

GRAPEVINE

September 20, 2022

Faithful Sustenance

Candace and I are Anglophiles – we have a fondness and love for all things British. This past week as we have talked about Queen Elizabeth II's death, we have recounted many stories of Her Majesty the Queen. Candace recalled a story which took place around the Christmas holiday while The Royal Family was at their home in Balmoral Castle.

When her son, Charles, was about 8, The Queen took him for an afternoon drive around the beautiful countryside – while they were out it began to snow in the Highlands. Their car slid into a ditch and became stuck – they could not budge the vehicle.

Queen Elizabeth and Prince Charles walked down the lane to a nearby farmhouse – they wanted to see if they might use the house phone to “ring up” the Castle to get someone to come and pick them up – this was before cell phones!

Can you imagine the surprise when the residents in the small country cottage opened the door – and standing before them was Her Majesty The Queen – asking to use the phone?

As the story goes, the family invited their unexpected guests inside to warm themselves by the fire – and while it was right around teatime – they invited The Queen and Prince Charles to stay and have tea with them – saying to The Royals, “We want to share some sustenance with you until you make it home.”

We want to share sustenance with you...

As God's people – the Body of Christ – that is what we do when we gather – for worship / for fellowship / for discipleship / though perhaps more importantly when we leave those gatherings to go out into the communities in which we find ourselves (home, work, neighborhoods, clubs, civic organizations, classes, etc.) – we gather in those places to share sustenance – to sustain one-another and to re-assure one another that we are not alone...to know God's love – and – to make God's love known...in real life.

The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Timothy 2:7, “For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle...a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.”

With God's help, may our eyes be open to see / our ears be open to hear / our hearts be open with compassion / our minds be open to discern where God is calling us to be heralds of God's life-changing good news.

God's Peace,



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Happy Birthday to...

October 2

Seth Snyder

October 3

Richard Miner

October 4

Elizabeth Fitzpatrick

October 7

Laura Davis

Linda Larson

October 9

Lucas Daniels

October 10

Anne Gallon

John Smarsh

October 11

Greg Beegle

Chrissy Ely

Rachel Pierson

October 13

Maddison Keller

October 13

Carolyn Hoffman

Chloe Pennings

October 14

Jeff Nelson

October 15

Caden LaRochelle

October 16

Patrick Hiller

Rachel Skoczen

October 19

Whit Coombs

Brody Wagner

October 20

Archie Graff

Gwen Scofield

Chadd Weikert

October 22

Adam Boyer

Dave Conklin

Brandon Gladfelter

Mike Gladfelter

Mark Keller

October 23

Doug McAllister

October 24

Larry Bullis

October 25

Patricia Campbell

Emily Clark

Molly (Clark) Peck

Amy Hoch

Sydney Hockenberry

Laurie Lewis

Michelle Suarez

Heather Tschop

October 26

Frannie King

October 27

William Johnson

Ronald Weigle

October 28

Joe Hudock

Cynthia Schaeffer

October 29

Mary Camlin

Brandon Dillon

Leah Teague

October 30

Emma Kirk

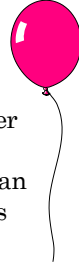
Jean Thomas

Peyton Unger

October 31

Ron Stahl

Andrew Stone



Thank you so much for the phone calls, cards, flowers, text messages and, most importantly, prayers over the last 8 months. It has been quite the journey for me, and I couldn't have made it through without the love and care from my church family.

Blessings and love,
Jennifer Unger

I want to express a huge thank you to all the folks who came from Gettysburg Presbyterian Church to help me on September 4 empty my basement of thousands of damaged books, over 50 bookcases, and a huge number of moving boxes (I moved from Ohio) and never got them unpacked due to my husband's struggle for a few years with cancer followed by his death, and then caregiving for my elderly mother until she died, and still trying to run my business. People were coming and going and working so hard that I never got to thank those who helped as Jon and Mat, who were coordinating activities, did not let me stop for a minute. I cannot express enough how truly grateful I am. I know some GPC folks probably did not even know me, as one person said, "I go to a different service than you." To realize that I was a stranger to some of those who helped me, is unbelievable. Truly GPC is a church with very caring people as was demonstrated this past weekend. Thanks to Pastor Caleb, Pastor Lou, and Penny for getting the message out about me needing help. Finally, I would like to thank Margo Herring Har and Pamela George Phillips, as I know they have been following the public FB page (Sue's Warriors) that was created and where posts are made when I could use help or details some of the struggles I am having dealing with so much on a daily basis. When I get through the hundreds of boxes in my garage, searching for anything salvageable, I hope to get back to singing again with the 11:00 a.m. choir, and participating again in services, rather than just listening online.

Thanks again GPC - you have demonstrated true Christian love.

