

# GRAPEVINE

## "The Pastor's Page"

April 10, 2013

**What is our mission here at GPC?**

**What is it that we're trying to accomplish? Here's our 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*
- *worship weekly*

During the season of Lent, we focused on two of these characteristics of disciples of Jesus Christ: pray daily and

witness boldly. Ninety of our members participated in small groups that read and discussed a book which highlighted these things and practiced them in their personal lives!

Our sermons paralleled these same themes. There was a good bit of "buzz" around them. I encourage you to continue to practice these spiritual disciplines of prayer and faith-sharing. Some of our small groups are continuing to work on them! Through these practices, God can transform you and our church community! We would be glad to assist you in learning more about them!

**Dave**

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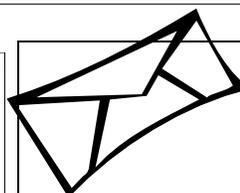
## Update on Julie Lochary

As many of you already know, Julie Lochary's cancer has returned. Julie is a 10-year-old member of our church who has been undergoing treatment for brain cancer since last August.

Several church members have asked, "What can we do?" First and foremost, prayers are needed for Julie, her family, and all of the medical personnel involved. Secondly, gas cards for Julie's family would be helpful, since they are making many more trips to Johns Hopkins in Baltimore for her chemotherapy treatments. If you are interested in helping with a gas card, there will be a basket in Fellowship Hall starting this Sunday. Also beside the basket will be cards for children to color and send to Julie. Her address is 1460 Hoffman Home Rd., Littlestown, PA 17340. Thanks for helping this church family during a very difficult time.

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers and support, during the loss of my precious mother. I appreciated all of you so much. This has been a very devastating time for me, and I felt all your prayers for me.

God bless all of you.  
Margie McCartney



### **BIRTHDAY OFFERING**

The Birthday Offering is a PW offering collected in the spring of each year to celebrate the blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women. The offering funds up to five projects that are not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support, such as agricultural development, child care, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence and women's concerns.

This year the PW Creative Ministries Committee chose Westminster Neighborhood Ministries of Indianapolis Indiana as the recipient of the 2013 Birthday Offering. Westminster is dedicated to reaching out to low income families and their children on the east side of Indianapolis.)

What a wonderful show of Christian love that we all witnessed on Women's Sunday. To all those who helped make it a day of celebration I can only say, THANK YOU!

Bless you all!  
Kathy Kircher

### **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 April is Sherry Farkas, 642-1552.

**"Give as you are blessed."**

For more information contact  
Evelyn Small at 334-1765.  
Or if you did not receive an envelope  
please check Narthex, Fellowship Hall  
or church office.

# Upcoming Events:

## April Music Schedule

April 14	8:15 a.m.	Adult Bell Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Chapel Bell Choir Chapel Choir
April 21	8:15 a.m.	Men's Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Men's Choir
April 28	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir

## HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

### April/May

April 14	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Dinner & Fellowship
April 21	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Dinner & Fellowship
April 28	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Dinner & Fellowship
May 5	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Dinner & Fellowship
May 12	NO SHIP	MOTHER'S DAY

## MidSHIP Schedule

### April/May

April 14	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Fellowship/Games
April 21	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Bigger & Better
April 28	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Fellowship/Games
May 3-4	7:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	30-Hour Famine
May 5 & 12	NO MIDSHIP	MOTHER'S DAY

## Where Are All the Nursery Helpers?

We have had mediocre success in the past enlisting church members to help in the nursery. But we're going to try once again! There is a sign-up table in Fellowship Hall for nursery helpers at the 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. services in April, May, and June. Adults and teens are welcome and encouraged to sign up!

## Krislund Camp Needs S'more Help in May

We are committing to help Krislund Camp tangibly this summer with the following items:

- Marshmallows (100 bags)
- Graham crackers (100 boxes)
- Hershey bars (200 six-bar packages)
- Tealights (500)
- Boxes of salted saltines (10)
- Boxes of unsalted saltines (10)

If you find a deal on these items, consider purchasing them now and bringing them to the church for the May "Calendar of Giving".



