

GRAPEVINE

"The Pastor's Page" October 3, 2018

Congregational Care at GPC

Since we recently added Rev. Nancy Davis to our pastoral visitation staff, it seemed to be a good time to outline how we conduct congregational care here at GPC.

- We have four paid staff members who assist with visitation and calls in both chronic and acute situations: myself, Rev. Lou Nyiri, Rev. Nancy Davis, and Phyllis Dowd. We meet each Tuesday morning and assign calls and visits to each of us.
- Our 12 Deacons make visits and calls, and provide meals, transportation, and other assistance to our members. Pastor Lou provides staff support for our Deacons.
- Our Stephen Ministry program provides one-on-one support through the ministry of active listening to those who would benefit from such a relationship. Pastor Lou provides staff support for our Stephen Ministers.
- Our "Write from the Heart" ministry writes notes of encouragement throughout the year to members. If you'd like to get involved with this ministry, contact Mary Ann Remaley.
- Various church members provide practical and prayer support at their own initiative. We are grateful for each one of you!

If you are in need of congregational support, please let us know!

*"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way
you will fulfill the law of Christ."* (Gal. 6:2)

Pastor Dave

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MISSING

We recently discovered that some of our silverware dinner forks have disappeared.

If you borrowed any from the kitchen, please return them as soon as possible. We do not have enough dinner forks to serve our Young at Heart meals, Thanksgiving Dinner with the Youth Club, or other large gatherings. It will be a large expense if we must purchase dinner forks. Please check your kitchens to see if some were borrowed and have not found their way back to church yet. Any questions, please see Cheryl.

Museum of the Bible Bus Trip

Last Chance to sign up for the Museum of the Bible bus trip on November 13th.
Deadline to sign up and pay \$85 per person is **October 10th**.

We must have 30 for the trip to be a go. We have 26 individuals already signed up. **Still need 4.**
Open to friends and family of members of GPC.
You will have a great experience.

Lost Jackets



There have been several hooded sweaters, jackets and capes left in

Fellowship Hall.

Please claim them before they are put in the fall PW Rummage Sale. They have been hanging here all summer. Thanks.

Suicide Prevention Program



Please join us for a Suicide Prevention Program
THIS SUNDAY, October 7
from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

The speaker will be Govan Martin who retired as a 29-year veteran of the Pennsylvania State Police and currently serves as Co-Chair of the Pennsylvania Adult/Older Adult Suicide Prevention Coalition.

“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:

October

We will be collecting items for
Operation Move Out

Household supplies - Non-scratch scrub pads, disinfecting wipes, dish soap, dishwasher detergent, mops (traditional or “Swiffer” type), toilet paper, toilet bowl cleaner, first aid kits, shampoo, body wash, laundry detergent, air mattress (single or double), bakeware/cookware sets.

Thank you to Megan & Penny Ziegler for assembling our 2018 VBS quilt.

It is awesome!
Cheryl Betts

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 from September 10 - October 14 is Dick Wisor at 717-359-8896.





Kids Choirs? You Betcha!

I'm not sure there's anything God enjoys more than hearing kids sing praises. I mean, mission projects and Buzz Myers' Sunday School classes and Jan Piper's baked bean recipe - God has got to like those. Even sermons. Sometimes. But kids worshiping through song, really worshipping? Can't beat that with a stick!

So, in an effort to be sure we're on the *right* side of what God really likes, we're re-starting two Kids Choirs the week of October 14th, directed by Bonnie Wright. And we're making it easy:

The choir for children in **grades K-2** will meet at 9:30 Sunday mornings during the first 15 minutes of Sunday School. The choir for children in **grades 3-5** will meet from 5:00 to 5:30 at the last part of Youth Club on Wednesdays.

Lots of faith going on here! Don't miss this chance to be part of it!

-Bonnie Wright

RUMMAGE BAKE SALE

Our semi-annual bake sale will be here soon, Friday, October 19th.

Suggestions for the sale include:

PIES, 8x8 CAKES, BREADS (banana, zucchini, pumpkin, etc.) should be in nonreturnable containers.

Other suggestions include: COOKIES, BROWNIES, MUFFINS, FUDGE and RICE KRISPIE TREATS (no cupcakes)

Items for the bake sale may be dropped off on Thursday, October 18th or early Friday morning.

IF YOUR BAKED GOOD CONTAINS NUTS and/or PEANUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER, PLEASE MARK THEM AS SUCH. If you would like your container returned, please make sure you have your name on it!

Fall PW Rummage, Plant and Bake Sale October 15 - 20, 2018

After another stellar Spring 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 to drop off your treasures and baked goods; to 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 Monday, Oct. 15. You can 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, such as TVs.

