

Gettysburg Presbyterian Church

GRAPEVINE

December 14, 2021

The Hopes and Fears of All the Years
Are met in Thee tonight.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
And
Happy New Year 2022



From the
Gettysburg Presbyterian Church Staff

Dave Lou Cheryl Penny Libby David
George Jamie Deb Carrie Larry Phyllis Pam

Happy Birthday to...

January 1

Barb Fair
Kate Matthews
Kay McClain
Johnna Sanders

January 2

Michael Gazmen
Madison Meyer
Tammy Smarsh
Ann Williams

January 3

Olivia Hall

January 4

Trenton Fake
Christian Swartzbaugh
Ethan Walker

January 6

Don Scofield

January 7

Matthew Landauer
Jane Neely
Caleb Unger
Marilyn Weary



January 8

James Bergen
Barbara Finrock

January 9

Anthony Ott

January 10

Vicki Fuller
Paul Landauer
Pamela Musselman

January 12

Lois Gregor

January 15

Katrina Fuller
Joan Kinsey

Pam Rowland
Caroline Wintrode

January 16

Alexander Cowden
Olivia Cowden
Cheryl Kulkusky
Lee Ann Larson
Callie Sheppard
Audrey Trax

January 17

Ken Brown
Alexandra Chandon
Allen Duncan
Mike Hosterman

January 18

Michael King
Patricia Lewis
William Reaver

January 19

Brian Fitzgerald
Kelcee Keller
Paul Wilson

January 20

Jacob Durboraw
John Gregor
Sharon Martin

January 21

Mary Miner
Deb Slothour
Debra Meckley

January 22

Leah Bernier
Evelyn Flinger
Madison Franek

January 23

Deb Kammerer
Tom Kolmer
Sandra Reed

January 24

Gina Xenos

January 25

Christopher Kiefer
Mary Weigle

January 26

Dianne Albin
Margaret Sarnoff

January 27

Dave Boyer
Callie Fennimore
Kay Knox
Barb Sanders

January 28

Jordan Thompson

January 29


Jacob Bridel
Kyle Clark
Ava Fair
Donald Stabler
Larry Wagner
Bev Weber

January 30

Chad Decker
Jan Gazmen

January 31

Dave Delacruz
Josh Fair
Jordan Soliday
Tracey Stone
Becky Wareham

To Allen Duncan
on January 17th!!

NEW NURSERY HOURS

Beginning January 2nd Nursery will be staffed for the 8:15 and 9:30 services. If you are attending 11:00 and need to take your child out, the Nursery will be open but you will need to stay with the child. There is a TV in the Nursery that will broadcast the service so that you can watch it while being with your child. This will be revised as needs change.

CONDOLENCES:

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

- George Marguglio on the recent death of his cousin.
- Kelly Jones on the recent death of her cousin.
- Kathy Corbin on the recent death of her mother, Doris Corbin.



Advent Schedule

December 19 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. Adult Choir
Christmas Cantata
- 9:30 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant
And Carol Sing
- 3:00 p.m. Light in the Midst of
Darkness: A Worship Service
for Those Who Find
Celebrating Difficult
(In person [masks required] or livestream)

December 24- Christmas Eve Services

- 4:00 p.m. Traditional Worship and
Birthday Party for Jesus
(ages 3 - Grade 3)
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship
- 7:00 p.m. Family Worship
- 8:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

Candle-lighting and Carol singing at all services.
Nursery care provided at each service.



*Come and Celebrate the Season
with
Joy and Hope!*

"Rebuilding Community" Stewardship 2022

***Thank you to everyone
who has already submitted
their pledge for the
2022 Stewardship Campaign.***

***If you have not, there is still
time. Please place them in
the offering plate on
Sunday morning or turn them
into the church office
at your earliest convenience.***

Envelopes & Contributions

Please pick up your 2022 contribution envelopes on the table in Fellowship Hall. This will save the church time and money since those not picked up are mailed out individually.

Also, our Church Treasurer reminds everyone to make 2021 gifts to the church by December 31 to receive credit for your donation in the 2021 calendar year.

Light in the Midst of Darkness

A worship service for those who find celebrating difficult...

Date: Sunday, December 19, 2021
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Place: In Person (masks required) or Livestream
 Gettysburg Presbyterian Church
 208 Baltimore Steet

(Parking lot located off East High Street)
 (Livestream Link on website: www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org)

Gather with us for this quiet, meditative service as we remember and share our hurting places with God.

Join us for this candle-lit time of music, scripture, stories, silent reflection, and prayer...



