

# GRAPEVINE

August 28, 2019

## "The Pastor's Page"

Recently, the Presbyterian Church's Office of Public Witness released a statement critical of the Trump administration's new rule affecting legal immigrants in our country who are seeking permanent status. It would penalize those who have used any public services including food stamps, Medicaid, or housing assistance- services that poor people seeking safety here are likely to need when they first arrive. I don't always agree with our denomination's stand on current issues, but I thought this statement from Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, who directs the Office of Public Witness was right on target for those who seek to live out biblical Christianity:

"The Trump administration's new rule concerning immigrant persons attempting to legally migrate to the United States is one of the most un-Christian actions of any administration in decades. This new rule would radically alter the criteria for acquiring legal status and citizenship and harm the ability of the most vulnerable to find a place in our society; it is one of the most cold-hearted endeavors imaginable. It is beyond the pale that immigrant persons with legal status in the US could now be denied permanent status because they have legally used public benefits. It is the poor, the impoverished, the hungry and the starving for whom we as a nation, and as people of faith, are called to embrace and welcome. It is with the strongest condemnation that we stand in firm and determined opposition to any actions put forth by this administration to implement such a rule. As a Matthew 25 church "We Choose Welcome" to those who are most in need."

*The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.*

**~ Leviticus 19:34**

*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.*

**~ Luke 10:2**

*Pastor Dave*

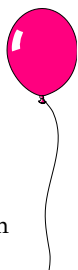
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# Happy Birthday to...

**September 1**  
Dottie Fleckner  
Conor Wagner  
**September 2**  
Carol Eyer  
Ian Gazmen  
**September 3**  
William Faloon  
Warren Walle  
**September 4**  
Terry Manning  
Carole Simon  
**September 5**  
Meredith Bergen  
Gayle Kelch  
Jim McCabe  
Jim Raggets  
**September 6**  
Lisa Gormley  
Rich Kammerer  
Lisamarie Marks  
Judy Strevig

**September 7**  
Chase Bowman  
Rachel Landauer  
Marian Schultz  
**September 8**  
Lou Nyiri  
**September 9**  
Mike Brubaker  
Georgia Kuhn  
**September 10**  
Joanne Getty  
Timothy Johnson  
**September 11**  
Donna Newman  
Candace Veon-Nyiri  
Jenifer Wagner  
**September 12**  
Linda Miller  
Shaely Stabler  
Brittany Stone  
**September 13**  
Anne Kern  
Linda Raymond



**September 14**  
Eric Doyle  
Zachary Shoemaker  
**September 15**  
Ross Brownley  
Barbara Ellingson  
Montford Illick  
Roslyn Parkhurst  
Adam Smarsh  
Bonnie Wright  
**September 16**  
Kelly Jones  
**September 17**  
Cindy Burnsteel  
Brianna Hieber  
Tyler Kint  
Kate Sainer  
**September 18**  
Nancy Cook  
Justin Lewis  
Bill Nelson  
Robert Tomassini

**September 19**  
Georgia Bittle  
Ryan Cunningham  
Lois Edwards  
Owen Freas  
Shawn Graff  
**September 20**  
Sarah Hoffman  
Amber Skoczen  
**September 21**  
Pat Conklin  
Ryan Kime  
Eleanor Rice  
Jennifer Unger  
**September 22**  
Heather Maynard  
Neal Weaver  
**September 23**  
Mary Ann Remaley  
Robert Smith  
**September 24**  
Jessica Lush




**September 25**  
Tim Bollinger  
Karen Golanoski  
Alexa Wilhelm  
**September 26**  
Rachel Parmentier  
Elizabeth Russo  
**September 27**  
Theo Mora  
Henry Oswald  
**September 28**  
Justin Beegle  
Sharon Kuntzman  
**September 29**  
Chris Carbaugh  
Will Mosser  
Katie Shoemaker  
**September 30**  
Roger Clowes  
Kay Heggan  
Blake Pierson  
Stephen Swartzbaugh

**Sing! Sing! Sing!**



We have two adult choirs at GPC and **WE NEED SINGERS**. The **11:00** choir will have their first rehearsals Wednesday evening Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> and Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Early choir will begin on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, rehearsal at 7:40 a.m. (childcare provided) and sing at the 8:15 a.m. services. **Please consider joining this ministry!** Contact David Conklin at 717-357-7753 for more information.



