

Gettysburg Presbyterian Church

GRAPEVINE

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Was America Founded as a Christian Nation?

I subscribe to the Mars Hill Journal, an audio publication which seeks to help Christians engage critically with culture. In a recent edition, I heard an intriguing interview with John Fea, author of a book entitled, Was America Founded as a Christian Nation? Most of us have heard passionate (sometimes irrational!) arguments both for and against the notion of America's Christian founding, but Fea seemed to be thoughtful in his treatment of the subject, so I got his book.

He asks excellent questions: When was the nation founded? (Jamestown? Plymouth? 1776?) What does it *mean* to be a Christian nation? What does it mean to be a Christian?

Dr. Fea is a professor of history at nearby Messiah College. We are fortunate to have him lead a series of classes on this subject Sept. 16, 23 and 30 in the MacAskill Room during the 9:30AM hour. I hope you will come to learn more about this important topic!

— Pastor Dave

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More Than Money Matters® Workshop

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- Stewardship and Values
- Setting Goals
- Credit and Debt
- Finding Money to Save
- Budget and Net Worth
- Communicating About Money

The series will be presented by Gettysburg Thrivent Financial representative Jim Dunlop.

When: Sundays, September 23 - October 28 from 6:00pm-7:30pm
(childcare provided)

Where: MacAskill Room here at GPC

Cost: \$30 per family for course materials for all 6 sessions.

Sign up for this timely workshop today!

Sign up begins on Sunday, August 19 in Fellowship Hall or you may contact Phyllis Dowd at 334-1235 or email gpcde@embarqmail.com by September 9 to reserve your seats. Please indicate the number and ages of children needing childcare.

The More Than Money Matters® workshop is intended only to educate you about financial decisions. It is broad in scope and does not consider your individual personal financial situation, which is unique. The information and advice may not be appropriate in all cases. No products will be offered for sale. For additional important disclosure information, please visit Thrivent.com/disclosures.



THANK YOU:

Lucy, We Couldn't Have Done It Without YOU!!

Now that we have returned from a wonderful and very successful trip to the Cheyenne River Reservation in South Dakota, we are mindful of all the work done by each member of our team before and during our week there. However, one member of our group spent hours, and hours, & HOURS sorting clothes and many other items prior to our departure, and that was Lucy Breighner. First, Lucy sorted everything in the shack until that was full and then set up shop in Paideia House and sorted and bagged until Paideia House was FULL! She continued her work until everything else was sorted and put on the Wal-Mart truck.

Thank you, Lucy, from all of us and from the Indians who benefited from your hard work.

Jen and I want to take this time to thank the church family for the tremendous support you have given our family in the past six years. When Jen and I arrived in the Gettysburg area we felt truly blessed to find a church that welcomed us with open arms. It truly takes a community to raise a child (or 2) and the church family provided us support and fellowship for all of our family. The church was there from the time Savannah was born and admitted to the NICU to guiding/teaching the girls in the nursery and church school. At the end of July, our family moved to the Allentown area (where Jen and I grew up). We will always think of you as part of our church family and plan to visit when we come for alumni weekend at Gettysburg College. Thank you again to all of our wonderful church family for your love and support. May God continue to bless you!

— Steve & Jen Kareha

Thank you, Kay

For many years now, Kay Knox has written our drama stories for VBS and this year was no exception. Several people commented that this year's dramas of the Peter stories were the best yet - very interactive, comprehensive, and complete with stage directions.

Kay has served GPC in so many ways in the past and continues to work behind the scenes. We are so grateful for her willingness to share her time & talents.

THANK YOU!!

I wanted to thank Judy Bullis, Georgia Kuhn, Sheryl Suplee, & Bonnie Wright for helping in the church office during the South Dakota mission trip and my vacation. It's a blessing to be able to go away and know that things are well taken care of.

— Penny

We would like to thank the following people for helping to clean up the vans after the South Dakota Mission trip: Barry Breighner, Lori Bridel, Ken Elledge, Bob Remaley, Carole & Barry Simon, Steve & Tammi Swartzbaugh.

Our thanks to Ross Brownley, Scott McPherson and the Property Committee for the installation of an air conditioner in the kitchen! We hope things will be much more comfortable for our cooks!

Facility Review Committee Update

This committee has been hard at work, examining our facility in detail, listening to representatives of our ministries, and visiting other church facilities in our community. We are beginning to sort through all the needs and requests that we have heard. Please pray for us as we continue our work! Committee members are: Nancy Cook, Margaret Curtis, Dennis Dillman, Allen Duncan, Ron Hankey, Ralph Lambert, Dennis Meckley and Pastor Dave.

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 Kathy Kircher 357-1175.



