

GRAPEVINE

March 23, 2021

"The Pastor's Page"

In-person Worship Will Resume!

At its March 14 meeting, the Session voted to resume in-person worship in the sanctuary on April 11, which is Laity Sunday. We will have Contemporary Worship at 9AM and Traditional Worship at 10:30AM. There will be nursery care at both hours, and pre-school Sunday School and Children's Church for early elementary kids at 9AM. We will observe the same precautions that we used in the Fall- masks, social distancing, etc. Overflow space will be available if we run out of safe seating in the sanctuary.

On Easter Sunday, we will have our Sunrise Service at the Peace Light at 6:30AM, followed by a combined outdoor service at the amphitheater at the Rec Park at 11AM. We will provide golf cart rides from the parking lot for those with mobility issues. We will wear masks and socially distance. Since Easter falls on a first Sunday, we will observe the Lord's Supper together! You may bring your own elements, or we will provide the pre-packaged ones for you.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Pastor Dave

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Happy Birthday to...

April 1

Ryan Dudash

April 2

Lynne Graziano

Sarah Haffey

Ian Isherwood

Susan Kint

April 3

Benjamin Soliday

April 4

Jacqueline Pizzuto

Savannah Soliday

Dick Wisor

April 6

Hatty Ketterman

Amy Suarez

April 7

Kristin Russo

Alexis Stone

April 8

Brian Breighner

April 9

Carol Geist

Susan Lindsay

Dorothy Oblack

April 10

Eric Maitland

April 11

Sal Chandon

April 12

Julie Kint

Susan Pizzuto

April 13

Ethan Burgess

Dale Gallon

Kathleen Redding

Drusilla Warner

April 14

Jerry Heeschen

April 16

Jared Lochary

Amy Stewart

Judy Temme

April 17

John Gazmen

Andy Miner

April 18

Richard Heflin

Ava Mathews

April 19

Michael Beegle

April 20

Madi Brubaker

Betty Kump

April 21

Mike Franek

April 22

Mary Shuss

Lance Snyder

Marilyn Zanger

April 23

Suzanne Bower

Blake Bowman

Lucas Delacruz

Melanie Keller

April 24

Henry Fernandes

Frank Pizzuto

Amy Tomassini

April 25

Isabella Fernandes

Brandy Mosser

John Reber

April 26

Judy Bullis

April 27

Margo Har

Charlotte King

Holly Stabler

Julio Suarez

April 28

Katherine FitzGerald

Brayden Lush

Shelli Strausner

Tammi Swartzbaugh

Dolores Yakencheck

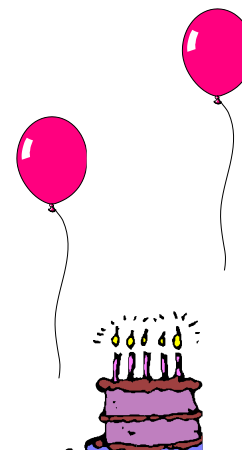
April 29

Lawrence Sanders

April 30

Josie Brownley

Amira Reed

**Schedule**

March 28	Palm Sunday 10 AM Live-stream worship
April 1	Maundy Thursday 7:30 PM Live-stream worship
Apr. 2	Good Friday Community Service 12 NOON & 7 PM View on the Community Media TV station at noon and 7PM
Apr. 4	6:30 AM Easter Sunrise Service at the Eternal Peace Light
	11 AM Combined Outdoor Worship- at the Rec Park

This is to acknowledge the GPC support including many prayers that upheld the Ellingson family before and after the death of our dear Barbara this past month.

A special thanks goes to Amy Hoch, our Deacon representative, for arranging food for us. Many cards were received from church members as well as personal contacts.

We are blessed to have such a caring church family.

Niles Ellingson



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. **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.

CONDOLENCES:

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Julio Suarez, following the recent death of his mother.

Donna Harrison and Denny White, following the recent death of their mother, Virginia White.



Stephen Ministry

Are You Stressed? Discouraged? Feeling Down?

You don't have to go through difficult times alone. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide you with confidential, one-to-one, Christian care and support to help you get through a tough time. So don't keep it all inside and struggle alone through the holiday season. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care.

To find out more about Stephen Ministry, contact Lou Nyiri in the church office 717-334-1235.

