

# GRAPEVINE

September 28, 2021

## "The Pastor's Page"

My opening remarks at a Service of Witness to the Resurrection or graveside service are often, "Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.' Our Lord feeds his flock like a shepherd; and like a shepherd he gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart." When we hear the news of a loved one's death, we understand more fully that while we do not know what tomorrow holds - as people of faith - we know the one who holds our tomorrows in his hands AND that is why we are here."

When we gather to proclaim resurrection, we do so as people of faith who believe in eternal life. When we leave such a service, we do so as people of faith who walk together in the days following as grief unfolds in our lives. As people of faith, it is good to know we have hope in life everlasting; and it is good to know we are not alone. Thus, I invite you, or someone you know, to journey grief's road, together, alongside fellow travelers in the upcoming grief group.

In Christ,



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## Grief Support Series Begins October 24<sup>th</sup>

This four-week grief support group entitled: "Dealing with Grief and Loss: Hope in the Midst of Pain" will be led by Anne Gallon and Diane Weikert. Anne is both a Stephen Minister and Stephen Leader. Diane is one of our many gifted Stephen Ministers.

The group will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 from October 24 through November 14 in the Paideia House Living Room.

The group is open to anyone who has experienced the death of a spouse, friend or loved one and who is open to exploring their experience further with others in the same situation. If you have any questions or would like to sign up for the group, please contact Rev. Lou Nyiri at 334-1235, ext. 4 or [gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org).

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." ~ John 14:27*

# Happy Birthday to...

**October 2**

Seth Snyder

**October 3**

Richard Miner

**October 4**

Elizabeth Fitzpatrick

**October 7**

Linda Larson

**October 9**

Lucas Daniels

**October 10**

Anne Gallon

John Smarsh

**October 11**

Greg Beegle

Chrissy Ely

Rachel Pierson

**October 13**

Carolyn Hoffman

Chloe Pennings

**October 14**

Jeff Nelson

**October 15**

Caden LaRochelle

**October 16**

Patrick Hiller

Rachel Skoczen

**October 19**

Whit Coombs

Brody Wagner

**October 20**

Archie Graff

Gwen Scofield

Chadd Weikert

**October 21**

Preston Hull

**October 22**

Adam Boyer

Dave Conklin

Brandon Gladfelter

Mike Gladfelter

Mark Keller

**October 23**

Doug McAllister

**October 24**

Larry Bullis

**October 25**

Patricia Campbell

Emily Clark

Molly (Clark) Peck

Amy Hoch

Sydney Hockenberry

Laurie Lewis

Michelle Suarez

Heather Tschop

**October 26**

Frannie King

**October 27**

William Johnson

Ronald Weigle

**October 28**

Joe Hudock

**October 29**

Mary Camlin

Brandon Dillon

Leah Teague

**October 30**

Emma Kirk

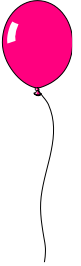
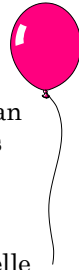
Jean Thomas

Peyton Unger

**October 31**

Ron Stahl

Andrew Stone




The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets once a month and knits shawls and lap robes to give to people in crisis. If you are interested in joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry please contact Beth Fitzpatrick at 717-334-4960.

**CELEBRATION OF 45 YEARS**

Join us on  
**Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>** between services  
**to thank Ron Hankey**  
 for his love and knowledge  
 as he has led the Men's Bible Class  
 for 45 years!

We will have a reception between services for Ron on the 17<sup>th</sup>, so please come share your appreciation to Ron.

**New Sexton Begins Work**

Larry Wagner has begun work as our new Sexton. Please greet him when you see him!

Dennis Ruth is stepping down after three and a half years of excellent work here at GPC.

We thank him for his great service!

**CONDOLENCES:**

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Elly Cleaver on the recent death of her brother-in-law.

Bill Sterrett on the recent death of his brother-in-law.

Lucy Breighner, Barry & Sandra Breighner and Barton & Karen Breighner on the recent death of their nephew.



## Exploring Membership Class

**Sunday afternoon, Oct. 10. 2-4PM**

This is a great way to learn more about Presbyterians in general and GPC in particular!

Contact the church office 717-334-1235 to sign up!

## "Reflections on Ike's Faith"

**October 14th at 7:00 p.m.**

On October 14, 1890, General/President Dwight D. Eisenhower was born in Denison, Texas. On the anniversary of his birthday, October 14, 2021, we will commemorate his life and faith as a member of our church.

The program will be hosted by our church historian, Dale Molina, at 7:00 in the church sanctuary.



