

GRAPEVINE

August 7, 2019

"The Pastor's Page"

The following was written by Bill Tindall, GPC Elder for Local Mission/Peacemaking Team:

What are we doing to Promote Local Justice?

There were some questions regarding what our church does to promote justice locally after Pastor Dave's sermon on this Christian Virtue. Actually, in an effort to promote community justice, there are quite a few local mission activities we're involved in.

For example, we participate in providing shelter for the homeless in two ways: By hosting the homeless in our church for two weeks as part of **Gettysburg CARES** and providing transportation. This year, our host dates are December 22-January 5. Our commitment is to provide facilities and hosts each evening. Additionally, many GPC members stay the entire night. There is training at St. James Lutheran Church in the fall for anyone who wants to become involved. We also provide van drivers and transportation to the Great Conewago Presbyterian Church when they host the homeless. GPC members also reach out as overnight volunteers at various other churches throughout our community from October through April.

GPC has been a **Covenant Church with Habitat for Humanity** for more than 25 years. Our church members serve on the board and volunteer to help build Habitat houses. The most recent home is located next to NAPA Auto Parts on Middle St. and the new owners have comfortably moved in. Bob Remaley is our contact.

Once a month, GPC provides soup for lunch at the **Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen**. Additionally, our church members volunteer to work at the soup kitchen and serve on the board. Interested volunteers should contact Merida Hurkett.

Each year, GPC sponsors the **Dr. Robert Curtis Peace Essay Contest**, "What Can I do to Promote Peace Eternal in a World United?" Seniors at Gettysburg High School compete for first and second place essays and are given cash awards each year by Margaret Curtis at the annual school scholarship night.

GPC members volunteer for **The Gleaning Project of South-Central PA**, a wonderful way to get some fresh air, enjoy the beautiful countryside of Adams Co. and pick fruit and vegetables for those in our community who are dealing with food insecurity.

In the late summer and fall, as migrant workers move into our communities, we participate in the **Adopt-a-Camp Migrant Ministry**. Ours is located on Potato Road, just west of Bendersville. We meet them at their camp, provide warm blankets, sweatshirts and toiletries, and get to know them through visits. In addition to adult church members, our youth group pitches in to build relationships while these workers are many miles from their homes and families.

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Each year GPC members volunteer for **bell ringing at the Salvation Army's** fundraising event at Walmart during the holiday season.

GPC **Presbyterian Women** organize a **Rummage and Bake Sale** twice a year to benefit the PW Fund as well providing reasonably priced used items to our local community. Amy Deitch is our contact.

Carpenter's Gift reaches out to community members who need help in home repairs. GPC members volunteer their skills in carpentry, painting, roofing and general labor. Kevin Hollowell leads this project.

Our church periodically provides bag lunches for **Mission of Mercy**. Founded in 1994, Mission of Mercy seeks to assist those uninsured and underinsured in our communities with health care, dental care and prescription medications.

We have GPC volunteers and board members serving the local community through **Ruth's Harvest**, a ministry that provides elementary school children with nutritious food over the weekends during the school year. They sort, shelve and pack food items weekly that are sent home with students each Friday. We also collect food items regularly to support this program.

Through regular church offerings and the **Annual Peace Offering**, GPC provides funding for many local community activities as well. Some include: Ruth's Harvest, **Adams Rescue Mission, Adams Co. Homeless Shelter, Lend a Hand, Adams Co. Prison Chaplain, Fruitbelt Farmworkers Ministry**, Carpenter's Gift, Habitat for Humanity, Gettysburg CARES and **God on the Ground**.

Each month church members contribute to people and local organizations in need through the **Calendar of Giving**. Each monthly organization is posted on the bulletin board and the tub is located next to the elevator. Just drop your items in the tub.

Lend-a-Hand, in the planning stages for this fall, is a one-day activity that reaches out to those in need of home repairs or fall cleanup. It's designed for individuals or families and will consist of basic home repairs as well as fall clean-up activities such as leaf removal, gutter cleaning and other preparations necessary for the winter months. Volunteer tasks, providing the gift of time, talent and love, will be both skilled and non-skilled.

