

GRAPEVINE

October 26, 2021

"The Pastor's Page"

In *The French Reformed Liturgy* for baptism the following words are spoken to candidates for baptism, even when they are infants, as a powerful sign to the gathered community that God's love precedes and transcends human understanding.

At your baptism, God tells you that...
For you Jesus Christ came into the world.
For you [Jesus] lived and showed God's love.
For you [Jesus] suffered the darkness of Calvary and cried at the last, "It is finished."
For you [Jesus] triumphed over death and rose in newness of life.
For you [Jesus] ascended to reign at God's right hand.
All this [Jesus] did for you, before you knew anything of it.
And so the Word of Scripture is fulfilled: "We love because God loved us first."

God is with us - & - God calls us to be active in this world in ways that are centered around and most fully characterized in the word – love.

"Jesus said, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (Matthew 22:37-40)

Jesus redirects us toward encounters which reveal love's fullest most vibrant dimension – and take place within covenant accountability to God and neighbor.

What could happen if we surrender to the kind of love Jesus teaches and embodies...
What could happen if we allowed ourselves to be formed, reformed and transformed by a calling which has no place for hatred – only love...
What could happen if we 'loved God with all our heart, all our soul, and all our mind.' - & - 'Loved our neighbor as ourselves.'

What could happen?

We won't know...unless we try.
To God be the glory, now, and forevermore.

In Christian Love,



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Happy Birthday to...

November 2

Luke May
Pam Phillips

November 3

Cherie Black
Hope Sanders

November 4

Barry Simon

November 5

Andrea Crowe
Lori May

November 6

Lydia Casteel
Al Moroz
Chase Tritle

November 7

Colin Burke
Kellen Rossman
Chase Whiteman

November 8

Cian Fitzgerald

November 9

Catherine Bahm
Libby Crowe

November 10

Matt Fair
Abby Fernandes
Ashley Gladfelter

November 11

Kendal Sease
David Wright
George Marguglio

November 12

Barry Wareham
Richard Maue
Heidi Merwede

November 13

Joseph Swatsworth

November 14

Vickie Hudock

November 15

Krista Delacruz
Dave Eskildsen
Alison Sinclair

November 18

Jennifer Daniels
Joanna McGuire

November 19

John Strevig
Barbara Dombrowsky

November 20

Nathan King
Gale Pollock
Becki Powell

November 21

Tyler Weikert
Steve Kinsey
Laura Lochary

November 22

Deborah Snyder

November 23

Cathy Gardner
Matthew Hartwig
Holly Hess

Jon Holler
Graham Stabler

November 22

Miles Decker
Kim Hain

November 23

Joanna Suarez
Jim Biggar
Beth Jones

November 24

Max Bernier
Kennedy Brown
Gary Hubble

November 25

Felicity Sarnoff
Benjamin Dudash

November 26

Niles Ellingson
Hugh Ferguson
Emma Freeman

November 27

Elizabeth Hiller
Lindsey North

November 27

Vernon Reed
Carrie Conklin

November 28

Caitlyn Landauer
Susan Landauer

November 29

Kenneth Mott
William Ott

November 30

Taylor Breighner
Emma Sanders
Paige Stewart



REMINDER:

**Daylight Savings Time
ends on November 7th**



Be sure to turn your clocks
**BACK ON SATURDAY,
November 6th.**

Congregational Meeting

There will be a brief congregational meeting on **Sunday, Nov. 21** following the **9:30AM service** to elect church officers.

You may attend in person, or via the live stream! Any additional nominations must be received at the church office by Wed., Nov. 17.

CONDOLENCES:

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

The family of Mary Margaret Stewart upon her death.

Lois Edwards in the recent death of her brother.

Barry Breighner and Barton Breighner on the recent death of their sister.

Richard Bilz on the recent death of his mother.

2022 Stewardship Campaign

Rebuilding Our Community.

History of GPC and its Community:

For generations the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church has been actively serving the local community and responding to meet its needs. In the mid-eighteenth century Scots-Irish Presbyterians settled a few miles north of the current town. At that time their settlement was considered the western frontier with all of its dangers and hazards. The community provided for the common good and mutual safety of the settlers as they worshiped together and shared their faith.

The congregation later moved into the town of Gettysburg and eventually located the church at its current location in 1843. By the time of the three-day battle in 1863, the congregation numbered almost 150 members. Because of its proximity to the fighting, the sanctuary served as a field hospital during and immediately after the battle while some members of the congregation cared for the wounded soldiers.

