

GRAPEVINE

February 27, 2019

"The Pastor's Page"

Brunch is Served

Love Brunch?

Love helping send high school youth out into the mission field to serve God?

Love Dobbin House food?

If you answered "yes" to any of those three questions, then put **March 24th** on your calendar and plan to support the high school mission to Uniontown, PA by attending the Workcamp Brunch.

Tickets available in Fellowship Hall Sunday mornings or by contacting Rev. Nyiri in the church office, 334-1235, ext. 4 / gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org.

Here are the specifics:

What: Food, Fellowship & Fundraiser for High School Mission

When: Sunday, March 24, 2019

Where: Fellowship Hall

Time:

9:00 to 10:00 a.m. (After 1st Service & Before 2nd Worship Service)

10:00 to 11:00 a.m. (After 2nd Service & Before 3rd Worship Service)

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon (After Sunday School)

12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m. (After 3rd Worship Service)

Cost:

\$10.00 (13years and older)

\$5.00 (12 years and younger)

(BONUS: The brunch gives you a good reason to introduce your friend to your church family, along with supporting a great cause in the high school mission trip.)

As always, we thank you in advance for your support and we ask your prayers for this summer's mission trip.

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**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.

Save the Date:

Women's Retreat on Saturday, April 13, 2019

9:00 - 3:00 at "The Lodges".

Come and hear Rev. Cheryl Galan, our new Interim Executive Presbyterian speak on the women in Moses life. Reservation forms will be available in mid-March. Cost is \$60. Reserve the date in your calendars now. You won't want to miss this gathering.

PW CIRCLES

Elizabeth Circle

Monday, March 18 1:00 p.m.
Paideia House - 1st floor
Lesson 7

Mary Martha Circle

Thursday, March 14, 5:00 p.m.
Eisenhower Lounge at GPC
Lesson 7

Esther Circle

Thursday, March 21, 9:30 a.m.
Eisenhower Lounge at GPC
Lesson 7
Isaiah 7:10-16; Matthew 1:18-25

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME Begins March 11th.



"Spring Ahead"
Turn your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night!

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. 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.

NO OFFENSE: IT JUST MAKES SENSE!!

Handshaking...a tradition thought to have begun in the 2nd century BC as a way of showing peaceful intentions, or at least the absence of weapons in the right hand. The tradition has morphed in the western world into an everyday custom. A firm handshake, along with a smile, is thought of as a friendly, genuine, honest greeting. It has become a Christian welcome in many churches, including our own. Sometimes it is called the Greeting or the Passing of the Peace. But...the handshake can be a means of spreading pathogens...nasty microbes which can make us sick.

For those of us who are wary of germs, is there a way to "Greet One Another in Christ" without blatant disregard for hand hygiene? Of course! Multiple, more hygienic greetings are available. A few of these are:

An elbow touch

A fist bump

An intentional head nod

A bow which is used with the Hindi (not Hindu) greeting
Namaste

Is it wrong to continue handshaking? Of course not. An enthusiastic handshake is a welcoming gesture for many. But, it is also perfectly OK to use alternative forms of greeting. Alternative forms are just as genuine, just as sincere, just as Christian, only these greetings reduce the risk of pathogens being spread hand-to-hand, person-to-person. No offense; it just makes sense!

~ Mary Miner, RN

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

March

March 3	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
March 10	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
March 17	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
March 24	8:00 - 2:00	Workcamp Brunch

MidSHIP Schedule

March

March 3	12:00 - 2:00	Pizza / Bowling
March 6	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group
March 10	TBD	Dinner/Movie
March 13	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group
March 17	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship / Games
March 20	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:

MARCH

We will be collecting items for

SPCA

Cat and dog food; clay cat litter; pet toys; cat and dog treats; 55 gallon drawstring trash bags; disinfectant wipes; water softener.

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Lloyd Schaeffer on the recent death of his mother.

Susan Kolmer on the recent death of her uncle.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

May 5, 2019

Celebration of Pastor Dave's 10th Anniversary

Watch the Grapevine for more details!

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!

