

GRAPEVINE

"The Pastor's Page"

April 4, 2018

Rent-a-Youth – April 21st – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

If you could use a 3-5 person servant team of high school students and adult leaders to come to your home and assist you with mild clean up or upkeep, then contact Rev. Nyiri in the church office. We are looking for projects that will take no more than 2 hours to complete – i.e. washing windows, cleaning gutters, moving furniture, and possibly modest home repair. Our worksite coordinating team will contact you to discuss the project and see if it will fit into the allotted time. This event is part of our high school workcamp preparation as we get ready to go and serve this summer in Greenville, SC. The group would arrive at your home on Saturday, April 21st around 9:30 a.m. and work on the assigned project. Around 11:30 they will clean up, enjoy a lunch which they will bring with them and have a devotion during their lunch time. You are invited to join them in the devotion if you are so inclined. Return the form below by April 15th so that our worksite coordinating team can contact you.



Rent-a-Youth Helper

April 21st from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Your Phone #: _____ The best time to call you is: _____

Your Email (only if you check email regularly): _____

Projects you wish us to consider (Please be as specific as possible):

Return the form to Rev. Lou Nyiri either in the church office, in the offering plate or via email gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org.

Inside

- Emails needed for Congregational Communication
- Farewell to Charles Huber
- Hiking Club
- New Custodian Hired
- Contemporary Worship Needs
- Come Walk with Me Adams County Invitation
- Rummage Sale Bake Sale
- Rummage Sale Sign-up to Help
- South Carolina Trip

Lou

Your Email Please!

Ever feel disconnected? Or out of the GPC information loop? GPC is a large church; perhaps we all get that feeling on occasion. One way to reduce feeling disconnected is to provide GPC with your email address. When needed, congregational emails are sent. The email may announce a weather-related closing of the church. Or it may remind you of an upcoming event. Or a cancellation of an activity. Perhaps the email may let you know that a GPC member has a concerning health problem and is requesting prayer. Be assured your email address will NOT be sold nor provided to any groups or business. It will be used to communicate with YOU about your church. After providing GPC with your email address, your responsibility is to regularly check your email for any GPC communication.

Willing to participate? Simply send your email address to:
info@gettysburgpresbyterian.org

PS If you would like to receive the Grapevine via email, just let us know when you give us your email address!

RUMMAGE BAKE SALE SIGN-UP

Our semi-annual sale will be here soon, Friday, April 20th. 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 ITAS SUCH.

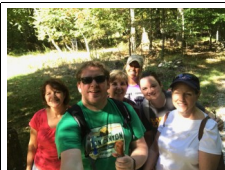
If you would like your container returned, make sure that you have your name on it.

COME SAY FAREWELL

Sunday, April 8, 2018 will be Charles Huber's last Sunday as the Church Sexton, and we invite you to join us in honoring Charles for his service to the Congregation! We will have cake and coffee in honor of Charles in Fellowship Hall between the services. Charles has served in this role for three years and we thank him for his excellent service. Please stop by Fellowship Hall and thank Charles in person! We extend best wishes to Charles, Gina and Indie as they relocate to San Francisco area.

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Lucille Myers on her death. Her memorial service will be held at 4 PM on April 27th at GPC.



The Hiking Club at GPC has gotten off to a tremendous start! We have been blessed with beautiful weather and even better fellowship! Our upcoming hike is going to be our first all-day hike. Harper's Ferry is having a fee-free day on Saturday, April 21st. We will depart from the church parking lot at 9:30am and will return around 4pm. We are planning a hike around the C&O Canal - all skill levels welcome. Dress in weather appropriate clothing with comfortable shoes and plenty of water. You will want to bring a snack and a lunch with you, especially since the area will be busy that day as it is a fee-free day.

If you have any questions, please contact Megan Ziegler (meganziegler2014@gmail.com) or Jen Clark (mjclark1963@embarqmail.com). We look forward to seeing you there!

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." - Matthew 18:20

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 April 8 — May 13 is Benjy Conover 717-357-9484.

New Custodian Hired

After reviewing 13 applications and interviewing 5 candidates, Dennis Ruth has been hired as our custodian! Dennis will begin work on April 4. He'll work alongside Charles for about a week. You'll have a chance to welcome him to GPC between services on April 15!



Stephen Ministry
Change: To give a radically different position, course or direction

Changes can be difficult — especially when they are unexpected. Stephen Ministers are trained to help people learn to cope with the changers that have happened in their life. If you have experienced great changes — or know someone who has — and would like to learn more about Stephen Ministry, please call Pastor Lou at the church office 717-334-1235, ext. 4

THANK YOU

To some awesome parents who came and helped make our Youth Club lock-in a huge success. Thanks to: Carole Simon, Amanda Mathews, Sharon Holsclaw, Susan Kint, Greg Trax, Mike Franek, Tammy Schwartz, Cathy Franek, Mark Bernier, Jen Unger, and our college helper, Ian James. You were all wonderful.



Contemporary Worship Needs:

The 9:30 Contemporary Worship service needs a drummer for the Praise Band. Blake Pierson, who has provided excellent drumming for many years, is leaving for college at the beginning of the summer.

We are also in need of someone to coordinate the communion bread and juice each month.

If interested in finding out more about these opportunities, please contact Libby Crowe on Sunday mornings or at

mllibby@gettysburgpresbyterian.org.

