and successful first time event.

This year we are hoping to attract 40 quilters from around Detroit to participate in the all-day sewing extravaganza (8:30 am - 4 pm). We have another "famous" quilter scheduled to present a morning lecture entitled "Rockets to Rotary Cutters." Sarah Ruiz is an aeronautical engineer with NASA by day and an award-winning quilter after hours. In the afternoon there is an optional workshop exploring fabric postcards. Sarah popularized these a number of years ago and they are a fun and creative make. Most all of the materials will be supplied but you need your own sewing machine. If this workshop doesn't interest you, you are welcome to continue to sew for a charity and chat with a fellow quilter. There are door prizes and swag bags, chocolate & caffeine with new friends and old.

You must pre-register to save a space! We're hoping you can join us!

RSVP through the church website (gpmchurch.org/stitch-a-palooza-may-18), call 313.882.5330, or signup at the Front Desk next time you're at the church!



Ministry Spotlight on Makers at Memorial

Worship Council member Michelle DeLand presents a new interview series in the monthly Carillon highlighting different ministries at GPMC and the faces behind them beginning with Makers at Memorial. Ever wonder the creative mind behind projects like Bear-A-Thon, Stitch-A-Palooza, Fired & Fused workshops, Make & Take? Look no further than the Second Floor Sewing Room where Nancy Eckert and the rest of the Makers stitch, create, socialize, and joyfully do service work.

For the past two years, Nancy Eckert has been part of the team of Makers at Memorial, helping to make our baptisms special by creating quilts for the newly baptized. While many are infants, sometimes, like at the service on March 17, a family was baptized and each member was gifted a quilt that was appropriate for that individual.

Enjoy this Q&A between Michelle and Nancy!

Michelle DeLand: Describe what you do.

Nancy Eckert: We meet on Thursdays from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm and also from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. You can come to either or both sessions. We work on a variety of projects, from baptism quilts to fidget quilts, that we make and gift to a variety of organizations. The baptism quilts are a way of welcoming the baby or person baptized into our church family. They are sewn with love especially for the recipient in celebration of their baptism.

MD: How long does it take to make one of the baptism blankets?

NE: It depends on the pattern and the quilters' skill level, but generally about 12 – 15 hours.

MD: Does it take any training to be a member of Makers at Memorial?

NE: No, you can come as you are. Learn to Quilt classes, that run for about six weeks, are offered periodically but are not necessary. The group will collectively support a “newbie” learning the craft. You can also bring your own projects to Makers at Memorial and work on your project as you enjoy the fellowship of the other members.

MD: How did you get involved in Makers at Memorial?

NE: I was welcomed into the prior group, called Soulcrafters, and they got me hooked into this ministry. After Covid, there wasn't anyone who could commit to continue the group. With the support of the remaining Soulcrafters, I “re-branded” the group, tweaked it slightly and it is flourishing. Our church members share their excitement and enthusiasm using God's gifts for others.

MD: What is the most challenging thing about what you do?

NE: One of the most challenging things is trying to curb the enthusiasm of the group – myself included! We are so excited to give to others that we often want to bite off more than we can do. We need to stay focused on our goals. Our hearts are bigger than that which our hands can make!

MD: What gives you the most joy in your role?

NE: The fellowship of the group. Also, our commitment to service. I am profoundly committed to this ministry.

MD: Tell us one thing about yourself that many people might not know.

NE: I always stop for lemonade stands – keeping plenty of change/singles in my glovebox at all times. I will stop no matter where I'm headed or who I'm with – I develop a mighty thirst and I tip liberally. I also enjoy talking to the budding entrepreneurs and discussing their business plans, market forecasts, etc. I know it ties back to the sheer joy my kids had when a “stranger” came to their lemonade stands and supported their small business. When your major source of income comes from losing your teeth, every quarter counts. Lemonade stands make me smile.

MD: Do you do anything to center yourself on a regular basis?

NE: I center myself in prayer. In the morning it's a prayer looking at how I hope the day will be and how I will be. In the evening, it's about gratitude.

Nancy lives in Grosse Pointe Park with her wonderful husband of 37 years. They have two children: a son and his wife who have two boys, and a daughter and her husband who live in Chicago with their 4 year old.

Hearing about Makers for the first time, or have always been curious about participating? You're invited to join on Thursdays from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, and 6:30 – 8:30 pm in 2nd Floor Sewing Room.

During the month of May, the Makers activities will center around Stitch-A-Palooza prep!

- May 2: Making Fabric Name Tags
- May 9: Cutting Quilt Kits
- May 16: Unfinished Stitch-A-Palooza Business
- May 23: Recovery & Debrief on the Big Day
- May 30: Open Sew

OUTREACH

A SPECIAL THANKS FROM THE HELM

Dear Friend,

A quick note of gratitude for participating in our March for Meals for Meals on Wheels fundraiser.

