

GRAPEVINE

"The Pastor's Page"

October 8, 2014

Turn, Turn, Turn

In 1965 The Byrds released a very popular single based on Ecclesiastes 3. The first verse of that chapter of the Bible reads, “*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.*” I think both the song and the verse remind us that life consists of a series of changes, just like the seasons change.

We are involved in a profound “seasonal” change here at GPC. Phyllis Dowd, our DCE for 27 years, and Becky Wareham, our Music Director/Organist for 26 years have both stepped down recently. We are blessed to have found Cheryl Betts and Emily Koons to step into those positions, but this is certainly a time for change around here! While we will certainly miss Phyllis and Becky’s leadership, the change also provides an opportunity for a fresh look at CE and music ministries, as we continue to seek the best ways to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Please be in prayer for all the members of our staff and congregation as we adjust to the changes. And especially be in prayer for Cheryl and Emily. Following Phyllis and Becky can’t be easy!

Dave

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God has again reached down touching and healing our daughter, Diana Snell. To Pastor Dave, Pastor Lou and all our church family who kept Diana in prayer during her difficult time in the hospital this past month we send thanks. Dick and I also extend our deepest appreciation to Phyllis Dowd for her support and for stopping in to visit with Diana while in the hospital.

Thank you,
Richard and Marlyn Burdge

I want to thank all of the people for their prayers and concerns during my hospital trip and recovery. I am doing much better.

Sincerely,
Wilda Betts

The following is an excerpt from a letter to GPC from Pete Richer, Chair of the Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors:

“The entire 19-member Adams County Habitat for Humanity Board wishes to convey our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your partnership, generous volunteer support, and delicious food, during our recent Blitz Build, July-August 2014.

As a non-profit organization dedicated to “building homes, communities and hope”, your community spirit and generosity is exactly what we strive to promote! Thank you for being a covenant church in partnership with Adams County Habitat for Humanity.

Please accept our deepest appreciation and thanks as we work together to transform lives through home ownership.”

If you are interested in more information about how to get involved with Habitat, please contact Barry Simon (337-1662) or Mike Strausner (372-5945).

**Congratulations & Best Wishes to Elwood & Lillian Hoffman,
who celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary on October 4th.**

No Offense; It Just Makes Sense!!!

Handshaking....a tradition thought to have begun in the 2nd century BC as a way of showing peaceful intentions, or at least the absence of weapons in the right hand. The tradition has morphed in the western world into an everyday custom. A firm handshake, along with a smile, is thought of as a friendly, genuine, honest greeting. It has become a Christian welcome in many churches, including our own. Sometimes it is called the Greeting or the Passing of the Peace. But...the handshake can be a means of spreading pathogens....nasty microbes which can make us sick.

For those of us who are wary of germs, is there a way to “Greet One Another in Christ” without blatant disregard for hand hygiene? Of course! Multiple, more hygienic greetings are available. A few of these are:

- An elbow bump
A fist touch
An intentional head nod
A bow which is often used with the Hindi (not Hindu) greeting Namaste.

Is it wrong to continue handshaking? Of course not. An enthusiastic handshake is a welcoming gesture for many. But, it is also perfectly OK to use alternative forms of greeting. Alternative forms are just as genuine, just as sincere, just as Christian. Only these greetings reduce the risk of pathogens being spread hand-to-hand, person-to-person. No offense; it just makes sense!

— Mary Miner, RN

Upcoming Events:

October Music Schedule

Oct. 12	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
Oct. 19	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

October

October 12	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner / Fellowship
October 18 & 19	7:00 a.m.— 5:30 p.m.	6th-12th grade Fall Retreat @ Camp Krislund
October 19	NO SHIP	
October 26	5:30 - 7:00	Halloween Party



"Gettysburg Addresses Lincoln"

Our church will host the annual "Gettysburg Addresses Lincoln" program at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, November 19.

D. Scott Hartwig will speak on "Lincoln's Words at Gettysburg." The talk will focus on the context and meaning of the Gettysburg Address. Scott will explore the meaning of the speech at the time and its context for today. In addition to being a faithful member of our congregation, Scott worked for the National Park Service for 34 years and was the Supervisory Historian at Gettysburg National Military Park.