**The Fall Rummage Sale is currently scheduled for Friday and Saturday October 22 and 23.**

Hopefully it will not have to be canceled again.

Due to missing three sales, we realize everyone has accumulated a lot of donations but we are limited by space, and possibly volunteers, so we are going to limit the amount that can be donated. We are asking only 3 large bags OR boxes per family. If we find later in the week that we can accommodate more, we will put out a notification. Please only donate clean, usable clothing and items. We are not able to take electronics, drinking glasses or books.

We'd like to get an idea of the number of volunteers who can help with set up, work the days of the sale, or both. Please email Margo Har at [stepmargo@comcast.net](mailto:stepmargo@comcast.net) or call 978-807-3750, indicating how you'd like to volunteer.

Thank you in advance,  
Presbyterian Women

## FALL SMALL GROUPS – NEW ADDITION!

If you would like to be part of a fall small group, but don't want to attend one in person, be advised that we have added a Zoom small group. It will be Monday nights at 7 PM, starting Monday, 27 September. A Zoom link will be sent to anyone who is interested in participating. Susan Kolmer will be the facilitator. Please let Cheryl Betts or Susan Kolmer know at [gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org) or [skolmer@comcast.net](mailto:skolmer@comcast.net)

## Men's Interfaith Lunch

We have cancelled the Men's lunch for October 6, as the infection rates for Covid are still high in Adams County. We'll take it month by month and see if the rate goes back down.



Our next Young at Heart is Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at noon. Our speaker will be Lisa Flannery from Hospice. Deadline to reserve your spot is Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Postcards will be sent also. Call Cheryl Betts at the church office (717-334-1235, ext. 5) or email [gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org).

## Stephen Ministry

Your Role Is Important in Our Stephen Ministry . . .



Because you may know of a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who is going through a difficult time and who could benefit from the focused care, encouragement, and support of a Stephen Minister. If you know of someone who is hurting, please contact Rev. Lou Nyiri at [gpcclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpcclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org) or 717-334-1235, ext. 4.

He can talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers. It's a great way for you to show how much you care!

## PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 2020 CHRISTMAS MISSION FAIR AND SILENT AUCTION!

Your opportunity to find unique and interesting Christmas gifts for that “Special Someone” who is hard to buy for, while supporting GPC mission efforts, begins on Nov 14<sup>th</sup>! This year’s format will be similar to that of last year due to COVID-19 restrictions. We will hold an online Silent Auction via a website called “Bidding Owl,” will offer the opportunity for you to directly support specific GPC Mission Trips as an alternative gift, and will offer Presbyterian Coffee Project items for sale on four Sundays. Unfortunately, there will be no craft sales, game night, or food sales this year.

Your thoughtful and generous gifts for use in the Silent Auction are being accepted now! You are encouraged to think of fresh ideas, personal or professional services, and quality items that could be sold. Please watch the Grapevine Newsletter for details, coffee product offerings, and Mission Support Gift ideas.

Please contact Tom Kolmer at 717-634-0258. Thanks for your support!

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### **It came upon a midnight clear...**

***WHAT? No need to wait up ‘til midnight, the Christmas Mission Fair Silent Auction is right around the corner!*** This year’s Silent Auction is going online. With the help of Bidding Owl you will be able to view and bid on your computer or through the app, from the safety and comfort of your own home! Benefiting GPC mission projects here in Adams County and around the world, the CMF Silent Auction will begin on Nov 14<sup>th</sup> and end at 5pm, Sunday Dec 5<sup>th</sup>. Some wonderful items will be up for sale to the highest bidder! We are still accepting creative, high quality donations of goods and services for the Silent Auction **THROUGH NOV 10<sup>th</sup>**. Please call 717-334-1235 to arrange drop-offs at the church office. Call Tom Kolmer with any questions, 717-634-0258. ***Thank you for your generous support!***

## Shepherd Group Caring Pods

GPC has a new addition to the compassionate, caring, and connective ventures within our church. Under the leadership of Megan Ziegler and Beth Fitzpatrick, we have created groups with the hope of keeping GPC members connected through caring and concern. We believe these groups may be needed now more than ever during what often feels like dis-connected times. The goal of these groups is for people to be re-membered – that is, not cut-off from the faith community.

Groups are composed of members who live within close proximity to one another (larger Presbyterian populated areas are divided into sub-groups – i.e. Littlestown has 3 Shepherd Pod Groups). We hope this will remind members that they are part of *God’s Good News People* – and as such we are not alone. You might think of it this way: GPC - God’s People who Care.

