

GRAPEVINE

"The Pastor's Page"

June 27, 2018

Right and Wrong

I realize that Christians can have legitimate differences regarding our immigration policies as a nation. However, the recent uproar across the political spectrum over our government's practice of separating immigrant children from their parents who have entered the country illegally gives me some hope as a Christian and a pastor. Having focused on Christian ethics in my doctoral thesis, I have no problem saying that there is no moral justification for such a policy. The stated reason for the policy is to discourage other parents from entering illegally into our country. It may or may not actually have this effect. Many of these families are fleeing violence and chaos in Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador and would probably be willing to risk the hardship of being separated from their children, if their children would be safe from violence. However, even if the policy were effective in deterring families from entering the country, it would still be wrong.

It is always wrong to knowingly inflict harm or suffering on defenseless, vulnerable children. Period. And there is no question that this practice is harmful to children, especially those whose lives have been so chaotic to begin with. The ends do not justify the means. It pains me that we have lost our moral bearings to such a degree that such a policy would even be thinkable in this country. I am heartened that many evangelical clergy, Protestant Churches, the Roman Catholic Church, and politicians on both sides of the aisle have denounced this moral failure. I lend my voice to theirs.

Dave

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Welcome New Members:

Dianne Ebaugh
1736 Shoemaker Dr.
New Oxford, PA 17350
717-624-5699

Forrest & Sarah Haffey
340 Old Route 30
Biglerville, PA 17307
Child: Jubal
717-316-0665

Alison Sinclair
717-816-9930

John & Janice Gazmen
22 Sycamore Ct.
Littlestown, PA 17340
Children: Ian, Daniel & Michael
717-339-6623

Kimberly Stahl
3144 Fairfield Rd.
Gettysburg, PA 17325
717-642-5903



I want to thank all my friends for the many cards & prayers sent my way during my recent illness & hospitalization.

I also want to thank Pastors Dave & Lou for their calls and prayers.

This truly is a loving church.

Beth Jones.

Mere words cannot express my gratitude and love for, and have received from, my church family. I received so many cards that the hospital mailroom sent a note, "To my knowledge, I never had a patient receive so many cards at one time! You are loved!!" Thanks for all the cards, calls, visits, food, flowers, and plants I received and continue to receive. Thanks most of all for those powerful prayers that help me so much.

You are a wonderful group of loving people!

Charlotte Winsheimer

To her thanks, I add mine. I also received generous support during her month in the hospital and since, plus over the past eleven years of being one of you, including as interim pastor and minister of visitation.

Thank God for GPC!

Harry Winsheimer"

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:

July

We will be collecting items for

Manos Unidas

Office supplies - reams of paper, Post-It Notes, pens, pencils, file folders, tablets, craft supplies, washable paints, paintbrushes, crayons, glue, colored markers, construction paper.



**Happy Birthday to John Shuss
who will turn 90 on July 3rd !**

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, and July 9 - August 12 is Pat Lowe at 717-337-9903.

Vacation Bible School Thank you

We had an exciting and fulfilling “God’s Wonderful World” VBS. We had 84 children and 54 adults and teens helping. We enjoyed learning about God’s creation and how to care for that creation. We also experienced seeing God’s creatures – animals – from Zoo America, Strawberry Hill, and Party Animalz Petting Zoo. The Fifth Graders then went on a trip Thursday afternoon to Pine View Fun Farm in Littlestown to learn about animals, see the zoo, have a scavenger hunt and feed the baby animals.

Thanks to the following people:

Group Leaders: Kathleen Redding, Amanda Ott, Deb Snyder, Pat Lewis, Sharon Holsclaw, Jerry Cleaver, Andy Miner, Heather Tschop, Libby Crowe, Luke & Lydia Flinner, Marion Hollowell, Carole Simon and Susan Kolmer.

Group Aides: Steve Kinsey, Alex Nyiri, Kilah Unger, Josh Fair, Max Bernier, Emma Dennison and Shannon McConnell.

Story/Scripture: Deb Litten

Games: Blake Pierson

Music: Dave & Pat Conklin, Blake Pierson, Pam & Bruce Rowland

Back Drop: Chrissy Ely

Kitchen: Harrison Moroz, Bev Weber, Mary Miner, Sherry Farkas, Sheryl Suplee, Kathy Wark

Bakers: Bev Weber, Bonnie Wright, Carolyn Hankey, Sheryl Suplee, Lucy Breighner, Kathy Wark

Garden Display: Countryside Gardens – Plants; Hanover Architecture – Pavers; Sam’s Club Hanover – Mulch Bill Tindall, Bruce Rowland, Jerry Cleaver and the Civil Air Patrol for setting up.

