

GRAPEVINE

February 23, 2021

"The Pastor's Page"

*"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit...
To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the
common good." ~ (1 Cor. 12:4,7)*

God's Spirit gives each follower of Jesus one or more gifts, abilities or talents that are to be used for the good of all. Here at GPC you see some of those gifts being exercised during worship on Sunday mornings- instrumentalists, singers, readers, teachers, preachers and other worship leaders. But there are some other folks using their gifts that you don't see- our tech team!

It takes 4-5 people to run the technical side of things to produce the livestream service you see. Carrie Conklin puts together the slides that are shown with lyrics, prayers, scriptures, etc. She, rotating with some volunteers, then shows the slides during the service. Sal Chandon, Shane Miller, and Jerin Firth run the sound. They have to mix the sound in one way for the those in the sanctuary, and a different way for those who are watching at home. For example, the organ sound is sufficient by itself in the sanctuary, but needs to be picked up on a microphone and fed into the sound that goes out on-line or you wouldn't hear it! Finally, Mark Wherley coordinates the visual images from our four cameras.

I thank God for these members of our tech team, who use their gifts and abilities so that we can enjoy worship together each Sunday! Maybe you can find a way to thank them for their service!

Pastor Dave

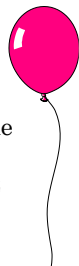
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Happy Birthday to...

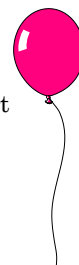
March 1
John Angstadt
John Egloff
Sarah Landauer
Bruce Rowland
Charles Wellington
March 2
Larry Snyder
March 3
Kevin Burke
Steve Toddes
March 4
Deb Carman
Dortha Haskins
Sharon Holsclaw
March 5
Mary Ott
Cameron Pennings
Eric Smarsh
March 6
Andrew Dreves

March 7
Susan Kolmer
March 8
Katelyn Guiher
Barbara Underwood
March 9
Sue Hudson
March 10
Sawyer Hoover
Nicole King
David LaRochele
Helen Maitland
Benjamin Moroz
Steve Redding
March 11
Charlie Marks
March 12
Beth Heeschen
Morgan Soliday
March 13
Rebecca Strevig
Joan Thomas



March 14
Nathaniel Priel
Christopher Rossman
Joshua Warcup
March 15
Amy Deitch
Winifred Haffey
Benjamin Kolmer
March 16
Ronald Hankey
Merida Hurkett
Joshua Sellers
Christine Smith
March 17
Mary Robinson
March 18
Donald Fennimore
Heather King
Kathleen Kircher
March 19
Jake Bernier
Brion FitzGerald
Jane Patrono
Connilu Petrie

March 20
Claire Freeman
Dale Powell
Dana Witt
March 22
Kiersten Bankert
Jill Eskildsen
Daniel Gazmen
Nathan Lush
March 23
Tracy Boyer
March 24
Michael Heeschen
Carrie Soliday
Tessa Trax
March 25
Peri Carbaugh
Ralph Lambert
Penny Messinger
Linda Thompson
Ethan Wagner
Barbara Zimmerman



March 26
Katelyn Gormley
Justin King
March 27
Sarah Kirk
Christina Soliday
March 29
Judy Adams
Aubrey King
Daelyn Stabler
Marjorie Swatsworth
March 30
Maria Kirk
John Kuntzman
Kristin VanMeerbeke
Mary Lou Seamens
Megan Ziegler
March 31
Dan Hurkett
Matthew Suarez



Happy 90th Birthday
to Joan Thomas
on March 13th!!

“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. You can put them in the marked bin by the elevator in Fellowship Hall.

For the month of:

March

We will be collecting items for

Adams County SPCA

lams cat food (dry), kitten food (canned),
dog food (sensitive stomach),
water softener salt, latex gloves,
dog and cat collars, dog harnesses,
dog and cat toys, disinfectant wipes,
toilet paper, paper towels, copy paper,
dish soap, bleach and 13-gallon
Force Flex trash bags.

2021 Chancel Flowers



The new calendar is available on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall to sign up for the Chancel flowers in 2021.

Transition Team Survey Reminder

Thanks to those who have already completed the transition committee's survey, if you haven't completed it please do so by Monday March 1, 2021. You may drop off a hard copy in the church office or complete it electronically at the following link:

https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fforms.gle%2f2rnJ4nLinRy28ELs6&c=E,1,uu5TfBIFr3N6ftKNLvzCqfjULGuT-uNCtKay9OZnre-fykLXXhACK_a1sxURlo8vgRVLi8SjAav4ylrLqWLzXojfroPfNTWm07wRxMlgDNevg.,&typo=1

If you would prefer to talk individually, please contact Jane North at jnorth@gettysburg.edu or 717-337-1496 or Lynne Graziano at lynnegraziano@gmail.com or 404-226-2742.

