

GRAPEVINE

January 8, 2020

"The Pastor's Page"

My grandfather Kershner was well-known for his patience. He was a skilled cabinetmaker and I wondered if he had learned patience in doing that kind of work. At any rate, I remember him patiently waiting at various times, and encouraging me to learn to be patient. That was a virtue that did not come easily to a young boy!

Here at GPC, we have been involved in a patience-growing project over the last 8 years or so—the Wall Alley Parking lot! Through more twists and turns that I would have believed possible, we have experienced delay after delay on this project. As you may know, the lot (with 23 new spaces) is now available for parking, and will receive its final touches in the spring.

Thanks to all, who gave to the capital campaign to pay for this lot. And special thanks to Ron Hankey, who oversaw this project, and to Brandon Guiher (with KPI Engineering) who gave us the technical support we needed. We have all learned a lot about the biblical virtue of patience through this project!

Where is God teaching you patience right now?

⁹So let us not grow weary in doing what is right,
for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up.

¹⁰So then, whenever we have an opportunity,
let us work for the good of all,
and especially for those of the family of faith.
~ Gal. 6:9,10

Pastor Dave

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To My Church Family,
 Thank you all so much for the thoughts, prayers, cards and hugs when my sister Theresa, passed away last month. It means so much to me.
 Thank you again,
 Sue Hain

**Migrant Camp Christmas Dinner
 with GPC Youth Groups**

On December 15 the GPC youth groups invited migrant workers from the Potato Road camp to join them at their annual Christmas Dinner in Fellowship Hall. While only two workers were able to attend, two youth members, Lydia Casteel and Jay Tassin, from GPC made an extra effort to make them feel at home by sitting with them at dinner and interacting with them about their experiences in Adams County as migrant workers. Dr. Melanie Finkenbinder, a board member with the Fruitbelt Farmworker Christian Ministry served as interpreter and Bill Tindall drove the van to the camp to pick up and return the men to their camp.

While the purpose of Adopt-a-Camp is to make the workers feel at home while living temporarily many miles from their friends and families, interacting with Hilder and Migual became a blessing for us as well. Before they left, Dr. Finkenbinder interpreted our question to them, asking if there was anything we could do to make their stay more comfortable. Because some in the camp were new to Pennsylvania's cold winters, a bit different from their homes in southern Mexico, they suggested warm coats and blankets. The next Sunday we solicited help from the congregation. Not surprisingly, GPC members rose to the occasion with 7 winter coats, a winter vest, 8 stocking caps, a sweat suit, 1 cozy blanket and a sleeping bag.

Thank you so much, GPC.

Dear Friends at GPC,

Happy New Year! As 2019 draws to a close, I am filled with gratitude for the hundreds of people in our community who make a vital ministry like Ruth's Harvest Gettysburg possible. In a typical school week, we provide 6 weekend meals to nearly 250 children. Over the course of the past year that comes to over 45,000 meals to children who might not otherwise get a meal over the weekend - right here in our community.

You are part of a special group of people who landed Ruth's Harvest Gettysburg in the top 15 group of organizations supported at the Adams County Community Foundation's Giving Spree in November. Thank you so much for your generosity and support. On that day alone, we raised almost \$30,000! Everything raised will go to purchase food to feed children in this community.

Again, I am grateful for your support of Ruth's Harvest. Please have a great 2020 and know that you are a significant part of the success of our mission: to feed hungry kids.

GPC is a true partner in every sense of the word.

Thank you and God Bless!

Jim Dunlop
 Board President

**Contemporary Worship Service Advent
 "Thank You's"**

The Contemporary Worship Service was blessed with many people who went above and beyond during the Advent Season to lead worship and bless us with special music. We would like to thank the couples and families who led the Advent Candle Lightings, the Youth Band and Adult Praise Band who led us in song each week, and the following people who provided special music:

Dave and Pat Conklin; Phoebe Kammerer; Sarah, Emma and Maria Kirk; Pat and Rob Lewis; Leo McGuire; Bruce Rowland; Carrie, Tessa and Audrey Trax; Pastor Dave Wright; Jamie Bowman, Barb Sanders, Bonnie Wright, the Youth Club choir and younger children in the church who put on a wonderful Christmas Pageant.

Thanks, and God bless you! We enjoyed it all.

Contribution Envelopes

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.

2020 Chancel Flowers



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

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!