The Schedule:

Rummage and Plant Sale: Friday, Oct. 19 - 8:30 AM to 5 PM and Saturday, Oct. 20 - 8:30 AM to 12 Noon.

Bake Sale and Lunch: Friday, Oct. 19 - 8:30 AM to 1 PM (or until sold out). Lots of scrumptious baked goods and a lunch menu of hot dogs with a variety of toppings, Sloppy Joes, chips and soft drinks.

Drop-offs: On Monday, Oct. 15 - see instructions above; Tuesday, Oct. 16 - 8:30 to 5:00; Wednesday, Oct. 17 - 8:30-7PM; Thursday, Oct. 18- 8:30 to Noon.

Sorting and Pricing: Tuesday, Oct. 16, Wednesday, Oct. 17, Thursday, Oct. 18- 9 AM to 5 PM

We would love for you to give an hour or more on any, or all these days to help. The more hands, the better!

Baked Goods: Drop off by 8 AM on Friday, Oct 19, or the night before, if frozen.

Plants May be dropped off on Monday or Tuesday, please be sure that they are moist, but Wednesday and Thursday are the best days for drop off of plants.

Clean-up: Saturday, Oct. 20, from Noon until finished (usually 1 to 1 1/2 hours.)

Volunteers are needed to set up, sort, price, check-out on sale days (Friday and Saturday) and clean-up (Saturday).

Please contact the following with questions: Amy Deitch - 717-253-5304 ahdeitch@hotmail.com

Bev Weber - 717-337-2194 bevandlee90@gmail.com

Sheryl Suplee 717-337-3267 svon347@aol.com

Exploring Membership October 14 @ 12:00 p.m.

If you are interested in learning more about GPC, plan to attend the Exploring Membership Class on Sunday, Oct. 14 at 12:00 p.m. Following a lunch together, you'll have a chance to learn more about Presbyterians and opportunities for spiritual nurture and service here at GPC, and to meet our staff. Following the class, you may meet with the Session and join the church if you so desire. Childcare is available if requested. Call the church office to register. (334-1235)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women (PW) would like to invite all women of the church to try out a women's circle group. 3 groups get together once a month Sept.-June for a short Bible study, fun, food and friendship. You don't need to commit to coming every month. Just drop in and see how it fits. There's always room for a fresh face, voice or viewpoint to expand our horizons. Please come!



MONTHLY CIRCLES SCHEDULE:

- Mary & Martha - Eisenhower Lounge, 2nd Thursday, 5:00 p.m., Bev Weber
- Esther - Eisenhower Lounge, 3rd Thursday, 9:30 a.m., Beth Fitzpatrick
- Elizabeth - Paideia House, 3rd Monday, 1:00 p.m., Sarah Lambert & Joan Pore

GPC 2018 FALL SMALL GROUPS The Son of David by Nancy Guthrie

What kind of king and what kind of kingdom are we asking for when we pray the prayer Jesus taught us to pray? A study of the Old Testament – Joshua through Esther – enables us to see the kingdom of God not only as it once was, but also as it is now, and as it will be one day. Over the ten weeks of guided study (5 in fall and 5 in spring), we will trace the history of the people of God from the time they entered the promised land through a series of failed kings, exile, and finally their return to await the true King. Get inspired!

Groups will meet weekly for six weeks beginning the week of October 7th. Groups will meet in homes, at the church and at local restaurants. You will be contacted by your group leader about the exact starting date and location. Except for the Monday Small Group, each session will run approximately 75 minutes and will include fellowship, informal discussion, and a time of prayer. Please call or contact Lynne Graziano, Elder for Adult Discipleship at 404-226-2742 (lynnegraziano@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Deadline to sign-up is September 30th

===== *2018 Fall Small Group Sign-Up* =====

- _____ Monday – noon at GPC (brown bag lunch group) 1 hour
- _____ Wednesday - 2:00 p.m. at Harmony Ridge cafe (Cross Key Village)
- _____ Thursday – 7:00 p.m. at GPC
- _____ Friday – 4:00 p.m. at Spiritrust Lutheran Village (Ralph Lambert)

NAME _____ PHONE _____
 ADDRESS _____
 EMAIL _____
 NUMBER OF BOOKS _____ Cost of book is \$8.00
 Also available as ebook at CBD for \$9.99

GPC WOMEN Hold the Date:

Saturday, October 13, 2018

8:45 AM – 11:30 AM

Women of Gettysburg Presbyterian – hold the morning of Saturday, October 13 for “Body and Soul” – a women’s gathering for food, fun, and fellowship. We will start the morning with a delicious full breakfast and plenty of hot coffee (and tea!). Program details are still being developed, but we will include ample time to catch up with our “sisters,” and spend time focusing on both our spiritual “souls” and earthly “bodies” – and how we can care for them! Feel free to invite friends, neighbors, and family members for this revitalizing morning. Sign up at the C.E. table in Fellowship Hall on Oct. 7. You can contact Lynne Graziano with questions at lynnegraziano@gmail.com or 404 226-4742.

