

# GRAPEVINE

October 12, 2021

## "The Pastor's Page"

I recently attended the 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion of Oakton High School in Northern Virginia! It was a lot of fun catching up with people I hadn't seen in many years, and seeing how different most people looked. But one of the things that caught my attention was the number of people I talked to who had experienced significant pain in their lives- divorces, deaths of spouses, loss of jobs/careers, serious illnesses, etc. And there was also a collection of pictures of those in our class who have died.

It reminded me that such pain is the norm in most of our lives at one point or another. And there's not a lot we can do to avoid much of it. That's just the way life is in a fallen world. But we don't need to despair. Our hope comes from two directions. First, that this isn't all there is; that there is a better life for us in the world to come which will be ruled by Jesus. There is certainly hope for us there. Second, we are comforted by God's presence with us now.

*"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear..."* (Psalm 46:1,2a)

Part of our role in the world is to remind people of both of these truths as they are experiencing hardship. Who can you encourage with the good news?

Pastor Dave

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**Memorial Service for Tom Soliday**

A memorial service for long-time member, Tom Soliday, will be held on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 24 at 1:30PM in the sanctuary.

All are welcome to join in thanking God for Tom's life. Rev. Dan Hans will deliver the message.

I would like to thank the congregation for their expressions of sympathy, prayers and cards for my family with the death of my brother-in-law, Donald Sylvester.

Bill Sterrett

Heidi and I would like to thank Beth & Bill Fitzpatrick for all the kind things they did through the pandemic. Even though we didn't take part with some things, their thoughts gave us a big lift!

Thank you both!  
Carol Merwede

I would like to thank my wonderful, loving church family for all the help and caring about me. Thank you for the prayers, cards, flowers. You have no idea how much I love you all.

Once again, I'm in Transitions Health Care because of a fall in Sept. Because I can't take care of myself, this may be my permanent home.

Thanks!  
Gail Lee

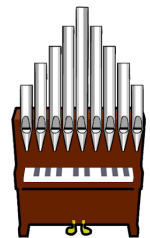
**CELEBRATION OF 45 YEARS**

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.

Dear GPC Family,

I need to share a bit of disappointing news with you regarding our organ rebuild project. While the process got off to a quick start, we were informed of a few recent setbacks by the contractor, Columbia Organs. They are experiencing pandemic-related delays in receiving computerized parts for the rebuild, and also have had their work delayed by the injury of a key technician on their already small staff. These issues, combined with existing contracts for routine maintenance on over 130 other church organs, means that the completion of our organ rebuild will be delayed until after Christmas.



The expected date of completion for this project is now early February, but I want to assure you that our music staff is already working hard in preparation for the Advent season to provide the congregation with meaningful musical experiences for worship. If you have any questions about the state of the project, or if you would like to volunteer as a vocal or instrumental musician for large or small ensembles this Christmas season, please feel free to reach out to me.

Yours in Christ,  
Jamie Bowman  
Director of Music

**CONDOLENCES:**

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Paul Wilson on the recent death of his daughter.

Krista Delacruz on the recent death of her grandmother.

## "Reflections on Ike's Faith"

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

**Reel to Reel Tape found in the Archives**

A reel to reel tape was discovered in our church archives. I was curious because on the box, it stated " Eisenhower at Carlisle Presbytery 1963." I asked a couple of members of the church to see if they could put it on a CD as it was over 50 years old. Little did I know that Eisenhower's voice was on the tape. He spoke to the Carlisle Presbytery that was meeting at our church following a major building program. I now want to share this discovery with our members. Please come to the church on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October at 7:00 in the evening so we can share this treasure reflecting on Ike's faith with all of you. Masks need to be worn.

Thanks..... Dale Molina, Church Historian



**The Presbyterian Women's Fall Rummage will be held  
Friday, October 22 from 8:30-5:00 and  
Saturday, October 23 from 8:30-2:00.**

Please bring all of your wonderful treasures, clean and usable Fall and Winter clothing and shoes , (3 LARGE BAGS OR BOXES ONLY), collectibles, household items, bed and bath towels and linens, toys, tools, small furniture.

