

GRAPEVINE

October 25, 2022

Thanksgiving in Heaven

Here's a neat thing you can do this Thanksgiving. Right around 2 p.m. on turkey day, take a walk outside and look at all the cars in your neighborhood. And then just imagine all the food being cooked in those homes, all the gathering, all the fellowship that's happening, all the fond memories being made.

To me this moment in time, and it happens a few times throughout the year, is both compelling and disheartening. It's compelling because, at least for me, it tells me that family and community are still vital parts of our world. We have held onto these traditions and will continue to do so as our planet makes its way around the sun.

I also believe that these moments are disheartening. As many of us gather, we do so as little microcosms. We are separated in our togetherness. All those casseroles, all those turkeys, all those games, shared with just a small group of people (our families, no less); and yet, we remain apart.

And, as much as we are together with our families and friends, there are just as many people who will receive no invitation this year, just as many who eat alone and many more who don't get to eat even at all.

Thanksgiving to me is not disheartening because we do it, but because I know that one day we will all be together, everyone will have an invite, and no one will go hungry. In the Kingdom of Heaven, on Thanksgiving Day, I imagine things will be like the passage in Luke:

... 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.' "Sir," the servant said, "what you ordered has been done, but there is still room." (Luke 14:21-22)

I long for this day, and I hope you do, too.

Perhaps a mission you can adopt this season is to invite one person extra, to your gathering. Someone that has no where else to go. Invite them in and make them a part of your family's rich tradition this year. Or maybe you can set one more place at the table - an empty chair - to remind you that in God's Kingdom, there will always be room.

I hope you find a way to live faithfully into God's calling to build up his Kingdom now as we collectively wait for the day when Christ returns. Until then we pray: come, Lord Jesus, come.

May you have a blessed Thanksgiving this year.
Pastor Caleb

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Happy Birthday to...

November 2

Luke May
Pam Phillips

November 3

Cherie Black
Hope Sanders

November 4

Barry Simon
November 5

Andrea Crowe
Lori May

November 6

Lydia Casteel
Chase Tritle

November 7

Colin Burke
Kellen Rossman

November 8

Chase Whiteman
Cian Fitzgerald

November 9

Catherine Bahm
Libby Crowe

November 10

Matt Fair
Abby Fernandes

November 11

Kendal Sease
George Marguglio

November 12

Barry Wareham
Richard Maue

November 13

Heidi Merwede
Joseph Swatsworth

November 14

Joseph Swatsworth
Vickie Hudock

November 15

Krista Delacruz
Dave Eskildsen

November 18

Jennifer Daniels
Joanna McGuire

November 19

John Strevig
Barbara Dombrowsky

November 20

Nathan King
Gale Pollock

November 21

Becki Powell
Tyler Weikert

November 22

Steve Kinsey
Laura Lochary

November 23

Deborah Snyder
Cathy Gardner

November 24

Matthew Hartwig
Holly Hess

November 25

Miles Decker
Kim Hain

November 26

Joanna Suarez
Jim Biggar

November 27

Beth Jones
Max Bernier

November 28

Kennedy Brown
Gary Hubble

November 29

Felicity Sarnoff
Benjamin Dudash

November 30

Niles Ellingson
Hugh Ferguson

November 31

Elizabeth Hiller
Lindsey North

November 27

Vernon Reed
Carrie Conklin

November 28

Caitlyn Landauer
Susan Landauer

November 29

Taylor Breighner
Emma Sanders

November 30

Paige Stewart



Thank You!

Many thanks to Sarah Lambert and Pat Conklin for their generous donations of yarn to the G.P.C. Shawl Ministry. We have enough yarn to keep us knitting and crocheting for years and years! A tremendous gift. Thank you.

Please join us in this mission effort. We meet on the second Thursday each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Eisenhower Lounge. Bring along your current craft project for a time of fellowship.

Contact Beth Fitzpatrick for further information: 717-334-4960,
bethieandbill@comcast.net.

A Big Thank You to all Rise Against Hunger Volunteers!

