

# GRAPEVINE

July 12, 2022

## High School Mission Support

Dear Congregation,

By the time you read this, nine GPC missionaries and I will be in Erie, PA serving alongside other High School Youth and their Adult Leaders. This group will be joining people from all over the country for a short-term mission trip with Group Mission Trips.

The following youth: Madi Brubaker, Nik Contreras, Zane Graff, Emma Kirk, Shaely Stabler, Tessa Trax, and Caleb Unger; and adults: Kyle Clark and Megan Ziegler will be serving people in Jesus' name and building long-lasting friendships and memories. Through the week, we'll be giving up certain luxuries (bed, air-conditioning, hot showers, etc.) to live in close-quarters (high school classrooms) with up to 400 other participants and serve each day in projects like building a wheelchair ramp for someone that has been home bound, fixing a dilapidated porch, painting the exterior of a home that just needs some love, or weatherizing a drafty home, providing warmth for a family.

A big part of the week is remaining open to God's grace and allowing it to shine through us to others. Our goal is to remain open to God's grace at work and let God do work in us through daily devotions and worship programs. It will be an adventure!

Each morning around 8:30 a.m. we will be leaving for our workday, where we will serve a local neighbor's home. Each night at 8:30 p.m. we will be in youth-group devotions, where we will unpack our daily activities by sharing where we saw God's grace at work in our lives and where we shared God's grace in another person's life.

We humbly ask you to pray for us each day or night at 8:30 a.m. or 8:30 p.m. that we will be open to seeing and being God's grace.

Thanks in advance!

Gratefully Yours,



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# Happy Birthday to...

**August 1**

Marjorie Benson  
Brody Fake

**August 3**

Hank Har  
Kevin Hollowell  
Soo Reber  
Rebecca Sayres

**August 4**

Ken Ball  
Daniel Farnham

**August 5**

Jacob Hiller  
Erica Hoover  
Rebekah Small  
Kyle Smarsh

**August 6**

Emily Delacruz  
Liam Mosser  
Nicholas Shpak  
Carolyn Warcup



**August 7**

Aaron Brownley  
John Kuhn  
Carolyn Westfall

**August 8**

Jordan Garrett

**August 9**

Cindy Nelson  
Stephanie Rathgeber

**August 11**

Emma Bahm  
Ronald Clark

**August 12**

Alan Moyer

**August 13**

Ayden Dillon  
Elizabeth Fake  
Amelia Flinner

**August 14**

Joan Chandon

**August 15**

Megan Gochenauer  
Scott Hartwig

**August 16**

Rhett Mosser

**August 17**

Elyn Cunningham  
Patty Ann Welles

**August 18**

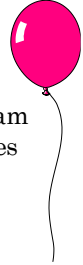
Jamie Bowman  
Ron Jones  
Lois Kime

**August 19**

Gabriel Contreras

**August 21**

Beverly Bigham  
Charles Fatzinger  
Mark Grim  
John Peterson  
Yancy Unger



**August 22**

Patricia Smith

**August 23**

Ann Cowden  
Niles Grimm  
Betsy Illick  
Scott Keller  
Marilyn McQuaide  
Kimberly Umbrell

**August 24**

Kathleen Faloon  
Cheryl Wagner  
Travis Whitney

**August 25**

Jill Bemis  
Marie Duncan  
Jane Gwyn  
John Horner  
Kieran McKeon

**August 26**

Harry Small  
Samuel Tomassini

**August 27**

Kirsten Kanne  
Elaine King  
Lionel Wells

**August 28**

Eliza Dreves  
Les Heggan  
Evan Snyder  
Sean Snyder  
Beth Stapleton  
Connor Weikert

**August 29**

Emma Adams  
Lori Beth Dixon  
Dylan McQuaide  
Randy Parmentier  
Ken VanHoutte

**August 30**

Amy Cunningham  
Deborah Wolf

**August 31**

Betty Brownley  
Alisa Carbaugh  
Cody Kiefer

## Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers have been called

“The After People”



*A Stephen Minister is there:*

- after you’ve washed and returned the last casserole dish.
- after the last child honks, waves and drives away – and the house seems incredibly empty.
- after you arrive home following the service and the emotions you’ve held off come crashing in on you.
- after the nursing home director says, “Welcome to your new home.”
- after you realize the hands on the retirement watch you received move more slowly than you ever imagined.
- after family and friends have heard your story, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers will walk alongside you, your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives.

Stephen Ministers will provide compassionate care, comfort, and support for as long “after” as they are needed.