MISSION PRAYER LIST

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

- 12/19 Sean and 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.
- 12/26 Marta Bennet**
 Marta is a long-time missionary teaching theology and leadership in Nairobi, Kenya.
- 1/2/22 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!



Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has disbanded for a time due to a perceived lack of interest. I have been encouraged to re-establish this ministry, and I would like to remind those who knit, crochet, or weave that this group can re-surface at any time. Please let me know of your interest, and we will regroup after Christmas. Needles and yarn are available. Thank you.

Beth Fitzpatrick, 717-334-4960,
bethieandbill@comcast.net

Mid-Ship News

The Mid-Ship group has been busy this holiday season. Check out the wall in Fellowship Hall for a crossword of Thanks that they compiled for Thanksgiving. The group decorated 50+ envelopes with Christmas greetings for the Mission Bright Star kids' gift cards, for a more personalized touch. They made Christmas crafts and talked about the true story of Christ's birth on Dec. 5th. Four Mid-Ship boys and Kieran McKeon made cards and baked cookies on the afternoon of Dec. 7th to take to the local Fire Station, the Police Station, the Gettysburg Hospital ER, and some GPC shut-ins. Thanks to Luke Daniels, Lucas Delacruz, Jackson Lush, and Caleb Sellers for their hard work. Thanks also to Jess Lush, Jill Sellers, and Pam Phillips for helping to distribute the cookies! On Dec. 19th, the Mid-Ship group will have a waffle feast and a White Elephant Gift Exchange.

Blessings of the Season from Libby Crowe and the Mid-Ship Group!

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.

December 19 5:00-6:00 p.m. Christmas Celebration @GPC

December 26 NO SHIP OR MidSHIP - Christmas Break

January 2 NO SHIP OR MidSHIP - New Years

Christmas Eve Ushers Needed

Can you help usher on Christmas Eve at any of the four services: 4:00 p.m. (Traditional & Birthday Party for Jesus); 5:30 p.m. (Contemporary); 7:00 p.m. (Family); 8:30 p.m. (Traditional)?

If so, please contact the following staff members; 5:30 p.m. – Contact Libby Crowe, Director of Contemporary Worship;

4:00 / 7:00 / 8:30 p.m. – Contact, Rev. Lou Nyiri.

Thanks in Advance.



Since the advent of Covid, women have put off getting their annual Mammograms which means that Breast cancer is on the rise. As of January 2021, there were more than 3.8 million women with a history of breast cancer in the US (including current treatments and post treatments).

Mammograms are a vital tool in detecting breast cancer in its earliest stages. The earlier breast cancer is detected, the increased chance of curing the disease. The goal is to cure before it spreads throughout the body and requires more invasive therapies with harmful side effects.

What is a Mammogram? It is an x- ray of your breasts to screen for breast cancer

Does it hurt? It is a fast procedure and has minimal discomfort.

How often should I get a mammogram? Experts recommend mammograms every 2 years starting at age 50 years. You may need a mammogram at 49 years or younger if you have an increased risk for breast cancer. A baseline mammogram between 35-40 years and yearly mammograms after 40 are the best means of early detection.

Self-exams: Regular, monthly self-exams are a vital tool for discovery of abnormalities

Call *WellSpan* Imaging at Washington Street Health Center 717-337-4103 to schedule your appointment. They offer patients both advanced three-dimensional (3D) or the traditional two-dimensional (2D) screening mammography.

For more information contact Pam Phillips FCN at 410-596-0777 or email gpcfcn@gettysburgpresbyterian.org.



2022 Chancel Flowers



The new calendar is available on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall to sign up for the Chancel flowers in 2022.

****PLEASE NOTE: The Price of flowers has gone up to \$35.00 ****



Volunteers Needed!

The Contemporary Worship Service needs people to help project the PowerPoint during the 9:30 a.m. contemporary service. No experience needed- you will be trained. You will be working in a rotation of four to six people, so you would most likely be scheduled every four to six weeks.

If interested, please see Libby Crowe or Carrie Conklin, or contact Libby at (717) 476-0821.

Who are those masked men?

You may have noticed three characters in our sanctuary, gradually moving toward the front of the sanctuary. They are the three magi, making their way forward to the baby Jesus. They'll reach the holy family on Christmas Eve. In the meantime, feel free to sit with them during worship!



Many of our staff will be on vacation after Christmas.

The Church office will be CLOSED December 25 - January 3

(Poinsettias can be picked up Dec. 28, 9:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.)