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP**October**

October 7	4:30 - 7:00	Pizza Suicide Prevention Program for Parents and Youth
October 14	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
October 21	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
October 28	5:30 - 7:00	Costume Party

MidSHIP Schedule**October**

October 7	4:30 - 7:00	Pizza Suicide Prevention Program for Parents and Youth
October 10	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group
October 14	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
October 17	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group
October 21	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
October 24	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group
October 28	5:30 - 7:00	Costume Party
October 31	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group

Grief Support Series Begins October 28th

We will once again offer our four-week grief support group entitled: “Dealing with Grief and Loss: Hope in the Midst of Pain.” The group will be lead by Charlotte Winsheimer and Anne Gallon, two of our Stephen Ministry Leaders. The group will meet on Sunday afternoons from October 28th through November 18th in the Eisenhower Lounge from Noon to 1:30 p.m. The group is open to anyone who has experienced death or loss of a spouse or loved one and who would be interested in exploring their experience further with others in the same situation. If you have any questions or would like to sign up for the group, please contact Lou Nyiri at 717-334-1235, ext. 4 or gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org. In order to make appropriate plans we do ask that you sign up in advance of October 28th.

Mission Calendar

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

Please pray for them during the week, too!

10/7	Habitat for Humanity - GPC was a founding church for this ministry which provides home ownership for working poor families.
10/14	Carpenter’s Gift - a GPC ministry building primarily handicapped ramps for local people.
10/21	South Carolina Mission Trip - works with Sea Island Habitat for Humanity to build homes for working poor families each Spring.
10/28	Bryan & Emily Gerlach are serving with local churches in Thailand.

The Family Ministry Team at GPC invites you to the 2nd Annual

BARN DANCE

**Saturday, October 27 7:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall**



Everyone is encouraged
to dress in their best
farm or western wear

We have contracted
with two professional callers.
Last year proved to be a lot of
fun with over 50 participants

Everyone is Welcome!

Bring a Friend

**Childcare is provided & recommended
for children infant-Kindergarden**



**HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US FOR AN EVENING
OF FUN, EXERCISE AND FELLOWSHIP!**

Light
refreshments
provided

Heads Up on Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S.

The dates of hosting Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S. (Combined Area Resources Emergency Shelter) have changed this year. GPC will serve as the host church February 4-17, 2019.

This is a cooperative project where several area churches provide homeless residents of Gettysburg with a warm place to sleep from October through April. Homeless residents come to the church at 8:30 p.m., stay overnight, and go to the Soup Kitchen the next morning to start their day with a warm breakfast.

If you have not already participated in this local mission, a 90-minute training session is required. The next is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 24** at St. James Lutheran Church.

Please contact Bill Tindall or e-mail him at agpr4you@yahoo.com with questions or if you want to sign up.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Crisis: An emotionally charged time of instability during which a crucial change occurs

The Chinese word for crisis is a combination of two characters: one for "danger," the other for "opportunity." This drives home the fact that every crisis, though it involves impending danger, also offers opportunities for personal or spiritual growth. Stephen Ministers are trained to walk with you through the dangers of your crisis and to help you find the opportunities God has in store for you.

For more information about Stephen Ministry, please contact Lou Nyiri at 334-1235 ext 4.





CHRISTMAS IN JANUARY

Every Christmas we celebrate God's Greatest Gift, Jesus. Jesus lived a perfect life of service, was crucified, and rose from the dead to proclaim that nothing, not even sin and death, can separate us from God's living presence.

The Holy Spirit has given each of us unique gifts that God uses to help others see and experience Jesus' love. Many of us, however, have never unwrapped or discovered our spiritual gifts. That's why our congregation is offering the course, *Discovering God's Vision for Your Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts*.

Now you can sign up and embark with others on a journey of discovery and ministry in a weekend course developed by Dr. Kenneth C. Haugk, founder of the Stephen Series system of lay caring ministry and the author of many books, including the best-selling *Christian Caregiving--a Way of Life*.

This course is biblically based and answers questions such as these: To whom are spiritual gifts given? What is the purpose of spiritual gifts? How can I be sure that I have a particular spiritual gift? What does the Bible say about each spiritual gift? What is the difference between the fruit of the Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit?

