# GRAPEVINE

# "The Pastor's Page"

Dear Church Family,

Our high school mission team has left for their June 14-22, 2019 mission to Uniontown, PA. We ask that you keep us in prayer during our trip. To help, here is a "Workcamp Day of Prayer" guide for you to use at home.

We anticipate what God has in store for us and appreciate your prayers.

Faithfully Yours,

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## Workcamp Day of Prayer

Please set aside a portion of time in your daily schedule to pray for our group while we're away June 14-22 in Uniontown, PA. The other churches coming to the same mission trip will be praying as well.

June 19, 2019

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Here are some prayer suggestions:

- God's presence will be made known to participants, the community we serve, the Reach Staff.
- All the details will come together so the youth can focus on the message.
- Thursday evening program offers youth a decision point based upon the dramas.
- Wisdom to make good decisions.
- We will be an example of serving others.
- We will recognize the call of Christ as the reason we are choosing to serve.
- We will catch the spirit of serving others and choose to make it a lifestyle.
- We will be able to complete the projects safely in a week.
- Our acts of service will be done to the best of our ability.
- Community the people/businesses where the mission trip is located
- Evening Program activities to help us focus on the spiritual aspect of service
- Reach Staff adults who run and organize the mission trip
- Neighbors people whose homes we repair
- · School and School Staff where we stay for the week
- Workcampers youth and adults who attend the mission trip
- Work projects repairs we make to the homes
- Safe drive to and from Uniontown

# Happy Birthday to...

Kathy Corbin Dennis Meckley Erin Stephens July 2 **Brady Dillon** Grayson Hubble Chris Landauer July 3 John Shuss Pam VanHoutte July 4 Benjy Conover Dawn Rathgeber Jessica Stone July 5 Kyele Bridel Michael Kulkusky Lane Mosser Emma Strausner July 7 Leslie Dillon Leo McGuire

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Harrison Crow Garrett Doyle July 9 Grace Moroz Joseph Tassin July 10 **Emily Bankert** July 11 Deb Bowersox Robert Lewis July 12 Garrett Kolmer Joan Pore July 13 Zane Graff Joan Grimm Gail Hull Ellen Raggets July 14 Marlyn Burdge Carol Merwede

**July 15** Adam Hunt Henry Isherwood Audrey Jahn Bradley Kime James Newman July 16 Brian Campbell Susan Sanders Ethan Sheely July 17 Chloe McMaster **Grant Sanders** Anne Simpson Adalyn Smarsh **Adair Toddes** July 18 Fred Guinn Kevin Schmitz July 19 Forrest Haffey Kim Landauer Carson Pennings

July 20 Richard Beamer Tessa Beauchat Robert Deitch Cathy Franck Alexander Nyiri July 21 Bravden Beamer Adelyn Hieber Sarah Lambert July 23 Nancy Coombs Phyllis Dowd Marie Levenstein Daniel Murray July 24 Ann Settle July 25 Perla Niguidula-Gish Patrick Sullivan **July 26** Elizabeth Burke Rich Fuller

Vann Hinton Melany LaRochelle

July 27 Nancy Ball John Snyder July 28 Doris Elledge Sherry Grim Carol Heiser **Emily Koons** Peter North July 29 Emma Dennison Braden Unger Jonelle Warcup July 30 David Bowman **July 31** Drew Hoover Jean Sumser Liam Tindall



# \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* **CONGRATULATIONS TO**

Randy Smith

Dale & Anne Gallon Who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary On August 8th

# Church Workday Thank You

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On June 8th, 2019, eleven volunteers joined together in Christian fellowship for our church work day. Much was accomplished, and the work included new decor for the MacAskill bathroom; installing stone edging for the High Street hedges; weeding and planting boxwoods in the breezeway between the Calvin House and the Sanctuary; stabilizing the Manse fencing; washing the Calvin House windows; and general grounds work.

Thanks to John Graziano, Chooch Wells, Ross Brownley, Sonja Brown, Kennedy Brown, Bill Sterrett, Tom Kolmer, Cathy Gardner, Dennis & Jennifer Ruth for donating their time and efforts.

