Gettysburg Presbyterian Church

"<u>The Pastor's Page</u>"

Achoo!

If you're like me, you don't like to get a cold (let alone the flu). Well, there are some things we can do to reduce our risk of getting either one. Below, you will find, information pertaining to the cold & flu season from our Faith Community Nurse, Pam Phillips, RN/FCN.

The "Flu" season has arrived. Below are the differences between a cold and the flu.

Symptom	Cold	Flu
Fever	Rare	Usually present
Aches	Slight body aches/pain	Severe aches/pain
Chills	Uncommon	Fairly common
Fatigue	Fairly mild	Moderate to severe
Sudden Symptoms	Develops over a few days	Rapid Onset
Coughing	Productive/Hacking	Dry/Non-productive
Sneezing	Common	Uncommon
Stuffy Nose	Common	Uncommon
Sore Throat	Mild to Moderate	Uncommon
Chest Discomfort	Mild to Moderate	Often severe
Headache	Fairly uncommon	Very common

November 6, 2019

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Cold vs Flu:

Unlike colds, *flu can lead to complications* like pneumonia, especially in the old, the young, and those with serious health issues. Viruses are transmitted by contact with objects that the infected person has touched after coughing or sneezing. Germs can be transmitted 1 day before symptoms appear and up to 5 days after getting sick.

Stay healthy by eating well, exercising regularly, getting plenty of rest, and practicing good hand washing. If you have a cold or the flu, cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or elbow when coughing/sneezing, avoid people while ill, wash your hands after coughing/sneezing, and avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

If you are ill stay home; don't share your germs. Treat your symptoms by hydrating yourself, getting plenty of rest, gargling to moisten a sore throat, drinking hot liquids to relieve nasal congestion, taking a steamy shower to clear nasal passages, applying hot or cold packs to congested sinuses, using an extra pillow when sleeping to relieve congestion, and avoiding travel by air. If you are healthy, share Jesus' love by taking the sick one the standard chicken soup or fluids and caring for the children.

CASTING NETS FOR JESUS!

The Adult Discipleship Team at GPC works to make better disciples here at GPC and in our near community so that, as disciples, we can go forth from GPC and cast a wider net to gather in family and friends who might not yet be disciples of Christ. Some of the ways we do this include:

- Adult Sunday School Offering a variety of classes to build our faith, share our faith journeys with others, and learn about other religions and faith experiences. Many of our classes encourage reflection on our own experiences and ways we can share that with others who do not know Christ.
- Small Groups Twice a year we offer small group studies during which we are able to learn about discipleship and principles of faith through study, conversation, and prayer. Many of the discussion questions focus on ways we can cast our nets to bring others closer to God.
- Adult Bible studies and special topic classes Disciple and similar year-long studies allow deeper exploration of scripture and our faith. We also offer spiritual inventory classes to help identify the gifts and talents we can use to bring others closer to Christ.
- Retreats We conduct retreats for women annually which feature a theme, a faith topic, a chance for fellowship, and the opportunity to cast our nets.
- Young at Heart Offers a group of adults who are young at heart the opportunity to continue learning, fellowship together, and share their faith with each other.
- Devotionals Created in collaboration, these devotionals which we publish at Advent, and/or Lent, offer GPC members, staff, and friends the opportunity to share their faith and learn about other's path to discipleship and outreach.

These are just some of the examples of how the Adult Discipleship team builds disciples here at GPC who are better prepared to cast their nets to a world in need of the gospel.

Lynne Graziano, Adult Discipleship Team

The Traditional Worship & Music Committee "casts the nets" to support the church's mission to spread the Gospel and make disciples of Jesus Christ:

- A primary mission of our Committee is to provide a meaningful and inspirational place of worship. This goal is supported by:
 A volunteer team which prepares the communion elements and prepares the Lord's Table and Elders who assist the Pastors in serving Communion.
 - ◊ Ushers who welcome churchgoers, assist with seating as necessary, and who collect and present the offering.
 - ◊ Pew materials which provide attendees with information about the church, Bible readings, offertory envelopes, etc.
 - ◊ Volunteer teams who decorate the sanctuary for special services, particularly the Christmas holidays.
- Another primary mission of our Committee is to provide an inspirational worship experience to hear the Gospel and its lessons for our lives. This goal is supported by providing support as requested to our two experienced pastors.
- The third primary mission of our Committee is to provide a meaningful Music Ministry, to support services and other special events. This goal is supported by our Director of Music, who plans and executes all aspects of the music ministry.

