

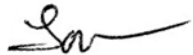
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October 9, 2019

"The Pastor's Page"

Below is information describing a recent meeting our Faith Community Nurse, Pam Phillips and I had with Wendy Zimmerman from Meritus Health in Hagerstown, MD. Meritus supports faith community nursing and we believe this partnership will benefit Pam's ministry and ultimately the overall health of our Gettysburg Presbyterian faith community. If you would like more information on the role of Faith Community Nursing at GPC, then contact Pam (410-596-0777 or gpcfnc@gettysburgpresbyterian.org) or myself (Rev. Lou Nyiri at: 717-334-1235, ext. 4 or gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org).

Faithfully Yours,



A New Partnership with Meritus Health in Hagerstown, Supports Pam Phillips in Her Role as Faith Community Nurse

We're pleased to announce a new partnership with Meritus Health in Hagerstown. Meritus has supported faith community nursing and parish nursing programs in our region since 1996. Gettysburg Presbyterian Church is their newest faith-community partner as they support Pam Phillips in her ministry. Some other local partners include St. Mary's and St. Rita's Catholic Church in Fairfield, Otterbein Church in Waynesboro, and Wesley Chapel and Rouzerville United Methodist Churches. In addition, Meritus partners with over 50 faith communities in Washington County, Maryland and Jefferson County, West Virginia.

The partnership provides practical support for Pam with continuing nursing education opportunities along with ready-made health education ideas and resources. The monthly networking meetings allow for exchange of ideas and contacts with other nurses who are serving in this role. Since faith community nursing is a specialty practice in nursing, recognized by the American Nurses Association, keeping updated with professional practice guidelines is essential. A day retreat is planned this year to encourage spiritual growth and an annual parish nurse and clergy luncheon is hosted every spring.

The Parish Nursing Program Manager at Meritus is Wendy Zimmerman, RN, who has been involved in faith community nursing since it began in the Mid-West with the Rev. Dr. Granger Westberg in Illinois, in 1987. The partnership between GPC and Meritus is informal and there is no cost. Pam has access to the resources of local parish nurse network and in return she is asked to provide her program statistics (number of blood pressures taken, number of hours of service, number of referrals, etc.) on a quarterly basis. Program statistics from all the partnering congregations are tabulated annually and support the community outreach and population health initiatives of Meritus Health. It's inspiring to see how Jesus' example of teaching, preaching, and healing, come to life, through this modern day ministry of health and wholeness.

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8 COUNTRIES!!

Did you know that GPC has reach into this many foreign countries? Recently, I was sitting in a parent teacher conference with my daughter's World Cultures teacher. We were brainstorming possible ideas for a project, and I mentioned that we have several of our sponsored missionaries visiting our church over a 3 month period. When I started listing the different countries, the teacher incredulously asked "What church do you attend? This is fantastic!"

When you think about it, it really is fantastic. And we want to encourage more and more visits from our missionaries, to connect with us and share their stories of how they are able to share the love of Christ in other parts of the world. To do this, the Missions committee needs help from our congregation members.

Would you be willing to help host when our visitors come to town? Sometimes we need overnight accommodations, sometimes we need meal hosts, sometimes we need a daytime guide, and we can always use a pew partner on Sunday mornings. We could also use members willing to be pen pals with one (or more!) of our missionaries.

If you would like to help continue our strong missionary support program, please contact me, Sonja Brown, at 717-253-0165 or via email at smsonja@yahoo.com.

Thanks to everyone who donated to help victims of Hurricane Dorian. We received \$425.00 from you, and the mission committee added \$900, bringing the total to \$1325.00 That money has been sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Thank you!

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 and Oct. 13 - Nov. 10 is Dave Boyer at 717-334-0470.



Calling All Young and Young at Heart Jedi Knights

We need help representing GPC in Gettysburg's Halloween Parade. Can you donate:

- large bags of individually wrapped candy (we will make about 400 give away bags)
- 12-16 Straw Bales or Hay Bales (we will return)
- Star Wars costumes you have (clearly marked with your name)
- OR better still, you wear costume and march with us in the parade
- Star Wars light sabers (clearly marked with your name).

We also need help to build the float.

More information...to volunteer... or to donate, stop by Fellowship Hall table or contact: Patti Schwartz (717-870-4366) or Heather Tschop (717-334-8272).

