

# GRAPEVINE

## "The Pastor's Page"

June 26, 2013

### The 150<sup>th</sup> Commemoration

Like many of you, I am anticipating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg with mixed feelings. I do believe it is appropriate to mark the anniversary of such a significant event in our country's history and I look forward to that. However, I am not looking forward to the increased traffic and crowded conditions in our stores and restaurants! Yet there are opportunities here for us to exercise some Christian virtues.

Christians have always valued the virtue of hospitality, for example. Look for opportunities to be helpful to our guests when you see them in the community, on the roads, or in worship. There may even be faith-sharing opportunities, if we are sensitive and open to them.

We will also have the opportunity to exercise the virtue of patience, whether we are waiting in traffic or in line at the store or for a table at our favorite restaurant. God can teach us patience in these situations if we allow him to!

Our sanctuary will be open July 1-5 from 1-2PM and 4-5PM. Contact Cathy Gardner (337-3233) or [lvgardner@comcast.net](mailto:lvgardner@comcast.net) if you would like to volunteer as a host during those times. Let's look for opportunities to live out our faith during the coming weeks!

Dave

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# Upcoming Events:

## June / July Music Schedule

June 30	8:15 a.m.	Adult Vocal Ensemble
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July 7	10:30 a.m.	Leo McGuire
July 14	10:30 a.m.	Bonnie Wright
July 21	10:30 a.m.	Flute Choir Larry Bullis
July 28	10:30 a.m.	Emma Strausner Erica & Alan Keller

On Sunday, **June 30**, we will be celebrating the **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ordination of Rev. Harry G. Winsheimer!** We continue to benefit greatly from Harry's ministry here at GPC. There will be cake between services in Harry's honor. Come and join the celebration.

**“Calendar of Giving”**  
For the month of: July  
**The Meals & More Program**  
School supplies - back packs, pencils, scissors, crayons, notebooks, notebook paper, glue sticks, colored pencils

### Home Communion

- If you have been homebound and unable to receive communion in worship, please let us know. We would love to bring communion to you in your home. Please contact Rev. Nyiri in the church office (334-1235, ext. 4) to make arrangements.

### **If you needed help with meals and rides to doctor appointments after a hospital stay, who would you call?**

Hopefully, your GPC Deacon Board comes to mind. The responsibility for caring for members' needs in the early church became so overwhelming that the Elders set apart a group of people called Deacons. These Deacons were tasked with the responsibility of reaching out to widows, orphans and anyone else in need. The modern church still employs the work of Deacons to reach out to those in need. Along with Pastors, Stephen Ministers and others in this church, your 12 Deacons work to provide a strong network of support for all our members.

These twelve people can't do this ministry all by themselves—they need your help too. In order to promptly meet the needs of our congregation and community, the Deacons have been using a Team Ministry Model. Each Deacon has a team of support upon which he/she can call to serve those in need. The aim is for each Deacon team to have 12-15 persons and each person will commit to being part of this team for a one year term of service. Each team under the guidance of their Deacon Leader will work to meet needs as they arise.

- Teams will be assigned in the following manner: As needs become known a deacon team will be mobilized into action and the next team will be alerted that they are “on-call” for the next need when it arises. While the “on-call” team will not know when they will get a call to serve they at least can get ready by coordinating calendars with their Deacon Leader.
- Deacon Leaders will be in touch with care recipients to learn of their needs and assign tasks to their Ministry Team members.

For this to work, it requires participation from our whole church family. In order to not burn anyone out we need **180 different** names from our church family to volunteer to be part of one of these ministry teams. If you are already a member of a Deacon Team, we thank you. If you are not on a Deacon Team, then we ask that you prayerfully consider being part of one of our Deacon Ministry Teams. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information, please contact the Deacon Team Coordinator, Sherry Farkas at 642-1552; or stop by the Deacon table in Fellowship Hall on Kick-Off Sunday, September 8th.

## Church Parking Lot C L O S E D on July 17

Again this year, Wal-Mart is providing a tractor-trailer to take all of the clothing, toys, linens, etc. that you have donated to the Lakota Reservation in South Dakota. Our packing day is Wednesday, July 17. In order to accommodate the tractor-trailer that day, the church parking lot will be closed to all vehicles (except the staff). Thank you for understanding, and thank you for giving so generously to this mission project.

### Re-enactment Week - July 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Sanctuary Schedule

10A-12P	– Guided Tours of Sanctuary beginning every 15 minutes
12:30P	– Prayer Service (15-20 minutes)
1P – 2P	– Open Time for visitors to tour on their own
2P-4P	– Guided Tours of Sanctuary beginning every 15 minutes
4P-5P	– Open Time for visitors to tour on their own

If you have family or friends in town to whom you would like to introduce your church during the re-enactment week, then consider bringing them by the church at one of the above times. If you are willing to host during one of the two open times (1-2P or 4-5P) please contact Welcome and Outreach team member, Cathy Gardner at 337-3233 or [lvgardner@comcast.net](mailto:lvgardner@comcast.net). We need you! So please volunteer!

### JULY DATES TO REMEMBER

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	4:15 p.m.	Youth Praise Band Practice
July 2	11:00 a.m.	Christian Education
July 4		<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
July 7	11:30 a.m.	Mexico Mission Training
July 8	7:00 p.m.	Mission & Interpretation
	12:15 p.m.	Property Committee
July 9	7:30 a.m.	Habitat Board Meeting
July 10	10:00 a.m.	Mom's Board Meeting
July 11	5:30 p.m.	Arc Parents
	7:00 p.m.	Capital Campaign Committee
July 12	5:30 p.m.	Arc - Fun for Friends Night
July 14		South Dakota & Mexico Mission Commissioning
	12:15 p.m.	Property Committee
	12:15 p.m.	Deacons Meeting
	4:00 p.m.	Session
	7:00 p.m.	Mexico Mission Training
July 15 - 22		<b>MEXICO MISSION TRIP</b>
July 17		<b>PARKING LOT CLOSED</b>
July 18 - 28		<b>SOUTH DAKOTA MISSION TRIP</b>
July 21		Workcamp Report in Worship
July 25	12:00 p.m.	Newsletter Deadline
	5:30 p.m.	Arc Parents
July 30	7:00 p.m.	Capital Campaign Committee

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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  
\* worship weekly

**Next Newsletter Deadline:**  
**Noon, Thursday, July 25, 2013**

<p>June / July 2013 GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE</p>	
<p><b>Summer Worship Schedule !</b></p> <p><b><u>July and August!</u></b></p>	<p><b>6/30</b>      <b>Christian Perspectives on War</b> Harry Winsheimer's 50th Ordination Anniversary Recognition</p> <p><b>7/7</b>      *SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES BEGINS* <b>"What A Great Week!"</b> Honduras Mission Team Report</p> <p><b>7/14</b>      <b>Minor Prophets: Amos</b> South Dakota &amp; Mexico Commissioning</p> <p><b>7/21</b>      <b>Minor Prophets: Hosea</b></p>