

GRAPEVINE

March 11, 2020

"The Pastor's Page"

Brunch is Served

Love Brunch?

Love helping send high school youth out into
the mission field to serve God?

Love Dobbin House food?

If you answered "yes" to any of those three questions,
then put March 29th on your calendar and plan to support
the high school mission to North Carolina by attending the
Workcamp Brunch.

Tickets available in Fellowship Hall Sunday mornings or by
contacting Rev. Nyiri in the church office, 717-334-1235,
ext. 4 / gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org.

Here are the specifics:

What: Food, Fellowship & Fundraiser
for High School Mission

When: Sunday, March 29, 2020

Where: Fellowship Hall

Time: 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. (After 1st Service & Before 2nd Worship Service)
10:00 to 11:00 a.m. (After 2nd Service & Before 3rd Worship Service)
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon (After Sunday School)
12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m. (After 3rd Worship Service)

Cost: \$10.00 (13years and older)
\$ 5.00 (12 years and younger)

(BONUS: The brunch gives you a good reason to introduce friends
to your church family, along with supporting a great cause in
the high school mission trip.)

As always, we thank you in advance for your support and we ask your prayers for
this summer's mission trip.

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My husband, Richard Burdge, was gently called to heaven on February 21, 2020. How blessed I felt by all the prayers, email support, hospital visits, phone calls, and cards from Rev. Dave, Rev. Lou and my church family.

Thank you all
Marlyn Burdge

Dear Deacons, Lou & Congregation,
Richard and I want to express our heart felt thanks to everyone for the kindness shown during Richard's long illness. For the prayers, meals, cards, and phone calls. Richard had a long winter of illness from Dec. 11 - Jan. 28th when he came home. He is doing well now thanks to all the help from caring people like you,

God Bless
Janet & Richard Lightner

Condolences

- Our thoughts and prayers are with:
- Drew Stone on the recent death of his mother.
- Sal Chandon on the recent death of his friend, Keith.
- Andy Larson on the recent death of his wife.

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 March 9 - April 12 is Brenda McCabe at 717-339-7057.

SAVE THE DATE

RUMMAGE



& Bake Sale
April 24 & 25

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!

- 3/15 Accion Ministries**
Rev. Oscar Dorantes coordinates this ministry which hosts church groups (like ours) in the Yucatan, and runs two homes for youth, so they can continue their education.
- 3/22 Mission Bright Star**
Our gift-giving ministry to children of incarcerated
- 3/29 Ben & Emily Okello**
Ben & Emily are in Kenya overseeing an orphanage with many children. Ben also plants churches throughout Kenya.

"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:

March

We will be collecting items for

SPCA

Cat and dog food; clay cat litter; pet toys; cat and dog treats; 55 gallon drawstring trash bags; disinfectant wipes; water softener.



2019 Coronavirus (2019-nCov)

Pam Phillips RN FCN

The 2019 Coronavirus (2019-nCov) is a new virus that causes respiratory illness in people and *can spread* from person to person. The first outbreak occurred in Wuhan, China.

What are the symptoms of Coronavirus? Patients with 2019-nCov have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of fever, cough, shortness of breath. There is limited information about who may be at risk for severe complications but does include older adults and persons who have underlying chronic medical conditions, and immune-compromised individuals.

What is your role? Stopping transmission (spread) of the virus through everyday practices is the best way to keep people healthy. Each of us have a role in staying healthy by washing your hands, frequent cleaning of electronic equipment, doorknobs, surfaces, etc.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Gettysburg Presbyterian recommends: Consider greeting others in worship by nodding, smiling, fist bump, elbow tap, or wave hello to fellow congregants. Anytime you are ill, we encourage you to stay home, and livestream our services.

What do I do if I am sick? *Anytime* you are sick we encourage you to stay home. Always cover your cough or sneeze (with a tissue or into your elbow), throw the tissue away and wash your hands. Use soap and water for 20 seconds (at least) and if not available hand sanitizers (containing at least 60% [alcohol](#)).