Cookie Sign Up

Fall and the holiday seasons are here, and the coffee and cookies are welcome treats in Fellowship Hall on a Sunday morning. Dennis's coffee is always hot and delicious, and a brownie or cookie is the perfect companion for it. Please consider sharing some sweet treats for a coffee hour -- home baked is tasty, but we all love donuts and goodies from local stores and bakeries as well. There is a cookie sign-up book located in Fellowship Hall right on the treat table -- sign your name and bring a smile to a friend at church!



Upcoming Events:



Come on down...
it's time for the
GPC Feud!

Surveys are being tallied and the game is fast approaching, so plan to spend a fun Sunday evening with friends at GPC!

GPC Game Night is on Sunday, October 20, and will include a potluck supper. It is a true potluck, as we are not designating any main dish, side dish or dessert that you must bring. Share something you love to prepare, or simply bring something from your favorite store or bakery. **We hope to begin eating at 6:00 PM, so you can arrive around 5:30** to set up your food and find a place at a table. Please bring your own place settings, and the Fellowship Team will supply cups and beverages.

There will be table team trivia during supper -- so encourage your friends and family to join in on the 20th to stack your table with brain-power. Following the meal we will adjourn to the sanctuary to begin the Feud! You still have time to get your answers recorded by filling out the survey in Fellowship Hall and turning it in to Penny. We have several teams signed up to play -- so come plan to cheer on the FellowSHIP Leaders, the Presbyterian Women, and others. Maybe you think the "Decades of Experience" team will blow away the competition! Hope to see you at the Feud on October 20!

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP September / October

October 13	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
October 20	6:00 - 8:00	Family Game Night GPC "Family Feud!"
October 22	6:15 - ???	Halloween Parade Star Wars Themed Float
October 27	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Costume Party

MidSHIP Schedule September / October

October 16	2:45 - 5:00	Mid-SHIP Small Group
October 13	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
October 20	6:00 - 8:00	Family Game Night GPC "Family Feud!"
October 23	2:45 - 5:00	Mid-SHIP Small Group
October 27	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Costume Party

Service of Healing & Wholeness

During worship on Oct. 20,
there will be a time of
prayer for healing and wholeness.

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



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Crisis: An emotionally charged time of instability during which a crucial change occurs

The Chinese word for crisis is a combination of two characters: one for "danger," the other for "opportunity." This drives home the fact that every crisis, though it involves impending danger, also offers opportunities for personal or spiritual growth. Stephen Ministers are trained to walk with you through the dangers of your crisis and to help you find the opportunities God has in store for you.

For more information about Stephen Ministry, please contact Lou Nyiri at 334-1235 ext. 4.

Have Lunch with a Missionary Couple! Gerlachs visit GPC on October 27.

Bryan and Emily Gerlach will be joining us for worship on Sunday, 27 October at all three services. Grandson of Tom Piper, Bryan, Emily, and their children have been serving God as missionaries in Chang Mai, Thailand for many years. Come hear about their experiences and opportunities and enjoy lunch after church at The Pike Restaurant. A private room has been reserved from 12:30 to 2:30pm, orders will be taken from the menu, and Bryan and Emily will be available to answer your questions. GPC has supported the Gerlachs for over 8 years and we are excited to have them join us for this time of sharing!

If you plan to join for lunch at The Pike, please contact the church office at 717-334-1235 to let us know how many will be in attendance. Thank you!

2019 Christmas Missions Fair on NOVEMBER 24th!

It's Christmas Fair time once again! The 34th Annual Christmas Fair will be held on Sunday, Nov. 24, from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. There will be games and prizes for children and adults, a light supper, craft tables, baked goods, and Fair Trade items from Presbyterian Coffee Project including coffee, tea, hot cocoa, chocolate bars, organic roasted almonds and olive oil. Bring your whole family to enjoy this kick-off to the Christmas season! A Silent Auction will be held from Nov. 24th to Dec. 15th. Do your Christmas shopping at the Fair where money raised will benefit seven projects. You will also be able to shop at the Fair on Sunday mornings, November 24th, December 1st, 8th and 15th.



Silent Auction For Christmas Fair Items Needed by November 22nd

Everyone is getting excited about Christmas Fair! Once again this year we will be holding a Silent Auction of high quality Christmas Items, services and unique opportunities. Bidding will begin on Sunday, November 24th and end December 15th.

