

Grace Covenant Weekly News | August 30, 2018



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*"We must cling to each other with a tenacity that will shock the perpetrators of
evil."*

~ Steve Biko, "Black Consciousness and the Quest for a True Humanity"

Sunday Preview

Sunday, September 2, 2018

Worship services @ 8:30 & 10:30 AM

Sermon: "Prophets and Profits" by Marcia Mount Shoop
Scriptures: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27

GCPC Palooza 2.0 | September 8, 2018 | 1-8 PM Grace Cares, Grace Sings, Grace Abounds!



Service opportunities, bouncy houses, games,
hamburgers, hotdogs, ice cream, AND . . .
A SOCK HOP to celebrate GCPC's 65 years!
Dust off your poodle skirts, roll up your jeans and
sleeves and get ready to enjoy your faith community
and kick off the fall!

[Click HERE to RSVP!](#)

Sunday morning has a fresh new look at GCPC!

- 8:15am Worship
- 9:15am Sunday School
- 10:15am Fellowship, Pre-Worship Meetings, Choir practice
- 10:45am Worship

And here are the links to "Where's Richard?" Parts 1 and 2, so you can delight in the difference just a few minutes can make!

Part 1: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MW2fCTXI_Hc&feature=youtu.be

Part 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ek6K7-uyZXE&feature=youtu.be>

URGENT NEED for Nursery Volunteers!

Thank you to all who stepped up to help in the nursery. **We are still down 8 volunteers** in the nursery as we head into the fall! **PLEASE** consider signing up to help with this important ministry. This a commitment of only 6 Sundays for the whole year. Contact Heather ASAP at hferguson@gcpcusa.org if you are interested or have questions.



Parent Gathering | Sunday, Sept. 2 | 11:45 AM – 12:45 PM | FH

Meet Heather and hear about some of the plans for the fall involving children birth – 5th grade, families, and intergenerational gatherings. Snacks and childcare provided.

Boxing, Bagging and Delivering Potatoes | TOMORROW, August 31 | 8 AM | GCPC parking lot

The potatoes have been dug and are in the shed at the Cole Family Farm and need to be sorted, boxed, bagged and delivered to our community

partners--no bending and stooping in the potato patch--just good blissful work and conversation in the shed--what more could you want on Friday before Labor Day? **Please meet in the GCPC parking for a prompt 8 AM carpool departure to the Cole Farm.** Please bring a smile, good conversation, gloves, water and a energy snack. We will return before noon. Thanks in advance for your boxing and bagging, just doesn't get any better!



A Warm Welcome to YTL After School Program!

We're excited to take another step with our Ministry Partner, Youth Transformed for Life (YTL). The YTL After School Program begins at GCPC on Tuesday, September 4th. They will be in the Fellowship Hall and Atrium 4 - 6pm, Monday through Friday. The After School Program serves kids from Asheville City Schools and Buncombe County Schools and provides a safe place for participants to learn and grow through mindfulness in a supportive community. If your GCPC group would like to provide a snack or help in any other way, please contact the church office.

Stewardship Corner

Tithing v. Pledging

There are many terms used to describe giving money to a church. Two of the most common, "tithing" and "pledging", are related but different. Pledging means stating early in the fiscal planning cycle what you intend to give of your time, talent and money to church during the coming year. It isn't a binding promise but is your best estimate of what you will contribute to the ministries of the church.

Tithing, on the other hand, means different things depending on who you ask. While we often think of it as giving 10% of one's income, the term originally referred to farmers giving a portion of their livestock or crops to help feed the needy. For some church members today, that's translated into committing to give a certain percentage of personal resources to the church.

No matter how you frame consideration of your giving plan for 2019, we appreciate your discernment of how God is leading you to support and to further the work of GCPC in the coming year. Members of the Stewardship Committee are available for any questions you may have should that be helpful to you.

Stew Crew 2018-2019:

Jeff Curtis and Lynne Meacham, co-chairs

Susan Curtis, Nancy Gaskin, Jean & Jim Veilleux, Heath & Peggy Rada, Susan & Roger Meade

Creating Sanctuary Team (CST)

Creating Sanctuary Team Meeting | Sunday, August 9 | 11:45 AM | Garden Room



Another Amazing, Marvelous, Terrific, Fabulous Souper Wednesday is coming our way on Wednesday, September 19. Here is your chance to join a PLS Soup Crew as we serve lunch to the faithful Pisgah Legal Services staff.

