



Demonstrating the Love of God through
Worship, Mission and Outreach



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Presby-Notes

Heavenly Father, we come to you in prayer, knowing that you are the LORD who heals me (Exodus 15:26). We ask that you take away sickness, infirmity and pain from us and restore us to health (Psalm 103:2-3)



Pat A., Linda R., Katie F., Terry C., Evy, Dan, Bob (terminal cancer), Brian G., Jim Bisesi, Wendy, Dave (terminal cancer), Deb, Sherry, Jeannie (cancer), Patrick, Ingrid (ALS), Jeff (in rehab), Tammy, George and his caregivers, Ray (broken femur), Art, Adam, Joey (pneumonia), Tris (surgery), for the many people who have been plagued with bad colds, flu, pneumonia.

Continued prayers for members who are shut-in including Lila and Roy, Ruth, Shirley, Lisa G., Sheila, Pat and Pete, John and Dolores, Rosemary, Joe, Theresia, Louise, and Gary Baker.

We ask for prayers for the family in Dearborn (friends of the Harmons) whose home was destroyed by fire

We ask for prayers for the Jacubiak family for their loss of Steve.

We ask for prayers for the family of Gary who passed away.

We join you with joy for the birth of Sol in Korea. Sol is the baby of Spencer, niece of Blair.

Gary Baker and his family welcomed his second great-grandchild. Frances Evelyn was born on 12/27. Frances is the daughter of Molly, Lynette's daughter.



Theresia Cameron	7-Jan
Ruth Pettit	22-Jan
Dolores Kayganich	23-Jan
Joe Toth	24-Jan
Linda Powrozek	29-Jan
Becky Falk	30-Jan
Lisa Grube	30-Jan



To Be a Light in the Darkness

... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works

and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

[Matthew 5:16](#)

In his book Body Life, Ray Stedman says, "To some, the church is nothing but a snooty religious country club with traditional rituals as sacred as those at a fox hunt. To others, the church is a political action group, a pressure bloc of do-gooders, waging battle against social ills. Some see the church as a kind of nonsegregated waiting room for people expecting to take the next bus for heaven. ... Others think of it as a regular meeting of religious hopheads enjoying their weekend religious jag. To many, the church is ... a religious democracy trying to legislate morals for the rest of the world. Let us be perfectly honest and admit that the church has been all these things, at many times and places. ...

"Nevertheless, despite its many weaknesses and its tragic sins, the church has been, in every century since its inception, the most powerful force for good on the face of the earth. It has been light in the midst of darkness so dense it could be felt. It has been salt in society, retarding the spread of moral corruption and adding zest and flavor to life."

(smallchurchconnections.com)

I don't know if you see your experience of church anywhere in Stedman's first paragraph. I do pray that you have seen it, that you have experienced it as the force for good, as the salt and light in a morally corrupt world that his second paragraph describes.

As we in this church begin a new year, we will be considering what Garden City Presbyterian Church is and what it is called by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to be.

Aware that within our worshiping community there is a diversity of social and political leanings and that in the greater society these differences have been honed and sharpened and highlighted to such an extent that it can feel

like we are hopelessly at odds, we have to determine if we will, if we desire to, find a way to work and worship together.

This is worshipping community of Christian believers, and as such we know we are absolutely in agreement on one thing: our belief in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. This basic tenet of the Christian faith provides the firm foundation on which we build our life together.

Our particular worshipping community also is uniquely gifted in its ability to make people feel welcome and at home. There is not a new-member class I have led that has failed to have at least one member say they've felt welcomed, felt at home when they entered this church. Another unique gift we see demonstrated again and again by this worshipping community is an absolute desire to serve those in need.

Because differences have become so bitter in our nation, we need to make an even greater effort to remain a family, to not let stances on social issues or political rhetoric distract us from what unites us: our belief in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, a desire to love and serve our savior by both sharing his love with all we meet and making that love known through serving those in need.

In this coming year let this be our prayer, that the members of Garden City Presbyterian Church make every effort to continue to work together to become a "powerful force for good on the face of the earth" and a "light in the midst of darkness."

