Gettysburg Presbyterian Church

GRAPEVINE

October 18, 2017

"The Pastor's Page"

Grief Support Series
Begins October 29th

We will once again offer our four-week grief support group entitled: "Dealing with Grief and Loss: Hope in the Midst of Pain." The group will be led by Charlotte Winsheimer and Anne Gallon, two of our Stephen Ministry Leaders.

The group will meet on Sunday afternoons from October 29th through November 19th in the Eisenhower Lounge from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

The group is open to anyone who has experienced death or loss of a spouse or loved one and who would be interested in exploring their experience further with others in the same situation. If you have any questions or would like to sign up for the group, please contact Rev. Lou Nyiri at 334-1235, ext. 4 or gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org.

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Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.
~ John 14:27

Happy Birthday to...

November 2
Luke May
Steve Rathgeber
November 3
Cherie Black
Hope Sanders
November 4
John Doerr
Barry Simon
November 5
Andrea Crowe
Lori May
November 6
Lydia Casteel
Ann Ellefson
Al Moroz
Chase Tritle
November 7
Colin Burke
Chase Whiteman

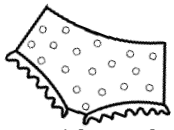
November 8
Cian Fitzgerald
November 9
Catherine Bahm
Libby Crowe
Abby Fernandes
Ashley Gladfelter
Kendal Sease
David Wright
November 10
George Marguglio
Barry Wareham
November 11
Richard Maue
Heidi Merwede
November 12
Helen Stabler
November 13
Fran Salisbury
November 15
Joseph Swatsworth

November 16
Selena Chritzman
Vickie Hudock
November 17
Krista Delacruz
Dave Eskildsen
November 18
Jennifer Daniels
Harvey Eckenrode
Joanna McGuire
John Strevig
November 19
Barbara Dombrowsky
Nathan King
Becki Powell
Tyler Weikert
November 20
Steve Kinsey
Laura Lochary
Deborah Snyder

November 21
Cathy Gardner
Matthew Hartwig
Holly Hess
Graham Stabler
November 22
Kim Hain
Joanna Suarez
November 23
Jim Biggar
Beth Jones
November 24
Max Bernier
Kennedy Brown
Gary Hubble
Felicity Sarnoff
November 25
Benjamin Dudash
Niles Ellingson
Hugh Ferguson
Emma Freeman

November 26
Charles Caldwell
Elizabeth Hiller
Lindsey North
November 27
Vernon Reed
Carrie Trax
November 28
Caitlyn Landauer
Susan Landauer
Kenneth Mott
November 29
William Ott
November 30
Taylor Breighner
Emma Sanders
Paige Stewart

Undies for Everyone!!



The Mid-Ship group collected 19 packages, a total of 88 pairs, of underwear in all sizes for men and women, boys and girls. They were sent to the disaster relief efforts of a Houston-based organization called Undies for Everyone who specifically provide underwear to people through the shelters and schools in the Gulf Coast and Florida regions affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Many people donate clothing, but few donate underwear, and this organization has found that, for people in need, having clean underwear is not only a matter of health and hygiene, but also a matter of personal dignity. Good going, Mid-Ship!!

Sunday Morning Coffee Fellowship

Don't forget to stop by fellowship hall before or after each worship service. Grab a cup of coffee or tea and enjoy conversation with another member of GPC. We hope you will take to heart what the coffee hour banners say, "Take a seat…make a friend."

New Fall Banners!

You might have noticed the beautiful new fall banners hanging in the sanctuary. They were purchased by the Contemporary Worship Team and were paid for in part by a donation from the Snyder/Pennings family in remembrance of Barb Snyder.

NEED A RIDE?

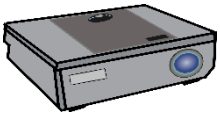
If you are having trouble attending church services and/or church functions due to not having transportation, let the Deacons help you. We are only a phone call away. The transportation Deacon for October 9 to November 12 is Dave Boyer at 717-528-8676.

Upcoming Events:

October Music Schedule

Oct. 22	8:15 p.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
Oct. 29	8:15 p.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir

PowerPoint Projectionist Needed for Contemporary Worship Service



The 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service needs someone to show the PowerPoint slides on Sunday morning approximately once a month.

You will rotate with three other people, so the schedule is somewhat flexible.