We need more folks to provide fruit and treats and to serve as hosts. To volunteer for this fulfilling opportunity, contact Nancy Gaskin at nancy.gaskin@gmail.com or Glenda Burgin at glendasb2@gmail.com.

Special thanks to the August folks who made Souper Wednesday superb: Mary Berg, Lynne Noble, Bryant Smith, Debby Wolcott; Amy, Hazel, and Zeke Wiesner; Kathy Meacham and our youngest host ever, Josie Legerton High, 9 months old!

~ Submitted by Tish Anderson

Power and Race Team (PART)

PART Meeting | Thursday, September 13 | 7 PM | Garden Room



Michael Twitty – Culinary Justice: Defining a Theory of Gastronomic Sovereignty | Thursday, September 6 | 7:00 – 8:30 PM | UNCA, Lipinsky Auditorium

Michael Twitty, culinary historian, Judaic studies teacher and creator of the blog [Afroculinaria](http://Afroculinaria.com), will deliver UNC Asheville's Fall 2018 Greenfest Keynote Lecture. This event is free and open to

everyone.

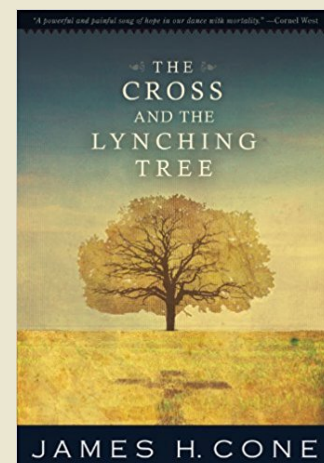
Last Fall the GCPC Session re-committed our participation with and support of Christians for United Community (CUC). Tyrone Greenlee and the CUC Advocacy Team are inviting us to discuss James Cone's *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*. Our Racial Justice Book Club has already discussed this powerful book. It's worth examining again with a larger community. Please consider coming to one or all of the sessions.

WHAT: Christians For A United Community Book Study
WHEN: Sunday, September 9th, 2:00–3:30, continuing every other Sunday through November 18th

LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church on 9/9/18

BOOK: Dr. James Cones' *The Cross And The Lynching Tree*

REGISTRATION: Please let CUC know if you plan to attend by emailing CUC at cucasheville@bellsouth.net or going to the CUC Facebook page. Drop ins are



Earth Team



Join the EARTH Team at the Palooza!

1–3pm Service: We'll be doing a clean-up along Riverside Dr. (More details in next week's e-blast)
3–5pm: Fun for everyone, especially kids. Kids can paint their own bird and bat house to take home (Please bring a little pocket money to cover costs of these bird or bat houses, built by EARTH Team members), and learn fun facts about birds and bats.

Hard 2 Recycle Event | Saturday, September 15 | 10 AM – 2 PM | [ACE Hardware](#) (Swannanoa)

Hard 2 Recycle events are free to the public collections geared to bring awareness to other modes of recycling to our area. Four quarterly held collections to cover the four corners of the County and one central event in Downtown Asheville. Our goal is to educate, collect and divert items that would normally end up in the Landfill i.e Styrofoam, Electronics, Books, Batteries, Cooking Oil and much more. Click [HERE](#) for a list of acceptable items.



GROW

***Education Hour (for all ages) will begin on Sunday, September 9th.**



Wisdom in the Woods | Friday, October 12 – Sunday, October 14 | Lake Logan, NC

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: SEPTEMBER 3RD!

Are you a woman who has a few decades under her belt? Do you remember bell bottoms or even poodle skirts? Would you like a chance to connect on a closer level with each other than sometimes it

feels like life and schedules allow? We will be taking some time together at beautiful Lake Logan which lies in a pristine valley near the Blue Ridge Parkway. This will be a time for fellowship and also digging deeper into our faith together

with Samantha Gonzalez-Block who will lead us in programming. *Cost is \$225. Registration has begun (and ends on Sept. 3)! Forms are available [HERE](#) or on the credenzas outside the sanctuary. Space is limited, register soon!*

SERVE

Guatemala Group Meeting | Tues., Sept. 4 | 5:30 PM | Jerusalem Rm

VRQ—BBQ Cook Team | *Next cook date: Tuesday, September 4 | 4:45 or 5:45 PM | VRQ, 1329 Tunnel Rd., 28805*

Come help us serve a meal to the veterans! Come at 4:45 to help cook or 5:45 to help serve. This mission service has a long history. We would love for you to be a part of the service & camaraderie. Questions? Contact [Bill Neeriemer](#).



