

# GRAPEVINE

August 4, 2020

## "The Pastor's Page"

### Pre-op

I am grateful to so many of you who have reached out to me following the news that I'll be having prostate surgery on Aug. 10. Your cards, emails, and phone calls have encouraged me as I wait for and prepare for the surgery. They have also bolstered my faith that God is in control of all things, including my own life, for which I am extremely grateful.

I'll be away from the office recovering for about four weeks. Who knows what those four weeks will bring to GPC? So please be in prayer for our staff (especially Lou!) and our other church leaders. And offer your support to them whenever you can.

Thanks again for your prayers and encouragement!

*Pastor Dave*

*"The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge."  
~ Psalm 46:11*

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# Happy Birthday to...

**August 1**

Marjorie Benson  
Brody Fake

**August 3**

Hank Har  
Kevin Hollowell  
Soo Reber  
Rebecca Sayres

**August 4**

Ken Ball  
Daniel Farnham

**August 5**

Jacob Hiller  
Erica Hoover  
Rebekah Small

Kyle Smarsh

**August 6**

Emily Delacruz  
Liam Mosser  
Nicholas Shpak  
Carolyn Warcup

**August 7**

Aaron Brownley  
John Kuhn  
Carolyn Westfall

**August 8**

Jordan Garrett

**August 9**

Cindy Nelson

Stephanie Rathgeber

**August 11**

Emma Bahm  
Ronald Clark

**August 12**

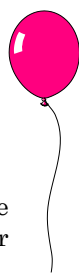
Alan Moyer

**August 13**

Ayden Dillon  
Elizabeth Fake  
Amelia Flinner

**August 14**

Joan Chandon



**August 15**

Megan Gochenauer  
Scott Hartwig

**August 16**

Rhett Mosser

**August 17**

Elyn Cunningham  
Patty Ann Welles

**August 18**

Jamie Bowman  
Ron Jones

**August 19**

Gabriel Contreras  
Beverley Bigham

**August 21**

Charles Fatzinger  
Mark Grim  
John Peterson  
Yancy Unger

**August 22**

Patricia Smith

**August 23**

Ann Cowden  
Niles Grimm  
Betsy Illick  
Scott Keller  
Marilyn McQuaide  
Kimberly Umbrell

**August 24**

Kathleen Faloon  
Cheryl Wagner  
Travis Whitney

**August 25**

Jill Bemis  
Marie Duncan  
Jane Gwyn  
John Horner  
Kieran McKeon

**August 26**

Harry Small  
Samuel Tomassini

**August 27**

Kirsten Kanne  
Elaine King  
Lionel Wells

**August 28**

Eliza Drevs  
Les Heggan  
Evan Snyder  
Sean Snyder

**August 29**

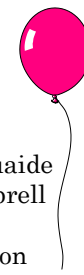

Beth Stapleton  
Connor Weikert  
Emma Adams

**August 30**

Lori Beth Dixon  
Dylan McQuaide  
Randy Parmentier  
Ken VanHoutte

**August 31**

Amy Cunningham  
Deborah Wolf  
Betty Brownley  
Alisa Carbaugh  
Cody Kiefer

To Marge Benson who celebrated her 90th birthday August 1!

## Thank-You

The Strausner family wishes to thank you for the cards, flowers, messages and prayers regarding Emma's recent surgery. Your love and care made such a difference and made for a very successful surgery and recovery.

We are grateful.

We wish to thank our church family for all the prayers, and cards during our sister's illness and the words of comfort and sympathy after her death.

Jerry & Elly Cleaver

## CONDOLENCES:

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Diana Miner on the recent death of her brother-in-law.

Jerry Cleaver on the recent death of his sister.

## GPC Worship Plans for the Fall

Our worship committees and Session are working on plans for the Fall for worship and Christian Education and other ministries of the church.

Please help us plan for worship by filling out the survey found at this link, which can also be found on our website!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf5s9gXWvW9QwLbeWYiKwDqI7A252KKg7MEXZj39yznJ2AOEw/viewform>



SUNDAY SCHOOL  
TEACHERS NEEDED!

We are looking for leaders for our children's Sunday School. We need 2 for Preschool, 1 for K-1<sup>st</sup>, and 2 for 2<sup>nd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup>. We will have social distancing established when Sunday School opens. Our plan is to have 3 teachers per age group so that you can rotate weeks of teaching. Curriculum is not difficult to use.

If you can help us, please contact Cheryl Betts in the church office or her cell 717-357-8163. Come share your faith with our young children.



With the COVID-19 pandemic, we have decided that we are cancelling Young at Heart until September 2021. We want to keep all of you safe and healthy.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl in the church office.

### 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!

- 8/9 Teen Workcamp with REACH**  
Future years
- 8/16 Family Mission Trip to Camp Krislund**  
Future years
- 8/23 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 - future years.



We are looking for one individual to lead our Children's Church at 11:00 this fall. We have four other individuals who have agreed to do this. We need a 5<sup>th</sup> person so we can rotate weeks. The curriculum is easy to teach. We will be establishing a social distancing procedure for this program. If you can give 1 Sunday every 5 weeks, please contact Cheryl Betts in the church office or her cell 717-357-8163. This is a fun program and the children so look forward to it.