No prior experience needed - we will train you! If interested in learning more about this volunteer opportunity, please contact Libby Crowe at (717) 476-0821 or mslibby@gettysburgpresbyterian.org.

SAT 7…
7 Mile Road…
Brownie Sundaes

October 27th from 6:30 p.m. until 8:15 p.m.
in our Fellowship Hall

Join others from the community to learn more about satellite television and its role in providing education to impoverished children from Syria and other parts of the Middle East and North Africa. SAT 7's educational and non-confrontational gospel message programming seeks to address illiteracy. $1.00 supports one child/one family's education for one full year.

Questions? – Contact Rev. Nyiri.
Hope you can attend!

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP
October / November

October 22	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
October 29	5:30 - 7:00	Costume Party
November 5	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
November 12	1:30 - 4:00	Car Chase
November 19	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship

MidSHIP Schedule
October / November

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There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, Nov. 19 following the 11AM service to elect church officers.

Please plan to attend!

Session Updates

At its stated meeting of Oct. 8, the Session…

- Adopted the asking budget for 2018, which is 2.7% higher than 2017.
- Approved the revised "Children and Youth Protection Policy," which brings us into full compliance with Pennsylvania requirements.
- Called the annual congregational meeting for Nov. 19 at noon in the sanctuary to elect church officers.

New Mission Opportunity

In conjunction with the Carlisle Presbytery and Camp Krislund, GPC will be able to send teams to work to repair homes in the Central PA area. This is a great chance to help those who are unable to maintain their homes, and not be far away from Gettysburg.

Each team of 8 or more would spend 5 days doing service work in the area around Krislund Camp and then spend the evening in the camp for dinner and lodging. The cost is $275 per person and is open to all. Parents or guardians may bring older children to help with the work. The dates are open, as the people at Krislund will work with our schedule. If you are at all interested, please contact me. I will then provide you with available dates and as a group decide on a specific date(s). Jerry Cleaver, Missions Chair 717-359-0419

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United welcomes all local church women to a 90-minute ($3) lunch meeting at **11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 1,** at the **Gettysburg Church of the Brethren, 1710 Biglerville Road.** Following lunch, we will be celebrating **WORLD COMMUNITY DAY** with the program, **"Kindling New Fires For Peace."** A special welcome to all newcomers to join the ecumenical fellowship. The church social room is handicapped accessible. No reservations are needed. For more information, contact Cheryl Potter at 337-2938.

GPC HIKING CLUB

We went on our first hike at Strawberry Hill in Fairfield. It was a beautiful day and we enjoyed each other's company. Our next hike is going to be Saturday, 10/21/17. We are going to hike to Pole Steeple. We are going to meet at the church parking lot at 10 am to carpool. Everyone is invited to join. There are several options for different skill levels. Bring a lunch. Plan on being gone a couple of hours. Follow us on Facebook at GPC Hiking Club. Any questions email: mjclark1963@embarqmail.com or meganziegler2014@gmail.com.

REMINDER: Daylight Savings time ends on Nov. 5th!

Be sure to turn your clocks **BACK ON SATURDAY, Nov. 4**

STEPHEN MINISTRY

ɔnstraining forces or influences that ɔause bodily or mental tension

We've all felt it and know what it is. But sometimes the stress level reaches a point where things begin to break. Don't let your stress reach that point.

Stephen Ministers are available to help you work through life's difficulties and to give you a safe, confidential place to vent your troubles.

For more information about Stephen Ministry, please contact Lou Nyiri at 334-1235 ext 4.

Combined Area Resources Emergency Shelter (C.A.R.E.S.)

C.A.R.E.S. has started on October 16th. More volunteers are needed to make this church shelter program available to the homeless in our area. Contact Rachel Parmentier at 717-334-3415 to ask for more information on how you can help. Ninety minute training meetings are scheduled for October 30, November 27 and December 18.

Attention College Students!

You are invited to lunch
at Pastor Dave and Bonnie's house on
Sunday, Nov. 12
following the 11AM service!

Please call the church office or email
gpcpastordave@gettysburgpresbyterian.org
to let us know you're coming!

Parade Volunteers Needed

A Dixieland band will be playing in front of the church from 6:30-7:30PM on Tues., Oct. 24 before the Halloween parade. We need a few volunteers to set up and serve coffee and hot chocolate, greet people, etc.

