

GRAPEVINE

"The Pastor's Page"

May 30, 2018

Dear Church Family,

Our high school mission team will soon leave for their June 15-23, 2018 mission to Greenville, SC. We ask that you keep us in prayer before, during and after our trip. To help, here is a "Workcamp Day of Prayer" guide for you to use at home.

We anticipate what God has in store for us and appreciate your prayers.

Faithfully Yours,

Lou

Workcamp Day of Prayer

Please set aside a portion of time in your daily schedule on Mondays to pray for our group while we're away June 15-23 in Greenville, SC. The other churches coming to the same mission trip will be praying over the rest of the days.

Here are some prayer suggestions:

- God's presence will be made known to participants, the community we serve, the Reach Staff.
- All the details will come together so the youth can focus on the message.
- Thursday evening program offers youth a decision point based upon the dramas.
- Wisdom to make good decisions.
- We will be an example of serving others.
- We will recognize the call of Christ as the reason we are choosing to serve.
- We will catch the spirit of serving others and choose to make it a lifestyle.
- We will be able to complete the projects safely in a week.
- Our acts of service will be done to the best of our ability.
- Community - the people/businesses where the mission trip is located
- Evening Program - activities to help us focus on the spiritual aspect of service
- Reach Staff - adults who run and organize the mission trip
- Neighbors - people whose homes we repair
- School and School Staff - where we stay for the week
- Workcampers - youth and adults who attend the mission trip
- Work projects - repairs we make to the homes

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CONDOLENCES

Our thoughts and prayers are with Denny & Phyllis Dowd and family on the recent death of Denny's brother, Joe.

Thank you for all the cards, prayers and kind words on the passing of my Dad. It is wonderful to be part of such a caring and giving congregation.

Terry Manning

From July 1 to August 31

Penny Messinger, GPC's Administrative Assistant, is on **"summer hours"** which are:

Mon. - Thurs.
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
&
off on Fridays.

Gospel of John Preaching Series

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

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

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

June 17 John 6: 1-34
Jesus Feeds 5000 at Passover

June 24 John 6: 35-71
Bread from Heaven

A big thank you goes to Boy Scout Troop 73 for their generous donation to GPC of \$2,109.00 from the troop's annual fundraising Spaghetti Dinner at General Pickett's. The donation will be put toward Ruth's Harvest, a local ministry our church is involved in that assures that nutritious food is available to elementary school children. Food items, from a carefully selected menu, are put in backpacks and sent home with eligible children each Friday during the school year.

Each September our church collects a special Peacemaking Offering from which funds are used throughout the year for local missions and peacemaking efforts. Recently, funding was provided to the following organizations: Adams Co. Rescue Mission (\$1,350), Adams Co. Homeless Shelter (\$1,800), Adams Co. Prison Chaplain (\$2,700), Elizabeth, Mary Martha and Esther Circles (\$900), Fire Department (\$450), Habitat for Humanity (\$2,500), Gettysburg CARES (\$900), and Ruth's Harvest (\$900). Thank you to everyone for making this a possibility through your generous giving.

Margaret Curtis presented Peacemaking Scholarships to two Gettysburg High School students during the school's annual scholarship night. First place was awarded to Jeremy Allinger for his essay titled, *Promoting Eternal Peace in a World United*. Second place went to Brady Fouchie with his essay, *One Must Believe in It*. Peace Essay competition, sponsored by Gettysburg Presbyterian Church, is held each year in honor of Dr. Robert Curtis, former superintendent of schools for Gettysburg.

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, June 11 - July 8 is Dave Boyer at 717-334-0470.



Session Update...

At a called meeting on Sunday, May 20, the Session approved an addendum to our sales contract with the Gettysburg Area School District regarding the Wall Alley property, decreasing the size of the parcel by about 30% and decreasing the purchase price by the same amount. The Session also approved a new storm water management system required by the school board that will be more costly to the church. The school board approved the addendum on Monday, May 21st. The total number of projected parking spaces remains unchanged at 24. We hope to bring the plans to the borough council for approval in June.

Mark your calendars:

October 13

Women's Half Day Retreat @ GPC

More Information to come.

GPC Hiking Club

June 9th- We will be leaving the church parking lot at 10 am. We are hiking Rainbow Lake. We should be back by noon. Bring water and a snack.



July 14th- We will be leaving the church parking lot at 8am. We will be driving to Breezewood. We are hiking the abandoned Turnpike tunnels. There are 2 tunnels. We plan on being back to the church parking lot around 6pm. It is possible to be back earlier than that if you only hike one tunnel. We need a headcount for transportation. You will need to bring water, lunch and a flashlight. Hope you are enjoying the sunshine.

- 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

Children's Church Volunteer Leaders

We need **26** 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.

Exploring Membership Class

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

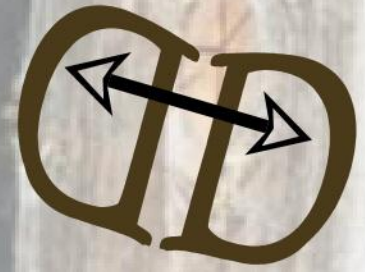
After lunch, you will learn more about Presbyterians and GPC in particular. Call the church office (717-334-1235) to sign up!

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.