For pastoral care needs

December 25 - 29 contact Pastor Lou, 717-337-2939 and

December 30 - January 2 contact Pastor Dave at 717-398-2411

After serving two terms on the Board of the Soup Kitchen, Eleanor Bilz will be stepping down in February. In order to have representation from our Church, we are seeking a candidate who would be willing to take her place. The Board consists of men and women from various neighboring churches as well as organizations and the College. The Board meets every other month via Zoom. You need no special qualifications, only a sense of caring. However, if you have a background in finance, H.R. or property management, that would be a great help. If you are interested, please get in touch with Amy Deitch ahdeitch@hotmail.com.





GPC will be hosting Gettysburg CARES Homeless Shelter Dec. 20 - Jan. 9. CARES supplies the overnight people who stay with the CARES guests, but we need to supply a host each evening from 8:15 to 9:15 p.m. The host welcomes the CARES people to our church and can also give a short devotion for the ones who are interested. I already have hosts for Dec. 21 and Dec. 28. All hosts and overnight people and CARES guests have to be vaccinated. If any of you are willing to be a host for one or more nights, please email Amy Deitch at ahdeitch@hotmail.com Thank you!

ADVENT WREATH



Materials are in large Rubbermaid tubs outside the electric door to Fellowship Hall.

Please take a bag of items and cut yourself greens from the containers of greens. Celebrate Advent by lighting your Advent Wreath each week during advent.

Stephen Ministry

SHOW THEM YOU CARE!



When you see people who are sad, lonely, or grief-stricken, don't just tell them you care--show them you care!

Ask how they are, listen to what they have to say, share the love of Jesus. And if their need is great, encourage them to consider Stephen Ministry as a way to receive the transforming love and care of Jesus. Show them you care, and you can make a real difference in their life. For more information call Lou at the church office 334-1235, ext. 4.



This year we are again providing devotional materials to help you prepare for Advent. There are devotionals on the CE table for children and for families to use. Also you will find the advent devotional in which some of you submitted your thoughts on advent. Please help yourselves to one copy per family of these devotions. Let these devotions lead you through your preparation for the birth of Christ.



WHAT ARE MY...
Spiritual Gifts?

COURSE FOR PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

What is the church, really?

At least one answer to that question is this: The church is the body of Christ on earth. Paul wrote, "Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it" (*1 Corinthians 12:27*).

The Holy Spirit has given each of us unique gifts to carry out God's work in the world. It is not necessarily easy, however, to discover our gifts or to develop and use them effectively. That's why our congregation is offering the course "Discovering God's Vision for Your Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts."

Where do you fit into Christ's body, the church? The answer lies in the unique gifts God has given you. This course will provide a renewed understanding of who God created you to be and God's design for Christian community. Participants will find clues to their spiritual gifts in the "Haugk Spiritual Gifts Inventory" and other gifts discovery activities. They will then explore opportunities to further develop and use their gifts in the congregation and community.

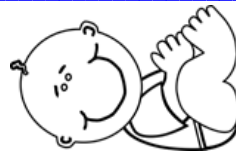
The class will start after the new year, possibly early spring. You must attend all 8 weeks. Sign up in Fellowship Hall. Course fee- \$17. Contact: Jen Clark at jennifermaueclark@gmail.com

BIRTHDAY PARTY for JESUS!!

*Held during the 4:00 p.m. service
on Christmas Eve.*

For children ages 3—Grade 3, a special “Birthday Party for Jesus” will be held during the 4:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. The party will include songs, the Christmas story, crafts, cupcakes for Jesus, and a special gift bag for each child.

Children will begin the service with their families in the sanctuary and exit shortly thereafter. All children ages 3—Grade 3 are welcome to attend this meaningful celebration.



Babysitter Training

December 29, Wednesday 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The American Red Cross has created a course for Babysitters which includes sessions on leadership, age characteristics, problem solving, safety, communication and first aid. The class will be led by Becky Stabler in the Sewing Room. For registration or questions, please call Becky at 717-688-5183. The course is designed for 11 to 15 year-olds who want to babysit.

\$60 GPC members; \$65 non-members

“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.

For the month of:

January

We will be collecting items for

The Gettysburg Soup Kitchen:

Non-perishable canned and boxed food items (not opened or passed expiration date), bottled water, coffee (instant and grounds), coffee creamer, hot chocolate, granola bars, fruit snacks, individually wrapped snacks, drink mixes, juices, boxed mac & cheese, peanut butter, jelly, Ramen noodles, biscuit mix, bath soap, toothpaste/brushes, shampoo.

Please no glass items.

