

# GRAPEVINE

"The Pastor's Page" March 7, 2018

## 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 Sunday mornings or contact Rev. Nyiri in the church office, 334-1235, ext. 4 or [gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> Service & Before 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship Service)

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

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

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

**Cost:** \$10.00 (13 years and older)  
\$5.00 (12 years and younger)

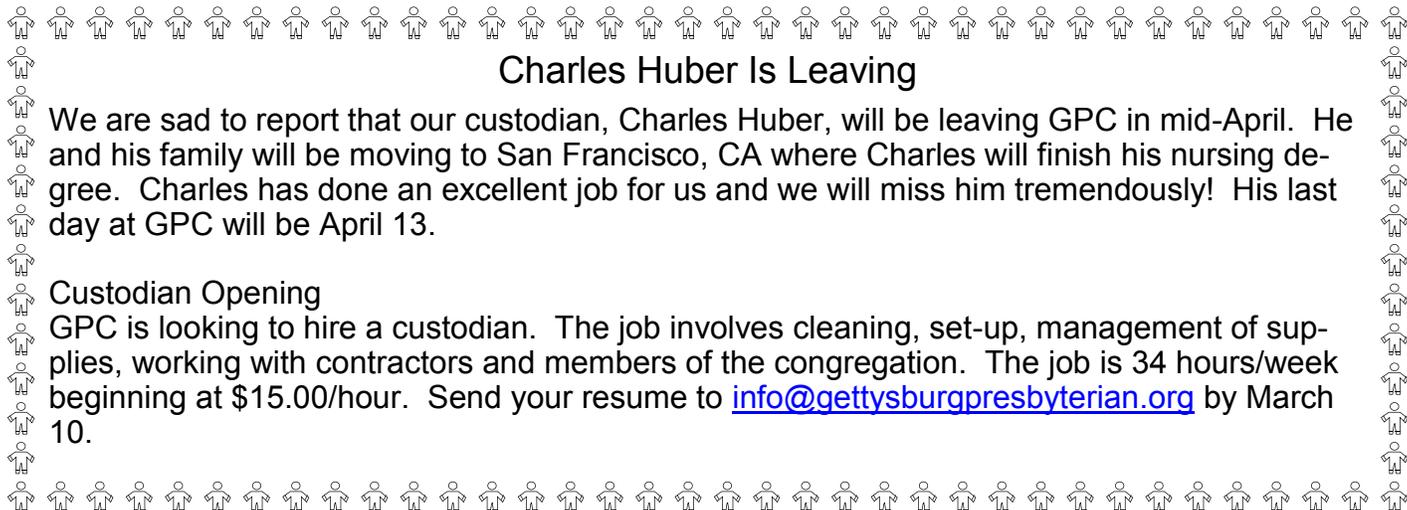
Bring a friend with you to the brunch & worship on March 18.

(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.

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### Charles Huber Is Leaving

We are sad to report that our custodian, Charles Huber, will be leaving GPC in mid-April. He and his family will be moving to San Francisco, CA where Charles will finish his nursing degree. Charles has done an excellent job for us and we will miss him tremendously! His last day at GPC will be April 13.

### Custodian Opening

GPC is looking to hire a custodian. The job involves cleaning, set-up, management of supplies, working with contractors and members of the congregation. The job is 34 hours/week beginning at \$15.00/hour. Send your resume to [info@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:info@gettysburgpresbyterian.org) by March 10.

### WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

The Worship & Music Committee would love to add 2 or 3 Traditional Service worshippers to our committee. We value your input. Please be assured that there are no musical try-outs required to join! Our mission is to provide support, materials and guidance in the preparation and experience of the Traditional Worship Services each Sunday and at special services throughout the year. Please contact Sheryl Suplee at 717-357-4499 or [svon347@aol.com](mailto:svon347@aol.com) for more discussion and information.



### Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with Liz Higgins & family on the death of her grandmother. Also to Chris Carbaugh & family on the death of his father.

### 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 March 12 - April 8 is Cathy Gardner 717-337-3233.



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

### Trust Me!

Has someone ever told you "Trust me," and then let you down? Our Stephen Ministers are people you really can trust. They are committed to providing the best Christian care possible to their care receivers. They are people you can trust and depend on. Call Pastor Lou at the church office 717-334-1235.

