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# KGPC FEBRUARY NEWS



## A Difficult Decision Regarding the KGPC Boy Scout Troop #419

You may have heard about the many challenges the Boy Scouts of America has gone through the past few years: filing for bankruptcy, over 82,000 lawsuits filed against them, and even some denominations like the United Methodist Church asking their churches not to recharter their troops. That started us asking some questions and getting more information about our responsibilities and liability as a chartering organization. Scott Wilhoit as Clerk of Session, Al Linberger as our Scout Liaison, Jeff Hammaker as a legal perspective, and myself all met with the Boy Scout Tidewater Council folks as well as our troop leaders. We had over an hour conversation about liability issues, expectations from charter organizations, other options if we don't recharter, and actions the Tidewater Council intends to take in recruitment and involvement. All of this information was relayed to Session as well as the manual for chartering organizations and other Boy Scout materials.

Session discussed whether or not to re-charter Troop 419 at both their December and January meetings. As painful as it was, Session unanimously decided not to re-charter our troop for 2022. We emphasized over and over that they are welcome to meet here and that we want them to be successful, but we cannot fulfill the chartering organization requirements. We no longer have any youth or adults directly involved in the program which has dwindled to 5 scouts with 2 of them hoping to become Eagles this year. With the many activities happening at this church, we just don't have the volunteers, staff, or interest to be involved in the scouting program as chartering organizations need to do. We also thought the increased liability risk from rechartering was not something we wanted to take on. We continue to reiterate our support of this troop and our willingness to allow them the use of our facility as they have always done.

The Boy Scouts have been an important part of KGPC for decades and many of you have been involved in this ministry in some way over those years. Thank you to everyone who has been part of Troop #419 and the many lives who have been touched through this ministry. It is difficult when something that has had such a positive impact on so many for so long comes to an end. We are hopefully that the troop will continue in some way and serve the youth who continue to be part of it. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact myself or Scott Wilhoit.

Keep Growing, Shining, and Loving,  
*Pastor Chris*

## WORSHIP



Our livestream is available Sundays on YouTube and also on Facebook! Use the links below. The links will also be in the Sunday Morning Worship email.

Visit our  
Facebook page to

Click [HERE](#) for Sunday Livestream 11 AM Worship  
Services from our Youtube channel

worship  
with us live.



Click [HERE](#) for this week's  
Bulletin

## Snow...Again?

Yes, it looks like we have a snowy forecast for this weekend again. Our plan is to proceed in a similar way as last weekend. We will have worship for those who want to come and encourage everyone else to join us virtually from home.

The best way to keep up with any last minute decisions or changes is to get our KGPC app and turn on notifications. You can look for it using "KGPC" where you find your apps. We will notify everyone through our app if any of our classes or activities are cancelled this weekend. We will also send out an email with the same information.

Sunday Feb. 13, 2022

After the  
11:00  
Service

**CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING**

**KGPC ANNUAL MEETING &  
ELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE**



### Winter Worship Series Glorifying God Through Music: The Story Behind the Words

Every song has a story. The story includes the first spark of inspiration, the initial words scribbled on a piece of paper, a tune hummed, a theology verbalized, a biblical

message shared. The story may include controversy, an endorsement from a leading theologian, or a faith crisis. The story could have begun 20 years ago or 120 years ago with a poem, an anonymous single verse, or a deep passion for peace. This Winter Worship Series will focus on six familiar and less familiar songs as we explore the story behind the words and the faith lessons we can learn through them.

#### Jan. 30– When We Are Living

Romans 14:1–9

In a small Mexican town near the border of Texas, a young boy grew up singing the lyrics of an anonymously written Spanish verse which held great meaning for him in his later years when he went through difficult times. He wrote three additional stanzas to this traditional Spanish melody as he focused on the importance of giving and receiving through sorrow, joy, and service. How might this hymn help you face times of suffering or death in your life? "Hard times will prove us, never remove us;" writes the author, "we belong to God, we belong to God." When we truly belong to God, nothing else in life really matters.