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

Dec. 13 - Jan. 9 is

Tracey Stone at 717-253-0092



Afghanistan Refugee Resettlement Project – Inventory of Personal Interest and Resources

As noted earlier, churches and interested groups in Adams County are beginning to discuss the possibility of sponsoring 2-3 refugee families in our area. Afghan citizens were instrumental in assisting the US armed forces during the 20-year war in Afghanistan. Many who aided the U.S. mission are arriving in the U.S for resettlement. Gettysburg churches have been deeply committed to welcoming the stranger and loving our neighbors in the past. These churches and interested groups are exploring the call to welcome Afghan refugees fleeing violence and persecution in their home country and to advocate for them.

GPC has previously been involved with at least three refugee family resettlements to the area. If you would like to be part of a team from GPC to assist with this undertaking, then let Rev. Nyiri know (email – gpcclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org phone – 717-334-1235, ext. 4). In addition, we are seeking resource information on how our members might be willing to assist these families, hoping we will find ways to help that will fit everyone's special talents and interests. Please read through the items below – if you would be willing to help; have an interest or knowledge; or know someone or some group that might be willing to be contacted then let Rev. Nyiri know (when responding please provide your name; email; phone number).

Area of Need	Description of Need
Housing	Identify and provide suitable housing for the assigned refugee family or families
Household Furnishings	Provide and install household furnishings, bedding, appliances and household utensils as needed
Wardrobe and Seasonal	Assess requirements and provide seasonal clothing and other wardrobe items needed for all family members.
Educational & ESL Services Provision	Provide school backpacks, educational supplies, special equipment. Identify special counseling or English as a Second Language (ESL) services. Help enroll children. Advocate for translation/interpretation services. ESL and Conversational practice for other family.
Transportation	Volunteer to drive for routine transportation needs of families. Enroll adult family members in drivers training and driver's license requirements; solicit vehicle donations when able to drive.
Medical	Help family members connect with medical coverage, and practitioners for medical, dental, optometry.
Government Services or Legal	Help connect with government services and benefits they are entitled to; provide guidance and assistance with immigration and citizenship.
Community Orientation	Orient family to local community resources, pedestrian rules, crosswalks, how to purchase items, finance & banking information or other necessities
Shopping & Commercial	Assist families with locating local shopping and services to meet their basic material needs.
Worship, Recreation, Quality of Life	Introduce families to places of worship and community resources for fellowship, community involvement, education and recreation.
Employment	Help eligible family members connect with job opportunities offered through the resettlement agency or other sources. Assist or locate assistance with resume preparation.
Career Guidance & Mentoring	Provide guidance for reaching career goals, re-training opportunities, meeting U.S. qualifications for practicing their career. Identify community members with relevant professions or trades who may assist.
Financial Assistance	Provide a donation for the purpose of supporting activities to support families.
Miscellaneous	People are needed for help with: Fundraising / Publicity and Outreach / Financial Oversight

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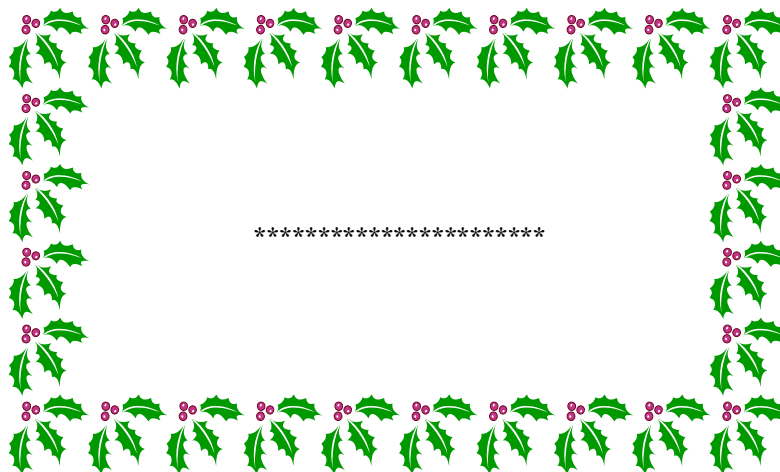
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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 December 30, 2021

December 2021/ January 2022
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

December 19	8:15 & 11:00 Christmas Cantata: <i>The Seven Noels</i> 9:30 - Children's Christmas Pageant / Carol Sing 3:00 p.m. - " <i>Light in the Midst of Darkness</i> " (in person or livestream)
December 24	4:00 p.m. Traditional Worship & Birthday Party for Jesus 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship 7:00 p.m. Family Worship 8:30 p.m. Traditional Worship
December 26	10:00 a.m. COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE " <i>Who Stole Baby Jesus</i> "
January 2	" <i>When Christmas Passed</i> " - <i>Star Words</i> —Cheryl Betts Preaching

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