

GRAPEVINE

August 25, 2020

"The Pastor's Page"

During this hybrid worship time when we are gathered in-homes and in-sanctuary, we are reminded that as people of faith we always gather in Christ. We also want to remind ourselves that we are GPC & we are in this together even while apart. So, we need your help to create a worship video we will use in worship. The details are below.

"God Be With You" Worship Video

Help us out...

We would like to create a short video to use weekly in worship to connect our church family during worship.

We'd love for you to send us a video (on your smartphone will work – a plug-in microphone will produce better audio quality).

The video should be brief & feature you alone or you with family members already under your roof. Look into the camera and, say your name then, "God be with you there!"

After viewing the video compilation, those in the sanctuary will look into one of the cameras & respond, "God be with your there."

Email videos to: gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org -
Send video via wetansfer.com using the same email -
Questions or for alternate ways to send the video use email above.

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Happy Birthday to...

September 1

Dottie Fleckner
Conor Wagner

September 2

Carol Eyler
Ian Gazmen

September 3

William Faloon

September 4

Terry Manning
Carole Simon

September 5

Meredith Bergen
Gayle Kelch

Jim McCabe

Jim Raggets

September 6

Lisa Gormley
Rich Kammerer
Lisamarie Marks
Judy Strevig

September 7

Chase Bowman
Rachel Landauer
Marian Schultz

September 8

Lou Nyiri

September 9

Mike Brubaker
Georgia Kuhn
Caleb Sellers

September 10

Joanne Getty
Timothy Johnson

September 11

Donna Newman
Candace Veon-Nyiri

September 12

Jenifer Wagner
Linda Miller
Shaely Stabler
Brittany Stone

September 13

Anne Kern
Linda Raymond

September 14

Zachary Shoemaker

September 15

Ross Brownley
Barbara Ellingson
Montford Illick

September 16

Kelly Jones

September 17

Cindy Burnsteel
Brianna Hieber

Tyler Kint

Kate Sainer

September 18

Nancy Cook
Justin Lewis

Bill Nelson

Robert Tomassini

September 19

Georgia Bittle
Ryan Cunningham
Lois Edwards

Owen Freas

Shawn Graff

September 20

Sarah Hoffman
Amber Skoczen

September 21

Pat Conklin
Ryan Kime

Eleanor Rice

Jennifer Unger

September 22

Heather Maynard
Neal Weaver

September 23

Mary Ann Remaley
Robert Smith

September 24

Jessica Lush

September 25

Tim Bollinger
Karen Golanoski
Alexa Wilhelm

September 26

Rachel Parmentier
Elizabeth Russo

September 27

Theo Mora
Henry Oswald

September 28

Justin Beegle
Sharon Kuntzman

September 29

Chris Carbaugh
Olivia Hiller

Will Mosser

Katie Shoemaker

September 30

Roger Clowes
Kay Heggan
Blake Pierson
Stephen Swartzbaugh

Calendar of Giving

Thank you to all who have brought in Welcome Kits and supplies for seasonal migrant workers during August's Calendar of Giving. We will continue collecting throughout the month and deliver the kits in early September. There is still time to contribute if you wish to do so.

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	1 can of shaving cream	

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

The camp consists of 40 men and is located just west of Bendersville. We will deliver the kits in early September; however, at this point we will not interact with the workers as we have in past years due to COVID-19.

Please feel free to sign your name on the yellow Welcome Kit form found on the Local Missions table. Attaching that to the kit at least gives us an opportunity to communicate a little during this time of social distancing.

CONDOLENCES:

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Kay McClain on the recent death of her brother.

Fall Worship Schedule:

After thoughtful discussion & discernment, the Session voted at their August 9th meeting to keep the current schedule of worship during this pandemic. Thus, we will continue the format of in-person and livestreaming 9:00 a.m. – Contemporary Worship & 10:30 a.m. – Traditional Worship. After COVID-19, when the virus is no longer a threat, we plan to resume our typical worship format of 8:15am / 9:30am / 11:00am services.

