

GRAPEVINE

"The Pastor's Page"

September 10, 2014

Labor Day Reflections

*"Whatever your task, put yourselves into it,
as done for the Lord and not for people..." Col. 3:23*

A couple Sundays ago we took a minute during worship for the "Dedication of the Educators." This was an idea that Cheryl Betts, our new DCE, brought to us. It fits perfectly with our reformed understanding of vocation and work! The early Reformers strongly disagreed with the idea, universally accepted in their day, that only clergy and monks and nuns were doing dedicated, holy work. Luther said that the lowliest milk maid was doing work as blessed and important as any priest or bishop! And so we celebrated the work of educators in our community during worship, a fitting thing for us Presbyterians who have always prized education!

At some point we may want to also celebrate the work of medical workers, tradesmen and women, business owners, transportation workers, homemakers, administrators, service workers, agricultural workers, those who work in the arts, etc. God uses all of us who do meaningful work to serve the common good. And the way we do our work as Christians (with grace and integrity) can also be a witness to the Lord who made us to work. So, thank God for your work and thank others who serve you through their work!

Pastor Dave

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KICK OFF SUNDAY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

We are excited to report that 30 children and youth attended Kick Off Sunday School Sunday with 8 leaders. We also had 32 adults in Christian Education with 5 leaders. Way to go GPC! Keep up the good work. Invite a friend to come with you next Sunday and join in the fun of learning about our faith and applying it to our lives every day. Hope to see you all here next week.

SECOND GRADERS received their Bibles in worship on Sunday and **THREE YEAR OLDS** received their Bibles last week in worship. If you did not receive one, please see Miss Cheryl and she will gladly see that you get one.

CONDOLENC-

Our thoughts & prayers are with the following:

Pat Lowe on the recent death of her son and Lindsay Lowe on the death of her brother.

The Hickey family on the recent death of Ken.

Alvaro Contreras on the recent death of his mother.

Barton & Karen Breighner and Barry & Sandra Breighner on the recent death of their sister, and Lucy Breighner on the death of her sister-in-law.

- **Have you all seen how nice the Manse fence is looking these days?**
- A big THANK YOU goes to the GPC Property Committee and Elder Jim Gardner. Several members power washed the fence in May during their annual Work Day. Then Jim Gardner spent three “hot August” afternoons weather staining the fence. GPC says a BIG THANK YOU for their hard work in keeping GPC looking ship shape.

THANK YOU from the Christian Education Committee and the children for the beautiful new blue tables in our classrooms for the kick-off of our new church school year. We are excited about having new tables that don't collapse while we are working at them.

Thank you so much.

Thanks to all our GPC friends for their many acts of kindness, prayers, cards, calls and concerns during my pre/post surgical period, for cornea implant surgery.

A special thank you to Pastors Dave & Harry for their visits and pastoral support.

From a very appreciative,
C. William Settle

Upcoming Events:

September Music Schedule

Sept. 14	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
Sept. 21	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
Sept. 28	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 5th

On Sunday afternoon, October 5th, a full "Celebration of Thanks" for Becky's years of service to GPC will be held in the Sanctuary following the 11 a.m. worship service.

You don't want to miss this one!!!
Mark your calendars now!!!

Thank you so much for the flowers and all the visitors who cheered me up following my recent surgery and recovery at the Lutheran Home. I am home now and so grateful for my wonderful and caring church family.

— Joan Miller

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

September

September 14	3:00 - 5:00	All -Church Picnic & Sunday School Begins
September 21	5:30 - 6:30	Parent/Youth Info Night & Ice Cream Social
September 28	5:30 - 7:00	Picnic @ Jen Beegle's Home 105 Palace Dr.

MidSHIP Schedule

September

September 14	3:00 - 5:00	All -Church Picnic
September 21	5:30 - 6:30	Parent/Youth Info Night & Ice Cream Social
September 24	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group Begins
September 28	5:30 - 7:00	Picnic at Libby's House

The Session is pleased to announce the hiring of Emily Koons as our new Director of Music and Organist.

