

GRAPEVINE

April 5, 2022

Preparing for Holy Week and Easter

Easter worship is a time of joy, celebration, and renewal. Even churches that do not customarily follow the church year celebrate this day as the culmination of all that the gospel is about. In contrast to the somber starkness of Holy Week, Easter's mood is one of bright tulips, lilies, and celebration. Before we can declare resurrection, however, we must journey through the valley of the shadow of death.

YOU'RE INVITED



Thus, I encourage you to use the invitation which can be found on pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter (print them as a two-sided, flip on long edge, color document – then fold and cut in half) to invite others to join you for Holy Week and Easter worship. (Don't forget to remind them that many of those services will be livestreamed and archived on our YouTube page.) Pre-made copies of the

invitation are available in Sunday morning worship bulletins, downloadable from the website homepage, or by calling/emailing the church office (717-334-1235 / info@gettysburgpresbyterian.org).

Lastly, as we prepare for Easter Day, may the following prayers be prayed by us until they are downloaded into the very fabric of our being that we will bear living witness to them as we gather to proclaim,
Our triumphant Holy Day:

Loving God,
on this celebrative day, many may join us for worship who do not regularly join with your people.
We pray for the gift of hospitality today,
that our community will welcome them with open arms.
May each worshiper sense the power of the gospel today
and be drawn closer to you, by the power of your Spirit. **Amen.**

(Worship Sourcebook, second edition, 2013)

God of life,
we praise you for the miracle of Easter.
We pray for great joy for ourselves and for all who come to worship today to celebrate Jesus' resurrection.
We pray especially for those who will join us for worship and whose lives are filled with pain, loss, or deep sadness.
May they sense how the resurrection is a source of great hope. **Amen.**

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With Anticipation,



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The PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) wants to thank you, this amazing congregation, for the warm welcome given to Rev. Caleb McClure and his family. It was such a special weekend filled with joy. Special thanks to Elder Deb Litten and her Hospitality Team in providing refreshments and decorations for the Saturday & Sunday receptions. And, the weekend would not have been a success without all the incredible GPC staff who provided support for all three services and the congregational meeting. The entire McClure family noted GPC's enthusiasm and is eager to relocate to Gettysburg in June. It is certainly exciting for all of us to experience this new chapter in the history of this great church.

May God Bless GPC!
Anne Gallon

My family and I thank all of you for your prayers, love, and support during the illness and passing of our sister, Kim.

We are truly Blessed by this Church Family!

Kelly Jones



Walk for Water
Moul Park -
151 Moul Ave., Hanover
Saturday, April 30
From 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

In 2013 GPC was instrumental in providing a safe water system in Hidalgo Mexico through "Water Mission International"

Now you have the opportunity to see this system in action and raise funds for similar systems by participating in the Central PA - Walk for Water event on April 30. The walk is 2.6 miles and the cost is \$20 per person. Pre-registration is encouraged. You can register at Walkforwater.com/CentralPA.

THIS SUNDAY



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

For over 70 years, Presbyterians have joined with other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) to provide resources to people experiencing need. Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The gifts of OGHS support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, food for the hungry, and community development. They help give people safety, sustenance, and hope. To learn more about how your gift to OGHS makes a difference, visit pcusa.org/oghs.

Please prayerfully consider making a special offering Palm Sunday, April 10th. Envelopes can be found in Fellowship Hall or in the pew racks.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 10th

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

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of the Lord's Supper

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12 noon - Community Good Friday Service at
Trinity U.C.C. - 60 E. High St., Gettysburg, PA

Easter Sunday, April 17th

6:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service at the
Eternal Peace Light on the Battlefield
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9:30* a.m. Contemporary Worship with Sunday School
(ages 3 – Grade 5)
10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
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(* - This service will be livestreamed. Click the following link or
copy-and-paste it into your web browser:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0VLEYqfS9exy76HqL9Tbpg>)

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EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST



Your Deacons invite you to the all-church
Easter Continental Breakfast Buffet
on Easter Sunday, April 17th .

Serving times will be 9 – 9:30am and 10:30 – 11am
in Fellowship Hall.

We hope you will join us for fellowship before or after the worship service
you choose to attend as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.



A blood drive to benefit Jen Unger
will be held on April 28th
from 2:45 – 8:00 P.M.
at the Littlestown High School.

You can register by going to www.Redcrossblood.org



South Carolina Mission Trip

There are still spaces available for those who would
like to help Habitat for Humanity build houses in
Charleston, SC, May 1-7.

Interested? Contact Jerry Cleaver via e-mail
(jecork54@yahoo.com) or call 717-359-0419.



SAVE THE DATE on May 8, 2022

there will a Combined Worship Service
at 10 am at the Rec Park.

It is also Mother's Day and Youth Sunday!