Skits: Jen Daniels, Blake Pierson, Maria Cushing-Daniels, Josh Fair, Ava Fair, Riley Fitzgerald, Jackson Lush, Ben Soliday, Michelle Suarez

Photography: Kyle Clark, Jen Unger, Amanda Mathews, and Jacob Bury

Crafters: Diana & Richard Miner, Cherie Black, Elly Cleaver, Marty & Riley Fitzgerald, Kennedy Brown, Mary Miner, Maria Cushing-Daniels, Tammy Schwartz, Kathy Fair, Brianna Hieber, Karen Breighner, Ev Small, Dylan Fissell, Olivia Andrews, Alisa Carbaugh, Blake Unger, Caleb Unger, Aiden Bealmier, Dillion Hutchison-Thomas, Penny Ziegler, Liz Higgins, Will Brubaker, Jen Daniels, Bill Faloon, Amy Deitch and Eniko Shearer

Prep Cutters: Marty Fitzgerald, Nancy Cook, Diana Miner, Richard Miner

Assemble Bird Houses – Chooch Wells

Help Setting Up VBS – Margo Har and Eleanor Bilz

Donations : Congregation for recycle items

Cleanup Dennis Ruth

Support and Name Tags -- Penny Messinger, Bruce & Pam Rowland

Online Giving – A New Way of Donating to Your Church

At GPC we are always trying to think of new ways to make the donation process easier, and we recently just added one more method of giving to the church: ONLINE GIVING.

Please note: You will need to have a cell phone that accepts text messages or a computer with email capability before using the online giving module.

Go to the church website, www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org and on the right hand side of the first page is a paragraph that references online giving. Click on the highlighted word to reach the first screen. You will then simply follow the prompts for the amount you wish to donate, which fund you want the money to go to, Tithes and Offerings or Missions, and then a series of screens where you will provide personal information.

You will be asked to provide a cell phone number or email address to which will be sent a special PIN, which is the security feature that allows you to make a secure donation. You will also be given an option to make a One Time Donation or a Recurring Donation.

This system allows you to use a debit or credit card or your bank account. You get to decide the method by which you want to donate.

Once you hit the “Submit” button, you will receive a confirmation email.

The entire process takes just a few minutes and is completely safe.

If you would have any questions about this new system, please feel free to contact the church treasurer, George Marguglio, at 717-873-1351, or via email at georgemarguglio@comcast.net.

Children’s Church Volunteer Leaders

We **STILL NEED 4** adults to step up to give our regular Children’s Church leaders a summer break by signing up for 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.

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with Helen Stabler on the recent death of her brother.

Show Me The Money!

Good news!! GPC is financially ready to move ahead in the process of hiring a Faith Community Nurse (FCN). (A FCN was formerly known as a Parish Nurse). The money is available....we can show you the money!! Thanks to the grant writing skills of Linda Thompson and Charlotte Winsheimer, GPC has the funding for a part-time FCN for one year! We are grateful to these two women as well as give thanks to God.

The FCN Search Committee is now actively determining the remuneration particulars, writing a job description and will shortly be advertising to fill the position. If you have any thoughts regarding the FCN position or know of a nurse who might be interested in this position, please contact Mary Miner, RN. at mminer120@yahoo.com. Emails are preferred but phone calls are also welcome. 717.334.8198. OK to leave a message.

Mexico Mission Trip Update!

The Mexico Mission Trip will run from July 9-16, doing its construction, VBS, and reading glasses ministry in the small village of Cantamayec, Yucatan. Please pray for the participants as they prepare and participate in this challenging mission! They are: Christine Canaga, Mark Grim, Deb Kammerer, Phoebe Kammerer, Andy Miner, Chloe Pennings, Carson Pennings, Laura Pennings, Megan Pilarcik, Amy Wenninger, and Dave Wright. If you wish to send a note to anyone in the group, please put it in the Mexico Mailbox in the church office by July 8!

Mission Calendar

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

Please pray for them during the week, too!

- 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.
- 7/15 Dori Hjalmarson - Our newest missionary! She is serving in Honduras, partnering with Presbyterian Churches there.
- 7/22 Honduras Ministry - Tomas Ramirez helps coordinate medical mission trips and does spiritual counseling with all the patients who come.

Ushering – A Good First Impression

Do you like receiving a friendly greeting, a smile and a bulletin when you enter the sanctuary for worship?

As defined by Merriam Webster Dictionary an Usher is “a servant who has the care of the door.” At GPC ushers are the friendly smile and greeting at the door that welcome you to worship. An usher might also assist in the offering collection. Ushering is your opportunity to serve during a time when you are already at church!

We hope YOU will consider adding your name to a list of usher volunteers for next year. How do you sign up? Fill out the form below and return in the offering plate or contact Rev. Lou Nyiri at 717-334-1235, ext. 4 or gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org.

Yes, please add my name to the usher volunteer list.

