

GRAPEVINE

June 7, 2022

Let's Go Fly a Kite -

The 2013 movie Saving Mr. Banks tells the story behind the making of PL Travers beloved Mary Poppins into a Disney classic. Mrs. Travers (never Pamela) was not keen on making the movie, although she was granted say in the creative process. Travers was a tough sell, to say the least, however, in my favorite scene in the movie she begins to have a change of heart and moves her foot from side to side to the song "Let's Go Fly a Kite." She even takes the hand offered her and dances around the room as the cast sings in unison, *Let's go fly a kite.*

Up to the highest height.

Up to the atmosphere.

Up where the air is clear.

Let's go fly a kite.

There is an almost palpable hope as one prepares to launch a kite.

Kite flying is a wonderful metaphor for the Christian faith and especially for the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Some have found kite flying to be a parallel to Good Friday's anticipation of Jesus' victory over death. Some have illustrated Christ's Ascension by flying a kite then cutting its string, so it disappears into the sky. While kite flying is a good example of Ascension, I see similarities between the act of flying a kite and the Holy Spirit's activity in our lives.

Kite flying resembles our hope and desire to be caught by God's love and lifted to unimaginable heights.

In Saving Mr. Banks, we learn that Mary Poppins isn't about saving the children – it's about helping their father find hope again and grace to be better. "Let's Go Fly a Kite" is the song he sings signifying his change of heart.

As a church we recently celebrated Pentecost when the promised Holy Spirit descends upon the believers, and the church is enlivened to go and make disciples.

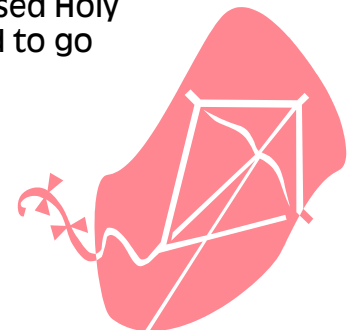
May we continue to actively engage with the Holy Spirit as God transforms us into faithful disciples – *up to the atmosphere or wherever we find ourselves.*

Kite Flyingly Yours,



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Happy Birthday to...

June 2

Emma Burgess
Robert Farnham
Dustin Rogers

June 3

Stratton Brown
Leah Krichten

June 4

Will Brubaker
Kendall Holsclaw
Jean LeGros

June 5

Pat Behre
Maureen Johnson

June 6

Riley Fitzgerald
Evelyn Small

June 7

Donald Carman
Gabriel Delacruz
Jubal Haffey
Dale Molina
Leslie Smarsh
Kim Stahl

June 8

Zachary Beegle
Shane Miller

June 10

Alexander Contreras
Nikolas Contreras

June 11

Barton Breighner
Alex Cunningham
Sherry Farkas
Brett Williams

June 12

Benn Hoover
Jaron Sanders

June 13

Tim Waligore

June 14

Jayden Harvey
Kim Patrono

June 15

Beckie Carbaugh
Andrew Druckman
Rachel Druckman
Susan Guiher
Amie Murray
Allyson Smarsh

June 16

Nancy Bushey
Frank Geist
Linda Houghton

June 17

Abigail Holler
Katelyn Holler
Natalie Holler
Ann Matthews
Amanda Ott

June 18

Ann Cook
Ethan Mora
Amanda Rossman

June 19

Happy Freas
Diana Miner
Matthew VanHoutte

June 20

Michael Crowe
Sydney Miller
Abigail Moroz
Hilda Oussoren
Katie Schwartz
Michael Wark

June 23

Nichol Hare
Bob Jackson

June 24

Jeff Hieber
Cinnamon Hosterman

June 25

Cam Bernier
Dan Ebaugh
Aidan Hoover
Joan Jackson
Aaron VanHoutte

June 26

Britton Reed

June 27

Lacey Anderson
Jennifer Clark

June 28

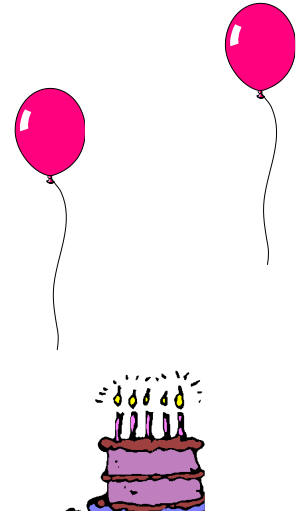
Carolyn Smarsh
Rebecca Stabler

June 29

Gail Lee
Emri Snyder

June 30

Lexi Franek
Cheryl Gochenauer
Cadi McMaster
Tim Skoczen
Hank Tushek



HAPPY 60th ANNIVERSARY

to Whitney & Nancy Coombs on June 16th!