Dudes 'n Dads Steak Dinner

An evening of
fellowship and fun
for guys of all ages



Friday, June 15, 2018

6:30 PM

GPC Fellowship Hall

Guest Speaker: Kevin Burke
Gettysburg College, Head Football Coach

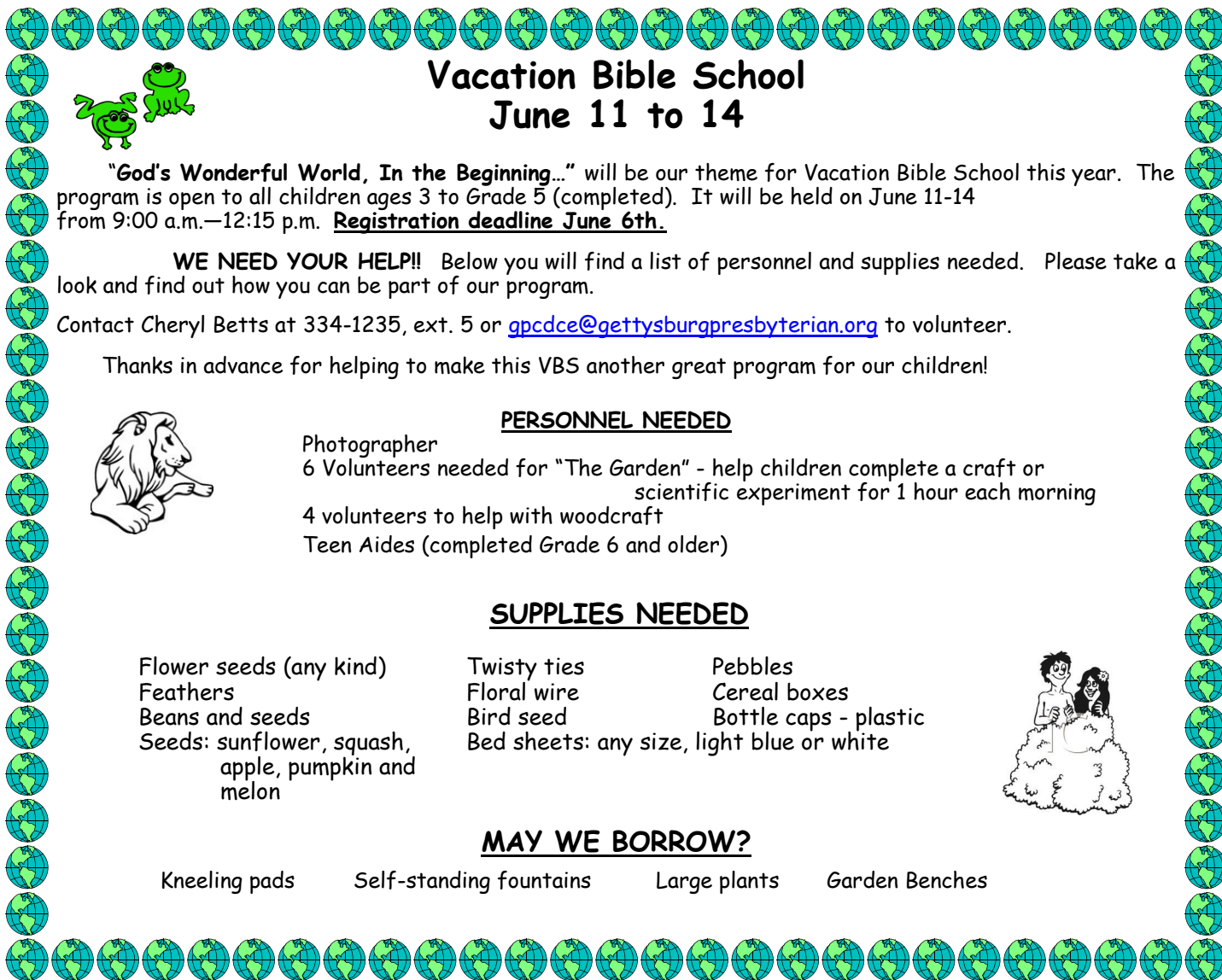
Steak, Baked Potato, Salad, Dessert & Beverage
Adults - \$10; Children under 12 - \$5

Alternate children's meal:
Hot Dog, Utz Chips, Salad, Dessert & Beverage
Free



For tickets, contact:
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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 deadline June 6th.**

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
6 Volunteers needed for "The Garden" - help children complete a craft or scientific experiment for 1 hour each morning
4 volunteers to help with woodcraft
Teen Aides (completed Grade 6 and older)

SUPPLIES NEEDED

Flower seeds (any kind)	Twisty ties	Pebbles
Feathers	Floral wire	Cereal boxes
Beans and seeds	Bird seed	Bottle caps - plastic
Seeds: sunflower, squash, apple, pumpkin and melon	Bed sheets: any size, light blue or white	



MAY WE BORROW?

Kneeling pads Self-standing fountains Large plants Garden Benches

Mission Calendar

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

Please pray for them during the week, too!

- 6/3 Katie Burkholder, apprentice Missionary in Ireland
- 6/10 Sean & Bethany Walker - now work from Houston, supporting the ministry of Antioch Partners, a mission group committed to reaching unreached people around the world.
- 6/17 Teen Workcamp - Going to SC this year to do home repair and learn more about following Jesus!
- 6/24 Mission Bright Star - Our gift-giving ministry to children of incarcerated parents.

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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, June, 7, 2018**

Summer Worship Schedule

Summer is coming and that means it will soon be time for our Summer Worship Schedule!

In July and August, this will be our worship schedule:

**9:00 a.m.
Contemporary Worship**

**10:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship**

See you in worship this Summer!

June 2018

GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

June 3	Jesus in Samaria and Cana - John 4: 1-54 Communion
June 10	Jesus' Authority over the Sabbath John 5: 1-47
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