

GRAPEVINE

April 24, 2019

"The Pastor's Page"

An Easter Prayer by Rt. Rev Susan Brown
Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

Stop!
do you hear it?
The world hold its breath
the stars still,
the sun hesitates
as creation fills its lungs
And the air swells with expectation
Do you hear it:
the *stone*... rolling...
Revealing folded grave clothes...
As God takes a breath...
In the whispered alleluia
Of the dawning of Easter day...
the whole earth is charged with proclaiming:
Christ is risen!
This is resurrection!
Hallelujah!! Hallelujah!

Christ is risen!
Hallelujah
Death is defeated!
Hallelujah
Despair, pain and hurt have given way to hope
Hallelujah

*With thankful hearts Lord Jesus
We worship you
Knowing you deserve more
than all the praise in the world
yet knowing too,
our Hallelujah's are like sweet perfume to you....
For your unselfish grace and courage
But above all for your love,
We give you our eternal thanks. Amen*

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Happy Birthday to...

May 1

Cheryl Betts
Margaret Curtis
Jane Howe

May 2

Erin Heesch
Antonio Mora
Breelyn Snyder

May 3

Alan Fleckner
Dennis Ruth
Bob Smith

May 4

Katherine Rice
Marlene Tindall

May 5

Luke Flinner
Tom Kuhn
Kasey Smarsh

May 6

Benjamin Angstadt

May 7

Judy Beamer

Andy Farkas

Lance Lewis

Jed Smith

Shaye Whiteman

Lawrence Wolf

May 8

Tracy Angstadt

May 9

Kelly Smarsh

May 10

Dawn Bohner

Marjorie McCartney

Thomas Smarsh

May 11

Brian May

May 13

Todd Durboraw

Brandon Hiller

Nonie Kennell

Finley Sayres

May 17

Sadie Russo

May 18

Jennifer Tassin

May 19

Harrison Stewart

May 20

Tim Baker

Owen Decker

Ellen Piacentine

Sydney Tomassini

May 21

Amy Dreves

Paul Ketterman

Shauna Snyder

Diane Weikert

May 22

John Golanoski

Urijah Hare

Jackie Hiller

Brenda McCabe

Jack Soliday

Natalie Tschop

May 24

Lori Bridel

Joseph Jones

Jackson Lush

Nancy Sterrett

May 25

Jacob Bankert

Louise Garverick

Beth Hans

Larry Musselman

Sarah Skoczen

May 26

Devin Miller

May 27

Karen Eskildsen

Emily Stone

May 28

Brian Stabler

May 29

Judy Inskip

Edward McCartney

May 30

Jen Decker

Jim Heesch

Linnette Murray

May 31

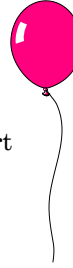
Jerry Althoff

Daniel Crowe

Dennis Dowd

Michelle Gorski

Beatrice Harness



Exploring Membership Class

Our next Exploring Membership Class is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, May 19 at noon. After lunch, you will learn more about Presbyterians and GPC in particular. Call the church office (717-334-1235) to sign up!

A Taste of Christmas in April!

This Sunday, April 28th, will be your LAST CHANCE to purchase Christmas Fair bagged coffee and teas. Remember how good that drink tasted when Winter's nip was in the air? Well, it is just as delicious to savor on the deck while you take in a lovely Spring morning! Ahhh!

All remaining varieties will be on sale for 50% off!! Just look for the Christmas Mission Fair Table in Fellowship Hall between services. Cash, personal check, or credit card payments are accepted. As always, proceeds go to benefit GPC mission opportunities and designated local charities. Thank you for your support, and DRINK UP!



From time to time when Penny Messinger, our Administrative Assistant, is on vacation or on a mission trip we need help with answering the phones and helping in the office. If you are interested, please let Penny know at 717-334-1235.

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 April 14 - May 12 is Jane Gywn at 717-253-7410.





PowerPoint Projectionist Needed for Contemporary Worship Service

The 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service needs someone to show the PowerPoint slides on Sunday morning approximately once a month. You will rotate with three other people, so the schedule is somewhat flexible. No prior experience needed- we will train you! If interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact Libby Crowe at (717) 476-0821 or mllibby@gettysburgpresbyterian.org.

Memorial Day
FREE 5K & **Come Walk With Me**

Presented by the HAC Physical Fitness Task Force & The Gettysburg Beer Runners


Participants can take part in the timed 5K for the Memorial Day Free 5K
OR walk your own distance for Come Walk With Me
Monday, May 27th, at 8 A.M.

Registration is RACE DAY ONLY
Registration opens at 7:30 A.M.

Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel
95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg

All attendees must sign a waiver to participate

Responsible adult must sign for youth under 18
& any youth under 12 must be accompanied by an adult



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.

