GRAPEVINE

"The Pastor's Page"

Lent is Here

GPC marked the beginning of the season of Lent with an Ash Wednesday service last week. Many of those who attended left with the mark of ashes on their foreheads or hands, reminding us of our mortality and the need for change and repentance in our lives. It is a season for self-examination and reflection on how we can deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ and better live as his devoted followers.

Many people engage in the ritual of "giving something up for Lent," usually something like meat or chocolate! You could also give up social media for a period of time each week, or limit your TV or other screen time.

Others have found it helpful to their spiritual lives to add something for Lent! A daily time of quiet prayer and Scripture reading. Regular attendance at worship. Time to serve others. A spiritual exercise of naming things for which you are grateful each day. Spending time in nature.

Remember that the aim of giving up or adding is to help us reflect on our lives as disciples of Jesus. What will you give up or add for Lent this year?

March 13, 2019

Inside

- Women's Retreat
- Lenten Class
- Calendar of Giving
- Youth Club Coordinator Position
- Family-Based Mission Trip
- Workcamp Brunch
- Easter Flowers
- Grief Support
 Group
- Youth Club Lock
 In
- Hershey Park
 Tickets
- Planned Giving Meeting
- Sign Up for Choirs
- Health Needs Survey

Grief Support Series Begins March 24th

We will offer a three-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 March 24th through April 7th 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.

> "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

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 March 10 - April 14 is Dick Wisor at 717-359-8896.

NXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Congratulations to Cheryl Betts! At the Feb. 26 meeting of the Presbytery of Carlisle, Cheryl Betts was installed as the Vice-Moderator of the Presbytery! Congratulations, Cheryl!

Easter Flowers

<u>8</u>8

Honor your loved ones with the beauty of flowers at Easter. This year we offer you a choice of two flowers: lilies and tulips. Please fill out the information below and return this form with your check (payable to Gettysburg Presbyterian Church) to:

Mary Lou Seamens 169 Hunters Trail Gettysburg, PA 17325

Any flowers not picked up by Monday, April 22 at noon will be taken to shut-ins.

<u>DEADLINE</u> FOR ORDER IS

Easter Lily \$10.00 (4-6 blooms) Tulips \$10.00 (8 bulbs)

In Memory of / In Honor of (circle one) (please print clearly)

Given by:

Π

Will pick up Deliver to shut-ins



Π

Page 2





Come and hear Rev. Cheryl Galan, our new Interim Executive Presbyter, speak on the women in Moses' life. Reservation forms will be available in Fellowship Hall.

In the story of the birth of Moses *(Exodus 1:8-2:10)* a vulnerable child gets to live because of the actions of a constellation of women through whom God acts in surprising ways.

Each of these women, by using her gifts and following her passion, plays a part in preserving the life of the child who will grow up to lead his people out of the oppression of slavery in Egypt.

Our retreat time will use words and images, conversation, creative expression, and worship, to explore intersections between the stories of these women and our lives, as women of faith, today. Cost is \$40,which includes the program, crafts, breakfast & lunch.

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.



יות הנה ההנה ההה ההה ההה ההה ההיה היות היות היות

Stephen Ministry

Come to a one time Sunday school class on April 28.

"Bear One Another's Burdens" sponsored by Stephen Ministry.

This class will explain the Stephen Ministry program and how we use it at GPC.

Are you a grandparent raising or helping to raise your grandchild? Do you have questions on how to pass your faith on to your grandchildren? If so, we just added a book to the Church Library:

"The Spirituality of Grandparenting" by renown story teller Ralph Milton. This book is a great read for all grandparents who are never too old to love, and never too old to be loved back.

This book is a delightful read and shares very real gifts to both grandchild and grandparent.