Upcoming Events:

August Music Schedule

August 5	Larry Bullis
August 12	Beth Jones Linda MacAskill
August 19	Bonnie O'Dell
August 26	Katelyn Gormley Amy Hieber
September 2	John Horner
8:30 a.m.	Classic Four
11:00 a.m.	Trombones

PUPPET SHOW Here on August 26

This year during our mission trip to South Dakota we presented a puppet show of Bible songs during the Festival, to the delight of young and old. We will be doing an encore performance for GPC on Sunday, August 26 in Fellowship Hall. The puppet show will coincide with our South Dakota mission report during worship that day.

So come enjoy some lively puppets and songs from 10:00 - 10:30 (between the two services) on August 26. All ages are welcome!!

Get Involved with Adult Discipleship!

The Adult Discipleship Team is seeking people who would like to help build GPC's Small Groups Program and plan activities for adult groups in our church.

The early Christian Church had its origins with people gathering in small groups: meeting in people's homes, breaking bread together, providing friendship and mutual support. That aspect of communal caring was essential in spreading their faith.

Small-group ministry nurtures caring relationships in groups of a manageable size and provides ongoing opportunities to explore life issues in a religious context.

Several of the small groups which started during Lent have continued to meet. We would like to add more opportunities for people to become involved in this essential ministry.

If you would like to join us, please contact Linda Thompson at 817-0212 or ltthomp999@gmail.com; or show up at our next meeting on Thursday, August 9th at 6:30 PM in the Eisenhower Lounge. We'll be getting ready to launch some Fall Small Groups and activities.

AUGUST DATES TO REMEMBER

August 1, 15 & 29	6:00 & 6:30 p.m.	Historic Church Walking Tour
August 2	6:30 p.m.	Worship & Music
	6:30 p.m.	Christian Education
August 6	7:00 p.m.	Mission & Interpretation
August 7	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Supervision
August 8	6:00 p.m.	Welcome & Outreach
August 9	10:00 a.m.	Moms of Adams County Board meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Discipleship
August 12	11:45 p.m.	Property Committee Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Session
August 14	6:30 p.m.	Facility Task Force
August 16	9:00 a.m.	Dollars for Scholars
	12:00 p.m.	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
August 20	7:00 p.m.	Personnel & Administration
August 22	7:00 p.m.	Contemporary Ministry Team
August 25	5:00 p.m.	South Dakota Mission Team Picnic
August 26		South Dakota Mission Team Report in Worship
	10:00 a.m.	South Dakota Puppet Show in Fellowship Hall
August 30	12:00 p.m.	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Fruitbelt Farmworker Christian Ministry (FFCM)

Adopt-a-Camp & GPC

Each year several thousand farmworkers in Adams, Cumberland & Franklin Counties pick an average of 200,000 tons of fruit. The value of this crop is valued at about \$63,000,000.00. The farmworker is key to getting delicious fruit from the trees to our tables.

FFCM attempts to demonstrate God's love to these sojourners, who are often separated from their homes, families, culture and spiritual roots. These guests to our community need the nurture and hospitality of the Christian community. Therefore, GPC is partnering with FFCM by adopting a Hispanic Migrant Camp here in Adams County from late August through mid October. Watch future Grapevines for details.

Until then, will you help out by doing any one of the following...

Pray for the farm workers – the FFCM staff – the camp we will adopt.

Participate by volunteering to be on a rotating list of people from GPC who will visit the camp once or twice a week during their stay in Adams County.

Provide a Welcome / Health Kit or portion thereof. We will deliver the Kits to the camp late August or early September. *A Welcome Kit includes the following items which are to be placed into a paper grocery bag:*

1 adult toothbrush
2 rolls toilet paper

1 medium size toothpaste
2 disposable razors

2 bars bath soap
1 can shaving cream

1 wash cloth

(Welcome / Health Kits and/or supplies to make the health kits should be brought to the table in Fellowship Hall on August 25th)

ALL CHURCH PICNIC AND PIG ROAST!

OUR ANNUAL ALL CHURCH PICNIC & PIG ROAST WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR ON THE BEAUTIFUL GROUNDS OF GREAT CONEWAGO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 174 RED BRIDGE ROAD IN HUNTERSTOWN: GREATCONEWAGOPRESBYTERIANCHURCH.ORG. LET'S KICK OFF THE START OF ANOTHER CHURCH YEAR TOGETHER WITH FELLOWSHIP, FOOD, GAMES AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET ACQUAINTED WITH SOME OF OUR SISTER AND BROTHER PRESBYTERIANS AND THEIR HISTORIC CHURCH.

"_SO WE, WHO ARE MANY, ARE ONE BODY IN CHRIST, AND INDIVIDUALLY WE ARE MEMBERS ONE OF ANOTHER." ROMANS 12:5.

