

# GRAPEVINE

August 12, 2015

## "The Pastor's Page"

### What to Say?

Have you ever wondered what to say to a loved one or good friend during a difficult time? Here are a few scriptures I rely on in times of need. I hope they offer you faithful words in times of need.

Peace,  
Rev. Lou

#### Isaiah 40: 27-31

*Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God'? Have you not known? Have you not heard?*

*The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.*

*Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.*

#### Psalms 46: 1-5,10-11

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;<sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.*

*There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city;<sup>6</sup> it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.<sup>7</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.<sup>8</sup>*

#### Psalms 121

*I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.*

*He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.*

*The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.*

*The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.*

*The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.*

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### Children's Library Update:

In my most recent checks with the Children's Library, I have been surprised to see that there have been no books checked out! This is a concern, because many wonderful books are languishing on our shelves waiting to be shared with little ones. Parents, there are many good – no, Wonderful – reasons to check these books out and read with your sons and daughters and I am here to explain why –

First of all, I am a Certified Academic Language Therapist. Quite a mouthful, but it basically means that I am certified to instruct children, even adults, who have not been able to learn to read. Dyslexia is a diagnosed condition in which the child is unable to connect sound to symbol in an efficient manner. That is very simplistic, but 20% of our young people have a degree of this. The most evident symptom of this is a deficit with sound awareness, otherwise known as Phonological Awareness – rhyming, words in a sentence, syllables in words, sounds within syllables. The sound patterns in our language are foundational to the ability to read.

That said, a child who is read to regularly begins to hear these sounds. Early hearing of rhyming is such a building block to reading. There are many wonderful rhyming books in our library – but first, let me point out even more meaningful reasons for reading to your child.

Literature builds a pool of vocabulary and knowledge. There is no greater pool of knowledge than our Faith through stories of the Bible or stories that build character and understanding. You may want to read because it helps your child love reading, or even better, to build an understanding of the great stories of the Bible.

With that in mind – The Rhyming Bible under Poetry in our library is a good place to start. Mother Goose Rhymes are based on parodies of the early English Monarchy. How much better to build rhymes based on Christian virtues? The Christian Mother Goose Treasury by Marjorie Ainsborough Decks is available to you. The Alice In Wonderland series are rhyming books and we have three of them – Psalms and Proverbs, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm and Prayers and Graces are some that are worth reading together.

Check these out – for two weeks – and return to the big blue bucket by the books. Leave your card in the basket and I will be so glad to know that many homes, in the quiet of the evening, are sharing the joy of both reading and teaching the wonderful love of our Lord.

Enjoy, and may you experience the warmth of His Love,  
Merida Hurkett  
Children's Librarian

Next time: Many new books for you to consider!!



## Happy 95th Birthday to Mary Crouthamel on September 4!!

If you would like to send Mary a card her address is: 1075 Old Harrisburg Rd. Room #222  
Gettysburg, PA 17325



### Job Opening

There is an immediate opening for a Director of Music for Contemporary Worship. The Director will oversee the Praise Band and additional music for 33 weeks each year. Please go to the church website [www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org](http://www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org) to see the job description. Also, be in prayer that God will lead us to just the right person!

### Exploring Membership Class

**Sunday, October 11  
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, October 11. 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. If interested, call the church office (334-1235) if you are planning to attend.

### **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 August is Dave Boyer at 528-8676.



## **“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:

### **August**

We are collecting items for  
“**Operation Move Out**”

Household Supplies – non-scratch scrub pads, disinfecting wipes, dish soap, dishwasher detergent, mops (traditional or Swiffer™ type), toilet paper, toilet bowl cleaner, first aid kits, shampoo, body wash, laundry detergent, air mattress (single or double), bakeware/cookware sets.

## **Gettysburg College’s First-Year Walk**

Gettysburg College’s First-Year Walk which includes the incoming class of students recreating the 1863 walk to hear the *Gettysburg Address* will process past our church.

