

GRapevine

April 20, 2021

"The Pastor's Page"

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Ps. 122:1

And I was glad when we were able to gather once again for face-to-face worship outdoors on Easter and then in the sanctuary the following week! The live-stream option has been a real gift for us, allowing us to continue worshiping during the pandemic. It's a good substitute, but it's not the same, is it? We are created as physical beings, and as such we need to be physically present together. Things happen when we gather physically that can't happen virtually.

One of our members mentioned that she began crying last Sunday when we started singing together. Singing and praying corporately moves us in ways that individual singing and praying cannot. Those of us who are leading songs, prayers, and sermons welcome our ability to see your faces (at least the unmasked portions!) to gauge how we're doing as we lead. And conversations with one another before and after worship results in important insights as to what is going on in each other's lives.

So, I urge you to return to public worship when it is safe for you to do so! I believe you'll be blessed by it!

Pastor Dave

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Happy Birthday to...

May 1

Cheryl Betts
Margaret Curtis
Jane Howe

May 2

Erin Heeschen
Antonio Mora
Breelyn Snyder

May 3

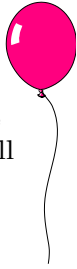
Alan Fleckner
Dennis Ruth
Bob Smith

May 4

Katherine Rice
Marlene Tindall

May 5

Luke Flinger
Tom Kuhn
Kasey Smarsh



May 6

Benjamin Angstadt

May 7

Judy Beamer

Andy Farkas

Lance Lewis

Jed Smith

Shaye Whiteman

Lawrence Wolf

May 8

Tracy Angstadt

May 9

Kelly Smarsh

May 10

Dawn Bohner

Marjorie McCartney

Thomas Smarsh

May 11

Brian May

May 13

Todd Durboraw

Brandon Hiller

Finley Sayres

May 17

Sadie Russo

May 18

Jay Tassin

May 19

Harrison Stewart

May 20

Tim Baker

Owen Decker

Ellen Piacentine

Sydney Tomassini

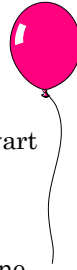
May 21

Amy Dreves

Paul Ketterman

Shauna Snyder

Diane Weikert



May 22

John Golanoski

Urijah Hare

Jackie Hiller

Brenda McCabe

Jack Soliday

Natalie Tschop

May 24

Lori Bridel

Joseph Jones

Jackson Lush

Nancy Sterrett

May 25

Jacob Bankert

Louise Garverick

Beth Hans

Larry Musselman

Sarah Skoczen

May 26

Devin Miller

May 27

Karen Eskildsen

Emily Stone

May 28

Brian Stabler

May 29

Judy Inskip

Edward McCartney

Shane Sellers

May 30

Jen Decker

Jim Heeschen

Linnette Murray

May 31

Daniel Crowe

Dennis Dowd





Margaret Curtis on May 1st !!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

As we begin to re-open we are opening up a few Sunday School classes at 9:00 a.m. Our Preschool Sunday School for children ages 3-5 will be held in the Preschool Sunday School room at 9:00 a.m. Children's Church will be offered at 9:00 service for children K-3rd Grade. Our Middle School Youth will meet at 9:00 a.m. outside weather permitting or in the Youth Room. Christian Education would love to offer Sunday School for all age children and youth, however, we are faced with an issue of no adults to lead our children in Sunday School. Consequently, a full range Sunday School will not be offered until the fall. If you are willing to teach one of our elementary age groups, please contact Cheryl Betts in the church office at gpcdce@gettvsburgpresbyterian.org or call 717-334-1235, ext. 5.

CONDOLENCES:

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Cathy Gardner on the recent death of her mother.

Nita Soliday on the recent death of her husband, Tom.



The Presbyterian Women and Local Missions would like to thank the congregation and community for the \$7300 donated for the victims of the fire on Baltimore Street, which destroyed the apartments of four families, in March.

The 1863 Inn has been housing those families.