We would like to say thank you for all the care and concern the congregation has shown since my brother's passing.  
Ken & Dorie Elledge

**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 August 11—Sept. 8 is Brenda McCabe at 717-339-7057 and Sept. 8 - Oct. 13 is Lee Flinner at 717-642-5578.



**DIVORCE Care**

**Divorced? Separated? You don't have to go through it alone.**

DivorceCare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Everyone is welcome!

Starting Sunday, September 1, we will meet every Sunday from 5:30-7:00 at Gettysburg Presbyterian Church (208 Baltimore St.)

Register by calling (717) 334-1235 or e-mail: [susantgpc@gmail.com](mailto:susantgpc@gmail.com)

[www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org)

# GPC PICNIC & POTLUCK

WHAT: All-Church Picnic

WHEN: Sunday, September 15  
from 1:00 - 3:00 PM  
Feel free to come after the late service, we will eat around 1:00.



WHERE: **Location Change! Straban Township Park**  
100 Smith Road, Gettysburg  
Turn left at the light on Route 30 across from the Gateway Theater entrance.  
Pass Tractor Supply Company and the park is on the left just beyond the store.

Corn hole tournament    "Minute to Win it" Games    Hymn Sing

Beef Barbecue, rolls, drinks, and napkins will be provided.

Please bring: Your own place setting, a potluck dish, and serving utensil for it.

**Last Name A-G**, Please bring a dessert

**Last Name H-Z**, Please bring a salad or side dish

Name \_\_\_\_\_ We plan to attend with \_\_\_\_\_ people in our party.

We'd like to be a part of the corn hole tournament! Sign up as a team of 2 or a single --

## #whyGPC

### September 8, 2019

On September 8<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. (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](mailto:gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org) NO LATER than September 2<sup>nd</sup>)

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)

## An Update from Source of Life Ministries in Haiti

Remember contributing items such as shoes, school supplies, basic personal hygiene supplies, and non-perishable snacks back in April for the Haitian orphanage that GPC helps support? Well, those supplies reached the compound with surprising speed despite all the political corruption and unrest that is being experienced in Haiti. What is also exciting, is that Source of Life now has a website that we can visit to learn about the children who are benefiting from our love and support! Take a moment to check it out! <https://sourceoflifeministries.com>



### A Musical Afternoon / September 22nd

GPC has pre-purchased 76 seats for Gettysburg Community Theatre's musical *Guys and Dolls* on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 / [gpcloou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpcloou@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.

### Children's Bathrooms Challenge

The bathrooms in the Children's Sunday School wing are currently out of order. We are investigating options for repair, which will be costly. In the meantime, children will use the bathroom next to the MacAskill Room. We ask our adults to use other bathrooms in the church when possible during the Sunday School hour so that the MacAskill bathroom will be available for our children. Thank you!

### HALLOWEEN Parade FLOAT

Summer is almost over and, as some of you may have heard, we are hoping to have a float entry in this year's Halloween parade. The date of the parade is October 22.

To be successful we need the following:

- ~ A large flatbed trailer big enough to carry the praise band and a vehicle to pull it, or a truck with its own flatbed ...we will need the use of the trailer for at least three weeks.
- ~ Volunteers, including builders and designers and lots of worker bees, to help carry out the design and costume makers.
- ~ We will also need kids and adults to walk in the parade and give out candy and info about GPC.

If you can help in any way, please contact Patti Schwartz at 717-334-4609 or [pbschwartz07@comcast.com](mailto:pbschwartz07@comcast.com) or Heather Tschop at 717-334-8272 or [heathertschop@gmail.com](mailto:heathertschop@gmail.com) ASAP

# 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:

- Wednesday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>      7 PM - Youth Club Orientation Meeting Youth & Parents
- Sunday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>      Kick Off Sunday  
All Sunday School classes resume  
Presenting Bibles to 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders  
5 PM - Christian Believer
- Monday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>      9:30 AM - Christian Believer
- Wednesday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>      Youth Club Begins
- Thursday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>      Young at Heart begins

## 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.

## 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 and 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 8<sup>th</sup>.

