

# GRAPEVINE

November 20, 2019

## "The Pastor's Page"

I recently preached a sermon based on our Stewardship Campaign theme, "Casting Nets for Jesus." (Not "castanets!") I spoke about how necessary it is for each of us to reach out to others with the Good News of God's love in Jesus Christ, because far fewer people are coming to church where they can hear that message. I gave several practical ideas for sharing the good news including, inviting someone to church, offering to pray with someone in need, talking about the difference the gospel has made in your life, and giving to GPC.

I neglected to talk about the many possibilities for using social media, but I encourage you to be creative in using social media to cast nets for Jesus! Check out the church Facebook page and "Like" it often. Add your pics and comments to it, too! And refer to your involvement in church and mission opportunities often on your own social media platforms.

Let's use all the opportunities God has given us to share the good news of gospel with others!

*Dave*

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# Happy Birthday to...

**December 1**

Andrew Larson  
Brian Mora

**December 2**

Richard Burdge  
Rebecca Kiefer  
Drew May

Alexander Shpak  
Edward Thompson

**December 4**

Sharon Baker

**December 5**

Hailey Brownley  
Merle Weant

**December 6**

Maria Cushing-  
Daniels  
Hayden Garverick

Austin Rucker

Lucas Witherow-Doyle

**December 7**

Rebecca Beegle  
Allen Knouse

**December 8**

McKenna Kulkusky  
John Musselman

Jill Sellers

Lee Weber

**December 9**

John Graziano  
Holly Scarbrough  
Shawn Wagner

Mary Wood

**December 10**

Katharine Hawkins

**December 11**

Megan Angstadt  
Scott Russo

Newton Stewart

**December 12**

Mary Lynn Weaver

**December 13**

Shirley Fennimore

Christopher Hall

Sierra Hare

**December 14**

Patricia Knutson  
Tammy Schwartz  
John Tschop

**December 15**

June Powers  
Mike Strausner

**December 16**

Wendy Brubaker  
Mandi Holler

Janet Lightner

Mike Lochary

Bonita Soliday

**December 17**

Ruth Ann Fatzinger

Marion Lambert

**December 18**

Richard Lightner  
George Petrie

Christian Priel

**December 19**

Morgan Dennison

Kurtis Harrison

Sedona Wilson

**December 20**

Sonja Brown  
Debbie Manning

Laura Pennings

**December 21**

Bruce Bridel  
Mary K. Johnson

Chase King

Harry Winsheimer

**December 22**

Charlie Maynard

**December 23**

Sue Hain

Jacob Holler

Jane North

**December 24**

Bryan Beegle

Lucy Breighner

Jeffery Cook

Emily Druckman

Jan Knouse

Robert Remaley

**December 25**

JESUS

Kenneth Elledge

Nicholas Rucker

**December 26**

Bronte Fennimore

Mason Little

**December 27**

Julia Burke  
Laura Farnham

Chuck Teague

Mandy Weikert

**December 29**

Donna Harrison

Lynn Stabler

Scott Zanger

**December 30**

Sandra Breighner

Carolyn Hankey

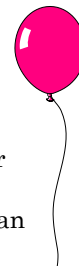
Anne Warcup

Kathy Wark

**December 31**

Andy Armstrong

Lynne Orner



We want to express our gratitude for the outpouring of love after the passing of our dad and grandpa, Tom Piper. Pastors Dave and Lou conducted a very touching service, and Barb Fair and the Presbyterian Women held a beautiful reception for everyone who attended. The many cards and warm hugs have also been very special. Dad was a blessing to us all, and he will be missed.

Thank you to all of GPC for holding us so close.  
Deb, Steve, Brett, Jordan, Mary Beth, Katie, and Zach

**We would like to thank Margo Har, Bev Weber, and Heather Tschop for putting together the wonderful Thanksgiving harvest display on the table in the chancel.**

**We appreciate your great work!**

## Casting Nets for Jesus

Our Mission Committee casts nets to spread the gospel and make disciples both locally and around the globe. Over the past 4 months, we have hosted several of the 7 international missionaries that GPC financially supports, we have provided collections of items needed for the two orphanages that we help support in Kenya and Haiti, and we had members participate in 5 different mission trips over the summer months. Locally, we have the opportunity to organize events that allow our congregation to share their time and talents to help those in need, whether it be things such as the Helping Hands work days or Carpenter's Gifts, fellowship opportunities with local migrant workers who are far from family, or even using our building to provide a warm place to stay for Gettysburg's homeless during the winter months in coordination with Gettysburg CARES. Being a missionary doesn't take extra resources or require preaching to the masses ... it can mean something as simple as taking time to become involved in the community or lending an ear for a struggling individual. You never know how the Holy Spirit may whisper to a non-believer through your efforts!