Thanks,
Sue McCleaf Nespeca



Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Phyllis & Denny Dowd on the recent death of their sister-in-law.
Niles Grimm family on his death.

PRAYER LIST

MISSION

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

9/25 Family Mission Trip to Camp Krislund

10/2 Mexico Mission Trip

Works with Accion Ministries to do construction, Vacation Bible School, a glasses ministry, and fellowship with local Mexico Christians in the Yucatan each summer.

10/9 Gettysburg Ministerium

All the mission work our local churches do here in Gettysburg.

Please consider including them in your own prayers!

Exploring Membership Class

**Sunday, October 2
12:15 - 1:30 p.m.**

in Eisenhower Lounge

Lunch and refreshments will be provided and Nursery care upon request. Please contact the church office 717-334-1235 or info@gettysburgpresbyterian.org with questions.



“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 bin by the elevator.

For the month of:

September

We will be collecting items for
“Warrior Walk-In”

Warrior Walk-In at Gettysburg High School is a free-to-use thrift shop for students in need of school supplies, clothing, toiletries, or snack-type foods. The organization is run by students and teachers in the school. It is designed to provide an available “stash” of supplies for students who find that “life isn’t falling in place” for them.

Needed items include: clothing for both boys and girls, feminine hygiene products, tooth brushes, tooth paste, floss, hair brushes, individually packaged crackers, cookies or candy.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NEEDS WILLING WORKERS

When: Thurs. — Sat. October 6, 7, & 8
Thurs.— Sat . October 13, 14, & 15

Work 1 day ...
or as many as you are willing

Hours: 8 am to 4 pm

Where: 40 Orrtanna Rd in Cashtown

Sign-up: In Fellowship Hall or call
Barry Simon 717-337-1662



Adult Sunday School Class "Women of the Hebrew Bible" Dr. Stephen Stern

Dr. Stephen Stern, Chair of Jewish Studies at Gettysburg College, will be presenting a Sunday School Lecture Series on the topic of "Women of the Hebrew Bible."

Please consider attending his informative and exciting presentation Sundays at 9:30 AM in the MacAskill Room.

This class will run from September 11 to October 16.



LOCAL FAMILY MISSION OPPORTUNITY, Sunday OCTOBER 2nd

Last year your Missions Committee conducted a church-wide survey asking what kind of project the congregation at GPC might be interested in participating in. One of the overwhelming responses was that you wanted a one-day project that the whole family could be involved with. We heard you and are encouraging everyone to sign up to participate in the Rise Against Hunger meal packing event at GPC on the afternoon of Sunday, October 2nd. This is going to be fun for all ages, and a great chance to be with your friends and community members!

We currently have only 55 volunteers registered to participate, but we need about 100. Volunteers will help set up the tables and the folks from RAH will lead us in packaging 20,000 individual meals to be sent around the world, helping to alleviate food insecurity. Our donations are approaching 60% of the total needed to make this happen. We need individuals, companies, and corporate partners to raise an additional \$3500 to fund the second 10,000 meals!

Registration and donation can be accomplished at the following website:

Through the link provided at: www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org or at:

<https://rah.secure.force.com/events/homepage?id=7013Z000002KruB>

Sign up with your friends and neighbors! Bring a work group as a team-building opportunity! Invite someone outside of our GPC community to see all the good things happening here!

Please mark your calendars for October 2nd, visit the information and registration sites. **ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST REGISTER BEFORE THE EVENT!**

GPC Mission updates from Source of Life Ministries (Haiti) and Scofield Orphanage (Kenya) and others will be offered prior to the event, and a meal will be available for all participants to celebrate together following the event! For more information, please contact GPC Missions Chairman Tom Kolmer at tomkolmer@gmail.com or 717-634-0258.

Thank you!



A pictorial directory is a powerful tool in our church to help each of us know each other better and stay in touch. Our last directory is now outdated, and it is time for a new one. The Outreach and Welcome Committees are sponsoring a new directory campaign.

Photos will be taken Nov. 1st thru Nov. 5th

Emails will be sent out with a link that you can click on for an appointment. The link will also be on the GPC website and Facebook page. A sign-up table in the church will be available on Sundays in October.

Every family photographed for the directory will receive a copy of the directory and an 8x10 portrait at no cost. If interested, an opportunity to purchase additional copies will be available, but not required.

Early Bird sign-up available now on this link.

<https://instant-scheduling.com/sch.php?kn=3534502&typld=64516&step=2>

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United will meet on Wednesday, October 5, 11:30 a.m., at Gettysburg Church of the Brethren, 1710 Biglerville Rd.

Ralph Serpe, President & CEO of Adams County Community Foundation will speak about THE GIVING SPREE.

Bring a bagged lunch; beverages will be provided. Newcomers are always welcome!