**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.



By: Pam Phillips RN

### **Healthy Reasons to eat Fruit!**

July is the time when fruit is plentiful at our local farm markets or backyard. I love getting fresh fruit to eat with a meal, a snack, or in my favorite recipes. Here are some fun facts:

**Cherries:** Cherries help to calm your nervous system, and are full of fiber and antioxidants. They are one of the sweetest fruits.

**Grapes:** Grapes help to relax your blood vessels. Grapes have antioxidants, vitamins, and minerals. Grapes are very low in calories and zero cholesterol.

**Apricots:** Its orange color explains its richness in vitamin A, essential for the health of the eyes and the skin. Apricots have many health benefits, including the ability to improve digestion, relieve constipation, improve heart health and wounds, and reduce cholesterol levels.

**Peaches:** Rich in potassium, fluoride, and iron, peaches are also known for their antioxidant role and excellent for the skin thanks to their high vitamin A content.

**Watermelon:** This fruit helps to control your heart rate. Watermelon has a high content of water vs. nutrients. Watermelon is 90% water. If you are on a fluid restriction diet, be cautious!

**Strawberries:** Strawberries potentially fight cancer and aging. They are low calorie because of their richness in water, while being very nutritious. Among the most represented nutrients: vitamin C which makes them one of the richest fruits in vitamin C.

**Mangoes:** They help to protect against several kinds of cancer. They are particularly rich in vitamin C and antioxidants, which makes them beneficial against diseases and premature aging.

**Blueberries:** They are low in carbohydrates, antioxidants, and rich in water, Vitamin A and potassium.

**Blackberries:** These tart-tasting berries contain antioxidants and manganese.

**Plums:** They are higher in calories than most fruits but have healthy benefits! Plums have fiber richness that help to prevent episodes of constipation.

**Tomatoes:** The good news is *"it's the beginning of the full season of tomatoes"*! They are rich in water, low-calorie, and rich in nutrients!

Next time you are invited for a dinner, take along a healthy side dish with some of the fruits listed above.

Mary & Lee Flinner recently returned from the 26th Medical & Dental Mission to Honduras. They would like to thank GPC for the long term support of this mission. Here is what was accomplished:

### Honduras Medical/Dental Project

San Luis, Santa Barbara Six clinic days: June 24-29, 2019

<b>Total Dental Patients</b>		<b>811</b>
Restorations	1,164	
Extractions	1,948	
Cleanings	148	
Fluoride Treatment	28	
<b>Total Medical Patients</b>		<b>1,211</b>
Prescriptions	4,270	
Deworming Treatment	1,063	
Ear Cleaning	11	
Lab Procedures	216	
Minor Procedures	68	
<b>Total Eye Patients</b>		<b>388</b>
<b>Total Physical Therapy Patients</b>		<b>100</b>
People receiving Health Education	1,263	
Decisions of Faith	56	
<b>Total Patients Served</b>		<b>2,510</b>
<b>Total Services</b>		<b>15,599</b>
<b>Total Team Members: 71</b>		
33 Hondurans		
38 North Americans		

## Books Needed



My Name is Julie Kint.  
I am a 12 year old member of GPC.  
I am having a book sale in September to raise money for my Girl Scout Silver Award project. For my project, I am making new curtains and purchasing a shelving unit for the Gettysburg Soup Kitchen.

I am looking for donations of books to sell at my book sale on Sept. 21st at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Littlestown.

I will also be having a car wash and bake sale that day.

I can pick up your books or there will be a bin in Fellowship Hall between September 1-15. Please contact [susankint@comcast.net](mailto:susankint@comcast.net) for pick up.  
Thank you!

## 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!

- 9/1 Mission Bright Star**  
Our gift-giving ministry to children of incarcerated parents
- 9/8 Ben & Emily Okello in Kenya**  
They are overseeing an orphanage with many children. Ben also plants churches throughout Kenya.
- 9/15 Clean Water Project, Chaipas, Mexico**  
Funded by our Capital Campaign Mission component, a well and water purification system is managed by a church in Hidalgo.