We have scheduled a weekend retreat on January 18th evening and January 19th. The cost of materials is \$17. Look for a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Do You Know...

Who put together the Dads & Dudes Steak Dinner on Father's Day weekend?

Who gave out 700 rolls of GPC lifesavers to Gettysburg College freshmen as they marched down Baltimore St.?

Who provided free granola bars and bottles of water at the antique car show?

Who makes hot chocolate and snacks available in front of our church at the Halloween Parade? And might even enter a GPC float this year?!

Who looks for ways to say by our actions to this community, "GPC is here - We Care - You're invited," in the hope that others will come, hear the Good News and find Jesus Christ?

It's the Outreach Committee! Once each month we get together to brainstorm how we can get that message beyond our church walls: We're here – We Care – You're invited. Then we make it happen. But we need more hands and we need more ideas. And that leads to the last question...

Wouldn't you enjoy helping us do it? If you would, talk to Laura Pennings or Pastor Dave!

Advent Devotional "Sharing Our Faith"

Back by popular demand: a devotional written by our GPC friends!

Everyone loved the Lenten Devotional, "God Moments," and we are excited to announce your next chance to be a published writer! We are signing up interested congregants to write a short, reflective Advent devotion on the topic of "Sharing our Faith."

These devotions will be due in early November. Each devotion will need a title, a scripture verse, a short piece about how you have shared your faith, what you do daily to share your faith, or how you see GPC sharing faith in action. A short one-two sentence prayer concludes the devotion. Interested authors will get a longer instruction sheet with some potential scripture verses and ideas for finding your "story." This Advent season we will all be blessed by this devotional.

Contact Lynne Graziano at lynnegraziano@gmail.com or 404 226-4742 for more details. Sign up in fellowship hall during September and early October, or email Chery Betts at gpcdce@gettysburgpresterian.org.

A Spooktacular October Hike!

We will leave the church at
8am on October 20th

for an all-day hike of the
Abandoned PA Turnpike Tunnel.

We will be driving to Breezewood and stopping mid-day for lunch (feel free to bring your own, if you'd like). We should return by 6pm.

To learn about the abandoned turnpike,

check out these sites:



<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/infrastructure/back1007.cfm>

<https://uncoveringpa.com/abandoned-pa-turnpike>

Please RSVP by Oct. 15th to Jen Clark:

MJClark1963@embarqmail.com

Bowling League

Would you be interested in being part of a GPC Bowling team in an inter-church league? If so, then contact Bob Remaley

(coachremaley@comcast.net)

or Rev. Nyiri

(gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org).

The league will be one of friendly competition with each team rolling for a local charity/ministry. If your team wins, then the proceeds would go to your team's local charity.

Plans are still in the preliminary stages, for now, we are discerning if GPC would have enough interest to form a team.

Fundraising Opportunity

Aero Energy, a local oil and propane supplier, has introduced a fund raising opportunity for local churches, the Aero Energy House of Worship program.

If you are an Aero customer or considering switching to them, Aero will make a gift to GPC based on your fuel purchase. There is no cost to you and it is easy to participate.

How does it work? First, you sign up. Then, Aero Energy donates 4 cents for every gallon of propane or oil you use during the heating season – to your church. In many cases, this equals thirty dollars per household. Participation in this program does not impact your fuel cost in any way. This is a 100% donation from Aero Energy to your church. All you need to do is sign up or call 888-827-1713 for more information.



Our next gathering is Thursday, October 11th at noon.

Bring a covered dish to serve 8-10 people.

Our guest speaker will be Barb Sanders from the Gettysburg National Military Park. She will be speaking on "Doctors and Nurses at the Battle of Gettysburg"

Remember to RSVP to Cheryl for lunch by Monday, October 8th by noon.

Looking forward to seeing you then.

FRIEND -A- CAMP PROGRAM

FRUITBELT FARMWORKER
CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018

We will meet at the church at 3:30 p.m., travel to the camp and play interactive games. Then we will share a meal, conduct devotions, and spend time in fellowship with Migrant Workers. Return to the church at 7:00 p.m.

Sign up on the form in Fellowship Hall.
Thank you for making our community a better place to live!

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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, October 11, 2018**

**October 2018
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

Gospel of John Preaching Series

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

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| October 7 | The Indwelling of the Spirit - John 14: 15-31
World Communion Sunday |
| October 14 | The Vine and the Branches - John 15: 1-11
Service of Healing & Wholeness |
| October 21 | The Greatest Command - John 15: 12-17
Welcome New Members |