Shepherd Group Caring Pods bring to life the words written at the bottom of our church’s letterhead and bulletins, which read: “a growing church of commitment, caring and celebration.” Caring Pods turn those words from sentiment into sacred interactions where Christ (the Great Shepherd) can be visibly seen dwelling among us. As you see one another in your neighborhoods, please raise the right hand of fellowship and wave ‘hello’ – for you are not strangers you are *God’s Good News People*.

Letters were mailed to groups mid-July – if you did not receive a letter and would like to be part of a Shepherd Group Caring Pod, then contact Rev. Nyiri ([gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org) or 717.334.1235, ext. 4). When contacting Rev. Nyiri, please provide your name, address and phone number.



## “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:

### A Special October Offering

The holiday season is especially hard on people who live in poverty. They use their limited resources for rent, food, and perhaps a few treats for their loved ones. They may have nothing left to purchase essential cleaning supplies or personal hygiene products. Do you realize food stamps do not cover paper goods, cleaning supplies, and personal toiletries? Food pantries often don't supply these goods either. These items are in very limited supply. This year in October, let's share with others by donating non-food items.

So, in this ERA of economic uncertainty, May the Holy Spirit descend on you as a DOVE, inspiring you to buck the TIDE of poverty, and bring good CHEER to people in need. Be sure to PAMPER yourself with the JOY of giving. Whether you are a RIGHT GUARD on the football team or MR. CLEAN himself, DIAL up your friends to PLEDGE their support along with yours by giving with ZEST. We know GPC's generosity will CREST with a BOUNTY of non-food items for our local food pantry. GPC is an ENERGIZER of love, always, and EVEREADY to CASCADE kindness on those in need.

## Honoring our Healthcare Workers

On Sunday, Oct. 10,  
we will honor our  
healthcare workers  
at all three services!

There will also be cake  
in Fellowship Hall  
between services.

If you are a healthcare  
worker, please come!

And if you know a  
healthcare worker,  
invite them to worship  
that day!

## MISSION

## PRAYER LIST

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

- 10/3 Mexico Mission Trip**  
Works with Accion Ministries to do construction, Vacation Bible School, a glasses ministry, and fellowship with local Mexico Christians in Yucatan each summer.
- 10/10 South Dakota Mission Trip**  
We have been going to the Lakota Sioux Reservation for many years, doing home repairs and providing needed clothing, furniture & other supplies
- 10/17 Presbyterian Homes**  
Presbyterian Homes provide a variety Of living places for seniors.

Please consider including them in your own prayers!

## Mid-SHIP & SHIP

Both the High School FellowSHIP and Mid-SHIP groups will meet each Sunday night at the church, unless otherwise indicated, from 5-6:00 p.m.

We will follow the current GPC Covid protocols.

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| <b>October 3</b>  | 5:00-6:00 p.m. | Fellowship & Games |
| <b>October 10</b> | 5:00-6:00 p.m. | Fellowship & Games |
| <b>October 17</b> | 5:00-6:00 p.m. | Fellowship & Games |



### Did You Know...

Outreach Committee members distributed sixty bottles of water from their Welcome Table on High Street at the August 3<sup>rd</sup> National Night Out, sponsored by the Gettysburg Police Dept. AND there was a firetruck to climb on in our parking lot as well as free parking for visitors. Lots of fun being good neighbors!

### Did You Know...

Ten volunteers with the Outreach Committee distributed 564 bags of microwave popcorn in ten whirlwind minutes at the Gettysburg College First-Year Walk on Baltimore Street. A "Here's What's Poppin' at GPC" sticker on each bag provided info about the church. Lots of happy surprised college students!

### Did You Know...

You can be part of the fun as we reach out to our community. There are lots of chances coming up for Halloween and Christmas. Either join the Outreach planning team or get on our list of people willing to come and help. Popcorn, candy, water, parking – serving Christ by loving people comes in many shapes and so do His disciples!

Call or Text John Graziano at (770) 289-6942 or email him at [johngakr@gmail.com](mailto:johngakr@gmail.com) to find out more.

### You Can Show We Give A Hoot!

Two fun opportunities are coming up in October for you to show the community we're here and we care. We'll have a table at the Community Trick-or-Treat Trail at the Rec Park on October 16th. It's a chance for kids to "Trick Or Treat" safely. Can you help decorate our table or help distribute treats?

Once again we'll provide coffee, hot chocolate and home-made cookies in front of the church at the Halloween Parade on October 22nd. It's so much fun to surprise people with free stuff they really want. Want to be part of it?

Call or text John Graziano at (770) 289-6942, or email him at [johngakr@gmail.com](mailto:johngakr@gmail.com).

