

GRAPEVINE

May 4, 2021

"The Pastor's Page"

High School Youth (grades 9-12)

"Who Are the People in Your Neighborhood?"

June 14-19, 2021



MATTHEW 25

This week (in lieu of workcamp) will be a stay-at-home local mission learning event for our high school youth. It is based on our denomination's vision which calls for the PCUSA to be actively engaged in their communities by working toward:

- building congregational vitality
- dismantling structural racism
- eradicating systemic poverty.

Our week will revolve around the biblical call to be involved in our communities by keeping our eyes, ears, hearts, & hands open to the places God might be calling us to work for change.

The tentative schedule is as follows:

June 14-17 from 9am to 1pm – daily activities to include:

- ◇ Group Building Activities
- ◇ Walking Tour visits to learn about local missions & community based agencies
- ◇ Visits to Gettysburg College & United Lutheran Seminary to learn about our call to care & love those often over-looked and to work for social justice.
- ◇ Stops along the way for nourishment (i.e. Sweets shop, Mr. Gs, Montezumas)
- ◇ Making tie-dyed shirt, sidewalk art, prayer posters, drawstring backpacks
- ◇ Masks and safe-distancing measures will be followed.

June 18 will be a day off

June 19 (Saturday) from 8am to 1pm:

"mini-mission" project

Cost will be \$25.00 (includes all materials & costs for the week)

Contact Rev. Lou Nyiri (gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org – 717.334.1235, 4) to register or with questions.

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I wish to thank the people who helped with our recent painting project, either scraping, priming, washing, painting, or supplying pizza.: Rob Lewis, Ellie Bilz, Beth and Bill Fitzpatrick, Sue Lindsay, Nancy Cook, Sonja Brown, Ellie and Jerry Cleaver, Marion Lambert, Bob Bigham, Caleb Sellers, Jay Tassin, Andy Miner, Becky Stabler, Denny Dowd, Steve Kinsey, Dennis Ruth and Bob Deitch. Check out the front of the Calvin House, the driveway, and the back of the Paideia House to see our work. We painted 18 windows, 6 doors, 5 building support poles, and 1 turret.

Thank you all.
Amy Deitch

Jim and I wanted to say "thank you" all for your beautiful heart felt sympathy cards and prayers on the death of my Mom. She attended here while she lived in Gettysburg and would have been very appreciative.

Again thank you and God Bless.
Jim & Cathy Gardner

Save the Date!

Exploring Membership Class

Sunday afternoon, June 13.

Details coming soon!

SUMMER CHILDREN'S CHURCH



Our hope is that we will be able to be back together sometime soon. In preparation for that, we are looking for individuals who can be with our youngest children during worship. We will plan to have a children's church at the 9:00 and 10:30 services during June, July and August. We have easy to teach curriculum for these months. If you can share your love, your faith and your time with our youngest children, please contact Cheryl Betts at gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org or call her cell at 717-357-8163. Thank you for giving of your love to our children and giving our regular leaders the summer off. God bless.

CONDOLENCES:

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

The family of Charlie Kreitz who recently passed. Charlie was the Sexton of our church for many years.

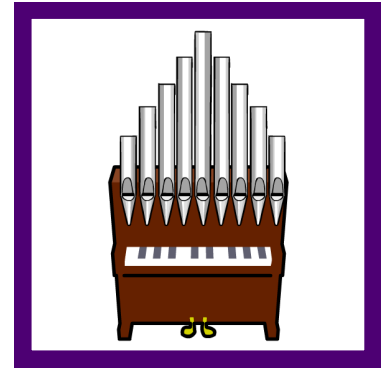
Cinnamon Hosterman on the recent death of her brother.

Stan Gish on the recent death of his daughter, Laurie.

Tom and Susan Kolmer on the recent death of their grand nephew.

Dear Church Members and Friends,

Organist and Nobel Peace Prize winner Albert Schweitzer once said, "Thank God each time when you are privileged to sit before the organ console and assist in the worship of the Almighty." Those of us sitting in the pews or worshipping at home on Sundays also give thanks to God for the blessing of our church pipe organ which has been central to the worship experience at GPC for 100 years! Even with regularly scheduled maintenance and repair, our organ now requires more extensive restoration as time has taken its toll on the many working parts of this complex instrument. Last rebuilt in 1963, our pipe organ is now exhibiting ever more frequent and significant malfunctions.



On May 2, Session approved a proposal by Columbia Organ Works to repair and restore our pipe organ beginning in mid-July. Once the organ is repaired and refurbished, it will be in "like new" condition and will enrich and enhance our worship and music at GPC for many years to come.

Some of the money to pay for the organ rebuild will come from GPC's Gifts & Memorials and Endowment Funds. But we also want each of you to have the opportunity to contribute, to help preserve organ music as part of worship at our historic church. Our goal for congregational participation is \$50,000.

Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the Organ Fund over the next few weeks during which we will be conducting a brief capital campaign to support the organ rebuild. Checks made payable to GPC with "Organ Fund" on the memo line can be sent to the church office or placed in the offering plate with the form below. You can also contribute by designating your gift electronically using the link to the Giving portal on the church website. Gifts of all amounts, small and large, will be gratefully accepted. Larger gifts of \$1,000 or more will be recognized with a plaque in Fellowship Hall.

"Let every instrument be tuned for praise." is a phrase from Hymn #264, *When in Our Music God is Glorified*. With your help our church organ will once again be "tuned for praise."

With gratitude,
Organ Committee
Jamie Bowman, George Marguglio and Gail Hull

ORGAN FUND

Name _____

Address _____

Amount given _____

I know the value of the organ at Gettysburg Presbyterian Church. Since resigning from my position as organist and director of music in August 2014 after 26 years, I have played on several different organs and can appreciate the sound of GPC's pipe organ. In my opinion, there is no better music for a church service than a pipe organ. What a glorious resonance! Whether it be loud or soft, the vibration produced by a pipe organ is able to grab the soul.

As a member of the subcommittee that acquired bids for rebuilding this instrument, I ask you to consider pledging your support of this project with a monetary gift. May the beautiful sound of organ music live on within the walls of Gettysburg Presbyterian Church for many decades to come!

Becky Wareham

"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

May

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

MIDSHIP SCHEDULE

May

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

MISSION **PRAYER LIST**

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

- 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.
- 5/16 Mission Bright Star**
Our gift-giving ministry to children of incarcerated parents.
- 5/23 Ben & Emily Okello**
Ben & Emily in Kenya are overseeing an orphanage with many children. Ben also plants churches throughout Kenya.

Please consider including them in your own prayers!

Outdoor Worship on May 16 at 10AM! At the Gettysburg Rec Park Amphitheater.

Bring a chair, your mask, and a friend!

Golf cart rides available
from the Sterner Building
for those with mobility issues.

In case of inclement weather,
the service will be
live-stream only at 10AM.



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
- Leader for Games
- Leader for Scripture
- 30 Volunteers needed for "Water World" - help children complete a craft or scientific experiment for 1 hour each morning
- 2 volunteers to help with woodcraft
- Drama Participants (non-speaking) - middle, high school & adult

" 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)

VIRTUAL WALK, RUN, & ROLL FOR PMD

To celebrate Brayden's 7th birthday & the amazing kids in our PMD family!



JULY 21, 2021

(OR A DATE THAT WORKS FOR YOU)

WALK, RUN, OR ROLL WHATEVER DISTANCE YOU CAN

REGISTRATION: \$30

ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A RACE T-SHIRT VIA MAIL

REGISTER BY JUNE 21

All race proceeds will be donated to the PMD Foundation and PMD Family Support



TO REGISTER ONLINE VISIT:
[TINYURL.COM/RACE4PMD](https://tinyurl.com/race4pmd)



Questions? Contact raceforpmd@gmail.com

To learn more about the PMD Foundation: <https://www.pmdfoundation.org>
Or PMD family support: <https://www.pmdfamilysupport.com>

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!





Pam Phillips RN
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God commands us to love others. One of the simplest ways to love is by helping when we see someone in need. We also find that helping others is a blessing to ourselves. Plus, you never know when you will be the one in need. Scripture tells us that we reap what we sow and that there are blessings for those who seek a life of serving and loving others. You never know how a small act of kindness can draw someone closer to God.

Do you live alone? Would you like a daily phone call to “check in” on you? Sometimes things happen. We fall and cannot reach the phone to get assistance because the phone is too far away. Perhaps we are not feeling well, and we just want to let someone know. Sometimes we are lonesome. Some of us do not have any family members to check in on us regularly.

A simple phone call can give an individual “piece of mind” knowing that someone will be checking in on them on a regular basis. A phone call every morning, will ensure all that everything is okay. It can reassure individuals that we care for them and we will be checking in to avoid a potential problem. Please contact Pam Phillips FCN at 410-596-0777 or email gpcfcn@gettysburgpresbyterian.org to get your name on our “GPC Call list”. We have volunteers who would like to call you daily to “check in” to ensure you are safe.



Stephen Ministry

**Stressed? Discouraged?
 Lonely? Sad?
 Don't Suffer Alone.
 Help Is Available.**

Sometimes we fall into a trap where we think it's a sign of weakness to ask for help. So when we're stressed, discouraged, lonely, or sad, we try to keep our struggles hidden and are reluctant to ask for help. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says, “Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” God wants us to care for others—and allow others to care for us in our time of need. If you're sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential one-to-one care, encouragement, and support to help you through a tough time. Find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Referrals Coordinators (334-1235). Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life.

Mexico Mission Trip Update:

We are looking at
 July 19-25/26
 for a possible
 Mexico Mission
 Trip this summer.



Please contact Pastor Dave
 immediately (717-334-1235)
 if you are interested!


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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 May 13, 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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| May 9 | Youth-Led Worship
<i>"Time"</i> |
| May 16 | Outdoor Worship Service @ Rec Park |
| May 23 | <i>You are Dead!</i> |

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