## Out of the Loop?

Have you been surprised by an announcement during worship concerning a hospitalization or death of a church member?

Do you wonder why other people seem to be "in the know?"

Sign up for email updates on congregational concerns. You'll receive them every week or two, as the need arises.

Call the church office (334-1235) or send an email to [info@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:info@gettysburgpresbyterian.org).

## Fundraiser for Meals & More at Hoss' Restaurant

**The Meals and More Program** at Prince of Peace Episcopal Church embraces and nurtures homeless, abused, and hungry children during the summer months by providing an opportunity to attend a summer camp. Children from the Homeless Shelter, Survivors Shelter, Circles of Support, Soup Kitchen, and children of incarcerated parents are invited to participate at no charge. The program will run from mid-June to mid-August, Monday through Friday from 10am to 2pm. The children receive two meals, enrichment activities, spiritual enhancement, trips to the library, drama lessons, music, self-esteem building exercises, and field trips.

A fundraiser event for the 2013 summer program will be held on **Thursday, April 18th** at Hoss's Restaurant on York Rd. If you eat at Hoss's anytime between noon and 8PM on Thursday, April 18, twenty percent of your tab will be donated toward the Meals and More Program. You will need a ticket, which should be presented at the time you order your meal. If your whole family would like to eat at Hoss's, you only need one ticket, provided the meals are all on one tab. Please contact Penny in the church office 334-1235 or Pam Rowland at 642-8802 if you would like to have a ticket, or if you would like more information about Meals and More.

## MISSING SOMETHING?

Please check the kitchen or the "Lost & Found" bin in the church office for items you may have left at the church.

Anything not claimed by April 22 will be donated to the Rummage Sale.

## Sunday School Class Pictures

On Sunday, April 21, we will be taking class pictures of all the Sunday School classes (except the MacAskill Room) during the Sunday School hour. These will be used as framed gifts for the teachers on Teacher Appreciation Day. Please make every effort to bring your children and yourselves for the pictures that day. And don't forget to smile!!

## PW Rummage and Bake Sale

April 26 & 27

Please call Kathy Kircher 357-1175 or Sheryl Suplee 337-3267 to volunteer to help with the sale.

We will need brown bags. Please no toxic substances or items that require special handling for disposal. **Bring only items that work, are clean and in good condition.**

**Rummage and plant sale: Friday, April 26, 8:30 to 5:00, Sat. April 27, 8:30 to noon.** Lunch will be served on Friday.

**Drop-offs: Monday, April 22,** put everything in the corner next to the main outside entrance in Fellowship Hall.

Deadline for drop-offs is Thursday, April 25 by noon.

**Marking and sorting** will take place Tuesday 1:00–5:00 p.m. and Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

**Baked goods:** Drop off by 8 AM Friday or the night before if frozen.

**Plants:** May drop off Tues., but be sure they are moist.

**Clean-up: Saturday, April 27 at 12:00 noon until complete.**

**Volunteers are needed!!!** The more help, the faster and easier big projects get done.

Please call Kathy or Sheryl if you can help.



**Thank you for your support of this worthwhile PW Project. SEE YOU AT THE SALE!!!!**

## Poverty Simulation on April 21

“You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view-until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it.” Atticus Finch gave this advice to his young daughter in the classic American novel, *To Kill A Mockingbird*.

**On Sunday April 21, at 12 noon here at GPC**, we will have the opportunity to increase our understanding and knowledge about those who struggle month by month to provide the basic necessities for themselves or their families. We will share a light lunch and then Megan Shreve, Executive Director of South Central Community Action Programs, Inc. (SCCAP), will lead us in a “Poverty Simulation.” This interactive experience allows participants to begin to understand the realities faced by low-income people in our community. You are invited to attend if you are interested in learning more about how low income impacts the lives of individuals and families. Taking part in this experience could be especially meaningful for all who volunteered with Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S. emergency shelter during the past four months.

