

# GRAPEVINE

October 6, 2020

## "The Pastor's Page"

I've been preaching a sermon series based on Jesus' invitation in Matt. 11. <sup>28</sup>*"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*

(Matt. 11:28-30)

I have always found great comfort from this passage, but I think it's especially meaningful during this pandemic, when many of us have had our lives knocked out of kilter and face uncertain futures. Jesus invites anyone to bring our burdens (of any type) to him and find rest. That sounds good about now, doesn't it?

Then he invites us to put on his yoke, meaning the work of making this world into the kind of world that God intends it to be. And that work is well-fitted for us! Finally, he invites us to become his followers, trusting in him because he is of good character. He is gentle and humble of heart.

Will you accept Jesus' invitation?

*Pastor Dave*

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## PW CIRCLES

### Mary Martha Circle

**Thursday, October 8 @ 4:00 p.m.**

Eisenhower Lounge @ GPC

Lesson 2: Psalm 137

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

### Esther Circle

**Thursday, October 15 @ 9:30 a.m.**

MacAskill Room at GPC

Lesson 2: Psalm 137

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

### Elizabeth Circle

**Monday, October 19 @ 1:00 p.m.**

Paideia House

Study Leader: Judy Inskip

Lesson 2: Psalm 137

Questions or interested in joining this Circle please contact Sarah Lambert at 717-334-4667.

## HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

### October

October 11	5:00 - 6:00	Fellowship @ GPC Dress for weather
October 18	5:00 - 6:00	Zoom Youth Group
October 25	5:00 - 6:00	Fellowship @ GPC Dress for weather

## MIDSHIP SCHEDULE

### October

October 11	5:00 - 6:00	Zoom Youth Group
October 18	5:00 - 6:00	Fellowship/Games @ GPC
October 25	5:00 - 6:00	Zoom Youth Group

## YOUTH CLUB SCHEDULE

October 25	3:00 - 4:30	Fellowship & Games Outside @ GPC Dress for weather
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Thanks to Brian Campbell and the Property Committee for overseeing the work of replacing our Fellowship Hall roof last week!

The money for this project came from the capital campaign, so we also thank everyone who contributed to the campaign. Hopefully, we'll have no more leaks in Fellowship Hall when it rains!

Our sincere thank you to all for your prayers, thoughts, and cards during our mother/grandmother, Sally Maenak's, illness and recent passing.

Peace be with you.

Lydia and Leslie Casteel

## GPC Compassion Campaign, Stewardship 2021

Each fall we initiate our annual stewardship campaign, highlighting stewardship as a demonstrable act of our faith and gratitude. This year, we are trying something new, instead of a stewardship campaign we are doing a *Compassion Campaign*. What's different about a compassion campaign? Compassion is the act of recognizing the suffering of others and taking action to help. It is the tangible expression of love for those who are suffering.

Why a compassion campaign? Why not business as usual? Covid-19, social justice, and politics have collided in 2020 and intensified our differences, highlighting the importance of compassion as a critical element of living our faith. The love and grace of God resides within each of us, but it is up to us to reveal it.

The light of God's grace shines through us with each act of love and compassion. In sending Jesus to live among us, God showed us, through his Son, what compassion looks like. When we revel in God's grace, compassion, and abundance, giving becomes a joyful celebration.

***Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved,  
clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility,  
gentleness and patience.***

~ Colossians 3:12

Over the next few weeks, we invite you consider God's abundance and the power of God's example through the life of Jesus Christ. How do we teach compassion to our children? How do we bring more compassion into our daily lives? These are questions we invite you to contemplate as you make a profoundly spiritual decision to prioritize stewardship and compassion in your life as you prepare for 2021.

There are a number of new ways to make your stewardship pledge this year:

- This year we are introducing an online pledge card. This link can be found on the Compassion Campaign page at the GPC website after Oct. 15.
- We have also added giving by text. Simply text "Pledge" to 717-977-5561.
- We can also accept pledge cards by mail to our address at 208 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg PA 17325.

We celebrate the compassion of GPC and we thank you for sharing your tithes and offerings throughout the past challenging year in a pandemic. And we invite you, once again, to help us fulfill our church mission. *"Every generous act and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights; with Him there is no variation or shadow cast by turning."* (James 1:17). We invite you to revel in the abundance of love God pours out upon us.

Blessings from the Stewardship committee

**GOOD NEWS!** The Session has decided that congregational singing will resume! Everyone should wear (well-fitted) masks and sing somewhat softly, but we can sing together indoors once again! The decision was based on a study done by the University of Colorado and the University of Maryland. showing that soft singing doesn't spread any more aerosols than speaking. Here's a link to the whole study: <https://www.nfhs.org/media/4030003/aerosol-study-prelim-results-round-2-final.pdf> Pages 18 and 29 are the most relevant pages. We hope to see (and hear!) you in worship!

### 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!

**10/11 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.

**10/18 Mission Bright Star**

Our gift-giving ministry to children of incarcerated parents.

**10/25 Ben & Emily Okello**

Ben & Emily are overseeing an orphanage with many children in Kenya. Ben also plants churches throughout Kenya.



### PW Fall Rummage Sale

The Fall Rummage Sale has been CANCELLED due to Covid-19.

Please DO NOT drop any donations off at the church OR Paideia House!  
~ Thank you!!

# TOYS, BOOKS, AND GAMES Needed

The Mary Martha Circle of Gettysburg Presbyterian Women realized a need for the children of our Migrant Farm Workers and decided to collect books, games, and toys for these seasonal residents.

After a monetary collection for Vacation Bible School was utilized, leftover funds were appropriated for this need.

Buckets have been placed in fellowship hall for donations of:

**books** (English and Spanish), new or gently used  
**toys** (balls, jump ropes, playdough, coloring books, crayons),  
**primary puzzles** (100 pieces and less)  
**games.**

We will put a label in each book and indicate the donor (GPC) and provide information about our church. If we have an overflow of items, more buckets will be purchased and possibly placed around our community where children gather or where a need presents itself.

Thanks in advance for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

Nancy Cook and the PW of GPC

*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 you there."

Email videos to: [gpcclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpcclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org) -

Send video via [wetransfer.com](http://wetransfer.com) using the same email -

Questions or for alternate ways to send the video use email above.

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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 October 22, 2020**

**Office Operations**  
The state guidelines still encourage people to work from home where possible.  
However, someone is usually in the office from 10:00 - 2:00 Monday - Thursday  
You can continue to call the office number (717-334-1235) if you need anything, or need to get into the building during the day.

**October 2020  
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**  
**Contemporary Worship @ 9:00 a.m.**  
**Traditional Worship @ 10:30**  
**October 11**      *"I Want a New Star Word"*  
**October 18**      **10:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service @ Rec Park Stage**  
*"Contempt and Politics"*  
Stewardship Campaign Begins  
**October 25**      Rev. Dr. David Wright Preaching

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