GPC has hand sanitizing stations at the Baltimore Street and Fellowship Hall entrances to sanctuary as well as by the cookie table on Sunday mornings for your use.

If you are exhibiting symptoms of the Coronavirus: Seek medical attention immediately. **Call** your physician office and or Emergency Department **prior** to going to let them know of your symptoms and or recent travel and follow their guidance. Masks should only be worn if you are the person exhibiting symptoms.

Currently there is no specific antiviral treatment for 2019-nCov. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus.

For more information: www.cdc.gov/nCov

Upcoming Events:

Mid-Ship News!!

The Mid-Ship group has had a good spring. We meet twice weekly. Here are some special events: On Superbowl Sunday we brought in cans of soup and played an ecumenical flag football game to benefit the Gettysburg Soup Kitchen. Our Valentine's Day cupcake/candy sale earned \$320, which we donated to World Vision's 30-Hour Famine fund. This provides food and water to children around the world where famine threatens. The group watched the movie "I Can Only Imagine" on the evening of March 8th. We have dates set up for a bowling night and a picnic later in the spring.

The Wednesday group stays strong, usually with 9-10 boys and 3-4 girls each week. This extremely high-energy group has been preparing for their debut performance as a puppet theater at the 9:30 Contemporary Service on March 29th. Penny Messenger is directing this effort. The Wednesday group will be going outside more now that the weather is getting warmer.

Both groups have had discussions about inclusion, self-image, and the Season of Lent.

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

March

March 15	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
March 18	5:30 - 6:30	Lenten Supper
March 22	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
March 25	5:30 - 6:30	Lenten Supper
March 29	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
April 1	5:30 - 6:30	Lenten Supper

MidSHIP Schedule

March

March 15	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
March 18	2:45 - 5:00 5:30 - 6:30	Small Group Lenten Supper
March 22	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
March 25	2:45 - 5:00 5:30 - 6:30	Small Group Lenten Supper
March 29	5:30 - 7:00	Game Night
April 1	2:45 - 5:00 5:30 - 6:30	Small Group Lenten Supper

Easter Flowers

Honor your loved ones with the beauty of flowers at Easter. This year we offer you a choice of two flowers: lilies and tulips. Please fill out the information below and return this form with your check (**payable to Gettysburg Presbyterian Church**) to:

Mary Lou Seamens
169 Hunters Trail
Gettysburg, PA 17325

Any flowers not picked up by Monday, April 13 at noon will be taken to shut-ins.

DEADLINE FOR ORDER IS MARCH 29

- _____ Easter Lily \$10.00 (4-6 blooms)
_____ Tulips \$10.00 (8 bulbs)

In Memory of / In Honor of (circle one)
(please print clearly)



Given by: _____

Will pick up _____
Deliver to shut-ins _____



Family Dinner & a Movie - March 13th

Life's greatest adventure is finding your place in the circle of life.
- Disney's The Lion King

THIS FRIDAY join your GPC family for a night at the movies!

All ages are invited to come share pizza, walking tacos, and desserts at 6:15 PM in Fellowship Hall, followed by a showing of the live action Lion King in the GPC sanctuary at 7:00 PM. Invite some friends and wear your comfy clothes – or even pjs – for a special Friday night at the movies.

Please send your RSVP to sanddlitten@gmail.com so we know how much pizza to order.

This movie is an updated version of the classic which has been delighting audiences for over 25 years. Join your GPC family for a night of entertainment, fun, and good fellowship!

GPC Hiking Club

We had a wonderful hike around Big and Little Round Top for our February Hike. It was led by Scott Hartwig, so not only did we get exercise and devotions, we also had a history lesson! Calendar for future hikes:

March 21st - Cunningham Falls- leaving the church parking lot at 11am;
April 18th- Pine Grove Furnace- Leaving the church parking lot at 10 am;
May 23rd- Abandoned Turnpike Tunnels- leaving the church parking lot at 8am- all day event.