Haywood Street Congregation Clothing Bin

The SERVE Council is delighted to announce that the Haywood Street Congregation Clothing Bin is in place and ready to accept donations. We want to express a huge thank you to all the church members who have volunteered to transport the donations to the Haywood Street Congregation facility.

Here are a few guidelines to keep in mind as you share your used items with the folks at Haywood Street:

- Please limit your donations to seasonal clothing. Haywood Street does not have the storage capacity to store out of season clothing.
 - It is important to bag donations before placing them into the bin. Using trash bags no larger than kitchen size trash bags will make it easier to fit your donation into the bin and easier for the volunteers to retrieve and transport to Haywood.
 - Men's clothing is the #1 need. All men's clothing will be utilized. Men's pants in size 30-34 are especially needed. Underwear, socks and t-shirts are always needed.
 - Women's clothing is needed. Children's clothing is accepted but is not a priority.
 - T-shirts of all sizes are needed. T-shirts work for both men and women.
 - Shoes are needed, especially work boots and tennis shoes.
 - Toiletries needed are toilet paper, women's feminine products, shampoo, deodorant. Hotel sized samples are welcome.
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"Making Ends Meet: Women and Poverty in WNC" | Thursday, October 4 | 5:30 or 7:00 PM | U.S. Cellular Center

Pisgah Legal Services presents the 8th Annual Poverty Forum featuring Kathryn Edin, a Professor of Sociology and Public Affairs at Princeton University. This year's forum focuses on the challenges faced by women and how they are disproportionately affected by poverty. Approximately 75% of Pisgah Legal's clients are women.

Tickets:

\$50/person for Cocktail Reception and Forum (5:30 pm)

\$15/person for Forum only (7:00 pm)



*[Click HERE to buy tickets](#). *Sponsorship opportunities are available.*

Find out more by contacting Michelle Spiegel at Pisgah Legal Services: 828-210-3773 or [click here](#).

Housing request from Asheville City School Foundation

Nieva is an AHS grad and social justice champion who went off to college and is RETURNING to Asheville to work with our marginalized students through programs of the [Asheville City Schools Foundation](#). Nieva is on her own and needing some of the social networks of support that many of us probably had post-college. Remember all those start up costs? A car? First, last and deposit on an apartment? Nieva needs a place to live in town near a bus line. She'll be financially self-sufficient and able to pay Asheville rent but needs some breathing room to save for a car (unless you have one to share) and can't step into an apartment and pay all the upfront costs right now. Help launch this amazing change-agent! She is an asset to our community and just the kind of person we need in Asheville.

- Do you have a room in your house you could share or rent? Could be short-term or long-term.
- Do you have an extra car you could rent this fabulous woman? Or sell to her over time?

Nieva is open to creative ideas from nannying her way into a place in West Asheville to housework to whatever. Please contact Kate Pett at kate.pett@acsgmail.net if you are able to help support Nieva.

Updates from Asheville Poverty Initiative

- [12 Baskets Cafe Newsletter](#)
 - [A Letter from Rev. Shannon Spencer](#)
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Click [HERE](#) for a link to the 2017-2018 GCPC Ministry Partners brochure.

CARE

Support Group for Cognitive Impairment | Wed., Sept. 5 | 12:00 PM | Garden Room

This support group introduces techniques for daily living with such issues, led by Paul Rogers, a retired physician in our congregation. **We welcome new participants at any time.** Contact [Richard](#) with questions.

PW September Circle Meetings

#1 | Tuesday, Sept. 11 | 10 AM | GCPC Fellowship Hall

#2 | Tuesday, Sept. 4 | 7:30 PM | Ann Brown & Melissa Hicks | 14 Springdale Rd.

#5 | Monday, Sept. 10 | 10 AM | WNC Baptist Retirement Home

Announcing!!

2nd Wednesday of the Month |
Dinner at GCPC | 6:00 PM |
Fellowship Hall

Many of you have been asking for more opportunities for fellowship. You asked for it, you got it! Take a break from cooking and make some space for connecting with your church community. We have also invited the YTL (Youth Training for Life) families participating in the after school program to join us. So, it's a chance to make new friends as well!



The meal will be catered and these events are intergenerational. (No childcare) RSVP to [Sherrie](#) by 12:00 pm on Tuesdays so we can have a rough estimate. But, if you forget to RSVP we hope you'll still come!

Beginning October 10th!

Deacon of the Week

Each Sunday morning there will be a deacon available for everything from praying with you to giving you a tour of the building. This deacon will be wearing a purple sash and stationed in the narthex before 10:30 worship and in the front of the sanctuary after worship. He or she is also available during the week if you or someone you love needs assistance from our board of deacons.



