

# GRAPEVINE

"The Pastor's Page" October 17, 2018

## Grief Support Series Begins October 28<sup>th</sup>

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 led by Charlotte Winsheimer and Anne Gallon, two of our Stephen Ministry Leaders.

The group will meet on Sunday afternoons from October 28<sup>th</sup> through November 18<sup>th</sup> in the Eisenhower Lounge from Noon to 1:00 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 Rev. Lou Nyiri at 334-1235, ext. 4 or [gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org).

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*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.*

*I do not give to you as the world gives.*

*Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.*

~ John 14:27





## 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 worshipping 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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

### GREENS NEEDED FOR ADVENT WREATHS

As you are trimming your bushes this fall, please save them and bring those greens to the church in **black plastic bags** marked "Advent Wreath". You can leave them in Fellowship Hall or by the outside door between the Manse and the Sanctuary by the door into Fellowship Hall. These greens will be used for making Advent Wreaths on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars now to make an Advent Wreath for your family on November 18<sup>th</sup> or November 25<sup>th</sup>.



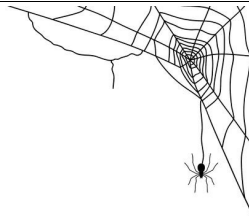
**"Looking for a 'spooktacular' time this Halloween?"**

**Join us on the night of Gettysburg's Halloween Parade (Tuesday, 10/23) at the GPC Hospitality Booth.**



**We will provide hot beverages and homemade treats for the parade-goers."**

**To volunteer or for more information, contact Laura Pennings ([fjplsp@embarqmail.com](mailto:fjplsp@embarqmail.com)).**



**REMINDER:  
Daylight Savings  
time ends on Nov. 4th!**



**Be sure to turn your clocks  
BACK ON SATURDAY,  
Nov. 3**

### Future of Honduras Mission Trip

This summer will be the 26<sup>th</sup> year that GPC has been sending folks on a medical mission to Honduras! We are concerned about the future of this mission, as many of the initial leaders are no longer able to participate. Pastor Dave and trip leader Lee Flinner are hosting an information meeting on Sunday, Oct. 28 at noon in the MacAskill Room so you can learn more about the trip. We are seeking medical skills of all types, but we also need non-medical people to help in a variety of ways. Please let Pastor Dave ([gpcpastordave@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpcpastordave@gettysburgpresbyterian.org)) or Lee Flinner (717-642-5578) know if you can come or of your interest if you cannot make the meeting.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Young at Heart and  
Youth Club / Mid-Ship  
Small Group**

**Thanksgiving Dinner**

on **Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM.**



Young at Heart RVSP to Cheryl no later than **November 5<sup>th</sup>** at [gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org) or 717-334-1235, ext. 5. Bring a dessert, salad or vegetable to go with our traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

**HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP****October**

October 21	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
October 28	5:30 - 7:00	Costume Party
November 4	2:00 - 4:00 OR 5:30 - 7:30	Migrant Camp Picnic
November 11	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
November 19	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship

**MidSHIP Schedule****October**

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
November 4	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
November 7	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group
November 11	5:30 - 7:30	Dinner & Bon Fire at Libby's House
November 14	2:45 - 5:30	Small Group & YAH Thanksgiving Dinner
November 19	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship

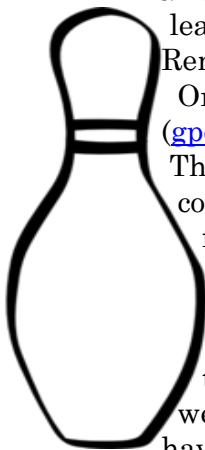
Join Us For  
**Trunk  
or  
Treat**  **October 31<sup>st</sup>  
from 6-8 p.m.**

We will partner with Trinity United Church of Christ to provide a trunk or treat adventure for local families. All you provide is a decorated vehicle, candy to hand out and a cheerful spirit. If you would like to participate, contact Rev. Nyiri at 717-334-1235, ext. 4 or [gpcclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpcclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org).

**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](mailto:coachremaley@comcast.net)) Or Rev. Nyiri ([gpcclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpcclou@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.

**Mission Calendar**

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

Please pray for them during the week, too!

- 10/21 **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.
- 11/4 **Fellowship of Christian Athletes** - Kelly Jones facilitates this ministry at Gettysburg College, Pastor Dave teaches once a semester.

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](mailto:agpr4you@yahoo.com) with questions or if you want to sign up.



