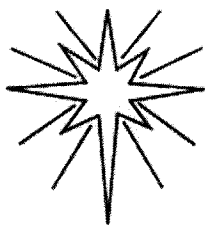


GRAPEVINE

December 11, 2019



Erin

Dave

"In love you came to a stable in Bethlehem
to become one with us.

In love you walked the plains and hills of Galilee and Judea
to teach us how to live.

George

In love you were nailed on a cross on Calvary
to bear away our sin.

Cheryl

In love you rose from a tomb in Joseph's garden
to defeat death's power over us.

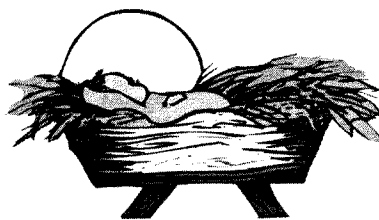
Penny

In love you ascended beyond the clouds
to be our reigning Lord.

Sibby

You came to love us so that we need never feel
unloved, deserted, alone, condemned."

Annie



Dennis

Jamie

MERRY CHRISTMAS

And

David

Deb

Happy New Year 2020

Ann

Phyllis

From the

Gettysburg Presbyterian Church Staff

Happy Birthday to...

January 1

Barb Fair
Ross Kircher
Kate Matthews
Kay McClain
Johnna Sanders

January 2

Janet Dewar
Michael Gazmen
Madison Meyer
Tammy Smarsh
Ann Williams

January 3

Olivia Hall

January 4

Trenton Fake
Christian Swartzbaugh
Ethan Walker

January 6

Don Scofield

January 7

Matthew Landauer
Jane Neely
Dick Peterson
Caleb Unger
Marilyn Weary

January 8

James Bergen
Barbara Finrock

January 9

Anthony Ott

January 10

Vicki Fuller
Paul Landauer

Pamela Musselman

January 12

Lois Gregor

January 13

Joshua Poorman

January 15

Katrina Fuller
Joan Kinsey
Pam Rowland
Caroline Wintrose

January 16

Alexander Cowden
Olivia Cowden
Cheryl Kulkusky
Lee Ann Larson
Callie Sheppard
Audrey Trax

January 17

Noah Bahm
Ken Brown
Alexandra Chandon
Allen Duncan
Mike Hosterman

January 18

Michael King
Patricia Lewis
William Reaver

January 19

Brian Fitzgerald
Kelcee Keller
Paul Wilson

January 20

Doris Corbin
Jacob Durboraw
John Gregor
Sharon Martin
Mary Miner
Deb Slothour

January 21

Debra Meckley

January 22

Leah Bernier
Evelyn Flinner
Madison Franek

January 23

Deb Kammerer
Tom Kolmer
Sandra Reed

January 24

Gina Xenos

January 25

Christopher Kiefer
Mary Weigle

January 26

Dianne Albin
Margaret Sarnoff

January 27

Dave Boyer
Callie Fennimore
Kay Knox
Barb Sanders

January 28

Jordan Thompson

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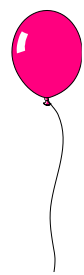
Jacob Bridel
Kyle Clark
Donald Stabler
Bev Weber

January 30

Chad Decker
Jan Gazmen

January 31

Dave Delacruz
Jordan Soliday
Tracey Stone
Becky Wareham



Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with Dawn Bohner and family on the recent death of Dean.

With a heart full of thank-you and joy, Richard and I write to all for keeping our daughter, Diana Snell, in their prayers. Her five month hospital stay is over, her heart operation is successful, and she is now home getting stronger each day.

Marlyn & Richard Burdge

Fruitbelt Farmworker Christian Ministry

Thank you so much for the blankets and sweatshirts you provided for the farmworkers. Special thanks to Bill Tindall for delivering them to us. We also appreciate your participation in the Friend-A-Camp program and for all the ways you serve the migratory and seasonal workers

Blessings,
Pastor Rod & Nancy Runyan
from FFCM

"Casting Nets for Jesus" Stewardship 2020

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their pledge for the 2020 Stewardship Campaign.

If you have not, there is still time. Please place them in the offering plate on Sunday morning or turn them into the church office at your earliest convenience.



Advent Schedule

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 3)

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!



MEN'S INTERFAITH LUNCHEON will meet January 8

All men are invited on Wednesday,
January 8th 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.

