

GRAPEVINE

May 18, 2021

"The Pastor's Page"

You've probably heard by now that our pipe organ is also in need of an overhaul. The instrument is well over 100 years old and was last refurbished in 1963, over 50 years ago. We've had ongoing problems with sticking notes and notes that won't play.

The instrument is used in worship for preludes, postludes, and offertories. A reliable instrument is important for weddings and funerals. And, most importantly, it supports the singing of God's people in weekly worship! Pipe organs are ideally suited to provide that instrumental support, and we're fortunate to have one!

So, as stewards of this instrument, it is our turn to maintain it for ourselves and future worshipers. Bonnie and I will be financially supporting the campaign to refurbish our organ, and I hope you will, too!

If you would like to donate to the organ fund, return the slip from the letter that was mailed and include "organ fund" in the memo. Cash donations are accepted at church, and you may donate on our church website under "organ fund". Donations of all sizes are welcomed and encouraged! Donations of \$1000 or more will be memorialized with a plaque in Fellowship Hall.

We are trying to wrap the campaign by Sunday, June 13.

"Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praise to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting." (Psalm 147:1)

Pastor Dave

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Happy Birthday to...

June 2

Emma Burgess
Robert Farnham
Dustin Rogers

June 3

Stratton Brown
Leah Krichten

June 4

Will Brubaker
Kendall Holsclaw
Jean LeGros
Morgan Sites

June 5

Pat Behre
Maureen Johnson

June 6

Riley Fitzgerald
Evelyn Small

June 7

Donald Carman
Gabriel Delacruz
Jubal Haffey
Dale Molina
Leslie Smarsh
Kim Stahl

June 8

Zachary Beegle
Shane Miller

June 10

Alexander Contreras
Nikolas Contreras
Timothy Poorman

June 11

Barton Breighner
Alex Cunningham
Sherry Farkas
Brett Williams

June 12

Benn Hoover
Jaron Sanders

June 13

Tim Waligore

June 14

Jayden Harvey
Kim Patrono

June 15

Beckie Carbaugh
Andrew Druckman
Rachel Druckman
Susan Guiher
Amie Murray
Allyson Smarsh

June 16

Nancy Bushey
Frank Geist
Linda Houghton

June 17

Abigail Holler
Katelyn Holler
Natalie Holler
Ann Matthews
Amanda Ott

June 18

Ann Cook
Ethan Mora
Amanda Rossman

June 19

Happy Freas
Diana Miner
Matthew VanHoutte

June 20

Michael Crowe
Sydney Miller
Abigail Moroz
Hilda Oussoren
Katie Schwartz
Michael Wark

June 21

Quinn Wherley

June 23

Nichol Hare
Bob Jackson

June 24

Jeff Hieber
Cinnamon Hosterman

June 25

Cam Bernier
Dan Ebaugh
Aidan Hoover
Joan Jackson
Aaron VanHoutte

June 26

Britton Reed

June 27

Lacey Anderson
Jennifer Clark

June 28

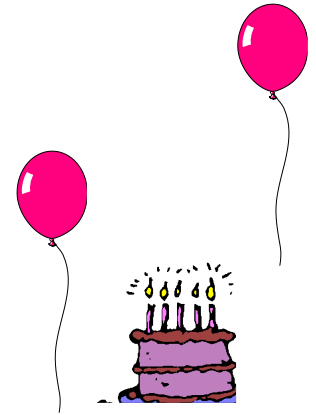
Carolyn Smarsh
Rebecca Stabler

June 29

Gail Lee
Emri Snyder

June 30

Lexi Franek
Cheryl Gochenauer
Cadi McMaster
Tim Skoczen
Hank Tushek



Many thanks for all the prayers, cards, calls and meals. The church family has been so kind and it was greatly appreciated.

Pam Wisor

Many thanks for all the calls and cards I received during my recovery from knee surgery. A special thank you to Debbie Manning for her delicious meals. Our Presbyterian family is so caring.

Lee Ann Larson

Thank you Pastor Dave and our GPC family for your prayers for our daughter, Laurie who suffered a heart attack on Monday, April 26 and passed on Thursday, April 29.

She was 48. Your prayers and expressions of sympathy will always be treasured.

We rejoice that her many years of suffering have ended and that she is now reunited with her mother and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in Heaven. We are saddened for ourselves as she will be missed beyond measure.

Stanley & Perla Gish

CONDOLENCES:

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Beth Stapleton on the recent death of her mother.

Lori May on the recent death of her step-mother.



Please Wear Red!

THIS Sunday, May 23, is Pentecost Sunday, when we celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church.

Red is the traditional color of Pentecost, so we are asking church members to consider wearing red that day.

High School Youth (grades 9-12)

“Who Are the People in Your Neighborhood?”

June 14-19, 2021



This week (in lieu of workcamp) will be a stay-at-home local mission experiential learning event for our high school youth.

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 around us.
- ◇ 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.