To learn about Stephen Ministry call Rev. Lou Nyiri in the church office at 717-334-1235, ext. 4.



## *The RRP News, Needs & More!*

Date: June 2022

### **Information about the Refugee Resettlement Partnership (RRP) of Gettysburg to share with Congregations, Visitors, Friends, and New Members!**

#### **Who Are We?**

The Refugee Resettlement Partnership of Gettysburg (RRP of Gettysburg) is a local partnership among eight area churches and other interfaith partners and individuals working together to make a new home in the Gettysburg area for refugee families from across the world. We have partnered with a Resettlement Agency, and like other volunteer groups across the country, our Gettysburg group provides sponsorship, assistance, and friendship to the families.

#### **Family on the Move!**

*... updating you on our family's progress –*

Garden Plot at the Ag Center Community Garden, where tomatoes, okra, corn, watermelon, cucumbers, onions, parsley, squash and broccoli have been planted. Mom loves going there – In Afghanistan, women only work in the homes doing cooking and cleaning and the men take care of all the outside gardening and other work. She walks down with her now 17-year-old daughter pedaling alongside and appreciates the outside activity and the garden fellowship! Thanks to volunteer Dan!

That brings up Bicycles, and the family is very appreciative of their many bicycles, donated by HABPI and others, and kept in running order by volunteer Tom, who either does the mechanical work or transports them if resuscitative work is needed! They are used in getting to the YWCA gym and other venues by older boys, on trips to the park by the younger set, and also to the garden!

Physicals for All! The family traveled in the luxurious 15 passenger Gettysburg Methodist Church (GMC) van (Thank you GMC!) to Lancaster for their federally required physicals, after a couple of weeks spent getting all the lab work and specimens required, as well as paperwork to share their medical records with the Lancaster physicians. It was well accomplished, and the littlest girl sang songs along their journey, and they picnicked before their appointments, with lamb stew and naan bread loaves!

Summer Activities: The youngest 3 have been attending day camp at the Rec Park the last 2 weeks and spent 4 hours there on M-Th. Next week, all children will attend classes for their grade levels held by Migrant Education in the local area for 4 weeks. These classes supply formal education, are day-long, and serve snacks and lunch!

Work and Lessons: Dad and 3 sons are employed, and at somewhat reduced hours for the summer. The family is gearing up for and continuing English lessons and exposure. Tutoring is available and enjoyed by most of the family, with occasional gaps due to absences by tutors (no contract is signed by our volunteers to stay home all summer!) ●

Good Neighbors: Several families around the W. Broadway/W. Lincoln block held a “getting to know you” backyard event to welcome the family, as well as another new neighbor in the block. Light snacks and beverages, games and chatter filled the beautiful afternoon as the hosts and guests took their turns visiting with the new folks – so welcoming! Thank you to the Chandon household and all the other sponsors! The good folks at St. James held a special collection for staple non- food items, calling it the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Servant Event. The wealth of items were delivered in late June, and it took a long table in a storage area to hold the bounty! Someone in the family will have fun sorting and stowing it all – thanks St. James!

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## **Garden Plot overwintered and then ready to plant; Shirley from St. James with the donated Servant Event bounty**

### **RRP: How Can You Take Part?**

*One of the best ways to meet and get to know the family is to complete the clearances to provide transportation.*

*This takes you to critical needs like groceries and healthcare, as well as fun events like sports and festivities!*

*For those who like to work from home, we could use a scheduling coordinator, who works with the Transportation Coordinator for those items needing coordination among committees/volunteers/family.*

*As we engage new families, looking forward, we can use people to pick up, place in storage and retrieve from storage the furniture, dishes, pans, and bedding needed for new families, and assistance in set-up of new housing units.*

*As new families arrive, looking forward, we will seek a care team for each new family to meet the family, settle them in, help them obtain utilities and other services, and provide transportation, job application skills, school registration, medical check-ups and, other family needs.*

*Provide English language skill and conversational practices, read to young children, play games, accompany family to parks and playgrounds, and other recreational activities.*

*Provide a chance for new drivers to practice their driving skills, with their learning permit (!)*

***Provide a Donation by sending a check to one of the Partner Churches Below, with RRP of Gettysburg on the Memo Line!***

### **RRP Current Needs:**

**Someone with website development skills to help set up a website.**

**Committee members for Transportation, Cultural, Housing/Furnishings, Education/ESL helpers.**

**Scheduling Coordinator, as listed above.**

**We will send a message if any specific items are needed - status is adequate currently.**

### **For More Information - Contact**

You may contact your RRP church liaison or pastor/church leader for additional information. For community members or church members who wish to help or inquire, contact us at [RefugeeGettysburg@gmail.com](mailto:RefugeeGettysburg@gmail.com).