#### Feb. 6– Let There Be Peace on Earth Isaiah 9:6–7; John 14:25–27

After a failed suicide attempt, Jill Jackson knew God loved her unconditionally and

had a purpose for her life. Sharing a common dream for peace, she wrote the lyrics to this song while her husband composed the melody. Peace begins with each of us as we receive this gift from the Prince of Peace. Jesus promised peace to his followers which empowers us to go out and spread that peace in the world. Peace on earth may never be fully realized, but with the peace of Jesus in our hearts, we can do

### Feb. 13– Pressing On

**Philippians 3:7–16**

This song could very well be our theme for 2020–2021. In this midst of Covid, we press on. In the midst of grief and death of precious loved ones, we press on. In the midst of injustice and chaos, we press on. In the midst of temptation and addiction, we press on. As Paul is sitting in a jail cell, he writes about pressing on toward “the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.” While this world often tempts us and distracts us, we must stay focused on Jesus and with perseverance press on toward our higher calling in him.

### Feb. 20– Jesus Loves Me

**Matthew 19:13–14; John 15:9–17**

Few songs have been as meaningful from cradle to grave as this one. The great theologian Karl Barth quoted this song when asked to give a summary of all that he had learned. The Bible is a love story that culminates in Jesus Christ giving his own life out of extravagant love that we might have eternal life in him. That love is extended to us not when we reach a certain understanding of God, not when we achieve specific Christian milestones, not when we make ourselves worthy or deserving, but his love is offered to us when we are small children seeking his attention. It’s never about what we have done, but about what Jesus has done for us because he loves us so very much. The Bible tells us so.

### Feb. 27–I Danced in the Morning

**Luke 2:4–7; Matthew 4: 18–22;**

**Matthew 12: 9–14; Matthew 27:57–60; John 11:21–27**

Jesus as the Lord of the Dance takes the lead in showing us how to live a faithful life. He is the piper who is calling us to shape and pattern our life after him. The lively Shaker tune, “Simple Gifts,” captured the heart of this message which was patterned after a 17th century English carol. The hymn outlines the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus with a refrain that assures us of Jesus presence “wherever you may be.” What does it mean for you to dance in the footsteps of Jesus?



**Word Share Prayer** is a monthly scripture reading/reflection that Session and the leaders of ministries use to start their meetings. We will be including this in the monthly ENews for you to use throughout the month to read and to meditate on.

**READ: [Article –What does the church need to unlearn from the pandemic?](#)**

**Reflection Questions:**

1. What is one thing we have learned as a church during COVID–19?
2. What is one thing we may have to unlearn to go forward in this still unsettled world?
3. What underlying issues were revealed during the pandemic?
4. What would be one way we could develop a more "hybrid" approach to relationships and technology?
5. How do you answer the question, "My congregation's reason for being as part of God's mission in the world is ... ?"



## KGPC COVID PROTOCOL

The use of masks and social distancing are required  
*at all times* while in the church building.

We also have reinstated sitting in every other pew during worship.

## CURRENT HAPPENINGS AT KGPC

Sunday, January 30

Tuesday, February 1

9:30 AM- Faith Formation  
11:00 AM- One Worship Service  
12:30 PM- Confirmation Class  
5:30-6:30 PM- MS Youth Fellowship  
7:00-8:00 PM- HS Youth Fellowship

### Monday, January 31

9:00 AM- Trinity Preschool  
9:30 AM- Quilters

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6:30 PM- Grow Ministry Mtg.  
7:00 PM- Care Ministry Mtg.

### Wednesday, February 2

7:00 AM- Prayer Breakfast  
9:00 AM- Trinity Preschool  
10:00 AM- Esther study

### Thursday, February 3

9:00 AM- KAFA

Click [HERE](#) for Full  
Calendar

Click [HERE](#) for February  
Birthdays

## GROW

### FAITH FORMATION

All Sunday morning faith formation classes from 9:30–10:30 AM are virtual except for Middle School. There is no High School Class this Sunday.

- Combined children class: ([Zoom Link](#)) Meeting ID: 853 1640 8640
- Middle School Classes will meet in person in Rm. 102
- Adult Classes:
  - The Sermons of MLK- ([Zoom Link](#)) Meeting ID: 853 1640 8640
  - Elijah & Elisha- ([Zoom Link](#)) Meeting ID: 839 6631 7622  
Passcode: 747877

**Confirmation:** 12:30–2:30 in the Fellowship Hall

**Sundays:** Middle School Youth Fellowship/5:30–6:30 PM  
- High School Youth Fellowship/7:00–8:00 PM

**Wednesdays:** 7:00 AM- Prayer Breakfast

**Wednesdays:** 10:00 AM- The Study of the Book of Esther/[Zoom Link](#)  
Meeting ID: 862 3081 6145

Contact [Amanda Pine](#) for Zoom/Hybrid information

### February Youth Calendar

#### 6- Youth Fellowship

To keep everyone safe, we are going to move chili making to February 6th from 3PM–8PM. This will take the place of regular youth group. We will have pizza together while we cook, and enjoy fellowship.