## Save the Date:

# COMBINED OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE!!!

- WHEN?** Sunday, September 13 at 10:00 a.m.
- WHERE?** At the Rec Park Stage
- WHAT?** Bring a lawn chair. We'll socially distance our chairs and worship together outdoors. (including singing!)

### A FEW QUESTIONS FOR YOU...

- \* ARE YOU MISSING ATTENDING LIVE WORSHIP SERVICES?
- \* ARE YOU PLANNING TO ATTEND THEM AS THEY RESUME?
- \* DO YOU MISS SEEING YOUR CHURCH FAMILY IN PERSON ?
- \* ARE YOU COMFORTABLE WITH MAINTAINING A SAFE
- \* SOCIAL DISTANCE AND ..... WEARING A MASK ?

### IF SO...

Could the Welcome Team ask you to come a few minutes early to service during the month of August in order to "MEET AND GREET" folks as they come through the doors of Fellowship Hall?

**WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US!**  
**PLEASE CALL CAROL HEISER AT 717-334-7487**  
**AND OUR TEAM WILL BE IN TOUCH TO SCHEDULE YOU!**

## Habitat for Humanity Mission Trip



The Habitat for Humanity mission trip to Charleston, SC is still on. Of course, there is the possibility of having to cancel because of Covid 19. A final determination will be made in early September. If we go, we will leave on Sun Sept 27 & return Sat Oct 3. Please call, e-mail, see me if you have any interest at all in going.

Jerry Cleaver 717-359-0419 cleavergrams210@yahoo.com

## GPC HIKING CLUB

Please plan to join us on Saturday, September 12th for a hike at Strawberry Hill. We will meet at the church parking lot and leave at 10am. This is one of our "tried and true" hikes. Make sure you bring a snack and water, and dress in layers and wear comfortable hiking shoes. If it is warm enough, Megan will take you "creek walking" on the other side of the trail afterwards. Be sure to bring appropriate shoes or a change of shoes if you plan on doing this! Email Jen Clark at MJClark1963@embarqmail if interested and be sure to "like" our Facebook page, "GPC Hiking Club."



We look forward to seeing you then!

## Facemasks vs Face Shields

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention has held firm in its recommendations on how we can protect ourselves and others from COVID 19.

We should stay 6 feet apart, wash our hands, and wear a face mask. Increasingly, epidemiologists are also recommending something new: add a Face Shield.

Facemasks can be surgical type or made of cloth (containing 3 layers) and cover the nose, mouth, and loops around the ears. According to the Mayo Clinic, a proper face mask filters out “large particles in the air,” and has been shown to reduce the spread of COVID-19 by 85 percent.

Face shields may provide an additional layer of protection to those who are wearing them. Face shields are made of a piece of clear plastic that extends down from the top of the head, covering the mouth, nose and eyes (part of the body through which the coronavirus can also be transmitted). They do not provide filtering protection for breathing. They might be recommended for a person who is not able to wear a mask because of breathing issues. The purpose of the shield is to protect us from droplets being splattered in the eyes. Healthcare workers are now using these when seeing patients in addition to face masks in many venues including hospitals, doctor’s offices, home care providers, Hospice providers, etc.



### New Mental Health Support

*Dial any of these 3 numbers for a few minutes of mental health renewal.*

- 1-301-766-7654 Mindful Relaxation at the Beach  
1-301-766-7716 Mindful Stress Management (Rev. Patrick Ricker)  
1-301-766-7655 Positive Versus Negative Coping

*“And be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving each other, just as God also in Christ forgave you” ~ Ephesians 4:32*

## Welcome to our Seasonal Migrant Workers

Each year, GPC reaches out to our seasonal migrant workers in Adams County with **Welcome Kits** through the Fruitbelt Farmworker Christian Ministry. The camp, consisting of 40 men, is located on Potato Road, just west of Bendersville. We will be collecting throughout the month of August.

Look for the sign-up sheet and Welcome Kit notes that provides a line for your name (if you wish to include that). Also, since not everyone is attending church in person, contact me to get the necessary paperwork if that is more convenient. Bill Tindall: 717-357-1281 or [agpr4you@yahoo.com](mailto:agpr4you@yahoo.com)

This is an exciting opportunity to reach out during the COVID-19 pandemic in a local ministry which doesn’t require physical contact.

**The Welcome Kits should include:** 1 adult toothbrush, 1 medium toothpaste, 2 bars of bath soap, 1 bath towel, 1 wash cloth, 2 rolls of toilet paper, 2 disposable razors and 1 can of shaving cream.

Either place the items in a paper grocery bag or, if necessary, in another container.

Completed Welcome Kits or supplies to make the kits should be placed on the table in Fellowship Hall.

Again, if you need them picked up at your home, feel free to call me. If you are comfortable in including your name, put it on the yellow **Welcome Kit** form. If you’re feeling especially “frisky” sign on the Spanish version.

