

GRAPEVINE

June 22, 2021

"The Pastor's Page"

Moving Target

We continue to adjust our worship practices here at GPC! As you know, we no longer require masks for those who are fully vaccinated. We do expect those who are not fully vaccinated to continue to wear masks, to protect the vulnerable among us!

Beginning June 27, you will find hymnals and other worship aids in the pews, and we will begin distributing bulletins once again. We are still discussing whether it is safe to return to other practices like passing the offering plates and communion plates.

Fellowship Time will also return beginning June 27! See the write-up inside for details.

Finally, we have scheduled outdoor services for Aug. 1 and Sept. 26 at the rec park at 10AM. Some people feel safer in an outdoor environment and only join us in person for these services, so we're glad to provide them. We appreciate your continued patience and flexibility as we find our way back to something approaching normal!

Pastor Dave

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Happy Birthday to...

July 1

Kathy Corbin
Dennis Meckley
Erin Stephens

July 2

Brady Dillon
Grayson Hubble
Chris Landauer

July 3

Pam VanHoutte

July 4

Benjy Conover
Dawn Rathgeber
Jessica Stone

July 5

Kyele Bridel
Michael Kulkusky
Lane Mosser
Emma Strausner

July 7

Leo McGuire

July 8

Harrison Crow
Garrett Doyle

July 9

Grace Moroz
Joseph Tassin

July 10

Emily Bankert

July 11

Deb Bowersox
Robert Lewis

July 12

Garrett Kolmer

July 13

Joan Pore

July 13

Zane Graff

July 14

Gail Hull
Ellen Raggets
July 14
Marlyn Burdge
Carol Merwede
Cynthia Schaeffer

July 15

Adam Hunt
Henry Isherwood
Audrey Jahn
Bradley Kime
James Newman

July 16

Brian Campbell
Susan Sanders
Ethan Sheely
Randy Umbrell

July 17

Chloe McMaster
Grant Sanders
Anne Simpson
Adalyn Smarsh

July 18

Adair Toddes
July 18
Fred Guinn
Kevin Schmitz

July 19

Forrest Haffey
Kim Landauer
Carson Pennings
Randy Smith

July 20

Richard Beamer
Tessa Beauchat
Robert Deitch
Cathy Franek
Alexander Nyiri

July 21

Brayden Beamer
Adelyn Hieber
Sarah Lambert

July 23

Nancy Coombs
Phyllis Dowd
Marie Levenstein
Daniel Murray

July 25

Perla Niguidula-Gish
Patrick Sullivan

July 26

Elizabeth Burke
Melany LaRochelle

July 27

Nancy Ball
John Snyder

July 28

Doris Elledge
Sherry Grim
Carol Heiser
Peter North

July 29

Emma Dennison
Braden Unger
Jonelle Warcup

July 30

David Bowman

July 31


Drew Hoover
Jean Sumser
Liam Tindall



To Everyone in my Church Family,

When my husband, Ross died on April 22, my church family showered us with flowers, love, sympathy and cards filled with hope. It was a wonderful feeling to know that even though a lot of you didn't know Ross, you were there for me & my family. We wish to thank you for all the love you've shared with us.

May God's blessing be upon each and everyone of you.

With much love, 
Kathy Kircher and her girls

Welcome New Members:

Jim & Barbara Roy
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Gettysburg, PA 17325
(914) 760-2432

James & Deb Fisher
291 Onyx Rd.
New Oxford, PA 17350
(607) 382-0992

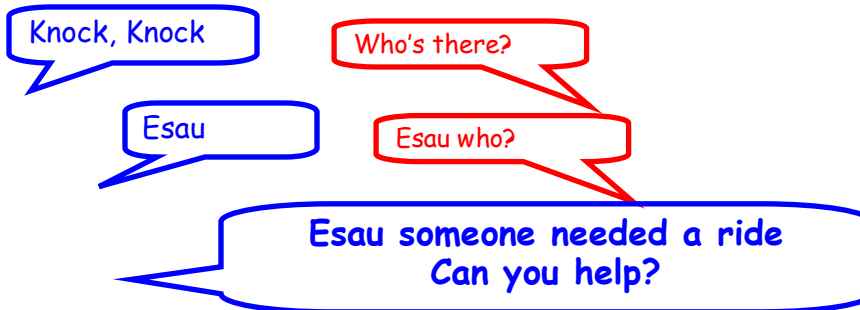


Stephen Ministry ANNOUNCEMENT

On behalf of GPC's Stephen Ministry program, I would like to invite all Stephen Ministers past and present to the Commissioning of 3 new Stephen Ministers and a new Stephen Leader on Sunday, June 27th. If attending one of the services we will ask you to stand where you are seated.

I hope to see you there in support of our Stephen Ministry program at GPC.

Sincerely,
Jen Clark



The Deacons of the church are charged with assisting members of our congregation with finding rides to medical appointments. 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.

CONNECTING AGAIN THROUGH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

by Rachel Parmentier

Now that LAMENTING the time of Covid isolation has finally moved on, we begin to open up to our world again. It is time to connect with our church women friends again as well as reach out to new "sisters" who may well be looking for the special fellowship we share in Presbyterian Women activities.

As we approach our annual summer break, we anticipate September beginning with the new Bible study titled, What My Grandmothers Taught Me. (Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus). What do YOU remember learning from your grandmothers, and as many of us are (or are approaching) grandmotherhood, what do we want our grandchildren to learn from us?