They are starting to move into apartments and are in need of furniture and household goods. The Spring Rummage Sale, is again postponed, but a private Facebook page - Baltimore St. Fire Fund GPC - has been set up to provide furniture or household goods. The 1863 Inn can provide a van for pick up of furniture, if necessary.

On the Baltimore St. Fire Fund GPC Facebook page, you must request to be admitted to the group. You can then add your pictures or descriptions of items, or you can email them to Margo Har at stepmargo@comcast.net or call her at 978-807-3750. The people can select an item they need and arrangements will be made for them to pick up the item. The page will be taken down when they have no more need.

Thank you to everyone for the amazing outpouring of help to these families.

To GPC Church Family

Thank you for the cards, and well-wishes on the recent passing of my brother.

The church family and staff have been very kind.

Along with the pandemic, the last year has been a challenge with the passing of my sister and brother in the last 6 months.

Kudos to GPC—a caring church family

Bob Smith

(Hunter's Crossing)

Worship Note

We are planning a
combined outdoor worship service
for **Sunday, May 16**
at **10AM** at the rec park.

Details to follow!

Session Update

At our 4/11 Session meeting, the Session considered a major proposal to renovate the pipe organ in the sanctuary. We'll vote on it at our next meeting. In addition, we received word that our PPP loan for around \$90,000 has been forgiven. There are many complaints about our federal government, but this money was used to pay our staff during 2020 as we were uncertain what our income would be for the year.

For that we are grateful!

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 THIS Friday, April 23rd. Payment due at time of order.

No refunds. Contact Cheryl in the Church Office at 717-334-1235.

“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:

May

We will be collecting items for

Agape House

Bath towels, kitchen towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, twin and queen-sized sheets, brooms, dust pans and utility buckets.

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

April / May

April 25	5:00 - 6:00	Youth Group @ GPC
May 2	5:00 - 6:00	Zoom Youth Group
May 9		YOUTH SUNDAY (no evening SHIP)
May 16	5:00 - 6:00	Youth Group @ GPC (Tentative)

MIDSHIP SCHEDULE

April / May

April 25	5:00 - 6:00	Youth Group @ GPC
May 2	5:00 - 6:00	Youth Group @ GPC
May 9		YOUTH SUNDAY (no evening SHIP)
May 16	5:00 - 6:00	Youth Group @ GPC



Sunday, April 25	3 - 4:30 PM	Movies and Popcorn (including making our own videos about prayer)
Sunday, May 2	3 - 4:30 PM	Battlefield Hike (ending at Mr. G's!)

MISSION PRAYER LIST

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

- 4/25 Honduras Ministry**
Tomas Ramirez helps coordinate medical mission trips and does spiritual counseling with all the patients who come.
- 5/2 Gettysburg CARES**
CARES provides shelter through local churches for homeless persons and works with them to find permanent housing.
- 5/9 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.

Please consider including them in your own prayers!

Mexico Mission Trip Update:

We are planning on going to Mexico from July 19–25/26.



Contact Pastor Dave if you are interested 717-334-1235.



Vacation Bible School June 21 to 24

"Water, Water, Everywhere..."

The program is open to all children ages 3 to Grade 5 (completed). It will be held on June 21 to 24 from 9:00 a.m.—12:15 p.m.

Through an experiential hands-on approach, children will explore five water stories from the Bible through creative activities done by the children each morning. Each story will be reinforced through drama, singing, snack, scripture, and games. Children will also visit "Water World" and freely choose among a large variety of crafts and other related activities.

Water Stories in the Bible

- Noah's Ark
- Jonah and the Whale
- Jesus Calming the Storm
- Jesus Walking on the Water
- Fish Fry on the Beach



Come to "Water World"

- Undersea Necklace
- Design a bracelet
- Wooden Sailboat
- Hair Braiding
- Sand Art, Photo Frames
- And much more ...