There will be an introduction and briefing, followed by the actual simulation exercise, concluding with a debriefing period in which participants may share their reactions. The event will end by 2:30.

Please fill out the slip below and return it to the church indicating your plans to attend:

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Return this slip to the church by April 15, or contact Gail Hull (334-0753, [gail@hullselectric.com](mailto:gail@hullselectric.com)) or Lou Nyiri ([gpclou@embarqmail.com](mailto:gpclou@embarqmail.com)) to sign up.

I \_\_\_\_\_ will attend the Poverty Simulation on April 21 at GPC, beginning at noon.  
(name)

Lunch will be provided.

## *A Cause for Celebration*

Join us for a benefit birthday dinner  
**for Doreen Oblack**  
catered by La Cucina Italian Restaurant  
**on Saturday, April 27**  
at Pleasant Hill Fire Company  
3003 Baltimore Pike in Hanover, PA.

All proceeds will benefit Doreen in her fifth battle against breast cancer. Tickets are \$20 and can be reserved by mailing a check payable to:  
Doreen Oblack % Lydia Flinner, 67 Cardinal Ct.,  
Abbottstown, PA 17301. Please contact Lydia at  
717-476-8406 or [lydiaflinner@comcast.net](mailto:lydiaflinner@comcast.net) for  
more information.

## Exploring Membership Class Sunday, April 14, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

If you are interested in learning more about GPC, plan to attend the Exploring Membership Class on Sunday afternoon, April 14. Following a lunch together, you'll have a chance to learn more about Presbyterians and opportunities for spiritual nurture and service here at GPC, and to meet our staff. Following the class, Session will meet to receive new members at 4:00 p.m. Childcare is available. Call the church office (334-1235) if you are planning to attend.

**“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:

**April  
Survivors, Inc.**

NEW and UNOPENED Toiletries - soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc. (Survivors is unable to accept hotel size toiletries.), sheet sets, blankets, plug-in alarm clocks, towels, washcloths, diapers, baby wipes, “sippie” cups and baby bottles.

BLUE brochures containing detailed information on the Calendar of Giving program, the selected organizations, and the specific donation requests are available in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you again for making the “Calendar of Giving” a success.

**VBS Leaders Needed!!**

Vacation Bible School will be held on June 17 - 20 this year and we need help!!

If you can be a leader for preschool, snack, scripture, games, drama, or Bible activities, please let me know as soon as possible. We have already begun our planning. I know that you - **yes, you** - have lots of great ideas and enthusiasm for our children's ministry here at GPC. This may be just the opportunity you've been looking for. Let me know at 334-1235, ext. 5 or [gpcdce@embarqmail.com](mailto:gpcdce@embarqmail.com). THANKS!

— Blessings, Phyllis



**Spend an Evening  
With  
7 Mile Road**

**Saturday, April 27  
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.**

On Saturday, April 27, 7 Mile Road will present music from their new CD, “Another Cup of Grace” from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Band members include Bruce and Pam Rowland, David and Pat Conklin, Carrie Trax, Bill Fitzpatrick, and Mike Reyka. Donations and the sale of refreshments will help support the Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S. program, which provides shelter for the homeless in participating churches in the Gettysburg community during the winter months. The new 7 Mile Road CD will be for sale as well. Please plan to attend to listen to the newest original Christian music composed by Bruce & Dave.

**Bake Sale Items Needed**

There will be a bake sale on Saturday evening, April 27 from 7:30 -9:30 PM in Fellowship Hall at the 7 Mile Road CD Release Party. Proceeds from the bake sale will be donated to Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S., the emergency homeless shelter program that GPC participated in this past winter. Cookies, brownies, cupcakes, and any other sweet treats that you can make and bring to the church for the sale will be enjoyed by those attending the concert and will directly benefit Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S. as they prepare to re-open the shelters in November.

Please, bring your baked goods to the church kitchen between 6 and 7 PM on April 27<sup>th</sup>. If you need to have your items picked up, please contact Gail Hull at 334-0753 or [gail@hullselectric.com](mailto:gail@hullselectric.com).

