

# GRAPEVINE

August 2, 2022

## Marriage: Pastor, Church and Family

Paul writes in Ephesians 5:25: "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her..." The passage goes on to describe the love a husband should have for his wife while pairing it with the love that Christ has for the church. This passage is used as one of the Scriptural foundations by our Catholic sisters and brothers for clerical celibacy.

A colleague once shared with me: "Pastors are married to both the church and their families." And I resonate with that deeply – we are!

The Ephesians passage continues with an idea that Christ feeds and cares for the church, and loves the church as himself, and reminds the reader that the church is part of Christ's body (verse 30). This profound relationship is mirrored in a marriage between two people – they are one. Likewise, the pastor and the church must also be one and for the Catholic church, this relationship is supremely important for priests and must be kept "unblemished."

The Council of Carthage states: "...those who are in the service of the divine sacraments, observe perfect continence, so that they may obtain in all simplicity what they are asking from God..."

And it is true – it is simple to have just one spiritual marriage. But those of us who are protestant preachers and are blessed with a family have two: we are married to our family and we are also married to the church.

For the past two full months, you, Gettysburg Presbyterian Church, have had me all to yourself (*mostly*). And what a wonderful and amazing time it has been!

I've walked over 13 miles of Gettysburg with two dozen church members. I've sat and drank coffee with members of our church community at every coffee house in town. And I've broken bread at breakfast, lunch and many a dinner at twenty-one homes (and counting) and met so many of you already.

The love and warmth being poured out on me this summer as I've began my ministry here is nothing short of overwhelming. I am truly blessed and give thanks to God for all of you!

I am also looking forward to our future together, where God is leading us, and I am thankful that a strong foundation has been set this summer – I know we are going to stand on that as we continue building relationship and living out bold ministry.

This week my wife, four children, two cats, and one dog moved up to Pennsylvania to join me in this new adventure together (finally!). It's been a long summer for all parties involved – from grandparents to animals, we are all grateful to be under one roof again. But this does mean my time to share will have more demands. School begins on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of this month and with it the day care pickups, dance recitals, homework assistance, time at the park and everything else that comes with four wonderful, active, and involved children.

My request is grace. Grace as we adjust back to life together. Grace as we wait to move into our permanent home sometime this fall (hopefully before Christmas). Grace as my wife returns to work as a nurse. Grace upon grace for all these things.

In return, I promise to openly communicate with you my schedule and my availability, and to remain committed to ministry with you as we build up God's Kingdom together in prayer, in worship, in Christian education, and in mission.

So – thank you for an amazing summer of food, fellowship, and love; I am filled with joy share my family with you as we walk together with God into tomorrow.

Pastor Caleb

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## Gratitude for Deb Wolf and Lovely Organ Music!

Our organist, Deb Wolf, retired at the end of July. After three years of sharing her talents to create beautiful music for our Sunday morning worship services, Deb retired to spend more time with her family. We are grateful for her service and dedication; she will be missed.

There is a happy ending to this story. Jamie Bowman, Director of Music, has agreed to take the position of organist for the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services in addition to continuing as accompanist for the adult choirs. In order to free up Jamie's time for her new duties, Dave Conklin has accepted the position of Director of Music in addition to his existing duties with the adult choirs and contemporary music team.

We are truly blessed to have so many people with tremendous musical talents and we appreciate all of them and their willingness to put them to use in praising God.

Dear GPC Family,

Thank you so very much for the beautiful cards, lovely messages, poems, and phone calls following the death of my daughter, Cathy. They brought great comfort at a time when it was sorely needed.

Thank you again with love,  
Mary Lou Seamens

## SAVE THE DATES

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

#### August 21<sup>st</sup>

Blessing of School Teachers and  
Sunday School Teachers

#### August 28<sup>th</sup>

Blessing of Backpacks

#### September 11<sup>th</sup>

Bibles to 3-year-olds and  
Bibles to 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders



Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Mary Lou Seamens on the recent death of her daughter.  
Shane Sellers on the recent death of his mother.



## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11

### Kick-Off Sunday Group Displays

We will generate excitement for GPC's many groups in two ways:

- Bulletin handout listing our groups.
- Poster Board Wall displays (NO TABLE DISPLAYS) in fellowship hall – these will stay up for month of September.

If you wish to have a group(s) you are involved with publicized in either/both ways, then return the following information to Rev. Nyiri – [gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org) or his office mailbox NO LATER THAN September 8, 2022 – 12:00 p.m.