#### 12- Parent's Night Out Fundraiser Fellowship Hall, 6PM–9PM

Parents will drop off their children in the Fellowship Hall for free babysitting from the youth. All middle schoolers and high schoolers are invited to assist in this event.

#### 13- Chili Fundraiser 8:45AM–12:30PM, Fellowship Hall

Youth will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30AM to hand out chili and cornbread to those who have ordered it. No Youth Fellowship tonight due to the Super Bowl

#### 20- Youth Fellowship

**MS:** Join us from 5:30 PM–7:00 PM for Youth Fellowship. We will enjoy fellowship time together from 5:30–6:30, and then eat dinner with the high schoolers from 6:30–7:00.

**HS:** Join us from 6:30PM–8:00 PM for Youth Fellowship. We will eat dinner with the middle schoolers from 6:30–7:00, and then separate to enjoy fellowship time together from 7–8:00.

## 27- Winter Shelter Mission Project-TBD

We will do a mission project with/for our neighbors.

### Confirmation Program 2022

Confirmation classes are starting after a few postponements. We have 8 confirmands that are taking classes that will help them to better understand theology, polity, the Bible, and to help them grow in their relationship with God. At the end of the program, they may choose to get Confirmed and become members of King's Grant Presbyterian Church.



#### Students:

Jackson Bennett  
Alex Carrasco  
Joshua Leidel  
Caleb Leidel  
Hannah Otto  
Izzy Powell  
Maddy Reynaldo  
Marion Shupp

#### Mentors:

Ben Chidester  
Pat Bowling  
Jeff Black  
Dan Duquette  
Julie Seipel  
Bob Larose  
Audrey Malagon  
Amanda Pine



### Presbyterian Women's Circles February 11th Meetings

Elizabeth Circle: 10:00 AM in the Parlor.

Lydia Circle: 10:30 AM at home.

Eve Circle: 7:00 PM - will be meeting by Zoom ONLY in January and February. Contact [Pamela Ponce](#) for the Zoom information.

Circles meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month

If you need more information,

contact [Cindy Hiddemen](#) (757-717-9723) or [Pam Ponce](#) (757-340-2926)



Click [HERE](#) for this week's Wired Word

# WINDOWS ON WORSHIP

*A Family Worship Experience*  
February 19 & 20, 2022

Children & families will learn together about the parts of worship to create a more meaningful worshipping experience for the whole family. This class is primarily geared towards second graders and above. Register at [KGPC.org](http://KGPC.org)



## Saturday, February 19

- 9:00 AM** Donuts, Coffee, & Juice (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:15 AM** Station One
- 9:35 AM** Station Two
- 9:55 AM** Station Three
- 10:15 AM** Station Four
- 10:35 AM** Station Five
- 10:55 AM** Gather as a Large Group (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:15 AM** Dismiss

## Sunday, February 20

- 11:00 AM** Worship with Certificate Presentation (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 PM** Reception (Fellowship Hall)

## Station Descriptions

**Come, Now is the Time to Worship:** This station will meet in the sanctuary and feature music and an introduction to why we worship together (Sanctuary)

**The Light of Christ:** This station will talk about bringing the light into the sanctuary & the role of children in that special job (Parlor)

**Hearing & Responding to the Word:** We will talk about why we read scripture in worship, and how we respond to the words of God that we hear (Connection Point)

**Sacraments in Worship (Baptism & Communion):** Learn more about the sacraments that we celebrate together in worship (Fellowship Hall)

**Life as Worship:** Go out and serve the Lord! How do we serve God in our lives and live generous lives? (Room 118)

**Register  
HERE**

KGPC YOUTH FUNDRAISER

# SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

Tuesday March 1, 2022

5:00PM-7:00PM

in the Fellowship Hall



Donations Accepted

## Join us for a celebration of Shrove Tuesday!

We will be having an all you can eat Pancake Dinner. The youth are fundraising for summer trips, so come, eat, and donate to help send our youth to their trips.