Emily comes to us from St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Westminster, MD and has both a Bachelor's and Masters Degree in music. Emily, who lives outside of Littlestown, will begin her work on Sept. 8 and will oversee all our handbell choirs, our youth choir, and our total music program as well as serving as our organist. Please welcome her warmly on her first Sunday, Sept. 14!

We will formally welcome Emily with a reception on Sept. 21st.

GPC's 275th Anniversary!

GPC began in 1740, meeting on the present site of Black's Graveyard on Belmont Road. We would like to celebrate 275 years of ministry during 2015. If you are interested in being on the steering committee for this celebration, please contact Pastor Dave!

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.”

2014 Peacemaking Offering

The theme of this year's Peacemaking Offering is - “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” *John 14:27*. Christ speaks these words of assurance to his disciples shortly before he is betrayed and arrested. He wants his disciples to know, both then and now, that they and we are not alone, that God will provide support, strength, and peace through the Holy Spirit to help us live our lives as followers of Christ.

The yearly Peacemaking offering raises dedicated funds that allow us at GPC to spread the peace of Christ to people, our neighbors, right here in our community, by providing support to the following food and shelter ministries:

Gettysburg Soup Kitchen – serves hot meals to those who are hungry, seven days a week, including holidays. As many as 70 meals a day were served over the summer months.

Meals-n-More – provides hot lunches plus spiritual and academic enrichment for elementary age children while school is out for the summer.

South Central Community Action Programs (SCCAP) –

Food Pantry – serves 1,100 hungry people per month in Gettysburg alone.

Homeless Shelter- provides 48 beds for individuals and families while they develop a plan for after their shelter stay ends.

Survivors, Inc. – helps women and families escape the cycle of domestic violence and sexual assault through protected shelter and counseling services.

An offering envelope has been included in this newsletter. Between now and Sunday, September 28, when the Peacemaking Offering will be received during worship, please consider deeply and prayerfully how you will respond to Jesus' promise of peace. Your gift to the Peacemaking Offering provides necessary resources to help bring the peace of a full stomach and a safe place to stay to people when they need it most.

Until September 28th, keep praying for Peace in this world and community; and that the words of John 14:27 would become a reality.

Wish List for Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S.

As Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S. gears up to open in October for its third year offering overnight shelter to the homeless in area churches, there is a need to replenish supplies of many items that are used throughout the shelter season. If you would like to provide some of the items listed below at any time during the year, please drop them off at the C.A.R.E.S. Resource Center at 117 York Street or contact Gail Hull (334-0753, gail@hullselectric.com) for pick up.

Shelter Needs

- Instant Coffee and Hot Chocolate
- Hot/Cold Beverage Cups
- Sugar/Creamer
- Flashlights and Batteries
- Anti-Bacterial Wipes
- Band-Aids
- XL Ziploc Bags (4 to a box)

Resource Center Supplies

- Copier Paper
- Tissues
- Paper Towels
- Tall Kitchen Garbage Bags
- Laundry Detergent/Dryer Sheets
- Disposable Latex Gloves
- Person Care Items (toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, deodorant, shaving cream, etc.)

Mission Opportunity

Have you always wanted to participate in a cross-cultural mission experience with other church members but haven't been able to schedule time for a long trip? Perhaps you studied Spanish in school and would like to practice your language skills. Maybe you'd just like to spend a pleasant Sunday evening in the beautiful Adams County countryside, worshiping God and sharing good food with friends, old and new. Here is your opportunity to fulfill these wishes!

GPC has adopted a labor camp again this year through the Fruitbelt Farmworker Christian Ministry. The camp is located on Hilltown Road. Welcome/health kits have been collected and will be delivered to the camp. During September and early October, small groups from GPC will schedule some additional visits on Sunday evenings to share tasty snacks and a brief bi-lingual worship service. A translator will accompany us, if needed.

Please consider joining us to offer the warm hand of Christian fellowship, to share God's love, and to show our appreciation for those who contribute to our local economy by harvesting 200,000 tons of fresh fruit each year valued at \$63 million dollars.

Contact Lou Nyiri (gpcclou@embarqmail.com, 334-1235, ext. 4) or Gail Hull (gail@hullselectric.com, 334-0753) for dates, times, directions and/or carpooling information.