Men's Interfaith Luncheon

All men are invited on Wednesday, October 5th at 12:00 noon for light lunch (\$3.00) and camaraderie in Fellowship Hall, followed by humor and worship in the sanctuary. This is an interfaith gathering, and is open to all men who would enjoy the time together, and appreciate a message from a local minister.

**“Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends” John 15:13**

Every year, 12,000 patients are diagnosed with Blood cancer or other life-threatening diseases. GPC will be a sponsor for a **“Be The Match”** Donor Drive **Sunday, September 25, 2022 from 9a-12** at the Outdoor Rec Park Pavilion (weather permitting). IF inclement weather, event will be held in the GPC Fellowship Hall.

“Be The Match” is a global leader working every day to save lives through cellular therapy. For those who have these life-threatening diseases, a cure exists. This organization connects patients with a matching donor for a lifesaving blood stem cell transplant. According to research, cells from younger donors, *ages 18-40 lead to more successful transplants.*

The test is simple, “easier than a Covid test”. Just swab the inside of your cheek. Your sample will be tested, and your genetic type will be added to the **“Be The Match”** Registry!

GPC needs you!!! Ages 18- 40 can sign up ahead of time by completing the Sign-up form in GPC Fellowship Hall, or by calling Pam Phillips RN at 410-596-0777 or email at gpcfcn@gettysburgpresbyterian.org

We ask *everyone* to pray for the planning of this drive and help us obtain donors that are ages 18-40 years old. Please invite others to join in our drive. Ask family members, co-workers, neighbors, and friends to help us with our mission. There will be information available in GPC Fellowship Hall to share with others. If questions, please reach out to Barb Sanders, Rev. Lou Nyiri, or Pam Phillips RN.

Blessings,
Pam Phillips RN Faith Community Nurse
gpcfcn@gettysburgpresbyterian.org



SAVE THE DATE:

Rummage sale will be

October 21 & 22

We are asking only 3 large bags OR boxes of clothing per family, but household goods are welcome. If we find later in the week that we can accommodate more, we will put out a notification. Please only donate clean, usable clothing and items. We are not able to take electronics, single drinking glasses or books.

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. 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

YOUTH CLUB

Begins
September 25th

Youth Club is for kids in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. We will meet every Sunday afternoon from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. starting on September 25th.

Join us each week for puppet ministry, Bible science, cooking and baking, learning about the Fruits of the Spirit and so much more! Sign up sheets on the youth club bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

Please email gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org for any questions.

SAVE THE DATES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

September 25th

4:00 - 5:30 p.m. - Youth Club Begins

5:00 - MidSHIP & SHIP

October 4th

Kids Club Begins

THIS SUNDAY - Sept. 25th **Outdoor Worship & All-Church** **Picnic at the Rec Park!**

Golf carts will be available to transport folks from the Charlie Sterner parking lot to the amphitheater beginning at 9:30 a.m. and after the conclusion of the service. Remember your lawn chairs! In the case of inclement weather, one combined service will be held in the Sanctuary at 10 am and the congregation will be notified of this change via the website, Facebook and email notification. The service is also available via livestream if you cannot attend in person.

All-Church Picnic will follow the Combined worship service at the Lions Pavilion. There will be corn hole tournament, water balloon toss and trivia.

Please Bring Your own place settings (plates, utensils) and Potluck Dish to share & serving utensil for your dish:

Last Name A-F

please bring main dish/meat to share

Last Name G-M

please bring salad or side dish

Last Name N-Z

please bring dessert

Plan to attend worship at the Rec Park, then share lunch and fun times with your GPC family and friends!

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.



September 12 - October 9 please contact Don Stabler at 717-451-4310.

Women's Book Club

For the month of September,

we will be reading

The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid

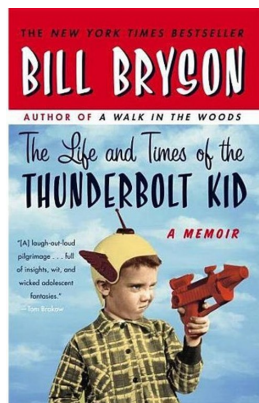
by Bill Bryson.

We will meet on Monday, September 26th at 6:30pm in the Eisenhower Lounge.

If you would like to join us or be added to our list, please email

MeganZiegler2014@gmail.com .

Happy Reading!



NURSERY

ATTENDANT NEEDED

We need 1 adult or senior high/college youth who would love to share their love and attention to our littlest members – ages 2 and under. We need individuals who can be here every Sunday from 8:00 to 12:00 and special services. This is a paid position. If you feel God is calling you to do this ministry, please contact Kyle Clark at 717-334-1235, ext. 5.

RUTH'S HARVEST

Ruth's Harvest is started its 8th year on Sept. 19th and our GPC team will be sorting food that day. Please contact Elly (240-938-4045) if you can help sort food on our assigned Mondays throughout the year (10/17, 11/14, 1/9/2023, 2/13, 3/13, 4/11, and 5/8).