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP March

March 17	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
March 20	5:30 - 7:00	Lenten "12"
March 24	8:00 - 2:00	Workcamp Brunch
March 27	5:30 - 7:00	Lenten "12"
March 31	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship

	<u>MidSHIP S</u> <u>Marc</u>	
March 17	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship / Games
March 20	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group
March 24	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship / Games
March 27	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group
March 31	5:30 - 7:00	Game Night

"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

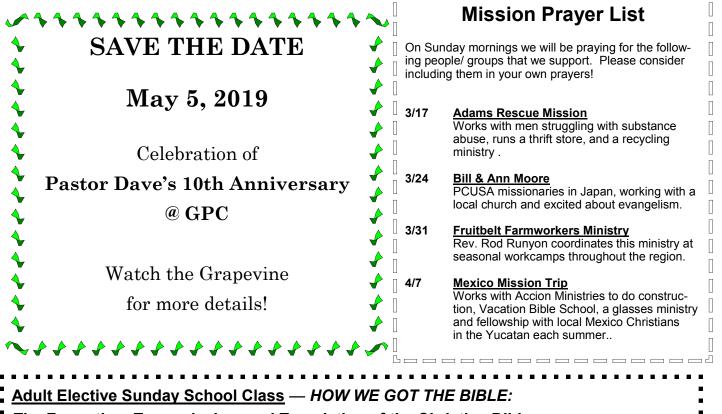
We will be collecting items for

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: Rick & Diana Miner on the recent death of their son, Ed. Pam Phillips on the recent death of her mother-in-law.



The Formation, Transmission, and Translation of the Christian Bible

11:00 a.m. in the MacAskill Room.

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 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 7, 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 en- lightening study. Bring your Bibles and your guestions. See you there. Classes will be at 9:30 and

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 smsonja@yahoo.com or via phone at 717-253-0165.

Deadline for committing to participate is March 24th.

Youth Club Lock-In

The annual Youth Club Lock-in will be

Friday, March 29th 7 P.M. through Saturday, March 30th 8:00 A.M.

Forms will be sent home this week for parental approval and signup to help.

We need parents to help at the following times:

- (2) 12:00 PM to 2:00 AM
 - (2) 2:00 AM to 4:00 AM
 - (2) 4:00 AM to 6:00 AM
 - (1) 6:00 AM to 8:00 AM

Please contact Cheryl to help or if any questions.

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 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!!

Planned Giving

We have scheduled a brief meeting about GPC's planned giving program on Sunday, March 31st after the 9:30 am service. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information about GPC's program and opportunities available. This meeting is similar to the one that we held last May consisting of a 30-minute presentation by members of the team with time for questions.

It is intended for anyone from the congregation who would like more information. Despite a lack of formal program in the past, GPC has been blessed by gifts and bequests; some have been relatively modest while others were very large. The program's objective is to provide information and stimulate interest for future estate planning and will preparation. The meeting on March 31st is intended for all ages not just for those in or nearing retirement.

Additional information about the meeting will be provided during worship services along with an interest card to register for the informational meeting. You may sign up or get additional information by contacting Bill Sterrett directly at 717-677-8632 or by email at billsterrett@prodigy.net.

Π

Π

Π

Π

Π

П

Π

Π

An Opportunity to help make a difference...

Π

Π

Π

Young Life is a nationwide organization with the mission of introducing adolescents to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith. It advocates building relationships between adults and teens to demonstrate the compassion and love of Christ. Our local group began nearly 20 years ago in the Gettysburg Middle School under the leadership of GAMS teacher, Dan Zychal, and has expanded to include Gettysburg High School and the college.

As the interest has grown, young life plans to expand in Adams County, beginning programs in other local schools. They have found a young couple to lead this mission, yet need to find financial support from members of our community in order to make this happen.

If supporting Young Life in Adams County is of interest to you, or if you would like to learn more, please email Deb Litten at sanddlitten@gmail.com, or call her cell at (717) 253-5239. Deb has volunteered with the group at Gettysburg Middle School for 4 years. Matt Craig, the Associate Regional Director, is willing to sit down and talk with anyone who may have a heart for supporting the spreading of God's word to our local teens in this way.

Loooooooooooooooooo

JOB DESCRIPTION Youth Club Coordinator **Gettysburg Presbyterian Church**

SALARY: \$14.75 per hour / 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. П

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: In conjunction with and un-п der the supervision of the Director of Christian Education....

