

# GRAPEVINE

July 3, 2019

## "The Pastor's Page"

### **Lots of Mission Work**

This year we are sending out 6 mission teams:

- South Carolina (Habitat for Humanity)
- Teen Workcamp (Uniontown, PA)
- Honduras (Medical mission)
- Family Mission Trip  
(Camp Krislund- June 30- July 5)
- Mexico (Yucatan- July 8-15)
- South Dakota (Lakota reservation- July 11-21)

On these trips we do some good in the name of Jesus in a wide variety of places, and also learn lessons that God is teaching us. Please keep the remaining trips in your prayers.

We also support ongoing mission work all year long! Several of our missionaries will be with us in the fall, including Dori Hjalmarson (our newest missionary, in Honduras), Bryan and Emily Gerlach (in Thailand), and Katie Burke (in Ireland) These folks are far from family and friends, often living in challenging conditions, doing Jesus' work every day of the year! Let's keep them in our prayers, too, and take the opportunities to learn more about their work when they visit us!

Thanks for your ongoing financial support of GPC, which makes all this work possible.

*Pastor Dave*

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## WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE? AND WHY DO YOU BELIEVE IT?

Are you able to answer those kinds of questions with confidence?

Can you speak about the things you believe in a clear and concise way?

Or, in this world where everyone is eager to share his or her ideas, do you find yourself moving from this idea to that, questioning the things that you always thought were important, finding yourself less and less sure about where you stand on issues of faith?

If any of the above resonates with you, the newest adult education class at GPC could be the place for you. It's called Christian Believer and it will give you the opportunity to consider in depth some of the most vital and important tenets of the Christian faith using resources such as scripture, church history, philosophy, personal experiences of others, and your own reflections. The leader of the class will be the Reverend Nancy Davis, a retired United Methodist pastor, who has been leading classes in the Disciple Bible study series, to which the Christian Believer study belongs, for more than twenty years. Rev. Davis and her husband, the Reverend Bruce Davis, also a retired UMC pastor, have lived in Gettysburg only about a year, but have made GPC their church home.

The class will begin after Labor Day. More information will follow soon. Please give this class your most prayerful consideration. A strong faith is vitally important to followers of Jesus Christ and every now and then we all need to remind ourselves what our faith is all about. Perhaps now is the time for you to do just that.

### Church Parking Lot **CLOSED** on July 10

Again, this year a tractor-trailer will be taking all of the clothing, toys, linens, etc. that you have donated to the Lakota Reservation in South Dakota. Our packing day is Wednesday, July 10. In order to accommodate the tractor-trailer that day, the church parking lot will be closed to all vehicles (except the staff). Thank you for understanding and thank you for giving so generously to this mission project.



We will also need **LOTS OF HELP** loading the tractor trailer with donations on **Wednesday, July 10 beginning at 9:00 a.m.**

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP!**

### Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Sharon & Jerry Martin on the recent death of their son.

Marilyn Zanger on the recent death of her sister.

Ken Hoy's family, Ken passed away Sunday.

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★ **From July 1 to August 31** ★

★ 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.** ★

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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



## 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.





## Mexico Mail

If you would like to send a note of encouragement to any of our Mexico Mission Trip participants (July 8-15), you can drop it by the church office and it will be delivered to them in Mexico!



The team includes: Christine Canaga, Ali Harvey, Shannon Harvey, Deb Kammerer, Phoebe Kammerer, Tom & Susan Kolmer, Hendricks Lindsey, Andy Miner, Carson Pennings, Laura Pennings, Bekah Riley, Blake Pierson, Megan Pilarcik, Doug Rhodes, Amy Wenninger, and Dave Wright.

### Children's Church

#### Volunteer Leaders

We need adults to step up to give our regular Children's Church leaders the summer break by signing up for a Sunday at 9:00 and 10:30 for July and August.

Curriculum is easy to teach, all you need is in one box. Signup sheet is on table in Fellowship Hall. Please help us continue this program over the summer.

### **Church Women United**

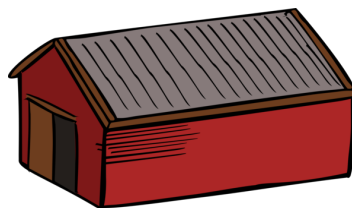
CHURCH WOMEN UNITED invites all local church women to our meeting and (\$4) luncheon on Wednesday, July 3, 11:30 a.m., at the Gettysburg Church of the Brethren, 1710 Biglerville Rd. Our guest speaker Jean Green will be speaking to us about the history of the A.M.E. Zion Church. A special welcome to all newcomers to join in the ecumenical fellowship. The social room is handicapped accessible. For more information, call Cheryl @ 717-337-2938.

## **Barn or Shed or Warehouse needed!**

GPC hopes to have a float in this year's Halloween parade!

We need some space to build it during Sept. and Oct.

If you've got such a space, please contact Patti Schwartz at 717-334-4609.



### **"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:

**July**

We will be collecting items for

### **Manos Unidas**

Office supplies - reams of paper, Post-It Notes, pens, pencils, file folders, tablets, craft supplies, washable paints, paint-brushes, crayons, glue, colored markers, construction paper.