## High School Workcamp

- Who:** Youth who have completed 9th grade through Freshman year in college  
**When:** June 21—30, 2013  
**Where:** Sylacauga, AL  
**Cost:** \$325.00  
**What:** Basic weatherization and home repair from painting to decks to wheelchair ramps to roofing.  
**Why:** To show God's love through service.  
**Motto:** "We work on homes.....while God works on us."



**Some spots still available.**

**Contact Rev. Lou Nyiri as soon as possible to reserve your seat.  
 334-1235, ext. 4; gpclou@embarqmail.com.**



### **PLAY BALL !!**

We're fielding a softball team for the Adams County Church Softball League. All skill levels welcome.

If you wish to play, contact Brandon Dillon @ 717-870-7546 or Dillons583@gmail.com

### **Mexico Mission Trip Update**



Dates: July 15-22

Cost is \$825. Scholarships are available.

To date 10 GPC folks have signed up for this exciting mission. Five others from other churches will also be joining us. We've got room for a couple more! If you'd like to go, please contact Pastor Dave immediately!

## **"Introduction to the Dead Sea Scrolls" Continues Through April**

**Leader: Dr. Brooks Schramm**

**Sundays, April 14 - 28**  
 9:30 in MacAskill Room

Dr. Brooks Schramm is Professor of Biblical Studies at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg. He comes highly recommended by GPC member Jean LeGros who took this course while a student at the seminary. Below are the weekly topics, followed by a general explanation:

- Sunday, April 14, 2013: **"The Scrolls and the Text of the Hebrew Bible: The Psalms"**
- Sunday, April 21, 2013: **"Biblical Interpretation in the Scrolls: The Habbakuk Peshet"**
- Sunday, April 28, 2013: **"The Scrolls and Late Second Temple Judaism: The Cradle of Christianity"**

From 1947-1956 the remains of approximately 900 Hebrew and Aramaic scrolls were discovered in caves overlooking the northwest shore of the Dead Sea. These documents, most of which date to the 2nd and 1st centuries BCE, include copies of every book of the Hebrew Bible (except Esther and Nehemiah), as well as commentaries on biblical books and hundreds of other Jewish religious texts that were previously unknown. These strange and wonderful texts have revolutionized our understanding of late 2nd Temple Judaism, the very Judaism out of which Christianity emerged. As Michael Wise has written: "For Jews, the Qumran texts say, 'Our family was larger than you knew'...For Christians, the texts say, 'You are more Jewish than you realized.'"

## PW CIRCLES

**Elizabeth Circle**

**Monday, April 15, 1:00 p.m.**

Paideia House, First Floor

Hostess: Carolyn Durboraw

Lesson 8: 1 John 2; 2 Peter 2-3; Jude 1-16

**Mary Martha Circle**

**Monday, April 15, 7:00 p.m.**

Paideia House, First Floor

Lesson 7: 1 John 2: 1-15; 29-3:10; 5:1-21

Lesson 8: 1 John 2; 2 Peter 2-3; Jude 1-16

**Esther Circle**

**Thursday, April 18, 10:00 a.m.**

Eisenhower Lounge at GPC

Group Study

Lesson 8:  
 1 John 2; 2 Peter 2-3; Jude 1-16



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**Next Newsletter Deadline:  
Noon, Thursday, April 18, 2013**

<p>April / May 2013  <b>GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b>          Traditional Worship @ 8:15 &amp; 11:00 a.m.          Contemporary Worship @ 9:30 a.m.</p>	
<b>4/14</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter - "It's Not Over: Tomb of the Unknown"</b>
<b>4/21</b>	<b>Stewardship of the Earth</b>
<b>4/28</b>	<b>When the World Conspires Against You (Psalm 73)</b>
<b>5/5</b>	<b>Immigration: Christian Perspectives</b>
<b>5/12</b>	<b>YOUTH SUNDAY - "Daring 2B Dedicated Disciples"</b>