

GRAPEVINE

"The Pastor's Page"

March 8, 2017

A Day For Celebration

On Feb. 26, we held a combined worship service that featured multiple people and musical groups leading us in worship. We also celebrated several important events in the life of our church.

We celebrated the end of the very successful "Foundations for the Future" capital campaign, which raised over \$845,500 for remodeling, upgrading, and securing more parking for our facility. This greatly exceeded our goal of \$786,480. 10% of this money (over \$80,000!) has been used to support local and international missions! Thank you to everyone who had a part in this amazing success!

We also unveiled our new Heritage Hall, just behind the front of the sanctuary. Also funded by the capital campaign, this mini-museum does an excellent job of highlighting our 276-year history with photos, documents, and displays. God has certainly been at work in our past. Come and take a look!

Finally, we welcomed 10 new members into our congregation. These folks point us to the future, as they bring gifts and abilities that will help us with our mission now and in the years to come.

We give thanks to God for all the good things happening here at GPC!

Dave

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New Members:

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313 Forrest Dr.

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(717) 476-2178

Child: Molly Harrison

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CONDOLENCES

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jim Biggar on the recent death of his mother.
Our thoughts and prayers are with Cheryl Betts on the recent death of Wilda.

THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart for all the love and devotion you showed my Mom during her year-long illness. She loved every one of you. I cannot tell you how much your love and support has meant to me – giving me the time I needed to be with Mom, others stepping up to do my multiple jobs while I was away, for God’s angels like Becky & Barry Wareham, Beth Jones, Beth Fitzpatrick, Shelli and Emma Strausner, Mary Miner and Tracey Stone who came and visited with Mom and stayed with her while I came in to meetings and Disciple Classes. She so enjoyed all of you. To her adopted daughter, Penny, she loved you as one of her children and I am so grateful you came and stayed with me to help care for Mom. You, this congregation, are a special loving group of people whom I cherish. Thanks to Dave, Lou and Becky for a wonderful celebration of Mom’s life and to the wonderful women who helped Barb Fair with our luncheon. You are all God’s angels at GPC.

Cheryl, David & Alexandra Betts

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME Begins March 12th.



"Spring Ahead"
Turn your clocks ahead
one hour
Saturday night!

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 February 13 - March 12 is Kelly Jones 752-0668. March 13 - April 9 is Ron Weigle at 476-4977



Upcoming Events:

- There is a new practice time for Recorder Consort:
- Sundays, 12:30 - 1:30 P.M.

■ Anyone who has previous experience with intermediate to advanced recorder music is welcome to join this group. If you are new to recorders please see Emily Koons for instruction.

- Also:
- Youth Choir now practices 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.
- Youth Bells now practice 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Young Adults!

Hold this date: Sunday, March 26 at noon Pastor Dave and Bonnie would like to host you for a lunch at their home. More details to come!

Men's Interfaith Lunches will take place at noon each Wednesday during Lent, except during Holy Week. Come for lunch, fellowship, and a devotional by a local pastor.

Carolyn Durboraw, long time member of GPC, is seriously ill and under hospice care. One of the things she misses most is attending church services here, so we thought a card show-er would be a great way to let her know that she is in our thoughts and prayers.

Her address is: 435 Chapel Rd. Gettysburg, PA 17325

Thanks for sending a card to show this wonderful lady how much she means to us!

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP February

March 12	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
March 15	6:45 a.m.	Lenten Breakfast
March 19	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
March 22	6:45 a.m.	Lenten Breakfast
March 26	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
March 29	6:45 a.m.	Lenten Breakfast

MidSHIP Schedule February

March 10	6:00 p.m.	Meet at church for 30-hour Famine
March 11	6:00 p.m.	Pick up at church After 30-hour Famine
March 12	NO MIDSCHIP	
March 15	6:45 a.m.	Lenten Breakfast
	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group
March 19	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
March 22	6:45 a.m.	Lenten Breakfast
	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group
March 26	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
March 29	6:45 a.m.	Lenten Breakfast
	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group

South Carolina Mission Trip

In less than 2 months, GPC will be sending another group to Charleston, SC to assist the Habitat for Humanity in building homes. We still have room for anyone who is willing to sweat some while helping a family get their own home. No special skills are required and we have fun doing things most of us have not done before.

If you can set aside the week of April 23, please call me at 359-0419.

Jerry Cleaver, Chair, Mission

PW BIRTHDAY ENVELOPE

PW (Presbyterian Women) has a rich and rewarding history of caring and providing needed funds, which help a variety of mission projects throughout the world. This dates back to 1922; Hallie Paxton Winsborough challenged the PCUS to give a penny for each year of the PW Auxiliary Women's life to help the Miss Dowd School for Girls in Kochi, Japan. It was a birthday day gift challenge of sorts and the first step toward our rich history of giving!

