

GRAPEVINE

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"The Pastor's Page"

Reproduction

In a recent article about American Chestnut trees, Sara Fitzsimmons noted that because millions of Chestnut trees remain in this country, they are not considered endangered. However, she regards the species as "effectively extinct" because it "no longer performs what a species is supposed to do- continue its survival through reproduction." By that definition, the Christian faith in the US and Europe could be regarded as "effectively extinct" for the same reason. We are not reproducing new Christians!

Adult baptisms are rare in most of our churches, attesting the fact that few adults are coming to faith. In addition, many of our young people leave church when they become young adults, and relatively few return later in life. Why is this, and what can we do about it?

There are a number of factors that contribute to the problem, and I'll deal with some of them in my sermon this Sunday, "Raising Christian Kids in a Secular World." I hope it will spark important conversations in our homes and here at church- conversations that are essential if we are not to continue down the path to "effectively extinct."

Dave

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Correction to the Associate Pastor's 2019 Terms of Call.

The Presbytery noted that the annual cost of utilities at the Manse should not have been included in the Terms of Call. The correct 2019 total Terms of Call for the Associate Pastor is \$121,647.

Ron Clark and I would like to thank Carpenter's Gift for the beautiful ramp they built for us. It was a freezing cold day and the tireless, great people who worked very hard all day were: Kevin Hollowell, Dave & Pat Conklin and Jerry Althoff. There aren't enough words to thank everyone for this most wonderful gift. God bless all of you. The ramp has been a wonderful help to us.

Thank you again,
Gail Lee

An organist search committee has been formed:

Adam Boyer (chair), Linda Raymond (secretary), Dave Conklin, Jamie Bowman, Mary Beth Shoemaker, and Pastor Dave.

We are advertising the position as follows:

Historic Gettysburg Presbyterian Church is seeking an organist for two traditional Sunday morning worship services, as well as special services throughout the year. Choir accompaniment only a few times/year, piano skills a plus, sight reading not required. Right of first refusal for weddings and funerals. The organist must demonstrate professional skills with appropriate hymns and voluntaries on the Moeller Organ. Responsible to Director of Music and Senior Pastor.

Please submit cover letter and resume to info@gettysburgpresbyterian.org or phone 717.334.1235 for more information by March 7.

If you know of anyone who might be interested, please let them know about the position!

Cookie Sign Up



The winter winds are blowing, but the atmosphere is warm and welcoming at GPC! Enjoy your worship experience even more by stopping in Fellowship Hall to savor a cup of freshly brewed coffee and a cookie. We love to offer treats for you on Sunday mornings, and welcome donations of those baked goods each week. If you would be interested in contributing to our fellowship hour, there is a cookie notebook located in FH for you to sign up for a date that suits your schedule. Homemade items are wonderful, but even store-bought goods are welcomed. Consider sharing your baking talents and recipes, and add your name to our book; the whole congregation appreciates it!

Per Capita

The envelope labeled "PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT" found near the front of your offering envelope box is a special offering that is not used by GPC. Per capita is an amount of money per member (\$27.10 for 2019) that our congregation pays to our larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This money is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together as a connectional church and links the individual church, presbytery, synod and General Assembly. Some of the money supports the administrative expenses of the whole church, of which GPC is a part. A major portion of the per capita is used for mission. The breakdown of GPC's 2019 per capita share is shown in the table. The Session is requesting that each member consider making a special offering of \$27.10 per member this month in the envelope provided as their share of GPC's per capita to reduce the impact on the regular offerings that support the annual church budget. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving.

2019	Total Per Capita - \$27.10
General Assembly	\$8.95
Synod	\$2.30
Presbytery	\$15.85


Bill Sterrett, Stewardship Committee




Ash Wednesday Service
March 6 at 7:30PM

Plan to join us as we start the season of Lent with this special service. We'll celebrate the Lord's Supper, and you will have the opportunity to participate in the ancient ritual of receiving ashes if you wish.

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 Feb. 10 - March 10 is Ron Weigle 717-476-4977.



KIDS CLUB "Old Testament Leaders"
for Children in Kindergarten - Grade 2
February 26 - March 26

Kid's Club Winter Term will be held each week on Tuesdays beginning Feb. 26th at 3:30 PM in the lower education wing. The theme will be "Old Testament Leaders". It will be a time of fun, friends, Bible stories, Scripture activities, crafts and games. Registration forms were sent out. Additional forms can be found in fellowship hall.

Registration deadline is **Friday, February 15th**. Questions can be directed to Pam Rowland at 717-642-8802 or Cheryl Betts in the church office.

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2019 LENTEN 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 six weeks of guided study (chapters 6-10), 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 March 10th. 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 February 17th
 ===== **2019 Lenten 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 – 12:00 Noon at GPC
 _____ 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

Happy New Year Fellow Hikers!!

Here is our tentative schedule for hiking this spring.