## “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:

### September

We will be collecting individual serving items for

### **Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S.**

Instant coffee & hot chocolate, plastic spoons, hot cups, blankets (Twin Bed) new or mildly used, XX-Large Ziploc Big Bags (available at Walmart, 4/box) for storing blankets, paper towels, toilet paper, copier paper.



## GPC FAMILY FEUD!

It's time for the GPC Feud!  
Mark your calendars  
and get ready for the action!

The Fellowship Team is planning a GPC game night and Potluck Supper on Sunday, October 20, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. We will have team trivia during the dinner hour, and then head to the sanctuary for GPC Family Feud.

Over the next few weeks you may receive an email with a google form containing our survey questions. Open the form, type in your answers, and then hit the send button at the top right of the form. If you feel more comfortable with a paper copy of the survey, they will be available in Fellowship Hall beginning on September 8, Kick-off Sunday. You can turn it into Penny at the church office. Your answers will then be used to play GPC Feud.

Sign up to participate in the Feud! Create your own team of 5 ... "Team Deacons," or "Team Mary/Martha Circle," a team of family members, or any group you'd like to bring together. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Fellowship table on the 8th.

So be a part of the fun, and fill out a survey!  
More details about October 20 will be coming soon.  
Thank you from the Fellowship Team.

## HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP September

September 8		Kick-Off Sunday
September 15	9:30 a.m.	First day of High School Sunday School
	1:00 - 3:00	All-Church Picnic
September 22	2:00 - 4:00	GCT production of "Guys & Dolls" (pre-purchase tickets)
	5:30 - 6:30	Parent & Youth Ice Cream Social and Info Night

## MidSHIP Schedule September

September 8		Kick-Off Sunday & First day of Sunday School
September 15	1:00 - 3:00	All-Church Picnic
September 22	2:00 - 4:00	GCT production of "Guys & Dolls" (pre-purchase tickets)
	5:30 - 6:30	Parent & Youth Ice Cream Social and Info Night

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:MeganZiegler2014@gmail.com) or Jen at [MJClark1963@embarqmail.com](mailto: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."



## Adjust: To adapt or conform to new conditions



Have you--or has someone you know--recently had to adjust to any of these situations: a new job, a new baby, a new boss, a new house, a separation, a grown child moving back home, a seriously ill parent, a death, a best friend who has moved? Be caring and helpful to those around you who are having to make adjustments in their lives. You can make a difference and really help by encouraging them to talk to someone. Also, remember that our Stephen Ministers are trained and available for listening to and helping people as they face changes in their lives. For more information contact Lou Nyiri at 334-1235 ext. 4.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**  
**September 29, 2019**  
**9:30 AM Sunday School Hour**  
**Guest Missionary, Dori Hjalmarson**

Please join us in the McAskill Room to welcome our sponsored missionary, Dori Hjalmarson, and learn about the work she is doing in Honduras to bring the news of Christ's hope and love to a place where government corruption and economic desperation are escalating, to a point where many citizens are trying to flee the country. Dori is a year and a half into her role as "facilitator for theological education and leadership development" within the Presbyterian Church of Honduras. When Presbyterian World Mission downsized and cut Dori's funding, we at Gettysburg Presbyterian, along with churches in our Presbytery, answered the call to help fill the funding void to restore the mission. Come hear and see firsthand, her accounts of witnessing God's hand at work.

This fall's Youth Club theme is...

**The Wild, Weird, Wacky, Wonderful Bible!**

Meet us each Wednesday to explore a different animal (Wild!), question (Weird), character (Wacky?), or beautiful passage (Wonderful) from our Bible. We will also be meeting and working alongside various church members who serve in different ways. We may bake something for between services, learn a hand bell song, create a Powerpoint presentation for worship and more! And no matter which week it is, there will always be a game! Please join our Club, and bring a friend!