GPC Hiking Club

The Hiking Club will resume our monthly hikes in March, so mark your calendar. We will be hiking at Catocin right over the border in Maryland on Saturday, March 20th. We will leave the church parking lot at 10:30 and should return no later than 2:30. Make sure you wear layers, bring water and a snack, and wear comfortable hiking shoes. We will stop midway for our devotion and to take a break. Please let Jen Clark know you're interested by emailing her at Mjclark1963@embarqmail.com and be sure to check out our Facebook page, "GPC Hiking Club."



We hope to see you there!

Stephen Ministry

HOW DOES STEPHEN MINISTRY WORK?



When someone requests a Stephen Minister, our Stephen Ministry Referrals Coordinator will meet with that person, explain what Stephen Ministry is, and help determine whether Stephen Ministry is the kind of care that person needs. Our Referrals Coordinator then matches that person with one of our available Stephen Ministers. The Stephen Minister will then call that person and begin meeting with him or her for about an hour each week as long as the need is there. Everything a care receiver says to his or her Stephen Minister is kept confidential. The Stephen Minister doesn't try to solve problems; rather, he or she listens, cares, prays, and helps the care receiver find his or her path to healing and wholeness. For more information call Lou at the church office 334-1235.

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**NOAH person who can help get
parishioners to an appointment?**

The Deacons of the church are charged with assisting members of our congregation with finding rides to medical appointments. We realize not everyone has the same level of comfort in doing routine tasks as they had before the coronavirus, but with the introduction of vaccines, we would like to see if we can expand our list of possible drivers. To help us determine 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.

Are you trying to find an available vaccination site for the COVID-19 Vaccine?

Check our website periodically for a downloadable document for vaccine sites in and around Adams County (this information is updated as we receive new information so check back from time to time), here is the link: <https://gettysburgpresbyterian.org/wp-content/uploads/Vaccination-Clinics-and-Rollout-Information-updated-2021.01.22a-general-public-information.pdf>

COVID Vaccination Online Registration Assistance

(Check All that Apply)

- _____ Yes, I will be part of a team to help assist GPC Members with online registration.
- _____ Yes, I will be part of a team to help assist community members with online registration.
- _____ *Maybe – please have someone call me as I have some questions.*
- _____ I would like someone to call me to help with online registration.

Your Name: _____

Your Email: _____

Your Phone: _____

Return this information to Rev. Lou Nyiri by: email (gpcpastorlou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org) / postal mail (208 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg, PA) / phone: (717-334-1235)

I have much to share with you, so I've organized it for easy reading for you below.

Potpourri of Information:

- Please check out the GPC website under “Christian Care” for COVID 19 updates. Information is to keep you updated.
- Wellspan is looking for people to help in multiple capacities. Please review the website listed below if you are interested in seeking a temporary position. *Join our COVID-19 Hope Squad! We are currently seeking clinical and non-clinical roles for our Community COVID-19 Vaccination Sites. Volunteer and paid positions are available. Visit www.wellspan.org//COVID19Help (you will need to cut/paste) to apply or for more information.*
- Packets are available with Coronavirus information on the doors at GPC. Please take a packet and share with those who might not have computer access. Spanish material available.
- Rabbit Transit has opened a long-awaited bus route between Gettysburg and Hanover. This new route will greatly benefit many Adams County residents by allowing easier access to jobs and services offered in Hanover.
- DME (Durable Medical Equipment) is available at GPC. Wheelchairs, Bedside commodes, walkers, rollators, etc. are FREE. I also have Adult diapers, dressing supplies, etc. Please reach out to me either via phone or email or call the church if you know of anyone who might need these items. I will deliver!
- If you have DME (Durable Medical Equipment) that you want to give to GPC, please contact me to see if we need that item.
- **February** is a time to focus on our “Cardiovascular Health.” Medical conditions can increase our risk for high blood pressure. Medical conditions that affect our blood pressure are diabetes, lifestyle choices: tobacco use, unhealthy diet, obesity, physical inactivity, and increased alcohol intake. Genetics also play a role in our cardiovascular health. When unhealthy lifestyle choices and gene heredity collide, the risk increases. Other Risk factors include: **Age:** As we get older our blood pressure rises. 9 out of 10 Americans will develop high blood pressure during their lifetime. **Race or ethnicity:** These can affect our risk of elevated blood pressure. The chart below defines blood pressure parameters per the AHA (American Heart Association)

| Blood Pressure | Systolic (Upper#) | Diastolic (Lower#) |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Normal | Under 120 | Under 80 |
| Prehypertension | 120-139 | 80-89 |
| Hypertension (Stage 1) | 140-159 | 90-99 |
| Hypertension (Stage 2) | Above 160 | Above 100 |
| Hypertensive Crisis | Above 180 | Above 110 |

Stop by and get your blood pressure checked on Tuesday or Thursday mornings. Contact me to make an appt.

"After all this is over, all that will really have mattered is how we treated each other." ---Unknown



Blessings,
 Pam Phillips RN
 Faith Community Nurse
 410-596-0777 / gpcfcn@gettysburgpresbyterian.org



CURIOUSER AND CURIOUSER...

An *Invitation* often begins with a *Conversation*.
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 A *Mask* that says "GPC" and "gettysburgpresbyterian.org"
 on it may cause *Curiosity*.
 Which could grow into a *Conversation*.
 Which could lead to an *Invitation*.

So your GPC Community Outreach Committee is offering you... **A Curiosity.**

We all know that Jesus isn't hiding during this pandemic. He's out there saying, "Come unto me," and He still wants to say it through us. But social-distancing doesn't foster sharing. What to do?

Order a GPC mask to start the conversation!

It's only \$3.00.

It's 93.6% particle-filtration efficient (PFE).

Can be worn over another mask.

And it's 60% cotton and 40% polyester.

Wear it wherever you go. Perhaps the barista at the coffee shop will ask, "Is that a church or something?" Then you say, yes, it's your church and you don't know what you'd do without it. Then you invite her to check out live-stream worship or to stream Buz Myers' class on Revelation or to come to a service... when we're finally able to meet safely again.

OR take a selfie while wearing it. Post it on Facebook or Instagram or whatever platform on which you share your thoughts. Just say, "Here's something I care a lot about," and see what comments and questions come. People are often more comfortable with faith discussions online.

Any chance to share your love of Jesus Christ is a link in the chain that could lead someone to meet Him. So pick up an Outreach Mask in Fellowship Hall (call the office to see if the church is open first). Or if you cannot pick it up, call or email the church office and we'll mail it to you. How easy is that?!

An invitation... from a conversation... from a curiosity. So many opportunities are born as curiosities!

Mission Prayer List

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

- 2/28 Katie Burkholder**
Church ministry in Ireland
- 3/7 Teen Workcamp with REACH**
- 3/14 Family Mission Trip to Camp Krislund**

Please consider including them in your own prayers!



MASKS NEEDED!!

We have given out all the hand-made masks we had on hand. If you are able to sew and would like to make any, we can use them, because we give free masks to the public out by the parking lot on High Street next to the Girl Scouts' blessing box.

There is a box right outside the Fellowship Hall door to put them in.

Lenten Sermon Series

During Lent, we'll be preaching on "Good Practices for the Soul."

The pandemic has been hard on all of us. These time-tested practices of prayer, study, worship, fellowship, service, and witness can help to strengthen and shape our souls so we can continue to serve God even in uncertain times. Listen to the sermons and try some of the practices out!

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

February / March

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| February 28 | 5:00 - 6:00 | Zoom Youth Group |
| March 7 | 5:00 - 6:00 | Zoom Youth Group |
| March 14 | 5:00 - 6:00 | Zoom Youth Group |
| March 19-20 | 8:00 pm -1:00 am | **Zoom Lock-In |
| March 21 | 5:00 - 6:00 | NO Youth Group |

** (information will be emailed to you - or contact Rev. Lou or Libby Crowe for details)

MIDSHIP SCHEDULE

February / March

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| March 7 | 5:00 - 6:00 | Zoom Youth Group |
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Sunday School Elective Lenten Series - THE BOOK OF REVELATION: Prophecy of Doom or Message of Hope? Recorded and Streamed—Dr. 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 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:

- Sunday, February 28, 2021: "On the Lamb" (Rev. 2:1 – 5:14)
- Sunday, March 7, 2021: "Seals and Trumpets" (Rev. 6:1 - 11:19)
- Sunday, March 14, 2021: "The Lady, the Beasts, and the Lamb" (Rev. 12:1 - 15:4)
- Sunday, March 21, 2021: "Bowled Over in Babylon" (Rev 15:5 - 19:10)
- Sunday, March 28, 2021: "No More Tears" (Rev. 19:11 - 22:21)

To sign up for this class, email Cheryl at gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org to be added to the class list to receive the weekly links.

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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 March 4, 2021

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.

February 2021
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Live-Stream Worship Service

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| February 28 | <i>Spiritual Disciplines: Study</i> Second Sunday of Lent |
| March 7 | <i>Spiritual Disciplines: Fellowship</i> Third Sunday of Lent |
| March 14 | <i>Spiritual Disciplines: Worship</i> Fourth Sunday of Lent |
| March 21 | <i>Spiritual Disciplines: Witness</i> Fifth Sunday of Lent |

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