In case of inclement weather, there will be one service
in the Sanctuary at 10 am.

(The service will be live-streamed if in the Sanctuary, but not if we are at the Rec Park).
Stay tuned for more information!



Happy Spring from your Missions and Interpretation Committee! With the promise of better weather on the way, we encourage you to share Christ's love with those around you! One great way to do so is to join the GPC South Carolina Mission Trip, on May 1-7. We will be partnering with Habitat for Humanity to bring quality housing to those in need in the Sea Island community south of Charleston. Registration for this opportunity is open right now! The cost is approximately \$175 per person. No special construction skills are needed, only a willing spirit and a can-do attitude!

If you have question or interest, please contact the trip Leader Jerry Cleaver at (717)-359-0419 as soon as possible. We hope many of you can join us!

Another great way to share God's compassion is to participate in One Great Hour of Sharing! Information and a prayer-focus calendar are available in all GPC information outlets. Fish boxes for the kids (or adults!) are also available at the church. Remembering and meeting the needs of others is a core Christian principle. Your pocket change or sizable donation make a big impact through OGHS!

Our Christmas Mission Fair fundraiser was a big success. A total of \$6,889.70 was raised through the Silent Auction, Direct Support, and Presbyterian Coffee Project. These funds are distributed as follows: Mexico Mission - \$462, Heifer International - \$1030, SC Mission - \$760, HS Mission - \$865, Family Mission - \$3,172.70, and Gettysburg Soup Kitchen - \$610. Thank you for your participation and enthusiasm which make GPC Missions possible!

The GPC Session has given initial approval to a new project that we are very excited about! We will partner with Rise Against Hunger to hold a Meal Packing Event that everyone in the family can be involved in! We hope to pack between 10,000 and 20,000 individual meals of lentils, rice, and other non-perishables during a fun-filled afternoon in Fellowship Hall! Stay tuned for further information, but please pencil this event in for early October.

Thank you for your support and involvement! - Tom Kolmer

Ukrainian Relief Opportunity

We have all been following the tragic stories of displaced people fleeing war in Ukraine. The images of refugees streaming from bomb-damaged cities shock us. They cause us to cry out to our Lord for peace and safety on behalf of our brothers and sisters caught in the fighting. Here are three things you can do to help...right now!

1. **PRAY.**
God hears our prayers and promises act for the good of His people!
Let us all commit to lift up our Ukrainian neighbors daily
2. **GIVE.**
The Presbyterian Church (USA) has set up a direct link for donations through Presbyterian Disaster Relief. You can find this link on their website at www.pcusa.org, by clicking on the link at the top of the home page marked "Support emergency relief for those fleeing violence in Ukraine." Through trusted partners in the region, we are able to demonstrate solidarity with refugees and displaced persons through immediate gifts to the communities leading relief work and receiving refugees.
3. **STAY INFORMED.**
Listen to trusted news sources to keep up with developments in the region. Do not let your hearts be hardened or ears become deaf to the cries and needs in Ukraine and other European countries in the area.

Thank you for your love and care expressed on behalf of our Ukrainian neighbors!

Hershey Park Tickets



Thinking of going to Hershey Park this summer?

Want to buy tickets at a cheaper rate?

We've got the answer for you!

You can order and buy tickets through the church group rate.

These tickets can be used ANY DAY **April 2, 2022 thru January 1, 2023**.

The rates are: **\$39.95 for AGES 3 - ADULT** (regular rate is \$77.80)

You may order these tickets by signing up in Fellowship Hall Sunday mornings.

FINAL DATE TO SIGN UP & PAY FOR THESE TICKETS IS SUNDAY, APRIL 17.

Please make checks out to "Gettysburg Presbyterian Church."

There will be no refunds for tickets not used.

You do not have to be a church member to participate. Thanks!!

An unexpected hospital stay or planned visit can be very overwhelming and frightening. A visit to the hospital can increase our fears and anxieties. Most of us have been to the hospital for a procedure, an Emergency room visit, illness, or surgery in our lifetime. Being prepared ahead of time can help us in our time of need.

Things we should take with us to the Emergency Department or for surgery:

- A complete list of your medications, including over-the-counter medications, and herbal supplements
- A list of our complete medical history (do not assume that your doctor "knows your history" or "it's in the chart.")
The quality of your care depends on your history.
- Bring your photo ID and insurance cards

Things we shouldn't take to the hospital:

- Jewelry, credit cards, check books, and cash

Jewelry must be removed for most surgical procedures (wedding ring can be taped)

Safeguarding your possessions can be quite challenging, especially when you are sick and recovering.

This can be an unnecessary burden on you to ensure their safekeeping.

You can request:

- To meet your surgeon/physician ahead of your scheduled date for surgery

Some people are meeting their surgeon for the first time before their surgery. You will want to ask about incision size, how much pain to expect, how will pain be controlled, and what restrictions you will have.