Contact Gail Hull if you would like to help pack bags on assigned Wednesdays.

Please continue to bring your donations of single serve food items or monetary donations to GPC or to Lincoln Elementary School.

Thank you for all of your support. Jerry Cleaver, 717-359-0419

GPC Hiking Club



Mark your calendars! The GPC Hiking Club has several fun hikes planned for the fall.

October 29th - Paw Paw Tunnel in Oldtown, MD - For those of you who have been requesting the Abandoned Turnpike, this one's for you! We will be hiking a different abandoned tunnel and a trail that leads through it. We will leave the church parking lot at 8am.

November 19th - Washington Monument State Park in Middletown, MD. We will leave the church parking lot at 8:30am.

December 17th - Our Annual Christmas Hike around Culp's Hill and Spangler Spring. We will end our hike at the church with cookies and hot chocolate. We will leave at 9am.

As always, be sure to dress in layers, wear comfortable hiking shoes, bring a snack and water. We will take a break for devotions.

If you are interested in joining us or would like to be added to our list, please email

JenniferMaueClark@gmail.com

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP September & October

Sept. 25	10:00 AM	Outdoor Worship & Church Potluck Lunch
	5:00 - 6:00 PM	Craft Night for Stewardship Theme
Oct. 2	2:00 - 5:00 PM	All-Church RISE AGAINST HUNGER
Oct. 9	5:00 - 6:00 PM	Fellowship / Games

MidSHIP Schedule September & October

Sept. 25	10:00 AM	Outdoor Worship & Church Potluck Lunch
	5:00 - 6:00 PM	Craft Night for Stewardship Theme
Oct. 2	2:00 - 5:00 PM	All-Church RISE AGAINST HUNGER
Oct. 9	5:00 - 6:30 PM	Food & Games at Libby's house

Stephen Ministry

Your Role Is Important in
Our Stephen Ministry . . .



Because you may know of a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who is going through a difficult time and who could benefit from the focused care, encouragement, and support of a Stephen Minister. If you know of someone who is hurting, please contact Rev. Lou Nyiri at gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org or 717-334-1235, ext. 4.

He can talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers. It's a great way for you to show how much you care!



It's time for the Fall Session of Kids Club!

We will meet on Tuesdays from October 4 to November 1 from 4:00—6:00 p.m. This series is for children in Kindergarten - Grade 2 and will be held downstairs in the Sunday School area. Our theme will be

"Missionaries: Past and Present." It will be a time of fun, friendships, Bible stories, Scripture activities, crafts, and games.

There is no fee, and the program is open to all children in Kindergarten - Grade 2. We ask that you **register your child by September 27**. Just fill out the registration form found in Fellowship Hall bring or mail it to the church office as soon as possible. We hope your child can join us for this church activity for younger members. Contact Kyle Clark in the church office at 717-334-1235, ext. 5 or call or text Pam Rowland at 717-357-0820 if you have any questions.

GPC 2022 FALL SMALL GROUPS

Ten Men of the Bible: How God Used Imperfect People to Change the World
by Max Lucado

The men of the Bible were not perfect by any means. We find story after story marked by scandal, failure, and intrigue. Noah drank too much. Job thought he knew more than God. Moses murdered a man. David committed adultery. Joseph risked his reputation. Matthew was a tax collector. Lazarus died. Peter betrayed Christ. Paul killed Jesus' followers. Yet we also find these same men looking beyond their circumstances, trusting in the Lord, and following Him where He chose to lead. Like us, they made both good and bad decisions – and faced the consequences. We find our hopes and struggles in the pages of the bible that tell their stories.

Groups will meet weekly for six weeks beginning the week of October 9. Groups will meet in homes or at the church. You will be contacted by your group leader about the exact starting date and location. Each session will run approximately 75 minutes and will include fellowship, informal discussion, and a time of prayer. Please call or contact Lloyd Schaeffer, Elder for Adult Discipleship at 717-334-0586 (clschaeffer2009@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS THIS SUNDAY

===== 2022 Fall Small Group Sign-Up =====

- _____ Monday – 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- _____ Tuesday – 7:00 p.m. at GPC
- _____ Wednesday – 2:00 p.m. at Cross Keys Village
- _____ Friday – 4:00 p.m. at SpiriTrust Lutheran Village

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

NUMBER OF BOOKS _____ Cost of book is \$13.00

Also available as ebook at CBD for \$9.99


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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, September 29, 2022**

**September 2022
GPC SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

September 25	10:00 a.m. Combined Worship @ Rec Park Rev. Caleb McClure Preaching Worship followed by All-Church Picnic
October 2	Rev. Caleb McClure Preaching
October 9	Rev. Caleb McClure Preaching

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