1/5 Katie Burke

1/12 Teen Workcamp with Reach

1/19 Family Mission Trip to Camp Krislund

1/26 Mexico Mission Trip
Works with Accion Ministries to do construction, Vacation Bible School, a glasses ministry, and fellowship with local Mexico Christians in the Yucatan each summer.

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 made a pledge, 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.

“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).

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Megan Pilarcik on the recent death of her mother.

Joan Miller’s family upon her death.

Sue Lindsay on the recent death of her mother.

Amy Hoch on the recent death of her grandmother.

Sal Chandon on the recent death of his mother.

Brandy Mosser on the recent death of her grandmother.



A Musical Afternoon / January 19th

Our Middle & High School youth groups have pre-purchased 81 seats for Gettysburg Community Theatre's musical Willy Wonka on Sunday, January 19th at 2:00 p.m. Several GPC members are performing in this musical. We will release unsold tickets to the congregation starting January 13th. If interested, please contact Rev. Nyiri (717-334-1235, ext. 4 / gpcclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org).

Tickets are \$15.00 [actual price \$18.75] (check payable to: Gettysburg Presbyterian Church – confidential financial assistance available). When reserving tickets indicate your first and last name, total number of tickets needed, and if you will require financial assistance.

MID-WINTER FUN LUNCH

Presbyterian Women (PW) will be holding our mid-winter fun lunch, on Saturday, Jan. 18, 12-2 p.m., hosted by Anne Gallon, at her home at 18 Vista Larga Drive, Gettysburg.

If any women would like to take part, and we hope you will, either sign up on the next few Sundays at church, or email Amy Deitch at ahdeitch@hotmail.com.

We are requesting that each guest bring 1 dish to share. It could be an appetizer, dessert, salad, or any brunch or lunch item. We may even have some party games and prizes. So please join us, and bring a friend.

All-Church Luncheon & Congregational Meeting - January 26th

The meeting begins with lunch at 12 Noon, followed by the Congregational Meeting at 12:30 for the purpose of reviewing the annual report, and approving the terms of call for the pastors. Please let us know how many will be attending from your family so we have enough food for lunch. You can let us know by leaving a message in the church office (717-334-1235, ext. 4), returning the slip below via offering plate, snail mail, or e-mail to Rev. Lou Nyiri (gpcclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org)

Suggested donation of \$3 per person is requested.

*** Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, January 22, 2020 ***

----- Tear off -----

All Church Lunch & Congregational Meeting

Name _____ will be attending the lunch and meeting.

I will have _____ in my party.

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.

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP January

January 12	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
January 19	12:30	Pizza and "Willy Wonka" @ GCT
January 26	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship

High School Summer Mission & REACH Workcamps



You & your parent/guardian(s) need to attend the February 9th parent/youth dinner & info night from 5:30 to 7:00 pm @ GPC.

In order to have enough food & handouts, we ask that you let Rev. Nyiri know how many from your family will be attending by NOON on January 31 (717-334-1235, ext. 4 / gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org).

MidSHIP Schedule January

January 12	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
January 15	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group
January 19	12:30	Pizza and "Willy Wonka" @ GCT
January 22	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group
January 26	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship

GPC Youth Club 2020... New Testament, Here We Come!



This winter and spring, we are moving into the New Testament to explore the Fruits of the Spirit and other applications of the Bible's teachings to become strong and spiritual young men and women. Lots of games, a special project for the whole congregation (to be revealed in the spring) and even some Biblical science experiments.

Tell all of the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders you know to come join us, each Wednesday after school!

Mexico Mission Trip Meeting

There will be a meeting for all those interested in this year's trip on

Sunday, January 26
@ 7:00 p.m. in
the MacAskill Room.



Come and learn more!

GPC Hiking Club



Hope everyone had a good holiday season. GPC's next hike will be on **January 18th**. We will meet at the church parking lot and leave at 11:00 am. We will be hiking on the battlefield. Dress in layers for warmth and remember water. Watch your email and our Facebook page in case of bad weather. Pray for good weather so we can all enjoy being outside and in each other's company.

Exploring Membership February 9, 2020 @ 12:00 p.m.

