

GRAPEVINE

November 24, 2020

"The Pastor's Page"

Masks for Neighbors

On November 11, 2020 GPC's Local Missions Team made masks available to the community. *Masks for Neighbors* offers masks to anyone who may need one and is a tangible way of living compassionate care and love for our neighbors, as we love ourselves. *Masks for Neighbors* is located next to the church's parking lot on East High Street."



In the first three days, over 30 masks had been distributed (23 in one day alone). Since then the number has risen to 86 – with the last 17 being placed on the display November 20, 2020. This ministry appears to be meeting a need within our community and is another way this church family provides compassionate care and lives love into the surrounding community.

If it is to continue, then we need nimble thimble fingers to sew more masks. If you or someone you know would like to donate masks to this endeavor – contact the church office.

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 see they are affixed to the *Masks for Neighbors* display.

Any questions, call Bill Tindall at 717-357-1281 or e-mail him at agpr4you@yahoo.com.

The Local Missions Team is grateful for your generosity!

Lou

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Happy Birthday to...

December 1

Andrew Larson
Brian Mora

December 2

Richard Burdge
Rebecca Kiefer
Drew May
Alexander Shpak
Edward Thompson

December 4

Sharon Baker

December 5

Hailey Brownley
Merle Weant

December 6

Maria Cushing-Daniels
Hayden Garverick
Austin Rucker
Lucas Witherow-Doyle

December 7

Rebecca Beegle
Allen Knouse

December 8

McKenna Kulkusky
John Musselman

Jill Sellers

Lee Weber

December 9

John Graziano
Holly Scarbrough
Shawn Wagner

Mary Wood

December 10

Katharine Hawkins

December 11

Megan Angstadt
Scott Russo

Newton Stewart

December 12

Mary Lynn Weaver

December 13

Shirley Fennimore
Christopher Hall

Sierra Hare

December 14

Patricia Knutson
Tammy Schwartz
John Tschop

December 15

June Powers
Mike Strausner

December 16

Wendy Brubaker

Mandi Holler

Janet Lightner

Mike Lochary

Bonita Soliday

December 17

Ruth Ann Fatzinger

Marion Lambert

December 18

Richard Lightner

George Petrie

Christian Priel

December 19

Morgan Dennison

Kurtis Harrison

Sedona Wilson

December 20

Sonja Brown
Debbie Manning
Laura Pennings

December 21

Bruce Bridel
Mary K. Johnson
Chase King
Harry Winsheimer

December 22

Charlie Maynard

December 23

Sue Hain
Jacob Holler
Jane North

December 24

Bryan Beegle
Lucy Breighner
Jeffery Cook
Emily Druckman
Jan Knouse

Robert Remaley

December 25

JESUS
Kenneth Elledge
Nicholas Rucker

December 26

Bronte Fennimore
Mason Little

December 27

Julia Burke
Laura Farnham
Chuck Teague
Mandy Weikert

December 29

Donna Harrison
Lynn Stabler
Scott Zanger

December 30

Sandra Breighner
Carolyn Hankey
Anne Warcup
Kathy Wark

December 31

Andy Armstrong
Lynne Orner



HAPPY 95th BIRTHDAY
to Andrew Larson
on December 1 !

HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY
to June Powers
on December 15 !



CONDOLENCES:

Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary Flinner and family on the recent death of Lee.

Compassion Stewardship Campaign

Fulfilling your Compassion Pledge to GPC can be made in a variety of ways. The easiest and most convenient way to make your donations is by using ACH (Automated Clearing House.) This allows you to have a specific amount electronically withdrawn from your checking or savings account directly to GPC. This withdrawal can be set up on a monthly basis. Another great way to fulfill your pledge is to contribute directly from your IRA. The Qualified Charitable Distribution (*QCD) allows IRA holders ***age 70 1/2** and older to donate to a qualified charity from your Traditional or Roth IRA (including inherited) - tax free. Lastly, a legacy donation can be accomplished in a variety of ways. Consult your tax advisor or a legal professional for more information. These are alternative ways of giving to GPC other than cash, envelope or online giving which also work to meet your pledge. Please consider your most beneficial way to contribute to your GPC Compassion Pledge.

Thanks!
Frank Pizzuto

(* Please note the 2 corrections from the previous newsletter)

Compassion Stewardship 2021

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their pledge for the 2021 Compassion Campaign.

If you have not, there is still time. Please place your pledge card in the offering plate on Sunday morning or turn it into the church office, go to our website and pledge electronically or contact the church office to enroll in ACH.