Hope to see you there. Any questions contact Jen Clark at mjclark1963@embarqmail.com or Megan Ziegler at meganziegler2014@gmail.com

You are invited! GPC Strategic Planning Information and Input Sessions

The GPC Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) spent the last year reviewing data, analyzing our church's strengths and growth areas, and reading *Canoeing the Mountains* and other material on 21st Century challenges to Protestant churches. To summarize, the road ahead of GPC is not the same as the path we have walked upon for centuries. Our world has shifted from one where Christian faith was the "norm" to one where the fastest growing group of "believers" are those with "none."

We are fortunate to be a large congregation with active and committed members interested in being both the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." We have "good DNA" that runs through our worship, our work, and our outreach to others. And we want to hear from the congregation as we move into the "strategies" phase of our work.

We have identified four main areas to identify strategies for sustainability and continued impact. They are: mission focus; targeted outreach; staffing realignment over the next few years; and revenue generation.

To share our yearlong journey with each of you and hear your feedback, we have established a series of one-hour **information and input sessions** designed to meet everyone's schedule. No sign up is required – just show up and join in. These include:

Thursday, March 26 at 6:30 PM (MacAskill)
Monday, March 30 at 6:30 PM (MacAskill)
Tuesday, March 31 at 7 PM (MacAskill)
Thursday, April 16 at 9:30 AM (Eisenhower Lounge)
Sunday afternoon meeting TBD

If you plan to attend, we ask you to thoughtfully reflect on what you see as the central strengths of GPC, and come prepared to hear about challenges we face and how we can meet them. These meetings would not be possible without the dedicated service of committee members: Dave Wright, Jane North, Linda Thompson, Mike Brubaker, Bob Smith, and Nancy Cook. Please feel free to reach out to any of them with questions or input – or contact Lynne Graziano, committee chair, at lynne-graziano@gmail.com or 404 226-4742.

We hope to see you and hear your thoughts!

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:

THIS 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)

**who?
what?
when?
where?
why?**

Discovering a
Relationship with Jesus

Children's Musical in March 29 Worship!

The children's choirs will present the musical, "Who What When Where Why?" in worship at the 9:30 and 11:00 services.

The musical explores how anyone can come to know Jesus, a message that the children have internalized (God willing!) and that people of all ages seek to hear.

Please bring your family and friends to worship that day and enjoy a "sermon" from our youngest Christ-followers.

At 8:15 service, we will have an old-fashioned hymn sing!

Men's Interfaith Luncheon Meets Every Wednesday During Lent

All men are invited on Wednesdays during Lent (March 18, 25 and April 1) 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 appreciate a message from a local minister.

“Walk to Jerusalem”

We continue our “Walk to Jerusalem” and collectively have traveled **5,230** miles in 3 weeks. Our goal is **7503** miles to Jerusalem. Don't forget to place your miles for the week on the green slips provided and drop them off in the “map box”. Check out our Fun facts about the places we are traveling!

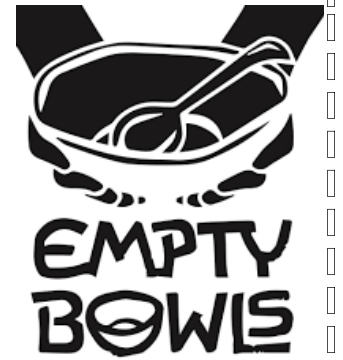


For the seventh year in a row, The Gleaning Project is proud to present spring **Empty Bowls** and you are invited to attend.

Local artists will donate beautiful ceramic bowls, local restaurants donate soup and over 400 community members attend the event.

It's held at Plank Gym, Gettysburg College, on **April 3 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.**

A \$20 donation is suggested and tickets are available at the door.