Randy Smith, Traditional Worship & Music Committee

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.	THANK YOU for all your cards, support, prayers, and a beautiful memorial service and reception. Blessings,
 The transportation Deacon from Oct. 13 - Nov. 10 is Dave Boyer at 717-344-0470 and Nov. 11 - Dec. 8 is Leslie Casteel at 717-387-1088. 	Kathy Schneider's Family

Christmas Mission Fair November 24, 2019

It's that time of year when every child's mind turns to thoughts of GOLDFISH AND GAMES! The 2019 Christmas Fair is just around the corner on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Bring the whole family for a light supper, games for all ages, silent auction, craft tables, coffee, tea & cocoa sales, prizes, and the opportunity to give gifts that have potential to change (and even save) lives. Gift cards in support of specific mission efforts make wonderful alternative gifts for that person who has everything!

If you cannot join us on the evening of Nov. 24 gifts can also be purchased in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings, December 1, 8, and 15.

MISSION: HONDURAS 2020

A gift through Mission: Honduras 2020.- Our church will once again participate in the medical/dental mission to Honduras. GPC members will once again have the opportunity to support or join with others from around the country to provide health care education to over 7,000 adults and children in rural Honduras. Through your contribution, you can help provide medicine, dental care, vitamins, etc. to the Honduran people.

- Anesthetic for 1 extraction 2 Ś
- \$ 5 Asthma medicine for 1 child for a week
- \$ 10 Antibiotics for 5 children
- \$ 15 Fluoride treatment for 20 children
- \$ 20 Filling material for 1 tooth
- \$ 50 Vitamins for 250 people
- \$ 75 Parasite treatment for 1,000 people
- \$150 Emergency transportation by taxi to the

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL Our Christmas Fair began in 1986 to support Heifer International, a self-help program which sends livestock to needy families in the U.S. and around the world. These families become self-sufficient through training and gifts of livestock to help them become responsible for their own food needs. Farmers who receive animals must commit to pass on the first born off-spring of that animal to a neighbor in need.

Fish \$10, \$1 share Chick \$20 flock, \$3 each Bees \$30 package \$60 trio, \$10 share Rabbits Tree seedlings \$60, \$10 share \$120 each, \$10 share 🤞 Goats Pig \$120 each, \$10 share Llama \$150 each, \$20 share Water Buffalo \$250 each, \$25 share Cow \$500 each, \$50 share

SEA ISLAND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity is an international Christian organization in which volunteers build homes for low-income families. These families then provide their own labor and can purchase homes with no-interest mortgages. Members of our congregation travel to John's Island, South Carolina every April to participate in various building projects.



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REACH INTERNATIONAL: REACH runs Christian youth

work camps across the country, giving Sr. High youth the opportunity to help those in need while exploring their faith and building relationships that can last a lifetime! Home repair projects and all activities are supervised by adult volunteers. This year REACH will be supporting projects in Adams County, among others. Your generous contributions make it possible for thousands of youth across the country to experience God's presence while being the hands of Christ to someone less fortunate! Please give...Your support makes it all possible!

MISSION: SOUTH DAKOTA 2020

GPC members and friends will travel to the Chevenne River Lakota Reservation in South Dakota to help repair homes for the Native American residents, provide education classes, and hold a Festival for the entire reservation.

- \$ 3 Ice Scraper
- 5 School Supplies \$
- \$ 10 Snow Shovel
- \$ 10 Bible Storybook
- \$15 Fan
- \$20 Blanket
- \$ 20 Sheet Set
- \$ 50 Construction Supplies

MEXICO 2020

Next summer, Pastor Dave will again lead a group to work with Accion Ministry in the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico. They'll live and work in a village where they'll do a construction project on a church or home, run a Vacation Bible School, and give out reading glasses to those in need. There are also opportunities to fellowship and worship with our Mexican brothers and sisters. Your donation will help to buy construction materials for our project!

- Ś 5 Markers/Crayons for Bible School
- \$ 12 Bag of cement
- \$ 15 10 Cinder blocks

\$ 35

- \$ 25 Mason helper for one day
- \$ 28 Cubic meter of sand
- \$ 28 Cubic meter of gravel
- \$ 30 Master Mason for one day
 - Beam for home construction
- Ground transportation for 1 participant \$150

REACH WORKCAMP

Our Sr. High Youth will participate in REACH Workcamp, popular mission trip oriented towards home repair assistance for those with limited resources and faith-building for participants and staff. This year we will be traveling to North Carolina.