- Plan and lead the weekly after school Wednesday Youth 1 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
- Coordinate weekly time schedules with music leader. 2.
- 3. When necessary, recruit parents or other suitable helpers for program activities and events.
- Coordinate program with Director of Christian Education

QUALIFICATIONS: Experience working with children and fami-lies; modeling a strong Christian faith; ability to engage in activi-ties 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 <u>Early Choir</u> 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 <u>Adult Choir</u> 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*, <u>Requiem</u>), 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, David E. Conklin <u>Dconklin721@embarqmail.com</u> (717) 357-7753 (cell)





Mexico Mission Trip Applications Available Now

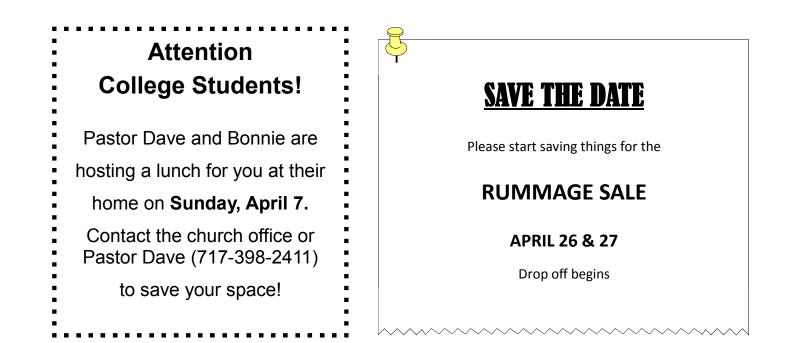
On our one-week trip to Mexico's Yucatan peninsula we will:

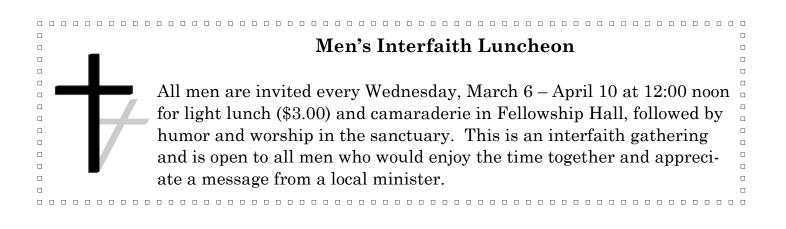
- Do some construction for a village church (no skill required!)
- Run a Vacation Bible School for village children
- Run a reading glasses clinic
- · Fellowship and worship with our Mexican brothers and sisters in Christ
- See some Mayan ruins

Trip Dates: July 8-15

More details available on the applications, which are located in Fellowship Hall and the narthex. Contact Pastor Dave for more details.

Applications are due back on April 8.





Attention Youth of GPC!

My name is Jamie Bowman and I am your new Director of Music for GPC! I am ${f Q}$ so happy to join you and your church family. I have been the choral director for grades 6-12 for the Gettysburg Area School District for the past 11 years and I love working with Children and teens. My husband David and I live in Gettysburg with our two sons, Chase and Blake. I have loved music all of my life and I am looking forward to sharing that love with all of you.

This letter is to call attention to our Youth Bell Choir and Youth Choir. If 🛿 you would please share your interest and availability below I would greatly appreciate it. GPC has a lot of talent and I want to share your talents with the congregation. Typically, The youth choir and youth bells perform once per month and I would like to create a rehearsal schedule that is convenient for you and your families.

I would like to participate in the following (Please check all that apply):

Л

Youth Choir					
	Youth B	Sell Choir			
	Special	Music for the Sum	ner (solo, duet, trio	quartet, etc.)	
Please share	e any instruments	that you play and	a bit about your m	usical backgrour	
·					
		(Please check all th			
Monday:	3:00-3:30	3:30-4:00	4:00-4:30	4:30-5:00	
Tuesday:	3:00-3:30	3:30-4:00	4:00-4:30	4:30-5:00	
	5:00-5:30		6:00-6:30		
Wednesday:	3:00-3:30	3:30-4:00	4:00-4:30	4:30-5:00	
	5:00-5:30				
Thursday:	3:00-3:30	3:30-4:00	4:00-4:30	4:30-5:00	
1		5:30-6:00			
Student Nor	no:				
Student Name:					
Parent/Guardian Signature:					

Л Email:

Cell Phone

🛛 ***Please return this form to Jamie Bowman ASAP. I have a mailbox in the church office. Thank you!