Our whole-church meal packing event with RAH was a huge success this year! Together we managed to raise funding in excess of \$7100, which allowed us to purchase enough supplies to package 17,500 meals in less than two hours! These will now be distributed to food-insecure locations around the globe through various NGO's. We had 124 participants ranging in age from 6 years old to 86 years old, everyone had a job to do and played an important role in reaching our goal! Our Fellowship Hall was alive with fun, laughter, and the sound of a gong, celebrating each 2,000-meal milestone. Reactions have been overwhelmingly positive about the experience, and there is a desire to repeat it again in the future!

On behalf of your GPC Missions Team I want to thank you for your support and participation. GPC is once again leading the way and drawing our community into God's presence and joyful service!

Tom Kolmer, GPC Missions Team, 717-634-0258

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.



October 10 - Nov. 13
please contact Ellie Bilz
at 201-739-8774.



Stewardship Campaign 2023

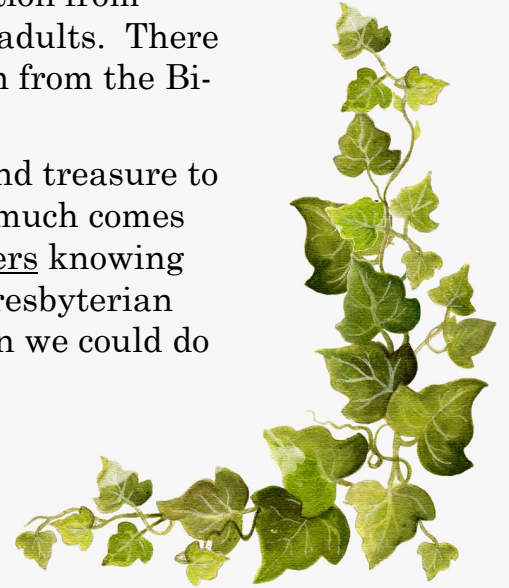
“Growing Back Together”

We have been through two tough years. We’ve experienced: online worship, little fellowship, concern for our health and the health of others, and now inflation.

We can now experience joy and fellowship in the church. We enjoy the choirs and music. Communion reminds us of Christ’s sacrifice for our sins. We get satisfaction from hearing about the mission trips by youth and adults. There is support for the poor and homeless. We learn from the Bible, and there is so much more.

When it comes to giving our time, talents and treasure to the church, we can be cheerful seeing that so much comes from this investment. We can be cheerful givers knowing that by our contributions to the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church, we can accomplish so much more than we could do alone...Praise God!

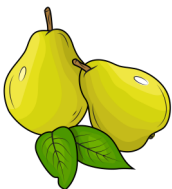
The Stewardship Committee



Growing Back Together in Stewardship and Fellowship!

Our 2022 Stewardship Campaign theme uses fruits to symbolize our ministry commitments: Pears=Time, Apples=Talents, and Grapes=Treasure. Give some of your time, talent, and treasure to bring GPC together on Sunday, November 13th by creating or providing a treat or baked good using those fruits. Perhaps you have a delicious recipe for Pear Tarts, Apple Crisp, or Cinnamon Raisin Bread that you could prepare, or even bring in a bunch of grapes to share.

Tables will be set up in Fellowship Hall all morning for your contributions, giving us a wonderful opportunity to fellowship together in stewardship.





CHILDREN'S CHOIR SCHEDULE

In order to make it possible for our Preschool-5th grade children to both sing in the choir and participate in worship, this is our monthly schedule:

- 1st Sunday of the month**
– Rehearse downstairs, 9:15-9:45.
- 2nd Sunday of the month**
– Children in 9:30 worship thru the children's sermon. Children may sit with their parents or meet their teachers downstairs any time after 9:15 to go upstairs with their classes.
- 3rd Sunday of the month**
– Rehearse downstairs, 9:15-9:45
- 4th Sunday of the month**
– Rehearse downstairs, 9:15-9:30, then go up to worship thru the children's sermon with their classes.
- [5th Sunday of the month**
– Rehearse downstairs, 9:15-9:45.]