***Mailing Address: RRP of Gettysburg, C/O Trinity United Church of Christ, 60 E. High St., Gettysburg, PA 17325.***

### **Partner Churches RRP of Gettysburg:**

Christ Lutheran Church, Gettysburg Friends Meeting (Quakers), Gettysburg Presbyterian Church, Gettysburg United Methodist Church, Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, St. James Lutheran Church, Trinity United Church of Christ, Unitarian Universalists of Gettysburg.



The picture is from our June hike at Rainbow Lake in Emmitsburg.

## GPC Hiking Club

The GPC Hiking Club will be hiking on **Saturday, July 23rd and Saturday, August 13th.**

Times and locations are to be determined.

Be sure to wear light clothing, comfortable hiking shoes, and bring a snack.

If you would like to join us or be added to our mailing list, email Jen Clark at [JenniferMaueClark@gmail.com](mailto:JenniferMaueClark@gmail.com)

We hope you'll join us!



## GPC SHAWL MINISTRY



The Shawl Ministry Group is pleased to announce that we are resuming our meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

This ministry involves the creation of prayer/comfort shawls that will be distributed to members of our church and others who are ill or grieving as well as to those who celebrate one of life's joyful events, such as the birth of a child.

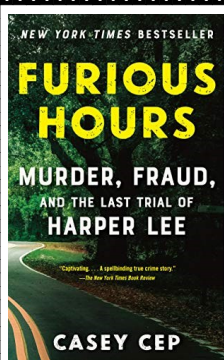
We do not limit ourselves only to the creation of shawls. We also make hats and mittens for the Christmas Fair and other local organizations. Our newest effort is to provide blankets for Hanover Hospital's I.C.U. patients. It is not necessary to attend the monthly meetings if you prefer to work at home.

As we begin our ninth year, please consider joining with us in person or in spirit to continue this ministry of caring and comfort for neighbors and friends. Donated yarn and needles are available. Our next meeting is Thursday, July 14 at 10:00 a.m. in the Eisenhower Lounge.

For further information contact: Beth Fitzpatrick, 717-334-4960 [bethieandbill@comcast.net](mailto:bethieandbill@comcast.net)

## GPC Women's Book Club

will be reading Furious Hours by Casey Cep for our July pick.



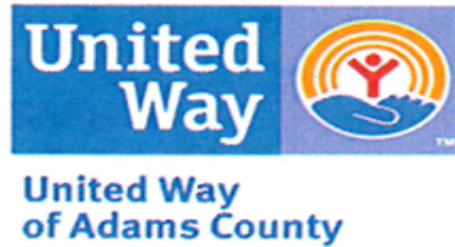
We will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 25th in the Eisenhower Lounge. Lynne Graziano will be leading the group.

If you would like to join us or be put on the mailing list, email Megan Ziegler at [MeganZiegler2014@gmail.com](mailto:MeganZiegler2014@gmail.com)

Happy reading!







## 2022 Back 2 School Supply Drive

**Help us give our local children in need a positive start to the 2022-2023 school year.**

### Most requested items:

Backpacks  
 Subject Dividers (8 Tab & 5 Tab)  
 College Ruled Spiral Notebooks  
 Wide Ruled Spiral Notebooks  
 College Ruled Loose Leaf Paper  
 Wide Ruled Loose Leaf Paper  
 College Ruled Composition Books  
 Wide Ruled Composition Books  
 1" Three Ring Binders  
 24 PK Crayons  
 Pencil Boxes  
 Scissors (Blunt & Pointed Tips)  
 12 PK Colored Pencils  
 10 or 12 PK Broad Tip Markers  
 2 PK Dry Erase Markers (Black)

White Erasers  
 24 PK #2 Pencils  
 White Glue  
 Correction Tape (No Liquid)  
 Glue Sticks  
 Pink Erasers  
 Pencil Pouch  
 Highlighters  
 10 or 12 PK Fine Tip Markers  
 Pencil Cap Erasers  
 Ruler  
 Headphones  
 10 PK Blue, Black, and Red Pens  
 12 PK Mechanical Pencils  
 Hand Sanitizer (small)

**We will also accept monetary donations. We will accept gift cards to any store that we may purchase items we do not receive through donations.**



### Donation drop off locations:

- Please check our Facebook page for more locations because there are too many to list here. Please follow link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/521112773046872/521112779713538>

**Drop off your items by Friday, July 29 2022.**

*If you have any questions or need a donation receipt, contact Chris at [cbunty@uwadams.org](mailto:cbunty@uwadams.org) or (717) 334-5809 ext 21.*

# MISSION PRAYER LIST

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

- 7/17 Carpenter's Gift**  
A GPC ministry building primarily handicapped ramps for local people.
- 7/24 S. Carolina Mission Trip**  
Works with Sea Island Habitat for Humanity to build homes for working poor families each Spring.
- 7/31 Young Life of Adams County**  
Young Life introduces students to Jesus through afterschool clubs.

