

GRAPEVINE

October 7, 2015

"The Pastor's Page"

Hope in the Shadowlands

There are so many firsts after someone you love dies. Even though we hope in the Resurrection, after a loss it can feel as though we're walking around in what C.S. Lewis called the *Shadowlands* – the feeling of not being fully asleep or fully awake. Life feels blurry during such times as we try to get a handle on what we're feeling.

In an effort to walk alongside those going through the grief of losing someone they love, our church's Stephen Ministry is offering a grief support group on Sundays (11/1, 11/8, 11/15 and 11/22) from Noon to 1:00 p.m. This group will be facilitated by two of our Stephen Leaders – Charlotte Winsheimer and Anne Gallon. Together the group members will talk about their loss and how to find ways, with God's help, to bear sorrow. If you or someone you know might benefit from this group, please contact me in the church office to sign up (Rev. Lou Nyiri, 334-1235, ext. 4 or gpcclou@embarqmail.com).

Grace & Peace,



I close this note by sharing the following by Pastor Kenneth R. Stewart of Paradise, Pennsylvania which is entitled, *After Loss: A Prayer*.

Heavenly Father, it's hard to feel thankful right now; it feels like there's a hole inside my heart--a wound that will never heal. But I *am* thankful. I'm thankful for all the sweet memories I have of my loved one, even though now, sometimes, remembering makes it hurt all over again. Yet I wouldn't give those memories away for anything in the world.

There are moments, dear Lord, when I wonder if anyone has ever felt the kind of pain I'm feeling over the loss of my precious one. Then I remember that *You* know, because Your Son died for me. You know what a wounded heart feels like. When I cry, You feel my tears. Thank You for the comfort that brings me.

It gets lonely sometimes, Father. I know You're with me, but if I'm honest (I do need to be honest before You, Lord), I have to admit that I don't always feel it. I miss my loved one so much. But I'm thankful for all the love others have shown me by their kind actions, thoughtful words, their prayers and their presence--and their understanding when I need to be alone. Their love is an expression of Yours.

Lord, despite all the time I got to spend with my loved one, it still seems too short, that it was over too quickly. Yet each moment was a gift from you and will be cherished in my memories.

Today is a gift from You, Lord. With Your help, I will go on. I will bring my heartaches to You. I will remember my loved one gratefully. I will smile at the happy memories. And I will rest in the love of Jesus.

Amen.

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Upcoming Events:

October

Music Schedule

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| Oct. 11 | 8:15 a.m. | Early Choir |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Adult Choir |
| Oct. 18 | 8:15 a.m. | Adult Bell Choir |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Youth Bell Choir |
| | | Youth Choir |
| | | Chapel Choir |
| Oct. 25 | 8:15 a.m. | Early Choir |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Adult Choir |

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

October

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| October 11 | 5:30 - 7:00 | Dinner/Fellowship |
| October 18 | 12:00-4:30 | Lunch/Crop Walk |
| October 25 | 5:30 - 7:00 | Costume Party |

MidSHIP Schedule

October

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| October 11 | 5:30 - 7:00 | Dinner/Fellowship |
| October 14 | 2:45 - 5:00 | Small Group |
| October 17 (Sat.) | 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. | Fall Festival at Camp Krislund |
| October 18 | 12:00-4:30 | Lunch/Crop Walk (optional with SHIP) |
| October 21 | 2:45 - 5:00 | Small Group |
| October 25 | 5:30 - 7:00 | Costume Party |
| October 28 | 2:45 - 5:00 | Small Group |

New Orleans Mission Trip

As we recently welcomed home the last of our 2015 Mission trips, it is not too early to begin planning for the first of our 2016 Mission trips, New Orleans (NOLA16).

Ten years ago, Hurricane Katrina slammed into New Orleans. The natural disaster from the storm's fury was devastating; but coupled with engineering, administrative and bureaucratic failures, the human suffering was all the more extreme. Each year, we see progress and that is good, but there is still much to do. It is estimated that it will take an additional twelve years to reach pre-Katrina conditions. We work with St. Bernard's Project, an organization began ten years ago by a Washington D.C. lawyer and school teacher to help the city come back – one home and one family at a time.

NOLA16 will leave from Gettysburg on Saturday, February 20, 2016 and arrive at Camp Restore late afternoon Sunday February 21, 2016. We will spend a full week working at our assigned site under the direction of Ameri-Corps volunteers. We will also have the opportunity to enjoy the tastes and sounds of New Orleans. We will depart on Saturday February 27 and arrive back in Gettysburg late afternoon on Sunday February 28, 2016. The cost is estimated at \$600, to include gas and lodging on the drive down and back, meals and lodging at Camp Restore as well as a group dinner in the City. For additional information, contact Bob Smith 717-334-1051 or email at bob.smith@alum.bucknell.edu.



KIDS CLUB for Children in Kindergarten - Grade 2 October 13 - November 10

We will offer two identical programs for our Fall series, "Symbols of Our Faith." These programs will be held every Tuesday from Oct. 13—Nov. 10, one from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. and the other from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Registration forms were mailed out. If your child is interested in Kids Club and you have not received a registration form, please call Cheryl in the church office (334-1235, ext. 5) or pick one up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

"Lincoln's Faith" Book Signing November 8

Rev. Dan Hans has recently written a book entitled "Lincoln's Faith".

It can be purchased on Amazon.com. Also, the book will be available for purchase on Nov. 8, when Dan and Beth will be at coffee hour to sign it as well.

He will be in Fellowship Hall between services
9-9:30 am / 10:30-11:00 am / 12-12:30 pm.