If you think you might enjoy reading this 9 lesson study (either in Circle Fellowship or on your own), place your order with either: (1) Penny Ziegler, 740-507-3549; email: penelopehziegler@gmail.com or (2) Beth Fitzpatrick, 717-334-4960; email: bethieandbill@comcast.net **by July 17th when our order (\$10 each) will be placed** for everyone at once to save on postage and handling.

To learn more about the National organization of PW who puts together our studies and many other programs, check out the Spring 2021 edition of PW NewsBytes newsletter. Just log on to **PresbyterianWomen.org** under the heading NEWS. And keep watch for continuing PW updates in future GPC Grapevines. We look forward to renewed enthusiasm in our times together.

“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:

July

We will be collecting items for

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Snacks, paper and school supplies..

Coffee Fellowship Resumes June 27th

On June 13, 2021 the Session voted to resume Coffee Fellowship on June 27, 2021. Coffee will be served from 8:45 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. outside (weather-permitting) through the summer months on the green space & beautiful garden area just off the portico. The coffee and hot water will be self-serve with sweeteners and creamers being individually packaged and a hand sanitizing station nearby. In addition, there will be some individually packaged snacks. The hope is that 9:00 a.m. worshippers will stick around following worship & 10:30 a.m. worshippers will arrive a bit early for worship that all might fellowship together. In the event of inclement weather, coffee service will be set up in fellowship hall following the same practices outlined above.

MISSION PRAYER LIST

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

- 6/27 Sean & Bethany Walker**
After serving 10 years in Central Asia, Sean & Bethany are now working from Houston, supporting the ministry of Antioch Partners, a mission group committed to reaching unreached people around the world.
- 7/4 Marta Bennett**
Marta is a long-time missionary teaching theology and leadership in Nairobi, Kenya
- 7/11 Habitat for Humanity**
GPC was a founding church for this ministry which provides home ownership for working poor families

Please consider including them in your own prayers!

Congregational Meeting News

At a congregational meeting on Sunday, June 13, the congregation:

- Elected John Graziano as an elder to fill an unexpired term.
- Elected Don Stabler as a deacon to fill an unexpired term.
- Elected Mike Brubaker, Lynne Graziano, Bill Fitzpatrick, Joanna McGuire, Becky Stabler, Shane Miller, Kelly Jones, Anne Gallon, Megan Ziegler (alternates are 1) Beckie Carbaugh, 2) Marion Lambert) as members of the Pastor Nominating Committee. They will begin work immediately to come up with a job description and search for a candidate to recommend to the congregation as our next Senior Pastor.



The Salvation Army is opening a new office on the Fairfield side of Gettysburg. We are looking for a part-time case worker to be in the office a few hours each day, Monday – Friday, 16-20 hours a week. \$13 per hour.

For more information, contact Mary Smith at gbsalvationarmy1@gmail.com or 717-968-4602.

GPC Book Club

The GPC Book Club will be reading Wild by Cheryl Strayed for our June meeting.

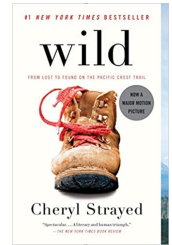
We will meet on Monday, June 28th at 6:30pm.

Jen Clark will be leading the discussion and we will be meeting IN PERSON.

We will meet at Lake Heritage, but the specific location is to be determined. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Megan at

MeganZiegler2014@gmail.com

Happy Reading!



I am a Hospice Registered Nurse when I am not at Gettysburg Presbyterian Church. Many times, I am asked “**what is the difference between Palliative Care and Hospice**”.

What is Palliative Care?

It is specialized medical care with a Team approach. Palliative care focuses on addressing pain, symptoms, and stress of serious illnesses by offering an extra layer of support. The goal is to improve the quality of life for both the patient and his/her family.

Palliative care can be provided alongside curative treatment. It is a free service, offered in outpatient and inpatient services, and patients can keep their own physician.

How can Palliative Care Team assist patients and families?

Assist in establishing goals of care and priorities

Assist with Advanced Directives

Collaborate with nurses, physicians to address the management of symptoms such as pain, shortness of breath, nausea, fatigue, anxiety, etc

Educate to promote understanding of the underlying disease process

Provide easy to understand explanations of difficult medical conditions

Improve care when provided simultaneously with optimal medical management

Coordinate care between multiple providers and consultants

Ease transition out of hospital using a multidisciplinary approach

When is Palliative Care helpful?

It is best introduced early, but can be beneficial at any time, including during and after curative treatment. It can help at any stage of serious illness, regardless of prognosis.

It can be especially helpful for:

Patients with hard-to-treat symptoms

Patients/families who need help understanding treatment choices

Patients/families who need support when making difficult medical decisions

Is Palliative care the same as Hospice care?

They share the same core principles of providing patient and family centered care. However, Palliative care is available during any phase of a chronic illness, while Hospice is for those with a life expectancy of 6 months or less.

*God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”
So, we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.”
Hebrews 13: 5-6 (NIV)*



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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 July 8, 2021**

Office Operations

The office will be open

Monday - Thursday

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

Closed Fridays

**June / July 2021
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Contemporary Worship @ 9:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship @ 10:30

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| June 27 | <i>"The After People"</i>
Commissioning Stephen Ministers |
| July 4 | <i>Colossians Series: Paul's Prayer (Col. 1:1-14)</i>
Communion |
| July 11 | <i>Colossians Series: Christ is Supreme (Col. 1:15-23)</i> |
| July 18 | <i>Colossians Series: Freedom in Christ (Col. 2:6-23)</i> |

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