Congratulations Roger Clowes

Roger Clowes, GPC member, was elected to be a Ruling Elder Commissioner to the 225th General Assembly of our Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) denomination. Roger will serve as the Moderator of the Financial Resources Committee, which includes all financial and budget related items from entities of the General Assembly. Roger brings a critical and gifted skill set to this committee having served as the Treasurer at National Capital Presbytery (Washington DC) and on the Finance Committee of Carlisle Presbytery. Prior to GA, Roger will attend online training sessions under the leadership of our denomination's headquarters. The General Assembly will be held online July 5-9, 2022. Please pray for Roger, our General Assembly Staff, and all Ruling Elder/Teaching Elder Commissioners as they prepare work alongside one another, participate with the Holy Spirit's guidance and lead our denomination forward.

Let's get to know Pastor Caleb!



We've got three options to help –

1. Weekly "Walk and Talk": **Show up at GPC on Thursday mornings at 8:00 AM** with your sneakers, ready to step off on a route around town with Pastor Caleb. This will **begin on Thursday, June 16.**
2. Share a Meal: Caleb will be on his own for meals all summer, and would appreciate invitations to eat with GPC members – either at your home or at a restaurant.



"Coffee with Caleb": If lattes or cappuccinos are more to your liking, we will schedule some opportunities to join Pastor Caleb at local coffee shops to share drinks and conversation.

Keep your eyes peeled next week for an email with a Google sheet we will use to make signing up for these activities easier. You can also email Deb Litten at sanddlitten@gmail.com with questions or requests for help with participation in these opportunities. Let's spend the summer getting to know each other!

Pastor Caleb's Schedule and Contact Information

You may reach me at the church office Tuesday through Thursday from 8:30a to 4:30p (717-334-1235, ext. 3). I will generally be in the office or out on visits these days. You may also contact me on my brand-new church email address: caleb@gettysburgpresbyterian.org.

On Fridays, I try to work from home to do my sermon preparation while my children are at school – you may reach me on my cell at 912-704-4776 – please call or text if you need something, want a prayer, or just want to chat.

On Saturdays, I try to maintain a day for my family – for hikes and adventures, Legos, videogames and rainy playdough-finger-painting-days – but I want you to know that I am here for you on that day as well! And of course, I pray that I have an opportunity to see you on Sunday mornings during worship as we give praise and glory to an Awesome God.

Every person needs a day of rest. Even God! On the seventh day of Creation, Genesis tells us that God took a break from creating and rested (Genesis 2:2-3) – God sanctified this day, making it a holy day – a day set apart from the rest. The People of God long ago recognized God's sanctification of this day and maintained a day of rest called the Sabbath. It is important that as your pastor, I maintain healthy boundaries and keep one day out of the week as a day of rest, too. My Sabbath day is on Monday. On this special day, I will be recharging my Spiritual bank, with reading, prayer, and sacred time with my family. You may email me, or text me, or call me and leave a message and on Tuesday I will return your email, or your text, or your call.

My prayer is that this information is received well, and you know I am here for you throughout each week to celebrate your joys and to walk with you in your concerns as your Undershepherd.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Caleb

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Cell: 912-704-4776 (call or text)

Email: caleb@gettysburgpresbyterian.org

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – 8:30a to 4:30p

Home Office Hours: Friday – 8:30a to 2:30p

On Call on Saturday and Sunday

Monday is my Sabbath day

Gun Violence, Gospel Values: Mobilizing in Response to God's Call

From the 219th General Assembly
Adult Study Class

June 30th – August 4th
Thursdays, 6–7:15p
Facilitated by Pastor Caleb

In 2010, the 219th General Assembly adopted a resolution entitled: *Gun Violence, Gospel Values: Mobilizing in Response to God's Call*. Since 2009, there have been 274 mass shootings in the United States alone, resulting in 1,536 people shot and killed and 983 people shot and wounded. On May 24th, 2022, in Uvalde, TX, an 18-year-old shot and killed 19 children and two children at Robb Elementary. Since the 24th, at the time of this writing, June 2nd, there have been eighteen other mass shootings across the United States, if you define a mass shooting as four or more people being shot or killed.

It's time talk about this – what does our Bible have to say about this much debated issue and how might God be speaking to us today? You are invited to an adult study on Thursday evenings starting June 30th and running for six weeks to August 4th. Come as you are, ready to listen, discuss, and pray as we discern how God is leading us forward. Our room location will be determined by the size of our group.

Sign ups are on the Christen Education table. Call or email pastor Caleb with questions.

caleb@gettysburgpresbyterian.org or 717-334-1235, Ext. 3

Dear Church Family,

Neptune, the black lab I have raised to become a seeing eye dog, has passed his big test and is now going to Yorktown Heights, NY where the Guiding Eyes for the Blind training school is to learn the tools he will need to lead a blind person. Many thanks to you for welcoming him to worship and meetings at GPC. You were a big part of his training as well and he certainly benefited from your love and attention!