Jim Gardner, Property Elder 

# Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Jane Neely on the recent death of her sister.

Susan Kolmer on the recent death of her brother-in-law.

# **VBS NEED**

VBS needs a person to compile the pictures into a video presentation for Thursday (June 27) to celebrate end of VBS and for Sunday morning (June 30). If you can help, please contact Cheryl in the church office.

# Mid-Ship News

This year's 30-Hour Famine Event was a big success: After all the funds were collected, our Mid-Ship group raised \$2216 to fight world hunger. This includes \$400 from our cupcake/candy sale on Valentine's Day weekend, the funds individually collected from friends and family members, and donations from our church family. This is the most we've ever raised as a group, and it makes me so happy to have had the involvement we had. We will feed almost 55 children for a month through World Vision



with the money raised. The top two fund-raisers from this year's 30-Hour Famine were Rachel Skoczen, who raised \$280, and Kennedy Brown, who raised \$270. Congratulate these young women when you see them!

The Mid-Ship group had a year-end picnic at Libby's house on the evening of May 26<sup>th</sup>. It was a beautiful evening in an otherwise rainy week. Lots of fried chicken, pot-luck side dishes, brownies and ice cream were eaten, and lots of running-around games were played.

On June 14<sup>th</sup>, Libby, Jack Soliday, and the out-going eighth graders from Mid-Ship got together to solve the 1863 Escape Room on High St. in Gettysburg, then walked to dinner together. There are eight Mid-Ship kids who will move on to the SHIP group in the fall. They will be greatly missed!

The Mid-Ship group will spend the day at Hershey Park on July 9<sup>th</sup> this summer.

# Church Parking Lot CLOSED on July 10

# **Help Needed for South Dakota!**

We will need **LOTS OF HELP** loading the tractor trailer with donations on **Wednesday**, **July 10 beginning at 9:30 a.m.** 

Please let Penny know if you can help—thanks!

#### **Donations STILL NEEDED for South Dakota Mission:**

New Backpacks - empty or filled

School supplies for backpacks

New Flashlights with batteries

**New non-prescription reading glasses:** (1, 1.5, 2 and 2.5)



Donations may be dropped off in Fellowship Hall in the blue bin marked "South Dakota".

We CANNOT accept any more donations of clothing, household goods or furniture.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP!

To the members of Gettysburg Presbyterian Church,

I am a local volunteer for Heifer International and recently received a report that your congregation sent in a wonderful donation.

Your gift is so greatly appreciated and I say "Thank You" on behalf of Heifer and the recipients of your generosity!

Your continued support over the years has enabled Heifer to help so many people. God bless you all for your help as we fight hunger and poverty throughout the world.

Donna Lentz Area Volunteer for Southeast PA

# From July 1 to August 31

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Penny Messinger, GPC's
Administrative Assistant,
is on "summer hours" which are:
Mon. - Thurs.
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
&
off on Fridays.

#### Church Women United

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED invites all local church women to our meeting and (\$4) luncheon on Wednesday, July 3, 11:30 a.m., at the Gettysburg Church of the Brethren, 1710 Biglerville Rd. Our guest speaker Jean Green will be speaking to us about the history of the A.M.E. Church. A special welcome to all newcomers to join in the ecumenical fellowship. The social room is handicapped accessible. FMI, call Cheryl @ 337-2938.

# God on the Ground Praise Fest Rec Park Amphitheater

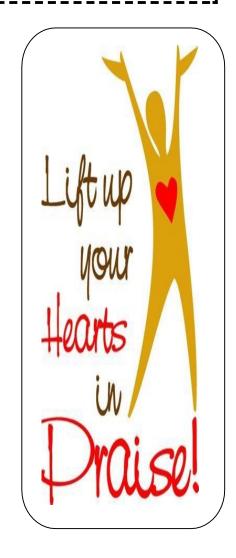
On Saturday, August 24, eleven area churches are sponsoring a Praise Fest from 3:00-7:00 pm at the Gettysburg Rec Park Amphitheater (off of Howard Avenue).