September 4	Orientation with Parents: <i>Which family is the wildest or wackiest?</i>
September 11 – WILD Wednesday	SNAKES in the Bible
September 18 – WEIRD Wednesday	WHY are there so many RULES in the Bible?
September 25 – WACKY Wednesday	Judges 9: Talking Trees?!
October 2 – WONDERFUL Wednesday	RAINBOWS in the Bible



It's time for the fall series of Kids Club! We will again be offering this program each week, and will be held on Tuesdays October 1 - 29 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (Children may arrive from 3:30 on.) This series is for children in Kindergarten – Grade 2 and will be held downstairs in the old stage area in the Sunday School area. Our theme will be "Old Testament Friends". It will be a time of fun, friendships, Bible stories, Scripture activities, crafts, and games.

There is no fee and the program is open to all children in Kindergarten - Grade 2. We ask that you **register your child by Sept. 20**. Just fill out the registration form found on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall and bring or mail it to the church office as soon as possible. We hope your child can join us for this church activity for younger members. Contact Cheryl Betts in the church office at 717-334-1235, ext. 5 or Pam Rowland at 717- 357-0820 if you have any questions.

## Calling on you to create a 2019 Advent Devotional.

*“New and Renewed Life About Our Journey of Faith”*

Written by congregants of the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church – Advent 2019.

Dates needed are December 1 – December 25 (25 devotions)

**Who can participate?** Anyone who wants to share their stories or thoughts on their Christian journey.

**How do I sign up?** We will have a signup sheet at Sunday coffee hours – or you can email Cheryl Betts at [gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org) or Lynne Graziano at [lynnegraziano@gmail.com](mailto:lynnegraziano@gmail.com) or call her at 404 226-4742.

**What is the deadline?** The devotion must be submitted by November 8, 2019

**How long should my devotion be?** Roughly 350 – 450 words; one-page single spaced (ideally Arial 12-point font – but we can do that).

**What is the format for the devotion?** Devotions will be similar to those in many traditional devotionals, such as *Our Daily Bread*.

We suggest this format:

- ~ A title
- ~ A short scripture verse or verses that relates to your story or idea
- ~ Two to four short paragraphs describing what new life or renewed life means to you. This can be a story, a poem, or just a shared thought or two.
- ~ A short one or two sentence prayer

### ***So what can I write about new and/or renewed life?***

As Christians, we have all entered into new life with our faith commitment. It is a life in Christ, lived out in faithfulness to him and the things he taught us. Jesus was born as a baby, fully man and fully divine – Immanuel – God with us. Many of us were raised in the church and have always known the stories and life guidelines in scripture. Some of us came to faith as a youth, or an adult, and became a new believer in Christ. In Matthew 18:3 Jesus tells his disciples and audience, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Think about your faith journey. When did you feel new or young in faith? When did you understand the grace and love of a God who sent his own son to be born, so that we could live forever. Or maybe you don't remember the "new" days of faith, but can recall a moment or time when your faith was renewed, revived, or recharged. This could be a church moment such as confirmation, or bringing your own children to church. It might be when you volunteered and saw faith in action, or went on a mission trip and served the less fortunate. Every day we can be new in Christ!

As you think about the Christmas story, and Christmas experiences in the past, reflect on new life, faith, hope, and love. Think about Mary's faith, and how a young, unmarried woman changed the world through her faithfulness.

You are free to use any scripture verse(s) that are meaningful, but some that might spark ideas include: Acts 5:20; Romans 6:4; Ezra 9:9; Romans 7:6; Colossians 3:1; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Psalm 119:88;

***Entries may be edited for clarity, grammar, and length.***

### **GPC 2019 FALL SMALL GROUPS**

You Are Alive in Christ - Colossians

by Stonecroft Bible Studies

Human cultures always offer an array of seemingly helpful philosophies and spiritual practices. Is it all right to pick and choose among them? Will they enhance your faith in Christ? Gather with people in your groups to explore the completeness of the salvation God provides us in Jesus Christ. Find out what it means to be *in Christ* and share His life, and how you need to add nothing to your faith – not rules or customs, not human ideas or philosophies.

