

# GRAPEVINE

## "The Pastor's Page"

August 1, 2018

### What's Happening in Worship at GPC?

It seems to me that something is happening in worship at GPC. I noticed it first in the Contemporary Services this Spring, and now also in the traditional services this summer. There seems to be an excitement, a "buzz" about worship, which also energizes me! Maybe it's our ongoing series in the gospel of John, which I know many of you are doing advance reading for each week. Perhaps people are coming anticipating how we will deal with the passage each week.

However, I've also noticed this sense of excitement in two other ways. First, during the time before and after worship and during the time of greeting. People seem genuinely happy to see each other and catch up! And guests are being included in these conversations. Second, I notice strong congregational singing in both services. It's always exciting to see God's people participating strongly in worshipping our God.

Something seems to be happening in our worship! Let me know if you've sensed it, too.

*Pastor Dave*

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## Seeking RN or LPN

The Gettysburg Presbyterian Church is seeking a qualified RN or LPN with a minimum of 5 years relevant experience to serve as a part-time Faith Community Nurse (FCN). The FCN will support the well-being of the GPC congregation as well as the wider Gettysburg community. More information is available at the GPC website. <http://www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org>.

If interested, please send a cover letter and resume to: [info@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:info@gettysburgpresbyterian.org) or by traditional mail.

### Letter from Tomas Ramirez, Honduras

Two years ago I sent a photo of two children whose mother had passed away. The grandmother took care of the children, two girls and one boy. I gave aid for one of the girls to start kindergarten and the other to continue in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Unfortunately, last year in the month of August, the grandmother passed away. From the aid that was given me, I paid for the burial.

Also in that same year (2017), in the month of November, one of my brothers was run over by a vehicle. I used the funds for his burial. I am always supporting projects for the children of the church in which 45 children are fed. We also assist orphan children.

For this year, my goal is to reach those who are alcoholics. Some of them have come to the Lord thanks to the outreach. And we want to give support to wives and children of alcoholic husbands and fathers.

I give thanks to the church for the support it has given, which is not in vain. We want to continue the service and with the church's help it is possible. From Honduras I always pray God bless the church and family, and for God to provide the aids which are given.

Thank you and God Bless You!  
Tomas

**NOTE:** *We support Tomas' ministry in our annual budget. Thanks you for your generosity!*

### "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:

**August**

We will be collecting items for

**Agape House**

Toilet paper, paper towels, multipurpose cleaner with disinfectant, trash bags, magic erasers, window cleaner and toilet bowl cleaner.

### Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will be meeting to propose names of GPC members for Elder and Deacon & Nominating Committee. The committee asks for your prayers as well as any suggestions.

To propose a name for Elder or Deacon please contact any member of the Nominating Committee: Andy Farkas, Anne Gallon, Brandy Mosser, Lloyd Shaeffer, Kathy Wark, Lyn Weary & Diane Weikert, or email Anne Gallon at [annegallon@gmail.com](mailto:annegallon@gmail.com)

## The Gleaning Project

Here's a local mission you might want to look into: Some of our church members are already involved and others have recently inquired about how it works. The Gleaning Project of South Central Pennsylvania provides volunteers with an opportunity to help glean fruit and vegetables from local farmers and growers. It's an enjoyable time to be out in the field, connecting with nature and helping feed others who find themselves in short supply of food. The website, [www.thegleaningproject.org](http://www.thegleaningproject.org), provides more details. Or if you would like to be put on their e-mail list to be informed of when and where the gleanings will take place, send your e-mail address to [thegleaningproject@gmail.com](mailto:thegleaningproject@gmail.com). There is no obligation to be available at every gleaning. Pick what suits your schedule. You can also call Bill Tindall at 717-357-1281 for more details.

## Local Missions Opportunity

Ruth's Harvest is seeking a few facilitators to work with volunteer teams that sort, organize, inventory, and store new food donations each week at Lincoln Elementary during the coming school year. As a facilitator, you would be part of a rotating team that guides the other volunteers. In this role, you would welcome the regular volunteers to the pantry, give instructions and supervise and answer questions as they do their work in preparing weekend backpacks. If you are interested, please contact the church office or call Bill Tindall at 717-357-1281.

## Disciple Bible Study Offerings

Have you thought you would like to get deeper into Scripture? Would you like a small group study of various passages in the Bible? If you answered yes, then you may want to consider joining a Disciple Bible Study beginning in September. There are several offerings for you to consider...

Sunday Evenings from 5 – 7 pm is ***“Remember Who You Are”*** which is an in-depth study of the prophets and letters of Paul. This class meets weekly from September 9<sup>th</sup> thru May 19<sup>th</sup>. The facilitator is Marion Lambert-Hollowell. Study manual is \$40.