This event will include four different Christian bands, children's activities, two messages (one in English and one in Spanish), free barbecued ribs, hot dogs and more. There will also be opportunities for sharing prayer requests and lots of fellowship and fun! We can always use volunteers to help with the food and welcoming people.

This is the sixth year this event has been held as a way for churches, congregations and the community to work together in bringing a greater presence of the Gospel's Good News beyond the walls of our churches.

Bring a chair or a blanket and join us for some or part of this community event. If it rains, we will move the Praise Fest to the Community Room in the Sterner Building at the Rec Park.

For more information, contact Mike Allwein at St. James, 717-334-2012 or Mary Stevenson, 717-870-9048.



# Service of Healing & Wholeness

During worship THIS SUNDAY, there will be a time of prayer for healing and wholeness.

People may seek healing for physical, emotional, spiritual or relational issues.

# **Organist Hired!**

On Sun., June 9, the Session approved the hiring of Deborah Wolf as our organist, beginning Aug. 4. Deb and her husband, Larry, are long-time GPC members. Deb has been a school music educator and served as a church organist for many years in New Oxford. A search committee consisting of Adam Boyer (chair), Dave Conklin, Linda Raymond, Mary Beth Shoemaker, and Pastor Dave has been working since Feb. to find our new organist. Welcome aboard, Deb!

# <u>SUMMER</u> <u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u>

We are looking for 8 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 through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. Signup sheets to help are on Christian Education table in Fellowship Hall.

# 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
June 9 - July 14 Mary Beth Shoemaker
at 610-730-5051.



### **GPC Faith Community Nurse News**

By: Pam Phillips RN FCN

Summertime is here and we want you to enjoy the great outdoors! Water safety tips can help keep you safe as you enjoy this favorite pastime.

Whether you are at a local swimming pool, beach, Water Park, hot tubs, lakes, rivers, streams, boating, etc. keep the following tips in mind:

- Never swim alone. Always use the buddy system *regardless* of your age!
- Provide constant supervision while your family enjoys the water activities.
- Stay close and never leave swimmers unattended, even for a minute.
- Every member of the family should take swimming lessons.
- Always swim where there are lifeguards at the beach. Do not swim where it is prohibited.
- Inexperienced swimmers and all boaters should wear "US Coast Guard Approved Life Jackets".

  Do not rely on "water wings" or other non approved flotation devices to provide water safety.
- Avoid diving head first into swimming pools, creeks, etc. to prevent injury.
- If you hear "thunder," exit the water immediately to prevent electrocution injury.

# **National Christian Choir Patriotic Concert!**

Saturday, July 6th @ 4:00 p.m.

at Gettysburg High School

Sponsored by the Gettysburg Ministerium

# June / July Music Schedule June 30 Bonnie Wright July 7 Danielle Talamantes and Kerry Wilkerson July 14 Leo McGuire and Randy Smith July 21 Flute Choir