Please consider including them in your own prayers!

## "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:

**July**

We will be collecting items for

### **Manos Unidas**

(Manos Unidas promotes the integration of the diverse and growing Hispanic community in Adams county. They offer an after-school program where students are able to complete homework assignments under supervision, given a snack, exercise and participate in a curriculum that develops their social skills.)

Snacks, Paper and School Supplies.



Are you overwhelmed with zucchini? Do your neighbors look the other way when you come to give them more tomatoes? Share your garden bounty with your GPC friends!

A table is set up in Fellowship Hall for you to place any extra veggies from your garden that you'd like to share. Other GPC members can feel free to then take home any produce they would like from that table. We will have some grocery bags available, or you can bring your own from home to carry the produce you choose.

Any leftover vegetables will then be taken to the Gleaning Project of South Central PA.

Let's share our Bounty!

## **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.

July 11 - August 14 please contact Jane Gwyn at 717-337-1645.





# Summer Safety



Summer is a time for being outdoors and fun activities. After the past two years, we are anxious to move forward and make up for lost time on all the fun things we have missed!

*To be sure you enjoy all that summer has to offer, remember to be observant and practice safety measures.*

## **Follow these tips when making your plans:**

**Camping** – Be sure to plan for unexpected weather or storms, carry plenty of water if hiking, take a map/compass to prevent getting lost, wear comfortable walking shoes, wear a hat and sunscreen for sun protection, use insect repellent for mosquitoes and ticks, and wear a whistle to use in case you get lost. Pack a first aid kit to handle insect stings, sprains, cuts, bruises, or other injuries. *Download the “First Aid app” to your phone or take a class in First Aid.* Share your travel plans and locations with a family member or friend.

**Swimming or Boating** – Drowning can occur in less than 2 inches of water so teach your children to swim, wear properly fitted U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets, keep children out of hot tubs (they get dangerously overheated), use the buddy system or have a “water watcher/lifeguard,” Protect your neck – don’t dive in headfirst due to shallow depths. Check with your local red cross about Swimming lessons for children and adults.

**Beach safety:** If you are caught in a rip current, stay calm and don’t fight it. Swim parallel to the shore until you are out of the current. Then, turn and swim to shore. If you can't swim to shore, float or tread water until you are free of the rip current and then head toward shore. Draw attention to yourself by waving and calling for help.

**Bicycling , Scooters, etc.**– Head injuries are common so protect children with properly fitting helmets, replace ones that have hit a hard surface, wear bright clothing for visibility, tie loose pant legs to prevent tangling in the chain, teach the “rules of the road,” never wear headphones when riding, and maintain the bike (inflate the tires, oil the chain, adjust the handlebars, replace worn out brakes, and adjust the seat).

**Sun Exposure** – Sun damage is cumulative (children gather 50% to 80% of their lifetime exposure before 18) causes wrinkles, sunburns, cataracts, damage to the immune system, and skin cancer. Be extra careful with skin protection. Use caution if you take medicine that causes increased sun sensitivity.

**Pet Safety:** Don’t leave your pet in a hot vehicle, even for a few minutes. Animals can suffer heat strokes. Signs of heat stroke in dogs: heavy panting, unable to calm down even when lying down, brick red gum color, fast pulse, and unable to stand. If rectal temp is greater than 105 degrees, cool the dog by using tepid water. Call your vets ASAP. *Download the Pet First Aid app on your phone.*

Pam Phillips FCN at 410-596-0777 or email [gpcfcn@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpcfcn@gettysburgpresbyterian.org)

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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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, July 28, 2022**

**July / August 2022  
GPC SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Contemporary Worship @ 9:00 a.m.**

**Traditional Worship @ 10:30**

<b>July 24</b>	Rev. Lou Nyiri Preaching
<b>July 31</b>	Rev. Caleb McClure Preaching
<b>August 7</b>	Rev. Caleb McClure Preaching Communion

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To view live stream, go to: [www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org](http://www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org)  
Click "View Services" on the top right hand corner