Thanks to you, we raised more than \$18,000, surpassing our \$15,000 goal. The number of Meals on Wheels clients are growing, and thanks to generous donors like you, we can ensure that no one in the Harper Woods and Grosse Pointes is put on a waitlist for the program.

Thank you for joining us in supporting these individuals. We and the beneficiaries of the program are extremely grateful for your kindness!

Warm regards,
Elizabeth Johnson

"Thank you for the meals you give me. Thank you for all that you do, it is much, much appreciated. And the people that deliver are kind to do it out of their own heart."

– A testimonial from a Meals on Wheels recipient.

SECOND MILE CENTER CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, May 4 • 9 am – 12 pm

Help us make the outside of Second Mile Center (18391 Morang, Detroit) look as warm and welcoming as it is on the inside. Whether you can clean a garden, a playground, porch or windows, we have need of your talent. Join us for a fun-filled morning helping those who need us. Bring tools if you can! Register at bit.ly/SMCCleanUp.

DRIVE BY FOOD COLLECTION FOR SECOND MILE CENTER

Saturday, May 11 • 10 – 11 am

GPMC gives thanks for the work of church member Ruth Azar at The Second Mile Center (SMC). Help her help others by shopping with the suggested items list found in the lobby or on the church website. Come to the church parking lot where friendly volunteers will load up their cars with your groceries and bring them directly to SMC.

Would you like to be one of our happy volunteers working from 10 am – 12 pm to unpack vehicles or bring the food to SMC? If so, sign up at bit.ly/DriveByFoodDrive2024.

THE GREAT TOMATO GIVEAWAY

Sunday, May 12

You are invited pick up a tomato plant, tend it, grow it, and reap the harvest. Then bring that harvest to church on Sundays in August and September for us to deliver to Crossroads East along with any other harvested items that you want to donate from your garden. It's an opportunity for the whole family.

UNPACK THE TRUCK

Friday, May 17 • 8:30 – 10:30 am

St. John Presbyterian Church continues to help the hungry in their neighborhood with our help. GPMC welcomes our members to serve the waiting line of hungry families, on foot or in cars. Join us at St. John's! Register to help at bit.ly/UnpackTheTruck2024 for May, or a future third Friday of the month.

MAY HUNGER OFFERING

Available every day in May

This month's hunger offering recipient is Gleaners Community Food Bank. Gleaners provides food to more than 400 partner soup kitchens, pantries, shelters and more. They are working toward a hunger-free community in southeast Michigan. Every dollar donated this month when you use the blue pew envelopes, the give now tab on the church website, or by sending a check with "Gleaners" or "Hunger Offering" on the memo line will be matched up to \$2,000 by the Outreach Council.

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY SANDWICHES

Available every day

We invite GPMC members and friends to help us continue providing peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to the elderly and unhoused of Detroit. Register at bit.ly/PBJSandwiches23.

FREE FOOD FRIDAYS

Available every Monday, Thursday, and Friday

Each week volunteers gather at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church (8625 E Jefferson Ave, Detroit) to prepare and give food to the hungry. The program has expanded beyond Fridays. On Mondays, the food is prepared. On Thursdays, the food is sorted. On Fridays, the food is given away. Work is done in the mornings at JAPC. Sign up to help at makefoodnotwaste.org/events.

HAPPY CHEEKS

Second Saturday of the month

Socks and underwear are always valued by those in need. Our youth-driven program of providing these is always active. Your donations can be made to the coat room off the lobby at any time, purchased directly through happycheeks.org, or dropped off at 286 Lothrop in the Farms on the second Saturday of the month.

More information on upcoming Outreach events can be found on the gpmchurch.org homepage.

Questions about programming or interested in volunteering with Outreach?

Contact Julie Huellmantel (Outreach Director) at jhuellmantel@gpmchurch.org, or 313.882.5330 ext. 138.



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PASTORAL NEWS

Praying for one another is an important and loving gift. The staff of GPMC meet every Tuesday morning and offer prayers for members of the congregation. Using our directory, the staff pray for the parishioners on one page each Tuesday as well as other prayer requests from the congregation.

If you have a prayer request, please contact Carol Marks at cmarks@gpmchurch.org or 313.882.5330. May God continue to surround you with love and care.

BAPTISMS

Gwyneth Lee Linsdau
March 17, 2024

Patrick Henry Linsdau
March 17, 2024

Natalie Kaleel Linsdau
March 17, 2024

Jackson Henry Linsdau
March 17, 2024

Weston Joseph Kathir Linsdau
March 17, 2024

BIRTHS

Olivia Paige DeBoer
March 16, 2024