- \$ 5 1-lb. Box roofing nails
- \$ 10 1 Circular saw blade
- \$ 20 5 Decking boards
- \$ 50 5 (4x8) Sheets of drywall
- \$100 5-gal. Bucket Exterior House Paint
 - We work on homes... God works on us

GPC FAMILY MISSON TRIP

This unique opportunity for family-focused, local Christian service is a wonderful introduction to mis-

sions for children and parents alike! Details for the 2020 trip are still evolving, but are sure to foster closer family ties and deepen your faith. Details will be forthcoming. Your support will help offset the associated costs for families in need.















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 nine projects. You will also be able to shop at the Fair on Sunday mornings, November 24th, December 1st, 8th and 15th.

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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!

Christmas Mission Fair Games Volunteers

We still need many volunteers to sign up for 30 min blocks of time to facilitate the 15 games on the lower level during the Christmas Fair. We need many hands to make this work. Please sign up for as many time slots as you can. Thank you for helping us entertain children while adults are upstairs attending the Christmas Mission Fair.

<u>Upcoming Events:</u>	HIG	H SCHOOL	FELLOWSHIP
	November / December		
<u>PW CIRCLES</u>	November 10	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
Mary Martha Circle Thursday, November 14, 5:00 p.m.	November 17	5:30 - 7:30 (NOTE TIME	Car Chase CHANGE)
Eisenhower Lounge at GPC	November 24	4:30 - 7:00	CHRISTMAS FAIR
Lesson 3	December 1	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
Elizabeth Circle Monday, November 18, 1:00 p.m.	December 8	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
Paideia House - 1st floor		MidSHIP S	Schedule
Sandra B . / Becky S. Lesson 3		Noven	
Esther Circle Thursday, November 21, 9:30 a.m.	November 10	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Bonfire at Libby's house
Eisenhower Lounge at GPC Lesson 3	November 13	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group
Lesson 3:	November 17	5:30 - 7:30 (NOTE TIME	Car Chase CHANGE)
Exodus 20:8-11 / Deuteronomy 5:12-15 / Mark 2:23-28	November 20	2:45 - 6:30	THANKSGIVING DINNER with YAH MidSHIP & Youth Club
	November 24	4:30 - 7:00	CHRISTMAS FAIR
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There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Nov. 24 at 10:30AM in the sanctuary to elect church officers.

Please plan to attend!

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There will be a combined worship service at 10AM on Sunday, Nov. 17 followed by a fellowship time in Fellowship Hall!

STEPHEN MINISTRY HOW DOES STEPHEN MINISTRY WORK?

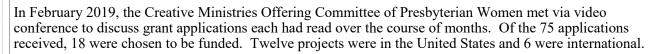
When someone requests a Stephen Minister, our Stephen Ministry Referrals Coordinator will contact that person, explain what Stephen Ministry is, and help determine whether Stephen Ministry is the kind of care that person needs. Our Referrals Coordinator then matches that person with one of our available

Stephen Ministers. The Stephen Minister will then call that person and begin meeting with him or her for about an hour each week as long as the need is there. Everything a care receiver says to his or her Stephen Minister is kept confidential. The Stephen Minister doesn't try to solve problems; rather, he or she listens, cares, prays, and helps the care receiver find his or her path to healing and wholeness. For more information call Lou at the church office 717-334-1235.

PW "THANK OFFERING"

Dear Gettysburg Presbyterian Women ~

One hundred thirty three years ago, Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio started the Women's Thank Offering. She encouraged each woman to give one dollar over their usual contribution to the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America. As years have passed, Clokey's call to give a "thank offering to our Lord" has continued to raise tens of millions of dollars for mission work both here in our country as well as around the world.



Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me. I will hear you When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart...

-Jeremiah 29:12-13, NRSV

Please join your fellow Presbyterian women in being thankful! Envelopes can be found in Fellowship Hall and Narthex and can be returned in the weekly offering plate by Sunday, December 8th.

THANK YOU to all the Mid-Ship Youth, Libby Crowe, Carole Simon, Nancy Cook, Margo Har, Heather Tschop, Susan Kolmer, and Liz Higgins for helping make our Christmas Craft Workshop & Babysitting such a success. We had 20 little ones from age 3 through 4th Grade here to make 9 crafts, pizza for lunch and a movie. The Mid-Ship youth were such a big help to the children. Thank you all.

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Mission Prayer List

On Sunday mornings we will be praying for the
 following people/groups that we support.

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Please consider including them in your own prayers!