If you don't want to keep track of all this, you can simply drop off your children downstairs at 9:15 every week and we'll do the rest.

Please put these two things on your calendar: The children will sing at the 11:00 service on Nov. 6th. AND we'll do our Annual Christmas Pageant at the 9:30 service on Dec. 18th.

Thrilled to have the children back together again,

Bonnie Wright

"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:

November

We will be collecting items for

Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S.

Instant coffee and hot chocolate, tea bags, hot beverage cups, anti-bacterial wipes, Soft Soap/hand sanitizer, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, multi-purpose cleaner, toothpaste, deodorant, canned soup, pudding cups, cookies, crackers and granola bars.

MISSION PRAYER LIST

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

- 10/30 Dori Hjalmarson**
Dori is serving in Honduras, partnering with Presbyterian churches there.
- 11/6 Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S.**
Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S. provides shelter through local churches for homeless persons and works with them to find permanent housing.
- 11/13 Accion Ministries**
Rev. Oscar Dorantes coordinates this ministry which hosts groups (like ours!) in the Yucatan, and runs three homes for youth, so they can continue their education.

Please consider including them in your own prayers!



Female Hygiene Drive

Girl Scout Troop 80102 is looking for donations to supply female hygiene bags at the Gettysburg Area High School.

Please consider donating...

- Mini Deodorant
- Regular Pads
- Regular Tampons

Thank you!

Drop off location: Gettysburg Presbyterian Church- 208 Baltimore St, Gettysburg, PA 17325

For more information email Lily at ljorgensen25@gasd-pa.org

Congregational Meeting

There will be a brief congregational meeting

on **Sunday, Nov. 6**

following the 11:00AM service

to elect church officers.

You may attend in person, or via the live stream! Any additional nominations must be received at the church office by Wed., Nov. 2.

Our next **YOUNG AT HEART** potluck lunch and meeting will be held at **12:00 noon** on **Thursday, November 10th**.

Our guest speaker, Mary Smith, local Salvation Army representative, will update us about their activities and programs..

Deadline to reserve your spot is Friday, November 4th, by phoning Penny in the office 717-334-1235 or email:

gpcadmin@gettysburgpresbyterian.org



Moses and the Burning Bush A Truly Transformative Adult Education Opportunity

In Chapter 3 of Exodus, we read about Moses' encounter with God in a burning bush. It's not a long encounter, spanning some 17 verses, but like so much with God, there is far more than meets the eye. On the surface it mostly seems that God identifies Himself, and then tells Moses to go free the Israelites – over Moses' protestations.

However, delve in and you find that there is far more that God reveals about Himself: who He is and His nature. Explore these profound truths in a video series in the Adult Sunday School class held in the MacAskill Room at 9:30 Sunday mornings, featuring the late Dr. R. C. Sproul. You'll be amazed and challenged as you hear Dr. Sproul and discuss the concepts he presents. This class is facilitated by Susan Kolmer and Lynne Graziano. No prior attendance is necessary to join in and learn some amazing truths about God that you might not have known. Note that this is the second 5 weeks of a 10-week series running from 23 October through 20 November. For more information, you can contact Susan Kolmer at skolmer@comcast.net or Kyle Clark at gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org.



New Church Directory

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. 4th. Saturday, Nov 5th was eliminated due to a low sign-up rate.

GPC sent out emails with a link that you can click on for an appointment. The link is also on the GPC website and Facebook page. A sign-up table in the church will be available in Fellowship Hall on Sundays in October beginning October 9th.

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.

Photo appointments are available on this link: www.tinyurl.com/gpcphoto



Mission Bright Star

On **Sunday, November 20th** you will have an opportunity to participate in our church's annual Mission Bright Star program. Mission Bright Star is a ministry in which members of our congregation purchase gifts for children whose father or mother is a resident in the Adams County Correctional Facility during the Christmas season. Our church has been involved with this local ministry since 1993.

Details regarding participation in Mission Bright Star will be announced during the church services on November 20th. The sign-up for the program will occur immediately after each service in Fellowship Hall.