Free GPC "Covid 19 Question/Answer Time"

I invite you to join me for a *free* GPC "Covid 19 Question/Answer time" on **Tuesday, March 30th from 7:00 – 8:00 pm via Zoom**. Our keynote speakers will be Dr. Al Prioleau, Dr. Ryan Gabriel, Dr. Kezie Ellison, and RN Serina Gbaba from Meritus Medical Center in Hagerstown, Maryland. This is an opportunity for you to ask Questions, hear the latest information regarding Covid 19 and up to date vaccine information. Please share this opportunity with your family and friends.

The Zoom link is listed below. If you have further questions, please feel free to reach out to me via email at gpcfcn@gettysburgpresbyterianchurch.org or call my cell at 410-596-0777.

Time: Mar 30, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: COVID Q & A Facilitated by Pam Phillips, GPC's Faith Community Nurse

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94240830997?pwd=V3RNL1hHMG5ldzg3WUNtU1NKai9oUT09>

Meeting ID: 942 4083 0997

Passcode: 130080

Dial by your location

+1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 942 4083 0997

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/aeV16PwD6W>

~ Pam Phillips, Faith Community Nurse

COVID Vaccination Information

- Wondering where to find vaccination site? - Click Here ----> <https://gettysburgpresbyterian.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@gettysburgpresbyterian.org) / postal mail (208 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg, PA) / phone: (717-334-1235)

Sharing Your Faith Class

Many Presbyterians struggle to share their faith!
Pastor Dave will be teaching the "Engage" curriculum (via Zoom) which is designed to help you gain confidence in faith-sharing.

ENGAGE

- When?** Tuesday evenings at 7PM, beginning April 6
- How?** Contact Pastor Dave (gpcpastordave@gettysburgpresbyterian.org) or the church office to register by March 25. We'll send you the student book and the Zoom link.

Hershey Park Tickets



Thinking of going to Hershey Park this summer? Want to buy tickets at a cheaper rate? We've got the answer for you! You can order and buy tickets through the church group rate. These tickets will be good until January 2, 2022.

The rates are:

\$36.95 for AGES 3 - ADULT (regular rate is \$75.80)

DEADLINE to order tickets is Friday, April 23rd. Payment due at time of order. No refunds.

Contact Cheryl in the Church Office at 717-334-1235.

GENESIS BIBLE STUDY

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.



Begins Tuesday, April 6 @ 4:00 p.m.

Kids club will begin on Tuesday, April 6 through May 2nd from 4-6 PM with Miss Pam studying the Miracles of Jesus. This program is open to all children in K - 2nd Grade. Why not sign up and bring a friend? Registration forms were mailed out and can be found under the Christian Education tab on the website. There are paper copies on the CE Table in Fellowship Hall. Questions call Cheryl Betts in the church office at 717-334-1235 or Miss Pam at 717-357-0820.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

For over 70 years, Presbyterians have joined with other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to provide resources to people experiencing need. The gifts of One Great Hour of Sharing support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, food for the hungry, and community development. They help give people safety, sustenance, and hope. For more info and a world map showing where help is given, visit <https://tinyurl.com/t6vbumd>

To participate, consider making a special offering **on Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021**: You can mail a check to the church, text "GIVE" to 717-977-5561 and select OGHS, or use the church's website donation link, again identifying OGHS as the purpose. Try using the calendar below to guide your giving, and point out the everyday items we often take for granted. One Great Hour of Sharing is the church saying "We'll be there when you need us." **If 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. 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. 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. 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>Say a prayer of gratitude for those who help meet those same needs for you. 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 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>

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!

- **GPC's Cutest Pet Contest** - Vote for your **final favorite**.
- **Sunday, March 28 - Share your decorated Easter Eggs!** - Zoom Coffee time - Following the 10:00 a.m. service. Grab a branch from your yard to wave, or be ready to show off your favorite Easter decorations. Join your GPC family in a time of fellowship following worship on Palm Sunday, March 28th. Click the link below to join the coffee break zoom.

[GPC Zoom Coffee Break](#)

- **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!

“Presbyterian Roots” - tour of Scotland



Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church

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October 8-17, 2021

For further details, please contact:

Mark Englund-Krieger - PastorMark@lmcp.org, or visit:
[www.worldstrides.com/register_and use the Trip ID: 187208](http://www.worldstrides.com/register_and_use_the_Trip_ID:187208)

Do you have Spring Fever?