# JULY DATES TO REMEMBER

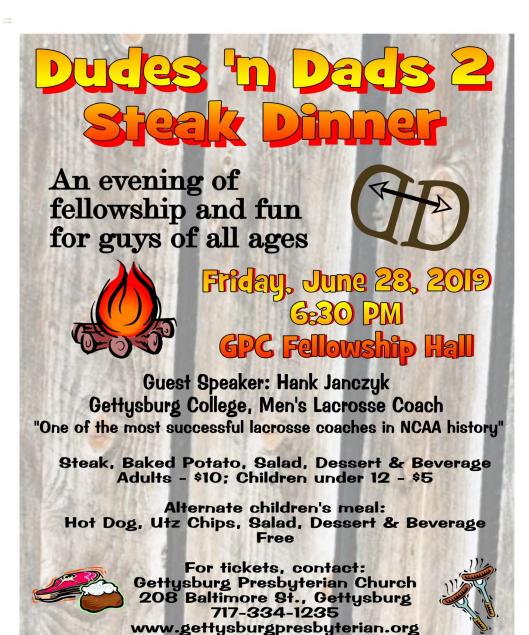
July 1	6:30 p.m.	Outreach Committee
July 3	12:00 p.m.	Men's Interfaith Luncheon
July 3,10,17,24,31	6:00 p.m.	Historic Church Walking Tours
July 4		OFFICE CLOSED
July 7	9:00 & 10:30	SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS S. Dakota & Mexico Commissioning
	7:00 p.m.	Mexico Packing Meeting
July 8	6:30 p.m.	Christian Education
July 8 - 15		MEXICO MISSION TRIP
July 9	7:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Habitat for Humanity Family Ministry Team
July 10	9:00 a.m.	PARKING LOT CLOSED Loading tractor trailer for South Dakota
July 11 - 21		SOUTH DAKOTA MISSION TRIP
July 11	10:00 a.m.	Shawl Ministry
July 14	11:30 a.m.	Deacons Meeting
July 16	6:30 p.m.	Strategic Planning Committee
July 21	4:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
July 23	7:00 p.m.	Security Team

# Who Benefits from Stephen Ministry?

Everybody benefits from Stephen Ministry. Those receiving care from Stephen Ministers benefit because they receive prayer and support throughout the crisis they face. Stephen Ministers benefit through the spiritual growth they experience from being involved in meaningful ministry. Our pastors benefit because caring ministry at GPC is expanded, and fewer people will slip through the cracks. Most of all you benefit from the knowledge that special care is available to you should you need it. In addition, you now have a place where you can refer a friend, neighbor, coworker, relative, or anyone else you know who is going through a difficult time so that they can receive

special care when they need it most. Stephen Ministry makes GPC a much more caring place! For more information contact Lou Nyiri at 334-1235 ext. 4.





"Calendar of Giving"

email:info@gettysburgpresbyterian.org

For the month of:

# June

We will be collecting items for

# **Girl Scout Blessing Box!**

As school comes to a close and many plan summer vacations to rest and rejuvenate, we often don't pause to realize the luxury of that yearly tradition. There are those in our community that cannot afford this opportunity or the necessities of summer - like suntan lotion.

Girl Scout troop 80096 has created a bulletin board in Fellowship Hall to collect donations during the month of June that will help supply the Blessing Box outside the church. The following list of items that are demand: Bottled water, sunscreen, summer hats for children, books for summer reading, canned goods, boxed goods, feminine products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, bars of soap, lotion, socks, hairbrushes, wash cloths, floss, dog and cat food, and small bags of kitty litter.

Please drop off donated items in the tub below the Local Missions bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Thank you in advance for your help!

Please keep the **Teen Workcamp** in your prayers this week as they work in Uniontown, PA.

Also, please pray for Lee and Mary Flinner as they do medical and dental work in **Honduras** beginning June 22, as well as our

Family Mission Trip at Camp Krislund beginning June 30!

# 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!

#### 6/23

#### **Reach Workcamp**

Please be in prayer for our Teen Workcamp as they travel and work in Uniontown, PA June 14-22.

#### 6/30

Family Mission Trip to Camp Krislund.

#### 7/7

#### **Mexico Mission Trip**

Works with Accion Ministries to do construction,
VBS, a glasses ministry,
and fellowship with local
Mexico Christians in the
Yucatan each summer.

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### RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

<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

# **Next Newsletter Deadline:** Noon, Thursday June 27, 2019

# June/July 2019 GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

# **Summer Worship Schedule**

Summer is coming and that means it will soon be time for our Summer Worship Schedule!

In July and August, this will be our worship schedule:

> 9:00 a.m. **Contemporary Worship**

10:30 a.m. **Traditional Worship** 

See you in worship this Summer!

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

June 23 Christian Virtues Series: Honesty

Service of Healing & Wholeness

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June 30 Christian Virtues Series: Joy

Workcamp Report

# Contemporary Worship @ 9:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship @ 10:30

Christian Virtues Series: Humility July 7

Communion

S. Dakota & Mexico Commissioning