As Pastor Dave said in his sermon, "To follow God means to treat others compassionately and justly." If you haven't already, why don't you try one or more of these local missions?

(~Bill Tindall, Elder for Local Missions & Peacemaking Team)

Fall Small Group Study Coming

This fall's small group will use a study guide for the book of Colossians, "*You are Alive in Christ.*" The book encourages us to gather in small groups to explore the completeness of the salvation that God has given us in Jesus Christ, His Son. The book features discussion questions, scripture readings, and prayer prompts. Please join us October 6 – November 10th. Sign up in Fellowship Hall starting September 8th, or by emailing or calling Lynne Graziano at lynnegraziano@gmail.com, 404-226-4742.

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 July 14 - August 11 Debbie Manning at 717-337-2427 and August 11–Sept. 8 Brenda McCabe at 717-339-7057.



A big thank you to all the Deacons who kindly provide a wonderful caring service for all GPC members. After my surgery, we appreciated their thoughtfulness in providing John and me with wonderful evening meals.
A real blessing!

Lois Gregor



THANK YOU ALL !!!

As we prepared for our South Dakota mission trip, we prayed that God would send enough help to load all the donations and furniture on the huge tractor trailer. And God did!! We had a wonderful crew of GPC members and friends, including several GPC youth and 10 youth from Heidlersburg United Brethren Church.

Thanks to each of the following volunteers for contributing to this mission!
 Jeff Anderson, Nikkie Armstrong, Barry Breighner, Lucy Breighner, Maddie Brubaker, Will Brubaker, David & Pat Conklin, Jeff & Nancy Cook, Dennis & Phyllis Dowd, Andy Farkas, Brian Fitzgerald, Lisa Graybill, Hank Har, Heidlersburg United Brethren Youth, Mandi Holler, Kevin Hollowell, Jean LeGros, Terry Manning, Penny Messenger, Rick Miner, Antonio Mora, Brian Mora, Ethan Mora, Kathleen Redding, Bruce & Pam Rowland, Austin Rucker, Dennis Ruth, Jim Scofield, Darwin Seiler, Patrick Sullivan, Christian Swartzbaugh, Steve & Tammi Swartzbaugh, Heather Tschop, Hank Tushek, Hailey Unger and Mike Wark.

Save the Date!

WHAT: All Church Picnic
WHEN: Sunday, September 15
 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM
WHERE: Eisenhower School
 Foreman-Hartman Pavilion
 (Right beside the playground!)
 120 East Broadway, Gettysburg

A time for families, friends, fellowship, fun, and of course FOOD!



Corn Hole Competition!
 More Details to Follow

#whyGPC

September 8, 2019

On September 8th we'd like to highlight #whyGPC is a great place of "caring, commitment and celebration." We plan to do this by featuring many of our Ministry Teams and fellowship opportunities. From 9 am to 12:30 pm, Fellowship Hall will be a ministry fair of displays with representatives showcasing and answering questions about their respective Ministry Team & Church Group Displays.

If a ministry team or group you work with at GPC would like a table, then complete the form below and return by September 2nd. **(Submit separate form for each group.)**

GPC Kick-Off Ministry Team Fair

September 8, 2019

#whyGPC

(Return to Rev. Nyiri in the church office via mail; offering plate or email gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org NO LATER than September 2nd)

Group Name: _____

Group Contact: _____

Group Contact Phone: _____ (Best time to call: 3-5pm / 6-7pm / 8-9pm)

Group Contact Email: _____

_____ We need ½ of an 8-foot table (4'X4') _____ We need 1 whole 8-foot table (4'X8')

_____ We need an electrical outlet for our display – yes/no (circle one)

A Note from Ken Hoy's Family

Ken Hoy entered the church triumphant on June 30, 2019. Per his wishes, a memorial service was held in Wyoming. We recently received a letter from Ken's daughter, Linda Corey, indicating that her father listed Gettysburg Presbyterian Church as one of three memorial contribution recipients. She asked that we might share this news with the congregation. If you wish to contribute to GPC's ministry, in memory of Ken, then please send a contribution to the church office and write "Ken Hoy Memorial" on the memo line.