That giving tradition remains with us today in various projects that are funded through your generous contributions. PW does this to help support and improve the lives of women and children around the world. But only with your support through these contributions can we continue to make their dreams a reality. So please utilize the enclosed envelope and make a PW Birthday Day contribution, by March 27.

PW thanks you all for your continued support in this worthy mission.

Ruth's Harvest

Many of you are aware that Ruth's Harvest provides meals on the weekends for needy children. You also know that we are in our third year of giving out hundreds of food items each week. Volunteers, monetary and food donations from our community have sustained the program so far this year. If each of us, every time we are in a store, would buy a few single serve food items to bring to GPC (or Lincoln School), we would again be filling the bin in Fellowship Hall. Please check the list on the bulletin board for needed items or call me (Jerry or Elly Cleaver at 359-0419) for any questions. Thank you!

College Students!

Save the date of **April 2** for lunch at Pastor Dave and Bonnie's house. Details coming soon.

Hershey Park Tickets

Thinking of going to Hershey Park this summer? Want to buy tickets at a cheaper rate? We've got the answer for you! You can order and buy tickets through the church group rate. These tickets can be used ANY DAY of the 2017 season. The rates are as follows:

- \$36.00 for ages 9-54 (regular rate is \$46.95)
- \$30.50 for ages 3-8 (regular rate is \$42.80)
- \$30.50 for ages 55+ (regular rate is \$42.80)



You may order these tickets by signing up in Fellowship Hall on February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26. FINAL DATE TO SIGN UP & PAY FOR THESE TICKETS IS MARCH 26. Please make checks out to "Gettysburg Presbyterian Church." There will be no refunds for tickets not used. You do not have to be a church member to participate.

Thanks!!

Lenten Devotions

Please pick up a Lenten Devotion booklets for Adults or one for Children from the Christian Education Table. The devotions are for each day of the Lenten Season beginning on Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday. Let them help you as you prepare your hearts and minds during Lent.

WOMEN'S RETREAT - APRIL 1st

Join us for "The Unchanging God of our Past, Present, and Future" led by Lynne Graziano. In a world that shifts and changes all the time, we will celebrate our relationship with a God who is unchanging and offers a firm foundation. We will journey together through our past lives, celebrate our present ones, and look to the future together, secure in an everlasting God.

Save the date of Saturday, April 1st from 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. for a wonderful day with your GPC sisters in retreat at Hickory Bridge Farms. Cost is \$20.00 per person and registrations are underway now. Be sure to sign up and join us for a fun event!

"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:

March

We will be collecting items for

Adams County SPCA: Bleach, Pine-Sol, dog food (grain free), dog & cat toys, paper towels, liquid dishwashing soap, Hand soap, 55-gallon Contractor or 13-gallon drawstring trash bags, disinfectant wipes, water softener salt, gift cards, postage stamps, copy paper and pine wood shavings (for horses)



Mexico Mission

Mexico Information and Application Forms can be found in the narthex and Fellowship Hall. They are due on April 9.

CHRISTMAS IN APRIL

Every Christmas we celebrate God's greatest gift, Jesus. Jesus lived a perfect life of service, was crucified, and rose from the dead to proclaim that nothing, not even sin and death, can separate us from God's loving presence.

The Holy Spirit has given each of us unique gifts that God uses to help others see and experience Jesus' love. Many of us, however, have never unwrapped or discovered our spiritual gifts. That's why our congregation is offering the course, "Discovering God's Vision for Your Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts."

The class will start April 23rd and meet during Sunday school for 8 weeks. You must attend all 8 weeks.

Sign up in Fellowship Hall. Course fee-\$17

PW CIRCLES

Elizabeth Circle

Monday, March 20, 1:00 p.m.

Paideia House - 1st floor

Leader: Jean Holder

Lesson 6 The Book of Hebrews
(Hebrews 1-6; 12-13)

Mary Martha Circle

Thursday, March 9, 5:00 p.m.

Eisenhower Lounge at GPC

(NOTE CHANGE IN TIME, DATE
& LOCATION)

Esther Circle

Thursday, March 16, 9:30 a.m.

Eisenhower Lounge at GPC

Leader: Charlotte Winsheimer
Lesson 7 Matthew 1-2; Luke 1-2



The Gettysburg Area School District and High School Symphonic Band will host its annual **BREAKFAST CONCERT**, on Wednesday morning, March 15, 2017. A light breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. in the lobby area of the High School Auditorium, followed by a concert performed by the Gettysburg High School Symphonic Band and the High School Jazz Band, under the direction of Mr. David E. Conklin. The concert begins at 9:30 a.m. in the High School Auditorium. The breakfast and the concert is free to the public. Concert goers can be dropped off right in front of the HS Auditorium and will be greeted and escorted in by members of the Gettysburg High School JROTC.