This week: Walt Justice email: stjamesvt@charter.net



Youth News

Save the Date: Youth Group Kick-Off (6th – 12th graders) | Sunday, September 9 | 5 – 7 PM | GCPC

Are you ready to make positive changes in your community and world? Are you ready to build new friendships and grow in faith? Are you ready for a whole lot of fun with your church family? Then you are ready for youth group to begin! Pizza dinner (with gluten-free, dairy free options) will be provided. *Parents are asked to join us at 6:30pm for a quick information session about what the year has in*

Senior Highs (16 years old & older) Habitat House Building Day! | Saturday, September 15 | 8:15 AM – 3:00 PM

Share God's love and put your hands to work by helping build a Habitat home for our partner family. Sign up by this Sunday, September 2 by contacting Samantha sgblock@gcpcusa.org. Space is limited and participants must be sixteen or older. Get ready for a great time!

Prayer List

[We are happy to pray for anyone who is in need. Concerns will stay on this list for a month unless we hear otherwise. Please keep us updated.]

Jerusalem Church congregation

Sherry Harcke (Les Stradley's friend)

Pat Cocke (Les Stradley's friend)

Glenn Russell (Robin Gaiser's brother)

Francis Miller (Nancy Miller's son)

Steve and Joanna Bowman (Mike Fleenor's brother-in-law and sister)

Nancy and Richard Schaadt (Donna Robertson's sister and brother-in-law)

Dagmar Peguero-Olinger (Mary Craig's friend)

Shaketia Simpson and children (Habitat Partner family)

Jon Breen (Daniel Breen's uncle)

Pam Morrell (Penny Ponder's daughter)

Buster Fipps (Amber White's stepfather)

Hettie Lou Garland

Dot Holladay

Teresa Stern

Betty Smith

Madge Francis

Margaret Rada

Debbie Lee

Steve Dykes

Amanda Pressley

A Memorial Service for long-time former GCPC member, Sara Dixon, will be held at Givens Estates on Saturday, September 29th at 2 pm in Pulliam Chapel. Many of you will remember Sara and her dedication to Presbyterian education and mission work.

Grace Covenant Community Out and About...

**MY PLACE IN RACE: AN
EXPERIENTIAL RACIAL EQUITY
WORKSHOP | Saturday,
September 29 | 9:00 AM –
4:00**

**PM | Evergreen Community
Charter School ([50 Bell Road](#))**

This free workshop seeks to help 6th – 8th grade students participate in



My Place In Race

An experiential racial equity workshop
for middle school students

Saturday, Sept. 29
9:00 - 4:00

Space is limited!
Apply by Sept. 10

Register at:
<https://tinyurl.com/myplaceinrace>



This free workshop seeks to help 6th - 8th graders:

- participate in meaningful and intentional dialogue around the concept of race
- engage with the dynamics of the oppression/privilege model
- understand and self-identify their own racialized identity
- formulate and employ their own form of engagement in the greater global conversation around racial equity

Location: Evergreen Community Charter School
50 Bell Road | Asheville, NC 28805

Lunch, snacks, and transportation will be provided.



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Better Angels Conference | October 8-11 | Montreat, NC

This conference will examine the biblical, theological, and sociological understandings of power and the church's relationship to it. When do we build power for the gospel, and when do we resist the powers that oppose it? How is power necessary for congregational leadership, and when does it divide? How do we wield power in the church in unifying ways without diminishing Jesus' radical call to discipleship? Click [HERE](#) for more info and to register.

****Mention that you are from GCPC and you will get a \$25 discount.***



"Open Hearts" – Support Groups for Christian Youth and Their Parents Facing LGBTQ Challenges | 1st and 3rd Thursdays | 6 – 7:30 PM | Central UMC ([27 Church St.](#))

Support Groups for Christian Youth and Their Parents Facing LGBTQ Challenges

You are a loved child of God and wonderfully made!

We invite lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth aged 12 to 18 to gather in a safe space to share and support each other as you grow in your faith and overcome the unique challenges you face while living as God created you.

Youth and parents/adult family members will meet separately. All Christian faith traditions are welcome. Participation will be kept confidential.

1st and 3rd Thursdays 6-7:30pm
(During School Year, starting back up 9/6)

Central UMC, 27 Church St Asheville

Contact Deanna at 434-242-7911 or openheartsasheville@gmail.com with questions. Enter at Visitor's Entrance.

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