**Special Note:** *Because of health concerns, we have not yet made arrangements to visit the workers at their camp on Potato Road. Watch for further details.*



## Homemade Facemasks Needed: Gettysburg Borough, Wellspan Health & Fruitbelt Farmworkers Christian Ministry (FFCM)

The Local Mission Team is seeking to provide an organized GPC response to meet the increasing need for face-masks. We hope to continue collecting facemasks to help residents stay healthy as we continue to protect ourselves against the coronavirus pandemic. Previously, we responded to Wellspan's request for Hand-Made-Fabric-Masks. We will now expand the effort to include the Gettysburg Borough and FFCM (migrant workers) requests for facemasks.

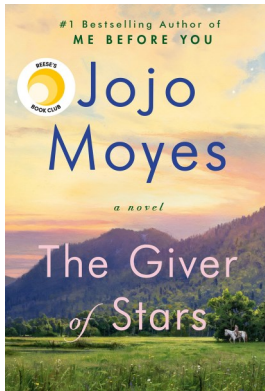
Step-by-step instructions for these easy-to-make facemasks can be found on GPC's website under COVID-19 Info dropdown menu under the Local Resources heading

(<https://gettysburgpresbyterian.org/wellspan-facemask-making-instructions/>). For ease of distribution, there is a tub at the door leading into Fellowship Hall marked for face mask donations. Please place masks in a Ziplock bag with your name and number of masks and the Local Missions Team will deliver the masks.



Any questions, call Bill Tindall at 717-357-1281 or e-mail him at [agpr4you@yahoo.com](mailto:agpr4you@yahoo.com).

## August Women's Book Club



The book club is rolling on ...

<b>What's our book?</b>	<u>The Giver of Stars</u> by Jojo Moyes (you can find it on Amazon).
<b>When will we meet?</b>	Tuesday, August 18th at 6:30
<b>How long will we meet?</b>	About an hour and a half.
<b>Where will we meet?</b>	We will most likely meet via Zoom.

Please let me know if you would like to join by Friday, August 14th by emailing me at [MeganZiegler2014@gmail.com](mailto:MeganZiegler2014@gmail.com) I will send you the link to the meeting.

I hope to see you soon! Megan

## Session Update

At its stated meeting of 7/12, the Session approved three projects brought by the Property Committee:

- Replacing the Fellowship Hall roof, which has been patched for many years, but now needs replacement.
- Replacing the fence around Black's Graveyard.
- Adding a new bathroom next to the bathroom across from the MacSkill Room. This will replace the children's bathrooms downstairs which are too costly to repair.

Funds for these projects come from the Capital Campaign, the Meyers Fund, the Black's Graveyard maintenance fund, and the 2020 budget.

Session also welcomed new elder, Gail Hull, who was elected by the congregation at a meeting earlier on July 9!

## RUTH'S HARVEST GETTYSBURG DONATIONS

The following is a list of foods needed to ensure that food –insecure children in the Gettysburg Area will be provided a box of food to supplement their families in July and August 2020. The Covid-19 virus has resulted in an increase of families in need. When shopping, perhaps you could add an extra item or two in the **bin provided at Kennie's Market** to help with this need. Thank you from RH Board.

Boxes of cereal 12-14oz

Packets of Oatmeal

Fruit 15 oz Cans

Black, kidney or baked beans 15 oz Cans

Rice 16oz

Full size packages of mac and cheese

Packs of spaghetti 16 oz

Vegetables 15 oz Cans

Granola bars

Bags of pretzels

Peanut butter 16 oz

## DISCIPLE FAST TRACK

### Beginning Disciple 1 Fast Track

Monday Mornings from 10 – 11:30 a.m.

*“Disciple Fast Track –*

*Old Testament”* will be offered.

This is a 12-week study for busy people just like you who seek to gain a better understanding of the Bible and want to grow as disciples. This class meets from September 14<sup>th</sup> through December 7<sup>th</sup>.

The facilitator will be Bob Bigham.  
Study manual is \$16.00.

Please email Cheryl Betts at [gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org) if interested in signing up.

**Deadline to register is August 18**

### Into the Word /

### Into the World Fast Track

This is the second Disciple Fast Track study that will be offered this fall.

This is a 12-week study learning what God has to say to us through Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts.

Merida Hurkett will be the facilitator.  
Day and times to be determined.

If you are interested in signing up, please email Cheryl Betts at [gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org) to register.

**Deadline to register is August 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 August 20, 2020**

**Office Operations**  
The state guidelines still encourage people to work from home where possible, but we envision having staff in the office for a few more hours each week than we have been doing.  
Continue to call the office number (717-334-1235) if you need anything, or need to get into the building during the day. We'll do our best to accommodate you!

**August 2020  
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**  
**Contemporary Worship @ 9:00 a.m.**  
**Traditional Worship @ 10:30**

- August 9**      *One Thing - Finding Purpose in Life*
- August 16**    Rev. Judy Young Preaching  
*"Sabbath Shalom"*
- August 23**    Rev. Lou Nyiri Preaching
- August 30**    Rev. Dale Williams Preaching

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To view live stream, go to: [www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org](http://www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org)  
Click "New Streaming Link" on the top right hand corner