

# GRAPEVINE

# "The Pastor's Page"

March 21, 2018

### Bunnies, Eggs, and, oh yeah, the Resurrection!

A couple years ago, we featured a Holy Week ad in the *Gettysburg Times* that had an Easter Bunny with a basket hopping merrily out of a rock-hewn tomb with the stone rolled away! The tag line read something like, "Do your kids know what's wrong with this picture?" I wonder! It's a good reminder that people you know may be open to coming to church this season, because they, and their children may not know the basic stories of Christian faith. They may not know Palm Sunday from Balm Sunday or Maundy Thursday from Monday Thursday, and why on earth do we call that awful Friday "Good?"

So, take a look at the Holy Week schedule and invite someone to come with you to one of the events that week. If they have a mid-morning brunch on Easter morning, ask them if they would like to come to the sunrise service, or on Maundy Thursday. You get the idea! Jesus couldn't have been clearer that the faith is meant to be shared. Holy Week is a great time to get started! These are IAFTGPC\* events!

Pastor Dave

\* Invite A Friend To GPC

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# Happy Birthday

April 1 April 9 April 17 April 24 April 29 Ryan Dudash Lawrence Sanders Carol Geist Brianna Meyer Henry Fernandes April 2 Susan Lindsay Andy Miner Frank Pizzuto April 30 Lynne Graziano Dorothy Oblack April 18 Amy Tomassini Josie Brownley Hayden Hall April 25 Ian Isherwood April 10 Amira Reed Susan Kint Eric Maitland Richard Heflin Isabella Fernandes April 3 April 11 April 19 **Brandy Mosser** Benjamin Soliday Sal Chandon Michael Beegle John Reber April 4 April 12 April 20 April 26 Jacqueline Pizzuto Beth Bahm Madison Brubaker Judy Bullis Savannah Soliday Julie Kint Sandra Dixon April 27 Dick Wisor Susan Pizzuto Cindi Knouse Margo Har April 6 Charlotte King April 13 Betty Kump Natalie Hinton **Ethan Burgess** April 21 Holly Stabler Hatty Ketterman Dale Gallon Mike Franek Julio Suarez Amy Suarez Kathleen Redding April 22 April 28 April 7 Drusilla Warner Mary Shuss Katherine FitzGerald Kristin Russo Lance Snyder Brayden Lush April 14 Alexis Stone Jerry Heeschen Marilyn Zanger Shelli Strausner April 16 Tammi Swartzbaugh April 8 April 23 Dolores Yakencheck Brian Breighner Jared Lochary Suzanne Bower Amy Stewart Lucas Delacruz Judy Temme Melanie Keller

#### RUMMAGE BAKE SALE SIGN-UP

Our semi-annual sale will be here soon, Friday, April  $20^{\rm th}$ . If you are able to donate an item, please sign up in Fellowship Hall.

Suggestions for the sale include:

PIES, 8x8 CAKES, BREADS (banana, zucchini, pumpkin, etc.) should be in non-returnable containers.

Other suggestions include: COOKIES, BROWNIES, MUFFINS, FUDGE and RICE KRISPIE TREATS. NO CUPCAKES, PLEASE.

Items for the bake sale may be dropped off on Thursday, April 19th or early Friday morning.

IF YOUR BAKED GOOD CONTAINS NUTS and/or PEANUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER, PLEASE MARK THEM AS SUCH.

If you would like your container returned, make sure that you have your name on it.

Contact persons: Georgia Kuhn 717-337-1451, or Lucy Breighner 717-253-1980 with questions.

# SENIOR HIGH FELLOWSHIP LOCK-IN

"Escape Rooms & Catacombs..." April 6—7, 2018

Great event for 9th—12th Grade youth and friends. 7 PM Friday to 9 AM Saturday. Bring sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, Bible, your favorite candy bar, \$15 per person (Scholarship available). Permission slips were mailed to each youth. If you didn't get one, see Pastor Lou.

#### **Condolences**

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Our thoughts and prayers are with Hattie Ketterman and family on the death of her sister.

#### **THANK YOU:**

Being a member of the GPC family has its responsibilities and privileges. This past week I was privileged to receive many good thoughts and prayers from you. Thanks from the bottom of my heart.

Nancy Cook

#### **THANK YOU:**

Thank you for all the prayers, meals, transportation, cards and visits from my loving GPC family. You don't know how much I truly appreciated it all.

Lucy Breighner.

#### **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.

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 last session is scheduled for:

March 25, 2018

Session VI: "Back to Basics:

What is Essential to Our Faith?"

(A study of 1 Corinthians, Chapters 15-16)

# Stephen Ministry Making GPC A More

#### Caring Place

We can all help make GPC a more caring place with a bright smile, a sincere greeting, a warm hug, plus a word of encouragement. As you greet people, let them know how much you care. And remember, when you meet someone with extra needs, tell him or her about our Stephen Ministry. Call Pastor Lou at the church office 717-334-1235, ext. 4

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

# **Upcoming Events:**

GPC 2018 SPRING WOMEN'S RETREAT

# **FLUNKING SAINTHOOD:**

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

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.)