- 3/3** **Ben & Emily Okello**
Ben & Emily are overseeing an orphanage with many children. Ben also plants churches throughout Kenya.
- 3/10** **Clean Water Project, Chiapas, Mexico**
Funded by our Capital Campaign Mission component, a well and water purification system is managed by a church in Hidalgo.
- 3/17** **Adams County Mission**
Works with men struggling with substance abuse, runs a thrift store, and a recycling ministry .
- 3/24** **Bill & Ann Moore**
PCUSA missionaries in Japan, working with a local church and excited about evangelism.

Adult Elective Sunday School Class — Beginning March 10th **HOW WE GOT THE BIBLE:**

The Formation, Transmission, and Translation of the Christian Bible

While some people assume that the Bible we use today merely fell out of heaven in its present form, nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, the Christian Bible stands at the end of a long process of **selection, transmission, and translation**. But what books were excluded, and why were others included in the canon of the Bible? How were these writings passed down through the centuries? And why are there so many different translations of the Bible into English? These and other questions will be addressed in this five-part series, led by the Rev. Dr. Charles D. Myers, as we will look at exactly how we came to have the Bible that we know and love.

Sunday, March 10, 2019 **"THE FORMATION OF THE HEBREW CANON"** will consider the composition, selection, and ordering of the books contained in what Christians call the Old Testament.

Sunday, March 17, 2019 **"THE TRANSMISSION AND TRANSLATION OF THE HEBREW BIBLE IN HISTORY"** will look at the process of preserving the Hebrew text and rendering it into other languages.

Sunday, March 24, 2019 **"THE FORMATION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT"** will consider the composition, selection, and ordering of the books contained in the New Testament.

Sunday, March 31, 2019 **"THE TRANSMISSION OF THE CHRISTIAN BIBLE"** will look at the languages, writing materials, forms, and methods of transmission used in the writing and the preservation of the text of the Bible.

Sunday, April 4, 2019 **"THE TRANSLATION OF THE BIBLE INTO ENGLISH"** will consider the history of the translation of the Bible into English and explore the specific challenges that Bible translation poses.

Sunday, April 14, 2019 **"THE MAKING OF THE NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION BIBLE,"** based on Dr. Myers' ten-year experience of working with the NRSV Bible Committee, will consider how this influential 1989 publication came into being.

We hope that you will join us for these six Sundays in Lent for what promises to be a fascinating and enlightening study. Bring your Bibles and your questions. See you there. Classes will be at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the MacAskill Room.

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,

**at Camp Krislund,
July 1-5, 2019.**

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

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.



Stephen Ministry Trust Me

Has someone ever told you "Trust me," and then let you down? Our Stephen Ministers are people you really can trust. They are committed to providing the best Christian care possible to their care receivers. They are people you can trust and depend on. Please contact Lou at the church office, 717-334-1235, for more info.



We all know how precious little babies are. Amanda Ott is having a little girl around March 23rd. 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 date: March 24 – 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.



Special thanks to Dave Conklin for serving as our interim Director of Music. Dave has done a great job of lining up organists and coordinating the various musical groups, while continuing his work directing our 8:15 and 11:00 choirs as well as the 9:30 Praise Band. Thanks for a great job, Dave!

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 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 and grab a tasty treat to eat while you're there.

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.

WELCOME JAMIE

We are pleased to announce that Jamie Bowman will be joining our staff this Sunday as our Director of Music and choir accompanist. She will also direct the Adult Bell Choir, as well as the Youth Choir and Bells.

Jamie has a Bachelor of Music from West Chester University, a Master of Music Education, also from West Chester, and is working on a second Master of Music from Messiah College!

She is currently the Director of Choral Activities for the Gettysburg Area School District.

Jamie and her husband, David, as well as sons, Chase & Blake are excited to be joining GPC!

JOB DESCRIPTION Youth Club Coordinator Gettysburg Presbyterian Church

SALARY: \$14.75/5 hours

BENEFITS: None

BASIC FUNCTION AND RESPONSIBILITY: The purpose is to lead activities for children in Grades 3-5 in an after-school once-a-week program which will assist in the formation of Christian faith.