As in the past, your willingness to share the love and compassion of Christ with others is greatly appreciated. Thank You

REMINDER:

Daylight Savings Time ends on November 6th



Be sure to turn your clocks **BACK ON SATURDAY, November 5th.**

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

Our Stephen Ministers can help.

Contact Lou Nyiri at the church office 717-334-1235, ext. 4.



HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP
October / November

Oct. 30	5:00 - 6:00 PM	Costume Party
Nov. 6	5:00 - 6:00 PM	Fellowship & Games
Nov. 13	5:00 - 6:00 PM	Dinner & Fire Pit at GPC
Nov. 20	5:00 - 6:00 PM	Fellowship & Games

MidSHIP Schedule
October / November

Oct. 30	5:00 - 6:00 PM	Costume Party
Nov. 6	5:00 - 6:00 PM	Fellowship & Games
Nov. 13	5:00 - 6:00 PM	Dinner & Fire Pit at GPC
Nov. 20	5:00 - 6:00 PM	Fellowship & Games

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United will meet on Wednesday, November 2, 11:30 a.m. at Gettysburg Church of the Brethren, 1710 Biglerville Rd.

Luncheon (\$4) will be provided. Our guest speaker will be Susan Cole with HOLIDAY FAMILY OUTREACH.

Knitted hats & mittens will be received & presented at the meeting.

Men's Interfaith Luncheon

All men are invited on Wednesday, November 2nd 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.

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Julie Rice on the recent death of Jo Rice.

Jacque Curl on the recent death of his brother and sister.

Pat Smith on the recent death of her aunt.

John Traflet on the recent death of his good friend.



The Fellowship & Family Ministry Teams are delighted to once again sponsor a trip to The Christian Life Assembly in Camp Hill for their annual Christmas presentation,

Christmas Wonderland

"A REASON TO SING"

Saturday, December 10th @ 2:00 PM

Enter the world of the Beckett family of Cranberry Ridge, New Hampshire. The year is 1895. Snow is falling. You can smell homemade pies and roasted chest-nuts. And you can hear the sounds of Christmas down the cobblestone streets of this quaint little town. Music is a large part of Stephen Beckett's life. He is a singer of great renown in his community. Watch when circumstances try to take his passion for music away and how an unexpected loved one helps him hang onto his reason to sing. As always, you will enjoy beautiful music, dance, laughter and a living nativity. And although this story takes place more than 100 years ago, you will find that some things never change: the love of family, the importance of friends, and a God who loves us enough to send His Son to be born in a manger.

In addition to the performance, you are also able to enjoy The Christmas Wonderland Lobby Experience with special music, live nativity, tasty treats and more. Doors open one hour prior to performances.

Tickets cost \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students (age 5-18)
We will plan to leave the church parking lot at 12:00 pm.

Sign up in Fellowship Hall or you can contact Peter North at (717)339-9594 or by email at pnorth@gettysburg.edu with questions.

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

We look forward to seeing you! Happy Hiking!



Prepare for the Christmas Fair!

We are so excited to be back together for games, fun, and food at this year's Christmas Fair to be held on December 4th. Please plan to bring your whole family to church for the chance to win prizes and share supper together! Over the next few weeks you may sign up to help out in the kitchen during the fair, or even prepare food to be sold to raise money for all the missions we at GPC support. Please consider contributing to the Mission Funds of our church in some way through our Christmas Fair.

Christmas Mission Fair 2022 Schedule

This year Christmas Mission Fair (CMF) will return to its pre-COVID format and fun! Mark your calendars and make plans to bring the whole family and your friends to this fun-filled and impactful event!

Sunday November 20th and 27th and December 4th: Between church services plan to browse the Silent Auction Items, Direct Support Gift Letters, Craft Sale, and Presbyterian Coffee Project offerings in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday December 4th: Come back out for an evening of fun at the Christmas Mission Fair from 4:30-7:00pm! Kid's games, food, bake sale, music, and entertainment will fill the church with laughter and fun, as you finish your Silent Auction, Support Gift Letters, Craft Sale, and Coffee Project purchases!