SAVE THE DATE:

The next
Exploring Membership Class
will be held on
Sunday afternoon, Feb. 9.
We'd love to have you attend!

Many of our staff will be away on vacation after Christmas.

The Church office will be **CLOSED**
Dec. 25 - January 1
 (Poinsettias can be picked up
 Dec. 27, 8:00 a.m. till noon)

For pastoral care needs please contact
 Pam Phillips , Faith Community Nurse
 at 410-596-0777

Advent Devotionals

Many of you wrote a submission for GPC's Advent Devotional.

They are now available on the CE Table.

Parents, there is also one for children. Please help yourself to a copy of each.

They are wonderfully written.

Thank you to all who submitted a devotion.

First Corinthians 13—Christmas Version

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child.

Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the husband.
 Love is kind, though harried and tired.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way,
 but is thankful they are there to be in the way.

Love bears all things, believes all things,
 hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost,
 golf clubs will rust.

But giving the gift of LOVE will endure.

December Music Schedule

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



**Gettysburg Presbyterian Church
 High School FellowSHIP
 Christmas Open House**

Who: SHIP Alumni, Advisors, Current Senior High Youth & Friends

When: December 22, 2019 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM

Where: Lou, Candace and Alex's House,
 19 East High Street, Gettysburg

Why: To relax, reconnect with old & new friends and enjoy some of Lou's famous Cheese Dip!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday School Changes

Sunday, December 22nd
 There **will be** Sunday School.

Sunday, December 29th
 Combined Sunday School
 for ages 3—grade 3 ONLY

Wise Men Are Traveling

You will find our wisemen in the center of rows each Sunday. They are traveling towards the front to arrive on Epiphany Sunday. Please do not remove or move them, just sit beside them if you wish. They have a long road to travel to see the Christ child.

PW - Save the Date

Presbyterian Women(PW) is planning a Mid-Winter Fun Lunch on **Saturday, January 18**, from 12:00 to 2:00, for the women of our church.

Anne and Dale Gallon have graciously offered their lovely home for this event. They live on Vista Larga Drive, just 2-3 miles north of Gettysburg.

More details will follow in January, along with sign-ups in Fellowship Hall.

Please plan to attend!

Questions - ahdeitch@hotmail.com

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP
December

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 (19 E. High St.)
December 29	NO SHIP	Christmas Break

MidSHIP Schedule
December

December 15	5:30 - 7:00	Christmas Dinner & Silly Gift Exchange
December 22	5:30 - 7:00	TBD
December 29	NO Mid-SHIP	Christmas Break

Nursery Volunteers Needed for 7:00 & 8:30 p.m. Christmas Eve services

Please help in either of these services on Christmas Eve to watch our youngest members so our regular Nursery workers can worship and be with their families too. By church policy, we need two adults in the nursery for each service. This is your chance to rock one of our babies, or just to enjoy the children ages 2 and under who are either our youngest members or are visiting Grandma & Grandpa, or Aunts & Uncles for Christmas. This is truly a joy to see. Please stop by the CE Table and sign up for one of the services.

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!

- 12/15 Persecuted Christians**
Persecuted Christians continue to suffer for their faith, especially in Asia.
- 12/22 Lend-A-Hand**
Lend-A-Hand is a ministry of our Presbytery that sends groups to help disaster-stricken areas recover
- 12/29 Adams Christian Prison Ministry**
Angel Perez serves as the prison chaplain, doing evangelism and faith-building inside the prison.
- 1/5/20 Ruth's Harvest**
Ruth's Harvest provides backpacks full of food for school children to take home on the weekends.

At a congregational meeting on Nov. 24, the following people were elected to church office:

- | | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Elders: | Deacons: |
| Brian Campbell | Leslie Casteel |
| Deb Litten | Elly Cleaver |
| Tammy Schwartz | Ron Weigle |
| Lane Speck | Megan Ziegler |
| Larry Wolf | |

- Nominating Committee Members:**
 Andy Farkas
 Cathy Gardner

Thanks to all who are willing to serve our church as leaders!



“Just a Little Christmas” 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 at 9:00 a.m. on December 15 to practice. 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 Dec. 9 - Jan. 12 is Jeff Cook at 717-337-1454.

STEPHEN MINISTRY SHOW THEM YOU CARE!