Save the Date:

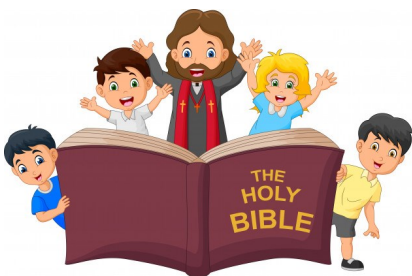
COMBINED OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE!!!

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!)

Bibles to Children



On September 13th at the Combined Worship Service we will be presenting Bibles to our three-year old's and our Second Graders. Parents should have received a letter asking you to let Cheryl know if you are planning to attend that service.

Please contact the church office by September 2nd if your child will be present to receive their Bibles.

PW Fall Rummage Sale



At this point the Fall Rummage Sale has been
CANCELLED due to Covid-19.

If anything changes we will let you know.

Please DO NOT drop any donations off at the church!

Thank you!!

Fall Youth Club



Youth Club will be moving to Sunday afternoons at 3-4 PM this fall. We will meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month beginning Sept. 20. This is open to children in Grades 3-5. Please contact Cheryl Betts in the church office if your child will be participating this year.

A registration form was sent out to all parents in these grades.

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!

8/30 South Dakota Mission Trip

We have been going to the Lakota-Sioux reservation for many years, doing home repair, and providing needed clothing, furniture and other supplies - Future years

9/6 Presbyterian Homes

Presbyterian Homes provide a variety of living places for Seniors.

9/13 Camp Krislund

Camp Krislund is supported by three presbyteries, including ours. Summer camp programs for children and youth, year-round retreat facilities.

PW CIRCLES

Mary Martha Circle

Thursday, September 10 @ 4:00 p.m.

Questions or interested in joining this Circle please contact Bev Weber at 717-337-2194

Elizabeth Circle

TBD



Esther Circle

Thursday, September 17 @ 9:30 a.m.
MacAskill Room at GPC

Questions or interested in joining this Circle please contact Beth Fitzpatrick at 717-334-4960

Children's Fall Sunday School & Children's Church

After much prayer and deliberation, Christian Education has decided due to the pandemic and concerns for health and safety of our children, that we will offer **ONLY** Preschool (ages 3-4) Sunday School this fall beginning September 20th.

Children K – 5th Grade will remain in worship with worship bags available.

We will also post Christian Education activities to the website for families to use as parents are the primary faith teachers of their children. Children's Church will be offered for children ages 3 through 2nd Grade at 10:30 beginning September 20th. We will return to full Sunday School when the pandemic is over and we return to three worship services.

MOVING FOR KRISLUND FUNDRAISER

**WALK, RUN OR BIKE TO RAISE MONEY
FOR KRISLUND, A CAMP AND RETREAT
CENTER IN CENTRE COUNTY, PA!
SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 15, 2020**

Find supporters to pledge money based on the
number of miles you walk, run, or bike!
Registration is now open!



KRISLUND IS A MINISTRY OF THE CARLISLE, HUNTINGDON, AND NORTHUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIES OF PENNSYLVANIA

Krislund programs usually reach over 1500 young people each summer with messages of Christ. Further, Krislund has hosted over 4,000 people for retreats annually. However, this year Krislund has had no campers and very few retreat guests; thus, the camp has had no income while basic expenses continue. While the financial situation at Krislund has necessitated curtailing staff and program, there is no lack of enthusiasm for the future among the remaining staff and volunteers. Sometimes going through a difficult time allows one to evaluate where they have been, make changes as necessary, and look ahead with enthusiasm. This is happening at Krislund and we are asking you to be a part of Krislund's future.

Here's how: Make a Move for Krislund and Support each other! With the hope of raising \$10,000, Huntingdon, Carlisle and Northumberland Presbyteries are sponsoring a virtual event called Moving For Krislund. Here are two basic ways that you can participate:

- You can walk, run, or ride a bike. In doing so, you seek pledges for each mile you complete.
- You can help Krislund move forward by cheering on and financially supporting those who are walking, running or biking.