Sonja Brown, Mission Committee

# Christmas Mission Fair

## November 24, 2019

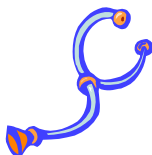
It's that time of year when every child's mind turns to thoughts of...**GOLDFISH AND GAMES!** The 2019 Christmas Fair is just around the corner on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24** from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Bring the whole family for a light supper, games for all ages, silent auction, craft tables, coffee, tea & cocoa 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.

- \$ 2 Anesthetic for 1 extraction
- \$ 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



### MISSION: SOUTH DAKOTA 2020

GPC members and friends will travel to the Cheyenne 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!

- \$ 5 Markers/Crayons for Bible School
- \$ 12 Bag of cement
- \$ 15 10 Cinder blocks
- \$ 25 Mason helper for one day
- \$ 28 Cubic meter of sand
- \$ 28 Cubic meter of gravel
- \$ 30 Master Mason for one day
- \$ 35 Beam for home construction
- \$150 Ground transportation for 1 participant



### 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
- Rabbits \$60 trio, \$10 share
- Tree seedlings \$60, \$10 share
- Goats \$120 each, \$10 share
- 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.

- \$ 5 Nails
- \$ 10 Construction supplies
- \$ 15 Light fixtures
- \$ 20 Gallon of paint
- \$ 25 Roofing shingles
- \$ 50 Window
- \$100 Door



### 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!

### 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 MISSION TRIP

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



### **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](mailto:tomkolmer@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Please bring crafts to Fellowship Hall **BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>, AT THE LATEST.**  
**THANKS!**

### **WEDNESDAY ADVENT SUPPERS**

**Dec. 4, 11 & 18**

**5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**

Please join us for Advent Suppers on Dec. 4, 11 & 18. Together we will take a break from the Christmas rush for a family meal, reflection and prayer.

|           |                  |                                |
|-----------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Schedule: | 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. | Family Style Supper            |
|           | 6:00 - 6:15 p.m. | Faith-forming activity         |
|           | 6:15 - 6:25 p.m. | Informal group prayer activity |
|           | 6:30 p.m.        | Finish                         |

We will provide the simple supper and drinks as well as place settings.  
We ask, if you are able, to bring a salad or dessert to share with 6-8 people.

It will help with our planning if you could give us an idea as to which nights you could join us and an idea of how many attending. Respond by using the tear-off below or email Rev. Lou Nyiri at [gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org) or call at 717-334-1235, ext. 4.

-----**Wednesday Advent Suppers**-----

We hope to be there: **December 4 / December 11 / December 18**

We will bring a **Salad / Dessert** to share with 6-8 people.

We will have a total of \_\_\_\_\_ people in our party

**There will be a  
Congregational Meeting  
on Sunday, Nov. 24 at 10:30AM  
in the sanctuary  
to elect church officers.  
Please plan to attend!**

**HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP  
November / December**

|             |             |  |
|-------------|-------------|--|
| November 24 | 4:30 - 7:00 | CHRISTMAS FAIR                           |
| December 1  | 5:30 - 7:00 | Dinner & Fellowship                      |
| December 8  | 5:30 - 7:00 | Dinner & Fellowship                      |
| December 15 | 5:30 - 7:00 | Christmas Dinner & Silly Gift Exchange   |
| December 22 | 5:30 - 7:00 | Christmas Open House at Rev. Lou's house |

**MidSHIP Schedule  
November**

|             |             |  |
|-------------|-------------|--|
| November 24 | 4:30 - 7:00 | CHRISTMAS FAIR                         |
| December 1  | 5:30 - 7:00 | Dinner & Fellowship                    |
| December 8  | 5:30 - 7:00 | Dinner & Fellowship                    |
| December 15 | 5:30 - 7:00 | Christmas Dinner & Silly Gift Exchange |
| December 22 | 5:30 - 7:00 | Dinner & Christmas Caroling            |

**We would welcome your help decorating the church for Advent on**

**Wednesday, December 3  
11:00 a.m.**



Please contact Margo Har if you would like to volunteer 978-807-3750.