***Youth Sunday is May 12th. I would love to have groups perform for this service. The choirs do not practice or perform in the summer months. Youth Bells and Youth Choir rehearse and perform during the school year only.

Greetings from your Faith Community Nurse

What is a Faith Community Nurse? What services will I be offering to GPC?

I will be working for you the parishioners, and support the well-being of the GPC membership and community members.

I will be promoting health and wholeness in the name of Jesus. I will be providing spiritual, social, and emotional care.

Health Counselor: Listen and speak with persons regarding their health issues. I am available to visit in the hospital, Nursing facilities, and homes as needed. Offer my presence and prayer during times of crisis and celebration.

Advocate: I will assist you with any health related needs and interests. I can accompany you to your Dr's appointments (to be your eyes and ears) and help you to understand any test results, medications, etc. so that you can make informed decisions. (Confidential) I can review your discharge instructions, medication lists, etc. to ensure you have a good understanding.

Health Educator: I will be providing Health information and awareness about chronic conditions or diseases. I will be emphasizing preventative care through educational opportunities, screenings, etc. (Blood pressure screening Sundays, First Aid kits, etc.) *Resources*: I will work to link congregation members to community/spiritual resources, and work alongside the Stephen Ministers and Deacon Ministry at GPC.

Spiritual Presence: Work with the GPC pastoral care team in the care giving ministry of GPC by listening, praying, supporting, and encouragement through personal visits, telephone calls, etc.

I am not available for invasive/hands on skilled care or to provide medical diagnosis, or fill pill dispensers (but I can observe you do this task).

My office will be located in the "Crane Library" (except 9:30-10:30 Sunday mornings) Feel free to "drop in" at anytime listed below. I will be available at times listed below but am flexible to meet your needs. If you would like to schedule an appointment please call my cell at 410-596-0777. My email address is: Oceancity1958@comcast.net Most Sunday mornings: 8am until 1230 Schedule: Tuesday: 9:00AM - 2:00 PM 1st & 4th 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM Wednesday: 2nd & 3rd 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM 9:00AM - 2:00 PM Thursday: Gettysburg Presbyterian Church Congregational Health Needs Survey In order to help develop the Faith Community Nurse Ministry at Gettysburg Presbyterian Church, I would appreciate your thoughts regarding the following questions. All information will be kept confidential. Your age: under 20 20-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 over 70 1. 2. Health status: Please check if you have any of the following conditions. Place "C" by any current conditions and a "P" by any past conditions. High Blood Pressure Physical Disabilities Cancer Arthritis Mental Illness Lung /Respiratory Disease Diabetes Asthma Depression Overweight Other Which of the following topics are of particular interest to you? Blood Pressure Know your Medications Cancer Stroke First Aid and Safety Arthritis Heart Disease CPR Instruction Exercise Digestive Disease Lung Disease Parenting Advance Directives Freedom of Smoking Self Esteem Babysitting tips Stress and Coping Cholesterol Healthy Eating Weight Management Nutrition Diabetes Medicare Update Caring for Aging Relatives Other 4. Would you attend sessions on any of the above topics? Yes If yes, when would be the best time to attend classes? Weekdays, daytime Weekdays, evening Saturday morning If you have had an experience with a health topic (example: hip surgery, cancer, nutrition, cataract surgery) and would be willing to share your experience with a class or individual, please put your name and phone number below. What ways would you like to see the Faith Community Nurse utilized at this church? Health Education Personal Health Counseling Health Referrals

You can place your completed survey in my mailbox in the church office in an envelope, place completed survey (in an envelope) in the *Brown* envelope on the Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall, hand them to me personally or contact me directly. Your prompt response will be greatly appreciated.

Screening Programs

Visitation of hospitalized, homebound

Other

Gettysburg Presbyterian Church 208 Baltimore Street Gettysburg, PA 17325 Office: (717) 334-1235 Fax: (717) 334-0666 www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-Profit Org. U.S. Postage PAID Gettysburg, PA 17325 Permit No. 198

<u>Gettysburg Presbyterian Church Mission Statement</u> 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

