

GRAPEVINE

"The Pastor's Page"

May 16, 2018

GPC Mission Trips

At our recent Session retreat, we noted some important changes that are taking place in our mission trips. In some cases, leaders and long-time participants are "aging out." We've noticed this particularly with the Honduras trip. Younger people aren't replacing those who are retiring. In the case of our South Dakota trip, problems on the ground on the reservation have made it impossible for us to go the last two summers. Both the South Carolina and Mexico trips scrambled to find enough participants this year.

Mission trips are an important part of the identity and mission of GPC. Therefore, we are exploring adding some new kinds of trips that might appeal to different people. For example: week-long trips closer to home, weekend trips, family mission trips, one-day mission experiences, and even a church-wide mission Sunday with something for everyone!

Let us know your thoughts and ideas and willingness to help as we explore these new ways of doing mission! Talk to me or Lou or Jerry Cleaver (Mission Committee Chair) or Bill Tindall (Local Mission Chair). And, consider going on one of our classic trips next year while they are still around!

Dave

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Happy Birthday to...

June 1

Dan Anderson

June 2

Emma Burgess
Robert Farnham
Dustin Rogers

June 3

Stratton Brown

June 4

Will Brubaker
Kendall Holsclaw
Jean LeGros
Morgan Sites

June 5

Pat Behre
Maureen Johnson

June 6

Riley Fitzgerald
Evelyn Small

June 7

Donald Carman
Gabriel Delacruz
Dale Molina
Leslie Smarsh

June 8

Zachary Beegle
Shane Miller

June 10

Alexander Contreras
Nikolas Contreras
Timothy Poorman

June 11

Barton Breighner
Alex Cunningham
Sherry Farkas
Brett Williams

June 12

Benn Hoover
Jaron Sanders

June 13

Tim Waligore

June 14

Jayden Harvey
Kim Patrono

June 15

Beckie Carbaugh
Andrew Druckman
Rachel Druckman
Susan Guiher
Amie Murray
Allyson Smarsh

June 16

Nancy Bushey
Frank Geist
Linda Houghton

June 17

Abigail Holler
Katelyn Holler
Natalie Holler
Ann Matthews

Amanda Ott

June 18

Ann Cook
Ethan Mora
Amanda Rossman

June 19

Happy Freas
Diana Miner
Matthew VanHoutte

June 20

Michael Crowe
Sydney Miller
Abigail Moroz
Hilda Oussoren
Katie Schwartz
Michael Wark

June 21

Rachel Doehring
Carolyn Ferguson

June 22

Jordan Nevins

June 23

Nichol Hare
Kurt Holsclaw
Bob Jackson

June 24

Jeff Hieber
Cinnamon Hosterman

June 25

Marian Benchoff
Cam Bernier
Dan Ebaugh
Aidan Hoover
Joan Jackson
Britton Reed
Aaron VanHoutte

June 27

Lacey Anderson
Jennifer Clark
Lee Flinner

June 28

Justin Bankert
Eleanor Sheen
Carolyn Smarsh
Rebecca Stabler

June 29

Paul Ely
Gail Lee
Emri Snyder
Grant Tresselt

June 30

Lexi Franek
Cheryl Gochenauer
Cadi McMaster
Tim Skoczen



I wish to extend my heartfelt thank you to my teammates on the South Carolina trip for all your support and kindness after I broke my wrist. In addition, I thank our congregation for your prayers, cards, visits, phone calls and wonderful meals. Your support has meant the world to me and to Jerry. I am on the mend now so hopefully I will have full use of my wrist and hand in the next few months.

In God's love, Elly Cleaver

CONDOLENCES

Our thoughts and prayers are with Sharon & Kurt Holsclaw on the recent death of her husband and his father.

Streaming Services

The streaming of our services is being used by lots of folks, including home-bound seniors, people in the hospital, people on vacation, and people who are looking for spiritual sustenance. It's easy to check out the services live, or you can view them later. Just go to the church website (www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org) and follow the link!

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 May 14 - June 10 is Jeff Cook at 717-253-3388



Planned Giving Program

We have scheduled a brief meeting about GPC's planned giving program on **Sunday, May 20th at noon**. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information about GPC's program and opportunities available. The meeting will consist of a 30-minute presentation by members of the team with time for questions; a light snack will be available.