The Welcome and Outreach Team needs your help in greeting students **Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** as they pass GPC. With signs of encouragement and candy informing them of our worship times we fulfill one of GPC’s missions to “invite people to faith in Jesus Christ”. Please contact Peter North if interested, 717-334-1496 or [pnorth@gettysburg.edu](mailto:pnorth@gettysburg.edu).

## **Journey Through Grief**

WellSpan Gettysburg Hospital invites you to join them for a time of sharing, education and mutual support with other people who have experienced the loss of a loved one. This is a four week community bereavement support group being held on Wednesday, September 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2015 from 7:00—8:30 p.m. in the Gettysburg Hospital Education Center, Room 2.

Contact Jodi Runge, WellSpan Bereavement Coordinator at 717-851-3594 to register and for any questions.

## **Class of 2015**

If you or your child graduated from high school in 2015 we need to know their post-high school address. We wish to keep in touch with them periodically throughout the year(s) following graduation from high school. We need your help to do this by providing us with their post-high school contact information. Please complete the contact card below and return to Rev. Lou Nyiri at the church office (208 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg) or email ([gpclou@embarqmail.com](mailto:gpclou@embarqmail.com)).

### **2015 Post-High School Graduate Contact Information**

Name of Graduate: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Mail Address 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What months is graduate at this address? \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Mail Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What months is graduate at this address? \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

## CONDOLENCES

Our thoughts and prayers are with:  
 Ed McCartney on the recent death of his sister.  
 Kathy Kircher on the recent death of her brother-in-law.

## HYMN SING

August 30  
 11:30 - Noon



There will be a hymn sing

Sunday, August 30 from 11:30 - noon

Come, join in singing some of your favorite hymns and learn one or two new ones.

We'd like to hear from you!  
 In August our pastors will be hosting a "sermon talk-back" time after the 10:30AM service each week. We'll meet in Eisenhower Lounge.

## Blessing the Animals

August 23 @ 4:00 p.m.

GPC will be hosting a "Blessing of the Animals" service on Sunday afternoon, August 23 at 4PM at the rec park in the Kiwanis pavilion. (near the dog park) Please bring lawn chairs. This is designed to be an outreach event, so think about friends and neighbors who have and love animals and bring them (with their animals) to this brief service. It's a great way to introduce them to GPC! Hope to see you there!



## "Kick Off Sunday"

September 13, 2015

The Fellowship Team invites you to be part of the excitement on Kick-Off Sunday, September 13. This is a great opportunity to generate enthusiasm for your ministry team as well as the overall new programmatic year which begins on September 13, 2015. It'll be amazing to see how God uses the upcoming programmatic, education and service opportunities of 2015-2016 to further the good news of the Gospel.

The focus of the morning will be generating enthusiasm for the upcoming year and highlighting the many GPC Ministry Teams. Plan to stop by Fellowship Hall before or after you worship and check out the displays of the many ministries and missions of this church. "Kickoff Sunday" is a great chance to learn more about our GPC church family, meet new people and enjoy our "kickoff" to a new year of activities and service in Jesus' name. It is also a good time to introduce a friend you know who is looking for a church family so that they will learn about all that we offer here and, most important, all that God is doing here @ GPC.

If one of the ministry teams or groups you work with in our church would like to reserve a table, then complete the form below and return it to Rev. Lou Nyiri by September 6th.