If you know somebody participating, you can contact them in person or by phone or email. Your contribution will be an important component of this event. If you don't know of any movers, you may support a staff mover by filling out the form and putting Krislund Staff in place of the mover's name. You will be able to submit your financial support through an online portal or by sending a check to Krislund.

The event will be held September 1st through October 15. All "movement" during that time can be applied to the goal. For example, if you walk a mile every day for a week or two, you can add up the miles and apply it to your total. Or you can do your activity all at once and submit that activity.

We hope you will participate in this fun way to help Krislund move headlong into the camp's "after Covid" future. It has been said that the difference between a catastrophe and an opportunity is a state of mind. With God's help and great promise, those of us supporting Krislund are choosing the "opportunity" option. We hope you will too!

If you are interested in participating in some way for this fundraiser, please contact GPC's mission chairman, Sonja Brown, at 717-253-0165.

Below you will find a prayer for the 2020 school year, as we face making the best decisions we can for our children.



Lord, we know you hold the future and walk with us even now on this unpredictable path of the pandemic. We trust you work through the most difficult of seasons and never abandon us to navigate life's challenges alone.

As we look to a new school year, we worry about the ongoing impact of COVID-19. It seems to be a time of no right answers, no clear good choices and no comprehensive way for parents, educators and administrators to meet the pressing needs of students, teachers, staff and families. We do not want children to fall further behind in their learning. We do not want to put caregivers in the position of choosing between going to work or tending to their children. We do not want to endanger the health of any in our community. Already stretched resources are pushed to the limit as we attempt to reduce class sizes, expand the ways content is delivered and seek to enact needed safety precautions.

We look to you, Lord, to take, bless and multiply our efforts to educate and nurture your children. We look to you, Lord, who gives us the peace that passes understanding, hears the cries of the hurting and promises that small amounts of faith can precipitate large, life-giving change. We look to you, loving God, for wisdom, for courage, for inspiration, for creativity.

As we make difficult decisions in an unprecedented time, grant us an unshakable commitment to one another, especially to the most vulnerable among us. Send your Spirit to open our eyes to the new thing you are doing. Send your Spirit to open our ears to the voices we need most to hear. Send your Spirit to open our hearts to the profound love you have for us all so that everything we do in this time of fear, anxiety and uncertainty reveals your compassion, kindness and grace. Send your Spirit to comfort and direct us as we humbly look to you for guidance and strength. Amen.



Knock
Knock!

Who's There?

Lexus

Lexus who?

Lexus jump in the car and get you to your appointment.

The Deacons of the church are charged with assisting members with finding rides to appointments. We realize not everyone has the same level of comfort in doing routine tasks as they had before the coronavirus. While things have changed, the need to get some members of our congregation to medical appointments has not. We need to update our list of who would feel comfortable in driving a church member to an appointment, how far they are willing to drive and how much notice they need to plan on driving. A short transportation survey follows. If you feel comfortable assisting with transportation of members, please answer the following questions and e-mail your answers, along with your contact information, to Deb Manning at manningtr@embarqmail.com.

- * Are you willing to drive a member of our congregation to an appointment?
- * How far do you feel comfortable driving? As far as Hanover Hospital, York Hospital, Hershey Medical Center, Lebanon VA Hospital?
- * How much notice would you need to make driving arrangements?
1-3 Days, 1 week, more than 1 week?

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

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!



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.


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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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 September 3, 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/September 2020
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Contemporary Worship @ 9:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship @ 10:30

August 30 Rev. Dale Williams Preaching
September 6 Rev. Lou Nyiri Preaching
Communion
September 13 **10:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service
@ Rec Park Stage**
*Matthew 11:28-30 Series:
"Come to me, all..." (God's open invitation)*

To view live stream, go to: www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org
Click "New Streaming Link" on the top right hand corner