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP April / May

April 28	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
May 5	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
May 12		YOUTH SUNDAY Mother's Day No Evening SHIP

"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:

May


We will be collecting items for

Survivors, Inc.:

NEW and UNOPENED toiletries - soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc. (Survivors is unable to accept *hotel size* toiletries.), sheet sets, blankets, plug-in alarm clocks, towels, washcloths, diapers, baby wipes, "sippie" cups and baby bottles.

MidSHIP Schedule April / May

April 28	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship/Games
May 5	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship/Games
May 12		YOUTH SUNDAY Mother's Day No Evening Mid-SHIP
May 19		No MidSHIP
May 26	5:30 - 7:00	Year-End Picnic at Libby's House



You are invited to a community National Day of Prayer service on **Thursday May 2 at 7PM** at the Foursquare Gospel Church on Middle St.

Several local pastors and lay folks will help to lead this time of prayer for our nation.


Church Women United

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED invites all local church women to a meeting and (\$4) luncheon on Wednesday, May 1, 11:30 a.m., at the Gettysburg Church of the Brethren, 1710 Biglerville Rd. We will be celebrating FRIENDSHIP DAY, so invite a friend, and join us for the special program, food, and fellowship! No reservations are necessary. FMI, contact Cheryl @ 717-337-2938.

PW CIRCLES

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Elizabeth Circle</u></p> <p>Monday, May 20, 1:00 p.m. Paideia House - 1st floor Lesson 9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mary Martha Circle</u></p> <p>Thursday, May 9, 5:00 p.m. Eisenhower Lounge at GPC Lesson 9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Esther Circle</u></p> <p>Thursday, May 16, 9:30 a.m. Eisenhower Lounge at GPC Lesson 9</p>
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LESSON 9: Matthew 18:15-20; 28:16-20



SAVE THE DATE

**May 5, 2019
12:00 noon**

**Celebration of
Pastor Dave's
10th Anniversary
@ GPC**

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!

- 4/28 Carpenter's Gift**
A GPC ministry building primarily handicapped ramps.
- 5/5 Marta Bennett**
Marta is a long-time missionary teaching Theology and Leadership in Kenya.
- 5/12 Bryan and Emily Gerlach**
They are serving with local churches in Thailand.
- 5/19 Fellowship of Christian Athletes**
Kelly Jones facilitates this ministry at Gettysburg College. Pastor Dave teaches once a semester.

Hershey Park Tickets Have Arrived!!

Pick up your pre-ordered tickets Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall or through the church office (see Cheryl or Penny) during the week.



Old Fashioned Hymn Sing

The Young at Heart are inviting you to join us along with Becky Wareham on Thursday, May 9th to sing some favorite old fashioned hymns. Join us for lunch by calling Cheryl Betts at the church office to let her know you are coming for lunch or join us in the sanctuary at 12:45 P.M. Come and join us in this wonderful occasion to sing our favorite hymns.

Presbyterian Women Spring Banquet

The PW Spring Banquet will be held Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Tickets for the Spring Banquet will be on sale in Fellowship Hall two Sundays only: April 28 & May 5. The cost is \$12.00 and catering will be by Biggerstaff's. All tickets must be purchased no later than Sunday, May 5, so we can give the caterer the correct number. Our entertainment this year is the Fairfield High School Show Choir. New women members are encouraged to attend.



Presbyterian Mission Update – Japan

For many years, Gettysburg Presbyterian Church has been supporting the Presbyterian Mission in Japan, led by Bill and Ann Moore. This mission strives to spread the Gospel. It is exciting to learn that the mission churches in Japan not only serve the Japanese people, but establish missions of their own throughout Asia. Another arm of the Presbyterian Mission in Japan is medical care and outreach. Established in 1955, Yodogawa Christian Hospital (YCH) in Osaka has grown from a small clinic to a large and well-respected general hospital. A new development of this mission has been to leverage the skills and medical practices of YCH to enhance the care provided by partner hospitals in other Asian countries. As this medical partnership grows, more and more developing hospitals will be able to provide more and better care to God’s people throughout Asia. Bill and Ann Moore are very appreciative the long and steadfast support provided GPC and ask for our continued presence in their mission.

Mission and Interpretation Committee

**May 12th @ 9:30 a.m.
Adult Sunday School
Guest Speaker, Minh Phuong**

“Straining Forward”

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 3:12-14

As a young child in Vietnam, Minh Phuong experienced first-hand the shocking realities of war, beginning with the execution of her beloved father and two younger siblings. Abuse, prison and torture would follow, leading Minh to question God’s very existence. Why had he abandoned her? What had she done to deserve such punishment? Was she beyond redemption?