Why eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday? In Christian traditions, the 40 days before Easter are known as Lent, and they mark the time that Jesus spent fasting in the desert. Traditionally, Christians would mark the period with prayers and fasting, abstaining from a whole range of foods, including meat, eggs, fish, fats and milk. The word 'shrove' comes from the old Roman Catholic practice of being 'shriven' - meaning to confess one's sins. The shiving bell would be rung on Shrove Tuesday to call people to church to confess.

Before Lent could begin in earnest, all edible temptations needed to be removed. This took place over a period of days known as 'Shrovetide'. Meat such as bacon would be eaten up on 'Collop Monday' (a collop is a thin slice of meat). And on Shrove Tuesday eggs, butter and stocks of fat would be used up. One of the easiest ways to dispose of these items was to turn them into pancakes or fritters, a custom which continued long after the Church of England separated from the Roman Catholic Church in the 16th century.



## What Christians Can Do About Antisemitism



FEBRUARY 27, 2022

9:30 AM-10:30 AM

PARLOR & ZOOM

GUEST SPEAKER: RABBI DR. MICHAEL PANITZ

From Temple Israel, Norfolk VA

## CONNECT

# Parent's Night Out

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH, 2022  
6-9 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

Children will have dinner, a movie, and some crafts while you enjoy your night out. Register at [KGPC.org](http://KGPC.org)



## When is the last time you had some time to yourself?

Drop your kids off at church, and have a night to yourself! Children will enjoy a dinner, a movie, and some crafts in the Fellowship Hall at KGPC. Register your kids today by visiting our [website](#). We will ask for a donation for services provided. All donations benefit the KGPC youth programs.

## SERVE



### WINTER SHELTER

King's Grant Presbyterian Church will be supporting Winter Shelter guests in coordination with the PIN Ministry from **February 23 through March 1**.

Winter Shelter guests will not be housed at KGPC this year. Winter Shelter guests will stay at the Ambassador Hotel near the Pavilion at the Oceanfront starting mid-January.

We have been asked to prepare dinners for the guests for our week. We will need up to 70 dinners and drinks per night. The dinners will be prepared by a different group of volunteers for each evening. We will package the dinners at KGPC then take the dinners to the hotel and with the help of PIN staff we will distribute the dinners to each guest's room.

We will need at least 3-4 people to knock on outside (not hallway) doors at the hotel and deliver the dinners. Masks should be worn at all times (and guests will be masked, too).

You can volunteer to assist **any day or every day** in packaging dinners each evening or in transporting and delivering dinners, or both.

Please contact Kevin or Sue if you have any questions. To volunteer, please use the [Connect Card](#) (also found in the worship bulletin each week) or contact us by phone or email:

[Sue Mooney](#) (757) 995-6090

[Kevin Mooney](#) (757) 995-6064

Thank you so very much!



**Volunteers and donations  
needed  
for March PIN lunches.**

Please contact [Suzy Farley](#)  
if you are interested in helping

out.

# MARCH

Donations (Leave by 3/9/22)

- 30 Fruit cups \_\_\_\_\_
- 30 Gatorades \_\_\_\_\_
- 30 packs of cookies \_\_\_\_\_
- 30 bags of chips \_\_\_\_\_

Help making sandwiches and packing (12:00 on 3/10)

Driver to deliver lunches to PIN (between 1 and 4 on 3/10)

## Learn about Money

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**Instructors and coaches** needed to assist people in their budgeting processes! Volunteers will go through virtual training before becoming an instructor or coach. If you are interested in volunteering for this program ([Bank On Hampton Roads](#)), please contact [Emily Balke](#).

## FINANCE & GENEROSITY

### January Session Summary

The 2021 KGPC Statistical Report which showed our membership at 442, a decrease of 1 member, was presented and approved. Thank you to Donna Perry for gathering and submitting the information to Presbytery. Elder Leah Burak served as Commissioner for the Stated PEVA Meeting and reported on her attendance.

Following Nominating discussion the Session elected Daryl Mitchell and Karen Pleas to serve on the Nominating Committee. A Congregational Meeting to elect the other 3 members was set for February 13, 2022.