- **11/10** South Carolina Mission Trip Works with Sea Island Habitat for Humanity to build homes for working poor families each Spring.
- **11/17 Habitat for Humanity** GPC was a founding church for this ministry which provides home ownership for working poor families.
- 11/24 Fellowship of Christian Athletes Kelly Jones facilitates this ministry at the Gettysburg College. Pastor Dave teaches once a semester.
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 Presbytery of Carlisle

 Our Presbytery, which consists of about 50

 Churches in our region.

"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.

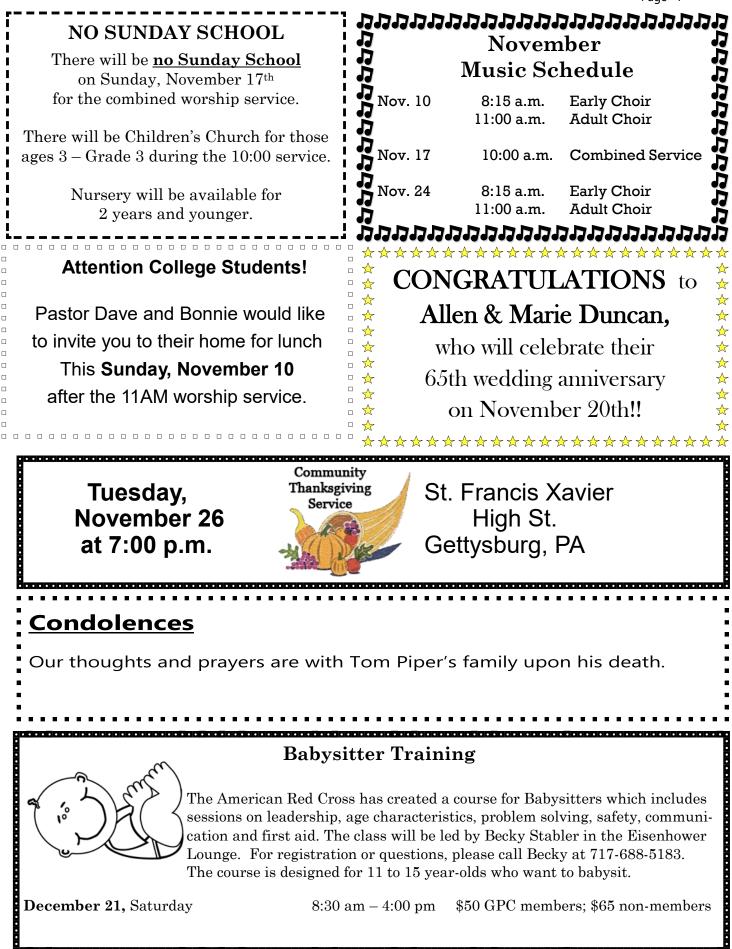
For the month of:

<u>November</u>

We will be collecting individual serving items for

Office of Aging -Home Delivered Meals Program

Emergency Meal Supplies - peanut butter, pull-top cans of soup, crackers, individual fruit servings, individual cookie packs, individual cereal boxes, other non-perishable, single serve items.



Mission Bright Star



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| | On **Sunday**, **November 24th** you will have an opportunity to participate in our church's annual Mission Bright Star program. Mission Bright Star is a ministry in which members of our congregation purchase Christmas gifts for children whose father or mother is a resident in the Adams County Correctional Facility during the Christmas season. Details regarding participation in Mission Bright Star will be announced during the church

services on November 24th.

We are also giving each family a "Christmas Story Cube" in addition to the Christmas gifts for the children. If you would like to help defray the cost of a "Christmas Story Cube" for a Mission Bright Star family, you may do so by donating \$5.00 to Gettysburg Presbyterian Church. Checks can be payable to GPC and put Mission Bright Star in the memo line.

The sign-up for both of these programs will occur immediately after each service in Fellowship Hall on November 24th. Your willingness to share the love and compassion of Christ with a Mission Bright Star family is greatly appreciated. Thank You!

RUMMAGE SALE "THANK YOU"

Thanks go to each and every one of you who helped make the Fall Rummage/Bake Sale a great success, including all the people at Game Night/Potluck who set up tables for us. We made \$4,400 from the event (\$460 from the bake sale), and served many customers in our community. In fact, we had more customers than ever before. From our 2 sales every year, Presbyterian Women gives \$5,000 - \$7,00 to local charities by way of the ACCF Giving Spree.

