

# GRAPEVINE

September 11, 2019

## "The Pastor's Page"

### What is Your Christian Name?

Occasionally we go to visit someone in the hospital and have difficulty finding them because the name we know you by is not your birth certificate first name. Even with the correct last name, the hospital reception can't locate you. We get asked "Is there perhaps a different first name?" To which we often don't know the answer. Thus, we need your help, if you have a different first name could you call us in the church office to let one of the pastors know, 717-334-1235.

Thanks



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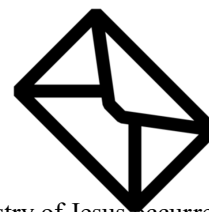


## Hurricane Dorian Disaster Assistance

If you would like to give help to victims of Hurricane Dorian, you may write a check to the church designating "Hurricane Dorian Assistance" in the memo line within the next few weeks. We will pass the money along to Presbyterian Disaster Relief.

### PROCLAIM CHRIST'S PEACE: 2019 PEACEMAKING OFFERING

*"So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near..."*  
-Ephesians 2:14-17



The letter to the Ephesians tells us that Jesus came to proclaim a universal peace. While the earthly ministry of Jesus occurred in a specific age and place, the peace he shared is limited by neither time nor geography. As followers of Christ, our call to work for peace begins in our own neighborhoods and extends to the ends of the earth. It is a demanding call, but one that Presbyterians at all levels of the church are seeking to follow.

Each September GPC holds a specific fund drive dedicated to support our mission spending. This year we will be receiving this offering on Sunday, September 29, 2019. Your contribution will support the following ministries, divided equally:

**Soup Kitchen** – serving between 70 to 80 meals a day; now serving 7 days a week.

**Homeless Shelter** – offering temporary living space and help with planning for more permanent housing for individuals and families who are homeless.

**Food Pantry** – providing groceries for more than one thousand people per month.

**Mission of Mercy** – local mobile health clinic providing medical & dental services to individuals without medical coverage.

**Presbyterian Mission Organization** – to support the larger effort of peacemaking throughout the world.

Prayerfully consider how YOU will support our mission giving this year. A special offering envelope is enclosed; there will also be more available in the narthex and Fellowship Hall for anyone who receives the newsletter by e-mail, therefore not receiving one in the mail.

I would like to take time to sincerely thank the awesome people who filled in for me in the office when I was on the South Dakota Mission Trip and on vacation.

**You all a such a blessing to me:** Lucy Breighner, Kay Knox, Heidi Merewede, Tracey Stone, Bonnie Wright and Penny Ziegler

Thanks Again,  
Penny Messinger

# SAVE THE DATE

## PW

## Rummage & Bake Sale

## October 25 & 26

### 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 Sept. 8 - Oct. 13 is Lee Flinner at 717-642-5578.



# Upcoming Events:



## 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.

You should have received 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 are unable to complete it on-line or feel more comfortable with a paper copy of the survey, they will be available in Fellowship Hall. 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.

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.

## Save the Date

**"Stop The Bleed" presentation (Free)**  
**Thursday October 3, 2019**

Gettysburg United Methodist Church  
6:30-8:30 PM

More information coming soon

Questions? Contact Pam Phillips RN  
410-596-0777

## HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP September

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
September 30	5:30 - 7:00	SHIP Picnic

## MidSHIP Schedule September

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
September 30	5:30 - 7:00	Mid-SHIP Picnic & Group Games

## Habitat For Humanity Needs Volunteers for a Blitz Build

**When: Thursday – Saturday Oct 10, 11, & 12**  
**Thursday – Saturday Oct 17, 18, & 19**

**Where: Franklin Street, Biglerville**

**Questions: Barry Simon (337-1662) or**  
**Mike Strausner (372-5945)**

**Sign up for a day ... or maybe two**

**Information and signup sheet in Fellowship Hall**



## STEPHEN MINISTRY

**Deeply sharing the suffering of another, together with the inclination to give aid or support**

As we look at Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection, we observe the ultimate example of compassion. He now calls us to follow his example and to be deeply concerned for one another. Stephen Ministry is a ministry filled with compassion. It provides compassionate Christians with a place where they can use those gifts in ministry as a Stephen Minister. It also provides a haven where those in need of compassion can receive it in a confidential relationship with a Stephen Minister. If you would like to know more about Stephen Ministry, please call Lou Nyiri at 717-334-1235 ext. 4.

## PW CIRCLES

### Elizabeth Circle

**Monday, September 16, 1:00 p.m.**  
Paideia House, 1st floor

### Mary Martha Circle

**Thursday, September 12, 5:00 p.m.**  
Eisenhower Lounge at GPC

### Esther Circle

**Thursday, September 19, 9:30 a.m.**  
Eisenhower Lounge at GPC

ALL CIRCLES:

Lesson 1 in new Bible Study  
LOVE Carved in Stone  
Exodus 20: 10-6 and Matthew 22: 34-37



## **Exploring Membership October 13 @ 12:00 p.m.**

If you are interested in learning more about GPC, plan to attend the Exploring Membership Class on Sunday, Oct. 13 at 12:00 p.m. Following a lunch together, you'll have a chance to learn more about Presbyterians and opportunities for spiritual nurture and service here at GPC, and to meet our staff. Following the class, you may meet with the Session and join the church if you so desire. Childcare is available. Call the church office to register. (717-334-1235, ext. 5)