Deadline to register and pay is **April 1st.** 

#### HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP March/April

March 21 6:45 a.m. Lenten Breakfast March 25 5:30-7:00 Fellowship & Games March 28 6:45 a.m. Lenten Breakfast April 1st NO SHIP Fellowship Due to Easter

#### MidSHIP Schedule March/April March 21 6:45 a.m. Lenten Breakfast

March 25 5:30-7:00 Fellowship & Games March 28 6:45 a.m. Lenten Breakfast NO MidSHIP due April 1st

to Easter

#### Life's Second Half Success: Leveraging the Foibles and Falls of the First Half GPC Adult Sunday School, April 8,15, and 22 Lynne Wells Graziano

Life is often described as a journey or a game; as such, it is seen as a series of chapters, or a game with innings, or quarters, or halves. Richard Rohr, a Franciscan priest who founded and runs the Center for Contemplation and Action in New Mexico, believes that "people at any age must know about the whole arc of their life and where it is trending and leading."

On Sunday, April 8 we will begin a Sunday morning adult education class running for three weeks based on living our lives fully while developing our spiritual selves, whichever half we are in! Rohr's book, Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life, will anchor the discussion. Other resources will be utilized to help shape a three-week class exploring the chapters of life, learning from the times we have fallen, and embracing the promises and challenges of life's second half.

Please join us April 8, 15, and 22 in the Mac Room at 9:30 AM. Lynne Graziano will be leading this class and welcomes GPCers at any stage of life who are interested in moving past the falls in our past and more deeply living the years ahead. Please send thoughts or questions to: lynnegraziano@gmail.com.

# 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. 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!!

#### SPRING PW RUMMAGE, PLANT & BAKE SALE

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April 20 - April 21, 2018

After another stellar Fall Rummage, Plant and Bake Sale, we're hoping to match or exceed those outstanding figures. As always, we can't do it without your help. So drop off your treasures and baked goods, volunteer to set up, sort, price, check-out and clean-up. We are also looking for your business on sale days.

As always, storage space is minimal, so, if possible, bring your treasures to the church beginning on Monday, April 16. You can then leave them in the corner near the outside door to Fellowship Hall. It also reduces work for the volunteers who set up. Please bring clothing that is clean and in good condition and items that work. Also, please no teflon coated pans or skillets or items that require special handling for disposition.

#### The Schedule:

Rummage and Plant Sale: Friday, April 20th–8:30AM to 5PM and Saturday, April 21st – 8:30AM to 12 Noon.

<u>Bake Sale and Lunch</u>: Friday, April 20th – 8:30AM to 2 PM (or until sold out) Lots of scrumptious baked goods. Lunch menu is hot dogs with a variety of toppings, Sloppy Joes, chips and soft drinks.

<u>Drop-Offs:</u> On Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – instructions above; Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – 8:30AM to 5PM;

Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – 8:30AM to 7PM; Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – 8:30AM to NOON.

Sorting and Pricing: Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – 9AM to 5PM.

Please give an hour or more on any, or all of these days to help. The more hands, the better!

Baked Goods: Drop off by 8AM on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> or the night before, if frozen.

<u>Plants:</u> May be dropped off on Monday or Tuesday, please be sure that they are moist; but Wednesday or Thursday are the best days to drop off plants.

Clean-up: Saturday, April 21st, from Noon until finished (usually 1 to 1 ½ hrs.)

Volunteers are needed to set up, sort, price, (Monday—Thursday) and check-out on sale days (Friday and Saturday) and clean-up.

If you will help, or have questions about the sales, please call or email one of the following:

Amy Deitch 337-3534 <a href="mailto:ahdeitch@hotmail.com">ahdeitch@hotmail.com</a>; Bev Weber 337-2194 <a href="mailto:bevandlee90@gmail.com">bevandlee90@gmail.com</a>;

Sheryl Suplee 337-3267 svon347@aol.com

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: \$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 fellowshipping with Presbyterians in the Yucatan.

Dates: July 9-16. Cost: \$800.00 Scholarship help is available. Applications/information forms are available in the Fellowship Hall 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.



## Middle School & High School Lenten Breakfast 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), Facebook page, 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.



# During the coming weeks we will be praying for the following missions during worship. Please pray for them during the week, too!

- 3/25 South Carolina Mission Trip. This group works with Sea Island Habitat for Humanity and is scheduled for April 15-21.
- 4/1 Bryan and Emily Gerlach, doing mission work in Thailand.
- 4/8 Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Gettysburg College meets each Thursday for study, fellowship, and prayer. Pastor Dave leads about once a semester.
- 4/15 Presbytery of Carlisle

**Lend-a-Hand** is a disaster relief mission of our presbytery that sends groups to help people recovering from hurricanes, floods, fires, etc. Several trips to Tarboro, NC are planned in April and May. Visit their website at <a href="http://www.lendahand.net/">http://www.lendahand.net/</a>

**Parking Lot -** If you are able to park off-site, it will help those who need close-by parking. Parking is available at the Library, along Wall Alley and Wade Avenue off of Baltimore Street and at the elementary school.