Monday Mornings from 10 – 12 am ***“Remember Who You Are”*** which is an in-depth study of the prophets and letters of Paul. This class meets weekly from September 10<sup>th</sup> thru May 19<sup>th</sup>. The facilitator is Cheryl Betts. Study manual is \$40.

Monday Mornings from 10 – 11:30 ***“Disciple Fast Track – Old Testament”*** will be offered. This is a 12-week study for busy people just like you who seek to gain a better understanding of the Bible and want to grow as disciples. This class meets from September 10<sup>th</sup> through December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The facilitator will be Bob Bigham. Study manual is \$16.00.

Tuesday Mornings from 10 – 12:00 ***“Disciple – Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study”*** beginning Disciple study covering 70% of the Bible over 34 weeks. This class meets from September 11<sup>th</sup> through May 14<sup>th</sup>. The facilitator will be Merida Hurkett. Study manual is \$40.

If you would like to sign up for one of these classes, see Cheryl Betts at the CE Table in Fellowship Hall. It is one of the most rewarding studies you will do.

## Reception for Rev. Nancy Davis

We are excited to welcome Rev. Nancy Davis as our new visitation pastor! Nancy and her husband, Bruce, are a newly retired United Methodist clergy couple, who moved recently to Gettysburg from Nebraska. We are grateful that they have decided to make GPC their church home! Nancy will begin doing pastoral visits immediately. We'll have a reception for her between worship services on August 19 so you can meet her!

## 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 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](http://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](mailto:georgemarguglio@comcast.net).

## Hiking Club

Join us for our September hike and take in God's beauty as well as enjoying fellowship with other nature lovers! We will meet on Saturday, September 8th and leave promptly from the church parking lot at 9am. September's hike's location is to be determined. Please bring water and a snack; we will stop midway for a break and devotion. You'll want to wear comfortable, broken-in hiking shoes and bring sunscreen and bug spray with you.

Also, MARK YOUR CALENDARS! We have rescheduled the abandoned tunnels hike for the very spooky month of October. You won't want to miss this fun, all day hike on October 13th!

If you would like to go, please email Megan Ziegler at [MeganZiegler2014@gmail.com](mailto:MeganZiegler2014@gmail.com) or Matt and Jen Clark at [MJClark1963@embarqmail.com](mailto:MJClark1963@embarqmail.com). Follow us on Facebook at GPC Hiking Club.



## Mission Calendar

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

Please pray for them during the week, too!

- 8/5 Accion Ministries - Rev. Oscar Dorantes coordinates this ministry, which hosts church groups (like ours!) in the Yucatan, and runs two homes for youth, so they can continue their education.
- 8/12 S. Dakota Mission Trip - We have been going to the Lakota-Sioux reservation since 2000, doing home repairs and providing needed clothing, furniture and other supplies. Pray that logistics will be resolved so we can go next year!
- 8/19 Ben and Emily Okello in Kenya are overseeing an orphanage with many children. Ben also plants churches throughout Kenya.

## Mission Opportunity

Jacques Merine is a missionary to Haiti whom we support. He is going to Haiti in mid -September and is asking if any individuals from GPC would like to accompany him. It would be a great opportunity to learn first-hand a little of the culture and what missionaries do. Please contact Jerry Cleaver if you are interested at 717-359-0419.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN PRESBYTERY Summer Gathering

Saturday, August 18, 2018

All Presbyterian women are invited to this biannual gathering of the women in our Presbytery. Our morning starts at 9:15 AM with registration and morning refreshments, followed by devotions, history of the **Carlisle Second Presbyterian Church**, and business meeting. At 11:15 AM Gracie Payne will present a preview of the 2018-2019 Horizons Bible Study, "God's Promise: I Am with You." A light lunch will be served, and our afternoon program presented by Sally Sulcove will be on "Journaling the Bible." The gathering should be done about 2 PM.

Did you know we are part of Cluster III (of 3) in the **Carlisle Presbytery** (in the **Synod of the Trinity**)? Have you ever gone to a PWP Gathering? This would be a good time to try it out! Come, meet ladies from other churches in our presbytery, hear some of the things they are doing, and enjoy getting a preview of the new Horizon Study as well as learning about Journaling the Bible.

