

GRAPEVINE

"The Pastor's Page"

June 13, 2018

Does God Take the Summer Off?

You probably already know the answer. Of course, God doesn't take the summer off! And that's a good thing for all of us, for we need God's help in the summer as much as in any other season! And yet, worship attendance tends to fall off in the summer. Around here it drops around 100 people per Sunday! A good portion of that is due to people traveling, but some of that drop is offset by out-of-town visitors that come to church. At least some of the drop in attendance is due to folks who "take the summer off" from church.

That brings us to a larger question- Why do we go to church anyway? Here are a couple of answers:

- To give thanks to God for all his goodness to us
- To encounter God and gain a sense of what God expects from us
- To fellowship with God's people, encouraging one another
- To be reminded of who we are as children of God

These needs don't change in the summer, do they? So, I hope you'll join us in worship this summer as we continue our preaching series in the gospel of John, and worship God in song and prayer.

Pastor Dave

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Happy Birthday to...

July 1

Kathy Corbin
Dennis Meckley
Erin Stephens

July 2

Brady Dillon
Grayson Hubble
Will Kiefer
Chris Landauer

July 3

John Shuss
Pam VanHoutte
Brandi Watson

July 4

Benjy Conover
Dawn Rathgeber
Jessica Stone

July 5

Kyele Bridel
Michael Kulkusky
Joan Miller
Lane Mosser
Emma Strausner

July 7

Leslie Dillon
Leo McGuire

July 8

Harrison Crow
Garrett Doyle
Melissa Weigle

July 9

Grace Moroz
Joseph Tassin

July 10

Emily Bankert
Stephanie Gladfelter

July 11

Deb Bowersox
Robert Lewis

July 12

Garrett Kolmer
Joan Pore

July 13

Zane Graff
Joan Grimm
Gail Hull
Cindy Hunt
Ellen Raggets

July 14

Marlyn Burdge
Carol Merwede

July 15

Adam Hunt
Henry Isherwood
Audrey Jahn
Bradley Kime
James Newman

July 16

Brian Campbell
Susan Sanders
Ethan Sheely

July 17

Chloe McMaster
Grant Sanders
Anne Simpson
Adalyn Smarsh
Adair Toddes

July 18

Fred Guinn
Kevin Schmitz

July 19

Kim Landauer
Carson Pennings
Randy Smith

July 20

Richard Beamer
Tessa Beauchat
Robert Deitch
Cathy Franek
Alexander Nyiri

July 21

Brayden Beamer
Adelyn Hieber
Sarah Lambert

July 23

Nancy Coombs
Phyllis Dowd
Marie Levenstein
Daniel Murray

July 24

Ann Settle

July 25

Patrick Sullivan

July 26

Elizabeth Burke
Rich Fuller
Vann Hinton
Melany LaRochelle

July 27

Nancy Ball
John Snyder

July 28

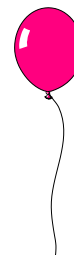
Doris Elledge
Sherry Grim
Carol Heiser
Emily Koons
Bonnie Laughman
Peter North

July 29

Emma Dennison
Braden Unger
Jonelle Warcup

July 31

Drew Hoover
Jean Sumser
Liam Tindall



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

June 24 John 6: 35-71
 Bread from Heaven

July 1 John 7: 1-36
 Division over Jesus' Identity

July 8 John 7: 37-52
 Living Water

**Special thanks
 to Andy Miner &
 Dennis Ruth
 for cutting up and
 removing part of
 a fallen tree
 on our Wall Alley
 property recently.**

Session Update
 At its stated meeting on Sunday, June 10, the Session...

- Received 8 new members
- Heard a presentation for the purchase of AV equipment from the Security Team
- Approved a request from Jacques Merine and our Haiti ministry to use of Fellowship Hall for a fundraiser at a future date

GPC Hiking Club

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

RECEPTION FOR HARRY! SUNDAY JUNE 24th

After almost 8 years, Rev. Dr. Harry Winsheimer has decided to step down from his part-time pastoral role with the church.

We thank Harry for his service and the many ways that he has impacted the lives of our congregation.

We will honor Harry on Sunday, June 24 with a reception in between the services, please plan to attend.

Children's Church Volunteer Leaders

We need 7 adults to step up to give our regular Children's Church leaders a 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. Sign-up sheet is on table in Fellowship Hall. Please help us continue this program over the summer.

PW CIRCLES

Elizabeth Circle
Monday June 18,
Noon for lunch
at Joan Pore's.

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



Girl Scouts Blessing Box

As school comes to a close and many plan summer vacations to rest and rejuvenate, we often don't pause to realize the luxury of that yearly tradition. There are those in our community that cannot afford this opportunity or the necessities of summer – like suntan lotion.

Girl Scout Troop 80096 has created a bulletin board in Fellowship Hall to collect donations during the month of June that will help supply the Blessing Box outside the church. The following list of items are in demand: Bottled water, sunscreen, summer hats for children, books for summer reading, canned goods, boxed goods, feminine products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, bars of soap, lotion, socks, hairbrushes, wash cloths, floss, dog and cat food, and small bags of kitty litter.

Please drop off donated items in the tub below the Local Missions bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Thank you in advance for your help!

Mission Trip Updates

Please be in prayer for our Mission Trips:

Youth Workcamp in South Carolina June 15-23.

We'll hear from them in worship on July 15.

Mexico Mission Trip in Cantamayec, Yucatan on July 9-16.

They will report to us on July 29.

Mission Calendar

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

Please pray for them during the week, too!

- 6/17 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.
- 7/1 Presbyterian Homes - provide a variety of living places for Seniors
- 7/8 Camp Krislund - supported by three presbyteries, including ours. Summer camp programs for children and youth, year-round retreat facilities.

JULY DATES TO REMEMBER

July 1	9:00 & 10:30	SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS
July 4		OFFICE CLOSED
July 5	9:30 a.m.	Mom's of Adams County Board
	12:00 p.m.	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
July 8	7:00 p.m.	Mexico Mission Commissioning
	7:00 p.m.	Mexico Packing Party
July 9 - 16		MEXICO MISSION TRIP
July 10	7:30 a.m.	Habitat for Humanity
July 11	12:00 p.m.	Men's Interfaith Luncheon
July 11, 18, 25	6:00 p.m.	Historic Church Walking Tours
July 12	10:00 a.m.	Shawl Ministry
July 17	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Supervision
July 25	7:00 p.m.	Health Care for All
July 26	12:00 p.m.	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



Who Benefits from Stephen Ministry?

Everybody benefits from Stephen Ministry. Those receiving care from Stephen Ministers benefit because they receive prayer and support throughout the crisis they face. Stephen Ministers benefit through the spiritual growth they experience from being involved in meaningful ministry. Our pastors benefit because caring ministry at GPC is expanded, and fewer people will slip through the cracks. Most of all you benefit from the knowledge that special care is available to you should you need it. In addition, you now have a place where you can refer a friend, neighbor, coworker, relative, or anyone else you know who is going through a difficult time so that they can receive special care when they need it most. Stephen Ministry makes GPC a much more caring place! For more information contact Lou Nyiri at 334-1235 ext. 4.

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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 21, 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 / July 2018
 GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

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