

GRAPEVINE

"The Pastor's Page"

May 31, 2017

Congregational Care

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Gal. 6:2)

Healthy congregations make sure that members in need are cared for. We do this in a variety of ways here at GPC:

- **Member to member care.** Much of our congregational care comes when one member engages in acts of caring for another member through phone calls, cards, visits, or offers to help.
- **Deacon care.** Our deacons are actively involved in member care, visiting, writing, calling, and even providing meals.
- **Stephen Ministers.** These folks are trained in good listening skills and are assigned to those with special needs if the person in need desires a Stephen minister. Stephen ministers meet regularly with their care-receivers.
- **Pastoral care.** Lou, Phyllis, Harry, and I all have pastoral care in our job descriptions. We regularly visit hospitals and nursing homes, make phone calls, and write notes. And other staff provide this care to those with whom they work.

If you are in need of congregational care of any kind, please contact the church office and let us know!

Dave

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Many thanks for all the prayers, cards, and calls during my recent surgery and recuperation. It is truly a blessing to have such a loving and caring church family.

Pam and Dick Wisor

As we prepare for the 24th Medical and Dental mission to Honduras we are struggling to purchase the needed medications and supplies. I heard yesterday that our budget would be a little short. Knowing this for less than 4 hours I received a message from Cheryl Betts that the youth Sunday Schools were donating \$413 to help. Obviously, God in the person of Cheryl and her students, works faster than I do.

Thanks from your Honduras missionaries and our patients in Honduras

— Lee Flinner



All are invited to wear orange on June 2nd, and to watch the filming of a National Gun Violence Awareness Day dramatization from 5-5:30 pm, at Gettysburg Seminary. This is a brief visual to show the tragic daily toll of US gun violence contrasted with other countries.

Showing at the Seminary will be on the West side of Valentine Hall along Seminary Ridge, or in Valentine 206 in case of rain, from 5-5:30 p.m.

Further info: gettysburg4gunsense@gmail.com

During the month of June, we will be praying for the following ministries. You might like to include them in your personal prayers, too!

- 6/4 Tony Ramirez, support for our Honduras Medical Mission
- 6/11 Gettysburg CARES
- 6/18 Accion Ministries—our partner for our Mexico Mission Trip
- 6/24 Lakota-Sioux Tribe - especially since they are unable to host our mission team this year.

Thank you for your generous giving to the Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering.

- You gave \$695 this year to help support:
 - First Hand Aid's Rural Clinic Development Initiative for rural communities in Cuba
 - Family Justice Center of Georgetown and Horry Counties' Safe Haven for Victims of Domestic Violence (South Carolina)
 - Paper for Navajo Water Project installing water systems for households without running water in New Mexico.

You are a blessing to each of these worthy causes.

Congregational Meeting

A meeting of the congregation has been called for this Sunday, June 4, following the 11AM service.

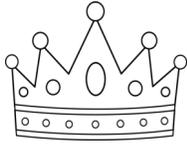
The purpose of the meeting is to approve the purchase of land adjacent to land we already own on Wall Alley. The land will be combined with the land we own to accommodate more than 20 parking spaces. The purchase price is \$15,700. The funds will come from the Capital Campaign.

Heritage Hall is now complete.

If you have not checked it out recently, you will want to see the bronze tablet honoring the memory of Scott McPherson and the GPC history panel designed by Scott Hartwig.

CONDOLENCES

Our thoughts and prayers are with Leo McGuire on the recent death of his sister.



SAVE THE DATE

2017 Vacation Bible School

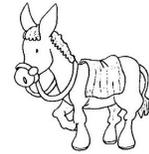
“Giant Slayer, Wise Guy & episdn umoq King”

June 19-22, 2017



**If you can help with VBS this summer in the area of LEADERSHIP,
we truly need your help.**

Youth Aides for all ages
Marketplace – adults and youth



**If you can help, please either call Cheryl at 334-1235, ext. 5 or stop by the CE table
Fellowship Hall to sign up.**

**Parents, have you registered your child or grandchild for VBS? Please do so. The last
day to register is June 4th. Be sure to get your registration forms in – you don't want to
be left out!**

We need the following items for VBS:



Cardboard cereal boxes (empty)
Yarn (not thread kind)
28 gauge wire
Regular size marshmallows
100 battery operated tea lights

Gold Paint - bottle or spray
Inch wide white elastic
Pretzel Sticks
Embroidery thread
41 - 8 3/4 glass mason jars
w/ lids

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED and MEN'S INTERFAITH

will be sharing a Picnic & Fellowship on
Wednesday, June 7, 11:30 a.m. at the Gettys-
burg Church of the Brethren pavilion, 1710
Biglerville Road. In case of inclement weather,
we will meet in the church social room. Please
bring a covered dish or dessert to share; paper
goods and beverages will be provided. A spe-
cial welcome to newcomers. No reservations
are needed. For more information, contact
Cheryl Potter at 337-2938.

Esther Circle

Thursday, June 15
10:00 a.m.