VBS registration will be held from May 10- June 7. GPC families can register now.
 Fee will be \$5.00 /child or \$10.00 /family.
 See registration form below or may be obtained from the Christian Education table in Fellowship Hall.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!! Below you will find a list of personnel needed. Please take a look and find out how you can be part of our program. Contact Cheryl Betts at 334-1235, ext. 5 or gpcdce@gettyburgpresbyterian.org to volunteer.



Thanks in advance for helping to make this VBS another great program for our children!



PERSONNEL NEEDED

- Photographer
- 2 Adults to lead the Preschool age
- 8 Group Leaders - 2 group leaders accompany each group of elementary children throughout the morning
- 30 Volunteers needed for "Water World" - help children complete a craft or scientific experiment for 1 hour each morning
- 4 volunteers to help with woodcraft
- Childcare (for leaders' children)
- Drama Participants (non-speaking) - middle, high school & adult
- Teen Aides (completed Grade 6 and older)

" Water, Water Everywhere!"

Child's Name _____ Parent's Name _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

Age _____ Grade completed _____ Birth date _____ Allergies _____

Church Affiliation _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone # _____

Physician _____ Phone # _____

Registration Fee Enclosed \$ _____ (\$5 each child / \$10 per family)

PAIDEIA**Painting****PARTY**

Saturday May, 1
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

HELP NEEDED Saturday, May 1, our Local Missions committee will have a painting work-day, from 9-3. Volunteers are needed, with minimal painting experience. We will be working outside on windows and doors at the back of the Paideia House, mostly under the overhang. There are also windows, doors, and porches on the side of the Calvin House. The paint and brushes, etc. will be provided. All the prep work will be already finished, so if you can paint between the lines (tape lines) , you qualify! Anyone aged 13 or older may help. If you can stay until lunch time, you'll get pizza.

If you can stay longer, you'll get the satisfaction of a job well done, and our thanks.

So, please come out and enjoy some much needed fellowship and fun. Reply to ahdeitch@hotmail.com to let me know you can make it. I'll need to know how many people we'll have. We'll need about 10-15 painters. I will notify helpers by email if there are any changes due to weather.

Thank you,
Amy Deitch



Looking For Volunteers:

I am seeking to find individuals who might like to be a part of a **daily "Check in" phone tree**. If you live alone, you can help other GPC members by calling them daily to make sure they are doing ok. The plan would be for each person to have 1 person to call daily.

Sometimes things happen and we are hoping to prevent you from being injured and not having someone check in on you daily. Many times, I have had patients who have laid on the floor and not be able to get help because their phone is somewhere else, and they do not have a "life alert" response button. *If you are interested in being a part of this opportunity, or have questions, please email me, or call me.* Thanks!

~ Pam Phillips RN

Cell: 410-596-0777 / gpcfcn@gettyburgpresbyterian.org



GPC HIKING CLUB

The GPC Hiking Club enjoyed a beautiful hike along part of the Appalachian Trail at our April hike. Our next hike is planned from Saturday, May 15th. We will leave the church parking lot at 9:30am. We will be hiking in Frederick at Monocacy Battlefield. Be sure to bring a snack, water, comfortable hiking shoes, and wear layers. We will stop midpoint for our devotion and snack.



If you are interested, please let Jen Clark know (jennifermaueclark@gmail.com).
Happy hiking!

“Who Are the People in Our Neighborhood?”

High School (9th-12th Grade Students)

Local Mission Camp

June 14-19



In lieu of going away for a mission camp, we will stay local and learn about God’s call to keep our eyes open in our surrounding communities to notice who is around us & how we might respond. Details forthcoming.

For now, put this on your calendar. Contact Rev. Nyiri if you have questions or to register your child or their friends. (717-334-1235, ext. 4 – or – gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org)

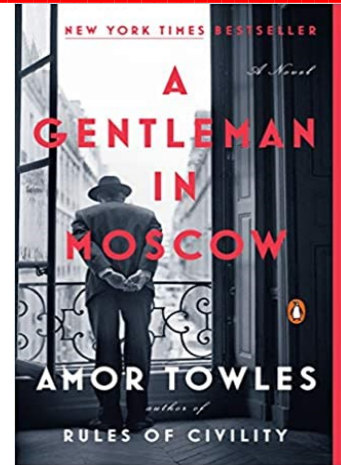
GPC Book Club

The GPC Book Club will be reading A Gentleman in Moscow for our April meeting. We will meet on Monday, April 26th at 6pm.

