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"The Pastor's Page"

February 21, 2018

I'm writing this on Feb. 15, the day after Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. The church year breaks up the routine days of winter-spring with this season. It is a time to take stock of our spiritual lives. To let go of habits of the heart that are holding us back, and to embrace new habits that give us spiritual life. It culminates with the joyous celebration of Easter!

GPC is providing numerous opportunities to help you take full advantage of Lent this year. Eight small groups with 66 members are meeting in Lent for Bible study and prayer. A Lenten devotional guide, with most of the devotionals written by our members, is available in Fellowship Hall. In it our members tell stories of "God Moments" they have experienced. A preaching series on "God Moments" began this past week. A strong Sunday School class led by Buz Myers focusing on "The Christian Hope" also started February 18 at both 9:30 and 11:00AM and runs through March 25.

The season is here. The opportunities are here.

What will you do to grow in faith this Lent?

Paster Dave

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Happy Birthday to...

John Angstadt Matthew Beamer John Egloff Sarah Landauer Bruce Rowland Charles Wellington March 2 Larry Snyder March 3 Kevin Burke Steve Toddes March 4 Deb Carman Dortha Haskins Sharon Holsclaw March 5 Cameron Pennings Eric Smarsh March 6 Andrew Dreves March 7 Susan Kolmer March 8 Katelyn Guiher Barbara Underwood Barbara Eriksen Sue Hudson March 10 Sawyer Hoover Nicole King David LaRochelle Helen Maitland Benjamin Moroz Steve Redding March 11 Bette Fissel Charlie Marks March 12 Dean Bohner Beth Heeschen Morgan Soliday March 13 Rebecca Strevig Joan Thomas March 14

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Christopher Rossman Joshua Warcup March 15 Amy Deitch Benjamin Kolmer March 16 Ronald Hankey Merida Hurkett Pauline Peterson Christine Smith March 17 Ken Hoy Mary Robinson March 18 Morgan Ely Donald Fennimore Heather King Kathleen Kircher March 19 Jake Bernier Brion FitzGerald Lindsey Kammerer Jane Patrono Connilu Petrie

March 20 Claire Freeman Dale Powell Sheryl Suplee Dana Witt March 21 Kim Hubble March 22 Kiersten Bankert Jill Eskildsen Nathan Lush March 23 Tracy Boyer March 24 Michael Heeschen Carrie Soliday Tessa Trax March 25 Peri Carbaugh Ralph Lambert Penny Messinger Kelly Sanders Linda Thompson Ethan Wagner Barbara Zimmerman March 26 Katelyn Gormley Justin King March 27 Christina Soliday March 29 Judy Adams Daniel Beegle Aubrey King Daelyn Stabler Marjorie Swatsworth March 30 Bethany Ely John Kuntzman Kristin VanMeerbeke Mary Lou Seamens Jane Welsh Megan Ziegler March 31 Jason Bahm Dan Hurkett Matthew Suarez

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Richard & Diana Miner on the recent death of Richard's dad, Bill Miner.

The family of Sheila Howes as they grieve her death.

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 February 12 - March 11 is Kelly Jones at 717-752-0668.



Please be patient with the
office staff
February 27— April 11 while our
Office Administrator,
Penny Messinger
will be out for
knee replacement surgery!



Stephen Ministry Feeling Down?

Our Stephen Ministry can help. Stephen Ministers aren't just

there for "big" crises. They're also available for the little ones, because many times the little things can really add up. So don't wait until you have a really big crisis; consider Stephen Ministry if the little things have you feeling down. Call Rev. Nyiri at the church office 334-1235, ext. 4. DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME Begins March 11th.

> "Spring Ahead" Turn your clocks ahead one hour



Upcoming Events:

GPC 2018 SPRING WOMEN'S RETREAT

FLUNKING SAINTHOOD:

Living life in the Spirit with Courage, Compassion and Creativity!

Women of all ages are invited for an uplifting day of spiritual renewal and encouragement in the journey of faith. Our theme will focus on ideas from the book "Flunking Sainthood" by J. Riess and Jesus' words in Matthew 22: 37-39 calling us to love God and neighbor with heart, soul and mind.