All are invited and the event is free. If you have a Civil War era outfit, please wear it and help to welcome guests.



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 Oct. is Karen Breighner at 359-4492.

MidSHIP Schedule

October

October 12	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner / Fellowship
October 15	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group
October 18 & 19	7:00 a.m.— 5:30 p.m.	6th-12th grade Fall Retreat @ Camp Krislund
October 19	NO Mid-SHIP	
October 22	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group
October 26	5:30 - 7:00	Halloween Party

Mid-Ship News:



The Mid-Ship group kicked off the year with an ice cream social for parents and youth on Sept. 21st, then a picnic at Libby's house on September 28th. There were 24 in attendance at the picnic, including Mid-Ship leaders Libby Crowe, Chad Dick and Barb Sanders. There was too much good food to eat in one sitting, but we burned off some of it playing "Drop the Blanket" (a getting-to-know-names game) and tag. This looks like it is going to be a wonderful Mid-Ship year.

Those who are able from SHIP and Mid-Ship will go on retreat to Krislund Camp on the weekend of October 18th and 19th. The retreat is a Youth Rally called "Quest" for all youth in Carlisle, Huntingdon, or Northumberland Presbyteries. Chad is going to help lead praise music. It should be beautiful at Krislund this time of the year!

There is a planned Fall Festival/Costume party on Sunday, October 26th from 5:30 to 7:00. Put on your most creative costume and bring a friend!

Preparing Through Life for the End of Life

**Interactive Resource Fair: October 26th from 12 – 2 p.m.
located in the community rooms at WellSpan Gettysburg Hospital**

This event is a free interactive resource fair, organized by the End of Life Committee, an affiliate of Healthy Adams County, to help individuals and families plan and prepare for the end of life.

Please join us on Sunday, October 26, 2014 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the community rooms at WellSpan Gettysburg Hospital. Topics will include advanced directives and/or living wills, pre-planning for funerals, estate planning, grief support, home care, nursing care, hospice and much more! There will also be door prizes and refreshments.

For more information contact Healthy Adams County at 717-337-4137.

Communion Preparation Class on October 23rd

Our annual Communion Preparation Class for children in Grades 4 and older will be held on Thursday, October 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in the MacAskill Room. This class, led by Pastor Dave and Cheryl Betts, will prepare these children/youth to receive communion in worship. Please contact Cheryl at 334-1235, ext. 5 or gpcdce@embarqmail.com to enroll your child by Monday, October 20th.

ATTENTION ADULT EDUCATION PARTICIPANTS – UPCOMING CLASS

A new class will begin in the MacAskill Room on Sunday, October 19th – Dr. Stephen J. Stern, Chair of the Religious Studies Department and Director of Judaic Studies at Gettysburg College will be our speaker for the next 4 weeks. He will be speaking on Israel/Palestine issues that face us as Christians and as Presbyterians. Be sure to come hear him at 9:30 AM on October 19th. All are welcome.



Storage Space Needed for South Dakota

On our mission trip to the Cheyenne River Lakota Reservation in South Dakota this past summer, we offered furniture at very low prices as part of our Festival. We had sent out notices ahead of time for people to save their money, and they did. We thank all of you who donated furniture for our 2014 trip.

We would like to take furniture again next year, but we have very little space to store it. We are looking for someone who has storage space and would be willing to let us store the furniture until July 14.

Please contact Penny in the church office (334-1235) if you have a space or know someone who might. Thanks!

If you are donating items to our South Dakota Mission trip, **PLEASE DO NOT** drop them off in front of the Shack or Paideia House door. Please mark them "South Dakota" and bring them to the church office or to the round corner of Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

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 October 19 at 3:00 p.m., 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 (gpclo@embarqmail.com, 334-1235) or Gail Hull (gail@hullselectric.com, 334-0753) for dates, times, directions and/or carpooling information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHALLANGE:

We are now a month into the fall term of Sunday school. Are you being a good disciple of Jesus Christ and growing your faith by participating in a Sunday School Class? Each of us is created with a deep yearning to belong to something or someone larger than ourselves – a hunger to know the God who created us.

Satisfying that hunger happens when we begin to understand Christ's calling to be His representative. God has given each of us personal gifts to be used to serve Him. These spiritual gifts are God's love present at our deepest level. Examples are the gifts of teaching, hospitality, compassion, leadership, prayer and many, many more. Your gifts are the passion that makes you feel alive. They are your most authentic connection to God.