Merida Hurkett will be leading the discussion.

A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the meeting.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Megan at MeganZiegler2014@gmail.com Happy Reading!



Stephen Ministry

**LISTEN: TO HEAR
WITH THOUGHTFUL
ATTENTION**

Did you ever talk to someone but feel as if that person just wasn't listening? Stephen Ministers are trained to listen well. They will hear what you have to share and respond lovingly and non-judgmentally--rather than telling you what you should or shouldn't have done. If you need someone who will really listen to you as you work through a problem in your life, consider Stephen Ministry. Call Rev. Lou Nyiri at the church office 717-334-1235, ext. 4

MED TAKE BACK

21st in Adams County

SATURDAY * APRIL 24th

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

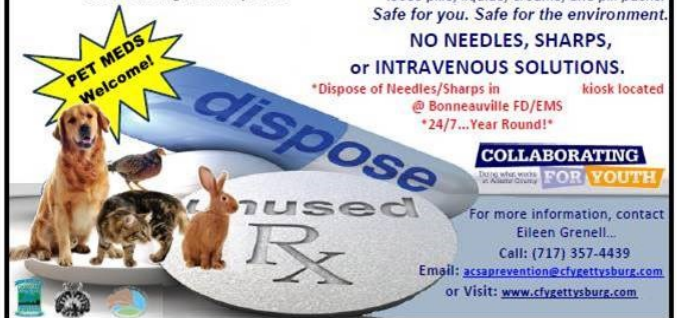
9 FREE Medication Collection Sites

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| BIGLERVILLE
*Biglerville Hose & Truck Co. #1
Host: Biglerville Borough Police | LITTLESTOWN
*Alpha Fire Co. #20
Host: Littlestown Borough Police |
| GETTYSBURG
*Adams County Housing Authority
Hosts: Gettysburg Borough & Cumberland Township PDs | MCSHERRYSTOWN
*Moose Lodge #720
Host: McSherrystown Borough Police |
| *Gettysburg PA State Police Barracks
Host: PA State Police, Troop H | NEW OXFORD
*Eastern Adams Regional Police
Host: Eastern Adams Regional Police |
| CARROLL VALLEY
*Greater Carroll Valley Community and Education Complex
Hosts: Carroll Valley Borough Police & Liberty Township Police | YORK SPRINGS
*Bermudian Springs School District
Hosts: Latimore Township Police & East Berlin Borough Police |
| HANOVER
*Conewago Township Police
Host: Conewago Township Police | |

Safely dispose of unused, unwanted, or expired prescriptions and OTC (over the counter) medications: loose pills, liquids, creams, and pill packs. Safe for you. Safe for the environment.

NO NEEDLES, SHARPS, or INTRAVENOUS SOLUTIONS.

*Dispose of Needles/Sharps in kiosk located @ Bonneauville FD/EMS *24/7...Year Round!*



COLLABORATING FOR YOUTH

For more information, contact Eileen Grenell... Call: (717) 357-4439 Email: acsaprevention@cfygettysburg.com or Visit: www.cfygettysburg.com

“Hearing loss” is a topic near and dear to me. I have had a hearing loss all of my life, but it was not diagnosed until my early twenties. The doctors are not sure if it was a result of the “Mumps” or from birth. I was frequently in trouble for “being too loud.” My mother would say “lower your voice” (I was taking loud to compensate for my poor hearing) and in school I would get in trouble for “talking” when I was supposed to be listening.