**Why get vaccinated?**

Influenza vaccine can prevent the flu. The flu is a contagious disease. It usually starts with its first cases showing up in October and ends approx. in May. Infants, young children, people 65 years and older, pregnant women, and people with certain health conditions and weakened immune systems are at risk of flu complications. It takes approx. 2 weeks for protection to develop after the vaccination.



**Flu symptoms**

Fever, chills, sore throat, muscle aches, fatigue, cough, headache, vomiting, diarrhea, and runny or stuffy nose. You can have all or some of these symptoms.

**Complications of the Flu**

Each year thousands of people die from the flu, are hospitalized, and can develop pneumonia, bronchitis, and ear and sinus infections. If you have a medical condition: heart disease, diabetes, cancer, the flu can cause complications.

**Recommendations from the CDC**

Everyone 6 months of age and older should be vaccinated. Children 6 months through 8 years of age many need 2 doses during a single flu season.

**What is in a Flu vaccine?**

Each year a new flu vaccine is made to protect against several viruses that are likely to cause the disease. Even when the vaccine doesn't exactly match these viruses, it may still add protection.

**Does the Flu vaccine cause the flu?**

According to the CDC the answer is no.

**Before you get the flu shot:**

You should talk to your primary care provider. If you have had an allergic reaction after a flu shot, or have any severe life-threatening allergies, or ever had Guillain-Barre syndrome let your primary care physician know this information.

**What happens after the injection?**

Post-vaccination symptoms are not uncommon. Redness, soreness, and/or swelling at the injection site is normal. You can develop muscle aches, headaches and fever.

According to the CDC, there may be a very small increased risk of Guillain-Barre syndrome after the influenza vaccination.

If a serious reaction occurs (hives, swelling of the face and throat, trouble breathing, increased heart rate, weakness) **call 911**. Do not take the person in a car.

**Prevention is the key!**



## **Mission Bright Star**

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 24<sup>th</sup>**.

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 24<sup>th</sup>.** Your willingness to share the love and compassion of Christ with a Mission Bright Star family is greatly appreciated. Thank You!

## **Light in the Midst of Darkness: A Worship Service for Those Who Find Celebrating Difficult**

**Sunday, December 15, 2019**

**3:00PM Sanctuary**



Christmas and the holidays can be a bittersweet time of year for those who find themselves remembering persons and events that have been a part of their lives in the past, which are now changed or gone. As we enter into the season of the year with longer nights, we will gather to offer a quiet, meditative worship service that makes time for remembering and sharing our hurting places with God. Join us for this candle-lit time of music, scripture, stories, silent reflection and prayer.

### **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!

- 11/24 Fellowship of Christian Athletes**  
Kelly Jones facilitates this ministry at the Gettysburg College. Pastor Dave teaches once a semester.
- 12/1 Presbytery of Carlisle**  
Our Presbytery, which consists of about 50 Churches in our region.
- 12/8 Jacques Merine & Source of Life Ministries**  
Jacques Merine heads Source of Life Ministries which runs an orphanage in Haiti. They are hoping to expand into health ministries in the near future.
- 12/15 Persecuted Christians**  
Persecuted Christians continue to suffer for their faith, especially in Asia.

### **Condolences**

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Gerry Dettloff's family upon her death.

Susan Kint on the recent death of her brother.