PW CIRCLES

Mary Martha Circle

NOT MEETING IN DECEMBER



Esther Circle

Thursday, December 17 @ 9:30 a.m.

MacAskill Room at GPC

Lesson 4: John 11:28-32

Elizabeth Circle

Monday, December 21 @ 1:00 p.m.

Paideia House

2019-2020 Love Carved in Stone

Lesson 7: Exodus 20:15 &

Matthew 25: 31-46

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

November/December

November 29	5:00 - 6:00	Zoom Youth Group
December 6	5:00 - 6:00	Fellowship @ GPC Dress for weather
December 13	5:00 - 6:00	Zoom Youth Group
December 20	5:00 - 6:00	Zoom Youth Group
December 27	NO SHIP	Christmas Break

MIDSHIP SCHEDULE

November/December

November 29	5:00 - 6:00	Fellowship/Games @ GPC
December 6	5:00 - 6:00	Zoom Youth Group
December 13	5:00 - 6:00	Fellowship/Games @ GPC
December 20	5:00 - 6:00	Christmas Celebration
December 27	NO Mid-SHIP	Christmas Break

At the Congregational meeting on November 22 we elected the following:

Session

Class of 2023

Adam Boyer

Amy Deitch

Kathleen Redding

Linda Thompson

Jen Daniels (2nd term)

Deacons

Class of 2023

Amy Hoch

Carole Simon

Bob Smith

Tracey Stone (1 yr. term)

Mary Beth Shoemaker (2nd term)

Nominating Committee

Mary Miner

Beth Fitzpatrick

YOUTH CLUB SCHEDULE

December 6	3:00 - 4:30	Fellowship & Games @ GPC
December 20	3:00 - 4:30	Fellowship & Games @ GPC



Local Missions Opportunity

It has been brought to our attention that St. Paul's AME Zion Church, located at 269 S. Washington Street in Gettysburg, is in need of a new or nearly new combination refrigerator/freezer to replace the one currently in the church. The measurements are: 33 inches wide and 22 cu. ft. capacity. Please call Stacey Stone at 717-253-0092 for more information. Thanks so much!

Worship Plans

We are carefully watching the growing number of Covid cases here in Adams County, but for now, we'll continue to meet in person as well as on the live-stream each week. Keep wearing your masks and practice social distancing. You'll notice that we're now closing the doors during worship to keep the heat in, but opening them between services to allow more air circulation.



Over two recent meetings the Session decided to offer two options for Christmas Eve worship. This was a difficult decision, attempting to balance the desire to be together with the need to keep everyone safe on a night that typically features our most crowded services. So, there will be a drive-in service at the Harley Davidson place at a time to be determined, and a live-stream-only service at 5PM in the sanctuary. The live-stream service will be available to be watched later that evening as well as at the 5PM time. We'll give you more details in the coming weeks.



Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

---Philippians 4:6-7, NRSV

The Thanksgiving holiday this year may be very different from past years, for most people. Many will be celebrating alone due to the pandemic, but the need for family and friends gathering to share a meal of thanksgiving is much different for others. Food, shelter, clothing, and jobs are new concerns for many. The Thank Offering provides the funds for grants given by the Presbyterian Women in the PC (USA) all over the U.S. and worldwide.

Blue Thank Offering envelopes are available at your Circle Groups, and at the Welcome Center in Fellowship Hall. You can donate (easily) online at www.presbyterianwomen.org/give, making sure you write Gettysburg Presbyterian in the comment line, or contact me directly and I will mail you an envelope. Margo Har at 978-807-3750. Please indicate Gettysburg Presbyterian Women on the check and return the envelope in the offering plate or mail to the church.

Thank you for your gifts. Presbyterian Women

Advent Plans

If you are worshipping via the livestream, consider buying or making an Advent candle wreath- 4 purple candles & one white one in the center- so you can light them along with us during the Advent services! It would help make your home space feel more worshipful, and children may appreciate the weekly ritual. Advent begins on Sunday, Nov. 29. We have materials to make the wreaths in Rubbermaid tubs under the portico. You may pick them up any time.

Mission Prayer List

On Sunday mornings we will be praying for the following people/groups that we support:

11/29 Sean and Bethany Walker

After serving 10 years in Central Asia, Sean & Bethany are now working from Houston, supporting the ministry of Antioch Partners, a mission group committed to reaching unreached people around the world.