A Musical Afternoon / September 22nd



GPC has pre-purchased 76 seats for Gettysburg Community Theatre's musical Guys and Dolls on Sunday, September 22nd at 2:00 p.m. Several GPC members are performing in this musical. This is a great fellowship opportunity with your church and a chance to introduce your friend(s) to your church in an informal setting. Reserve tickets by contacting Rev. Nyiri (717-334-1235, ext. 4 / gpclo@gettysburgpresbyterian.org). Tickets are \$18.00 (check payable to: Gettysburg Presbyterian Church – confidential

financial assistance available). When reserving tickets indicate your first and last name, total number of tickets needed, and if you will require financial assistance.

Budget Update from the Treasurer

Balance in checkbook 6/1/2019		\$333,530.04
General Budget Income	\$59,643.37	
Dedicated Funds Income	<u>\$15,358.75</u>	
Total Income		<u>\$75,002.12</u>
Beginning Balance plus income		\$408,532.16
General Budget Expenses	\$56,434.79	
Dedicated Funds Expenses	<u>\$35,662.95</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>\$92,097.74</u>
Beginning Balance + Income - Expenses		\$316,434.42
Plus Entries affecting the Balance Sheet		<u>\$425.46</u>
Checkbook balance as of 6/30/2019		\$316,859.88
Dedicated Accounts Fund Balance as of 6/30/2019		<u>(\$318,152.50)</u>
Deficit Balance available for operating expenses		(\$1,292.62)

As of the end of June (half way through the year), the church had received 45.98% of the anticipated income and had spent 47.95% of the anticipated expenses for 2019. The month of July has been more challenging than the month of June, so if you are a little behind in your pledge, August would be a great time to catch up!

We have a lot of programming going on here at GPC, but it cannot happen without your financial support. This congregation has always met its obligations faithfully, and I am sure that it always will going forward.

As always, if anyone has questions about church finances, please call me or send me an email. My cell phone is 717-873-1351 and my home email address is georgemarguglio@comcast.net.

~ George Marguglio

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 Sunday, September 8th 5:00—7:00 p.m. or Monday September 9th from 9:30—11:30 a.m. and runs thru May 2020. **Deadline for Registration is August 20th.**

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, August 11 th	Blessing of Professional Educators
Sunday, August 18 th	Blessing of Backpacks Bibles to 3 Year Olds
Wednesday, Sept. 4 th	Youth Club Orientation Meeting – Youth & Parents 7 PM
Sunday, Sept. 8 th	Kick Off Sunday All Sunday School classes resume Presenting Bibles to 2 nd Graders Christian Believer – 5 PM
Monday, Sept. 9 th	Christian Believer – 9:30 AM
Wednesday, Sept. 11 th	Youth Club Begins
Thursday, Sept. 12 th	Young at Heart begins



We welcome Barb Sanders as our new Youth Club Coordinator! Barb has vast experience with the children and youth here at GPC. Our youth club children look forward to what ideas she will bring to our program. She will be working with our DCE, Bonnie Wright & Jamie Bowman in our youth club program which begins in September. Welcome aboard Barb!

Disciple Bible Study

We are offering Disciple in-depth Bible Study again this fall. It will be offered on a weekday at 10 a.m. There are several courses – we need 5 – 8 people to hold a class. Courses are “Into the Word, Into the World”– Genesis, Exodus, Luke & Acts; “Remember Who You Are” – Prophets and Letters of Paul; “Under the Tree of Life” – Daniel and Revelation; and “Jesus in the Gospels” – a study of Jesus across the four gospels. Prayerfully consider how you are being led into a deeper and enriching study of Scripture. If you are interested, please speak to Cheryl Betts in the church office. Classes would begin the week of September 8th.

The Nominating Committee is currently meeting to propose names of GPC members for Elder and Deacon. The committee asks for your prayers as well as any suggestions.

To propose a name for Elder or Deacon please contact any member of the Nominating Committee: Anne Gallon, Brandy Mosser, Lyn Weary, Lloyd Schaeffer, Diane Weikert, Roger Clowes, Carol Heiser or Dave Boyer.