GPC September 13, 2015

"Kick-Off Sunday & Ministry Team Fair"

(Return this form to Rev. Lou Nyiri in the church office via mail; offering plate or email [gpclou@embarqmail.com](mailto:gpclou@embarqmail.com))

NO LATER than September 6)

\_\_\_\_\_ We need 1/2 of an 8-foot table (4'X4')  
 \_\_\_\_\_ We need 1 whole 8-foot table (4'X8')

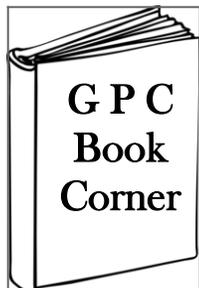
Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (Best time to call: 3-5pm / 5-7pm / 7-9pm)

Group Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you need an electrical outlet for your display? YES / NO



What a busy summer! I always liked to remember it as slow and laid back but the older I get the less laid back summer becomes. I am not writing a book review this time as I have been wrapped up with the Adams County Friends of the Library Book Sale and a move. I was happy to see several GPC members at the sale and hope you all purchased some

great books. We certainly thank you for dropping by and purchasing books that benefits the library.

I also purchased a bag of books for the Crane Library. Some fiction, such as the complete Jan Karon Mitford series, as well as some books from the religious section that you will be seeing on the Book Mobile Cart as well as on the shelves in the library. I will be dedicating the Mitford series in memory of Betsy Clowes. The Esther Circle graciously gave \$55.00 in her honor so that books can live on in her memory. Thank you ladies!!

On a personal note, our son, Bill, has a full time job now and has moved out into his own apartment. Some of you may not know that Jim and I have a son, 24 years old. He graduated from Lebanon Valley College in 2013 and has one year of graduate school under his belt. He was a sociology major with a year of mental health counseling and wants to become a police officer. So beware...he is now the Borough of Gettysburg Officer for Traffic and Parking. So if you see him, say hi and totally mess with his head.

I will have a review next time so enjoy those new books you purchased at the book sale and have a tremendous rest of the summer!

Keep on Reading!  
Cathy

## New Adult Elective Sunday School Class:

### **“The God We Can Know” July 19 – August 30**

These are the final weeks of exploring the “I Am” sayings of Jesus through the Gospel of John. How many of the “I AM” statements can you name without looking them up in Scripture? Consider coming and finding out more about the ones you know and learning about some new ones. With each statement Jesus uses vivid images to capture our imagination, revealing more about his identity and purpose. Join us at 9:00 as we learn together.

#### WOMEN of GPC

Please join in the FALL All-CIRCLE MEETING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Rachel Parmentier will lead the discussion on the

Introduction and Lesson 1 of the

2015-2016 HORIZONS Bible Study

COME TO THE WATERS

Genesis 1:1—2:14

Dessert & Beverages Provided

This meeting will be in place of the  
Regular September Circle meetings.



### **Professional Educators, Principals, Superintendents**

**Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>** we will be inviting you to come to worship for a blessing by the Director of Christian Education. We want to bless you as you enter a new school year. We know the pressure that our culture puts on educators to rectify all kinds of family and social problems that have made this profession both vastly more crucial and infinitely more difficult. Please join us on Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> as we affirm educators serving in schools as called to a holy and honorable vocation.



**Parents On Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>** we would like all children and youth to bring their backpacks to worship. We will have the blessing of the backpacks during the Children's Message and have a token to give each child to go on their backpacks. Our children and youth deal with so many stresses nowadays – academic, extracurricular, social, etc. In the midst of all these stresses, we want them to have a tangible reminder that they are always being upheld by the love of God and the love and prayers of their congregation. What better tangible reminder than the backpack that they lug around with them all day long? So, if you know any children or youth, encourage them to bring their backpacks to worship on Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.

**HELP NEEDED in Christian Education**

Christian Education needs individuals to help in the following areas for Fall Programming:

- Games/Activities Leader—Youth Club Wednesday afternoons 4:00 – 5:45 p.m.
- Children’s Church leaders – 11:00 Service on a rotating basis – lead every 4-5 weeks.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DATES TO REMEMBER**

	Sunday, August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Honoring Professional Educators
	Sunday, August 30 <sup>th</sup>	Blessing of Backpacks Presenting Bibles to 3 Year Olds
	Sunday, September 13 <sup>th</sup>	Kick Off Sunday –All Sunday School classes resume Presenting Bibles to new 2 <sup>nd</sup> Graders Disciple Bible Studies – I and IV Begin
	Monday, September 14 <sup>th</sup>	Disciple II Bible Study begins
	Wednesday, September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Club Kickoff

**ANNUAL ALL CHURCH POT-LUCK PICNIC**

Fun, Fellowship and Food! It will be a Fantastic time!