This meeting is a follow-up to the kick-off program that we held last year. It is intended for those who expressed interest last year as well as anyone else from the congregation who would like more information. Despite a lack of a formal program in the past, GPC has been blessed by over \$300,000 in gifts and bequests since 2001; some have been relatively modest while others were substantial. The program's objective is to provide information and stimulate interest for future planning. The meeting on May 20th is intended for all ages, not just for those in or nearing retirement. You may get additional information by contacting Bill Sterrett directly at 717-677-8632 or by email at billsterrett@prodigy.net.



Chip in for Krislund

Friday, June 1, 2018

Mountain View Golf Club

4099 Bullfrog Rd., Fairfield, PA 17320

Schedule: 12:45 PM Check-in*

2 PM Shotgun Start

*Check-in will not begin earlier than 12:45 due to earlier tournament

Player Registration

\$75/golfer \$300/team

See form & contact info. below

Sponsorship Opportunities

Platinum Level: \$1,000, 2 Foursomes

Name listed with your logo on cart and two hole sponsor signs

Gold Level: \$500, 1 Foursome

Name listed with your logo on cart and one hole sponsor sign

Silver Level: \$350, 1 Foursome

Name listed with your logo on hole sponsor sign

Sponsor a Hole: \$75

Mulligan Packages/Longest Drive/Closest to Pin/ Par 3 - \$10,000.00 hole-in-one/ Krislund Cup awarded to winning team if all four are members of same Presbyterian Church/ light dinner to conclude/ 1st, 2nd, 3rd place team awards/raffle prizes!

Registration Form "Chip in for Camp Krislund" Friday, June 1, 2018

Name	Address	Phone #	Email

Make checks payable to: Gettysburg Presbyterian Church (Memo Line: "Camp Krislund Golf")
 Mail this form with check to: Gettysburg Presbyterian Church, 208 Baltimore St., Gettysburg, PA 17325
 Register by phone: Rev. Lou Nyiri, 717-334-1235 OR Email: gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org

**Mark your calendars,
April 14 - 20, 2019
for our next
Habitat for Humanity trip
to Charleston, SC.**

For more information please call
Jerry Cleaver at 717-359-0419.

**Mark your calendars:
October 13
Women's Half Day Retreat @ GPC**
More Information to come.

GPC Hiking Club



We had a beautiful day for our hike in May. Our message was on suffering. June 9th we will be hiking in Emmitsburg at Rainbow Lake. We will leave the church parking lot at 10am and should be back before noon. Keep July 14th open for our all day hiking at the abandoned Turnpike tunnels in Breezewood, Pa. More to come. Follow us on Facebook.

- Jen Clark



**Annual Church Work Day
will be held
on Saturday, June 9th
from 8AM to 12PM.**

Church Work Day will fall on Saturday, June 9th this year. Please come by and help out if you are able.

Projects will include: mulch the front of Calvin House and general grounds, cleanup of the parking lot perimeter and areas in and around the Manse and Fellowship Hall.

Sign-ups will be over the next several Sundays in Fellowship Hall. Also, you can email Jim Gardner at lvgardner@comcast.net if interested in participating.

Enjoy some Christian fellowship while improving the neatness of the Church grounds and property.

- Jim Gardner

Stephen Ministry

Why Stephen Ministry



We have many needs for care in our congregation and community: people experiencing divorce, grief, a terminal illness, loss of a job, relocation, an empty nest, retirement, hospitalization, loneliness, and many other stresses or challenges. Often people with needs suffer silently or do not request or receive the level of care they really need. With only two pastors for the congregation, you can quickly see why it would be impossible for our pastors to meet every single need of every single person. Stephen Ministry expands the care GPC can offer by equipping and organizing members to provide Christian care. This gives us a larger pool of people with the gifts, skills and calling to bring Christ's love and care to those who most need it. For more information contact Lou Nyiri at 717-334-1235 ext. 4.

Session Updates

At its stated meeting on May 6, the Session...

- Examined and received 7 confirmands into membership: Harrison Crow, Riley Fitzgerald, Luke May, Carson Pennings, Chloe Pennings, Michelle Suarez and Joy Tushek.
- Approved allowing our Security Task Force to spend up to \$3,000 for radio and video equipment as part of our plan to keep everyone safe during worship.
- Noted that work to brighten the narthex is beginning.
- Heard a report from the April 24 Presbytery meeting.
- Noted that the 2017 Session minutes were approved without exception!