Each chapter of this study of the book of Colossians includes questions to provoke your thinking and generate meaningful conversation, specific Scripture verses to investigate and prayers to connect you with God. Nothing matches up to Jesus Christ. Discover how He is supreme and you are complete in Him.

Groups will meet weekly for six weeks beginning the week of October 6th. Groups will meet in homes, at the church and at local restaurants. You will be contacted by your group leader about the exact starting date and location. Except for the Monday Small Group, each session will run approximately 75 minutes and will include fellowship, informal discussion, and a time of prayer. Please call or contact Lynne Graziano, Elder for Adult Discipleship at 404-226-2742 ([lynnegraziano@gmail.com](mailto:lynnegraziano@gmail.com)) if you have any questions.

**Deadline to sign-up is September 29<sup>th</sup>**

===== **2019 Fall Small Group Sign-Up** =====

- \_\_\_\_\_ Monday – noon at GPC (brown bag lunch group) 1 hour
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday – 2:00 p.m. at Harmony Ridge cafe (Cross Key Village)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday – 7:00 p.m. at GPC
- \_\_\_\_\_ Friday – 4:00 p.m. at SpiriTrust Lutheran Village (Rev. Dale Williams)

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_ **NUMBER OF BOOKS** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cost of book is \$7.00**

**Also available as ebook at CBD for \$7.19**

## Donating to a Charity using a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

If you are age 70½ or older, IRS rules require you to take required minimum distributions (RMDs) each year from your tax-deferred retirement accounts. This additional taxable income may push you into a higher tax bracket and may also reduce your eligibility for certain tax credits and deductions. To eliminate or reduce the impact of RMD income, charitably inclined investors may want to consider making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD).

A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from an IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity, as described in the QCD provision in the Internal Revenue Code. Amounts distributed as a QCD can be counted toward satisfying your RMD for the year, up to \$100,000, and can also be excluded from your taxable income. This is not the case with a regular withdrawal from an IRA, even if you use the money to make a charitable contribution later on. In this scenario, the funds would be counted as taxable income even if you later offset that income with the charitable contribution deduction.

Why is this distinction important? If you take the RMD as income, instead of as a QCD, your RMD will count as taxable income. Having higher taxable income can directly impact your eligibility for certain deductions and credits. For example, your taxable income helps determine the amount of your Social Security benefits that are subject to taxes. Keeping your taxable income level lower may also help reduce your potential exposure to the Medicare surtax.

### Am I eligible for QCDs?

In prior years, the rules that permitted QCDs required reauthorization from Congress each year, and those decisions were sometimes made late in the calendar year. With passage of the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act of 2015, the QCD provision is now a permanent part of the Internal Revenue Code. This means you can plan your charitable giving and begin reviewing your tax situation earlier each year.

**Tip:** With the 2018 tax law changes, there's 1 additional factor to consider: you may take advantage of the higher standard deduction (\$12,000 for single filers, \$24,000 if married and filing jointly). This means that if you claim the standard deduction, you won't be allowed to itemize things like charitable donations. However since QCDs are not deductible, they can remain an option for your charitable giving, even if you claim the standard deduction in a given year.

### The Rules of QCDs

A QCD must adhere to the following requirements:

- You must be at least 70½ years old at the time you request a QCD. If you process a distribution prior to reaching age 70½, the distribution will be treated as taxable income.
- For a QCD to count toward your current year's RMD, the funds must come out of your IRA by your RMD deadline, which is generally December 31 each year.
- Funds must be transferred directly from your IRA custodian to the qualified charity. This is accomplished by requesting your IRA custodian issue a check from your IRA **payable to the charity**. You can then request that the check be mailed to the charity, or forward the check to the charity yourself.

Note: If a distribution check is made *payable to you*, the distribution would NOT qualify as a QCD and would be treated as taxable income.

- The maximum annual distribution amount that can qualify for a QCD is \$100,000. This limit would apply to the sum of QCDs made to one or more charities in a calendar year. If you're a joint tax filer, both you and your spouse can make a \$100,000 QCD from your own IRAs.