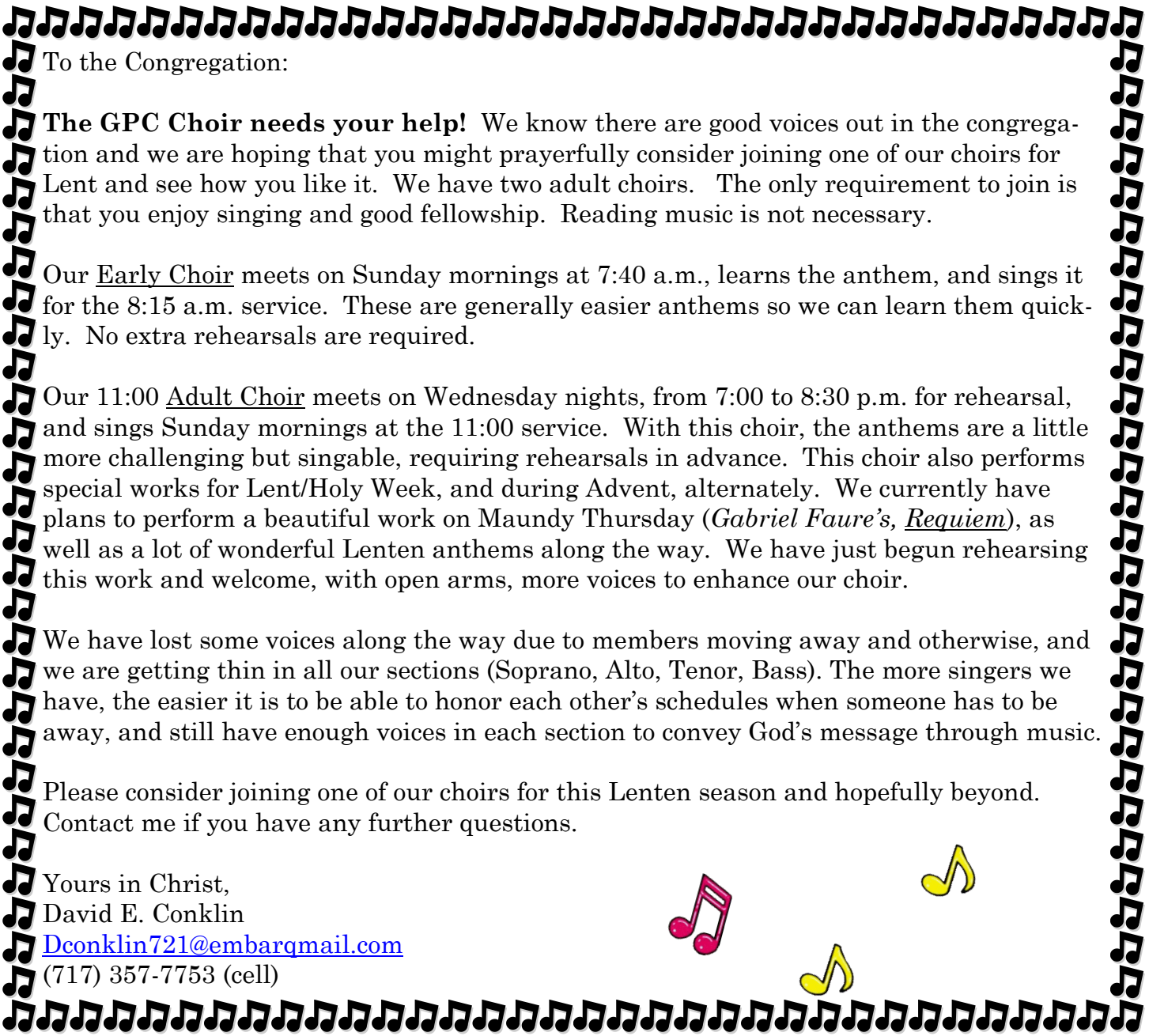
DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: In conjunction with and under the supervision of the Director of Christian Education....

1. Plan and lead the weekly after school Wednesday Youth Club for children in Grades 3-5. This 9-month program starts the second week of September and runs through the end of April. It includes special events such as field trips, a lock-in, and mission projects, specifically:
 - A program each week that includes games, snack, music and Bible Activity.
 - A regular schedule that runs 4:00-4:15 – games; 4:15-4:30 – snack; 4:30 – 5:00 – Bible activity;
 - 5:00- 5:30 - Music
2. Coordinate weekly time schedules with music leader.
3. When necessary, recruit parents or other suitable helpers for program activities and events.
4. Coordinate program with Director of Christian Education

QUALIFICATIONS: Experience working with children and families; modeling a strong Christian faith; ability to engage in activities with children; strong listening and communication skills; pass background checks and online child abuse prevention program.

