

GRAPEVINE

"The Pastor's Page"

March 11, 2015

Helping Kids Keep the Faith

A major contributor to the decline in membership in Mainline churches like ours is the fact that we are doing a poor job of retaining our young people after they leave home. In the past, these young people might leave church for a few years during college, but most of them returned when they had children. Although that does happen sometimes today, it is much less likely to happen than in the past.

So what is the solution? Better youth groups, younger clergy, service projects, religious schools? Those can help, but they pale in comparison to another factor- parents! That's right. Just 1% of teens raised by parents who attached little importance to religion were highly religious in their mid to late twenties. But 82% of children raised by parents who talked about faith at home, attached great importance to their beliefs, and were active in their congregations were religiously active as young adults, according to data from the National Study of Youth and Religion. That is an astonishing finding!

Parents, you have a major influence on the future faith commitment of your children! Lent is a great time to look at what you are communicating to your children regarding the importance of faith, by your words as well as your actions. There are many activities that compete for the time of young people today. What are your family decisions saying about the relative importance of Christian commitment?

Dave

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I am grateful for my family and church friends who offered prayers, cards and assistance to me recently after I broke my shoulder. I would like to thank Pastor Lou and the high school youth and their parents who helped me move into my new apartment. I am most grateful to the Deacons for their assistance and rides during my recovery. If it were not for the many people who volunteer to help others, these care-giving ministries would not exist.

~ Marty Fitzgerald

Griefshare Begins April 30 at Gettysburg United Methodist Church

A thirteen-week session of the Griefshare ministry will begin April 30 at 6:30 pm at the Gettysburg United Methodist Church (30 West High Street). The following link will give you more information regarding the Griefshare Ministry <http://www.griefshare.org/about>. If you or anyone you know of might benefit from this ministry, please contact group facilitators: Phyllis Carbaugh 357-2490 or Kim White 334-7786. If you have further questions, you may contact Rev. Nyiri at 334-1235,

Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S. Thank You

Dear Members of GPC,

Thank you so much for donating coffee supplies, toiletries, diapers and paper products to our program. It is all needed and appreciated.

As you know, we are very busy this year and have many more children than in past years.

The support from the community has been amazing. Thanks for being part of this.

Sincerely,
Mary Stevenson, Chair
Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S. Board of Directors

Ride Needed

Selena Chritzman, a long-time member of GPC, has recently moved to Laurel Run. She would like to attend our 11:00 service on the first Sunday of each month so that she can share in Communion with her church family. *If you can volunteer to drive, ONE SUNDAY ONLY*, please call Deacon, Bev Weber at 337-2194.

Also, we are looking to find drivers for Dorothy Oblack to attend the 8:15 service. If you live in the New Oxford area, please contact Deacon, Marion Lambert at 357-2195 or mari-onml@earthlink.net.

Thank you!

We would like to thank Dennis, Justin, Marion and Bill for helping us get our car off the ice in the parking lot on Sunday.

Thank you for being so helpful, it was truly appreciated!

Art & Joan Pore

CONDOLENCES

Our thoughts and prayers are with Roger Clowes on the recent death of his wife,

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 March is Barry Wareham at 359-7623.



Upcoming Events

Worship Music Schedule

March 15	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Youth Bell Choir Youth Choir Adult Choir
March 22	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
March 29	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir Youth Choir Primary Choir Chapel Bell Choir

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

March / April

March 15	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
March 18	6:45 - 7:10	Lenten Breakfast
March 22	9:00 - 1:00	WORKCAMP BRUNCH
March 25	6:45 - 7:10	Lenten Breakfast
March 29	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship

MidSHIP Schedule

March / April

March 13 - 14	7 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	30-hour Famine at the church
March 15		No MidSHIP
March 18	6:45 - 7:10	Lenten Breakfast
	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group
March 22	12:00 - 3:30	Roller Skating
March 25	6:45 - 7:10	Lenten Breakfast
	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group
March 29	5:30 - 7:00	Bowling

At its stated meeting on March 8, 2015, the Session

- Looked over ideas generated on the Feb. 28 retreat
- Voted to hold one combined worship service on the Sunday after Christmas, Dec. 27
- Voted to hold the 2016 Ash Wednesday service at noon
- Authorized Bob McQuaide to consolidate all of our deeds into one deed, including the Wall St. property

Margaret Hayes turned 99 on March 11.

If you would shower her with a card that would make her day.

Here is her mailing address:

Margaret Wood Hayes
St. Joseph's Ministries
331 South Seton Avenue
Mountain View #228
Emmitsburg, MD 21727



Palm Sunday, March 29

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, March 29**. No amount is too small in the effort to share resources and change the lives of those in need.