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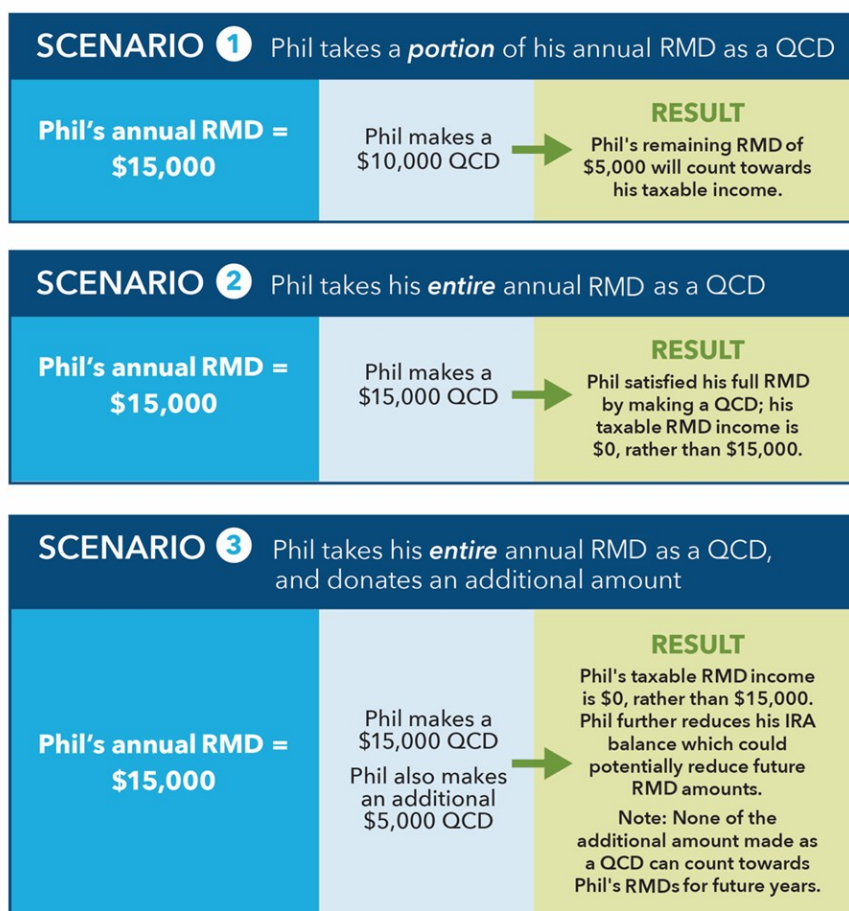
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- The account types that are eligible for QCDs include:
  - Traditional IRAs
  - Inherited IRAs
  - SEP IRA (inactive plans only\*)
  - SIMPLE IRA (inactive plans only\*)
- Under certain circumstances, QCDs may be made from a Roth IRA. Roth IRAs are not subject to RMDs during your lifetime, and distributions are generally tax-free. Consult a tax advisor to determine if making a QCD from a Roth is appropriate for your situation.
- Certain charities are not eligible to receive QCDs, including donor-advised funds, private foundations, and supporting organizations. You are not allowed to receive any benefit in return for your charitable donation. For example, if your donation covers your cost of playing in a charitable golf tournament, your gift would not qualify as a QCD.

## Tax filing for QCDs

A QCD is reported by your IRA custodian as a normal distribution on IRS Form 1099-R for any non-Inherited IRAs. For Inherited IRAs or Inherited Roth IRAs, the QCD will be reported as a death distribution. You should keep an acknowledgement of the donation from the charity for your tax records. Please consult a tax advisor to learn more.