February 16th@ 11:00 a.m.
Indian Trail above the
Grotto in Emmittsburg



March 16th- Strawberry Hill

April 20th- TBA

May 18th- Codorus

Watch our Facebook page and the church newsletter for more details.

We are looking at going to Skyline Drive the October 19th weekend. It would be overnight. Let Megan know if you are interested because we need to see how big of a cabin to get. Her email- meganziegler2014@gmail.com

Happy Trails!!
Jen

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP February / March

February 17	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
February 24	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
March 3	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship

MidSHIP Schedule February / March

February 17	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship / Games
February 20	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group
February 24	5:30 - 7:30 (note later return)	Pizza/Bowling
February 27	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group
March 3	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship / Games
March 6	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group

“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:

February

We will be collecting items for

Tender Care Pregnancy Centers:

Baby supplies - new hooded baby towels;
Similac Formula; bottles; Diapers size newborn, 4 & 5; diaper rash ointment; baby wash & lotion; baby wipes, cooler weather outfits 24 months, 2T - 4T



TNT (20's and 30's) Game Night

Looking for some friendly competition and fellowship this winter?

Join us for a night of games on February 15th from 7:00 - 9:00 at the Rossman's home!

Check out "GPC Young Adults" on Facebook for more details.

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Andrew Stone on the recent death of his father.

Lynn Weary on the recent death of her mother.

Becky Wareham on the recent death of her brother-in-law.

The family of Chuck Caldwell on his recent death.

Service of Healing & Wholeness

During worship THIS Sunday, February 17, there will be a time of prayer for healing and wholeness. People may seek healing for physical, emotional, spiritual or relational issues or on behalf of someone else.

Upcoming Habitat for Humanity trip to Charleston, SC

On April 14 volunteers from GPC & the community will have another opportunity to help build homes for the second oldest Habitat chapter. It is a great experience that changes lives. If you have not already signed up please contact Jerry Cleaver, at 717-359-0419.

Mission Prayer List

On Sunday mornings we will be praying for the following people/ groups that we support. Please consider including them in your own prayers!

- 2/17 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.
- 2/24 South Dakota Mission Trip**
We have been going to the Lakota-Sioux Reservation since 2000, doing home repair, and providing needed clothing, furniture and other supplies. Pray that logistics will be resolved so we can go this year!
- 3/3 Ben & Emily Okello**
Ben & Emily are overseeing an orphanage with many children. Ben also plants churches throughout Kenya.

Dinners for Seven or Eight

Join us for dinner!! The GPC program Dinners for 7 or 8 provides an opportunity for sharing a meal and fellowship with your fellow church members. Three casual, adults-only dinners will be held in March, April and May in the relaxed atmosphere of individual homes.

Those agreeing to host a dinner at their home are asked to prepare the main dish, and notify the other participants in their group of 7-8 so they may bring an appropriate vegetable, salad or dessert, as assigned on the schedule. Rather than have all participants meet on a fixed date, the host for each month is asked to coordinate the best date in the month for their group.

We particularly encourage new members to participate as an easy way to get to know your new church family. Although the option is offered to only substitute if needed, we encourage everyone to be a regular participant as groups are often full and substitutes are not called.

Participants are requested to sign up for the program by February 20, 2019, so that Group Schedules can be sent out by 25 February. You are encouraged to send your information via email to the Dinner Coordinator, but you may also fill out the paper Registration Form and leave it at the church office, or call the Dinner Coordinator with your information.

Coordinator: Randy Smith (717)398-2414 rksmith71@comcast.net

Dinners for Seven or Eight — Registration Form 2019

NAME : _____
 ADDRESS : _____
 ADDRESS : _____
 TOWN: _____
 EMAIL: _____
 PHONE: _____

Service normally attended: ___ 8:15 ___ 9:30 ___ 11:00
 I WISH TO BE A: ___ Regular ___ Substitute Only
 I WISH TO HOST: ___ March ___ April ___ May
 Place a 1/2/3 to prioritize the month you prefer.
 I can host more than one month, if needed: ___ Yes ___ No

Family Based Mission Trip this Summer!

- ~ Ever wish that you could take your family on a mission trip together, but not have to travel more than a few hours?
- ~ Want to nurture a heart for service within your children or grandchildren?

Consider participating in GPC's inaugural family based mission trip this summer,

July 1 through the 5th

(Just in time to get away from the crazy tourist town madhouse!)

at Camp Krislund.

Children can be as young as age 8 to participate. For more information or to indicate your interest, contact Sonja Brown via email at sbsonja@yahoo.com or via phone at 717-253-0165.



What have you done for your right brain, lately?

The right hemisphere of our brain is activated as we experience music, art, movement, and imagination. For **Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity**, worship is a right brain activity! Lisle views worship as an art form and expressing creativity as a sacred way of connecting with God and others. And we're very excited to bring her to Carlisle Presbytery!

With canvas and brush, Scripture text and our presence, Lisle will offer her gift of visual proclamation as she invites the Presbytery of Carlisle into a creative process.....