Exploring Membership Class

Our next Exploring Membership Class is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, **June 10.**

After lunch, you will learn more about Presbyterians and GPC in particular. Call the church office (717-334-1235) to sign up!

Church Women United & Men's Interfaith

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED & MEN'S INTERFAITH will be sharing a picnic & fellowship on Wednesday, June 6, 11:30 a.m., at the Gettysburg Church of the Brethren pavilion, 1710 Biglerville Road. In case of inclement weather, we will meet in the church social room. The Church Women United will be the hosts & are asked to bring a covered dish or dessert; place settings will be provided. A special welcome to all newcomers. No reservations are needed. FMI, please contact Cheryl at 337-2938.

Mission Calendar

During the coming weeks we will be praying for the following missions during worship.

Please pray for them during the week, too!

- 5/20 Adams Christian Prison Ministry
- 5/27 Ruth's Harvest - Food ministry for school children
- 6/3 Katie Burkholder, apprentice Missionary in Ireland
- 6/10 Sean & Bethany Walker - now work from Houston, supporting the ministry of Antioch Partners

Please Wear Red!



Sunday, May 20, is Pentecost Sunday, when we celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church. Red is the traditional color of Pentecost, so we are asking church members to consider wearing red that day.

Children's Church Volunteer Leaders

We need adults to step up to give our regular Children's Church leaders the summer break by signing up for an 8:15 – 9:30 – 11:00 during June; 9:00 and 10:30 for July and August. Curriculum is easy to teach; all you need is in one box. Signup sheet is on table in Fellowship Hall. Please help us continue this program over the summer.

Celebrate Our

Christian Education Leaders

on May 20th

Remember to stop in Fellowship Hall this Sunday for breakfast cake and to thank our Sunday School Teachers. This is the last Sunday for this year's Sunday School classes.



Vacation Bible School June 11 to 14

"God's Wonderful World, In the Beginning..." will be our theme for Vacation Bible School this year. The program is open to all children ages 3 to Grade 5 (completed). It will be held on June 11-14 from 9:00 a.m.—12:15 p.m. Registration begins May 13. (see enclosed registration form)

WE NEED YOUR HELP!! Below you will find a list of personnel and supplies needed. Please take a look and find out how you can be part of our program.

Contact Cheryl Betts at 334-1235, ext. 5 or gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org to volunteer.

Thanks in advance for helping to make this VBS another great program for our children!

PERSONNEL NEEDED

- Photographer
- 2 Group Leaders - 2 group leaders accompany Pre K—K
- 10 Volunteers needed for "The Garden" - help children complete a craft or scientific experiment for 1 hour each morning
- 4 volunteers to help with woodcraft
- Childcare (for leaders' children)
- Teen Aides (completed Grade 6 and older)



SUPPLIES NEEDED

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| Flower seeds (any kind) | Shells |
| Pebbles | Feathers |
| Floral wire | Bird seed |
| Small terra cotta flower pots (100) | Beans and seeds |
| Small plants to plant (veggie or flowers) | Twisty ties |
| Fast-blooming flower bulbs | Cardboard (small pieces) |
| 2-liter plastic soda bottles | Cereal boxes |
| Seeds: sunflower, squash, apple,
pumpkin and melon | Bottle caps - plastic |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ pound deli containers | Aluminum foil pieces |
| Bed sheets: any size, light blue or white | $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon milk jugs (plastic) |

MAY WE BORROW?

- Kneeling pads Self-standing fountains Large plants Garden Benches



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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, May 24, 2018**

**Gospel of John
 Preaching Series**

We encourage you to read the passage for the upcoming Sunday each week!

May 20 John 2:13-25
 Trouble at the Temple

May 27 John 3:1-21
 Jesus and Nicodemus

June 3 John 4: 1-54
 Jesus in Samaria & Cana

June 10 John 5: 1-47

**May / June 2018
 GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

May 20 Trouble at the Jerusalem Temple - John 2: 13-25
 Pentecost Sunday
 Recognition of Newborns

May 27 Jesus and Nicodemus - John 3: 1-21

June 3 Jesus in Samaria and Cana - John 4: 1-54
 Communion

June 10 Jesus' Authority over the Sabbath - John 5: 1-47