These are the questions Minh and author Michelle Layer Rahal will explore on May 12th when they share their book, **Straining Forward: Minh Phuong Towner’s Story**. It was God’s guiding and protective hand that led Minh away from her captors and out of communist Vietnam, but the tragedy of her childhood would continue to haunt her. Minh finally found true freedom when she placed her trust in Jesus Christ.

Pastor Minh Phuong Towner’s story is a riveting spiritual journey of hope and healing that reminds readers we are more than victims of circumstance and that God is present even in our darkest moments.

SAVE THE DATE:

SQUARE DANCE AT THE GPC CORRAL



Saturday, May 11, 2019

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Caller Dan Tapper

Come one, Come All

Ages 7 to 107*

Ladies and Gents

Moms and Dads with Sons and Daughters

(instructions will be given by our caller)

*Babysitting will be available if requested

Faith Community News by: Pam Phillips RN FCN



Durable Medical Equipment

Gettysburg Presbyterian has Durable Medical Equipment available. Some of the items we have available to borrow are: *Crutches, Standard walkers, Bedside commode, Shower Chairs, Rollators, Wheelchair, Quad Canes, Knee Walker Scooter, Forearm crutches, and Steps.*

If you want to borrow anything please see a staff member to assist you. As a reminder, Gettysburg Presbyterian **cannot** be held responsible for any injury caused by the use of the equipment.

Upcoming Events:

Basic Life Support (BLS Professional): Saturday, May 18th 9am-12noon here at Gettysburg Presbyterian Church

Adult/Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED: Sunday, June 9 12:30-7:30PM at Gettysburg Presbyterian Church

If you would like to attend please reach out to Becky Stabler at 717-688-5183

Healthy Steps for Older Adults (A falls risk reduction program) Free Event May 14th & May 21st (2 part program) 9:30AM-11:30AM Held at Gettysburg Presbyterian Church. To register call Adams County Office for Aging at 717-334-9296.

“Young Mental Health First Aid” (for Adults assisting young people) **Free Event** Tuesday, July 23rd 8AM-5PM at Brook Lane Health Services in Hagerstown. To register call Curt Miller at 301-733-0331 Ext 1228 or curt.miller@brooklane.org *See Flyer on FCN Bulletin Board

“Mental Health First Aid Training” Free Event Tuesday, May 21st and/or Tuesday, August 6th 8AM-5PM at Brook Lane Health Services in Hagerstown. To register call Curt Miller at 301-733-0331 Ext 1228 or curt.miller@brooklane.org *See Flyer on FCN Bulletin Board

Healthy Steps for Older Adults A falls risk reduction program

Learn about...

- The causes of falls
- How to prevent falls
- Safely exercising in the home
- Home safety, medication & foot checks
- And MORE!

Sign up today!

Participants will...

- Be assessed for fall risk
- Complete exercises to build strength, stability & balance
- Go away with a free textbook & resources
- And MORE!

Gettysburg Presbyterian Church
208 Baltimore St.
Gettysburg, PA

May 14th **AND** 21st
This is a 2 session program.

9:30 AM— 11:30 AM

**To register, call Adams
County
Office for Aging, Inc:
717-334-9296**

There is no fee for this program.

****For those 60+ years of age**

SAVE THE DATE "PARABLES OF JESUS" Vacation Bible School June 24 - 27

It is that wonderful time again for Vacation Bible School. Registration will begin on May 10th through June 7th.

Dates are June 24-27 from 9:00 to 12:15.

Supply needs are:

Plain pillow cases (no designs)
any light color or white

river rocks

marigold seeds

color duct tape

clay for making bowls

rolls of **2-inch** ribbon

dried beans

lanyard string - any color

cotton balls

fabric markers (any color)

rolls of clear contact paper

1-inch terracotta pots

clothes pins (clipped)

new flip flops (children's sizes)
(Dollar General or Walmart)

cotton scarves - any color
(no silk, satin, rayon, infinity
or winter)

Crayola air dry clay (AC Moore or Michaels)



Leaders and Craft Helpers

Signup sheets are on
Christian Education table in
Fellowship Hall.
Many hands makes light work.

Parents of 4th and 5th Graders



Next Sunday, April 28th

you will be able
to join your child in the
celebration of a
Seder Meal during the 9:30 Sunday School
hour. Please let Cheryl Betts know in
the church office if you are planning to
attend. It is a wonderful experience
following the children having studied this
celebration.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Save the date

A Thank You reception for Sunday
School Teachers will be between
services on Sunday, May 19th. This
is also the last day of Sunday School
for the summer. Come and thank the
teachers for their leadership this past
year.