## **CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND 2019**

*"A Christmas Legacy"*  
**DECEMBER 8 at 3 PM**

### **SYNOPSIS**

"A Christmas Legacy" is a Broadway-style dramatic musical for the whole family. The story takes you inside the beautiful Billingsley Hotel where you will meet the hard-working staff, some very interesting guests, and Pamela, the current reluctant owner of the hotel. See how Pamela and the staff balance the introduction of current technology with the proven traditions of her ancestors. As you are transported through time, experience Christmas through a little bit of barbershop quartet, or catch some doo-wop along the way. You may even see some big hair styles and leg warmers on the journey! Enjoy beautiful music and dance, elaborate sets and costumes, and heart-warming stories that are woven through the generations. And what would Christmastime be without lots of laughter?! Follow as we journey alongside the folks at the Billingsley Hotel who remind us that the birth of Jesus demonstrated a true legacy of love.

Family Ministry is planning to go on **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** to the 3 PM performance. \*\* Depart from GPC at 1:45 P.M. Dinner following presentation at Baker's Restaurant on the way home. You are responsible for your own meal.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Sign up for tickets in Fellowship Hall during September.

**Family Ministry Team at GPC is strongly recommending this program.**

**\*\* Christian Life Assembly Church located at 2645 Lisburn Road, Camp Hill.**

**Deadline is September 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**SAVE THE DATE:**

Women's Half Day Retreat  
October 19<sup>th</sup> 9 - 11:30 here at GPC



On September 28th, 2019, we are inviting all within the bounds of the Presbytery to an event that seeks to restore your faith, revitalize your life, fortify your mind.

MARYANN MCKIBBEN DANA will be our Keynote speaker. Taken from her website: "Like many authors, MaryAnn writes the books that she herself longs to read. So as a recovering perfectionist who likes her backup plans to have backup plans, she penned God, Improv, and the Art of Living, about embracing improvisation as a spiritual and life practice. And as a twitchy workaholic seeking to find balance in a 24/7 world, she wrote 2012's Sabbath in the Suburbs."

Also select from a wide variety of workshops that are geared toward everyone: Pastor, Elder, Deacon, Christian Educator, child, youth, parent, older adult. We hope you'll join us.

Refresh will be held at Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church, 300 East Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg, Pa. This event is from 8 - 2:30 and is free. If interested, please check out the Presbytery of Carlisle website to register or talk to Cheryl Betts.

**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!

- 9/15 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.
- 9/22 Adams County Mission**  
The Mission works with men struggling with substance abuse, runs a thrift store, and a recycling ministry
- 9/29 Bill & Ann Moore**  
Bill & Ann are PCUSA missionaries in Japan, working with a local church and excited about evangelism.

**"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 Wal-Mart, 4/box) for storing blankets, paper towels, toilet paper, copier paper.



**CALLING ALL KIDS AND KIDS AT HEART!  
Star Wars' Luke Skywalker needs your help!**

*Help us reach out to the community through the  
Halloween Parade on October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
(Rain date October 23<sup>rd</sup>)*



We are building our own Star Wars Millennium Falcon... *the Millennial Falcon* for the Halloween Parade. That's right...a Millennial Falcon. After all Star Wars was in the last millennium. Our ship is in the new millennium and will be a Millennial Falcon.

Our Dancing Pastor, Lou Nyiri, will revive his performance as Star Wars' Luke Skywalker in this year's Halloween Parade. He will be accompanied by Jedi Knights, R2D2s, C3POs, Yodas, and other key characters from Star Wars.

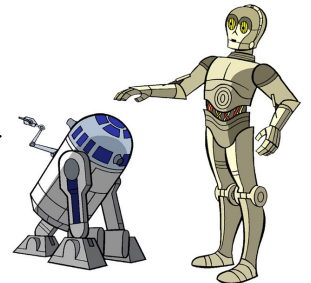
Our goal is to demonstrate to the community how much fun it is to be part of God's Love at GPC. We want you to be a part of the project.

We need kids and adults to decorate the Millennial Falcon, and the trailer that it will pull, make costumes, walk in the parade, carry signs and banners about our programs, and provide candy and handouts. We will need your help long before October 22 and also on the day of the parade. We will start building the Millennial Falcon the last week in September.

We are still looking for a space close in to town that is big enough to hold the truck that will become the Millennial Falcon. It needs to have a garage door opening at least 8 feet tall and 14 feet wide and be at least 18 feet long. We can use a carport if you have one that is close to these measurements, but of course a garage or barn is best.

Please call Patti Schwartz at 717-870-4366 or Heather Tschop at 717-334-8272 NOW to let us know how you would like to participate.

***MAY THE FORCE OF GOD BE WITH YOU!***



It's time for the fall series of Kids Club! We will again be offering this program each week, and it 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
- \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday – 7:00 p.m. at GPC
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday - 2:00 p.m. at Cross Keys Village
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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**

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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 19, 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 15</b> | “The Power of Secrets, I”<br>Commission C.E. Workers                     |
| <b>September 22</b> | “The Power of Secrets, II”<br>Commission Musicians                       |
| <b>September 29</b> | Another Look at Abortion<br>Dori Hjalmarson here<br>Peacemaking Offering |