If you are interested in learning more about GPC, plan to attend the Exploring Membership Class on Sunday, February 9 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 if requested. Call the church office to register. (717-334-1235)

Pancake Breakfast



I am hosting a pancake breakfast in the Fellowship Hall on **Saturday February 1st. from 7 a.m.-11 a.m.**

It is the final fundraiser for my Girl Scout Silver Award Project to benefit the Gettysburg Soup Kitchen. I am half way to being able to buy them the stainless steel cabinet they need. Please come enjoy a breakfast of Pancakes and sausage, fruit and Pastries. We'll even serve you!

Tickets are \$6.00 in advance and \$8.00 at the door.

I will be selling tickets in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, Jan. 26 between services or they can be reserved by calling 717-253-6301 or emailing Susankint@comcast.net.

I will have a gently used book sale going on as well.

Thanks for your support,
Julie Kint

7th grade GPC Member

"WALKING TO JERUSALEM"



COME JOIN US!!!

WHO: EVERYONE at GPC from ages 3-103, including individuals, families, children, teens, adults, seniors, Sunday School classes, small groups plus those in nursing homes.

WHAT: An imaginary walk from GPC to Jerusalem that encourages physical activity, spiritual growth, and cultural awareness of places along the way.

WHEN: February 9 - April 5 (Palm Sunday)
Sign-up begins January 26 in Fellowship Hall.



WHERE: Walk anywhere you can! Plus there are alternatives to walking so everyone can participate. Details in the next newsletter.

HOW: When you sign up, you will receive a "passport" containing a mileage sheet, devotions and scriptures. Each Sunday, drop off your "miles" into a special box and they will be tallied to show how much farther we've traveled.

Can all of us together at GPC walk the whole way from Gettysburg to Jerusalem by Palm Sunday? Come join us and find out!!

Any questions, please contact Pam Phillips, Mary Miner or Phyllis Dowd.

Get your walking shoes ready!



Divorced? Separated?
You don't have to go through it alone.

DivorceCare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Everyone is welcome!

Starting Sunday, January 12,
we will meet every Sunday from 5:30-7:00 p.m.
at Gettysburg Presbyterian Church
(208 Baltimore St.)

Register by calling (717) 334-1235
 or e-mail: susantgpc@gmail.com
www.divorcecare.org

PW CIRCLES



Mary Martha Circle

Thursday, January 9, 5:00 p.m.
 Eisenhower Lounge at GPC

Esther Circle

Thursday, January 16, 9:30 a.m.
 Eisenhower Lounge at GPC

Elizabeth Circle

Monday, January 20, 1:00 p.m.
 Paideia House - 1st floor

Lesson 5:
Exodus 20:13 and Matthew 5: 21-26

Dinners for Seven or Eight

Join us for dinner!! The GPC program Dinners for 7 or 8 provides an opportunity for sharing a meal and fellowship with your fellow church members. Three casual, adults-only dinners will be held in March, April and May in the relaxed atmosphere of individual homes.

Those agreeing to host a dinner at their home are asked to prepare the main dish, and notify the other participants in their group of 7-8 so they may bring an appropriate vegetable, salad or dessert, as assigned on the schedule. Rather than have all participants meet on a fixed date, the host for each month is asked to coordinate the best date in the month for their group.

We particularly encourage new members to participate as an easy way to get to know your new church family. Although the option is offered to only substitute if needed, we encourage everyone to be a regular participant as groups are often full and substitutes are not called.

Participants are requested to sign up for the program by February 16, 2020 so that Group Schedules can be sent out. You are encouraged to send your information via email to the Dinner Coordinator, but you may also fill out the paper Registration Form and leave it at the church office, or call the Dinner Coordinator with your information.

Coordinator: Randy Smith (717)398-2414 rksmith71@comcast.net

Dinners for Seven or Eight
Registration Form 2020

NAME : _____
 ADDRESS : _____
 ADDRESS : _____
 TOWN: _____
 EMAIL: _____
 PHONE: _____

Service normally attended: ___ 8:15 ___ 9:30 ___ 11:00

I WISH TO BE A: ___ Regular ___ Substitute Only

I WISH TO HOST: ___ March ___ April ___ May

Place a 1/2/3 to prioritize the month you prefer.

I can host more than one month, if needed: ___ Yes ___ No

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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 23, 2020**

**January / February 2020
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

January 12	<i>Dealing with Real Life - Loss & Disappointment</i>
January 19	<i>Dealing with Real Life - Aging</i>
January 26	<i>Dealing with Real Life - Everybody Needs Somebody</i> 12:00 noon - Congregational Meeting
February 2	<i>Real Christians....(billboards)</i> Communion