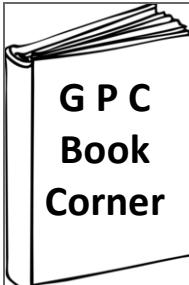
Why not build on those connections by attending a Sunday school class **and** worship? Invite a friend to come with you next Sunday and join in the fun of learning about our faith and applying it to our life every day. Hope to see you all here next week.

Let's build on our Sunday school and Worship attendance. Why not invite a friend to come with you?

Grief Support Series Begins October 26th

- 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 led by Charlotte Winsheimer and Anne Gallon, two of our Stephen Ministry Leaders. We will meet on Sunday afternoons from October 26th through November 23rd (we will not meet on Nov. 16) in the Crane Library from noon to 1:00 p.m. The group is open to anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one and who would be interested in exploring their experience further with others in the same situation.

- If you have any questions or wish to sign up for the group, please contact Lou Nyiri in the church office at 334-1235, ext. 4 or gpclo@embarqmail.com. In order to make appropriate plans we do ask that you sign up in advance by October 19th.



My two favorite periods of US History are the Civil War and the Second World War. My favorite novel of all times is Gone With The Wind. Oh to be Scarlett O'Hara for one day, but that is another story. But since we all live the Civil War everyday I won't bore you with those books this time.

I have several World War II novels that have been reread periodically through the past years. The Winds of War, War and Remembrance, Exodus, Schindler's List, Mila 18, The Book Thief and Sara's Key, just to name a few. I am particularly fascinated by man's pure unadulterated hatred for groups of people that don't fit a certain criteria. Killing off a race of people because you think they are inferior is unimaginable. But wait, we haven't cured that problem in the 21st century, have we?

Last week while I was reviewing books in the Crane Library I ran across a book that I thought might be interesting. And it fit into my area of interest. The author is Corrie ten Boom and we have numerous copies of other books she has written in the library. It is titled The Hiding Place. I brought it home to read and look through. It was sitting on my chair Thursday afternoon when I ran across an article on the Internet about a school district in California. The article caught my attention because this school district had removed some books from their library. I do not believe any book should be banned from a library. Education is too important and books are the main way we learn about different ideas. Well, the book was removed because the School District doesn't condone "religious books" on their shelves. It's a sectarian thing. Unbelievable. The name of the book, The Hiding Place. Well, now I have to read it because some people don't want it read. I am kind of a rebel!

This book tells the story of a Dutch family during World War II who took a stand against the Nazi regime when they invaded the Netherlands and began arresting, imprisoning and murdering certain types of people. The ten Boom's were a religious family but of simple means. The family decided that helping their neighbors was what they should do, because it is something that Jesus would do. Unfortunately, some of their neighbors didn't feel the same way the ten Booms felt and turned them into the police. The ten Booms were helping Jews hide from the Nazis. The family was arrested and sent to a concentration camp. I'll leave the rest of the story for you to read.

Books like this show and tell us what we should be doing as Christians, witnessing and helping the weak and in need. This is a book about caring for your neighbor more than yourself. This is a book that should be read in schools and placed in libraries because it shows how caring and compassionate we can be as human beings. We should want our children to read books like this and learn about the goodness we have within ourselves.

Books are so important to our lives. Banning books for whatever reason is not the answer. Reading and talking with others about our differing ideas is the way to eliminate the wrongs in the world. I believe banning and burning books is a key part in how Nazi Germany came to power. I also think it relates to our world today.

I didn't intend to pontificate on banned books but it seemed to fit so well into the story of The Hiding Place. I challenge you all to consider looking at this book and all of the other Corrie ten Boom books. It is a wonderful story that will fill you with gladness and restore your faith in human nature.

If you are interested in the lawsuit that was filed against the school board in question, it is styled, "Board of Education, Island Trees Union, Trees School District, NO26 v. PICO. It the Springs Charter School District in Temecula, CA".

Thank you all for listening to me on this topic. READ ON!!

Cathy



"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:

October

We are collecting items for
"SPCA"

Cat & Dog food, clay cat litter, pet toys, cat & dog treats, 55 gallon drawstring trash bags, disinfectant wipes, water softener salt.