BUNK BEDS NEEDED FOR SOUTH DAKOTA

We have a special request for our South Dakota Mission Trip. Last summer we built 2 sets of bunk beds as one of our construction projects on the Cheyenne River Lakota Indian Reservation. Many people (including children) on this reservation do not have beds to sleep on. Some of them sleep on old worn-out couches or chairs, or most often, on the floor.

This year we would like to build 10 sets of bunk beds and provide mattresses when we go to the reservation in July. The cost of the lumber and mattresses goes beyond what we have available in our South Dakota mission budget, so we need your help.



Below are the costs for each set of bunk beds:

Cost of the lumber	\$110
Mattresses for beds	\$ 60 each
Total cost of a whole set (including 2 mattresses)	\$230

If you are interested in donating part of the cost or even “purchasing” a whole set, please contact Penny Messinger in the church office at 334-1235. Checks should be made out to “GPC” with “S. Dakota bunk beds” in the memo line.

EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST



Your Deacons invite you to the annual all-church
Easter Continental Breakfast Buffet
on **Easter Sunday, April 5th**.

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

Traveling Day Camp

Andrea Crowe will be leading our first experience of Traveling Day Camp here at GPC July 27 – 31st from 9-4 a.m. This program is open for children who have completed Kindergarten through 8th Grade. The participants will be here at GPC from 9-4 Monday – Wednesday and then on Thursday they will be taken up to Camp Krislund to join with the campers who have been at the camp all week for fun activities such as swimming in the pool, climbing the rock wall, etc. They will spend the night at camp and return to GPC on Friday. Younger children do not have to go to Camp Krislund on Thursday if they prefer not to but still want to join in the fun here at GPC. If this sounds like it would be fun, then pick up an application from Cheryl in the church office or in Fellowship Hall on Sundays. Fee is \$91 for this fun packed week. Deadline is May

“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
ARC of Adams County

Fiskers brand scissors; Washable magic markers; Tacky glue; Play Dough; Assorted sizes of balls; CDs of children’s songs; DVDs or VHS tapes of children’s movies; Plastic bowling set, Paper plates, napkins, cups; juice boxes.

High School Workcamp Brunch is March 22nd



- What:** Food, Fellowship and Fundraiser for High School Workcamp
- When:** Sunday, March 22, 2015
- 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:** \$9.00 (13 years and older) \$6.00 (12 years and younger)
- Why:** To raise money to off-set the cost per student to go on this year's workcamp to
Cuyahoga Falls, OH from June 26 - July 4, 2015

The brunch is catered by the Dobbin House and features: egg-bake; waffles; bacon; potatoes; fruit and cheese tray; muffins; with orange juice, coffee, tea, and water to drink. To reserve a seat at the Brunch for one of the times above you **must** purchase a ticket in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings, throughout the week in the church office, or email Rev. Nyiri at gpclou@embarqmail.com (put "Workcamp Brunch" in subject line). **Please Note: If you reserve a seat at the brunch we will need to collect the price of the ticket even if you have to miss the brunch.** If you cannot attend the brunch and would like to support

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 2014 season. The rates are as follows:



- \$33.50 for ages 9-54 (regular rate is \$59.35)
- \$28.50 for ages 3-8 (regular rate is \$39.80)
- \$28.50 for ages 55+ (regular rate is \$39.8)

You may order these tickets by signing up in Fellowship Hall on March 15, March 22, March 29 and April 5. **FINAL DATE TO SIGN UP & PAY FOR THESE TICKETS IS SUNDAY, APRIL 5th.** 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!!

Men's Interfaith

Men's Interfaith Fellowship will meet each Wednesday at noon here at GPC during Lent for lunch and a message from a local clergyperson.

Come and join us!

Attention College Students!!

Pastor Dave & Bonnie would like to have you over for lunch after church on **Sunday, March 29.**

Please call the church office (334-1235) or Dave's home (398-2411) or email us at bdwright11@comcast.net to let us know if you'll be able to come!

SAVE THE DATE

2015
Vacation
Bible
School

June 15-18



Mexico Mission Trip Applications are now available in the Fellowship Hall! They are due back on March 29! Trip dates are July 20-27. Contact Pastor Dave (334-1235) for more information.