The Gettysburg High School Symphonic Band will be performing "Emperata Overture" by Claude T. Smith, the beautiful "Loch Lomond" by Frank Ticheli, and "Fortuna Imperatrix Mundi" which is the final movement of Carmina Burana by Carl Orff. Also featured on the concert is an exciting medley of Hollywood movie themes entitled "Hollywood Milestones", which includes theme songs from such movies as "Love Story", "Star Trek", "Raiders of the Lost Ark", "Back to the Future", "Beauty and the Beast", "Jurassic Park", "Forrest Gump", "Apollo 13" and "E.T.". No concert is complete without marches as the band will perform John Philip Sousa's "King Cotton" March and George Kenny's "Coat of Arms" Concert March.

The High School Jazz Band will be getting into the act as well, performing such titles as "Smooth", "Time For a Change", "Sweet Home Chicago" "Birdland" and "Stairway to Heaven".

We hope that many of you will join us for a wonderful morning of food, of a light breakfast variety, and great music with the Gettysburg Area High School Symphonic Band and Jazz Band.

EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Your Deacons invite you to
the annual all-church
Easter Continental Breakfast Buffet
on **Easter Sunday, April 16th**.



Serving times will be 9 – 9:30am and 10:30 – 11am
in Fellowship Hall.

The menu will include an assortment of homemade dessert breads, fruit,
cheeses, crackers, coffee, tea, juices and milk.

We hope you will join us for fellowship before or after the worship service you choose
to attend as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.

ADULT ELECTIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

“RESTORED – FINDING REDEMPTION IN OUR MESS”.

Our Lenten Series has begun. Sometimes our lives are in such disarray we can't envision a way through to redemption. But when we look at the mess through the eyes of Christ, we not only find redemption, we can clearly see spiritual restoration. Discussion will be facilitated by Diana Miner and Cheryl Betts. Class will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the MacAskill Room. All are welcome.

YOUTH CLUB LOCK IN

Save the date – March 24-25th.

**Information will be sent out next week
so watch your emails and mailboxes for information.**

Easter Flowers

Honor your loved ones with the beauty of flowers at Easter. This year we offer you a choice of two flowers: lilies and tulips. Please fill out the information below and return this form with your check (**payable to Gettysburg Presbyterian Church**) to:

Mary Lou Seamens
169 Hunters Trail
Gettysburg, PA 17325

Any flowers not picked up by Monday, April 17 at noon will be taken to shut-ins.

DEADLINE FOR ORDER IS APRIL 2

_____ Easter Lily \$10.00 (4-6 blooms)
_____ Tulips \$10.00 (8 bulbs)

In Memory of / In Honor of (circle one)
(please print clearly)

Given by: _____

Will pick up _____
Deliver to shut-ins _____

Brunch is Served

Love Brunch?

Love helping send high school youth out into the mission field to serve God?

Love Brunch catered by the Dobbin House?

If you answered "yes" to any of those three questions, then put March 19th on your calendar and plan to support the high school mission to Stanton, Kentucky. Get your tickets at the table in Fellowship Hall starting February 26th or contact Rev. Nyiri in the church office, 334-1235, ext. 4 or gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org.

Here are the specifics:

What: Food, Fellowship and Fundraiser for **High School Workcamp**

When: Sunday, March 19th, 2017

Where: Fellowship Hall

Time: **9:00 to 10:00 a.m.** (After 1st Service & Before 2nd Worship Service)

10:00 to 11:00 a.m. (After 2nd Service & Before 3rd Worship Service)

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon (After Sunday School)

12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m. (After 3rd Worship Service)

Cost: \$10.00 (13 years and older)
\$5.00 (12 years and younger)

Bring a friend with you to the brunch & worship on March 19. (The brunch gives you a good reason to introduce your friend to your church family, along with supporting a great cause in the high school mission trip.)

As always, we thank you in advance for your support and we ask your prayers for this summer's mission trip.



Palm Sunday, April 9 One Great Hour of Sharing A Special Offering

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to provide resources to people experiencing need. These gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development. They help people find refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Sunday bulletin inserts will explain some of the work made possible through these generous offerings.

If you are looking for an opportunity to help those in need, please consider making a special offering using the enclosed envelope on **Palm Sunday, April 9**. No amount is too small in the effort to share resources and change the lives of those in need.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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, March 16, 2017**

The 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. services are streamed each week and the services are archived. You'll find the link on the church website or Facebook page.

**March & April 2017
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**
Traditional Worship @ 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.
Contemporary Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

March 12	Disciples in a Frenzied World
March 19	Disciples and the Refugee Crisis
March 26	Disciples and Moderation
April 2	Communion
April 9	Disciples in a Post-Truth World Palm Sunday One Great Hour of Sharing Offering