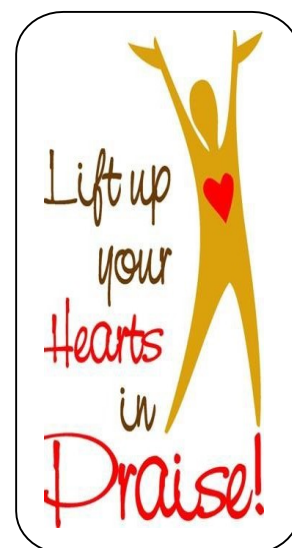
Contact Rachel Parmentier for more information at 717-334-3415. Carpooling is available, but if you prefer to go on your own, the **directions are quite simple**: Take Route 34N; just before the I-81 entrance turn left onto Garland Drive. Carlisle Second Presbyterian Church is at 528 Garland Drive. Join us!

## God on the Ground Praise Fest at the Rec Park Amphitheater

On **Saturday, September 8**, ten area churches are sponsoring a **Praise Fest from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Gettysburg Rec Park Amphitheater** (off of Howard Ave.). This event will include four different Christian bands, children's activities, two messages (one in English and one in Spanish), free hamburgers, hot dogs and more. There will also be opportunities for sharing prayer requests and lots of fellowship and fun! We can always use volunteers to help with the food and welcoming people. This is the fifth year this event has been held as a way for churches, congregations and the community to work together in bringing a greater presence of the Gospel's Good News beyond the walls of our churches. Bring a chair or a blanket and join us for some or part of this community event.

If it rains, we will move the Praise Fest to the Sterner Building at Rec. Park.

To volunteer or if you have questions, please contact Mary Stevenson, [mstevenson@pa.net](mailto:mstevenson@pa.net).



## AUGUST DATES TO REMEMBER

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	6:00 p.m.	Historic Church Walking Tours
August 2	9:30 a.m.	Moms of Adams County
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Discipleship
August 4, 11, 18, 25	9:00 a.m.	Youth Band Practice
August 6	7:00 p.m.	Mission & Interpretation
August 8	7:00 p.m.	Contemporary Ministry Team
August 9	6:30 p.m.	TNT (Twenties 'N Thirty Somethings)
August 12	11:45 a.m.	Deacons Meeting
	4:00 p.m.	Session
August 13	6:30 p.m.	Christian Education
	6:30 p.m.	Outreach Committee
August 14	6:15 p.m.	Nominating Committee
	7:30 a.m.	Habitat for Humanity
	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry
August 16	12:00 p.m.	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
	6:30 p.m.	Family Ministry
August 18	10:00 a.m.	Outside Tour Group
August 20	3:00 p.m.	Welcome Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Worship & Music Committee
August 22	5:30 p.m.	Stewardship Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Health Care for All
August 23	6:30 p.m.	TNT (Twenties 'N Thirty Somethings)
August 30	12:00 p.m.	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

### **The Welcome Committee**

The Welcome Committee would like to thank Terry Manning for putting wheels on our new publications rack located near the Welcome Desk in Fellowship Hall.

As usual, Terry did the job quickly and well, and donated the materials that he used to do the job. We are grateful, Terry.

The Committee would also like to invite any of you who have published materials that you would like to distribute to please feel free to ask for space in the rack. We shall be happy to place them there if appropriate for your purposes and if there is room. There are also some very interesting publications on diverse topics available on tables around the desk.

STOP BY AND TAKE A LOOK!

### **DATE TO REMEMBER**

**September 9, 2018**

**“Kick Off Celebration”**

8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 Worship

**&**

**“All-Church Pot Luck Picnic”**

12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Fireman's Pavilion @ Rec Park



## Part of Something BIG

As a Stephen Ministry congregation, GPC is part of a big network of care. There are thousand of Stephen Ministry congregations representing more than 150 Christian denominations across the US, Canada, and the world. The Stephen Ministries headquarters is based in St. Louis, Missouri and can connect our Stephen Leaders with Stephen Ministry congregations virtually everywhere in the country. So if you have a relative or friend far away who is in need of care, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders. They may be able to connect your friend to a Stephen Ministry congregation in his or her own neighborhood. For more information contact Lou Nyiri at 334-1235 ext. 4.



## BLESSING OF BACKPACKS Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

On Sunday, Aug. 26th, we would like all children and youth to bring their backpacks to worship. We will have the blessing of the backpacks during the Children's Message and have a token to give each child to go on their backpacks. Our children and youth deal with so many stresses nowadays - academic, extracurricular, social, etc. During all these stresses, we want them to have a tangible reminder that they are always being upheld by the love of God and the love and prayers of this congregation. What better tangible reminder than the backpack that they lug around with them all day long? So, if you know any children or youth, encourage them to bring their backpacks to worship on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.



## PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS, PRINCIPALS, SUPERINTENDENTS

Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>

On Sunday, August 19th, we are inviting you to come to worship for a blessing by the Director of Christian Education. We want to bless you as you enter a new school year. We know the pressure that our culture puts on educators to rectify all kinds of family and social problems that have made this profession both vastly more crucial and infinitely more difficult. Please join us on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> as we affirm educators serving in schools as a called to and honorable vocation.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DATES TO REMEMBER:


Sunday, August 19 <sup>th</sup>	Blessing of Professional Educators	
Sunday, August 26 <sup>th</sup>	Blessing of Backpacks Bibles to 3 Year-Olds	
Wednesday, September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Club Orientation Meeting Youth and Parents 7 PM	
Sunday, September 9 <sup>th</sup>	Kick Off Sunday & Church Picnic All Sunday School classes resume Presenting Bibles to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Graders Disciple Bible Study – Remember Who You Are begins	
Monday, September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Disciple Bible Study – Remember Who You Are begins Disciple Fast Track - Old Testament	
Wednesday, September 12 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Club Begins	
Thursday, September 13 <sup>th</sup>	Young At Heart begins First Place 4 Health Orientation	





## MUSIC NEWS - STARTING SOON !!!!

Plans are underway to bring you opportunities to incorporate your musical talent in worship this church season (2018-2019).

- **Adult Choir** Sings 11:00 a.m. service and special concerts.  
This group practices Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.


- **Early Choir** Sings 8:15 a.m. service and special concerts.  
(for adults) This group practices 7:40 a.m. Sunday mornings.
- **Recorder Consort** Plays at the 11:00 & 8:15 a.m. services approximately every other month. This group practices Sunday afternoons 12:30 p.m..
- **Youth Bells and Youth Choir** Sing and ring at 11:00 a.m. or 8:15 a.m. almost every month.  
(for middle-school and high-school students) Youth Choir practices Sundays at 4:00 p.m., Youth Bells practices 4:30 - 5:30 pm, prior to SHIP and MidSHIP.
- **Primary Choir** Children in grades K-2, which meets Sunday mornings and sings in services twice yearly.
- **Adult Handbells** Plays one service monthly at 11:00 a.m. or 8:15 a.m.  
Practices are held WEDNESDAYS 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.


- **Junior Choir Plus** A singing and instrumental group for children in grades 3-5.  
This group, formerly the Chapel Choir and Chapel Bells, will sing and play instruments, as well as participate in a variety of activities.  
Please let Emily Koons know if your child has an interest in this group so we can schedule this on the church calendar.



If you have an interest in singing, playing an instrument, and acting in a musical drama, there is a place for you in worship services at GPC. Please see or email Emily Koons at [emilykkoons@gmail.com](mailto:emilykkoons@gmail.com) so we can help you find a music group that interests you. Training is available.

Thank you, and we look forward to hearing from you this fall!

- Emily Koons, Director of Music







## YOUR CHANCE TO BE A LOSER!

*Losers are winners with First Place 4 Health, a Christian-centered health and weight-loss program*

**Orientation Meeting:            Thursday, September 13  
6:00 p.m. in MacAskill Room**

*Orientation is required for new members.*

12-week session from September 20 - December 13

For more information and to RSVP please contact Cheryl Betts or Penny Messinger at 717-334-1235.

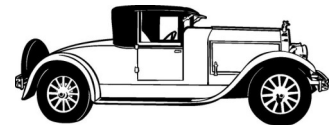
## NEED A RIDE?

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



## Cool Cars: Cool Opportunities!

On September 22, there's a very good chance that a couple hundred people, some of whom have never darkened the door of a church, will be found hanging out in the GPC parking lot. Yes, in our parking lot! Because on Sept. 22, the antique car show will be spilling into the lower half of... you got it, our parking lot. So the question is, "What would Jesus think about that?" JESUS WOULD BE PSYCHED! He's dying to meet them, all of them!! And the other question is, "What would Jesus *do* about that?"



That's where you and our Outreach Committee come in. We have lots of ideas about ways to welcome our visitors. We want people to know that GPC is a generous, open-hearted place serving a generous, open-hearted God. Come to a brain-storming meeting on August 13 at 6:30 p.m. in GPC library to help us plan. Join us as a volunteer for the event or even as an Outreach Committee member. "We are His hands and feet," and we're really going to need a lot of them! If you are interested please contact Laura Pennings 717-624-2983.

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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, August 16, 2018**

**August 2018  
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

**Gospel of John Preaching Series**

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

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| <b>Aug. 5</b>  | The Good Shepherd - John 10: 1-21<br>Communion   |
| <b>Aug. 12</b> | Jesus and the Feast of Hannukah - John 10: 22-42 |
| <b>Aug. 19</b> | Lazarus' Resurrection - John 11: 1-44            |
| <b>Aug. 26</b> | The plot to kill Jesus - John 11: 45-57          |