Mexico Mission Trip Applications Available Now

On our one-week trip to Mexico's Yucatan peninsula we will:

- Do some construction for a village church (no skill required!)
- Run a Vacation Bible School for village children
- Run a reading glasses clinic
- Fellowship and worship with our Mexican brothers and sisters in Christ
- See some Mayan ruins



Trip Dates: July 6-13

More details available on the applications, which are located in Fellowship Hall and the narthex. Contact Pastor Dave for more details.

Applications are due back on **April 5.**

News from PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE Presbytery of Carlisle Save these dates!

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Carlisle meet at Gatherings twice a year. (If you are a member of a Presbyterian church, you are automatically included in this fellowship.) We gather for light breakfast upon arrival, hold devotions/worship time; short business meeting, and morning program/speaker. Lunch is provided, followed by afternoon program/speaker/activity.

The **Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 18, 2020** from 9 AM – 2:30 PM will be held at Capitol Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg. The theme is Substance Disorder, Fetal Alcohol and Fetal Drug Syndromes. Our morning speaker will be April Hutcheson, Communications Director with the State Secretary of Dept of Health. Following lunch, Chloe Morris-Hodges will lead a discussion on the “Faces of Foster Care” and a hands-on project (back packs with toiletries, pens, pencils, etc., for 24 children. The children are often pulled out of their homes with nothing: the backpacks will give them something of their own as they are moved from place to place.) Any women interested in attending should contact Rachel Parmentier at 717-334-3415 to arrange carpool plans.

PLANNING AHEAD:

The **Summer-Fall Gathering is scheduled for August, 22, 2020** at Derry Presbyterian Church in Hershey, PA. The morning program will be introducing the 2021 Horizon Bible Study on Lamentations. Following lunch there are several possible topics to be decided on – more info later.

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 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 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

Youth Club Lock-In – Friday, March 20, 2020 “Fun & Fellowship”

What We’re Doing...

5:00 – 5:30	Everyone arrives.
5:30 p.m.	Pizza!!!
6:00	Games in Youth Room (pool, air-hockey, darts, ping-ping)
6:30 – 6:45	Transport to Gateway Movie Theater
7:00	Movie Night (sign up for your Kid Pack selections)
8:30	Transport back to GPC
8:45	Baking and Decorating Project – Dog Treats!
10:00	Board Game Tournament (bring your favorite from home)
10:45	Minute-to-Win It Relay Games
11:30 – Midnight	Parent Pick-Up

Let Miss Cheryl know if you are planning to come. Fifth Graders can ask a friend in Grades 3-5. Donation of \$5 is requested to help with costs.

Important Dates for YOUTH CLUB, and supporters of YOUTH CLUB!

Friday, March 20 **LOCK-IN** from 5 p.m. to Midnight

Sunday, March 22 **Adams County SPCA Service Project**, between services in Fellowship Hall. *Support the Adams County SPCA with a donation, and get some free homemade dog or cat treats!*

Sunday, March 29 The children’s choirs will present the musical, “Who What When Where Why?” in worship at the 9:30 and 11:00 services.

Sunday, April 5 **Do You Know Your Parables? Board Games** in Fellowship Hall. *Youth Club has been studying Jesus' parables and are making three board games all about them. Stop by our games tables in Fellowship Hall to see all we have learned, and to test your own knowledge about the parables!*



EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Your Deacons invite you to the annual all-church

*Easter Continental Breakfast Buffet
on Easter Sunday, April 12th .*

Serving times will be 9 – 9:30am and 10:30 – 11am
in Fellowship Hall.

We hope you will join us for fellowship before or after the worship service you choose to attend as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.

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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 March 19, 2020**

**March / April 2020
 GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

Palm Sunday,
 April 5th
**One Great Hour
 of Sharing**



A Special Offering

March 15	<i>Holy Spirit Series: What Gifts Have You Received?</i> Third Sunday in Lent
March 22	<i>Holy Spirit Series: Transformation</i> Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 29	9:30 & 11:00 Children Musical: <i>Who, What, When, Where, Why</i> 8:15 service old-fashioned hymn sing
April 5	Palm Sunday Communion