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

April

April 6-7	Senior High Lock-In
April 8th	NO SHIP
April 15th	Fellowship/Games
April 22nd	Fellowship/Games

MidSHIP Schedule

April

April 8th	Fellowship/Games
April 15th	Pizza/Roller Skating
April 22nd	Fellowship/Games

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. Books can be ordered through Amazon, Christian Books, etc.

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.

Creation Care: A Faith-based Response to Climate Change

A film and discussion series sponsored by the St. James Lutheran Church's Creation Care Committee will explore the topic of our response to changing climate. The films will take place on five Tuesdays (April 10 to May 8, 2018) at 7:00 PM in Valentine Hall at the United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg. Each one-hour documentary will be followed by a brief discussion and opportunity to speak with representatives of local & regional environmental organizations at action/information tables in the lobby after the showing. Check out the poster in fellowship hall for topics and dates!

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE FAMILY MINISTRY COMMITTEE:

On **May 5, 2018** from 1-5:00 p.m. at Warrior Stadium/Gettysburg Middle School there will be a family-friendly, community-wide, FREE event with prizes, food, music, and much more. Google "Come Walk With Me Adams County" for more information. There will also be fun activities for kids and adults at no cost! The Family Ministry Committee is promoting this event and would encourage everyone from GPC to attend. If you have any clothing that identifies you being affiliated with GPC we would encourage wearing it as a way to promote our church. Thank you!

SPRING PW RUMMAGE, PLANT & BAKE SALE

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.

Bake Sale and Lunch: 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.

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

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

Sorting and Pricing: Tuesday, April 17th, Wednesday, April 18th, and Thursday, April 19th – 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 20th or the night before, if frozen.

Plants: 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 ahdeitch@hotmail.com; Bev Weber 337-2194 bevandlee90@gmail.com

Sheryl Suplee 337-3267 svon347@aol.com

“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:

April

We will be collecting items for

Survivors, Inc.:

NEW and UNOPENED toiletries—soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc. (Survivors is unable to accept *hotel size* toiletries.), sheet sets, blankets, plug-in alarm clocks, towels, washcloths, diapers, baby wipes, “sippie” cups and baby bottles.

Mexico Mission Trip Update



Dates are July 9-16.

Cost: \$800 (scholarships available)

We will do some (unskilled) construction work in the mornings, then run a Vacation Bible School and a reading glasses ministry in the afternoons in a village in the Yucatan peninsula. We'll fellowship with local Christians there and see some of the Mayan ruins! Applications are available in the Fellowship Hall and Narthex. They are due back on April 8. Contact Pastor Dave for details!

Charleston, SC Mission Trip

April 22-28, 2018

The Habitat for Humanity build needs 3-4 more individuals to be a successful trip. Prayerfully consider signing up out in Fellowship Hall and talk to relatives and friends about going on this fun trip. Anyone who would like to sign-up or have additional information can contact Jerry cleaver @ 717-359-0419.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ken Hoy on his 90th Birthday on March 17th .

BLESSING BOX

April brings the new growth of plants and flowers, the birth of new creatures and especially the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. What better way to share in this joyous time than to help the newest little ones in our community. This month the Girl Scouts are collecting baby supplies for the Blessing Box. Donations of diapers of all sizes, wipes, formula, pacifiers, baby food or other small items are needed. Donation of these new items can be placed in the Blessing Box at the side entrance of the parking lot or dropped off at the church office.

PW CIRCLES

Elizabeth Circle

Monday, April 16 1:00 p.m.

Paideia House - 1st floor

Leader: Helen Stabler

Hostess: Sandy Dixon

Lesson 8: Hebrews 3:1-6; Numbers 12:7
Hebrews 13:1-6; 6:9-12; James 2:1-4
Psalm 127:1-2

Mary Martha Circle

Thursday, April 19 5:00 p.m.

Eisenhower Lounge at GPC

Lesson 7

Esther Circle

Thursday, April 12, 9:30 a.m.

Eisenhower Lounge at GPC

Lesson 7

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

Please pray for them during the week, too!

- 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
- 4/22 Jacques Merine, who oversees an orphanage in Haiti, which we support.
- 4/29 Lend-a-Hand

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 <http://www.lendahand.net/>

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.

NEW DATES FOR VBS

Due to several reasons we are moving the dates of VBS to **June 11—14 from 9:00—12:15**, which is a week earlier. This will enable those youth going to Work Camp to be able to help with VBS like previous years.

Our study this year will be ***“God’s Wonderful World, In the Beginning...”*** Mark your calendars now and talk to friends and family about joining you this summer. Registration forms will be available in late April.

If you are available to help, please contact Cheryl in the church office.

Gettysburg Presbyterian Church
208 Baltimore Street
Gettysburg, PA 17325
Office: (717) 334-1235
Fax: (717) 334-0666
www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org


Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Gettysburg, PA 17325
Permit No. 198

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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, April 12, 2018**

**April 2018
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Traditional Worship @ 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.
Contemporary Worship @ 9:30 a.m.**

- April 8** Laity Sunday! Jean LeGros will preach.
South Carolina Commissioning
- April 15** The Word Became Flesh—John 1:1-18
- April 22** Jesus' Baptism — John 1:19-34
- April 29** First Disciples — John 1: 35-51