#### **Bulletin Handout**

Name of Group

One (1) Sentence description of group

Name and Contact information of group leader

*Example:*

**High School Fellowship (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth group)** - Meets Sunday evenings to build Christ-like friendships and seeks to be a place to belong...to question...to grow in faith...add your voice to the unfolding story. Contact: Rev. Lou Nyiri, 717-334-1235, ext. 4 - [gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org)

#### **Wall Display**

Name of Group

Name & Contact Information if we have questions about the display

Make your posterboard display and hang it on the Fellowship Hall wall – if you choose you can have someone by the wall display to answer any questions – or – simply have a “Please contact me with more information” signup sheet as part of the display.

*NOTE: We will have Fellowship Hall open & Group Names along the Fellowship Hall walls on Friday, September 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. if you want to affix your poster board wall display before Sunday.*

Let me know if you have questions: [gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org) – 717-334-1235, ext. 4 – 717-253-2711 (cell)

Sincerely,



## GPC RISE AGAINST HUNGER MEAL PACKING EVENT! October 2nd

Many members have expressed the desire for a one-day mission opportunity...well, HERE IT IS!

On October 2nd, 2022 between 2-6 p.m. we will be hosting a Meal Packing Event in conjunction with Rise Against Hunger. Our goal is to package 20,000 individual meals of rice, soy, and lentils in three hours! Believe it or not, this is achievable, and there will be a lot of fun along the way! This event is open to all adults, supervised children, and folks of all abilities!

We will be promoting this event to the greater Gettysburg community as well, and will be looking for about 120 people to pre-register to participate. Registration and donation instructions will be forthcoming in the next few weeks. We already have enough funding for 10,000 meals, and will be looking for donations from individuals, companies, and corporate partners to raise an additional \$3500 to fund the second 10,000 meals!

Please mark your calendars for October 2nd and watch for registration information. Also, talk it up with neighbors, co-workers, and friends! Mission updates from Source of Life Ministries (Haiti) and Scofield Orphanage (Kenya) and others will be offered prior to the packing event, and a meal will be available for all participants to celebrate following the event. This is a great way to be involved with our church friends, community and to make a big difference in combating hunger! Thank you!

### GPC Hiking Club

The GPC Hiking Club will be hiking on **Saturday, August 13th.**

Time and location 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!

### Adult & Pediatric CPR & AED

available to members of GPC  
August 15 & 16 from 5:30—9:00 p.m.  
in MacAskill Room

Must attend both classes

Cost: \$70 - members  
\$90 - Non-member

If interest please  
contact Becky Stabler  
717-688-5183.



### Stephen Ministry All Alone?

Don't be. God doesn't want us to be all alone. He wants us to turn to others when things are bothering us. Stephen Ministers will walk with you through your troubles and be there for you when you need them. To learn about Stephen Ministry call Rev. Lou Nyiri in the church office at 717-334-1235, ext. 4.



# MISSION PRAYER LIST

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

- 8/7 Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**  
Enables congregations of the PCUSA to care for communities affected by crises and catastrophic events.

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. Please put your donations in the Migrant Worker bin by the elevator.

For the month of:

**August**

We will be collecting items for

### **Fruitbelt Farmworkers Ministry**

On behalf of the Fruitbelt Farmworkers Christian Ministry, GPC members offer a friendly welcome to migrant workers in Adams County each year.

To make their stay more comfortable we are giving a “welcome kit” containing the following items:

**1 adult toothbrush, 2 bars of soap, 2 rolls of toilet paper, 2 disposable razors, 1 medium toothpaste, 1 wash cloth, 1 bath towel, and 1 can of shaving cream.**

You may donate any or all of these items.

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FOR SUMMER  
**2023**

JOIN US TO HEAR ABOUT THE  
OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE  
IN THE YUCATÁN

~ REUNION  
FOR FORMER  
ATTENDEES  
**AND**  
INFORMATION  
FOR FUTURE~

SUNDAY - AUG - 14

**2 P.M.**



IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

GETTYSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **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.

August 15 - September 11 please Contact Elly Cleaver at 717-359-0419.



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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, August 18, 2022**

**August 2022  
GPC SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

**Traditional Worship @ 10:30**

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| <b>August 7</b>  | Rev. Caleb McClure Preaching<br>Communion |
| <b>August 14</b> | Rev. Caleb McClure Preaching              |
| <b>August 21</b> | Rev. Caleb McClure Preaching              |

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Click "View Services" on the top right hand corner