Children's Sunday School Teachers Needed

We are looking for three teachers for this year – 2 in Preschool and 1 in Grades 2-3. These positions would be part of a three-teacher rotation that is shared among the three teachers on the team. Curriculum is easy to prepare, and the children are excited to be learning more about Jesus. Would you consider coming and joining with us as we teach the faith to our younger members? If you can help, please contact Cheryl Betts in the church office or call 717-334-1235, ext. 5.

Condolences:

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Al Moyer on the recent death of his sister.

Ken Elledge on the recent death of his brother.

Rick Beamer on the recent death of his sister.

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.



BLESSING OF BACKPACKS **Sunday, August 18th**

On Sunday, Aug. 18th, we would like all children and youth to bring their backpacks to worship. We will have the blessing of the backpacks during the Children's Message and have a token to give each child to go on their backpacks. Our children and youth deal with so many stresses nowadays - academic, extracurricular, social, etc. During all these stresses, we want them to have a tangible reminder that they are always being upheld by the love of God and the love and prayers of this congregation. What better tangible reminder than the backpack that they lug around with them all day long? So, if you know any children or youth, encourage them to bring their backpacks to worship on Sunday, August 18th.



Deb is a long-time member here, married to Larry. She began her work with us on Aug. 4. Welcome!

We are very excited to welcome Deb Wolf as our regular organist!

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS, **PRINCIPALS, SUPERINTENDENTS**

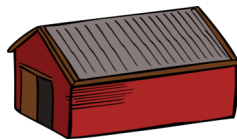
Sunday, August 11th we are inviting you to come to worship for a blessing by the Director of Christian Education. We want to bless you as you enter a new school year. We know the pressure that our culture puts on educators to rectify all kinds of family and social problems that have made this profession both vastly more crucial and infinitely more difficult. Please join us on Sunday, August 11th as we affirm educators serving in schools as a called to and honorable vocation.

College Youth

Youth Club would love to have a junior or senior high school student or college youth (a male would be great for the boys in Youth Club) to work with our children after school on Wednesdays in Youth Club. If you are interested, please see Cheryl Betts, our DCE or talk to Barb Sanders.

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:

August

We will be collecting individual serving items for

Ruth's Harvest

Tuna & cracker packs, canned chicken, canned ham chunks, instant soup cups, beef stew, mac & cheese, rice & bean cups, canned pastas, oatmeal packets, cold cereal, fruit cups, pudding cups, pretzels, nuts or trail mix, raisins, 100% juice, protein breakfast or granola bars, goldfish, string cheese, microwave popcorn, canned vegetables

Notes from *Your Church Library* ...

Parkinson's Disease How to Talk About it with Your Kids
by Robert L. Lindsay

This book is a quick, easy to read explanation on how to talk with children & family about Parkinson's disease specifically but really any debilitating disease a family member, friend, or you may be experiencing. Keeping children "in the loop" regarding a disease is so very important & this book allows that conversation to begin with age appropriate statements & questions provided. By beginning conversations, ground can be prepared for more emotional discussions regarding the impacted person & teaching life lessons. *This excellent resource is now available in your Adult Library for anyone to check out.*

Parables ...

This summer on Sundays, we have listened to sermons that have been related to Christian Virtues. Two new books which can be found in the *Phyllis Dowd Children's Library* each retell a parable in an easy to understand format. Who Is My Neighbor? by Amy-Jill Levine & Sandy Eisenberg Sasso retells "The Good Samaritan" parable while Who Counts? by the same authors listed above retells the three parables found in the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 15.

Both books would be enjoyed by early, mid-level elementary readers and both would be good read aloud bedtime stories. For those children familiar with those parables, a follow up with parents might be helpful as well.

August / September Music Schedule for Traditional Worship	
August 4	Linda MacAskill
August 11	David & Pat Conklin
August 18	Stephen & Tammi Swartzbaugh
August 25	Niles Ellingson Cindy Janczyk George Marguglio Randy Smith
September 1	Rachel Parmentier

GPC HIKING CLUB

We are looking forward to cooler weather and some good Fall hiking! Our first hike of the Fall will be **Saturday, September 21st**. Megan will be leading a hike at Caledonia State Park. We will meet in the church parking lot and leave at 10am. Make sure you wear layers, comfortable hiking shoes, and bring water, and a snack. Please email Megan at MeganZiegler2014@gmail.com, if you plan to come.