Families could do this stuff together and make Halloween about giving as well as getting!

## LET'S RE CONNECT BY SHARING

**Hark the Herald Angels Sing!** In this beloved and joyful Christmas carol, there is a phrase, "Risen with healing in His wings!" We may not be feeling much in the way of healing as the pandemic rages on, but we do have hope and joy in knowing that Jesus overcomes all. As these last months of pandemic have forced many of us to slow down and reevaluate, many of us still find ourselves thinking and reflecting on the effect COVID-19 has had on our faith journey.

This year, we invite you, the members of GPC, to write a short reflection to be included in the advent devotional which will be available after Thanksgiving. Anyone of any age is welcome to write something. Please ensure that anything you submit contains a scripture on which your reflection is based, your reflection, and a short prayer at the end. Limit any submissions to a single page, but feel free to submit more than one reflection.

Submissions should be sent to either Cheryl Betts at [gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org) or Susan Kolmer at [skolmer@comcast.net](mailto:skolmer@comcast.net). Please have your submissions in no later than Tuesday, November 9, 2021.

Earlier submissions are welcome and encouraged! Share your reflections to help us reconnect with you!



An opportunity is available for you to meet with a health care professional to discuss Advanced Directives on October 26th and November 9<sup>th</sup> from 9a to 12 noon. Sign up timeframes are required in advance. A clipboard is available in Fellowship Hall for you to sign up. You will be able to discuss Advanced Directives, ask questions, review your existing ones, or complete a copy. If you have further questions, please reach out to me via email or phone. All ages 18 and above are welcome.

Did you get your Covid Vaccine? Everyone 12 years and older is eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccination. If you have received your vaccine, I would recommend that you take a picture of your COVID Vaccination card along side of your Driver's License. Keep these copies in a safe place until you need them. Keep your COVID-19 vaccination in your safe and not your wallet.

**Fall Office Hours:** Sunday mornings 8am-12:30p Tuesday & Thursday 9a-2p

My office door is always open so please stop in to see me. I am available by phone 24/7 at 410-596-0777. Feel free to give me a call.

Pam Phillips RN Faith Community Nurse  
[gpcfcn@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpcfcn@gettysburgpresbyterian.org)

"Heal me, O Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise."  
 ~ [Jeremiah 17:14](#)



## College Student Addresses

Periodically we send mail to the youth of GPC who are away at college (it might be a care package or letter from our high school youth group or outreach team or letter writing ministry). If you would like your child to receive such correspondence, then please provide their name and college address. Send the information to Rev. Lou Nyiri via postal (208 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg, PA 17325) or email ([gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org)).

## High School Sunday School

In-person Sunday School began September 12<sup>th</sup> in the youth room – we meet from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. We will follow the mask protocols set forth by the session, which currently is requiring masking and distancing for indoor activities regardless of vaccination status due to the rise in COVID numbers. (Bring a mask each week in the event we will need to wear them.) Don't forget to like the high school Facebook page to stay up-to-date or email Rev. Nyiri at [gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org) to be added to the high school fellowship email list.

## High School Fellowship

We are meeting in-person on **Sunday nights from 5-6 p.m.**

Look for the online infomercial on our church YouTube. This pre-recorded video will provide you with introductions to the year & provide links to calendars, downloadable forms, etc.

When meeting at GPC we will plan to do so outside (weather permitting /dress accordingly) – if it is not possible to meet outside, then we will meet in one of our larger meeting spaces (Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary or Youth Room).

We will follow the mask protocols set forth by the session, which currently is requiring masking and distancing for indoor activities regardless of vaccination status due to the rise in COVID numbers. (Bring a mask each week in the event we will need to wear them.) Again, we will plan to meet outside, weather permitting, so dress accordingly.

We hope your 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade child will join us! Make sure to like the high school Facebook page to stay up-to-date or email Rev. Nyiri at [gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org) to be added to the high school fellowship email list.

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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 October 7, 2021**

**October 2021  
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Traditional Worship @ 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.**  
**Contemporary Worship @ 9:30 a.m.**

**Office Hours**

The office will be open

**Mon. - Thurs.  
9:00 - 3:00**

**and**

**Friday  
9:00 - 12:00**

<b>October 3</b>	<i>The Christian at Work 1</i> Communion
<b>October 10</b>	<i>The Christian at Work 2</i> Recognition of Healthcare Workers
<b>October 17</b>	<i>The Persecuted Church</i>

To view live stream, go to: [www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org](http://www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org)  
Click "New Streaming Link" on the top right hand corner