SUMMER CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We are looking for individuals to lead the
Children's Church during the summer
months to give our regular leaders some
time off. Curriculum is easy to follow and
everything you need is in the box. Come
share your love of Jesus with our children
ages 3- 3rd Grade. Signup sheets are on
Christian Education table in Fellowship
Hall to help. During June - August it will
be the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the
month.

Presbyterian Women Regional Gathering - Synod of the Trinity - May 17-18, 2019

Ladies, have you ever been to Krisland Camp & Conference Center in Madisonburg, PA? Generally we think of "camp" with regard to our youth programs, but this is an opportunity for our ladies to come together in fellowship, study, prayer, praise, and activities. We will be working together in a "Together in Service" Hands-on Mission Project for Children in Puerto Rico affected by Hurricane Maria. (more information on PW Pillowcases at www.presbyterianwomen.org. Modern, comfortable sleeping accommodations are available, very close to the meeting & dining building. Cost for the program, lodging, & meals: cabin (single occupant = \$140.00); shared (double) in cabin = \$100.00. Registration deadline: April 30, 2019.

Contact Rachel Parmentier at 717-334-3415 or rasong@aol.com for more information. Registration forms will be on PW Bulletin Board.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1 style="font-size: 4em; margin: 0;">May 2019</h1> 						
5 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 9:15 a.m. Sunday School (ages 3 – Grade 8) 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Grades 9-12 & Adult) 12:00 p.m. 10th Anniversary Celebration for Pastor Dave 4:00 p.m. Session 5:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study 5:30 p.m. SHIP & MidSHIP	6 10:00 a.m. Disciple Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Outreach Committee 7:00 p.m. Mission & Interpretation 7:00 p.m. Historic Church Walking Tour Guide Mtg.	7 9:00 a.m. Disciple 1 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision 7:00 p.m. Civil Air Patrol	8 5:45 p.m. Cont. Music Practice 6:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir 7:00 p.m. Cont. Ministry Team 7:00 p.m. Strategic Planning	9 10:00 a.m. GPC Shawl Ministry 12:00 p.m. Young @ Heart (final Meeting) 5:00 p.m. Mary Martha Circle 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts	10	11 9:00 a.m. Youth Praise Band Practice 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Square Dance
12 Mother's Day 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 Youth Sunday 9:15 a.m. Sunday School (ages 3 – Grade 8) 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Grades 9-12 & Adult) 12:15 p.m. Deacons Meeting	13 10:00 a.m. Disciple Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Christian Education	14 7:30 a.m. Habitat Board Mtg. 9:00 a.m. Disciple 1 9:00 a.m. Dept. of Aging 6:00 p.m. Women's May Banquet 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:00 p.m. Family Ministry 7:00 p.m. Civil Air Patrol	15 5:45 p.m. Cont. Music Practice 6:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	16 12:00 Noon Newsletter Deadline 9:30 a.m. Esther Circle 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts	17	18 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Basic Life Support Training 1:00 - 5:00 Girl Scouts Award Ceremony
19 C. E. Appreciation Sunday Last Day of Sunday School 9:15 & 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 12:00 p.m. Exploring Membership 12:00 p.m. Workcamp Prep 4:00 p.m. Session 5:00 p.m. Last Disciple Bible Study (both groups) 5:30 p.m. No SHIP/MidSHIP	20 11:15 a.m. CFY 1:00 p.m. Elizabeth Circle 3:00 p.m. Welcome Committee 7:00 p.m. Worship & Music	21 9:00 a.m. Disciple 1 9:00 a.m. Dept. of Aging 1:00 p.m. Stamping Up - PEO 6:15 p.m. Stephen Ministry Leaders 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision 7:00 p.m. Civil Air Patrol	22 5:45 p.m. Cont. Music Practice 6:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir 7:00 p.m. Healthcare for All	23 6:30 p.m. Strategic Planning	24 5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal	25 3:00 p.m. Johnson/Jones Wedding
----- S O U T H C A R O L I N A M I S S I O N T R I P -----						
26 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 10:30 a.m. Adult Choir 5:30 p.m. MidSHIP Year-End Picnic at Libby's house	27 (OFFICE CLOSED) Memorial Day	28 9:00 a.m. Disciple 1 7:00 p.m. Civil Air Patrol	29 5:45 p.m. Cont. Music Practice 6:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	30 12:00 Noon Newsletter Deadline	31	

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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 May 2, 2019**

**April 2019
 GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

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| April 28 | Laity Sunday |
| May 5 | “What’s Next?” <i>John 20: 19-31</i>
Communion |
| May 12 | “The Church’s Now”
Youth Sunday |
| May 19 | “Jesus at the Beach” <i>John 21: 1-14</i> |
| May 25 | “Feed My Sheep” <i>John 21: 15-25</i> |