I love Spring. It gives me Joy as I see everything coming back to life. It reminds me of the *new life* through Christ resurrection.

I have been going through the “Gardening catalog “that was given to me recently by a friend. I am trying to determine which plants would be best for a shady perennial garden at the backside of our home where I spend a lot of time on our screened in porch from April to Nov.

Gardening is a pleasure for most of us. It is a form of exercise: raking, mulching, planting, trimming, digging. This activity after a sedentary winter can cause injuries like pain and stiffness in our neck, shoulders, elbows, knees, back, etc. as we overextend ourselves.

Here are some tips from Dr. William Madosky, a St. Louis chiropractor:

- Treat gardening as a sport: Warm up and stretch the muscles before beginning.
- Be realistic: Plan your work carefully to avoid injury.
- Set a moderate pace and time schedule to allow enjoyment of the task and minimize potential injuries.
- Remember good body mechanics: When lifting heavy bags of dirt or mulch keep your back straight back, bend your knees, lift with the legs, and hold objects close to your body. If shoveling, lift the dirt and turn the entire body to empty it – do not twist.
- Change it up: Use different muscle groups and minimize the repetitive stress placed on joints and extremities by frequently changing activities.
- Use a cushion, stool, or small bench when weeding: The support helps reduce stress placed on knees and spine from gardening movements.
- Take frequent breaks: By stopping to stretch, getting a drink, or just enjoying the progress every half hour, you minimize your chance of injury or dehydration.
- Stop gardening if fatigued or in pain: That “one last thing” when tired leads to injury. If pain occurs, stop! If pain persists, apply ice to the affected area for 15-20 minutes at a time to reduce inflammation. DO NOT USE HEAT – it increases the inflammatory process. If pain persists, contact the doctor.

We can spend time in the garden appreciating the glory of God’s creation, while caring for our body at the same time. (Source: www.dradosky.com/articles.html)

*“I went down to the grove of walnut trees and out to the valley to see the new spring growth,
to see whether the grapevines had budded, or the pomegranates were in bloom.”*

~ Song of Solomon 6:11 NLT



Pam Phillips RN Faith Community Nurse
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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.

"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:

April

We will be collecting items for

Adams County Office of Aging

Adult pull-briefs (not the kind with tape on the sides) in sizes M, L, XL, disposable bed pads, Ensure or Boost nutritional supplement drinks, and flushable wipes

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

March / April

March 28	5:00 - 6:00	Zoom Youth Group
April 4	NO SHIP	EASTER
April 11	5:00 - 6:00	Zoom Youth Group
April 18	5:00 - 6:00	Zoom Youth Group
April 25	5:00 - 6:00	Youth Group @ GPC

MIDSHIP SCHEDULE

March / April

March 28	5:00 - 6:00	Zoom Youth Group
April 4	NO SHIP	EASTER
April 11	5:00 - 6:00	Zoom Youth Group
April 18	5:00 - 6:00	Youth Group @ GPC
April 25	5:00 - 6:00	Zoom Youth Group

MISSION PRAYER LIST

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

- 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.
- 4/4 Presbyterian Homes**
Presbyterian Homes provide a variety of living places for Seniors.
- 4/11 Camp Krislund**
Camp Krislund is supported by three presbyteries including ours. Summer camp programs for children and youth, year-round retreat facilities.

Please consider including them in your own prayers!



Youth Club reopens on April 18th.
This is open to all children in Grades 3-5.
Come join us and bring a friend.

Sunday, April 18 3 - 4:30 PM	Game Day (including Books of the Bible fishing game and more)
Sunday, April 25 3 - 4:30 PM	Movies and Popcorn (including making our own videos about prayer)
Sunday, May 2 3 to 4:30 PM	Battlefield Hike (ending at Mr. G's!)


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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 April 1, 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 - 3:00 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**

March 28	<u>10:00 a.m. Live-Stream Worship</u> <i>Spiritual Disciplines: Service</i> Palm Sunday
April 1	7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion
April 4	EASTER SUNDAY 6:30 a.m. Sunrise service at Peace Light 11:00 a.m. service at Rec Park Amphitheatre

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