In order to account for the 2021 deficit of \$22,613 and ensure the General Fund is maintained in accordance with KGPC policy, Session transferred \$11,391.00, which represents approximately half of the deficit from the Future Projects Fund. The other half is absorbed by the General Fund.

Session revisited our current Covid protocols and decided to make no changes for February.

Following conversations with advisors, other churches and over a month of prayer and discernment, Session voted unanimously not to re-charter Boy Scout Troop 419 for 2022. We support the troop and they are welcome to continue use of our facility as they have always done. Concerns included future risks, Boy Scout expectations of Chartering Organizations and lack of involvement or participation by KGPC at a time existing Ministries have stretched our energy and bandwidth to the limit.

Session once again considered a motion from the Connect Ministry to update our current KGPC Alcohol Policy. After lengthy discussion and the request for additional time for discernment, the motion was tabled until next month.

### KGPC FINANCIAL REPORT PERIOD ENDING: December 2021

#### MONTH OF DECEMBER

Cash Income	\$55,133
<u>less Cash Expenses</u>	<u>(\$58,212)</u>
Surplus(Deficit)	(\$3,079)

## YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON

	2021
ACTUAL GENERAL FUND INCOME:	\$607,517
ACTUAL GEN. FUND EXPENSES:	<u>(\$630,131)</u>
DIFFERENCE:	<u>(\$22,614)</u>

	2020
	\$643,378
	<u>(\$601,073)</u>
	\$42,305

### ***Audit Review Findings:***

*Under the direction of the Session, the Finance Team has just completed having our financial records reviewed by the accounting firm Stephen Merritt and Associates. They looked over our records from 2018 through 2020, and for the first time the records for Trinity Preschool. Based on their review, they do not believe "any material modification should be made to our financial statements" as they were presented. This means our records were found to be in order. In addition, they suggested items we should review for internal control. Even though most of these are covered by our policies, the Finance Team will make it a priority to review these in the coming year. The total review documents will be available upon request.*

Click [HERE](#) for the Finance Team Report for December, 2021

## A NOTE FROM GENEROSITY

Thank you faithful givers to King's Grant Presbyterian Church! Your generosity of time, talent and treasure has made you an important partner in the many ministry opportunities that changed the lives of individuals, enriched our community, and glorified God throughout 2021. Your giving helps God's light shine into the world!

One of the Generosity team goals for 2022 is to help manage our resources wisely. This year our team is working to reduce our expense of postage. In the coming weeks, our financial administrator, Jill McNulty, will be emailing giving statements to all those who have an email address on file. If you would like a statement mailed to you through the USPS please contact Jill (J.McNulty@kgpc.org) and she will be happy to send it out to you. If you received the ENews through the mail, your statements will be mailed directly to you.

Your giving is greatly appreciated and absolutely essential to shining God's light into the world. The leadership of KGPC is very grateful for your generous support for the work and mission of KGPC!

THANK YOU!

## CARE



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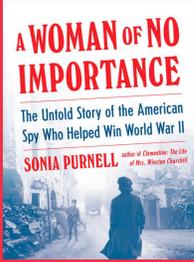
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CALLERS/ VISITORS  
TO CONTACT FOLKS WHO  
COULD USE SOME CHEER.

CONTACT  
DEB  
SHARPE

**Looking to spread some cheer?**  
The CARE Team is looking for callers /visitors to contact those on our longer term prayer list for King's Neighborhood. If interested in being part of this important ministry, please contact [Deb Sharpe](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS & SPECIAL INTERESTS

BOOK CLUB



February 22nd at 7:00 PM in the Parlor  
*A Woman of No Importance* by Sonia Purnell

March 29... *Single Thread* by Tracey Chevalier

Contact [Julie Seipel](#) if you need a book.



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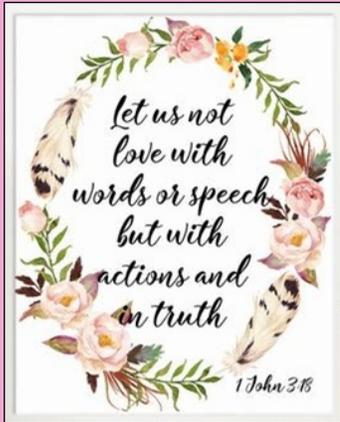
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**Service Times**

9:30 AM – Faith Formation Classes  
  
11:00 AM – Traditional Worship Service

**Directions**



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