

GRAPEVINE

February 12, 2020

"The Pastor's Page"

Ushering – A Good First Impression

Do you like receiving a friendly greeting, a smile and a bulletin when you enter the sanctuary for worship?

As defined by Merriam Webster Dictionary an Usher is "a servant who has the care of the door." At GPC ushers are the friendly smile and greeting at the door that welcome you to worship. An usher might also assist in the offering collection. Ushering is your opportunity to serve during a time when you are already at church!

We hope YOU will consider adding your name to a list of usher volunteers for next year.

How do you sign up? Fill out the form below and return in the offering plate or contact Rev. Lou Nyiri at 717-334-1235, ext. 4 or gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org.

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Yes, please add my name to the usher volunteer list.

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Preferred worship time: 8:15 a.m. _____ 11:00 a.m. _____

I appreciate all of the support I received for my pancake breakfast. I was able to raise the rest of the money necessary to buy the soup kitchen the cabinet they needed! It's great to have such a caring church family!

Julie Kint

Dear GPC friends,

My heart is so full of thanks and appreciation for your prayers, cards, and letters of get well wishes and encouragement. They have meant so much to me and my family.

My chemo is thankfully over and immunotherapy for the next 18 months has begun.

Prayers work, thank you again,
Cathy Seamens O'Meara

Transportation to C.A.R.E.S. at Great Conewago Presbyterian Church

Again this year, GPC will provide transportation for homeless residents of Gettysburg to the Great Conewago Presbyterian Church from March 3 until March 12. Drivers are needed to transport them in the church van. No training is required, just a driver's license and willingness to share your time. The van picks up the residents on York Street at 8:30 p.m. each evening and transports them to Hunterstown. Then, they are picked up again the following morning and brought back to Gettysburg for a drop off at the Soup Kitchen for breakfast.

WELCOME new members

Matt Fair
975 Boyds School Rd.
Gettysburg, PA 17325
(717) 778-1501
Children: Josh & Ava

Don & Robin Robertson
865 Sherman Dr.
Gettysburg, PA 17325
(717) 334-1347

Randy & Kimberly Umbrell
120 St. Johns Rd. W.
Littlestown, PA 17340
(717) 345-5109

Leah Krichten
150 Marsh Creek Rd.
Gettysburg, PA 17325
(717) 451-1355
Children: Ashton & Wyatt

Beth Stapleton
13 Straban Ct.
Gettysburg, PA 17325
(717) 778-5046



Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Sue Pizzuto on the recent death of her mother.

Brad Hoch & Marilyn McQuaide on the death of their mother.

Sunday School Elective Lenten Series -

**THE BOOK OF REVELATION:
Prophecy of Doom or Message of Hope?**

9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Led by DR. CHARLES (BUZ) MYERS

The Book of Revelation has always been a source of controversy. No book of the New Testament has received either such ready acceptance or such resolute rejection. In some Christian circles, the Book of Revelation is "the" book of the New Testament. These persons devote all of their study time to Revelation; they carefully examine every visionary detail to determine what the book reveals about contemporary events and future happenings. In other Christian circles, however, Revelation is the most ignored book of the New Testament. These persons perceive Revelation as an obscure writing that in fact reveals nothing. They believe it to be so incomprehensible that it is not worth the time or the effort to study.

For all Christians, however, the Book of Revelation is a source of confusion and misunderstanding. Even the title causes confusion, for this book, which contains a series of revelations and visions, takes its title from the first phrase of the work: "The Revelation" (in the singular). And this is only the beginning of the confusion! The fantastic imagery and the mythological language so characteristic of Revelation are constant causes of misunderstanding and misinterpretation.

In six Sunday morning sessions we will consider what is surely the most confounding and most controversial book in the New Testament. What is the central message of this widely read, oftentimes misread, and too often unread book? Is that message one that should cause anxiety in the present and fear about the future, or does the Book of Revelation offer a message of hope and encouragement? Come and find out as we study together under the leadership of DR. CHARLES (BUZ) MYERS from the Department of Religious Studies at Gettysburg College. The sessions are as follows:

- Sunday, March 1, 2020: **"The Alpha and Omega: It's Greek to Me"** (Rev. 1:1-20)
- Sunday, March 8, 2020: **"On the Lamb"** (Rev. 2:1 – 5:14)
- Sunday, March 15, 2020: **"Seals and Trumpets"** (Rev. 6:1 - 11:19)
- Sunday, March 22, 2020: **"The Lady, the Beasts, and the Lamb"** (Rev. 12:1 - 15:4)
- Sunday, March 29, 2020: **"Bowled Over in Babylon"** (Rev 15:5 - 19:10)
- Sunday, April 5, 2020: **"No More Tears"** (Rev. 19:11 - 22:21)

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!