If you have an item you would like to offer, or know of a business that may be willing to donate, please contact Tom Kolmer at 717-634-0258 or at tomkolmer@gmail.com. Some suggestions include Dinner for 6, a round of golf, movie passes and popcorn, Christmas wreath, gift certificate for massage, etc. Be creative in your ideas! Also, teens could offer childcare, snow shoveling, etc. We will then choose 10 of the items to use for the Silent Auction. All others will be included in the Christmas Mission Fair sales.

The Silent Auction is a big hit every year! We hope you will participate once again, either by donating an item or by bidding generously, knowing that your purchase directly supports our Missions efforts!

Extra Crafts for the Christmas Fair

Calling all crafters, calling all crafters! Do you love to make crafts for the holiday season? We are seeking donations of Christmas wreaths, toys, flower arrangements, paintings, needlework, or any other quality crafts you would be willing to donate for sale at the Christmas Fair on Sunday, Nov. 24th. All proceeds from items sold at the craft tables will go to GPC mission projects for the upcoming year. Please, do not bring rummage sale or used household items, they will not be accepted for this event.

Contact Tom Kolmer at 717-634-0258 or at tomkolmer@gmail.com if you have any questions. Please bring crafts to Fellowship Hall **BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND, AT THE LATEST. THANKS!**

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)



"I believe, I believe every day is a good day when you paint!"
-Bob Ross, American Painter

GPC, we are pleased to announce that November 9, 2019 (1:00 PM in Fellowship Hall) is a good day to paint! Lacey from Color Mixer will be back with us, guiding us in painting "Santa's Cabin." This is a delightful holiday scene, with the option to personalize the cabin with your family name. No artistic training or skill is needed. Lacey provides detailed instructions along the way! **This is an excellent opportunity to "invite a friend to GPC"** (IAFTGPC). Light refreshments will be served.



To register and pay (\$35.00/painter), use the following link: www.thecolormixer.com/gettysburgchurch. Click on the picture of Santa's Cabin and you will be taken to the payment page>>click "Add to Cart">>click "Check out with PayPal" (don't worry, the next screen allows you to pay with a credit card)>>pay with PayPal, Debit or Credit Card. If you do not have a credit card or PayPal account, please contact the church office and let us know. You may then pay by check or cash and we will register you. Seating is limited to 30 painters, so register soon to guarantee your spot!

Looking forward to a great Color Mixer event!



Pam Phillips
RN FCN

Hidden Dangers In the Home

We all can benefit from these safety measure tips:

- Handrails:** they are essential inside and outside of the home.
- Doorknobs vs Lever handles:** Lever handles are easier to use if you have arthritis or difficulty using your hands.
- Lighting:** Increase the wattage, use 3- way bulbs in your fixtures. Use floor lamps to cast better illumination for reading and writing. Use nightlights in the hallways and bathrooms.
- Bathroom suggestions:**
Install raised "toilet seats" to provide ease. Use a shower chair (we have some here at GPC) or install a "walk in" shower if you are remodeling your bathroom. Install grab bars in tubs, showers, and bathrooms.
- Household areas:**
Remove scatter rugs. They are pretty but are a *hazard* in the home and increase your risk of falls.
Use a low profile and or non-skid mats. Keep stairs uncluttered and clear. Consider anti-slip treads for hardwood stairs.

Prevention is the key!

A Different Way of Donating

We offer the use of ACH technology for members who desire to make their contributions to Gettysburg Presbyterian Church via an electronic method other than BillPay, which many of you already do. ACH stands for Automated Clearing House and the system operates by the member authorizing GPC to make an automatic draw from their bank account, similar to having your electric, gas or phone bill automatically debited from your account.

The real advantage to the members of the church is that once you authorize an amount and frequency, it will become an automatic debit for whatever length of time you specify. You do not have to write a check or put it in an envelope or bring it to church.

If interested, please contact Penny (334-1235 or gpcadmin@gettysburgpresbyterian.org).

If you have any questions about this method of giving, please feel free to contact the church treasurer, George Marguglio, at 717-873-1351 or email at gmarguglio@acnb.com.

We hope this will be an added benefit that will allow our members more flexibility and greater ease in donating to the church.

SAVE THE DATE:

Women's Half Day Retreat

"Attributes of God"

October 19th from
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
here at GPC!

