GPS FAITH NEWSLETTER

Join us for worship every Sunday at 9:30 am

What's New

The month of November is full as we spend time in Stewardship beginning Sunday November 8 and going till the 22nd. This time of year is great to reflect, recalibrate and gear up for the year that is soon coming. Throughout November we will be gathering gifts for LSSI and their 'Adopt and Angel' program that blesses kids in foster homes in our area. Your gift gives some Christmas love to a kid longing to feel God's love. Please bring back your gifts wrapped and with their tag on them by December 1. We would also love your help to clean up the roadside of Forest Hills Rd after worship on November 8. This work helps us to care for the creation that God has given to us. November is a great month also to spend some time reflecting on your gratitude and God's gifts. One practice that may be helpful would be to keep a gratitude journal adding in your thanks every day.

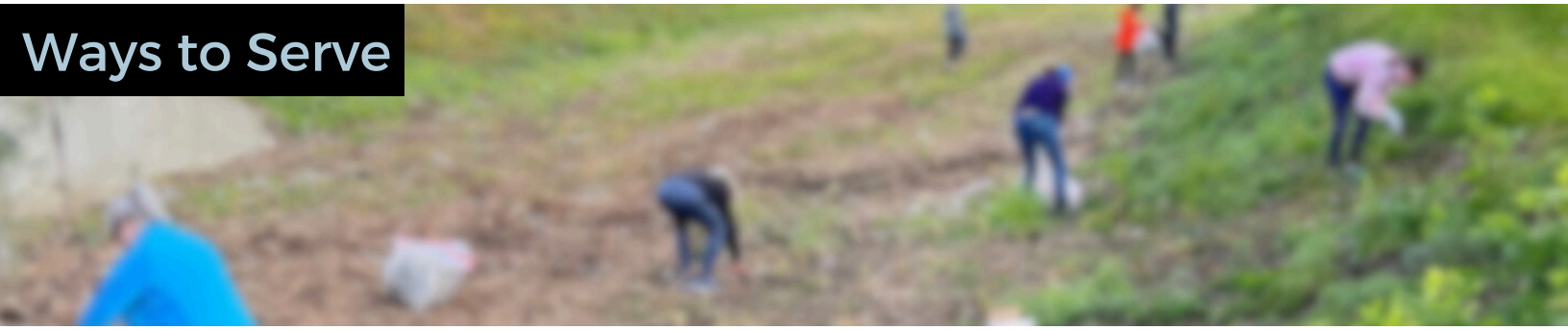
Pastors Message

GPS Family (God's People Serving),
At GPS we don't just recognize the ways we serve/love/worship together but also the daily impact our faith community has on the lives and relationships we share. It is an amazing thing to be the body of Christ together and it is a joy to find connection and community. Throughout the month of November we will be highlighting our stewardship life together and how we use/join our gifts to what we do here at GPS. We'll spend time with God's story to help inform how, when and in what ways we give. Seeing all of life as a gift from God helps to transform the ways we give and in the spirit with which we do it. The work of stewardship truly is life long so this year the hope is that we grow just a little in how we see God, ourselves and the world God made.
In God's generous Love,

Pastor Brandon Nelson

"Careless
in the
Care of God"
(Matthew 6:27)

Ways to Serve



OUR COMMUNITY

Senior Center: The Senior Center at GPS meets every week on Tuesday's. They would love for you to join them for some games and time together. It is a great way to connect with others and have some fun. They meet every Tuesday from 10 am -2 pm.

Sunday Funday: Every first Sunday of the month we have a fun fellowship time with a themed snack. In December we will share cookies and carols together.

OUR CHURCH

Roadside cleanup: We'd love to have you join us for some fall Roadside cleanup up after service on November 8. We will be cleaning the roadside of Forest Hills Rd.

LSSI Angel Hope: Every year during the month of November we partner with LSSI to help provide Christmas presents for children within Foster Home care. This year we have tags on the Christmas tree in the coffee bar. Grab a tag, go shopping ($25-30), wrap/bring back and attach the tag by December 1.

Trunk or Treat: Thank you to all who helped with our Trunk or Treat event at GPS this past month. It was a great time where we had 400 neighbors join us, almost 20 trunks decorated and a fun filled time. Thank you also for all of the donations of candy and time.

Light up the Parks: The village of Machesney Park celebrates the holiday season with a parade and tree lighting on November 22 at the village center. GPS has been serving Hot cocoa, cookies and a warm welcome to those at the tree lighting. If you would like to help let Pastor Brandon know.

Giving

September GIVING NUMBERS

Expenses: $23,060 Giving: $13,810

Ways to Connect



SMALL GROUPS & BOOK STUDY GROUPS

(HERE ARE OUR GROUPS THAT ARE CURRENTLY MEETING)

Wednesday Morning: Are you interested in digging deeper into the Sunday reading before we get to Sunday? This group meets weekly at 10:00 am on Wednesday to go through the readings for Sunday spending time digging deeper into God's word. If interested send an email to pastorbrandon@gpsfaith.com

Faithful Readers Book Club: Interested in joining? email info@gpsfaith.com

Water Walkers: Currently meeting at GPS after Sunday service. Interested email info@gpsfaith.com

Third Sunday: Are you interested in studying a book together after service? We will be starting a new book study that will meet every third Sunday after service. Interested email info@gpsfaith.com. This group will begin meeting again in November will be the 15th. Going through Henri Nouwen's 'The Return of the Prodigal Son'

GPS Families: Are you a family here at GPS or know of a family that is longing for connection? We have a group of families where they take time connecting through a meal, having fun with each other and activities. Children are welcome. We will get together in October for a bonfire/s'more night. For more info email Pastor Brandon at pastorbrandon@gpsfaith.com

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Prayer: In need of prayer please email us at prayer@gpsfaith.com or call us at the church office and leave a message at (779) 221-8491

Hospitalized: If you are in the hospital and would like to be on our prayer chain or have a pastoral visit, please call the church office at (779) 221-8491. Also, please notify the hospital of your affiliation with GPS Faith Community when you check in.

Worship Every Sunday
Online and In-Person at 9:30 am.

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Youth & Kids

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Coming Up

We are having a great year so far learning about God's story together. Sharing God's story and growing in it together is truly a joy. We are moving closer to the end of the year and the holiday season with our Christmas program.

Sunday School (Pre-K-5th grade)

The end of the year is soon approaching and we look forward to our Christmas program at GPS again. Save the date of December 20 for the program. We are looking to hear from you about your child's interest/involvement. Please fill out the FORM.

Upcoming dates

- November 29
  No Sunday School

Pathwayz (6th grade-8th grade)

Confirmation is a 3 year program of faith formation at GPS. We meet directly after service on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month. If your student is entering 6th grade next school year check in about the upcoming year.

Upcoming dates

- Nov 8
  class/Roadside
- Nov 22 class

Compass (High School) Youth

At GPS we love growing in our faith together. This is a lifelong process and is important at every age. We are gearing up for the 2027 Youth Gathering and we will meet at times throughout the summer. If interested in going to the Gathering (June 28-July 2 in 2027) please fill out the FORM.

Upcoming dates

- Pantry serving
  Nov. 12 and Dec 10
- Hang out