**PLEASE ONLY BRING ITEMS IN WORKING ORDER.**

**DONATIONS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED DURING THE FOLLOWING HOURS:**

Days to drop off sale items are October 18-21:

Monday -Wednesday 9:00-5:00

Thursday- 9:00-noon. (No donations after noon, please.)

We ask you NOT to bring knives, books, CD's, DVR's, stuffed animals, single glasses, plastic water bottles or containers, Tupperware, TVs, mattresses, computers, printers, microwaves, speakers or anything that needs special handling.

Due to Covid, we will not be having a food sale and everyone will need to be masked.

Volunteers, both women and men, are needed all week long to set up, sort, and price (Mon.-Thurs.), and particularly to man the check-outs and help bag on the main sale day (Fri.), and clean up (2-3 on Sat.). We will have a sign-up table in Fellowship hall before the sale or call Margo Har at 978-807-3750, [stepmargo@comcast.net](mailto:stepmargo@comcast.net).

## Oh, the weather outside is frightful...

***But Christmas Mission Fair is so delightful!*** Make plans NOW to participate in the annual Christmas Fair from November 14<sup>th</sup> through Dec 5<sup>th</sup>. An online Silent Auction will be held during this time where you can bid on wonderful gifts and services for that “special someone” on your list, or for yourself! Direct Mission Support gift letters will be available in Fellowship Hall, as will Presbyterian Coffee Exchange products. Remember, all proceeds support GPC mission effort locally and around the world!

We are still accepting donations for the Silent Auction. Please contact Tom Kolmer at (717) 634-0258 with your ideas and donations. Thank you. ***See you at the Fair!***

### 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!

### Mexico Mission Trip Update

Good news!  
Tom Kolmer and  
Christine Canaga have  
agreed to co-lead the  
Mexico Mission Trip  
in 2022.

They will keep you updated  
as things develop, but start  
thinking about whether  
2022 might be a good year  
for you to join in the excitement!

### 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 Eisenhower Lounge.

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*

## “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.

## Stephen Ministry Love One Another As I Have Loved You . . .

In John 15:12, Jesus says, *“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”*

Loving and caring for one another is not just the pastor's job--it's something Jesus calls us all to do!

**Stephen Ministry** is a ministry in which people with special gifts for caring ministry can put those gifts to use in an organized way, bringing Jesus' love and care to those who most need it.

If you--or someone you know--are going through a difficult time contact Rev. Lou Nyiri at 717-334-1235, ext. 4 or [gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org). Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide you with focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care and to help you experience the healing power of Christ's love in your life.

## MISSION

## PRAYER LIST

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

- 10/17 Presbyterian Homes**  
Presbyterian Homes provide a variety of living places for seniors.
- 10/24 Camp Krislund**  
Krislund is supported by 3 presbyteries, including ours. Summer camp programs for children and youth, year-round retreat facilities.
- 10/31 Dori Hjalmarson**  
Doris is serving in Honduras, partnering with Presbyterian Churches there, a place where many US churches have pulled out.

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.

- October 17** 5:00-6:00 p.m. Fellowship & Games
- October 24** 5:00-6:00 p.m. Fellowship & Games
- October 31** NO MidSHIP & High School SHIP

## 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 St, Gettysburg, PA 17325) or email [gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org)

## Lend-A-Hand Mission Trip Opportunity

In some communities, recovery from the damage of a hurricane can take years. Such is the case for people in New Bern, NC still repairing homes damaged by Hurricane Florence in 2020. Lend-A-Hand is ready to help! **A trip is scheduled for November 14-20**, with 8 people registered so far. If you are interested in joining them, please use [this link](http://www.lendahand.net/register/) to complete the online application. (If you are reading this in paper format, find a computer and go to <http://www.lendahand.net/register/> ). Application deadline is October 20.

The cost of the trip is \$175, which covers, transportation, housing, food and materials.