Another question to ask is if you will need a blood transfusion. If you want to donate your own, these arrangements must be completed ahead of time.

To help you with compiling your Health information I have made a booklet for all your family members.

I have one for my husband and I that I keep with me. I have had to use it multiple times. My own personal health record has decreased my stress knowing that the information can be handed to a medical professional to obtain the correct and up to date information.

In an emergency, we often can't remember the important information that we need to share with the medical team.

Pick up your free copy of Gettysburg Presbyterian Personal Health Record in Fellowship Hall

Pam Phillips FCN at 410-596-0777 or email gpcfcn@gettysburgpresbyterian.org





The Spring Rummage Sale is scheduled for Friday and Saturday April 22ND AND 23RD.
The Bake Sale will be back also.

We are asking only 3 bags OR boxes of CLOTHING 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 SPRING AND SUMMER clothing and items. Please donate household items, jewelry, tools. We are not able to take electronics, Christmas items, drinking glasses or books. Any furniture larger than an end table, coffee table or book case, please call or text or email a picture to Margo Har.

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. Strong people are needed at 8:30 Monday morning to set up tables. There will be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please email Margo Har at stepmargo@comcast.net or call 978-807-3750, indicating how you'd like to volunteer.

Thank you, in advance
Presbyterian Women

ITEMS FOR RUMMAGE SALE

3 BIG BAGS OR BOXES OF CLEAN CLOTHING - (NO WINTER OR COATS)

SHIRTS, PANTS
SHOES AND BOOTS
GLOVES, SCARVES, HATS, PURSES
BELTS, SOCKS, JEWELRY

GAMES & TOYS

HOUSEWARES

GLASS SETS (NO SINGLE GLASSES)
PLATES AND DISHES
COFFEE MUGS
COOKIE TINS
SETS OF CHINA
WORKING APPLIANCES - COFFEE MAKERS, CAN OPENERS, TOASTERS, CLOCKS
COOKWARE AND UTENSILS; NO KNIVES

TOOLS

ARTWORK, FRAMES, PICTURES

LAMPS AND SHADES

FURNITURE

SIDE TABLES, COFFEE TABLES (NO SOFAS OR LARGE FURNITURE
OR CONTACT MARGO HAR)

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.

March 14 - April 10 please
contact Leslie Casteel at
717-387-1088



April 11 - May 8 please contact Mary
Beth Shoemaker at 610-730-5051

“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:

April

We will be collecting items for
Adams County Office of Aging

Adult pull-on briefs (not the kind with tape on the sides) in sizes M, L, XL, disposable bed pads, Ensure or Boost nutritional supplement drinks and flushable wipes.

MISSION PRAYER LIST

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

- 4/10 Mexico Mission Trip**
Works with Accion Ministries to do construction, VBS, a glasses ministry, and fellowship with local Mexico Christians in the Yucatan each summer.
- 4/17 Native American Mission Trip**
We are exploring the possibility of a new mission to replace the S. Dakota trip that we did for many years.
- 4/24 Presbyterian Homes**
Presbyterian Homes provide a variety of living places for Seniors.

Please consider including them in your own prayers!

SAVE THE DATE

June 20 -23

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

“EGYPT: Joseph’s Journey from Prison to Palace” is our theme.

Registration begins May 10th thru June 7th.
Volunteers for Marketplace signup begins March 27th. Leaders for groups will begin on March 27th also.

Signup to help us make this a wonderful return to full VBS.



Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Condolences

Tracy Boyer on the recent death of her grandmother.

Paul Wilson Memorial - A Celebration of Life and Witness to Resurrection service will be held April 9, 2022 – 12:00 p.m. – Nicarry Meetinghouse (Cross Keys Village, 2990 Carlisle Pike, New Oxford, PA). The service will also be livestreamed at the CKV Livestream YouTube page by clicking on the following link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCz0tCykOi08XhqxnS_Gccw then selecting the thumbnail for Paul Wilson’s Memorial Service.



Stephen Ministry

Change: To give a radically different position, course or direction

Changes can be difficult — especially when they are unexpected.

Stephen Ministers are trained to help people learn to cope with the changes that have happened in their life. If you have experienced great changes — or know someone who has — and would like to learn more about Stephen Ministry, please call Rev. Nyiri at the church office 717-334-1235, ext. 4


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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, April 14, 2022**

**April 2022
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

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| April 10 | “Palm Sunday” - Rev. Dale Williams Preaching |
| April 17 | “Easter” - Rev. Lou Nyiri Preaching
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship Service at the Eternal Peace Light
8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship at GPC
9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Deacon sponsored Continental Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with Sunday School (ages 3 – Grade 5)
10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship |
| April 24 | Laity Sunday - Stephen Leader, Jen Clark Speaking |

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