Anne Gallon

G.P.C. Knitters and Crocheters, please note:

There is a new ministry that needs our support.

The Hanover Hospital ICU has joined the “Forever In Our Heart Blanket Initiative” and seeks to provide blankets for family members facing the loss of a loved one.

These blankets provide comfort to the patient and are then passed to the family as a keepsake.

There is no specified size or pattern requirement, but the blankets should be washable.

Please join us in this effort. No meetings required, no deadlines to meet, just as an act of service to comfort our neighbor.

Please contact Kelcee Keller (717-304-6344) or Beth Fitzpatrick (717-334-4960) for more information.

Thank You!



Grief Support Offerings from Bridging Life Hospice and Palliative Care

Below are several grief support opportunities if you are interested. If you have question, please let me know.

Pathways

Open to anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one. The group addresses emotional issues surround the loss and offers coping strategies. Meets 3rd Wed of the Month 7-8 PM. Call 410-871-7656 to register and obtain access to this virtual group.

Widows & Widowers

Open to adults who have lost a spouse. First Tuesday of the month 6:30-8PM. Call 410-960-7568 to register and obtain access to this virtual group.

Mending Hearts

Open to parents who have lost a child. Meets 3rd Monday of the month. 6:30-8PM Call 410-871-7656 to obtain access to this virtual group.

Healing after a Substance Loss

Open to those who have experienced the death of a loved one related to substance use or addiction. The group address the unique emotional issues surround the loss and offers coping strategies. Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month 5-6:30 PM. Call 443-974-8717 to registered and obtain access to this virtual group.

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

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Lynne Orner on the passing of her longtime companion Jim Maddox.

Bob & Amy Deitch on the recent death of Bob's mother.



A service of witness to resurrection & celebration of life for Helen Stabler will be June 11, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. The family will receive friends in the sanctuary from 10:00 a.m. until the start of the service and following the service in Fellowship Hall.

A service of witness to resurrection & celebration of life for Marilyn Rishell will be June 11, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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 lie to have someone to talk to, just to help you get through the next month or two?

Our Stephen Ministers can help.

To find out more about Stephen Ministry please call Rev. Nyiri at the church office 717-334-1235, ext. 4. Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life.

VBS 2022 - June 20 -23

Joseph: The Journey from Prison to Palace



Need collapsed cereal boxes by June 14th
and Prayers needed for a successful VBS

Prayer of Thanks for Sunday School Teachers

By Elsie Rempel

God calls us all to grow in knowledge and wisdom;
to go and tell what we have seen, heard and learned.
For the last 40 weeks
our congregation has been blessed
by those who were willing to prepare and teach Sunday school.

As our teachers prepared these sessions,
they have been blessed by their lively encounter with God's
Word, and your people.
They have been blessed,
and they have been a great blessing.

We thank you God, for these teachers; For good curricu-
lum,
For creativity and patience in the learning process.
Our teachers have helped
us all learn to know you and learn about you.

Bless our teachers, we pray,
Infuse them, and us all, with an eagerness to dwell in you and
your Word;
to seek and find you in nature,
in quiet reading and conversations
in outdoor activity and in other experiences where you await us
this summer season while our organized congregational activities
take a bit of a break.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

This prayer is given in honor of all those who taught our children this year: Tracy Boyer, Mary Beth Shoemaker, Sarah Skoczen, Marion Hollowell, Amy Deitch, Diana Miner, Nancy Cook, Krista Delacruz, Barb Sanders, Al Moyer, Kyle Clark, and Lou Nyiri. You gave so much of yourselves to our children and youth.

Thank you for all you have done.

Cheryl

The 25th Annual Gettysburg Brass Band Festival June 8th - 12th.



Come celebrate brass and jazz music with bands from Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey and Virginia performing in downtown Gettysburg and on the Main Stage at The United Lutheran Seminary. Enjoy the onsite picnic at the Main Stage on Saturday, sponsored by the Gettysburg Lions Club, or, bring your own. And make sure you stay until the end, as the events conclude Saturday evening with a moving Taps Tribute that begins on the historic Gettysburg National Military Park Battlefield and ends from the Lutheran Seminary Cupola.

SUMMER CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Volunteers needed to teach our young children at 9:00 a.m. June – August. Material is easy to teach and everything you need is in one box. Signup sheets on CE table in Fellowship Hall.

If we don’t get volunteers, we will have to keep the children in the worship service.

Please help us with this program.