Food for Ruth's Harvest, Gettysburg

Ruth's Harvest, Gettysburg will begin its food ministry for income eligible elementary aged children during the second week of September. Volunteer teams have been scheduled from all over the community (including teams from GPC) to deliver and shelve the donated food items on Mondays and also to fill the children's backpacks.

The non-perishable food items that will be sent home with the children have been carefully selected to provide good nutritional value but not be too heavy for the children to carry. There will be a container in Fellowship Hall where you can place food items from the approved list any Sunday during the school year. These items will be delivered to Christ Lutheran Church where they will be stored until the backpacks are filled on Thursdays. Copies of the approved food list are available in Fellowship Hall. Please take a list home with you, and as you shop during the week, consider purchasing an item or two. Then bring your donation with you any Sunday and deposit it in the container.

PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE

By the time you read this the 3rd and final proof will be on its way back to Life Touch. We hope to have the 2014 Directory available by September 21. If you had your photo taken you are guaranteed a directory. There are a limited number available for those families not photographed, please contact Rev. Nyiri in the church office to reserve a copy today (334-1235, ext. 4 or gpclo@embarqmail.com.

Session Update

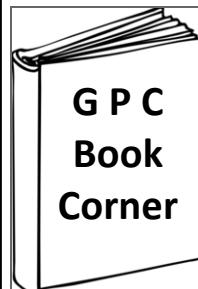
At its stated meeting on Sept. 7, the Session...

- Heard updates on the progress of the building committee
- Noted that Emily Koons will begin her work as Music Director/Organist on Sept. 8
- Heard an update regarding the future of the Honduras Medical Mission Trip
- Elected commissioners to the 9/23 Presbytery meeting (Peter North & Andy Miner)
- Noted that Nicole Miller, a Presbyterian student at the Lutheran Seminary, is beginning her field education work with us



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 Sept. is Chooch Wells at 337-2487.



Well, we are into September and the year just keeps on flying by! The kids are back in school, Kick Off Sunday has come and gone and the evenings are getting a little cooler and shorter. Yep, I think that means that autumn is just around the corner. It is also the time when we begin to get back involved in activities that we put aside for those lazy days of summer.

Some of you are involved in committees, book clubs, and church reading groups. Sometimes those groups ask that you provide a short devotional or prayer to kick them off in the right direction. I thought I would discuss a book that might help you with finding something appropriate to talk about at those meetings.

I have gotten to know Chooch Wells, as we are Deacons together. However, I did not have the pleasure of meeting or knowing his wife, Rebecca. God decided that he needed her with him in heaven and I would have to wait to be introduced to her. But she did leave part of herself with us to have forever, But I Don't Know What To Say!

Many of you had the privilege of knowing Rebecca so you have probably already read her book. But did you ever think of using it for some of the devotions you may have to provide to your groups? There are some very lovely writings and sayings that are appropriate for almost every occasion or set of circumstances. For example, we can all use (and I know that this is one I pray for all the time), The Need For Patience. God is always telling us to be patient and wait. We are a very "hurry up" society. We want it and we want NOW!! Rebecca gives us scriptures that tell us what God has to say about being patient. I Corinthians 13: 4, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it is not proud." These are words we can trust and live by.

Rebecca not only gives us the scripture, she then offers up specific words to say at certain times. She also gives us short prayers to recite. These are wonderful words that can help you as well as friends and family in need. Because who doesn't need encouragement at almost everything we do?

I purchased this book at a Deacon retreat two years ago and have really enjoyed it as a reference book as well as a devotional. It is nice to know that she left us with such an inspiring book to keep us on track. So please drop by the Crane Library and check it out.

Have a great Fall season; enjoy the changing of the leaves as much as the raking of leaves! Til next time...

Keep on READING!!

Cathy

Fairfield Knights Homecoming Game – October 10th

For 2 years now, 10-15 players & coaches from the Fairfield Knights Football Team have volunteered to help our South Dakota Mission Team load the 18-wheeler with supplies for their mission. They then leave the blazing heat of Gettysburg for the practice field in Fairfield. As our way of saying “thanks” to these guys for their support of our mission trip, we would like to send as many GPC members as we can to Fairfield’s Homecoming Football Game as our way of saying thanks for their support.