When you see people who are sad, lonely, or grief-stricken, don't just tell them you care--show them you care! Ask how they are, listen to what they have to say, share the love of Jesus. And if their need is great, encourage them to consider Stephen Ministry as a way to receive the transforming love and care of Jesus. Show them you care, and you can make a real difference in their life. For more information call Lou at the church office 334-1235, ext. 4.



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.



Handwashing

Pam Phillips RN FCN

Until 100 years ago, the link between hand washing and the transmission of disease was unknown. Now, we know that simple hand washing is one of the most effective weapons *against* disease. Washing your hands not only protects others from germs you might pass on but protects you as well.

The link between hand washing and the spread of germs was not recognized by physicians until the early 1900's. Prior to that time, some of the resistance to hand washing sprang from the association of water and disease, such as malaria and typhoid fever. Also, with the lack of indoor plumbing, the act of hand washing was not a simple matter. Water had to be drawn and carried in, and then heated. Luckily, we live in an age where keeping our hands clean is a simple matter. "Hand washing is the single most important means of preventing the spread of infection," according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

While knowledge is a wonderful thing, it doesn't help us unless we put it into practice. In hospitals, where the value of clean hands is well known, current estimates by the CDC state that 5-15% of all hospital patients will acquire a secondary infection during their hospital stay. A hospital is not the only place where the practice of hand washing needs to be constant. Day care centers, nursing homes, and restaurants are places where good hand hygiene is a must.

In this day of running water and soap being available virtually everywhere, it is surprising that we still see unacceptable numbers of people being infected because germs were carried from one person to another on contaminated hands. Infections from mishandled food, including Salmonella infections, affect over 80 million people a year in the United States alone! The knowledge of infection control and the ready availability of soap and water are a beginning, but they give us no protection when people don't use them.

This handy list comes from the web site, Kidshealth.org, and gives invaluable tips for keeping yourself and those around you healthy. Wash your hands: • After using the bathroom • After blowing your nose or coughing into your hand • Before eating, serving, or preparing food • After touching pets or animals • After outdoor activities • Before and after visiting someone who is sick • When your hands are dirty • After changing a diaper

Hand washing must be done correctly to be of value. Rinsing your hands under water for a few seconds does not count!

How to wash your hands!

Start with warm water and use soap. Antibacterial soap is not needed for everyday hand washing. Rub your hands together, covering all surfaces, including nail beds. Friction is a great tool for dislodging germs and sending them down the drain. Keep this up for 15-20 seconds—about the time it takes to sing a chorus of "Old McDonald" or to say The Lord's Prayer. Rinse well, and if you are in a *public restroom*, use a paper towel to touch faucet and toilet handles, and the door out of the rest room. Many people have touched these surfaces before you, and you can bet they didn't all wash their hands first. When soap and water are not available, the waterless hand gels and wipes are a good choice.

We have purchased 3 new hand sanitizers for all to use when you enter the sanctuary, go to the buffet line or snack area, etc. Please use them when soap and water are not available, or you just want to sanitize!

Protect yourself—Wash Your Hands!

Adult Sunday School Elective: December Advent Series and Songs

The Adult Sunday School class on **December 15** will end the study of Rick Warren's *The Purpose of Christmas*.

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 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!

Adult Sunday School - January and February 2020 - 6 weeks

When was the last time you read the book of Matthew?

We will be reading and studying it together in January and February in the Adult Sunday School class at 9:30 AM - MacAskill.

We will use a book by John L. Hiigel - *Partnering with the King* - to study the book of Matthew. This will be a facilitated study with Lynne Graziano and Susan Kolmer. No need to read the book to participate - we will read portions of it together! For extra credit - start reading the book of Matthew prior to the class.

Hiigel uses Matthew as a guide to discipleship. Wouldn't you like to begin 2020 walking more closely to Christ? Join us!

Please send questions to Lynne Graziano at lynnegraziano@gmail.com or call her at 404 226-4742.

Celebrate the New Year with a meaningful bible study!

Envelopes & Contributions

Please pick up your 2020 contribution envelopes on the table in Fellowship Hall. This will save the church time and money since those not picked up are mailed out individually.

Also, our Church Treasurer reminds everyone to make 2019 gifts to the church by December 31 to receive credit for your donation in the 2019 calendar year.