**PW CIRCLES**

**Mary Martha Circle**

**Thursday, December 12, 5:00 p.m.**  
Eisenhower Lounge at GPC  
Lesson 4

**Elizabeth Circle**

**Monday, December 16, 1:00 p.m.**  
Paideia House - 1st floor  
Lesson 4



**Esther Circle**

**Thursday, December 19, 9:30 a.m.**  
Eisenhower Lounge at GPC  
Lesson 4

**Lesson 4:  
Exodus 20:12 and Luke 9:57-62**

**November / December  
Music Schedule**

|         |              |                   |
|---------|--------------|-------------------|
| Nov. 24 | 8:15 a.m.    | Early Choir       |
|         | 11:00 a.m.   | Adult Choir       |
| Dec. 1  | 8:15 a.m.    | Early Choir       |
|         | 11:00 a.m.   | Adult Choir       |
| Dec. 8  | 8:15 a.m.    | Early Choir       |
|         | 11:00 a.m.   | Adult Choir       |
| Dec. 15 | 8:15 a.m.    | Youth Bell Choir  |
|         | 9:30 a.m.    | Christmas Pageant |
|         | 11:00 a.m.   | Adult Bell Choir  |
| Dec. 22 | 8:15 & 11:00 | Adult Choir       |
|         |              | Christmas Cantata |
| Dec. 29 | 8:15 & 11:00 | Special Music     |

**Tuesday,  
November 26  
at 7:00 p.m.**

**Community  
Thanksgiving  
Service**

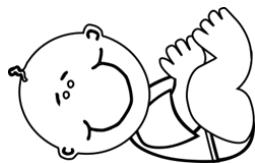


**St. Francis Xavier  
High St.  
Gettysburg, PA**

Rev. Nancy Davis has decided to focus on her teaching ministry here at GPC and will no longer be doing visitation with the pastoral team.

We thank Nancy for her excellent work and wish her well with her teaching!

**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

### Adult Sunday School Elective: December Advent Series and Songs

The Adult Sunday School class 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 [lynnegraziano@gmail.com](mailto:lynnegraziano@gmail.com) 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!

### A Big Thank You from the Halloween Parade Committee

GPC worked on our float for 2 months! Big thanks go to Ray Schwartz who designed the Jedi Fighter Jet (truck), Patti Schwartz who oversaw the entire project, Tammi Schwartz who designed the Cantina float (trailer), the truck (Sharon Holslaw), the trailer (Benjy Conover/also the driver), the barn to build our float in (Whit & Nancy Coombs), the amazing Cantina brass band (directed by Dave Conklin), the sewing of costumes (Marty Fitzgerald), the typing and printing of labels (Penny Messenger) and all the other volunteers !!!

So many people helped with building the truck cover and float, decorating the float, making costumes and signs, filling snack bags, pushing shopping carts, calling children, putting bracelets together, serving cookies and drinks at our hospitality table, etc.

**Our float featured Lou as Luke Skywalker and his dancing partner Princess Leia. The Cantina band played wonderful Star Wars music. Children and Adults dressed in costumes and marched, carrying light sabers and signs. They gave out candy and glow in the dark bracelets which included information about our youth groups. (We won the Community Spirit award !)**

**The project was about much more than a float and truck, it was about commitment, communication, fellowship and the excitement of watching a concept turn into a really fun night !!**

**GPC is the best place in this Galaxy !! May the FORCE OF GOD be with you !!**

## 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<sup>nd</sup>. You may pick up your plant(s) following evening worship on the 24<sup>th</sup>. The church office will be closed **Wednesday & Thursday, Dec. 25th & 26th**. Those not picked up by noon on the 27<sup>th</sup> will be delivered to shut-ins. The 5-6 bloom 6 1/2" pot will cost \$10.00.

Please fill in the following form & send it with your check made payable to Gettysburg Presbyterian Church to:  
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.**

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### Christmas Poinsettias 2019

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

# of plants you will pick up \_\_\_\_\_ # of plants to be delivered to shut-ins \_\_\_\_\_







## Advent Schedule

### December 1 - First Sunday of Advent

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

### December 4

5:30 p.m. Advent Supper

### December 8 - Second Sunday of Advent

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

### December 11

5:30 p.m. Advent Supper

### December 15 - Third Sunday of Advent

8:15 and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
9:30 a.m. Christmas Pageant  
3:00 p.m. Light in the Midst of  
Darkness: A Worship Service  
for Those Who Find  
Celebrating Difficult

### December 18

5:30 p.m. Advent Supper

### December 22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:15 and 11:00 a.m. Adult Choir  
Christmas Cantata  
9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

### December 24 - Christmas Eve Services

4:00 p.m. Traditional Worship and  
Birthday Party for Jesus  
(ages 3 - Grade 2)  
5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship  
7:00 p.m. Family Worship  
8:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

Candle-lighting and Carol singing at all services.  
Nursery care provided at each service.