At Beth Fitzpatrick's home

Elizabeth Circle

Monday, June 19,
12:00 Noon

LUNCH at Joan Pore's home
Please take a sandwich,
other items provided.

NEW ELECTIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR SUMMER

“Following Jesus Through Mark”

Many people desire praise and recognition, but few imagine that the one route to a fulfilling, purposeful life lies in service. Take some time to explore Mark's account of the life of Jesus, who became the least, serving every man and woman so He could bring them to God. Join us at 9:30 (June), 9:00 (July – August) in MacAskill Room. The class will have rotational leadership and "while we hope to see you most weeks, each lesson stands on its own, so come when you can!" All are welcome.

Exploring Membership Class

Our next Exploring Membership Class is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, June 11. After lunch, you will learn more about Presbyterians and GPC in particular. Call the church office (334-1235) to sign up!

SUMMER CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We need individuals to lead the Children's Church on the following dates:

June 11 @ 8:15 & 9:30 a.m.

July 23 @ 9:00 & 10:30

Signup sheets on the CE table in Fellowship Hall.

Any questions, see Cheryl.

"276 Years of Courage, Crisis, Contention, Compassion, and Commitment: the Story of Gettysburg Presbyterian Church"

will be the topic for the monthly meeting of the Adams County Historical Society. The program is free and will be held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, June 6, at Valentine Hall on the campus of the United Lutheran Seminary (the new identity for the Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary). Dr. Charles Teague has assembled dozens of fascinating slides to convey the remarkable history of our congregation.

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 May 15 - June 11 is Kay Hoch 321-0309 and June 12 - July 9 is Dick Wisor at 359-8896.



Why Stephen Ministry?

We have many needs for care in our congregation and community: people experiencing divorce, grief, a terminal illness, loss of a job, relocation, an empty nest, retirement, hospitalization, loneliness, and many other stresses or challenges. Often people with needs suffer silently or do not request or receive the level of care they really need. With only 2 pastors for the congregation, you can quickly see why it would be impossible for our pastors to meet every single need of every single person. Stephen Ministry expands the care GPC can offer by equipping and organizing members to provide Christian care. This gives us a larger pool of people with the gifts, skills and calling to bring Christ's love and care to those who most need it. For more information contact Lou Nyiri at 334-1235, ext. 4.

“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:

June

We will be collecting items for

GPC Vacation Bible School

Battery Operated Tea Lights, Embroidery thread, Card-board cereal boxes (empty), Gold Paint - bottle or spray, Yarn (not thread kind), Inch wide white elastic, 28 gauge wire, Pretzel Sticks, Regular size marshmallows, 8 3/4 oz. glass mason jars with lids

YOUNG-AT-HEART

Our final gathering for the year, before our summer break, is Thursday, June 8th. Our speaker will be Vicki Huffaker, Executive Director of the Adams County Office for Aging in Gettysburg who will be speaking about the Consolidation Services (ACOFA) that may be coming soon. Mark your calendars now.

“One Voice Choir”

On Sunday, June 25, the “One Voice Choir”, a Christian community choir from Michigan, will lead worship at 9:30 & 11:00. Come and bring a friend!

CAMP KRISLUND CAMPING

For members' children, the church pays \$50 toward the registration fee. Just mark your registration form and Camp Krislund will bill the church at the end of the season for the \$50 per child. If your child is a returning camper and brings a friend, you can receive 50% off your registration when you bring a friend who has never been to a week of camp at Krislund. You must let them know the name of your friend and when that camper has fully registered and paid, you will receive a credit on your invoice. This is limited to one discount per camper. Registration forms are available online at www.krislund.org.

From July 1 to August 31

Penny Messinger, GPC's Administrative Assistant, is on **“summer hours”** which are:

Mon. - Thurs.
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
&
off on Fridays.

Annual Church Work Day

will be held

on **Saturday, June 10**
from **8AM to 1PM.**



Church Work Day will fall on Saturday June 10th this year. Please come by and help out if you are able. One of the projects that we will be spearheading is a cleaning/purging of the old kitchen. If your church group has any items that you would like to keep in this area, please mark them before this date. Any items in the old kitchen not marked will be **THROWN AWAY or DONATED!!!**

Other projects will include: mulch the front of Calvin House, paint and update bathroom near Mac Room, general grounds cleanup (weeding), polish brass rail in balcony, and repair the Manse cedar fence.

Sign-ups will be over the next several Sundays in Fellowship Hall. Also, you can email Jim Gardner at lvgardner@comcast.net if interested in participating.

More hands make for quicker and lighter work!

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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, June 8, 2017**

Summer Worship Schedule
Summer is coming and that means it will soon be time for our Summer Worship Schedule!
In July and August, this will be our worship schedule:
**9:00 a.m.
Contemporary Worship**
**10:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship**
See you in worship this Summer!

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

- June 4** James Series: Faith and Works
Communion
Pentecost
Recognition of Newborns
Honduras Commissioning
- June 11** James Series: What you Say
- June 18** James Series: Wisdom
Workcamp Commissioning
- June 25** 9:30 & 11:00 One Voice Choir!