During World War I, GPC ministered to the soldiers stationed at Camp Colt by providing a room for a lounge as a place for the young soldiers to read or write letters home. An evening of entertainment and refreshments was provided weekly. One of the soldiers was a young lieutenant, Dwight Eisenhower.

GPC currently supports missions to meet the needs of the less fortunate in the community, especially the homeless and disadvantaged children, Examples of these missions are Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S. and the Community Soup Kitchen and, for children, Ruth's Harvest and Mission Bright Star.

Bill Sterrett

Men's Interfaith

The Men's Interfaith Lunch
has been cancelled
for November.

We hope the Covid infection numbers will go down so we can safely resume in December!

Stephen Ministry

**PRESSURE: A BURDENSOME,
DISTRESSING, OR WEIGHTY CONDITION**

Are you feeling pressure right now? Is it affecting your health, your attitude, or your relationships with your family and friends? Would you like to have someone to talk to, just to help you get through the next month or two?

Our Stephen Ministers can help.
Contact Lou Nyiri at the church office
717-334-1235, ext. 4.



CALLING ALL HANDS! CALLING ALL HANDS!
NOW HEAR THIS: Christmas Mission Fair 2021 is in need of YOU!

That's right, we need more quality items and/or services for this year's Silent Auction. We have had several generous donations already: a fresh beef bundle, a Greek dinner for 6, service to complete a will, and a few gift baskets...**BUT WE NEED MORE!**

If you have a service to offer, a high-quality item to sell, or a vacation get-away spot you could spare for a weekend, we would like to hear from you! Please contact Tom Kolmer at 717-634-0258, tomkolmer@gmail.com, to discuss your idea or to offer an item.

Let's make this year's Christmas Mission Fair the best yet!

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THE SNOWFLAKES WILL BE FLYING SOON, AND THAT MEANS THAT CHRISTMAS MISSION FAIR IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

This year's Christmas Mission Fair will consist of three offerings:

1. Direct Support Gift Letters. Letters and envelopes will be available in Fellowship Hall for you to donate to your favorite GPC Mission effort on behalf of a loved one or dear friend.
2. Equal Exchange Coffee, Nuts, and Chocolates. These perennial favorites will be available for purchase on Sunday mornings beginning on Nov 14th. Be sure to come early for the best selection!
3. On-Line Silent Auction. Many wonderful gifts, services and offerings will be available via the Bidding Owl website. Join the fun with fellow GPC members and friends as you participate in this interactive bidding process to get that wonderful gift for that person that has everything else! Instructions for signing up will be forthcoming and the bidding will start on Nov 14th.

Thank you for your continued faithful support of GPC Missions through these fun holiday activities!

SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!

NEED A RIDE?

If you are having trouble attending church services and/or church functions due to not having transportation, let the Deacons help you. We are only a phone call away. The transportation Deacon for Oct. 11—Nov. 14 is Carole Simon at 717-321-6749.



“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:

November

We will be collecting items for

Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S.

Instant coffee and hot chocolate, tea bags, hot beverage cups, anti-bacterial wipes, Soft Soap/hand sanitizer, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, multi-purpose cleaner, toothpaste, deodorant, canned soup, pudding cups, cookies, crackers and granola bars.

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 31 NO MidSHIP & High School SHIP

November 7 5:00-6:30 p.m. Mid-SHIP Bonfire @ Libby's house

November 7 5:00-6:00 p.m. High School SHIP meets @GPC

November 13 6:30-8:15 p.m. Combined Youth Group w/ 2nd Presbyterian-Carlisle

November 14 NO MidSHIP & High School SHIP



THANK YOU!

Presbyterian Women had a very successful Rummage Sale this Fall. After such a long COVID break, we so enjoyed catching up with each other, laughing with each other, and sitting down to enjoy lunches and snacks together. It was delightful. Thank you to everyone who donated your treasures for sale, and to all these volunteers who donated their time all week to set up and run the sale. We made about \$3500, most of which is donated to local non-profits.