12/6 Marta Bennett

Marta is a long-time Missionary teaching theology and leadership in Kenya.

12/13 Habitat for Humanity

GPC was a founding church for this ministry which provides home ownership for working poor families.

Please consider including them in your own prayers!

Poinsettias

Help us decorate the sanctuary at Christmas by ordering a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone. The flowers will be used in the sanctuary December 20th. You may pick up your plant(s) following evening worship on the 24th or Saturday the 26th from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. **The church office will be closed Friday, Dec. 25th. Those not picked up by noon on Tuesday, Dec. 29th will be delivered to shut-ins.** The 5-6 bloom 6 1/2" pot will cost \$10.00.

Please fill in the following form & send it with your check made payable to Gettysburg Presbyterian Church to:
Mary Lou Seamens
169 Hunters Trail
Gettysburg, PA. 17325

Orders MUST be in by Sunday, December 8th.
We cannot accept orders after that date—No extensions.

Christmas Poinsettias 2020

Given by: _____

Phone #: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

of plants you will pick up _____ # of plants to be delivered to shut-ins _____



Christmas Mission Fair? Oh, it's happening!

That's right! Everyone's favorite church event at GPC is going on RIGHT NOW! Help Santa get off to an early start this year with fun and impactful gifts from Presbyterian Coffee Project (PCP), unique ideas from the online Silent Auction, or a Direct Mission Support gift in honor of your loved ones!

Order forms for Equal Exchange products through PCP are available in this newsletter and in Fellowship Hall. Simply fill out your wish list, return it to the church office, and we'll take care of the rest! You can pre-pay, or pay when your pick-up order is ready!

Direct Mission Support forms are on the opposite side of the PCP order form! Your tax-deductible donations will make our mission trips possible in 2021, and have a huge impact on the areas we serve! You can pick up gift letters on the table in Fellowship Hall, or write in the name and address of your gift recipient, and let us mail the letter for you!

The Silent Auction is going on right now through the 6th of December! Log onto www.biddingowl.com/gpc to view the items available for auction. You will be asked to create a profile before your first bid, and then will be able to place bids on any items you are interested in! You will be notified as to the status of your bid as the auction progresses.

Sorry, no goldfish this year! But don't let this big one get away! Join the fun of Christmas Mission Fair by sharing the spirit of Christmas through your generous support of GPC Missions!

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN CHRISTMAS MISSION FAIR 2020!

Your support makes GPC missions accessible for everyone, and impactful locally and around the world!

SOUP KITCHEN REPORT

Do you want to give back to the community? You can by helping our church in its support of the Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen.

Even though procedures have changed due to COVID-19, we can help make a direct impact on our local community.

Eleanor (Ellie) Bilz, vice chair and board member of the Soup Kitchen explains:

"We are no longer asked to make the soup, but only to provide the groceries. I do the shopping and deliver them directly to the Soup Kitchen for the second Tuesday of the month. You need only agree to be on the call list to share in one-third of the cost, approximately \$20-\$25 on an annual basis. If you are interested in being part of this worthy service, please contact me by e-mail at ecingire51@gmail.com or call me at 717-420-2183."

Many Thanks!

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Get your warm mittens and stocking caps out for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing.



**GPC will provide ringers for the
Gettysburg Wal-Mart Kettle Campaign
from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. on
Thursday, December 17.**

The efforts of Salvation Army are especially important this year as people in need manage through added challenges brought on by COVID-19. The time slots will be one-hour segments. Please call Bill Tindall at 717-357-1281, e-mail him at agpr4you@yahoo.com or sign up in Fellowship Hall to reserve your spot.

2020 Christmas Mission Fair Equal Exchange Order Form

Item	Price	Qty.	Total
COFFEE			
Breakfast Blend (Whole Bean)	\$9.00		
French Roast (Whole Bean)	\$9.00		
Mind, Body, Soul (Whole Bean)	\$9.00		
Decaf (Whole Bean)	\$9.00		
Midnight Sun (Whole Bean)	\$9.00		
Congo (Whole Bean Only)	\$9.00		
Breakfast Blend (Drip)	\$9.00		
French Roast (Drip)	\$9.00		
Mind, Body, Soul (Drip)	\$9.00		
Decaf (Drip)	\$9.00		
Midnight Sun (Drip)	\$9.00		
Sister's Blend (Drip only)	\$9.00		
Cozy Cup (Drip only)	\$9.00		
Hazelnut Creme (Drip only)	\$9.00		
French Roast Decaf (Drip only)	\$9.00		
Toffee Caramel (Drip only)	\$9.00		
French Vanilla (Drip only)	\$9.00		
French Roast (K-Cup)	\$8.00		
Breakfast Blend (K-Cup)	\$8.00		
Unwind Decaf (K-Cup)	\$8.00		