Do you know what makes God so awesome? There are many attributes we use to describe God. Come and learn about ones you may know and ones you may not know. Continental breakfast at 9:00. Invite a friend to join you and come to the half day retreat. Reservation deadline is Sunday, October 13th. See Cheryl with questions.

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!

- 10/13 Sean & Bethany Walker**
After serving 10 years in Central Asia, Sean & Bethany are now working from Houston, supporting the ministry of Antioch Partners, a mission group committed to reaching unreached people around the world.
- 10/20 Marta Bennett**
Marta is a long-time missionary teaching Theology and Leadership in Nairobi, Kenya.
- 10/27 Habitat for Humanity**
GPC was a founding church for this ministry which provides home ownership for working poor families.

"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:

October

We will be collecting individual serving items for

Operation Move Out

Household supplies - Non-scratch scrub pads, disinfecting wipes, dish soap, dishwasher detergent, mops (traditional or "Swiffer" type), toilet paper, toilet bowl cleaner, first aid kits, shampoo, body wash, laundry detergent, air mattress (single or double), bakeware/cookware sets.

Volunteer Drivers Needed

The Pennsylvania Prison Society, established in 1787, is our nation's oldest human rights organization. Our small Adams County chapter volunteers visit the incarcerated, help those inside to get needed IDs for work, and provide transportation home upon release for those having no one on the outside to help them. We have an urgent need for additional drivers (reliable volunteers with flexible schedules and a safe driving record). Volunteer drivers receive a thorough orientation and mileage compensation. Those interested in finding out more about this opportunity to make a real difference should call David Young at (301) 602-1809 or email Judy Young at jsmithyoung@gmail.com or attend a monthly Prison Society meeting on first Fridays at 1:30 pm at St. James in Gettysburg.

October / November Music Schedule

Oct. 13	8:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Early Choir Adult Choir
Oct. 20	8:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Early Choir Adult Choir
Oct. 27	8:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Adult Bell Choir Youth Choir Chapel Choir
Nov. 3	8:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Early Choir Adult Choir
Nov. 10	8:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Early Choir Adult Choir
Nov. 17	10:00 a.m.	Combined Service
Nov. 24	8:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Early Choir Adult Choir



COMING SOON

October 25 & 26

PW's Fall Rummage and Bake Sale will be held Oct. 25-26, all day Friday, and 1/2 a day Saturday.

We welcome all your wonderful things from home. Please bring them in to Fellowship Hall Oct. 21-24, M - Th., anytime until noon on Thursday. Your items should be clean and in good working order.

Please, NO knives, electronics, VHS tapes, Teflon pans, or items difficult to dispose of.

Bake sale goodies can be left in the kitchen Thursday or by 8 a.m. Friday.

Plants - Bring in moist plants M - Th.

We can use your help all week. Monday - Thursday, we set up, sort, and price.

Friday we need extra hands with bagging, and other jobs. Saturday we clean it all up from 11:30 - about 1:00. Pizza provided! We have a lot of fun, and you can shop ahead of the sale, so please join us.

Also, we hope you come in and shop on Friday or Saturday. You will be pleasantly surprised.

Questions, call Amy Deitch, 337-3534, Bev Weber, 337-2194, Georgia Kuhn, 337-1451

The Aero Energy House of Worship Program

Help Us Donate to Your Church.

Small donations from a committed congregation make a difference.

The Aero Energy House of Worship Program is a donation program established by Aero Energy to provide Aero Energy customers an opportunity to give to their churches. If 100 Aero Energy customers from our congregation sign up to participate, our church could receive an annual \$3,000.00 donation (based on 750 gal/year average fuel use per participant).

COMMON QUESTIONS:

1. If I become a House of Worship Program participant, will I pay more for my fuel?

No, you pay the same price per gallon you're paying now. This is a donation from Aero Energy to the church. Aero Energy donates 4 cents for every gallon of fuel you use, that is all.

2. Does my church need to use propane gas or heating oil to receive the donation?

No.

3. Does my church need to be an Aero Energy customer in order to receive the Aero Energy House of Worship Program donation?

No, but they are welcome to use Aero Energy and receive four cents in donations for every gallon of fuel they use.

Sign up for the Aero Energy House of Worship Program online at AeroEnergy.com/HOW or call 888-827-1713.