**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

## HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

### March

March 7	6:45 a.m.	Lenten Breakfast
March 11	12:30-4:00	Lunch & "Godspell"
March 14	6:45 a.m.	Lenten Breakfast
March 18	5:30-7:00	NO Youth Group because of workcamp brunch
March 21	6:45 a.m.	Lenten Breakfast

## MidSHIP Schedule

### March

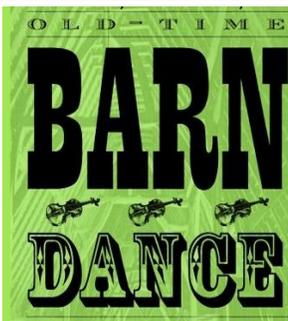
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March 18	5:30-7:00	Fellowship & Games
March 21	6:45 a.m.	Lenten Breakfast

## Lenten 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.

The schedule of next two sessions are:

- March 11, 2018  
**SESSION IV:** "Indecent and Out-of-Order Worship in Corinth"  
(A study of 1 Corinthians, chapters 10-14)
- March 18, 2018  
**SESSION V:** "Back to Basics: What is Essential to Our Faith"  
(A study of 1 Corinthians, chapters 15-16)



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.

## YOUTH CLUB LOCK-IN Grades 3-5



The annual youth club lock-in will be held Friday, March 23rd from 7 PM through March 24th at 8 AM. Forms were sent home this past week for parental approval and signup to help. We still need parents to help from 4 AM - 6 AM. If you can help or need forms, please see Cheryl at the CE table or in the Church Office.

## **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:

**\$29.95 for AGES 3 - ADULT** (regular rate is \$67.80)



You may order these tickets by signing up in Fellowship Hall on March 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!!

### **PW CIRCLES**

#### **Elizabeth Circle**

**Monday, March 19, 1:00 p.m.**

Paideia House - 1st floor

Leader: Becky Stabler

Hostess: Sandy Dixon

Lesson 7: Hebrews 11:1-3; 3:1-19;

Hebrews 4:1-11; 6:9-12;

Psalm 95

#### **Mary Martha Circle**

**Thursday, March 8 5:00 p.m.**

Eisenhower Lounge at GPC

Lesson 7

#### **Esther Circle**

**Thursday, March 15, 9:30 a.m.**

Eisenhower Lounge at GPC

Lesson 7

### **GPC Library News**

There has been a lot of activity in the libraries these days! Due to a large influx of donations, for which we are most grateful, an effort has been made to make room! Any duplicates as well as all fiction titles have been placed on the cart in the Fellowship Hall to seek new homes. I sincerely hope many of you have taken these to enjoy. Since we are blessed to be neighbors with the Adams County Library, most of these fiction titles are available there for you to check out.

We have also isolated some topical categories: Devotionals, Max Lucado books, Philip Yancey books and Small Group discussion guides and resources. These are on the shelf to the left of the window. DVDs are on the bottom shelf. I hope this will make the more popular items and authors more quickly available rather than having them scattered throughout the library.

Please come to either library and enjoy our wonderful collection of study materials and try out a devotional to see if it works for your taste and schedule. Anyone given the assignment of doing a devotional for a small group or Circle will find this a good place to find just the right selection.

Bless you in your journey! Merida Hurkett, Librarian

### **LOCAL MISSIONS**

There will be a committee meeting for everyone involved in GPC's local missions. Please plan to attend on Wednesday, March 28 at 7 PM in the church library to present a short summary of your particular local mission project. Church members interested in becoming involved in local missions in and around Gettysburg are urged to attend. If questions contact Bill Tindall at 717-778-2166

As part of our effort to keep everyone safe at church 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:

**March**

We will be 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.

**Mexico Mission Trip Update**

Dates are July 9-16.

Cost: about \$800 (scholarships available)



The Mexico Mission Trip is looking for a few good men and women to engage in ministry with the Mayan people by doing some construction (no skill required), helping with a Vacation Bible School or reading glasses ministry, and fellowshiping with Presbyterians in the Yucatan.

Dates: July 9-16. Cost: Approx. \$800.00 Scholarship help is available. Applications/information forms are available in the Fellowship Hall beginning Mar. 11 and are due back by April 8. Contact Pastor Dave for more information!

**Palm Sunday, March 25**

**One Great Hour of Sharing  
A Special Offering**

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to provide resources to people experiencing need. These gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development. Envelopes are included in this newsletter and will be in the pews.

**BLESSING BOX**

Lucky is a word associated with March and St. Patrick’s Day. We think of being lucky to have a warm, safe roof over our heads. Lucky to have food in the refrigerator. Lucky to have a bed to sleep in. We throw around the word lucky very often, but should we be using the word blessed instead. We are blessed by God in many ways. Let us share our blessings with others this March as we work to fill the Blessing Box with the number one item requested at homeless shelters ...socks! A basic need like socks can be such a blessing to a person in need. Please feel free to place any size **new socks** in the Blessing Box near the side entrance of the church parking lot or drop off the donation at the church office.