*Come and Celebrate  
the Season with  
Joy and Hope!*

## A Christmas Concert for GETTYSBURG C.A.R.E.S.

Contemporary and classic holiday music  
for piano, guitar and voice performed by  
members and friends of  
Great Conewago Presbyterian Church

**WHEN:** Saturday, Dec. 14 @ 2:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** 174 Red Bridge Rd., Gettysburg

**WHO:** Entire Adams County Community  
PLEASE JOIN US & BRING A FRIEND

**WHY: To benefit the Gettysburg  
C.A.R.E.S. Homeless Shelter**

A FREE WILL OFFERING will be taken  
AND your donations of new socks, gloves  
and mittens will be gladly received!



## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United invites all local church  
women to our meeting and (\$4) luncheon on  
Wednesday, December 4, 11:30 a.m. at the Gettys-  
burg Church of the Brethren, 1710 Biglerville Rd.  
We will have a special presentation, "Bread for  
Each Other," by Marc Jalbert of Bakewell Farm &  
enjoy his guitar accompaniment for caroling. In-  
vite a friend! No reservations are needed & new-  
comers are always welcome.

## MEN'S INTERFAITH LUNCHEON will meet December 4 & 11

All men are invited on Wednesdays, Dec.  
4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon for light lunch  
(\$3.00) and camaraderie in Fellowship  
Hall, followed by humor and worship in  
the sanctuary. This is an interfaith  
gathering, and is open to all men who  
would enjoy the time together and appre-  
ciate a message from a local minister.



### December Gathering

Our December meeting on Dec. 12th will be a covered dish luncheon starting at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall followed by a time of singing Christmas carols with Becky Wareham.

Please bring a covered dish to share that serves 8-10 people and join us for a time of fellowship and song.

If there are any questions, please call Cheryl Betts in the church office at 334-1235, ext. 5 or [gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org).

### Children's Christmas Pageant

December 15th @ 9:30 a.m.



The Children's Christmas Pageant will be performed on Sunday, December 15th at 9:30 a.m. in the Contemporary Worship Service.

Parents, you are urged to have your children in Sunday School on Nov. 24, Dec. 1st and 8th to practice during the Sunday School hour. We need all the children to participate. This will be the children's gift to the congregation. You will definitely want to be present.

### BIRTHDAY PARTY for JESUS!!

Held during the 4:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve.

For children ages 3—Grade 3, a special "Birthday Party for Jesus" will be held during the 4:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. The party will include songs, the Christmas story, crafts, cupcakes for Jesus, and a special gift bag for each child.

Children will begin the service with their families in the sanctuary and exit shortly thereafter. All children ages 3—Grade 3 are welcome to attend this meaningful celebration.

### 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 Nov. 11 - Dec. 8 is Leslie Casteel at 717-387-1088 and Dec. 9 - Jan. 12 is Jeff Cook at 717-337-1454.



### STEPHEN MINISTRY

**Support: To hold in position so as to keep from falling, sinking, or slipping**

Support is something we all need. God gives us support through our Christian brothers and sisters. Let us all be sensitive to one another's needs and take the time to support each other through prayers, phone calls, friendly chats after church, and even visits. Also, remember that we have Stephen Ministers who are willing to give their support. For more information about Stephen Ministry, please contact Lou Nyiri at 717-334-1235, ext. 4.

"When I said, 'My foot is slipping,' your love, O LORD, supported me" (Psalm 94:18)



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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 December 5, 2019**

## **November / December 2019** **GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

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

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| <b>November 24</b> | Thanksgivers Sunday<br>Mission Bright Star<br>4:30 p.m. - Christmas Fair  |
| <b>December 1</b>  | The Magnificat - God is Personal<br>First Sunday in Advent<br>Communion   |
| <b>December 8</b>  | The Magnificat - God of Social Justice<br>Second Sunday in Advent   |
| <b>December 15</b> | The Magnificat - Once & Future King<br>Third Sunday in Advent<br>9:30 a.m. - Children's Christmas Pageant<br>3:00 p.m. - "Light in the Midst of Darkness" Service |