On **Monday, February 25th**, at **Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church**, Lisle will offer a Day of Sacred Art Workshops, open to any and all creative souls of our congregations. Check out the details described below and come for a breath of new life, as you open yourself to work with the Spirit! Lisle assures us there is no prerequisite of artistic ability. In the days leading into Lent, we especially hope pastors and other church leaders preparing to dwell in the stories of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, will come to fill their creative well.

Watch a video at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8m_nm9zVRU&feature=youtu.be

to meet Lisle and hear more about what she'll be doing with us.

Adult Elective Sunday School Class – “Gospel of Mark Comes To Life”

Join us for this exciting discussion facilitated by Bonnie Wright beginning Sunday, February 10th through March 3rd. “It's a concept that changed my life, that I could approach the gospels on my own and find the deeper truths that are there without any help. Just me and the Bible and a pen. And the Holy Spirit. I learned this easy inductive study method in college and I still use it. Wanna learn how? Join me in MacAskill Room at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. Let's find Jesus together.” All are invited.
— Bonnie Wright

Hershey Park Tickets



Thinking of going to Hershey Park this summer? Want to buy tickets at a cheaper rate? We've got the answer for you! You can order and buy tickets through the church group rate. These tickets can be used ANY DAY of the 2019 season. The rates are:

\$29.95 for AGES 3 - ADULT (regular rate is \$67.80)

You may order these tickets by signing up in Fellowship Hall on February 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, and 24. **FINAL DATE TO SIGN UP & PAY FOR THESE TICKETS IS SUNDAY, MARCH 24.** Please make checks out to “Gettysburg Presbyterian Church.” There will be no refunds for tickets not used. You do not have to be a church member to participate. Thanks!!

Welcome Reception Sunday, March 3, 2019

GPC is hosting a Welcome Reception for two new GPC staff on Sunday, March 3, 2019 following each morning worship service. We will be welcoming Jamie Bowman, our new Director of Music and Pam Phillips, our new Faith Community Nurse. Please make an effort to stop by Fellowship Hall to greet these new participants in our church family as well as grab a tasty treat to eat.

Jamie is already known to some in the community as she is the GASD choral director at both the Middle School and High School.

Pam, a Registered Nurse with strong faith-based experience, has been practicing in Maryland.

Don't miss this opportunity to welcome these two special individuals.

Drivers still needed for C.A.R.E.S. at the Great Conewago Presbyterian Church

As in past years, GPC will provide transportation for homeless residents of Gettysburg to the Great Conewago Presbyterian Church from March 4-17. Drivers are needed to transport them in the church van. No training is required, just a driver's license and willingness to share your time. The van picks up the residents on York Street at 8:30 p.m. each evening and transports them to Hunterstown. Then, they are picked up again the following morning and are brought back to Gettysburg for a drop off at the Soup Kitchen for breakfast.

Sign up in Fellowship Hall or contact Bill Tindall at agpr4you@yahoo.com or 717-357-1281.



We all know how precious little babies are. Amanda Ott is having a little girl around April 3rd. She will not be able to do nursery for several weeks. This is where you can help Amanda by covering the Nursery at one of the worship services on the following dates:

April 7 – 8:15 or 11:00; April 21 – EASTER – 8:15, 9:30 or 11:00. There is a teen helper in these services, but we need 1 – 2 adults to help. If you can help, please see Cheryl Betts in the church office or stop by the CE Table.

Mid-Ship Cupcake/Candy Sale a Success

On Saturday, February 9, two Mid-Ship leaders, three moms, and 12 Mid-Ship kids met at Libby Crowe's house to decorate 11 dozen cupcakes and make various types of candy for the annual sale to benefit the 30-Hour Famine fund, which partners with World Vision organization to fight childhood hunger. The sale on Sunday morning, February 10th, **raised \$372**. Thanks to the Mid-Ship kids and their parents who baked the cupcakes. Special thanks to Sonja Brown, Cindy Burnsteel, and Sarah Kirk, who helped with the candy and cupcakes, Megan Zeigler, who oversaw the cupcake decorating, and Barb Sanders, who helmed the bake sale.

The Mid-Ship group will hold their 30-Hour Famine event in April. If you see someone in middle school before then, ask if they are participating and donate to continue to fight world hunger!



Stephen Ministry All Alone?

Don't be. God doesn't want us to be all alone.

He wants us to turn to others when things are bothering us. Stephen Ministers will walk with you through your troubles and be there for you when you need them. Please contact Lou at the church office 334-1235.

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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, Wednesday, February 21, 2019

February / March 2019 GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Contemporary Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

February 17	Raising Christian Kids in a Secular World Service of Healing and Wholeness
February 24	Christian Decision-Making Welcome Pam Phillips - Faith Community Nurse
March 3	Rev. Lou Nyiri Communion Welcome Jamie Bowman - Music Director
March 6	7:30 p.m. ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE Communion & Imposition of Ashes