“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:

June

We will be collecting items for

Blessing Box

Bottled water, sunscreen, hats, gloves, books, canned or boxed goods, feminine products, hygiene products (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, floss, etc.) socks, washcloths, hairbrushes, dog & cat food or treats and small bags of cat litter.

[While June is the designated month for giving, donations are accepted throughout the year. Simply drop off the items to the box on High St.]

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.

May 9 - June 12 please contact Ellie Bilz at 201-739-8774.

June 13 - July 10 please contact Ron Weigle at 717-476-4977.



MISSION PRAYER LIST

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

6/12 Adams County Mission
The Mission works with men struggling with substance abuse, runs a thrift store, and a recycling ministry.

6/19 Fruitbelt Farmworkers Ministry
This ministry works with seasonal work camps throughout the region

6/26 Sean & Bethany Walker
After serving 10 years in Central Asia, Sean and Bethany are now working from Houston supporting the ministry of Antioch Partners, a mission group committed to reaching unreached people around the world.

Please consider including them in your own prayers!

Summer Worship Schedule
BEGINNING JULY 3

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

SAVE THE DATE
RETIREMENT RECOGNITION
FOR CHERYL BETTS
JUNE 26, 2022
Details to Follow

Thank You GPC Choir Members

"Where words fail, music speaks"
– Hans Christian Anderson

"If I cannot fly, let me sing" – Stephen Sondheim



To our GPC Choir members and anyone who has sung with one or both of our choirs this (2021-2022) year: We give thanks to our God (Father, Son & Holy Spirit), for your willingness and devotion in sharing your musical gifts with our church family. It has been a challenging year dealing with a major pandemic, going back and forth between streamed and live services, masked and unmasked...and yet...**you kept singing**. Choir is family, and "Family is like music, some high notes, some low notes, but always beautiful music."

You have made beautiful music.
Thank you!

Jamie Bowman, David Bowman, Larry Bullis, Leslie Casteel, Lydia Casteel, Carrie Conklin, Tessa Trax, Audrey Trax, David Conklin, Pat Conklin, Deb Kammerer, Niles Ellingson, Bill Fitzpatrick, Scott Hartwig, Merida Hurkett, Beth Jones, Sarah Kirk, Sue Lindsay, Linda MacAskill, George Marguglio, Sue McCleaf Nespeca, Joanna McGuire, Shane Miller, Krystal Nolte, Rachel Parmentier, Mary Ann Remaley, Barb Roy, Mary Lou Seamens, Pat Smith, Stephen Swartzbaugh, Greg Trax, Mary Weigle, Dick Wisor, Deb Wolf, Bonnie Wright, Daryl Wright, David Wright.

(Humble apologies for missing anyone's names.)

Thank you, Mary Flinner, for helping to lead the discussion on “Advanced Directives” on April 24th. IF you are interested in completing your Advanced Directives, need assistance in obtaining the documents, or have questions concerning your current Advanced Directives please reach out to me. We will be happy to help in any way.

The recent “End of Life” discussion held on May 1st was very informative. If you would like more information, please contact me.

With the recent shooting at Robb Elementary school in Texas we all play a critical role in helping to re-establish a sense of normalcy and security for children. A few key reminders:

Keep explanations developmentally appropriate.

Elementary age: Provide simple information and answer their questions.

Upper Elementary and Middle School age: Answer questions and assist in separating reality from fantasy.

High school age: Emphasize their role in safety and how to access support .

Reaffirm Safety

Emphasize schools are very safe.

Let children speak about their feelings and validate their reactions to events.

Support the appropriate expression to their feelings and help them put it into perspective.

Make Time to Talk

Let the child’s questions guide the conversation, be patient and look for clues that the child wants to talk.

Young children may need activities (imaginative play) while older children may prefer writing or playing music.

If your teen wants to talk, stop what you are doing and be present.

Review Safety Procedures

Help your child identify an adult at school and in the community that they can go to if they feel threatened or at risk.

Review procedures and safeguards at school and your home settings.

Monitor Emotional State

Be aware of changes in behavior, appetite, or sleep patterns that can indicate anxiety or stress.

Seek help from a mental health professional for those whose reactions/changes last more than 2 weeks.

Maintain a Normal Routine

Keep a regular schedule, healthy nutrition, sleep, and exercise pattern to promote physical and mental health.

Encourage extracurricular activities but do not push children who seem overwhelmed.

Limit exposure to graphics, images, etc. on TV, social media, and internet, etc.

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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, June 23, 2022**

**June 2022
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

June 12	Rev. Caleb McClure Preaching Commissioning of Roger Clowes
June 19	Rev. Lou Nyiri Preaching
June 26	Rev. Caleb McClure Preaching South Carolina Mission Team Report

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