**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**

July 7	Danielle Talamantes and Kerry Wilkerson
July 14	Leo McGuire and Randy Smith
July 21	Flute Choir

**JULY DATES TO REMEMBER**

July 10,17,24,31	6:00 p.m.	Historic Church Walking Tours
July 7	9:00 & 10:30	SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS
	7:00 p.m.	S. Dakota & Mexico Commissioning Mexico Packing Meeting
July 8 - 15		MEXICO MISSION TRIP
July 9	7:30 a.m.	Habitat for Humanity
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
July 24	7:00 p.m.	Health Care for All

**Confidentiality**



It's a cornerstone of Stephen Ministry, and a good guide for all of us to live by. When someone tells you something private, resist the temptation to pass it along. Keep it confidential. In the event you really believe someone else needs to know, encourage the person who told you to tell that person, or get his or her permission to pass it along. You'll feel better in the long run--and you'll have earned the trust of a friend. For more information contact Lou Nyiri at 334-1235 ext. 4.

## Vacation Bible School Thank you

We had an exciting and fulfilling VBS. We had 71 children and 58 adults and teens helping. We enjoyed learning about Jesus' parables of the "Good Samaritan," "Prodigal Son," "Sower & the Seed," "Lost Sheep/Lost Coin." Through these parables we learned how Jesus wants us to live and show His love.

Thanks to the following people:

**Group Leaders:** Debbie Snyder, Phyllis Dowd, Pat Lewis, Amanda Ott, Marion Hollowell, Carole Simon, Liz Higgins, Sharon Holsclaw, Mary Miner, Megan Ziegler and Andy Miner

**Group Aides:** Steve Kinsey, Alex Nyiri, Joanna Suarez, Maddie Brubaker, Nikki Armstrong, Shannon McConnell

**Story:** Susan Kolmer

**Scripture:** Kelcee Keller, Sue Lindsay

**Backdrop:** Chrissy Ely

**Games:** Blake Pierson

**Music:** Dave Conklin, Carrie Trax

**Kitchen:** Nancy Cook, Brenda McCabe, Gavin Eberhart, Harrison Moroz

**Skits:** Jen Daniels, Blake Pierson, Tessa Trax, Luke Daniels, Riley Fitzgerald, Michael Stratton, Daelyn Stabler, Shaely Stabler, Will Brubaker, Dillon Hutchinson-Thomas & Audrey Trax.

**Photography:** Bonnie Wright, Jen Unger

**Bench for Photos:** Jerry Heeschen

**Video:** Kelcee Keller, Lou Nyiri for Facebook page

**Crafters:** Amy Deitch, Eniko Shearer, Elly Cleaver, Penny Ziegler, Jerry Cleaver, Pam Phillips, Richard Miner, Nancy Davis, Heather Tschop, Amy Hoch, Kennedy Brown, Riley Fitzgerald, Emily Delacruz, Alisa Carbaugh, Kendall Holsclaw, Julie Kint, Abby Moroz, Harrison Moroz, Tessa Trax, Lily Hodges, Phoebe Cleaver, Brianna Hieber, Adelyn Hieber, Will Brubaker, Shaely Stabler, Daelyn Stabler, Gabe Delacruz, Bunny Toddes, Margo Har, Maddie Staub, Cammie Staub, Jen Unger, Caleb Unger, Madison Kreitz, Hannah Reen, Barry Simon

**Prep Cutters:** Marty Fitzgerald, Amanda Ott, Heather Tschop

**Prepare & Assemble Wood Project** – Chooch Wells, Jerry Cleaver

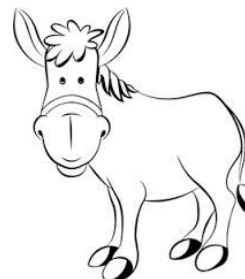
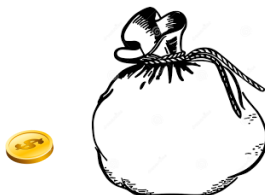
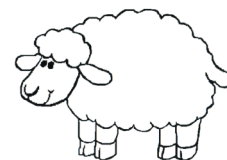
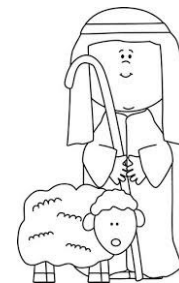
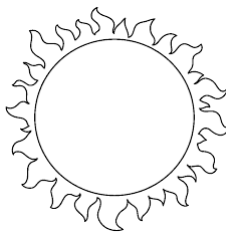
**Help Setting Up VBS** – Jerry & Elly Cleaver, Heather Tschop

**Donations** - Congregation

**Cleanup** – Dennis Ruth

**Nursery** – Sarah Lambert

**Support and Name Tags** -- Penny Messinger



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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 August 1, 2019**

**July/August 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!

**Contemporary Worship @ 9:00 a.m.  
Traditional Worship @ 10:30**

<b>July 7</b>	Christian Virtues Series: <i>Humility</i> Communion S. Dakota & Mexico Commissioning
<b>July 14</b>	Christian Virtues Series: <i>Self-Control</i> Family Mission Trip Report
<b>July 21</b>	Christian Virtues Series: <i>Justice</i>
<b>July 28</b>	Christian Virtues Series: <i>Faithfulness</i> Mexico Mission Report
<b>August 4</b>	Christian Virtues Series: <i>Persistence</i> Communion