- 2/16 Camp Krislund**
Krislund is supported by three presbyteries, including ours. Summer camp programs for Children and youth; year-round retreat facility.
- 2/23 Dori Hjalmarson**
Dori is our newest missionary! She is serving in Honduras, partnering with Presbyterian Churches there.
- 3/1 Honduras**
Tomas Ramirez helps coordinate medical mission trips (like ours!) and does spiritual counseling with all the patients who come.

"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:

February

We will be collecting items for

Tender Care Pregnancy Centers:
Baby supplies - new hooded baby towels;
Similac Formula; bottles; Diapers size new-born, 4 & 5; diaper rash ointment; baby wash & lotion; baby wipes, cooler weather outfits 24 months, 2T - 4T

Upcoming Events:

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 Feb. 10 - March 8 is Dave Boyer at 717-339-7057.

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP February / March

February 16	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
February 23	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
March 1	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship

MidSHIP Schedule February / March

February 16	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship / Games
February 19	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group
February 23	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship / Games
February 26	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group
March 1	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship / Games

CHRISTMAS IN FEBRUARY!

Are you suffering from the Post-Holiday, Mid-Winter, It's-Cold-and-Rainy, I-Need-Coffee blues? Well, we have just the thing for you!



The GPC Mission Committee has extra coffee, tea, chocolates, olive oil and nuts from Presbyterian Coffee Project and will make them available for purchase after services on Sunday the 16th and 23rd! You can pick up a Pick-Me-Up for yourself or an unexpected gift for a friend, AND be helping to fund mission projects and trips here in Adams County and literally around the world!

We make it easy! Cash, check or Credit Cards are accepted, and your participation is greatly appreciated. Look for the sales table in Fellowship Hall and share the warmth of Christmas all over again!

GPC 2020 LENTEN SMALL GROUPS

Who is the Holy Spirit?

by Stonecroft Bible Studies

This transforming study will reveal who Jesus is, what He does, and what life is like when He lives within you. Learn what the Holy Spirit does in the life of a Christian and how He can help you grow to be more like Christ. Get inspired!

Groups will meet weekly for six weeks beginning the week of March 1st. Groups will meet in homes, at the church and at local restaurants. You will be contacted by your group leader about the exact starting date and location. Except for the Monday Small Group, each session will run approximately 75 minutes and will include fellowship, informal discussion, and a time of prayer. Please call or contact Cheryl Betts in the church office or Lane Speck, Elder for Adult Discipleship at 717-420-5363 (lcspeck2623@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Deadline to sign-up is February 23rd

===== 2020 Lenten Small Group Sign-Up =====

- _____ Monday – noon at GPC (brown bag lunch group) 1 hour
- _____ Monday - 8:30 p.m. via Zoom (computer)
- _____ Wednesday – 2:00 p.m. at Harmony Ridge cafe (Cross Key Village)
- _____ Thursday – 7:00 p.m. at GPC
- _____ Friday – 4:00 p.m. at Spiritrust Lutheran Village (Dale Williams)

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

NUMBER OF BOOKS _____ Cost of book is \$6.00

Also available as ebook at CBD for \$7.99

Ash Wednesday Service February 26 at 12:00PM



Plan to join us as we start the season of Lent with this special service. We'll celebrate the Lord's Supper, and you will have the opportunity to participate in the ancient ritual of receiving ashes if you wish.



The Spring term will begin on Tuesday, February 18th. Registration forms are available on the wall in Fellowship Hall by the bulletin boards. Ages are K – 2nd Graders and we will gather with Pam Rowland on Tuesdays from 4:00 – 6:00 PM in the lower educational wing.



Pam Phillips RN FCN

February is Heart Month, the perfect time to learn about your risk for heart disease and the steps you need to take now to help your heart!

Heart disease is displayed differently in women than in men. The classic symptoms for heart attack are severe chest pain, a squeezing sensation in the chest lasting 5-10 minutes, pain radiating down the left arm or profuse sweating. Up to 50% of women who suffer heart attacks have symptoms that are considered atypical. These include shortness of breath, indigestion, pain in the jaw, shoulder, or back, sudden nausea or vomiting, unexplained fatigue, fainting, or even dizziness. Anytime a female experiences these symptoms, she should seek medical attention by **calling 911**. Even a slight hesitation could lead to severe consequences if she is having a cardiac episode.