Security Plan

As you know, GPC recently adopted a security plan, and observant people have noticed our special cadre of volunteers helping to ensure we all stay safe during worship times. But the laity also has a part to play, and you should know what your responsibilities are. In simplest terms, if there were to be an emergency, you would be told one of two commands: Shelter in place, or evacuate.

First, what is "shelter in place?" It means that if you're in a regular room, you close and lock any doors, turn out the lights, and sit **quietly** along the same wall as the door is located so as not to make yourself a target to anyone peering in. Many of our rooms have now been equipped also with special door stops. Using these, you take the long piece hanging behind the back of the door, and fit it into the unit at the bottom of the door and the receptacle in the floor so that the door can't be moved. These are very secure and won't let anyone in.

If you're in the sanctuary or Fellowship Hall, shelter in place is a little different. Those in the sanctuary should do their best to take refuge under the pew. People in Fellowship Hall, if unable to safely get outside or to another room, should use any cover which they can to be out of sight, and stay mostly along the wall opposite the closets. If possible, secure the doors there as well.

Evacuation is completely different, and much more simple. If told to evacuate, exit by the nearest door and proceed along High Street, eastward, towards the Gettysburg Borough offices. Go to the **far** side of the building and congregate in the driveway there.

It's vital to note that children **MUST STAY** with their Sunday School teachers. Also, **under no circumstances should parents try to retrieve their children.** Just go to the designated area on the other side of the Borough building, and await reunification there.

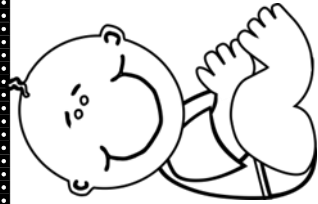
Knowing these procedures and being prepared to follow them will make all the difference should an emergency ever arise. Please read this several times to become well-acquainted with what you need to do.



Be Ready for Emergencies!

GPC will be offering classes in Basic Life Support (BLS) and lay level First Aid, CPR and AED. They will be held on **Wednesday, October 23** as blended learning in the Sewing Room. This means you will get to do half of it online at your own timing, and then the skills in classroom. For registration, or if you have questions, please call Becky Stabler, 717-688-5183. This provides 2 year certification from the American Red Cross.

BLS for professionals	(9am to noon)	GPC members \$55/ \$65 non-members
Adult CPR/AED	(2pm to 4pm)	GPC members \$55/ \$65 non-members
Adult CPR/AED/First Aid	(2pm to 4pm)	GPC members \$55/ \$75 non-members
Adult/Pediatric CPR/AED/First Aid	(2pm to 4:30pm)	GPC members \$55/ \$85 non-members



Babysitter Training

The American Red Cross has created a course for Babysitters which includes sessions on leadership, age characteristics, problem solving, safety, communication and first aid. The class will be led by Becky Stabler in the Eisenhower Lounge. For registration or questions, please call Becky at 717-688-5183. The course is designed for 11 to 15 year-olds who want to babysit.

December 21, Saturday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm \$50 GPC members; \$65 non-members

Cookies Needed for Halloween Parade Hospitality Ministry

- We need your help in providing cookies for those watching the Halloween parade in front of the church!
- You can drop them off Sunday morning, Oct. 20.
- It would be ideal if you could put two cookies in a bag for easy distribution!
- Contact Bonnie Wright at 717-398-2411 with any questions.



Heads Up on Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S.

The dates of hosting Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S. (Combined Area Resources Emergency Shelter) have changed this year. GPC will serve as the host church December 23-January 5.

This is a cooperative project where several area churches provide homeless residents of Gettysburg with a warm place to sleep from October through April. Homeless residents come to the church at 8:30 p.m., stay overnight, and go to the Soup Kitchen the next morning to start their day with a warm breakfast.

If you have not already participated in this local mission, a 90-minute training session is required. The following dates are available at St. James Church for the 6:30 p.m. training sessions: October 21, November 25, January 13, February 17, and March 16.

Please contact Bill Tindall or e-mail him at agpr4you@yahoo.com with questions or if you want to sign up.

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with Dan Anderson's family upon his death.

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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 October 17, 2019**

**October / November 2019
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

- October 13** *“Calvinism in the Time or Civil War”*
- October 20** *“How to Be Happy”*
Prayers for Healing & Wholeness
- October 27** *“Seculosity”*
Remembrance Day
- November 3** Communion