Here is our crew:

- Sharon Baker, Ellie Bilz, Lucy Breighner, Josie Brownley, Suzanne Casteel, Nancy Cook, Amy and Bob Deitch, Marie Duncan, Randy and Kathy Faloon, Barb Fair, Beth and Bill Fitzpatrick, Cathy Gardner, Jane Gwyn, Hank and Margo Har, James Hawkins, Katharine Hawkins, Merida Hurkett, Mandi Holler, Betty and Brian Jones, Melanie Keller, Anne Kern, Kathy Kircher, Tom Kolmer, Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity students, Deb Litten, Terry Lambert, Sue Lindsay, Janet McCoy, Penny Messinger, Helen Miley, Andy and Mary Miner, Rick and Diana Miner, Pam Musselman, Lou Nyiri, Diana Onativia, Rachel Parmentier, Andy Peterman, Boy Scouts leader, Pam Phillips, Robin and Don Robertson, Dennis Ruth, Mardy Sarnoff, Becky Stabler, Mary Lou Seamens, Caleb Sellers, Carole Simon, Tammi and Steve Swartzbaugh, Linda Thompson, Larry Wagner, Bev Weber, Bonnie Wright, Marilyn and Scott Zanger, and Penny and Ed Ziegler.

MISSION PRAYER LIST

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

- 10/31 Dori Hjalmarson**
Doris is serving in Honduras, partnering with Presbyterian Churches there, a place where many US churches have pulled out.
- 11/7 Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S.**
Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S. provides shelter through local churches for homeless persons and works with them to find permanent housing.
- 11/14 Accion Ministries**
Rev. Oscar Dorantes coordinates this ministry which hosts groups (like ours!) in the Yucatan, and runs three homes for youth, so they can continue their education.

Please consider including them in your own prayers!

Adult Sunday School

THE INVISIBLE HAND OF GOD

by RC Sproul

Moses and the burning bush. We all know the story, and the conversation which ensued when Moses turned aside to behold this miracle of a bush which burned, but wasn't consumed. But how well do we really know it? We know that God talks to Moses out of the bush, introduces Himself, and then commissions Moses to go back to Egypt to lead God's people out of Egypt. But how many of us truly understand the concepts and deep truths about God as made known in the conversation of the burning bush? Wonderful and esteemed theologian, R. C. Sproul, leads us through a 10-week course where he reveals profound facts about God and His nature.

Come and learn more than you ever thought possible in this series. The first five weeks will take place this fall, leading into Advent. The second 5 weeks will be the Sundays following Christmas. All classes will be in the MasAskill Room, at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings. Susan Kolmer and Lynne Graziano facilitate this video series.

First Aid/CPR/AED Class

Be Ready to Save a Life!

Be ready to help when circumstances are life threatening! Becky Stabler will be offering GPC members, and neighbors, a class in First Aid, CPR and AED. It will be held on **Monday, November 15** from 6-9pm. Half the class will be online prior to meeting in person. This is the skill session. All certifications start at 6pm and end when the skill set is complete. Register by Nov. 12, call 717-688-5183 or email: HanoverCPR@gmail.com. Members get a discounted rate. This is an American Red Cross 2 year certification.

Adult CPR/AED	GPC members \$65/ \$70 non-members
Adult CPR/AED/First Aid	GPC members \$65/ \$80 non-members
Adult/Pediatric CPR/AED/First Aid	GPC members \$65/ \$90 non-members



Poinsettias

Help us decorate the sanctuary at Christmas by ordering a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone. The flowers will be used in the sanctuary December 19th. You may pick up your plant(s) following evening worship on the 24th, or the 26th after worship services, or Monday the 27th 9:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m. **Those not picked up by noon on Tuesday, Dec. 28th will be delivered to shut-ins.** The 5-6 bloom 6 1/2" pot will cost \$10.00.

Please fill in the following form & send it with your check made payable to Gettysburg Presbyterian Church to:
 Mary Lou Seamens
 169 Hunters Trail
 Gettysburg, PA. 17325

Orders MUST be in by Sunday, December 5th.
We cannot accept orders after that date—No extensions.

Christmas Poinsettias 2021

Given by: _____
 Phone #: _____
 In Memory of: _____
 In Honor of: _____
 # of plants you will pick up _____ # of plants to be delivered to shut-ins _____



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 or Susan Kolmer at 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 November 9th 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?

[This Photo](#) by A simple phone call can give an individual “peace 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.**

Pam Phillips RN
Cell: 410-596-0777

gpcfcn@gettysburgpresbyterian.org



Your Nominating Committee asks that you please prayerfully consider serving as a deacon or elder if contacted by a member of the Nominating Committee.

Our church depends on your support as a volunteer. Your gift of time is so precious.

With appreciation,
Larry Wolf, Chair, Nominating Committee


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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 November 4, 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**

October 31	<i>The Beatitudes, 1</i> Remembering the Saints
November 7	<i>The Beatitudes, 2</i> Communion
November 14	<i>Stewardship - Rebuilding the Community</i>

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