We are very excited about our first overnight camping/hiking trip! Mark your calendar for **Friday and Saturday, October 18th and 19th**. Our plan is to leave late afternoon/early evening on Friday and carpool down to the Shenandoah National Park. Jen and Matt are planning to pull their Pop-Up camper and we will have several tents to use. We will hike on Saturday and head home late Saturday. In order for us to accurately plan, it is very important that you let us know you are interested by September 1st. This is not a commitment, but please only let us know if you are seriously interested. You can email your interest to Megan at MeganZiegler2014@gmail.com or Jen at MJClark1963@embarqmail.com.


Our **November** hike will be on **Saturday the 16th**. We plan on going to the site of the Battle of Monterey Pass in Waynesboro and will leave the church parking lot at 10am. This will be a great day for hikers and those interested in history. We hope to see you for some exciting events this fall. Don't forget to "Like" us on Facebook: "GPC Hiking Club."



Part of Something BIG



As a Stephen Ministry congregation, GPC is part of a big network of care. There are thousand of Stephen Ministry congregations representing more than 150 Christian denominations across the US, Canada, and the world. The Stephen Ministries headquarters is based in St. Louis, Missouri and can connect our Stephen Leaders with Stephen Ministry congregations virtually everywhere in the country. So if you have a relative or friend far away who is in need of care, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders. They may be able to connect your friend to a Stephen Ministry congregation in his or her own neighborhood. For more information contact Lou Nyiri at 334-1235

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>August 2019</h1>						
						
4 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship	5 6:30 p.m. Strategic Planning 7:00 p.m. Mission & Interpretation	6 2:30 p.m. Fellowship Team 7:00 p.m. Civil Air Patrol	7 12:00 p.m. Men's Interfaith 6:00 p.m. Historic Church Walking Tour (West)	8	9	10 9:00 a.m. Youth Band
11 South Dakota Report Honoring Professional Educators 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 10:00 a.m. Deacons 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 12:00 p.m. Mexico Reunion	12 6:30 p.m. Christian Ed. 6:30 p.m. Outreach Com.	13 7:30 a.m. Habitat Board 6:30 p.m. Family Ministry 7:00 p.m. Civil Air Patrol	14 6:00 p.m. Historic Church Walking Tour (East) ----- Fellowship Hall Floors being waxed -----	15 9:00 a.m. Staff Planning Mtg 5:30 p.m. Stewardship Team	16 12:00 - 2:00 Outside Gp.	17 9:00 a.m. Youth Band
18 Bibles to 3-year olds Blessing of the Backpacks Katie Burke Here 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship	19 11:15 a.m. CFY 6:30 p.m. Worship & Music 6:30 p.m. Nominating Com.	20 7:00 p.m. Civil Air Patrol	21 6:00 p.m. Historic Church Walking Tour (West)	22 12:00 Noon Newsletter Deadline 6:30 p.m. 1st Year Walk Outreach Event	23	24 9:00 a.m. Youth Band
25 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship	26	27 6:30 p.m. Strategic Planning 7:00 p.m. Civil Air Patrol	28 6:00 p.m. Historic Church Walking Tour (East) 7:00 p.m. Healthcare 4 All 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	29	30	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 August 22, 2019**



Have Questions?

Do you have a question you'd like to ask a pastor?

On Sunday, Aug. 25, Pastor Dave will be answering your questions during worship in place of the sermon!

You can submit questions via email to: gpcpastor-dave@gettysburgpresbyterian.org or place them in the offering plate or drop them by the church office.

**August / September 2019
 GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

August 11	How to Pray South Dakota Mission Trip Report Blessing of Public Educators
August 18	Blessing of the Backpacks Bibles given to 3-yr-olds
August 25	Ask Questions to Rev. David Wright Honduras Mission Trip Report
September 1 (Return to 3 services)	<u>Traditional Worship @ 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.</u> <u>Contemporary Worship @ 9:30 a.m.</u> Communion