Please Note: Lend-A-Hand, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the New Bern facility all have Covid regulations in place. All volunteers **MUST** be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 and must provide a copy of their vaccination record for our file. Further, when working in the homes of those needing our assistance, you will be required to wear a mask for the safety of all.

## GPC Missions Survey

Greetings fellow GPC members! The missions committee needs your input. For everything there is a time and a season, including our church's mission trips. For several years, GPC has organized and participated in several different trips: Honduras Medical and Dental, Mexico with Accion Ministries, Habitat for Humanity in South Carolina, Reach Youth workcamps, and South Dakota Native American. Due to different reasons, some of these trips are no longer viable or needed. For instance, Honduras Medical and Dental has developed the skills and abilities of our Honduran brothers and sisters to the point that the clinic is self-sustaining and can run independently! The South Dakota Native American reservation has seen many changes in both the tribe leadership and the school administration that cause logistics to be unfavorable for continued trips to this specific reservation.

So the time has come for Gettysburg Presbyterian to investigate new locations and possibilities for mission trips. As a committee, the Missions and Interpretation team recognizes that part of the success of our trips rely upon the desires and abilities of our congregation to participate and volunteer. We also recognize that volunteering occurs when folks have strong passions for the work that is being done. Therefore, we need your input to help us discern where and how God is calling GPC to serve next. Please take a moment to complete this brief survey online.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1u-2h2RmQ6WeM9XcjVjJD2mhego3TkQVp5YGHMW85XCw/viewform?ts=613e99fc&edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1u-2h2RmQ6WeM9XcjVjJD2mhego3TkQVp5YGHMW85XCw/viewform?ts=613e99fc&edit_requested=true)

If you prefer a paper copy, please pick one up from the church office on Sunday mornings, or call Penny and ask for one to be mailed or emailed to you.

## 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.

## LET'S RECONNECT 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@gettyburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpcdce@gettyburgpresbyterian.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!

### Advance Directives



Meet with a health care professional to discuss Advanced Directives on October 26th and November 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Sign up timeframes are required in advance. Signup sheet is available in Fellowship Hall. **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. I hope you will take advantage of this **free event!**

Our “Check in” call program is up and running.

#### Would you like a phone call or know someone at GPC who would like a call?



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A simple phone call can give an individual “piece of mind” knowing that someone will be checking in on them on a regular basis. We can call daily, weekly, etc.

**IF you would like to be one of our “callers” please let me know. We could use a few more people. It is a wonderful way to help keep our GPC family connected and to make new friends.**

### What is the flu?

The flu is an illness caused by flu viruses.

*Signs and symptoms of the flu:* cough, sore throat, fever, runny or stuffy nose, feel tired, have body aches, to name a few. Flu is most common in the fall and winter months.



People who have the flu can spread the virus by coughing or sneezing. Droplets release when a sick person coughs, sneezes, or talks can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby. The droplets can also be inhaled into the lungs. People may also catch the flu by touching their mouth or nose after touching something with the virus on it, such as doorknobs, tables, or an infected person’s dirty hands.

*Ways to prevent the flu:* The CDC recommends we get vaccinated, wash our hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub, don’t touch your eyes, nose, and mouth (to prevent spreading the germs) and avoid those who are sick. Masks prevent the droplet spread.

*Seek emergency care if:* trouble breathing or increased respiratory rate, chest pain, constant vomiting, blue or gray skin color, decreased fluid intake, unable to arouse the person, confusion, high fever with treatment, constant cough.

If you need assistance in obtaining a Flu vaccine, please reach out to Pam Phillips. For more information about the flu and treating your symptoms check out the information on the Faith Community Nurse bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

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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.**

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| <b>October 17</b> | <i>The Persecuted Church</i>                        |
| <b>October 24</b> | <i>"You're Going to Want to Hear This..."</i>       |
| <b>October 31</b> | <i>The Beatitudes, 1<br/>Remembering the Saints</i> |

**Office Hours**

The office will be open

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

**and**

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

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