We also need folks to bake cookies. Contact Pete North at 717-337-1496 or email him at pnorth@gettysburg.edu .

Thank you!

"Calendar of Giving"

The Calendar of Giving is an opportunity for our congregation to support numerous local organizations. Through this program, we identify local organizations that are in need of smaller donations. Each month, we will be collecting specific items for the identified organization.

For the month of:

October

We will be collecting items for

Operation Move Out

Household supplies - Non-scratch scrub pads, disinfecting wipes, dish soap, dishwasher detergent, mops (traditional or "Swiffer" type), toilet paper, toilet bowl cleaner, first aid kits, shampoo, body wash, laundry detergent, air mattress (single or double), bakeware/cookware sets.

Hurricane Relief Mission Trip

Our Presbytery is sponsoring a trip to do relief work in Jacksonville, FL on Nov. 4-12. Cost is $250. Information and registration available at www.lendahand.net

In my sermon about being Christian parents this past Sunday (10/15/17), I referenced the story of Ruby Bridges, the young black child who integrated public schools in New Orleans in 1960. I later found out that we have a children's book about her experience in our Children's library! It's called The Story of Ruby Bridges by Robert Coles. Reading Christian books with your children is a good way to pass along the faith and build strong character in them!

Pastor Dave

What Happened in the Centuries Between the Apostle John and John Calvin

What happened between the Johns? Many Christians are ignorant of most of church history, the generations lying beyond the Apostolic Age but before the Reformation. The death of the Apostle John brought about a period of uncertainty; much later the appearance of John Calvin helped establish a dramatic new period. The Church did not disappear between the 2nd and 15th Centuries, but endured despite serious obstacles. In November we will have a special four-week Sunday School class at 9:30 am to delve into this extraordinary era. To prepare for this intriguing study, a timeline of major events during those 14 centuries is available in the Fellowship Hall on C.E. table.

2017 Christmas Missions Fair on December 3rd!

It's Christmas Fair time once again! The 32nd Annual Christmas Fair will be held on Sunday, December 3rd, from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. There will be games and prizes for children and adults, a light supper, craft tables, baked goods, and Fair Trade items from Presbyterian Coffee Project including coffee, tea, organic hot cocoa & spicy hot cocoa, chocolate bars, organic roasted almonds and olive oil. A Silent Auction will be held from Nov. 26th to Dec 3rd. Bring your whole family to enjoy this kick-off to the Christmas season. Do your Christmas shopping at the Fair where money raised will benefit seven projects. You will also be able to shop at the Fair on Sunday mornings, December 3rd and 10th.

Silent Auction For Christmas Fair
Items Needed by Nov. 19

Everyone is getting excited about Christmas Fair! But what is this Silent Auction about? Once again this year we will be holding a Silent Auction of high quality Christmas Items benefitting GPC missions. Bidding will begin on Sunday, November 26th and end as the Fair concludes on December 3rd. The highest bidder takes home the prize!

If you have an item you would like to offer, or know of a business that may be willing to donate, please contact Tom Kolmer at 717-634-0258 or at tomkolmer@gmail.com. Some suggestions include Dinner for 6, a round of golf, movie passes and popcorn, Christmas wreath, gift certificate for massage, etc. Be creative in your ideas! Also, teens could offer childcare, snow shoveling, etc. We will then choose 10 of the items to use for the Silent Auction. All others will be included in the Christmas Mission Fair sales.

The Silent Auction is a big hit every year! We hope you will participate once again, either by donating an item or by bidding generously, knowing that your purchase directly supports our Missions efforts!

Extra Crafts for the Christmas Fair

Calling all crafters, calling all crafters! Do you love to make crafts for the holiday season? We are seeking donations of Christmas wreaths, toys, flower arrangements, paintings, needlework, or any other quality crafts you would be willing to donate for sale at the Christmas Fair on Sunday, December 3rd. All proceeds from items sold at the craft tables will go to GPC mission projects for the upcoming year. Please, do not bring rummage sale or used household items. They will not be accepted for this event.

Contact Tom Kolmer at 717-634-0258 or at tomkolmer@gmail.com if you have any questions. Please bring crafts to Fellowship Hall **BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST AT THE LATEST. THANKS!**

CHRISTMAS FAIR CHILDREN'S GAMES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Continuing this Sunday, we will have signup sheets in Fellowship Hall at the CE Table for volunteers to sign up for 30 min. blocks of time to help with games downstairs in the Education wing. Please stop by and sign up to help with one of fifteen games. We need help with all the games.