This will be a relaxing day including study, conversation, worship, food, friendship, and laughter. We will be exploring creative ideas and activities for growing as human beings aspiring to be "saints" in the family of faith!

Our retreat facilitator will be Rev. Candace Veon-Nyiri. Invite a Friend!

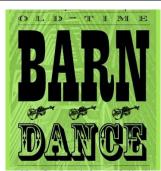
WHEN: Saturday, April 14, 2018

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: The Lodges COST: \$40.00

(Scholarships for members are available - see Cheryl Betts.)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 1, 2018



Friday, March 9th

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

ALL AGES

WELCOME

Come enjoy a family fun night of simple folk dances, country & mixes. All ages encouraged to participate. There will be a professional caller. Light refreshments will be supplied.

Free child care is available for 2 years and under.

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP February / March

February 21	6:45 a.m.	Lenten Breakfast
February 25	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
February 28	6:45 a.m.	Lenten Breakfast
March 4	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
March 7	6:45 a.m.	Lenten Breakfast
March 11	12:30-4:00	Lunch & "Godspell"

MidSHIP Schedule February / March

February 21	6:45 a.m.	Lenten Breakfast
February 25	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
February 28	6:45 a.m.	Lenten Breakfast
March 4	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
March 7	6:45 a.m.	Lenten Breakfast
March 11	12:30-4:00	Lunch & "Godspell"

New Adult Elective Sunday School Class at 9:30 & 11:00

THE CHRISTIAN HOPE:

The Apostle Paul's Gospel for Today
(A Study of 1 Corinthians)
By The Rev. Dr. Charles (Buz) Myers, Ph. D.

Let the Apostle challenge you to re-examine the roots of your Christian faith and explore the implications that that faith has for the believing community in the twenty-first century. Find out where the church is headed and what this direction has to say to our lives in the present. You will not want to miss what promises to be an enlightening and thought-provoking study during Lent of 2018. The schedule of next two sessions are:

February 25, 2018

SESSION II: "Unity within the Community of Faith" (A study of 1 Corinthians, chapters 1-4)

March 4, 2018

SESSION III: "And You Think Your Church Has

Problems!"

(A study of 1 Corinthians, chapters 5-9)

8-WEEK COURSE FOR PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH Begins April 8th @ 11:00 a.m.

What is the church, really? At least one answer to that question is this: The church is the body of Christ on earth. Paul wrote, "Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it" (1 Corinthians 12:27).

The Holy Spirit has given each of us unique gifts to carry out God's work in the world. It is not necessarily easy, however, to discover our gifts or to develop and use them effectively. That's why our congregation is offering the course "Discovering God's Vision for Your Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts." You must attend all 8 weeks. Sign up in Fellowship Hall. Course fee- \$17

Hershey Park Tickets

Thinking of going to Hershey Park this summer? Want to buy tickets at a cheaper rate? We've got the answer for you! You can order and buy tickets through the church group rate. These tickets can be used ANY DAY of the 2018 season. The rates are:





You may order these tickets by signing up in Fellowship Hall on February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25. FINAL DATE TO SIGN UP & PAY FOR THESE TICKETS IS PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25. Please make checks out to "Gettysburg Presbyterian Church." There will be no refunds for tickets not used. You do not have to be a church member to participate. Thanks!!

Brunch is Served

Love Brunch?

Love helping send high school youth out into the mission field to serve God?

Love Brunch catered by the Dobbin House?

If you answered "yes" to any of those three questions, then put March 18th on your calendar and plan to support the high school mission to South Carolina. Get your tickets at the table in Fellowship Hall starting February 25th or contact Rev. Nyiri in the church office, 334-1235, ext. 4 or gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org.

Here are the specifics:

What: Food, Fellowship and Fundraiser for High School Workcamp

When: Sunday, March 18th, 2018

Where: Fellowship Hall

Time: 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. (After 1st Service & Before 2nd Worship Service)

10:00 to 11:00 a.m. (After 2nd Service & Before 3rd Worship Service)

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon (After Sunday School)

12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m. (After 3rd Worship Service)

Cost: \$10.00 (13 years and older)

\$5.00 (12 years and younger)

Bring a friend with you to the brunch & worship on March 18. (The brunch gives you a good reason to introduce your friend to your church family, along with supporting a great cause in the high school mission trip.)