Please put October 10th on your calendar and make an effort to get to the Fairfield Knights Homecoming Football Game. Thanks, in advance. ~ Rev. Nyiri

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DATE TO REMEMBER

Monday, September 22nd

Kids Club Kickoff

For those who are interested in the Disciple Bible Study you can still sign up. Call Cheryl at 334-1235 to sign up or stop by the CE Table. You can choose which class to attend - classes will be offered on Sunday evenings from 7 – 9 PM beginning September 21st and for those who prefer a daytime study it will also be offered on Monday mornings from 10-12 beginning September 22nd. Study guides are \$40.



Burden Bear Workshop

Due to having an over abundance of Bear Bundles, (I think that's called overbearing) Burden Bears will not be held during the month of September, as previously stated. We will meet again on October 6th and all Mondays in October, all Mondays in November and December 1, 8, and 15th. Any materials that you may have to donate for making the bears is always appreciated, cotton or cotton blend fabrics, thread, fiberfill stuffing, light quilt batting or narrow ribbon. Please place in a bag, labeled "For Burden Bears" on the kitchen counter anytime. Anyone who would like to participate in the workshops, once we get the production line going again, is very welcome. For information, please call Audrey Jahn, 624-1934 or Joan Pore 337-1718.



INVITATION TO SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS OF ALL AGES

– Join Pastor Lou and Cheryl at this training event

Presbytery of Carlisle-Region B

Sunday School Teacher Training Event

Saturday, September 27th, 2014



Think Outside of the Box: Exploring New Models of Sunday School

9:00a.m. to 11:30a.m.

(Registration and Continental Breakfast starts at 8:30)

**Silver Spring Presbyterian Church
444 Silver Spring Road, Mechanicsburg, PA**

**WORKSHOP LEADER: Debbie Hough –D.C.E. Derry Presbyterian
2014 APCE EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR!**

Special Breakout Discussion Groups for teachers of Preschool, Elementary, Youth, and Adult level classes!

RSVP by September 23rd to Rev. Candace Veon-Nyiri lucan615@embarqmail.com or 717-339-6511



"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:

September

We are collecting items for

"Manos Unidas"

Office Supplies—reams of paper, Post-It Notes, pens, pencils, file folders, tablets, craft supplies, washable paints, paintbrushes, crayons, glue, colored markers, construction paper.

Dr. J. Herbert Nelson to speak at GPC

The Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, Director of the Office of Public Witness for the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. (PCUSA) will be our special guest here at GPC on Saturday evening, October 25 at 7 pm. Dr. Nelson and the Office of Public Witness advocate, and help the church to advocate, for a more just society through public policies that address issues related to poverty, education, and violence. The Office of Public Witness has maintained a public policy ministry in our nation's capital for 68 years, providing biblically and theologically based insights for promoting God's work in the world through the church. You are invited to hear Dr. Nelson speak in the sanctuary followed by an opportunity to ask questions on peace and justice issues that concern the PCUSA and all people of faith who desire to be faithful disciples of Christ. Dr. Nelson will offer prophetic Presbyterian witness to the 2014 PCUSA advocacy priorities and explain how best to "speak truth to power in love." Please save the date and come to listen, learn, and be inspired!



Youth Club & Kids Club Registration

Registration for Youth Club (3rd, 4th, & 5th graders) & Kids Club (Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd graders) is currently going on. Youth Club's first meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 10th. Kid's Clubs first meeting is Monday, Sept. 22nd. Parents, you have received registration forms for your child(ren). Please return those as soon as possible. Extras are available in Fellowship Hall. Any questions, please contact Cheryl in the church office or via email at gpcdce@embarqmail.com

Elizabeth Circle

Esther Circle

Mary Martha Circle

Combined Circle Meeting

**September 21, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall**

2014 - 2015 Bible Study: Reconciling Paul
A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians

Lesson 1: I and II Corinthians
Study Leader: Janet Dewar

Dessert & Beverage

Study books available (\$8.00)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

in the Presbytery of Carlisle

FALL GATHERING

Saturday, September 27, 2014

Second Presbyterian Church
528 Garland Dr., Carlisle, PA

9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Registration, Devotion, and Business Meeting

10:30 a.m.