For a better understanding of how QCDs can affect your taxable income, let's consider a few hypothetical scenarios. Phil has been taking RMDs for the past few years, but this year he has decided to make a QCD. Phil did not make any non-deductible contributions to his IRA, so all of his distributions would be taxable:



If you are 70½ or older, own an IRA, and donate to charity, QCDs may make sense for you; consult a tax advisor regarding your specific situation.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 5:30 p.m. Divorce Support Grp	<b>2 (OFFICE CLOSED)</b> 	<b>3</b> 6:30 p.m. Nominating Com. 7:00 p.m. Civil Air Patrol 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision 7:00 p.m. Habitat for Humanity Board	<b>4</b> 9:30 a.m. Moms of Adams Cty 12:00 p.m. Men's Interfaith Lunch 5:45 p.m. Cont. Music Practice 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Youth Club Orientation	<b>5 12:00 Noon Newsletter Deadline</b> 9:30 a.m. Moms of Adams Cty 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. Set up for Kick Off Sunday	<b>6</b> 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. Set up for Kick Off Sunday	<b>7</b>
<b>8 KICK OFF SUNDAY &amp; BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY</b> Bibles Presented to <b>Second Graders</b> 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) 10:30 a.m. Adult Choir 12:15 p.m. Deacons Meeting 4:00 p.m. Session Meeting <b>5:00 p.m. Christian Believer</b> 5:30 p.m. Divorce Support Grp	<b>9</b> 9:30 a.m. Christian Believer 6:30 p.m. Outreach Com. 6:30 p.m. Christian Ed. 7:00 p.m. Mission & Interpretation 7:00 p.m. Historic Church Walking Tour Board	<b>10</b> 7:30 a.m. Habitat Board 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Leaders 6:30 p.m. Family Ministry 7:00 p.m. Civil Air Patrol	<b>11</b> 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:00 p.m. Youth Club Choir 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. Contemporary Ministry Team	<b>12</b> 10:00 a.m. GPC Prayer Shawl Ministry 12:00 p.m. Young @ Heart 5:00 p.m. Mary Martha Circle 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:30 p.m. Strategic Planning	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15 Commission C.E. Workers</b> 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 9:15 & 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Adult Choir <b>12:30 p.m. All-Church Picnic &amp; Hymn Sing @ Straban Park</b> 5:00 p.m. Christian Believer 5:30 p.m. Divorce Support Grp	<b>16</b> 9:30 a.m. Christian Believer 11:00 a.m. CFY 1:00 p.m. Elizabeth Circle 3:00 p.m. Welcome Com. 7:00 p.m. Worship & Music	<b>17</b> 6:15 p.m. Stephen Ministry Leaders 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision 7:00 p.m. Civil Air Patrol	<b>18</b> 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:00 p.m. Youth Club Choir 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	<b>19 12:00 Noon Newsletter Deadline</b> 9:30 a.m. Esther Circle	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 9:15 & 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Adult Choir <b>2:00 p.m. Guys &amp; Dolls</b> 5:00 p.m. Christian Believer 5:30 p.m. Divorce Support Grp <b>5:30 p.m. SHIP/MidShip Youth/Parent Info &amp; Ice Cream Social</b>	<b>23</b> 9:30 a.m. Christian Believer	<b>24</b> 7:00 p.m. Civil Air Patrol	<b>25</b> 2:45 p.m. MidSHIP Small Grp 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:00 p.m. Youth Club Choir 5:45 p.m. Cont. Music Practice 6:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Personnel & Administration 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir 7:00 p.m. Health Care for All 7:00 p.m. HOA Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Communion Prep 7:00 p.m. Strategic Planning	<b>26</b> 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:30 p.m. Adult Discipleship	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Antique Car Show
<b>29 Peacemaking Offering</b> 9:15 & 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Adult Choir <b>4:30 p.m. Youth Choir</b> <b>5:00 p.m. Youth Bell Choir</b> 5:00 p.m. Christian Believer 5:30 p.m. Divorce Support Grp 5:30 p.m. MidSHIP & SHIP	<b>30</b> 9:30 a.m. Christian Believer					

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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 September 5, 2019**

**September 2019  
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Traditional Worship @ 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.**

**Contemporary Worship @ 9:30 a.m.**

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| <b>September 1</b>  | <b>RETURN TO 3 SERVICES</b><br>8:15 & 11:00—Traditional<br>9:30—Contemporary<br>“Earthrise”<br>Communion |
| <b>September 8</b>  | <b>KICK-OFF SUNDAY</b><br>“#whyGPC”<br>Bibles to 2nd Graders   |
| <b>September 15</b> | “The Power of Secrets, I”<br>Commission C.E. Workers   |