**Men’s Interfaith Luncheon**

All men are invited every Wednesday, March 7 – 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 has 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 WGTU/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.



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 MARCH 18

Easter Lily \$10.00 (4-6 blooms)
Tulips \$10.00 (8 bulbs)

In Memory of / In Honor of (circle one)
(please print clearly)

Blank lines for name entry.

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Will pick up \_\_\_\_\_
Deliver to shut-ins \_\_\_\_\_

GETTYSBURG CARES

Gettysburg Cares Homeless Shelter Ministry continues! The next training for overnight volunteers will be held at St. James Lutheran Church at 6:30 PM on March 19.

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS

You are invited to lunch at Pastor Dave & Bonnie's home on Sunday, March 25th following the 11 AM worship service. Please let us know you're coming by calling 717-398-2411 or emailing us at gpcpastordave@gettysburgpresbyterian.org.

# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

## Palm Sunday, March 25

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

## Maundy Thursday, March 29

6:00 p.m.	Small Group Bread & Soup Dinner
7:30 p.m.	Worship Service with Celebration of the Lord's Supper

## Good Friday, March 30

12:00 p.m.	Community Good Friday Service at GPC
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## Easter Sunday, April 1

6:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service at the Peace Light on the Battlefield
8:15 a.m.	Traditional Worship
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Children's Church (ages 3 – Grade 3)
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship

## THANKS TO C.A.R.E.S Volunteers

In addition to providing housing for Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S. guests earlier this year, GPC provides transportation to the Great Conewago Presbyterian Church in Hunterstown when they host overnight guests. Over the past two weeks several volunteers from GPC have used the church van to transport homeless guests to the church for safe and comfortable sleeping quarters. Thank you to Gail Hull, Rick Miner, Ron Jones, Steve Toddes, Bill Tindall, Tina & Todd Duboraw and Rachel Parmentier for volunteering for this local mission project. Tina & Todd Duboraw and Ron Jones also volunteered with CARES to chaperone the guests overnight at Great Conewago.

### 2018 South Dakota Trip Cancelled

As many of you already know, we have cancelled our South Dakota Mission Trip for this coming summer. This was a very difficult decision. In 2017 we cancelled our trip because the Takini School (where our group is housed and where we hold the festival) was having major repairs, including a new boiler. This coming summer they will be installing a new HVAC system at the school. These are welcome and necessary changes for the tribal school and its students.

Why don't we stay somewhere else? We have looked at alternatives, but none of these would enable us to serve the community where we have gone for 17 years. The people at Takini are the poorest of the poor, even by reservation standards. They live in a very remote area and often feel abandoned and forgotten by others. We don't want to dishonor them by going to a new location.

So now what? We have begun making plans for our trip in 2019. In the meantime, a few of our leaders will take the furniture and clothing that has already been donated to the reservation this summer. We will begin accepting new donations starting in the fall.

Please pray for our Native American friends.. They always tell us, "You bring us hope." We look forward to bringing them hope in 2019.

Penny and the SD Leadership Team

### "Seasoned Citizens" Healthy Eating Cooking Demonstration:

Join Chef Subarna in the Adams County Arts Council kitchen – 125 S. Washington St. on Monday, March 26 at 10:30 AM for a meal preparation and healthy lunch experience. Chef Subarna will use seasonal ingredients to demonstrate how to cook a healthy meal that tastes great and is easy to make. Participants will have the opportunity to help prepare the meal while listening to the Chef talk about cooking and nutrition. After we cook...we eat!! A \$2.00 donation to help with the cost of ingredients is appreciated, but not required.

If you would like to participate, please call Linda Thompson at the Adams County Office for Aging, Inc. 717-334-9296 or e-mail her at [ltthomp@acofa.org](mailto:ltthomp@acofa.org)

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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, March 15, 2018**

**March/April 2018  
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

- March 11** God Moments Series: God's Absence
- March 18** God Moments Series: Paul & Silas' Jailbreak  
Workcamp Brunch
- March 25** Palm Sunday  
God Moments Series: Untethered Faith  
"One Great Hour of Sharing" Offering received
- April 1** Easter Sunday  
Sunrise Service at Peace Light at 6:30 a.m.  
Worship at 8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
Continental Breakfast



**OGHS OFFERING**

**PALM SUNDAY,  
March 25th, 2018**