EXPERIENCE: Experience working with children in Grades 3-5.

IF INTERESTED: Contact Director of Christian Education at church office 717-334-1235, ext. 5 .



To the Congregation:

The GPC Choir needs your help! We know there are good voices out in the congregation and we are hoping that you might prayerfully consider joining one of our choirs for Lent and see how you like it. We have two adult choirs. The only requirement to join is that you enjoy singing and good fellowship. Reading music is not necessary.

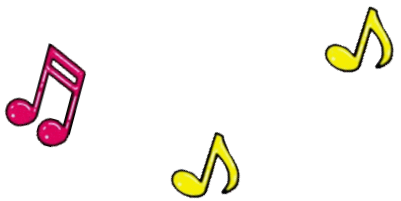
Our Early Choir meets on Sunday mornings at 7:40 a.m., learns the anthem, and sings it for the 8:15 a.m. service. These are generally easier anthems so we can learn them quickly. No extra rehearsals are required.

Our 11:00 Adult Choir meets on Wednesday nights, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. for rehearsal, and sings Sunday mornings at the 11:00 service. With this choir, the anthems are a little more challenging but singable, requiring rehearsals in advance. This choir also performs special works for Lent/Holy Week, and during Advent, alternately. We currently have plans to perform a beautiful work on Maundy Thursday (*Gabriel Faure's, Requiem*), as well as a lot of wonderful Lenten anthems along the way. We have just begun rehearsing this work and welcome, with open arms, more voices to enhance our choir.

We have lost some voices along the way due to members moving away and otherwise, and we are getting thin in all our sections (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass). The more singers we have, the easier it is to be able to honor each other's schedules when someone has to be away, and still have enough voices in each section to convey God's message through music.

Please consider joining one of our choirs for this Lenten season and hopefully beyond. Contact me if you have any further questions.

Yours in Christ,
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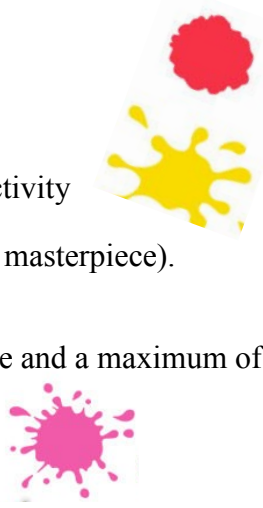


Color Mixer Party "Mix it. Paint it. Love it!"



No need to be Bob Ross! Just bring yourself and *invite a friend* to this Outreach activity on **Saturday, March 16, 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM** in GPC Fellowship Hall. Tickets: \$35.00 (includes art supplies, easels and instruction for creating your own masterpiece). Additional proceeds support GPC's Outreach Ministry.

Reserve your spot now, as seats will go quickly! (We need a minimum of 20 people and a maximum of 30 people to confirm this event). Beverages and a light snack will be provided!

Call the church office at 717-334-1235 to reserve your spot now.