If you can come in on Saturday, December 3th from 10-1 to help set up the games in the Education Wing, please contact Cheryl at 334-1235, ext. 5 or email gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

November 15th 4:15 PM

Young at Heart members will join the Youth Club for a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner. Reservations are needed **by Monday, November 6th**. Young at Heart are to bring a salad, vegetable or dessert. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall at the CE Table. Any questions, please see Cheryl Betts.

Faithful Families Activities

It's hard to pray with a very young child or infant. Photo prayer is a way to engage babies and toddlers who are learning to connect people and faces. Print photos of family members and other significant people in the family's life. After the child is ready for bed, sit with the photos and hold the child on your lap. Show the child each picture and say "God bless [name]" "God bless Grandma". As the child's age and speaking ability develops, have the child point to the picture and repeat name. Older children may like to draw a family member they want to pray about. Pictures of the world or animals may also be used. Parents could use a special blanket and a battery-operated candle to be lit when ready for prayers.

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Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Bob & MaryAnn Remaley, Rebecca (Remaley) Sayres & TJ Remaley, on the recent death of their son & brother.

Tom Piper on the recent death of his sister-in-law.

Ushering – A Good First Impression

Do you like receiving a friendly greeting, a smile and a bulletin when you enter the sanctuary for worship?

As defined by Merriam Webster Dictionary an Usher is "a servant who has the care of the door." At GPC ushers are some of the friendly smiles and greetings at the door that welcome you to worship. An usher might also assist in the offering collection. Ushering is your opportunity to serve during a time when you are already at church!

We hope YOU will consider adding your name to a list of usher volunteers for next year. How do you sign up? Fill out the form below and return in the offering plate or contact Rev. Lou Nyiri at 717-334-1235, ext. 4 or gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org .

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Yes, please add my name to the usher volunteer list.

Name: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Preferred worship time: 8:15 am _____ 9:30 am _____ 11:00 am _____

Family
Christmas Craft Event

Saturday, November 4th
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Children ages 5 to 5th Grade

Call 334-1235, ext. 5 by October 31st

To reserve your spot!

This is an IAFTGPC event: "Introduce a Friend to GPC!"

Library News

Many new books have been added to the Crane Library which will add to your personal Bible Study as well as any of you being given the opportunity to participate in, or lead, a discussion group. In addition to these resources, a desk has been set up for your convenience in sitting down and studying with adequate light and view. I invite you to check this out as well as checking out our new selections. I list a few of these below:

Rose Publishing Guide to the Tabernacle donated by Cheryl Betts. (Cheryl purchased this for the church after having traveled with family to Lancaster, PA to tour the Tabernacle. Thank you, Cheryl!!)

The Birth of the Messiah and The Death of the Messiah, by Raymond Brown

An Introduction to the New Testament, by Raymond Brown

Josephus, The Complete Works

What's in the Bible: A tour of Scripture from the Dust of Creation to the Glory of Revelation, by R.C. Sproul and Wolgemuth

Who's Who in the Bible, by Joan Comay and Ronald Browrigg

Women in Scripture, by Carol Meyers

Mary, Called Magdalene (a novel) by Margaret George

In Children's Library news, Cheryl Betts took the time this Summer to create an inventory of all the books that are on the shelf for your perusal. Again, many thanks to you, Cheryl. We hope to do the same for the Crane Library. It is such a joy to have these resources for personal growth.

Enjoy your journey!