Here are many great volunteers:

Sharon Baker Jill Bemis **Cheryl Betts Eleanor Bilz Barry Breighner** Lucy Breighner Josie Brownley Lvdia Casteel Suzanne Casteel Nancy Cook Amy Deitch Sandy Dixon Marie Duncan Dorie Elledge Barb Ellingson Niles Ellingson **Bill Faloon** Kathy Faloon Debbie Farnsworth Beth Fitzpatrick **Bill Fitzpatrick** Cathy Gardner John Graziano Lvnne Graziano Jane Gwyn Sue Hain Carolyn Hankey Hank Har Margo Har Kathy Hawkins Liz Higgins Mandi Holler Merida Hurkett Mary K. Johnson Beth Jones **Ron Jones Betty Jones Brian Jones** Ofelia Kaguvutan Kelcee Keller Melanie Keller Anne Kern Susan Kolmer Olga Krossick Kay Knox Georgia Kuhn **Terry Lambert** Melany LaRochelle **Debbie Manning Terry Manning** George Marguglio Janet McCov Penny Messinger Helen Miley Andy Miner Mary Miner Laurel Minus Dale Molina Joyce Morrison **Robin Murphy** Pam Musselman Jane Neelv Lou Nviri **Rachel Parmentier** Pam Phillips Della Pierson Julia Rice Jo Rice Jen Rockey Tom Rockey **Dennis Ruth** Jen Ruth **Cindy Schaeffer** Mary Lou Seamens Carole Simon **Becky Stabler** Helen Stabler Cortney Suerdieck Linda Thompson **Bunny Toddes** Bev Weber Heather Tschop Barry Wareham Becky Wareham Deb Wolf Bonnie Wright Marilyn Zanger Ed Ziegler **Charlotte Winsheimer** Penny Ziegler Harry Winsheimer Heide Merwede & Mandy Blankenship and their high school class

Thank you from the Presbyterian Women Team: Amy Deitch, Bev Weber, Rachel Parmentier, Penny Ziegler, Margo Har, Beth Fitzpatrick, Sarah Lambert and Evelyn Small Π

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Adult Sunday School Elective: December Advent Series and Songs

The Adult Sunday School class will not meet November 17 - when we have one worship service - or November 24. We will regroup on December 1 for a three week series based on Rick Warren's *The Purpose of Christmas*. Books are available for purchase for folks who want to read along, but this is not required to participate.

Warren proposes that "your whole life up to this moment has been preparing you to receive God's Christmas gift to you...that on the first Christmas night, the angel announced three purposes for the birth of Jesus: Christmas is a time for Celebration! Salvation! and Reconciliation!" Come join us in a discussion about the celebration, salvation, and reconciliation God offers us at Christmas. Lynne Graziano will be facilitating and she can be reached at <u>lynnegraziano@gmail.com</u> or 404 226-4742.

And back by popular demand! On December 22, Adam Boyer will once again provide beautiful piano accompaniment to a Christmas carol sing-along. Come sing your favorites and maybe even learn a new one or two! All are welcome - voices strong and soft!

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SAVE THE DATE
Young at Heart and Youth Club / Mid-Ship Small Group Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday, November 20 th at 4 PM.
Young at Heart RVSP to Cheryl no later than <u>Sunday</u> , <u>November 10th</u> as final date to reserve a place at <u>gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org</u> or 717-334-1235, ext. 5.
Bring a dessert, salad or vegetable to go with our traditional Thanksgiving dinner.
Poinsettias
Help us decorate the sanctuary at Christmas by ordering a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone. The flowers will be used in the sanctuary December 22 nd . You may pick up your plant(s) following evening worship on the 24 th . The church office will be closed Wednesday & Thursday, Dec. 25th & 26th . Those not picked up by noon on the 27 th will be delivered to shut-ins. The 5-6 bloom 6 ½" pot will cost \$10.00.
Please fill in the following form & send it with your check <u>made payable to Gettysburg Presbyterian Church to</u> : Mary Lou Seamens 169 Hunters Trail Gettysburg, PA. 17325
Orders MUST be in by Sunday, December 8th. We cannot accept orders after that date—No extensions.

Christmas Poinsettias 2019
Given by:
Phone #:
In Memory of:
In Honor of: # of plants to be delivered to shut-ins

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- * witness boldly
 * live faithfully
 * serve passionately
- * give generously * worship weekly

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	November / December 2019 GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE raditional Worship @ 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.
	Contemporary Worship @ 9:30 a.m.
November 10	Stewardship Sermon - "Casting Nets for Jesus"
November 17	10:00 a.m. Combined Worship - <i>"Why Do We Need Church Anyway?"</i> Pledge Sunday No Sunday School
November 24	Thanksgivers Sunday Mission Bright Star 4:30 p.m Christmas Fair
December 1	The Magnificat - God is Personal First Sunday in Advent Communion

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