As always, we thank you in advance for your support and we ask your prayers for this summer's mission trip.

CHARLESTON, SC MISSION TRIP - Interest Meeting

April 22 -28, 2018

For those who have a desire to find out more about this wonderful opportunity to serve others, obtain experience in building a home and have some fun, please stop by our table in Fellowship Hall on Sunday March 4^{th} . Anyone who would like to sign up or have additional information can contact me @ 717-359-0419, Jerry Cleaver

As part of our effort to keep everyone safe at church, beginning Sunday February 25th, all exterior doors of the church will be locked to entry, except for the two Narthex doors and the Fellowship Hall sliding doors. All locked doors will remain available for exit. This will occur during all three Sunday morning worship services.

"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:

February

We will be collecting items for

Tender Care Pregnancy Centers:

Baby supplies - new hooded baby towels; Similac Formula; bottles; Diapers size newborn, 4 & 5; diaper rash ointment; baby wash & lotion; baby wipes, cooler weather outfits 24 months, 2T - 4T

Mexico Mission Trip Update

Dates are July 9-16.

Cost: about \$800 (scholarships available)

We do a little construction, run a VBS for children, and hold a reading glasses clinic. We also do a little sightseeing at the Mayan Ruins. Interested? Please contact Pastor Dave (717-334-1235)

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED Wednesday, March 7

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED welcomes all local church women to a 90-minute (\$3) lunch meeting at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 7, at the Gettysburg Church of the Brethren, 1710 Biglerville Rd. Following lunch, our guest speaker, Rev. Michael Allwein, Pastor of St. James Lutheran Church, will be speaking on the topic of water justice. A special welcome to all newcomers to join in the ecumenical fellowship.

Men's Interfaith Luncheon

All men are invited every Wednesday, February 21 – March 21 at 12:00 noon for light lunch (\$3.00) and camaraderie in Fellowship Hall, followed by humor and worship in the sanctuary. This is an interfaith gathering and is open to all men who would enjoy the time together and appreciate a message from a local minister.



Middle School & High School Lenten Breakfast have begun Wednesdays from 6:50 - 7:10 a.m. for grades 6 - 12

In case of inclement weather...

In case of inclement weather, changes to church activities will appear on the website (www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org), on the church phone (717-334-1235), and on WGAL8, ABC27, and WGTY/WGET radio. We will also try to get an email out to everyone on our congregational notification list. If you are not on that list, please contact the church office.





Our March meeting will be on Thursday, March 8th. Rev. Dale Williams will be our speaker. Remember to bring a covered dish to serve 8-12 people. RSVP to Cheryl by March 2nd.

Easter Flowers

Honor your loved ones with the beauty of flowers at Easter. This year we offer you a choice of two flowers: lilies and tulips. Please fill out the information below and return this form with your check (**payable to Gettysburg Presbyterian Church**) to:

Mary Lou Seamens 169 Hunters Trail Gettysburg, PA 17325

Any flowers not picked up by Monday, April 2 at noon will be taken to shut-ins.

DEADLINE FOR ORDER IS APRIL 18

Easter Lily \$10.00 (4-6 blooms) Tulips \$10.00 (8 bulbs)	In Memory of / In Honor of (circle one) (please print clearly)
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

<u>Gettysburg Presbyterian Church Mission Statement</u> 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 faithfullý
- * serve passionately
- give generously worship weekly

Next Newsletter Deadline: Noon, Thursday, March 1, 2018



PALM SUNDAY, March 25th, 2018

February/March 2018 GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

February 25 God Moments Series: Call of Moses

March 4 God Moments Series: Nathan Confronts David

Communion

March 11 God Moments Series: God's Absence

God Moments Series: Paul & Silas' Jailbreak March 18

Workcamp Brunch

March 25 Palm Sunday

"One Great Hour of Sharing" Offering received