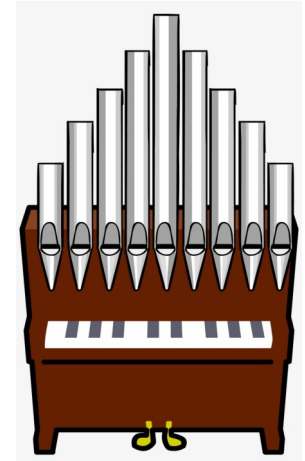
As you may know, the pipe organ at GPC has served our church family for many, many years. While the early years of the pipe organ are a bit foggy, we know that the current organ was in place sometime prior to 1928 since a rebuilding of the organ occurred that year. In addition, a second rebuilding of the organ occurred in 1963 as part of larger renovations to the sanctuary.

Needless to say, that 1963 rebuilding has served our church well since it has been 58 years since any major work was undertaken on the organ! However, the organ is once again showing its age and maintenance/repair work is needed to preserve this wonderful instrument that has served our congregation for many years.

To preserve our organ for the coming generations, the GPC session recently authorized a major refurbishment which will be overtaken over the coming months. During this refurbishment period, traditional services will be worshipping through the use of piano and other instruments.

As you can imagine, there is a financial cost associated with this refurbishment and certain funds have been designated to assist with covering this expense. In addition, numerous members of our congregation have made generous dedicated gifts to help defray the cost of the refurbishment project.

We hope that you will prayerfully consider donating to this worthy cause and maintain our pipe organ! If you have any questions regarding the organ project, please contact the church office.



See you in worship!
Adam Boyer



STEPHEN MINISTRY

A Great Way You Can Help a Hurting Friend

Do you have a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative who has suffered a loss or is going through a difficult time?

Here's a great way you can help them—tell them about our Stephen Ministry!

Stephen Ministers are people who have received special training to provide high-quality, confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to hurting people. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receivers to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. (Males are matched with males, and females are matched with females.)

The caring relationship lasts for as long as the person needs care. It's free, and it's a powerful way you can help a hurting friend. To learn how to connect someone you know with a Stephen Minister, contact Rev. Lou Nyiri at 717- 334-1235.

Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

“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.



SUMMER CHILDREN'S CHURCH

In preparation for summer, 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.

MISSION PRAYER LIST

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

- 5/23 Ben & Emily Okello**
Ben & Emily in Kenya are overseeing an orphanage with many children. Ben also plants churches throughout Kenya.
- 5/30 Clean Water Project, Chiapas, Mexico**
Funded by our Capital Campaign Mission component, a well and water purification system is managed by a church in Hidalgo.
- 6/6 Adams Rescue Mission**
ARM works with men struggling with substance abuse, runs a thrift store, and a recycling ministry.

Please consider including them in your own prayers!

Save the Date!

**Exploring Membership Class
Sunday afternoon, June 13
from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Come and learn more about
Presbyterians and GPC!**

Contact the church office
(717-334-1235 or

info@gettysburgpresbyterian.org)

to sign up.

Nursery care is available on request.



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.** Maximum number is 50, due to social distancing...So register today! 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 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)

How much thought have you given to how you can help others?

One way is to donate blood every 6 months. This is a simple procedure that takes about an hour and you leave feeling satisfied that you may have helped to save a life.

Organ and tissue donation is another way to offer help. Organ donation is the process of surgically removing an organ or tissue from one person (donor) and placing it into another person (recipient). Transplants are necessary because the recipient's organ has failed or is damaged by disease or injury.

Even at death we have an opportunity to share life-giving measures with others. Thousands of people wait every day for another chance at life through organ donation. People who suffer from heart disease, kidney disease, corneal damage, and lung disease are on the transplant lists waiting for "the call."

Some common organs that can be donated include heart, heart valves, pancreas, intestines, eyes, skin, bones, liver, lungs, kidneys, middle ear, bone marrow, and connective tissue.

One donor has the potential of helping many people.

Many times, people are organ donors, and their family members are not aware of the person's desire. *If you are an "Organ Donor," please tell your loved ones your desires.*

Sometimes there is the misunderstanding that donating organs creates a cost to the donor family.

Others have misconceptions about not having an open casket at the funeral home. Neither is true. Share with your family members your reasons why you want to help others.

Who can be an organ donor?

People of all ages can be potential donors. When a person dies, he/she is evaluated for donor suitability based on their medical history and age.

How do I become an Organ donor?

- Sign up to be an organ donor online.
- Check "yes" for organ and tissue donation when you get or renew your driver's license, learner's permit or photo ID. This is a free service.
- Visit <https://www.donatelife.net> and become a donor today!



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"There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends."

~ John 15:13 NLT


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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 27, 2021**

Office Operations

The office will be open

Monday - Thursday

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

Closed Fridays

**May / June 2021
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Contemporary Worship @ 9:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship @ 10:30

May 23	Pentecost Sunday <i>You are Dead!</i>
May 30	Pastor Lou preaching
June 6	<i>A Strange Way to Diet</i> Communion

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