Sometimes people seem to hear and understand without difficulty and other times they seem not to hear anything. We often assume that it is selective listening, but it is usually more than just ‘not listening.’ When hearing is lost, a great deal of energy and time goes into trying to understand what is being said. A person can be totally exhausted by the end of a day spent struggling to hear.

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Hearing loss that occurs gradually as you age (presbycusis) is common. About one-third of people in the United States between the ages of 65 and 75 have some degree of hearing loss. For those older than 75, that number is approximately 1 in 2. Hearing loss is defined as one of three types:



- Conductive (involves outer or middle ear)
- Sensorineural (involves inner ear)
- Mixed (combination of the two)

Aging and chronic exposure to loud noises both contribute to hearing loss. Other factors, such as excessive earwax, can temporarily reduce how well your ears conduct sounds. You *cannot reverse* most types of hearing loss. You can take steps to correct your hearing by seeing a hearing specialist.

An *Otolaryngologist* is a physician who provides medical and surgical care, diagnosis, and treatment of the ear, nose, throat, and neck. Sometimes called an ENT, an otolaryngologist will work with you to find out why you are having trouble hearing and offer specific treatment options. An *Audiologist* is a licensed hearing health care professional who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of hearing loss and balance disorders in adults and children. Most audiologists have completed a doctorate of audiology.

What percentage of the population has hearing loss?

One in eight people in the United States aged 12 years or older has hearing loss in both ears, based on standard hearing examinations. About 2 percent of adults aged 45 to 54 have disabling hearing loss. The rate increases to 8.5 percent for adults aged 55 to 64.

If you are unable to detect sounds quieter than 90dB HL (decibels Hearing Level), it is considered a profound hearing loss for those frequencies. If the average of the frequencies at 500Hz, 1000Hz, and 2000Hz is 90dB or higher, the person is considered deaf.

Hearing aids help make conversation better – not perfect. Even with hearing aids some things will be missed. Most people with good hearing miss things but fill in the blanks.

Suggestions to ensure that one who does not hear well, will hear what you say:

- Face them so they can see your lips and your facial expression – be sure the light is not behind you as your face will be in the shadows
- Try to eliminate as much extraneous noise as possible
- Do not shout – use a normal voice
- Try not to drop your voice at the end of a sentence
- Enunciate your words without exaggerating them
- Remember that speaking rapidly makes you difficult to understand, so slow down
- When you are not being understood, try rephrasing what you are saying. It often gives more clues to meaning. Don't say “Never mind; it wasn't important.” The person might feel that they are not important enough for you to repeat the statement
- Hearing impairment is complex. Get a person's attention first and you have a better chance of being understood.
- Be patient and keep trying
- If the hearing impaired appear aloof or disinterested, they may not be aware of your presence or be able to understand what you are saying
- Do not assume that hearing aids will help since adjusting to them can be difficult. This especially impacts older people who have lived in a very quiet world for a long time and suddenly experience painful, loud, and disruptive noise
- Time and patience are needed to make the adjustment as the person must gradually increase both the wearing time and noise level before being comfortable with the aids
- If you are having difficulty hearing, ask for help. God is good and has provided many advances to help the hearing impaired
- GPC offers hearing devices for those who have difficulty hearing. They are located on the counter in the kitchen/ Fellowship Hall window. If you need help using them please let us know
- Masks make hearing difficult, please be patient
- If you have any questions about hearing loss, hearing aids, etc. please feel free to reach out to me

“Ears to hear and eyes to see – both are gifts from the Lord.” Proverbs 20:12 NLT


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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 April 29, 2021**

Office Operations

The office will be open

Monday - Thursday

from
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Closed Fridays

**April / May 2021
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Contemporary Worship @ 9:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship @ 10:30

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| April 25 | <i>"Do You Hear That"</i> |
| May 2 | <i>"Punchinello "</i>
Communion |
| May 9 | Youth-Led Worship
<i>"Time"</i> |
| May 16 | <i>Are We Universalists?</i> |

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Click "New Streaming Link" on the top right hand corner