Heart Disease Facts:

Heart disease kills one woman every 80 seconds

Every year, 30% of deaths among women in the U.S. are caused by heart attacks and strokes

64% of women who die suddenly from heart disease will have no prior symptoms

High cholesterol, high blood pressure, diabetes, smoking, physical inactivity, and obesity all contribute to heart disease

Minority women have the highest death rate from heart disease while the entire gender has a higher death rate from stroke than men

Plaque buildup can be different in women versus men. In men, plaque tends to be clumpy and irregular which responds well to angioplasty and stents flatten out the plaque. In some women, plaque forms an even layer on the vessel lining which means drug therapy works better than angioplasty.

Women also respond to aspirin differently. In women, it seems more effective in preventing stroke while in men it is more effective for heart attack prevention.

Everyone should discuss their health history with their physician and determine potential risks for heart disease. The next step would be to create a plan to change or impact those risks and follow the doctor's instructions.

**Combined Worship Service FEBRUARY 23 @ 10:00 a.m.
Followed by... "Potluck from the Past!"**

Come for combined worship filled with music and message, and stay for lunch.

Throughout the many years of GPC, we have been blessed by meals and treats made by many good cooks! So good, in fact, that a GPC cookbook was published back in 2003. For the potluck lunch on February 23, we have copied pages from that cookbook, and have them available in fellowship hall. Decide what type of dish you'd like to prepare, choose a page, and then create one of the dishes printed on it.

If you have a favorite recipe of your own you'd like to share, that is also welcome, as are items purchased from local stores if you would prefer to contribute that way. After sharing in a wonderful combined service, we will be hungry for fellowship time and any food that is brought to be enjoyed.

If you have copies of old church directories, it would be fun to have those on our tables to look through. Bring those in – labeled with your name – and we will hope to have at least one on every table.

If you have questions, you may contact Deb Litten at (717)253-5239 or sanddlitten@gmail.com to send an email.



Stephen Ministry

All Alone?

Don't be. God doesn't want us to be all alone. He wants us to turn to others when things are bothering us. Stephen Ministers will walk with you through your troubles and be there for you when you need them. Please contact Lou at the church office 717-334-1235, ext. 4.

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.

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 : _____

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

Gettysburg Presbyterian Church invites you to our

Women's Retreat

Saturday April 18, 2020, 9 AM – 3 PM

The Lodges at Gettysburg, 685 Camp Gettysburg Road, Gettysburg PA, 17325

Cost: \$40 (Make checks out to Gettysburg Presbyterian Church)

Reservation Deadline: March 27, 2020

For more information, contact Cheryl L. Betts, church phone 717.334.1235x5, gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org

Friends welcome – open to the community.

Friends and community members are asked to mail checks to the attention of Cheryl Betts at the church address: Gettysburg Presbyterian Church, 208 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg, PA 17325

In Returning and Rest –

Listening for the Lord's Voice When Making Tough Decisions

With the Rev. Katy Yates Brungraber

Sometimes we face hard decisions. It's easy to get caught up in what we want, or what we think might please someone, or what we hope society will reward financially. But the most important factor – whether deciding something for our personal lives or for the life of Christ's church – is seeking God's will in the discernment process. This retreat will provide an opportunity to explore what it looks and feels like to be in discernment, aligning ourselves with God's will. Just how *do* we know when something is generated by personal or divine influences? The prophet Isaiah offers hope.

Hershey Park Tickets



Thinking of going to Hershey Park this summer? Want to buy tickets at a cheaper rate? We've got the answer for you! You can order and buy tickets through the church group rate. These tickets can be used ANY DAY **May 1 thru September 27, 2020**.

The rates are: **\$36.95 for AGES 3 - ADULT** (regular rate is \$74.80)

You may order these tickets by signing up in Fellowship Hall Sunday mornings.

FINAL DATE TO SIGN UP & PAY FOR THESE TICKETS IS SUNDAY, MARCH 22.

Please make checks out to "Gettysburg Presbyterian Church." There will be no refunds for tickets not used.

You do not have to be a church member to participate. Thanks!!

Lenten Suppers

Please join us for

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SUPPERS: March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 1 - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Together we will take time 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, that you 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 gpcclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org or call at 717-334-1235, ext. 4.

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

We hope to be there: **March 4 / March 11 / March 18 / March 25 / April 1**

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

We will have a total of _____ people in our party

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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 February 20, 2020**

February / March 2020 GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Contemporary Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

February 16	<i>“Christian Living in a Twitter World”</i> Service of Healing and Wholeness Receiving New Members
February 23	10:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service & Lunch!
February 26	12:00 noon - Ash Wednesday Service <i>“Begin With the End in Mind”</i>
March 1	Holy Spirit Series: <i>Power to Witness</i> 1st Sunday in Lent Communion