OUR PICNIC IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 9, FROM 3-5 PM. COME SEE THE CHURCH, CHAPEL, AND TOUR THE HISTORIC CEMETERY DATING TO REVOLUTIONARY TIMES. THERE WILL BE A PRAYER LABYRINTH ACTIVITY, INTER-GENERATIONAL GAMES, AND A CHANCE TO SOCIALIZE. A POT-LUCK PICNIC, SERVED AT 4, WILL FEATURE BENJY CONOVER'S ROAST PORK SANDWICHES. THE AFTERNOON WILL CONCLUDE WITH A BRIEF EVENING VESPER SERVICE LED BY OUR OWN PASTOR DAVE TOGETHER WITH PASTOR CHARLIE BEST FROM GREAT CONEWAGO.

WHAT TO BRING:

YOUR OWN PLACE SETTINGS (PLATES, KNIVES, FORKS, SPOONS) AND A SERVING UTENSIL FOR YOUR POT LUCK DISH:

LAST NAME A - G, PLEASE BRING A DESSERT THAT SERVES 12 PEOPLE.

LAST NAME H - Z, PLEASE BRING A SALAD OR SIDE DISH THAT SERVES 12 PEOPLE.

Sign up soon, (no later than August 31) so we know how many to plan for. You may leave a message for Rev. Lou Nyiri by phone at 334-1235, ext. 4, by email at gpclou@embarqmail.com, or tear off the form below and place it in the offering plate. Directions will be provided closer to the date of the picnic.

**ALL CHURCH PICNIC & PIG ROAST
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2012, 3-5 PM**

Kick-Off Sunday September 9, 2012

The Fellowship Team invites you to be part of the Kick-Off Sunday excitement. Be a part of this extravaganza as we build excitement and enthusiasm for our 2012-2013 programmatic, education and service opportunities – all to God's glory.

The focus of the morning and afternoon will be generating enthusiasm for the upcoming year and highlighting the many GPC Ministry Teams. It is also a great opportunity for members to "invite a friend to worship" as our new programmatic year kicks off that Sunday with the start of our Sunday morning Christian Education classes. From 9:00am to 12:30pm in Fellowship Hall, many Ministry Team & Other Church Group displays will be set up with representatives to answer questions.

Kick-Off Sunday has proven itself to be an excellent opportunity for fellowship and a great way to generate enthusiasm within the congregation about what we are doing here at GPC in response to God's grace. So plan to be a part from the start!

If one of the ministry teams or groups you work with in our church would like to have a table at Kick-Off Sunday, then complete the form below and return it to Rev. Lou Nyiri by September 1st. Use attached reservation form for convenience. **Submit a separate form for each group.**

GPC September 9, 2012

"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 NO LATER than September 1, 2012)*

_____ We need ½ of an 8-foot table (4'X4')

_____ We need 1 whole 8-foot table (4'X8') at the September 9, 2012 "Kick-Off Sunday & Ministry Team Fair" from 9:00 to 12:30 pm for the following:

Group Name: _____

Group Contact: _____

Group Contact Phone: _____

(Best time to call: 3-5pm / 5-7pm / 7-9pm)

Group Contact Email: _____

Will you need to an electrical outlet for your display? Yes / No

In 1995 our church sponsored a refugee Vietnamese family. We helped them build a "Habitat home" in Carpenter's Village on Fairfield Road. They completed their "sweat" hours and paid off the mortgage so they are the owners. Long, the father, worked night shift as cabinet maker for Aristocraft. Bai, the mother was a stay-at-home mother. Son, now called Steven, and Mai attended school and have mastered English quite well. Mai now owns her own business "NAILS 4 U" at the Springs Ave. Mall. And Steven and his wife work for her. Long, the father, now has cancer and is retired.

SEWING WORKSHOP

SEPTEMBER 4

Sewing Workshop will start again the first Tuesday of each month, starting September 4th at 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

We will be making lap quilts. There are a variety of jobs to do, so no special sewing skills are needed. Come an hour or more as it suits you. For information please call Faye Johns or Caroline Wintrode 334-1023.

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**Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, August 16, 2012**

August 2012

GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Contemporary Worship @ 9:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship @ 10:30 a.m.

- 8/5 9:00 a.m. - Q & A with Pastor Dave
10:30 a.m. - Provision in the Wilderness (Exodus 15:22-17)
- 8/12 Covenant & Commandments (Exodus 19-24)
- 8/19 The Golden Calf (Exodus 32)
- 8/26 South Dakota Mission Report

**Fall
Worship Schedule
Begins Sunday,
Sept. 2 !**

- 8:15 a.m. Traditional
Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary
Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional
Worship