Item	Price	Qty.	Total
CHOLOLATE BARS			
Dark Choc, Almond & Sea Salt	\$4.00		
Dark Choc, Caramel Crunch, Sea Salt	\$4.00		
Dark Choc, Mint Crunch	\$4.00		
Panama Extra Dark Choc	\$4.00		
Milk Chocolate	\$4.00		
Milk Choc, Caramel Crunch, Sea Salt	\$4.00		

Item	Price	Qty.	Total
TEAS			
English Breakfast	\$5.00		
Peppermint	\$5.00		
Earl Grey	\$5.00		
Chai	\$5.00		
Rooibos	\$5.00		
Vanilla Rooibos	\$5.00		
Chamomille	\$5.00		

Item	Price	Qty.	Total
FOODS			
Natural Cashews	\$8.00		
Roasted, Salted Cashews	\$8.00		
Natural Almonds	\$8.00		
Tamari Roasted Almonds	\$8.00		
Olive Oil	\$14.00		

A. Coffee Total:

B. Candy/Tea/Foods Total:

NAME & PHONE # _____

GRAND TOTAL PRICE (A+B)=

Return to Gettysburg Presbyterian Church, 208 Baltimore St, Gettysburg, PA 17325

Prepay your order by check, or pay at time of pickup with cash, check, CC or Debit

All orders must be received by Dec 1st, 2020. Pickup will be available Dec14-18th.

DONATIONS FOR DIRECT MISSION SUPPORT

Thank you in advance for supporting GPC Christmas Mission Fair with your monetary donation! These funds make it possible to support mission efforts locally and around the world, and to help send GPC members on these life-changing trips!

This year, Mission Gift Letters will be available at the church office, or you may designate your gift to a specific person/family and have US mail your gift letter for you! Just provide names and addresses, and we will take care of the rest!

Please include amount of gift & what mission you want to donate to:

YUCATÁN MEXICO
SOUTH DAKOTA LAKOTA
SOUTH CAROLINA HABITAT
H.S. YOUTH WORKCAMP
LOCAL MISSION EFFORTS
(Adams Rescue Mission, SCCAP,
Gettysburg CARES)

NEW ADVENT ACTIVITIES TAB

on WEBSITE

Please check out the Advent Activities Tab on the church website for devotions and Other activities for families.
Advent begins on Sunday, November 29th.

ADVENT CRAFTS

Due to COVID we cannot hold our annual children's craft workshop. We are putting together advent activities bags for families which will include several advent crafts and the materials for making an advent wreath. These are available for families to pick up in the black & yellow bin outside fellowship hall. Please stop by the church and pick up your bag.

ADVENT ADULT DEVOTIONALS

Beginning, Sunday, November 15th there will be Advent Devotions on the CE Table. Please help yourself to one to use during your devotions time during Advent as we prepare for the arrival of the Christ child.

CHILDREN'S STORYTime

Christian Education Committee is looking for individuals who would like to come into the church to pre-record or record yourself reading a story for children. If you don't have a favorite book, you might want to stop in our Phyllis Dowd Children's Library and select a book to read. We thought this would be a great way to connect with our children during the slow and wintery months of January and February. If you are interested in doing this, contact Cheryl in the church office and we will work out a schedule with Mark Wherley to come in and record the story being read or you can email one to Cheryl that you have recorded yourself. Let's make these wintery months something special for our children.



GPC is partnering with teachers at Gettysburg School District to collect either new or gently used coats that will be given to both students and residents of the community who find themselves in a situation where they are without adequate warm clothing for the winter months.

Please drop off your items at the Local Missions table in Fellowship Hall or call Bill Tindall if you need assistance in getting the coats to church.

He can be reached at 717-357-1281 or e-mailed to agpr4you@yahoo.com.

If necessary, coats will be washed before distributing them to those in need.

Thank you for your continued support of all the Local Missions projects conducted at GPC.

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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 December 10, 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.

**November/December 2020
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

- November 29** *When God Interrupts: Call Stories*
First Sunday in Advent
- December 6** *When God Interrupts: Jesus*
Communion
Second Sunday in Advent
- December 13** *When God Interrupts: Zechariah & Elizabeth*
Third Sunday in Advent

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