In Christ,
Merida Hurkett, Librarian

NOVEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 9:00 a.m. PW Field Testing 12:00 p.m. Small Group @ Wright's Home 12:00 p.m. Men's Inter. Lunch 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:45 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 6:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	**2** 9:30 a.m. Mom's Board 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:30 p.m. Adult Discipleship 7:00 p.m. Small Group	**3** 4:00 p.m. Small Group @ Spiritrust	**4** **10:00 - 1:00** **Craft Workshop** **Turn clocks back one hour**
5 Daylight Savings Time Ends 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 9:15 & 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Adult Choir 10:30 a.m. Property Committee 12:00 p.m. Lunch with Dori Hjalmarson 12:00 p.m. Grief Support Group (Ike) 12:45 p.m. Recorder Consort 4:00 p.m. Youth Choir 4:30 p.m. Youth Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study 5:30 p.m. MidSHIP & SHIP 5:30 p.m. Divorce Support Group 5:30 p.m. Jr. Choir Plus	**6** 10:00 a.m. Disciple Bible Study 12:00 p.m. Small Group 7:00 p.m. Mission & Interpretation	**7 ELECTION DAY** 7:15 a.m. Small Group @ G'burg Family Rest. 1:30 p.m. Knitting Group 2:00 p.m. Small Group @ Cross Keys 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision	**8** 12:00 p.m. Small Group @ Wright's Home 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:30 p.m. Welcome & Outreach 5:45 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 6:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	**9 12 Noon Newsletter Deadline** 10:00 a.m. Shawl Ministry 5:00 p.m. Mary Martha 7:00 p.m. Small Group	**10** 4:00 p.m. Small Group @ Spiritrust	**11 VETERAN'S DAY** **7:30 - 4:30 CPR Class** **9:00 - 11:00 Adult Choir**
12 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 9:15 & 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Adult Choir 12:00 p.m. Grief Support Group (Ike) 12:15 p.m. Deacons Meeting 12:15 p.m. College Students Lunch 12:45 p.m. Recorder Consort 1:30 p.m. MidSHIP & SHIP 4:00 p.m. Session 4:00 p.m. Youth Choir 4:30 p.m. Youth Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Divorce Support Group 5:30 p.m. Jr. Choir Plus	**13** 10:00 a.m. Disciple Bible Study 12:00 p.m. Small Group 6:30 p.m. Christian Ed. 6:30 p.m. Worship & Music	**14** 7:15 a.m. Small Group @ G'burg Family Rest. 7:30 a.m. Habitat Board Mtg. 1:30 p.m. Knitting Group 2:00 p.m. Small Group @ Cross Keys	**15** **8:15 a.m. Ministerium** 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 4:15 p.m. Young @ Heart & Youth Club Thanksgiving Dinner 5:45 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 6:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir 7:15 p.m. Cont. Ministry Team	**16** 9:30 a.m. Esther Circle 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Small Group	**17** 4:00 p.m. Small Group @ Spiritrust	**18**
19 THANKSGIVERS SUNDAY **PLEDGE SUNDAY** **MISSION BRIGHT STAR** 9:15 & 9:30 a.m. Sunday School **12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting** 12:00 p.m. Grief Support Group (Ike) 12:45 p.m. Recorder Consort 4:00 p.m. Youth Choir 4:30 p.m. Youth Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study 5:30 p.m. MidSHIP & SHIP 5:30 p.m. Divorce Support Group 5:30 p.m. Jr. Choir Plus	**20** 10:00 a.m. Disciple Bible 11:15 a.m. Collaboration For Youth 1:00 p.m. Elizabeth Circle	**21** 6:15 p.m. Stephen Ministry Leaders 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision	**22 12 Noon Newsletter Deadline** NO Youth Club 7:00 p.m. Health Care for All 7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service @ Christ Lutheran Church	**23** **OFFICE CLOSED** 	**24** **OFFICE CLOSED**	**25**
26 7:40 a.m. Early Choir **9:00-12:00 Advent Wreath Making** 9:15 & 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Adult Choir 12:45 p.m. Recorder Consort 5:30 p.m. Divorce Support Group **NO Disciple** **NO MidSHIP or SHIP**	**27** **Christmas Trees Up** **NO Disciple** 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	**28** 1:30 p.m. Knitting Group	**29** **9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** **Decorating for Christmas** 10:00 a.m. PW Field Testing 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:45 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 6:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	**29** 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts		

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Gettysburg Presbyterian Church Mission Statement
Gettysburg Presbyterian Church believes that God calls us to invite people to faith in Jesus Christ, and equip them to grow as His fully devoted followers. As disciples we:

* study regularly
* pray daily
* witness boldly
* live faithfully
* serve passionately
* give generously
* worship weekly

Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, October 26, 2017

October 2017
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Worship @ 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.
Contemporary Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

October 22	"The Only Thing We Have to Fear…." Stewardship Campaign Begins
October 29	500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation!
November 5	Remembering Those Who Died Lord's Supper Honduras Missionary: Dori Hjalmarson
November 12	Stewardship Sermon