2020 Chancel Flowers



The new calendar is available on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall to sign up for the Chancel flowers in 2020.

"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:

January

We will be collecting items for

The Gettysburg Soup Kitchen:

Chef's knives, LARGE serving trays (from a Kitchen Supply Store), reams of printer paper, Mr. Clean floor cleaner, Dawn dish detergent, V-8 or similar vegetable juice (NOT tomato juice), deodorant, paper napkins, pot holders, dish towels, gift cards for Kennie's or Giant, and gas cards (bring gift cards to the church office).

January 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Adult Choir 12:00 p.m. Grief Support Group 4:00 p.m. Christian Believer 4:30 p.m. Youth Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir 5:30 p.m. SHIP /MidSHIP	6 9:30 a.m. Christian Believer 6:30 p.m. Outreach Com. 7:00 p.m. Mission & Interpretation	7 9:00-2:00 Faith Com. Nurse 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision	8 12:00 p.m. Men's Inter. Lunch 2:45 p.m. MidSHIP Sm. Grp 3:00-7:00 Faith Com. Nurse 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:00 p.m. Youth Club Choir 5:45 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 6:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	9 9:00-2:00 Faith Com. Nurse 10:00 a.m. Shawi Ministry 12:00 p.m. Young @ Heart 5:00 p.m. Mary Martha Circle 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts	10 9:00-2:00 Faith Com. Nurse 12:00 p.m. Young @ Heart 5:00 p.m. Mary Martha Circle 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts	11 9:00-2:00 Faith Com. Nurse 10:00 a.m. Shawi Ministry 12:00 p.m. Young @ Heart 5:00 p.m. Mary Martha Circle 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
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26 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Adult Choir 12:00 p.m. Congregational Lunch & Annual Meeting 4:00 p.m. Youth Choir 4:30 p.m. Youth Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study 5:30 p.m. SHIP /MidSHIP 5:30 p.m. Divorce Care Grp. 7:00 p.m. Mexico Mission Trip Interest Meeting	27 9:30 a.m. Christian Believer 11:15 a.m. CFY	28 9:00-2:00 Faith Com. Nurse	29 2:00-6:00 Faith Com. Nurse 2:45 p.m. MidSHIP Sm. Grp 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:00 p.m. Youth Club Choir 5:45 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 6:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	30 9:00-2:00 Faith Com. Nurse	31 9:00-2:00 Faith Com. Nurse	



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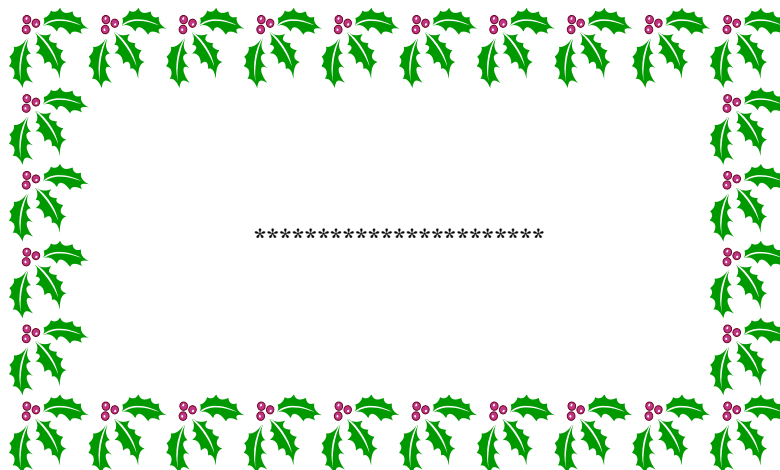
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Gettysburg Presbyterian Church Mission Statement

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 January 2, 2020**

**December 2019
 GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

December 15	<i>The Magnificat - Once & Future King</i> Third Sunday in Advent 9:30 a.m. - Children's Christmas Pageant 3:00 p.m. - "Light in the Midst of Darkness" Service
December 22	8:15 & 11:00 Adult Choir Cantata 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship - <i>Once & Future King</i> Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 24	4:00 p.m. Traditional Worship & Birthday Party for Jesus 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship 7:00 p.m. Family Worship - <i>"Who Would Imagine A King?"</i> 8:30 p.m. Traditional Worship
December 29	Rev. Bruce Davis Preaching