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Preferred worship time: 8:15 a.m. _____ 11:00 a.m. _____

JULY DATES TO REMEMBER

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| July 1 | 9:00 & 10:30 | SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS |
| July 2 | 6:30 p.m. | Outreach Committee |
| July 4, 11, 18, 25 | 6:00 p.m. | Historic Church Walking Tours |
| July 4 | | OFFICE CLOSED |
| July 5 | 12:00 p.m. | NEWSLETTER DEADLINE |
| July 8 | 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. | Mexico Mission Commissioning 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 12 | 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. | Shawl Ministry TNT (Twenties 'N Thirty Somethings) |
| July 16 | 3:00p.m. | Welcome Committee |
| July 17 | 7:00 p.m. | Stephen Ministry Supervision |
| July 23 | 6:30 p.m. | Worship & Music Committee |
| July 25 | 7:00 p.m. | Health Care for All |
| July 26 | 12:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. | NEWSLETTER DEADLINE TNT (Twenties 'N Thirty Somethings) |



Be Ready for Emergencies! First Aid, CPR, AED

Babysitter Training

The American Red Cross has created a course for Babysitters includes sessions on leadership, age characteristics, problem solving, safety, communication and first aid. On top of this we will be practicing skills in the care and feeding of young children. The class will be led by Becky Stabler, proud provider of American Red Cross classes. For registration, or for questions, please call Becky at 688-5183. GPC members get a discounted rate.

August 11, 8a-4p Saturday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm \$55 members; \$65 non-members



Geared towards those who want to do babysitting, GPC will be offering a class in Pediatric First Aid, CPR and AED. Class will be held on **Saturday, August 18**. For registration, or if you have questions, please call Becky Stabler, 688-5183. GPC members get a discounted rate.

This is an American Red Cross 2 year certification.

AED/First Aid 9:00 – 3:00 pm** GPC \$60/non-member \$75

Note: Please contact Becky if you would like to do a blended certification class prior to the fall. This includes CPR/AED, CPR/AED/First Aid, Adult and Pediatric CPR/AED/FA, BLS for Healthcare Professionals.

Who Are Stephen Ministers?



Stephen Ministers are members of GPC who have gone through 50 hours of training to provide high-quality Christian care to individuals experiencing a crisis or challenge such as divorce, grief, loss of a job, hospitalization, relocation, or loneliness. Stephen Ministers are each assigned a care receiver and meet with the care receiver for about an hour a week. This caring relationship will last for as long as the care receiver needs it. If you would like more information on how to become a Stephen Minister or to receive care from one, please call Lou Nyiri at 334-1235 ext. 4.

A narthex First Aid Kit has been moved from the narthex floor to the chest of drawers in the narthex.





Twenties 'N Thirties

Attention all TNT's (20 and 30 something year-olds). The Young Adults will be studying Paul Young's book titled The Shack this summer. Our first two dates will be June 28th, to discuss Chapters 1 & 2 and July 12th to discuss chapters 3 & 4. We will meet from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in Eisenhower Lounge at GPC. If you're interested in joining the discussion about faith, grace, and love, check out our Facebook page - GPC Young Adults, or email Kelcee Keller at kellerskm@gmail.com.

Job Opportunity—Program Director for Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S. Emergency Cold Weather Shelter

October through April, 35 hours per week.
Some evening and weekend hours may be required.

We are looking for someone who has a bachelor's degree in social work, human services, or a related field to be our next program director. We serve the homeless population in Gettysburg, PA, so experience working with the low income or homeless population is desired. Experience supervising staff and/or volunteers is expected. Good communication, good organization, and basic computer skills are required. Knowledge of our local community resources is a plus. Please apply only if you live within commuting distance of Gettysburg.

To apply, please send your resume and a cover letter to gettysburgcaresinfo@gmail.com by July 15, 2018.

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!

- July 1** John 7: 1-36
Division over Jesus' Identity
- July 8** John 7: 37-52
Living Water
- July 15** John 7:53-8:11
Woman caught in adultery
- July 22** John 8:12-59
Jesus and his followers

Gents:

Men's Interfaith will NOT meet on Wednesday, July 4th but **WILL meet on Wednesday the 11th!**

Please pass the word around as best you can (phone calls, email, carrier pigeon, etc.)

GPC Hiking Club

We had a beautiful day for our hike in June down in Emmitsburg. It was a little muddy but we were so happy for the sunshine. Our July hike is fast approaching. 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. The church van isn't available so I need volunteers to drive. Check out where we are going by googling abandoned turnpike tunnels. We are going to take a break in August because of vacations and I'm going to be a Grandmother the beginning of August. Follow us on facebook.

Thanks for all the interest. Have a blessed summer.
Jen



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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, July 5, 2018**

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!

**July 2018
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Contemporary Worship @ 9:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship @ 10:30

- July 1** Division over Jesus' Identity - John 7: 1-36
Communion
- July 8** Living Water - John 7: 37-52
Mexico Commissioning
- July 15** Woman Caught in Adultery - John 7:53-8:11
Workcamp Report
- July 22** Jesus and his followers—John 8:12-59