March 2019

<p>3 7:45 a.m. Early Choir 9:00-12:30 Reception for Jamie Bowman & Pam Phillips 9:15 a.m. Sunday School (ages 3 - Grade 8) (Grades 9-12 & Adult) 10:30 a.m. Adult Choir 12:00 p.m. MidSHIP Bowling 5:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study 5:30 p.m. SHIP / MidSHIP 5:30 p.m. Divorce Care</p>	<p>4 10:00 a.m. Disciple Bible 10:00 Disciple Fast Track 6:30 p.m. Outreach Com. 7:00 p.m. Mission & Interpretation</p>	<p>5 9:00 a.m. Disciple 1 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision 7:00 p.m. Civil Air Patrol</p>	<p>6 9:30 a.m. Mom's of Adams Cty. 12 Noon Men's Interfaith Lunch 2:45 p.m. MidSHIP Sm. Grp 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:45 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:30 p.m. Worship Service</p> 	<p>7 12:00 Noon Newsletter Deadline 9:30 a.m. Mom's of Adams Cty. 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:45 p.m. Adult Bell Choir</p>	<p>8 5:00 pm. Swim Team Banquet</p>  <p>(turn clocks ahead 1 hour)</p>
<p>10 Dawlight Savings Time Begins First Sunday of Lent 7:45 a.m. Early Choir 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Adult Choir 12:15 p.m. Deacons 12:15 p.m. S.S. Security Mtg 1:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 4:00 p.m. Session 5:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Divorce Care 5:30 p.m. SHIP / MidSHIP</p>	<p>11 10:00 a.m. Disciple Bible 10:00 Disciple Fast Track 12:00 p.m. Lenten Sm. Group 6:30 p.m. Christian Ed. Team</p>	<p>12 7:30 a.m. Habitat Board 9:00 a.m. Disciple 1 4:00 p.m. Kids Club 5:00 p.m. TNT (make soup) 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:00 p.m. Family Ministry 7:00 p.m. Civil Air Patrol</p>	<p>13 12 Noon Men's Interfaith Lunch 2:45 p.m. MidSHIP Sm. Grp 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:30 p.m. Highschool "Lenten 12" 5:45 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir 7:00 p.m. Cont. Music Team</p>	<p>14 10:00 a.m. GPC. Shawl Min. 12:00 p.m. Young @ Heart 5:00 p.m. Mary Martha Circle 6:45 p.m. Adult Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Lenten Sm. Group</p>	<p>15 4:00 p.m. Lenten Sm. Grp @ SpiritTrust</p>
<p>17 Second Sunday of Lent 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 5:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Divorce Care 5:30 p.m. SHIP / MidSHIP</p>	<p>18 10:00 a.m. Disciple Bible 10:00 Disciple Fast Track 11:15 a.m. CFY 12:00 p.m. Lenten Sm. Group 1:00 p.m. Elizabeth Circle 3:00 p.m. Welcome Com. 7:00 p.m. Worship & Music</p>	<p>19 9:00 a.m. Disciple 1 4:00 p.m. Kids Club 6:15 p.m. Stephen Ministry Leaders (Library) 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision 7:00 p.m. Civil Air Patrol 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop Committee</p>	<p>20 12 Noon Men's Interfaith Lunch 2:45 p.m. MidSHIP Sm. Grp 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:30 p.m. Highschool "Lenten 12" 5:45 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir</p>	<p>21 12:00 Noon Newsletter Deadline 10:00 a.m. Esifer Circle 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:45 p.m. Adult Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Lenten Sm. Group</p>	<p>22 4:00 p.m. Lenten Sm. Grp @ SpiritTrust</p>
<p>24 Third Sunday of Lent 8:00-2:00 Work Camp Brunch 7:45 a.m. Early Choir 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 p.m. Adult Choir 5:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study 5:30 p.m. SHIP / MidSHIP 5:30 p.m. Divorce Care</p>	<p>25 10:00 a.m. Disciple Bible 12:00 p.m. Lenten Sm. Group 6:00 p.m. P & A Committee</p>	<p>26 9:00 a.m. Disciple 1 7:00 p.m. Civil Air Patrol</p>	<p>27 12 Noon Men's Interfaith Lunch 2:45 p.m. MidSHIP Sm. Grp 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:30 p.m. Highschool "Lenten 12" 5:45 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir 7:00 p.m. Health Care for All</p>	<p>28 6:45 p.m. Adult Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Lenten Sm. Group</p>	<p>29 4:00 p.m. Lenten Sm. Grp @ SpiritTrust</p>
<p>31 Fourth Sunday of Lent 7:45 a.m. Early Choir 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 p.m. Adult Choir 5:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study 5:30 p.m. SHIP / MidSHIP 5:30 p.m. Divorce Care</p>	<p>30 8:00 a.m. Youth Club Lock-In Ends 2:00 p.m. Memorial Chuck Caldwell</p>	<p>31 7:00 p.m. Youth Club Lock-In Begins</p>	<p>8:00 a.m. Youth Club Lock-In Ends 2:00 p.m. Memorial Chuck Caldwell</p>	<p>8:00 a.m. PW Meeting</p>	

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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, March 6, 2019**

**March 2019
 GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

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| March 3 | “Oscar Swag” (<i>Romans 5:1-5</i>)
Communion
Welcome Jamie Bowman - Music Director |
| March 6 | 7:30 p.m. ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
“Plus One”
Communion & Imposition of Ashes |
| March 10 | “The Rich Fool & Us” (<i>Luke 12:13-21</i>) |
| March 17 | “Theology of ‘The Good Place’” (<i>2 Cor. 3:4-11</i>) |