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 12. 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.

GPC Welcomes Dr. J. Herbert Nelson

The Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, will speak at Gettysburg Presbyterian Church on Saturday evening, October 25, at 7 PM in the sanctuary. Dr. Nelson is Director of the Office for Public Witness (OPW) of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. (PCUSA). The OPW is the public policy and advocacy office of the General Assembly. The PCUSA 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. They are also involved in the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations in order to inspire, equip, and connect Presbyterians for ministry in the global community by faithfully responding to God's call in Christ to live with compassion, seek peace, and pursue justice.

Dr. Nelson is a third generation Presbyterian Pastor. He was instrumental in founding Liberation Community Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Tennessee in 1999, the first African American church developed in the Presbytery of Memphis in forty-six years. Prior to LCC, Dr. Nelson served as Pastor for eleven years at St. James Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, NC. He earned his B.A. in Political Science/Urban Studies in 1981 from Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, N. C. He then completed his Master of Divinity degree in 1985 from Johnson C. Smith Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia, and his Doctor of Ministry Degree from Louisville Presbyterian Seminary in 2002.

Dr. Nelson helps churches and people of faith to advocate for a more just society through public policies that address issues related to poverty education, and violence. Come out and listen, ask questions, learn and be inspired!

Dates Added for C.A.R.E.S. Volunteer Training

Two additional dates have been added for Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S. volunteer training schedule this fall. People who have been trained in previous years do not need to repeat the training, but all new volunteers must attend one of the sessions before they can serve as a host or overnight volunteer. The training sessions will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Mondays October 27 and November 17 at St. James Lutheran Church. Please call the C.A.R.E.S. Resource Center, 117 York St., 334-4195 to register.



Save The Date!

**November 1, 2014
5:00 – 8:00 PM in Fellowship Hall**



Play **Trivia** with the regular hosts of **Rockin' Trivia** at the Pike on Tuesday nights

The Food: Bring a dessert or snack to share. Drinks and paper products will be provided.

The Donation: Bring \$2.00 per person (to donate to a GPC mission).

The Teams: Teams will consist of up to 8 players. You can bring a team or join one when you arrive.

The Prize: The winning team will get to choose a GPC mission to whom the collected money will be given.

5:00 – 5:30

Arrive with your \$2.00 donation and set out your food offering.

5:30 – 6:00

Get set with a team, get directions and grab a snack.

6:00 – 8:00

Play Trivia!

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!!!!

PW CIRCLES



Elizabeth Circle

Monday, October 20, 1:00 p.m.

Front Room, Paideia House

Lesson 2: 2Corinthians 1:1 - 2:4

Mary Martha Circle

Monday, October 20, 7:00 p.m.

Front Room, Paideia House

Lesson 2: 2Corinthians 1:1 - 2:4

Esther Circle

Thursday, October 16, 10:00 a.m.

Eisenhower Lounge at GPC

Lesson 2: 2Corinthians 1:1 - 2:4

2014 Photo Directory is Here!

If you had your picture taken you will find a directory with your name on it in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings through the end of October. You may pick your directory up in the church office during weekday hours. If you were not able to have a picture taken, please contact the office to reserve a copy for your family (we have a limited number of extra directories).

I want to give a big THANK YOU to the team who worked very hard to put the directory together. They made many trips to the Church to take photos and hours of hosting and sign-up duties. Kyle Clark was our resident graphic artist and photographer who worked many hours compiling pictures and making the directory. Thank you Kathy Corbin for taking photos of our GPC programs, Pat Lewis for her work in organizing the hosts during photography dates and the "sign up" ladies, Donna Heebner, Sheryl Suplee, Cathy Gardner, Pat Lewis and Bev Weber. And all of you who graciously volunteered to be hosts the day of photos. And last but not least, all our GPC family who took the time to have a photo taken so we would have a great directory with the majority of our congregation pictured.

Blessings,
Kathy Wark, Directory Coordinator



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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

Next Newsletter Deadline:

Noon, Thursday, October 16, 2014

October 2014

GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Contemporary Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

October 12 "Caught in the Crossfire"

October 19 "Givin' It Up for Love"

October 26 "Can These Bones Live Again?"