New year blessings to all,

Pastor Theda



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

Date	Leader	Counting Team	Usher Team	Acolytes
01/05	Nancy Wolter	2	4	Emily
01/12	Malcolm McBryde	3	1	Imrielle
01/19	Susan Lerner	1	2	Dallas
01/26	Carolyn Davidson	2	3	Darren

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

WEEKLY meeting

Sunday Morning – 9A Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Tuesday Mornings – 10A PW Craft Circle

Wednesday evenings – 6P Adult Bible Study



January 16, 2025
7:00P



January 9, 2025
6:00P

Property Committee	1 st Sunday of the Month	11:30A
Worship Committee	01/02	7P
Finance Committee	01/08	7P
Visioning Committee	3 rd Wednesday of the Month	7P
Christian Education	4 th Wednesday of the Month	7P



Our Community Outreach Commitment

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| Radio Club | Third Tuesday of each month at 7P |
| AA Meetings | Monday 8P
Tuesday 8P
Wednesday 7P
Thursday 7:30P
Friday 8P
Sunday 8P |
| Overeaters Anonymous | 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month 1-2 PM |
| Scouts | Troop 77284 Monday 5:30P
Troop 1841 off-site |



Session Highlights in November 2024 Carol Morgan, Bookkeeper

Income	Actual November	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	\$over/ (under) YTD
Pledge Giving	6618.60	93302.56	97975.13	(4672.57)
Non-Pledge	2360.00	31085.41	22536.25	8549.16
Other General Fund Income	959.00	27251.68	12900.55	7333.77
Total General Fund Income	9937.60	144622.29	133411.93	11210.36
Other Income (non- budget)	8115.99	35308.92		
Total All Fund Income	18053.59	179931.21	133411.93	11210.36

Expenses	Actual October	Actual 2024	Budget YTD	\$(over)/ under
General Fund Expense	11287.30	143499.69	137059.73	6439.96
Other Expense	2495.45	17137.16		
Total All Fund Expense	13782.75	160636.85	137059.73	23577.12
General Fund Net Profit/Loss	(1349.70)	636.23	(3647.80)	4770.40
All Fund Net Profit/(Loss)	4270.84	19294.36	(3647.80)	22942.16

- Nominating – The new slate of officers were in attendance at the session for the purpose of examination per the Book of Order. Installation of the new officers will be held on 12/29/24
- Personnel – no report
- Worship – Advent season and list of readers presented. To present a lesson on H. Longfellow I Heard the Bells. Candlelight service on 12/24. Pastoral Coverage by Brian Sampson on 12/29. Request for servers for Communion on Jan 5th.
- Christian Education – no report
- Fellowship, Care & Outreach – always looking for coffee fellowship volunteers.
- Mission – Carol Morgan reporting that Crop Walk numbers were excellent for GCPC and working in getting next years up and running. GCPC had 13 walkers and donated \$1400. Both were 2nd in participation of the participating churches.
- Visioning Committee – Reporting Quarterly next meeting is Jan 22nd.
- Property committee – Still need to get quote for parking lot. We have received a new quote to replace the Electronic Sign. We are using a new insurance company beginning 01/01/2025. We will be canceling Church Mutual. Refrigerator has been fixed.
- Other Business – church directory will be printed in November.