**Where:**           **Gettysburg Area Rec. Park**  
**South End Pavilions – Kiwanis and Lions Pavilions**  
 545 Long Lane, Gettysburg, PA  
 (Bathrooms are available.)

**When:**           **Sunday, September 20, 2015 from 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.**

- Bring:**
1. **Place Settings** (plates, knives, forks, spoons)
  2. **A covered dish to serve 12 people** (& serving spoon)

Last Name A-G: **Dessert**  
 Last Name H-Z: **Salad or Casserole**

- Sign Up:**       Deadline by September 13, 2015
1. Drop cut-off in the offering plate.
  2. Email Lou: [gpclou@embarqmail.com](mailto:gpclou@embarqmail.com)
  3. Call Lou: 717-334-1235

**Lunch will be served  
at 1:30 p.m.**

Pork generously provided by Benji Conover  
and prepared by Penny Messinger.

The church will provide pork sandwiches,  
cold drinks, ice, napkins and condiments.

**After lunch, lawn games will be available** (ladder golf, horse shoes, corn hole... )  
**INCLUDING a tournament with prizes!**

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ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH POT-LUCK PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_

## Seeking Volunteers!

On Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, our church is hosting a resource fair and educational event in cooperation with the Healthy Adams County End of Life Committee. The purpose of the event is to help people think about how they would like to direct their care toward the end of their life and to find out what services are available to make that plan happen. People from all over Adams County have been invited and for many it will be their first time walking into our lovely church.

We would like to have some members to help as volunteer greeters and guides during the event which will run from 10 AM to 2 PM. You are also very welcome to take advantage of the exhibits and the educational sessions while you are there. If you would like to help for one hour or more, please contact Linda Thompson at [lthomp@acofa.org](mailto:lthomp@acofa.org) or 334-9296 or Cheryl Betts in the church office 334-1235, ext. 5.

Thank you!

## Preparing Through Life for End of Life

*Interactive Resource Fair to Help Plan and  
Prepare for End of Life*



**Saturday, September 26  
2015**

**10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

Gettysburg Presbyterian Church

Topics Include Advanced Directives  
and/or Living Wills, Pre-Planning for  
Funerals, Estate Planning, Grief Support,  
Home Care, Nursing Care, Hospice and  
Much More!

This event is sponsored by the End of Life Committee, an affiliate of  
Healthy Adams County

## DISCIPLE

BECOMING DISCIPLES  
THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

### Disciple 1 Bible Study:

Why study the Bible? What does it mean for me? These are a few questions that some ask when thinking about a long term Bible Study. It has been proven over the years that even those who think they know their Bible find new meanings in the passages and in applying it to our lives today. To grow in your faith and knowledge, you really should sign up for Disciple. Please give this sincere consideration – Disciple I covers 70% of the Bible over 34 weeks – something that many of us haven't done in many years, if ever. Sign up over the next few weeks for this wonderful class. You will not regret it. Class will be Sunday evenings from 5 – 7 PM beginning September 13<sup>th</sup>.

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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



Serving God for 275 years

**Next Newsletter Deadline:**  
**Noon, Thursday, August 20 2015**

**August 2015**  
**GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Contemporary Worship @ 9:00 a.m.**  
**Traditional Worship @ 10:30 a.m.**

<b>August 16</b>	David & Goliath Workcamp Report
<b>August 23</b>	Elijah & the Priests of Baal South Dakota Mission Report
<b>August 30</b>	The Raising of Lazarus 275th Anniversary Vignette