Don't miss this special event!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

CARLISLE PRESBYTERY

FALL GATHERING

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24, 2015

Market Square Presbyterian Church

20 S. Second St.

Harrisburg, PA

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| 9:00 AM | Registration |
| 9:30 | Devotions and Business Meeting |
| 10:30 | "Encountering Hope in the Midst of Lament" Presented by Rev. Heather Sigler |
| 12 Noon | Light lunch provided |
| 1:00PM | "UN Commission on the Status of Women" Presented by Katie Blume, young women Rep to the CCT |

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NEEDS WILLING WORKERS FOR A BLITZ BUILD IN BIGLERVILLE

When: Oct 22nd - Oct 24th and Oct 29th - 31st
Where: Maple Ave in Biglerville

No special skills required ... just a willingness to help a family in need. Sign up for 1 day, or as many as you like. Sign up the family. (Young adults must be 16 or older.) Bring a friend or coworker.

Signup and information in Fellowship Hall
Questions? Contact Barry Simon (337-1662) or
Mike Strausner (816-5545)

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.

PW CIRCLES

Elizabeth Circle

Monday, October 19, 1:00 p.m.

Paideia House, 1st floor

2015-2016 Horizons Bible Study

Lesson 2: Matthew 3: 13-17

Mary Martha Circle

Monday, October 19, 7:00 p.m.

Paideia House, 1st floor

2015-2016 Horizons Bible Study

Lesson 2: Matthew 3: 13-17

Esther Circle

Thursday, October 15, 10:00 a.m.

Eisenhower Lounge at GPC

Study Leader: Sue Kolmer

2015-2016 Horizons Bible Study

PW Rummage and Bake Sale - October 23 & 24

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. 23, 8:30 to 5:00,
Sat. Oct. 24, 8:30 to noon. Lunch will be served on Friday.

Drop-offs: Monday, Oct. 19, put everything in the corner next to the main outside entrance in Fellowship Hall. **Deadline for drop-offs is Thursday, Oct. 22 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. 24 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!!!!



SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday,
November 7th
from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
for a church-wide
retreat
on Prayer.**

When it comes to prayer, we begin by asking, "How do I pray?" or "Why should I pray?" Come join in the discussion on what prayer is, why we pray, and how can we grow our prayer lives. Save the date and join Cheryl in this interesting practice of prayer. Signup in Fellowship Hall for the retreat and lunch. Childcare available upon request in advance.

Sunday Worship Flowers

A special thank you to those who have placed their name on the flower chart to provide flowers for Sunday morning worship services. Each blossom is a reminder of God's goodness and mercy. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Soon a new flower chart will be placed in fellowship hall for the coming New Year 2016. You will once again have the opportunity to place flowers in the sanctuary for Sunday morning worship services. The cost is \$25.00 plus tax. The flowers are provided to us by the Flower Boutique. They will also provide special arrangements at an additional cost. The Flower Boutique will bill your home address about one month after your donation.

INSTRUCTIONS: (PLEASE COMPLETE STEPS 1 & 2 below. Thank you!)

STEP ONE: WRITE your name clearly on the flower chart for the Sunday you wish to contribute flowers. The chart is located on the bulletin board in fellowship hall next to the staff photo board. The chart allows you to order chancel flowers and/or a piano arrangement.

STEP TWO: COMPLETE the flower order form (located on the wall next to the flower chart). PLEASE place the completed form in the wall rack labeled "For Completed Flower Forms Only" located in the Fellowship Hall next to the flower chart. If you complete this form at home, PLEASE BRING IT BACK ASAP. You will not be called for the information. If you need any help with the flower order form please contact: Corena Harman, Flower Coordinator at 398-2347.

FORM CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE CHURCH WEBSITE

Grief Support Series Begins November 1st

We will once again offer our four-week grief support group entitled: "Dealing with Grief and Loss: Hope in the Midst of Pain." The group will be lead by Charlotte Winsheimer and Anne Gallon, two of our Stephen Ministry Leaders. The group will meet on Sunday afternoons from November 1st through 22nd in the Crane Library from Noon to 1:00 p.m. The group is open to anyone who has experienced death or loss of a spouse or loved one and who would be interested in exploring their experience further with others in the same situation. If you have any questions or would like to sign up for the group, please contact Lou Nyiri at 334-1235, ext. 4 or gpclou@embarqmail.com. In order to make appropriate plans we do ask that you sign up in advance by the last October 25th.

ADULT ELECTIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Did you miss the workshop on Saturday for the end-of-life issues? If you did, we have great news for you. Our 9:30 Adult Elective Sunday School classes for October will be a follow up to the workshop.

October 11th Dr. Laura Pennings will be talking about advanced Directives

October 18th Jim Dunlop from Thrivent will be talking about estate & financial planning

October 25th Rev. Harry Winsheimer will be talking about funerals and memorial services.

Please join us in the MacAskill Room
at 9:30 a.m.

Crop Walk—October 18th

How far would you walk for a sip of water?
Maybe across the gym?



On October 18 @ 2:00 p.m. we are getting together with others in our community to walk for a better world, to walk for people who have to walk miles just to find water to drink. Come out and walk with the high & middle school youth. You'll be doing good and it's good for you! Contact Rev. Nyiri to sign up or to make a donation (334-1235, ext. 4.)

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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, October 15, 2015

October / November 2015
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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| Oct. 11 | Proverbs Series: Adultery and Fidelity Service of Healing and Wholeness |
| Oct. 18 | Proverbs Series: Alcohol |
| Oct. 25 | Proverbs Series: The Words We Say |
| Nov. 1 | The Lord's Supper Remembering the Saints Recognizing the Church's Volunteers |