**Board of Deacons
October meeting**

**Malcolm McBryde, Secretary and
Interim Treasurer**

The Deacons in December welcomed one new member – Josh Beels – and welcomed back Angie Smith, who's on board for a new 3-year term, as well as Dave Radcliffe, who's back with us after a year off. Our focus last month was on distributing Thanksgiving baskets to 12 families in Garden City, Westland, and Romulus, which was completed successfully. This month, our Wish Tree gift collection served the children in those families with Christmas gifts. About 80 gifts were collected (2 per child). Wish Tree gifts will be distributed on Sunday, Dec. 22 after the service and fellowship hour. Gifts are going to 11 of the 12 families (one family indicated they didn't need gift assistance). Our Advent Dinner on Dec. 12 served roughly 60 people, including those who provided the evening's entertainment. Many in the congregation brought dishes to pass (thanks!). Pam Parys helped with her signature meatloaf. She's not a Deacon, so we're especially grateful for the assistance. Harmony Town Chorus regaled us after dinner in the sanctuary with Christmas tunes. As for serving those with physical ailments, the Deacons wish to remind everyone that they stand ready to help folks in need of short-term meal help while recovering from illness or other life interruptions. Just ask any Deacon or secretary of Deacons, Malcolm McBryde. Deacons vital statistics for November: 26 people were served by the food pantry in the 3-week period between Nov. and Dec. meetings. In addition, the Deacons moved to open the food pantry on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve as those dates happen to fall on a Tuesday -the normal day of food pantry operation. Thanks to all for your support with food!

For those of you who may remember the Peter family:



Zelma Peter, wife of the late Robert, mother of the late John Peter. Beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Zelma passed away on January 6, 2025 at the age of 94.

Condolences to the family.



GCPC Men

For the past two months, a men's group has held informal meetings, inside and outside the church. Tentatively named "GCPC Men", the group invites ALL men of the church, both members & friends, to participate in the life of the church and enjoy social activities together. In November, this group began meeting for breakfast at the Big Boy restaurant on Ford Rd. in Garden City to discuss future activities and come up with ideas for fundraisers. For example, GCPC Men is willing to take the lead as the church-based organizers of the annual Car Show, effectively replacing the committee that's existed the past two years for that event. Also, five men in the church have already begun delivering "Meals on Wheels" to shut-ins and disabled residents of Garden City on Mondays. But we need more input! This is an emerging group still formulating an Agenda for 2025. Our next breakfast meeting will be on Saturday, January 18 at 8 am at Big Boy. Come and join us! Your ideas are welcome!

John Peters,
GCPC Men

Special Event **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**



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January 25, 2025

5:30P Pizza and Salad dinner

You are asked to bring a dessert to share

6:00P Trivia Starts

Prizes will be given



Our last meeting was held December 7 with 4 members attending.

We decided on our special mission giving:

- Purchased a new sewing machine to remain at the church for anyone to join our group
- Purchased 3 sewing machines from the PCUSA Giving Catalog which will be used launch businesses that mend, alter and sell clothing and linens;
- Sent 2 shares of loans to World Vision to support entrepreneurs

We will be hosting the scouts in March, working on another project.

We gave a baptism quilt for Ellie Paillou on December 8th

We met our goal of 20 blankets for Project Linus.

Next month we will review our goals for 2025

Do you knit, or crochet? You are welcome to join us even if you don't quilt. But if you would like to quilt...we can help with that too.

Peace Works



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Holiday Break - Office Closed					8pm - AA - SH	10am - Sewing Hope - SH 1pm - Overeaters Anon
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10am - Worship - Star 8pm - AA - SH	5:30pm - Troop 77284 8pm - AA Group SH	10am - Craft Circle 8pm - AA	6pm - Adult Bible Study 7pm - AA - SH 7pm - Finance Committee	6pm - Deacons Meeting 7:30pm - AA Group - SH	8pm - AA - SH	10am - Elder Deacon
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10am - Worship - 8pm - AA - SH	5:30pm - Troop 77284 8pm - AA Group SH	10am - Craft Circle 8pm - AA	6pm - Adult Bible Study 7pm - AA - SH	7pm - Session Meeting - 7:30pm - AA Group - SH	8pm - AA - SH	1pm - Overeaters Anon
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10am - Worship - MLK 8pm - AA - SH	5:30pm - Troop 77284 8pm - AA Group SH	10am - Craft Circle 7pm - Radio Club - SH 8pm - AA	6pm - Adult Bible Study 7pm - AA - SH 7pm - Visioning	7:30pm - AA Group - SH	8pm - AA - SH	11am - Private Funeral 5:30pm - Trivia Night
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
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