ADULT EDUCATION UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES:

**The Passion of the Christ
Rev. Dr. Chuck Teague**

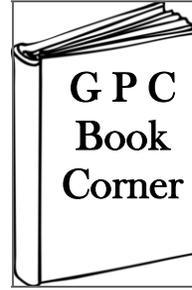
The heart of Christianity is not doctrine, but yielding to the Lord Jesus in what He has done for us. His sacrifice is summarized by the words, "The Passion of the Christ." What did He experience? What may we learn from what He did? How should we respond? This study of the four Gospels is especially meaningful during the season of Lent, as we open the Scriptures and reflect upon the astounding events in the final earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. Each of the Gospels offers distinctive insights, and we will compare how they present the marvelous story.

Sunday, March 15 – "The Trial of Jesus"

Sunday, March 22 – "Jesus before Pilate"

Sunday, March 29 – "The Cross of Christ"

Our facilitator in the understanding of the relevant Scripture passages will be the Rev. Dr. Charles Teague, known to the folks at GPC simply as *Chuck*. He is a retired Senior Pastor and military Chaplain, has been an adjunct Professor of Evangelism, and served as Gettysburg Police Chaplain. Bring your Bible and join us in the MacAskill Room at 9:30 a.m.



Well, what a trip. The weather was definitely not what I expected Houston weather to be in March. Got home late Monday evening after flight cancelled on Sunday. So there is no book review this time.

So Sorry!

The good news is my Mom found a townhome here in Gettysburg and will be moving up here as soon as her home sells in Houston. I am really excited!

So 'til next time, I promise I will have a great book review for you all.

KEEP ON READING!!

Cathy

**Congratulations
to the
Guiher Family
on the birth of
Katelyn Anne Guiher,**



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 6 at noon will be taken to shut-ins.

DEADLINE FOR ORDER IS MARCH 15

____ 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 _____



He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!!

You are invited to an Easter Sunrise Service

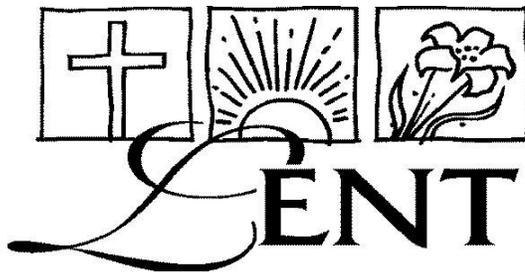
From 6:30-7:30 Easter Morning, April 5th.

At the Eternal Peace Light, Gettysburg Battlefield

Music provided by the Contemporary Worship Band

Join us in this beautiful setting

to celebrate our Risen Lord!



The forty days of Lent offer us an opportunity to prepare ourselves for the healing blessing of Easter. Lenten season in the church is a time when we join together for spiritual reflection, praise, silence, and study, deepening our faith journey.

We invite you to join us at the Contemporary Worship Service held at 9:30 each Sunday morning.

Worship our Lord in a relaxed setting of prayer and praise.

Special Lenten musicians will include:

- March 15th Lisamarie Marks and students (liturgical dance)
March 22nd Emma Strausner
March 29th Brandon Dillon, Experiential Worship Service Palm Sunday
April 5th Easter morning - Phoebe Kammerer



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday

8:15 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

Thursday, April 2

Maundy Thursday

7:30 p.m. Worship Service - We will reflect on this special day with a cantata and celebrate the Lord's Supper together.

Friday, April 3

Good Friday

12:00 p.m. Community Service at Prince of Peace Episcopal Church (across the street)

Sunday, April 5

Easter

6:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service at the Peace Light on the Battlefield

8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship

9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

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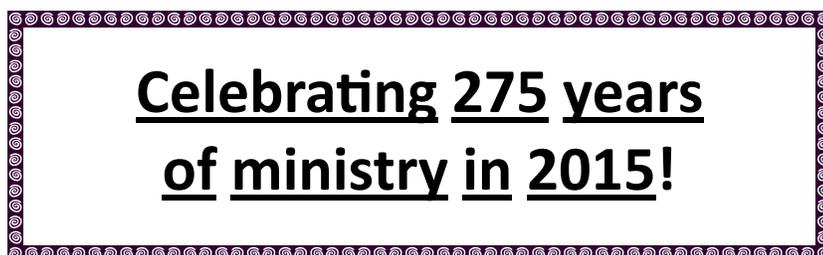
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Gettysburg Presbyterian Church Mission Statement

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, March 19, 2015

One Great Hour of Sharing



Palm Sunday,
March 29

March 2015
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE
 Traditional Worship @ 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.
 Contemporary Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

March 15	Gideon II - "God's Strange Ways" Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 22	"Basket Case" Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 29	PALM SUNDAY
April 2	7:30 p.m. MAUNDY THURSDAY - Cantata
April 5	EASTER 6:30 a.m. - Sunrise service @ Peace Light 8:15 & 11:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship