

GRAPEVINE

March 9, 2021

"The Pastor's Page"

Prayer Chain

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."
Ephesians 6:18

GPC's Mission Statement declares that we believe God calls us to invite people to faith in Jesus Christ and equip them to grow as His fully devoted followers. As disciples, one of the things we commit to is to *pray daily*. A formalized way we put this into practice is through the church's Prayer Chain. This group prays for both petitions and thanksgivings based on requests from our staff, Sunday morning worship prayers, and/or the e-mail prayer requests. This group operates via a leader (Mary Weigle) who receives the prayer request then begins an email or phone chain among prayer teams. The *Prayer Chain Teams* keep confidential all prayer requests they receive. We are looking for "prayer-ers" to be part of this team. If you would like to be part of the Prayer Chain ministry, please fill out the tear off below and return to Mary Weigle – or – Rev. Nyiri via email or postal mail.

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GPC Prayer Chain

Yes, I wish to be part of the GPC Prayer Chain. Please contact me with more information.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Return this information to:

Prayer Team Leader, Mary Weigle – email (mweigle@embarqmail.com) or postal mail (425 Old Carlisle Road, Biglerville, PA 17307)

- OR -

Rev. Lou Nyiri – email (gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org) or postal mail (mark envelope to Rev. Nyiri's attention and mail it to the church office, 208 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg, PA 17325)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
Philippians 4:6

Upcoming GPC Fellowship Events

We may be virtual, but we can still be together! Here are some upcoming opportunities to have fun and connect with other GPC members...mark your calendars!

- **Ongoing** - GPC's Cutest Pet Contest - Vote for your favorites in Round 3 posted yesterday.
- **Sunday, March 14 - Share your pet !** -Zoom Coffee time - Following the 10 o'clock service on March 14, open the zoom link to share coffee and conversation with other GPC members. Grab your furry, feathered, or finned friends to introduce during the zoom.
Here is the link to the zoom meeting for Sunday, March 14. [GPC Zoom Coffee Break](#)
- **Sunday, March 28 - Share your decorated Easter Eggs!** - Zoom Coffee time - Following the 10 o'clock service be ready to show off your artistic, wacky, and wonderfully decorated Easter Eggs.
A link will be emailed closer to the date.
- **Sunday, April 11 - Pictionary Game** - Zoom Coffee time - Following the 10 o'clock service login to the shared zoom link and have some fun drawing and guessing with a team of GPC members!

Let's build better relationships remotely! Have fun with GPC zooms!

FACE-TO-FACE WORSHIP

When Will We Begin Face-to-Face Worship again?

We know many of you are anxious to resume public worship again! I am, too! The Session will consider a proposal regarding the resumption of face-to-face worship at its meeting on March 14. We'll let you know very soon what has been decided!

Thank you for your patience.
Pastor Dave

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Begins THIS Sunday, March 14th.



"Spring Ahead"
Turn your clocks ahead
one hour Saturday night!

"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.



GPC Sunday School will hopefully reopen soon and God's young children will need the support and guidance of our church members.

Prayerfully consider joining our **Christian Education Team** and/or the Staff of our **Sunday School Teachers** when you volunteer time to instruct and share your talents with our most impressionable members. We all benefit.

Additionally we have another opportunity to show our support of children in our community. **The Respective Solutions** has coordinated an afterschool program for students from Lincoln Elementary and the middle school, which operates from 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. Mon.-Thurs. 15 - 18 students accept homework help, design Lego creations, enjoy cooking opportunities, STEM activities, and appreciate the space of our Fellowship Hall for physical exercise. They continue to look for additional paid help and volunteers from church.

Contact Nancy Cook 717-357-2133 or the church office if you're interested in making a difference in the life of a Gettysburg child.

GPC Hiking Club

The Hiking Club will resume our monthly hikes in March, so mark your calendar. We will be hiking at Catoctin 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

TRUST ME!

Has someone ever told you "Trust me," and then let you down?

Our Stephen Ministers are people you really can trust.

They are committed to providing the best Christian care possible to their care receivers.

They are people you can trust and depend on.

For more information call Lou at the church office 334-1235.

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WHO'S
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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.

COVID Vaccination Information

- Wondering where to find vaccination site? - Click Here ----> <https://gettyburgpresbyterian.org/wp-content/uploads/COVID-19-Vaccination-Sites-and-Registration-Information-updated-2021.03.04.pdf>
- Know others wondering where to find vaccination sites? - Share the above information with friends and family.
- Can't open the click link above? - Contact church office & one will be emailed or postal mailed to you.
- Having difficulty navigating the online registration? - Return completed information below to Rev. Lou Nyiri by email or postal mail.
- Want to help others get signed up for a vaccination? - Return completed information below to Rev. Lou Nyiri by email or postal mail.

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@gettyburgpresbyterian.org) / postal mail (208 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg, PA) / phone: (717-334-1235)

Would You Like to Share Your Faith with Others But Don't Know How?

Pastor Dave will soon teach a 7-week Zoom class called

ENGAGE

Dates: Tuesday evenings, beginning April 6 through May 18 at 7PM

What: You'll do some preparation using a student book, and we'll gather each week to learn together about how you can share the Good News in a winsome way.

How: Sign up by contacting Pastor Dave at gpcpastordave@gettysburgpresbyterian.org or call the church office.

When: Registration deadline is Mar. 25 to allow time to purchase and distribute the student books. We'll send you the Zoom link.

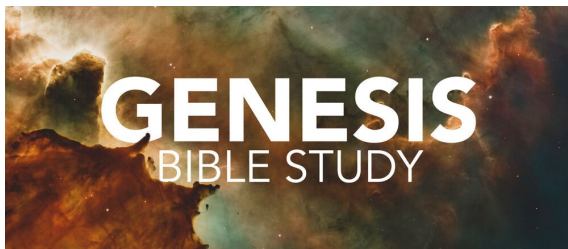
Last Weeks of Revelation Bible Study with Buz Myers

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.



In-Person Disciple Bible Study

Offering a short term 10-week Bible study on Genesis, approaching it not simply as a story of the world's beginning, but as a story of beginnings from start to finish. Through this study, participants will be invited to listen afresh to the witness of this opening book of the Hebrew Bible and to understand more clearly God's purpose in beginning to form a people with the likes of Adam and Eve, Abraham and Sarah, and Jacob and Esau. Course begins on Monday, April 5th from 10-12 a.m. in the Sewing Room. We will wear masks and social distance. FYI, I have been fully vaccinated. Costs of the books are \$15.00. Contact Cheryl Betts at gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org or call 717-334-1235, ext. 5 to register.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

The pandemic has stretched the Church in many ways — but we are still very much ... *here*. Although it was surely hard at first, we have expanded our thinking, and our doing, in new and innovative ways to close the distance, and be together. We have continued to worship. We have continued to build and shape community; we have continued to take care of one another. And on top of all that, we have continued to come together to serve those in need; both here in our own community and all over the world through our participation in special offerings and in the spirit of shared mission. Despite the difficulty, struggle and loss, the Church continues to declare its presence in the world ...through different means, certainly... but toward the same purpose.

The Church has found life and vitality in a bevy of different places, too: online, in parking lots, on social media, and even on the phone. This reminds us that the Church has always existed beyond the doors of our own, and all buildings. Although we value our community and time together, and we surely miss those bonds when we are physically apart, the plain fact is the Church is not the building. Scripture reminds us time and again that God's people belong with those in need, releasing people from the bonds of injustice and with the hungry whom we are to welcome into our homes, as Isaiah's 58th chapter puts it. The Church finds itself with those who are thirsty, imprisoned, and suffering illness, as Jesus says in Matthew 25:35-40.

“When did we see you?”

“When did we see you?” — in a time of need, in a time of weakness? In a time of hunger, in a time of thirst?

Even without a pandemic, it is a truth, a reminder, that in every time and season, the Church finds itself and its Savior through relationships with those in need. We belong in this place, not just to help address those needs, though that is surely part of it. We belong there, also, because it is through relationships with those whom we see experiencing hunger, oppression, thirst, imprisonment, or illness, we might be transformed, too, as we become/experience/create/live the Church, **together**.

One Great Hour of Sharing is the largest way Presbyterians come together to do mission and ministry with those whom we see are in need. Through these gifts, we declare that the Church belongs with people whom we see suffering from the terrors of howling winds and natural disasters; those from whom we see COVID-19 took futures and livelihoods, and the whole cultures threatened as a result. The Church finds itself with those whom we see are thirsty because of too few water wells, and with those who are thirsty because of a lack of political will and the failure of powers and principalities to act in order to secure safe water for everyone. The Church belongs always, and forever, with those struggling for justice, righteousness and peace.

We give to One Great Hour of Sharing because of where the Church belongs, of **who** the church is. Please find a two week giving calendar to help guide in your family's giving on the next page. Families with children (aged 2 thru 90, wink wink!) may stop by the church and pick up a “fish bank” to use with the calendar. Please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing so that GPC will continue to become, as Isaiah said, “repairers of the breach” alongside those experiencing great need. **For when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!**

Sun 3/14/21	Mon 3/15/21	Tues 3/16/21	Wed 3/17/21	Thurs 3/18/21	Fri 3/19/21	Sat 3/20/21
<p>Visit the OGHs interactive map at https://tinyurl.com/t6vbumd</p> <p>Pray for 5 locations where Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is serving. Give gifts for each.</p>	<p>Over 23 million Americans live in a food desert, far from a store where they can buy fresh food. Hunger-related causes kill tens of thousands every day around the world. Give a gift for meals you've had today or a gift for each grocery store nearby.</p>	<p>Thousands of "front-line" workers risk their lives daily to help those who have COVID-19. Say a prayer for the doctors, nurses, and other medical staff who care for the sick. Give a gift for each person in your family who has been able to see a doctor in the past year.</p>	<p>Over 780 million people around the world can't get safe water to drink every day, not to mention water for cleaning and cooking. Give a gift for every glass of water you've had today.</p>	<p>Climate change is forcing farmers worldwide to either adjust their farming methods or move away. Changing weather patterns also mean old ways of farming don't work in some areas anymore, so farmers need to be taught new techniques. Give a gift for each type of animal you saw today.</p>	<p>Social barriers are like locked doors that hold people back and keep them from thriving. Give a gift for every door that can lock in your home. Discuss what social barriers people around the world may face.</p>	<p>Communication can be incredibly difficult after a disaster, especially if the internet isn't working! Give a gift for every computer in your home and call, email, or text a loved one</p>
Sun 3/21/21	Mon 3/22/21	Tues 3/23/21	Wed 3/24/21	Thurs 3/25/21	Fri 3/26/21	Sat 3/27/21
<p>Read Isaiah 58:6-8, 12.</p> <p>What are we asked to do?</p> <p>Who helps meet those same needs for you (v. 12)?</p> <p>Say a prayer of gratitude for them. Give a gift for each time you had toilet paper to use today.</p>	<p>Blankets are used internationally to comfort those impacted by disasters. Give a gift for each blanket in your home or find some blankets you can donate.</p>	<p>Electricity is usually the first utility that is lost in a storm. Give a gift for each light switch/outlet in your home.</p>	<p>God's love is shown in so many ways. Find three things you can do today or tomorrow to share God's love. Give a gift after you do each.</p>	<p>Give a gift for every year of schooling you have finished in the past.</p> <p>Find books that you can donate so another person can read and learn.</p>	<p>Poverty can make people feel like their wheels are spinning and getting nowhere because of surprise expenses, problems, or illness. Give a gift for every wheel in and around your home that helps your family get places.</p>	<p>The coronavirus has made us all aware of how easily we can become sick. Say a prayer for each person in your home, for continued good health. Make a gift in honor of each.</p>

Daily Closing Prayer:

Dear God, May we join together to share the abundance you've intended for all.

Help us to learn from what others have seen, so that we might grow in understanding across lines of difference.

Creator, open our eyes to see your face in every person.

Let us see the ways we are all connected with all of creation.

May we as your Church, together, seek love, justice and peace with all.

Amen.



CURIOUSER AND CURIOUSER...

An *Invitation* often begins with a *Conversation*.
 A *Conversation* often begins with *Curiosity*.
 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?

Buy 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:

3/14 Family Mission Trip to Camp Krislund

3/21 Mexico Mission Trip

Works with Accion Ministries to do construction, VBS, a glasses ministry, and fellowship with local Mexico Christians in the Yucatan each summer.

3/28 South Dakota Mission Trip

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

Please consider including them in your own prayers!

Adult Leader

Needed

For Nursery



We need an adult individual who is willing to be in our Nursery on Sunday mornings and other times we offer worship from 8:15 – 12:00 (when we return to full open status – otherwise for our in-person worship) as part of a two-member team. The individual needs to be over 18 years of age. This is a paid position. Requirements are a love of children, a loving and caring individual who will get to know the youngest members of our congregation, and care about their families. Required clearances are the Pa State Police and Child Abuse. If interested, please contact Cheryl Betts for more information at gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org or 717-334-1235, ext. 5.



High & Middle School 2021 Zoom Lock "In"



HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

March

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
March 28	5:00 - 6:00	Zoom Youth Group

** (information below - or contact Rev. Lou or Libby Crowe to email you details)

MIDSHIP SCHEDULE

March

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
March 28	5:00 - 6:00	Zoom Youth Group

** (information below - or contact Rev. Lou or Libby Crowe to email you details)

When is it? –

Start Time: 8:00 p.m. March 19

End Time: 1:15 a.m. March 20

◇ If you can only join for some of the time that's cool – just let us know ahead of time.

Who will be there? –

Middle through High School youth and their adult leaders from
Christ Lutheran / St. James Lutheran / Gettysburg Presbyterian Churches

How do you get the Zoom Link? –

Contact your leader to be added to the email list

Middle School contact Libby Crowe at mslibby@gettysburgpresbyterian.org

High School contact Lou Nyiri at gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org

What will we do? –

- ◇ Get to know other youth groups from the area
- ◇ Play some games
(we're hoping to play: "Among Us" – do a virtual "Escape Room" – charades – "Quiplash" – Name that Song)
- ◇ We'll have breakout rooms with other fun stuff happening (maybe watch some March Madness Basketball / play another round of some Jackbox game / stuff like that)
- ◇ Have devotions at the top of each hour

Can you invite a friend? –

- ◇ Like Jesus said to the disciples, "The more the merrier!"
- ◇ Yes, please invite your middle and high school friends.
- ◇ Have them email Ms. Libby or Rev. Lou to be included on the email invite.


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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 18, 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.

**March/April 2021
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

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| March 14 | <i>Spiritual Disciplines: Worship</i>
Fourth Sunday of Lent |
| March 21 | <i>Spiritual Disciplines: Witness</i>
Fifth Sunday of Lent |
| March 28 | <i>Spiritual Disciplines: Service</i>
Palm Sunday |
| April 1 | Maundy Thursday |

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