"Fine Talents" with Sonia Patterson

Light Lunch

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

The Many Faces of the Whale and the New Synod Mission Project

PW Rummage and Bake Sale - October 17 & 18

Please call Kathy Kircher 357-1175 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, Oct. 17, 8:30 to 5:00, Sat. Oct. 18, 8:30 to noon.
Lunch will be served on Friday.



Drop-offs: Monday, Oct. 13, put everything in the corner next to the main outside entrance in Fellowship Hall. **Deadline for drop-offs is Thursday, Oct. 16 by noon.**

Marking and sorting will take place Tuesday—Thursday 8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Baked goods: Drop off by 8 a.m. Friday or the night before if frozen.

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

Clean-up: Saturday Oct. 18 noon until complete. **MEN ARE NEEDED FOR CLEAN UP.**
Please let Kathy know if you can help 357-1175.

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

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

Experience a night of Fun, Food, and Culture

My name is Jessica Crawford and I have been going out to South Dakota for the past four summers and working on the Cheyenne River Reservation with the Lakota people.

They are truly an amazing people; and in desiring to help them financially, I am hosting a cultural dinner fundraiser/Silent Auction.

Date: Saturday, October 4, 2014

Time: 5:00PM to 8:00PM

Place: Celebration Church

1048 South Mountain Road

Dillsburg, PA 17019

Cost: \$10.00/per meal

The meal will be an Indian Frybread Taco (consisting of frybread, meat, lettuce, cheese & salsa), drinks (coffee, water & lemonade) and dessert.

Entertainment while you dine will be provided by the Native American Flute Circle. There will also be carnival games for the kids (the same games we use for our festival night out in South Dakota).

Facts about the Lakota people we are helping:

The annual HOUSEHOLD income averages between \$5,000 to \$6,000

The unemployment rate for the reservation is 85%

Many families CANNOT afford heat or even warm clothing for the harsh South Dakota winters

The Cheyenne River Reservation has the highest child poverty rate in the Nation

**Come celebrate with us and support the Lakota people.
All proceeds go toward helping the Lakota people
on the Cheyenne River Reservation.**

SEATING IS LIMITED • RSVP BY 09/28/14 TO
SouthDakotaFundraiser@hotmail.com TO ATTEND.

**The Presbytery of Carlisle invites you
to the Service of Ordination
of TJ Remaley
to the office of Teaching Elder
(Minister of Word and Sacrament).**

**Service to be held September 28, 2014 at
3:00 pm at Gettysburg Presbyterian Church.**

TJ is a child of this congregation having grown up and confirmed in this church. TJ was under care of this church as he followed God's call through college and into seminary. TJ has been called to serve as Associate Pastor for Family Ministry and Discipleship at St. Giles Presbyterian Church in Greenville, South Carolina. Plan to attend this Worship Celebration. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

Exploring Membership Class Sunday, October 12, 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 6. 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.

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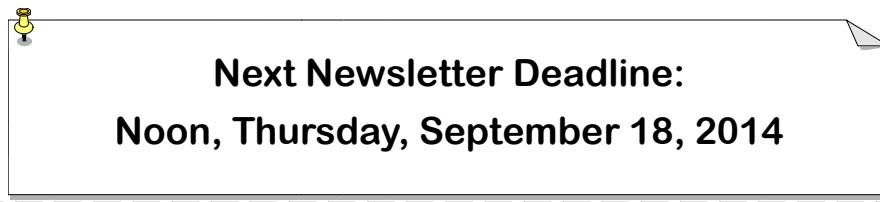
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Gettysburg Presbyterian Church Mission Statement

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



September/October 2014 GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Traditional Worship @ 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.
Contemporary Worship @ 9:30 a.m.**

September 14	Hot Button Issues: Abortion Peacemaking Offering Announcement
September 21	Hot Button Issues: Capital Punishment Commissioning of C.E. Leaders
September 28	Hot Button Issues: Homosexual Marriage Peacemaking Offering Commissioning of Musicians BRIDGE Update
October 5	Communion