## STEPHEN MINISTRY

**Stress: Constraining forces or influences  
that can cause bodily or mental tension**

We've all felt it and know what it is. But sometimes the stress level reaches a point where things begin to break. Don't let your stress reach that point. Stephen Ministers are available to help you work through life's difficulties and to give you a safe, confidential place to vent your troubles. 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?

## Christian Parents...In Progress

Hi GPC parents! If your child(ren) need to let off some steam in the afternoon, feel free to meet us at Gettysburg Rec Park at 3:30pm on Thursday, October 18th (rain date Friday October 19th). There's lots of equipment for big kids and little kids to play on and a shady tree under which GPC parents can have fellowship. We hope to see you there!

Join CPIP for Trick or Treating at Transitions Healthcare on Wednesday, October 24th from 6:30pm to 8:30 pm. Hope to see you there! Contact Cheryl Betts at 717-334-1235, ext. 5 with questions or to say you are coming for either of these events.

## 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."

We still need 12 more devotions. 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](mailto:lynnegraziano@gmail.com) or 404 226-4742 for more details. Sign up in Fellowship Hall during early October, or email Chery Betts at [gpcdce@gettysburgpresterian.org](mailto:gpcdce@gettysburgpresterian.org).

## **2018 Christmas Missions Fair on December 2nd!**



It's Christmas Fair time once again! The 33rd Annual Christmas Fair will be held on Sunday, Dec. 2nd, from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. There will be games and prizes for children and adults, a light supper, craft tables, baked goods, and Fair Trade items from Presbyterian Coffee Project including coffee, tea, organic hot cocoa & spicy hot cocoa, chocolate bars, organic roasted almonds and olive oil. A Silent Auction will be held from Nov. 18th to Dec 2nd. Bring your whole family to enjoy this kick-off to the Christmas season. Do your Christmas shopping at the Fair where money raised will benefit seven projects listed below. You will also be able to shop at the Fair on Sunday mornings, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9th and 16th. .

### **Silent Auction For Christmas Fair** **Items Needed by Nov 16th**

Everyone is getting excited about Christmas Fair! But what is this Silent Auction about? Once again this year we will once again be holding a Silent Auction of high quality Christmas Items benefitting GPC missions efforts the missions at the Christmas Fair. Bidding will begin on Sunday, November 18th and end as the Fair concludes on December 2nd. The highest bidder takes home the prize!

If you have an item you would like to offer, or know of a business that may be willing to donate, please contact Tom Kolmer at 717-634-0258 or at tomkolmer@gmail.com. Some suggestions include Dinner for 6, a round of golf, movie passes and popcorn, Christmas wreath, gift certificate for massage, etc. Be creative in your ideas! Also, teens could offer childcare, snow shoveling, etc. We will then choose 10 of the items to use for the Silent Auction. All others will be included in the Christmas Mission Fair sales.

The Silent Auction is a big hit every year! We hope you will participate once again, either by donating an item or by bidding generously, knowing that your purchase directly supports our Missions efforts!

### **Extra Crafts for the Christmas Fair**

**Calling all crafters, calling all crafters!** Do you love to make crafts for the holiday season? We are seeking donations of Christmas wreaths, toys, flower arrangements, paintings, needlework, or any other quality crafts you would be willing to donate for sale at the Christmas Fair on Sunday, December 2nd. All proceeds from items sold at the craft tables will go to GPC mission projects for the upcoming year. Please, do not bring rummage sale or used household items, they will not be accepted for this event.

Contact Tom Kolmer at 717-634-0258 or at tomkolmer@gmail.com if you have any questions. Please bring crafts to Fellowship Hall **BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, AT THE LATEST. THANKS!**

### **CHRISTMAS FAIR CHILDREN'S GAMES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Beginning Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> we will have signup sheets in Fellowship Hall at the CE Table for volunteers to sign up for 30 min. blocks of time to help with games downstairs in the Education wing. Please stop by and sign up to help with one of fifteen games. We need help with all the games.

If you can help on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 10-1 on Saturday to help set up the games in the Education Wing, please contact Cheryl at 334-1235, ext. 5 or email [gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org).

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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 25, 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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| <b>October 21</b> | The Greatest Command - John 15: 12-17<br>Welcome New Member        |
| <b>October 28</b> | Coming Persecution - John 15:18 - 16:11                            |
| <b>November 4</b> | The Return of Jesus - John 16:16-33<br>Communion<br>All Saints Day |