#### CHANGE DATES

#### **VBS**

Due to several reasons we are moving the dates of VBS to **June 11—14**, which is a week earlier. This will enable those youth going to Work Camp to be able to help with VBS like previous years. So mark your calendars now.

#### 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

## 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 with Children's Church (ages 3 – Grade 3)

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

## EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Your Deacons invite you to the annual all-church *Easter Continental Breakfast Buffet* on *Easter Sunday, April 1st*.

Serving times will be 9 – 9:30am and 10:30 – 11am in Fellowship Hall.

We hope you will join us for fellowship before or after the worship service you choose to attend as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.

#### CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

We welcome all local church women to a 90-minute (\$3) lunch meeting at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 4, at the Gettysburg Church of the Brethren, 1710 Biglerville Rd. Following lunch, our guest speaker will be Jennifer White, Development Manager with Mission of Mercy. A special welcome to all newcomers to join in the ecumenical fellowship. The church social room is handicapped accessible. No reservations needed. For more information, contact Cheryl Potter at 717-337-2938

# APRIL 2018

7 High School Lock-in until 9 a.m.	9-3:00 p.m. Women's Retreat at Lodges 9:00 a.m. Youth Praise Band	21 RUMMAGE SALE 8:30 a.m 12:00 p.m. 8-1 Work Camp Meeting "Rent A Workcamper"	9:00 - 3:00 Session Retreat	
6 1:00 p.m. DAR 7:00 p.m. High School Lock-In	£-	20 RUMMAGE SALE 8:30 a.m 5:00 p.m.	22	
5 9:30 a.m. Mom's Board 6:30 p.m. Adult Discipleship 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:15 p.m. Adult Bell Choir	12:00 Noon Newsletter Deadline 10:00 am. Young at Heart 5:00 p.m. Mary Martha Circle 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir	19 9:30 a.m. Esther Circle 12:00 p.m. Deadline for Rummage Sale drop-offs 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts	26 12:00 Noon Newsletter Deadline 7:15 p.m Bell Choir	
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2 10:00 a.m. NO Disciple Study 7:00 p.m. Mission and Interpretation	9 10:00 am. Disciple Study 6:30 p.m. Worship & Music 6:30 p.m. Christian Ed. Team	16 10:00 a.m. Disciple Study 1:00 p.m. Elizabeth Circle 3:00 p.m. Welcome Comm	23 10:00 am. Disciple Study Study	30 10:00 am. Disciple Study
1 EASTER SUNDAY 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service @ the Peace Light 7:45 a.m. Early Choir 8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship 10:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship NO Mid-SHIP & SHIP NO Disciple	7.45 a.m. Early Choir 7.45 a.m. Early Choir 9.15 & 9:30a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Adult Choir 12:45 a.m. Recorder Consort 12:15 p.m. Deacons Meeting 4:00 p.m. Session Meeting 4:00 p.m. Youth Bell Choir 4:30 p.m. Youth Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. MicSHIP 5:30 p.m. Ji Choir Plus 5:30 p.m. J. Choir Plus 5:30 p.m. J. Choir Plus 6:30 p.m. J. Choir Plus	115 7:45 a.m. Early Choir 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship 10:30 a.m. Adult Choir 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 12:00 p.m. Mid-SHIP-Roller Skating 12:45 p.m. Recorder Consort 5:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study 5:30 p.m. SHIP	745 am. Early Choir 745 am. Early Choir 9:15 & 9:30a.m. Sunday School 12:45 a.m. Recorder Consort 4:30 p.m. Youth Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Vouth Bell Choir 5:30 p.m. MidSHIP & SHIP 5:30 p.m. Jr. Choir Plus 5:30 p.m. Jr. Choir Plus 5:30 p.m. Jr. Choir Plus 5:40 p.m. Jr. Choir Plus	29 7.45 a.m. Early Choir 9:15 & 9:30a.m. Sunday School 12:45 a.m. Recorder Consort 4:00 p.m. Youth Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Vouth Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. MidSHIP & SHIP 5:30 p.m. Jr Choir Plus

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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 29, 2018



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**OGHS OFFERING** 

PALM SUNDAY, March 25th, 2018

## March/April 2018 GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

March 25 Palm Sunday

God Moments Series: Untethered Faith

"One Great Hour of Sharing" Offering received

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Easter Sunday April 1

Sunrise Service at Peace Light at 6:30 a.m.

Worship at 8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 Continental Breakfast

April 8 Laity Sunday! Jean LeGros will preach.