Thank you for your generous support of GPC Mission opportunities, and your participation in this fun event! SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!

Silent Auction For Christmas Fair Items Needed by Nov 18th

Once again, this year we will be holding a Silent Auction of high-quality Christmas Items benefitting GPC missions at the Christmas Fair. Bidding will begin on Sunday, November 20th and end as the Fair concludes on December 4th. The highest bidder takes home the prize!

If you have an item you would like to offer or know of a business that may be willing to donate, please contact Tom Kolmer at 717-634-0258 or at tomkolmer@gmail.com. We will choose 10 of the items to use for the Silent Auction. All others will be included in the Christmas Mission Fair sales.



Extra Crafts for the Christmas Fair - Calling all crafters!

We are seeking donations of Christmas wreaths, toys, flower arrangements, paintings, needlework, or any other quality crafts you would be willing to donate for sale at the Christmas Fair on Sunday, December 4th. All proceeds from items sold at the craft tables will go to GPC mission projects for the upcoming year. Please, do not bring rummage sale or used household items, they will not be accepted for this event. Contact Tom Kolmer at 717-634-0258 or at tomkolmer@gmail.com if you have any questions. Please bring crafts to Fellowship Hall **BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH, AT THE LATEST. THANKS!**

Poinsettias

Help us decorate the sanctuary at Christmas by ordering a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone. The flowers will be used in the sanctuary December 24th & 25th You may pick up your plant(s) following evening worship on the 24th or Tuesday the 27th 9:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m. **Those not picked up by noon on Wednesday, Dec. 28th will be delivered to shut-ins.** The 5-6 bloom 6 1/2" pot will cost \$10.00.

Please fill in the following form & send it with your check made payable to Gettysburg Presbyterian Church to:

Mary Flinner
1360 Tract Rd.
Fairfield, PA 17320

Orders MUST be in by Sunday, December 2nd.
We cannot accept orders after that date—No extensions.



Christmas Poinsettias 2022

Given by: _____

Phone #: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

of plants you will pick up _____ # of plants to be delivered to shut-ins _____

Learn. Eat. Move. Thriving in Your Diabetes Journey

November is National Diabetes Month. Join us for a FREE four-week program that will focus on managing your diabetes by living a healthier, more active lifestyle!

Classes begin Monday, November 7 | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.



Virtual Classes

Week 1: Diabetes ABCs

November 7

Glucometers and CGMs. Oral meds, injectables and insulin—What, why, when and how?

Week 2: Moving from restrictive diets to flexible eating plans

November 14

One size does not fit all.
Calories-Carbs-Protein-Fat-Fiber –
What really matters? What's best for me?

Week 3: Coping, managing stress and getting enough sleep

November 21

Mindful eating. Planning for special occasions.

Week 4: Lapses and Relapses

November 28

Learn from experiences.
Find support.
Food is fuel.

Register at [wellspan.org/events](https://www.wellspan.org/events) Zoom link will be sent to individuals once registration is completed.

For questions, call 717-262-4602.

First Aid/CPR/AED Class
Be Ready to Save a Life!
 November 5, 2022



Be ready to help when circumstances are life threatening! GPC is holding mission activities year-round, wouldn't it be nice if we had a certified responder at each event? This is an American Red Cross 2 year certification. Becky Stabler, member, will be offering GPC members, and neighbors, a class in First Aid, CPR and AED. It will be held on **Saturday, November 5** starting at 8:30am. The class has 3 certifications possible, which are presented as full classroom presentations with skill work. Register by Nov. 3, call 717-688-5183 or email: HanoverCPR@gmail.com. Members get a discounted rate.

Adult CPR/AED

GPC members \$65/ \$70 non-members 8:30 a.m. - noon

Adult CPR/AED/First Aid

GPC members \$65/ \$80 non-members 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Adult/Pediatric CPR/AED/First Aid

GPC members \$65/ \$90 non-members 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Grief Support Group

This four-week grief support group entitled: "Dealing with Grief and Loss: Hope in the Midst of Pain" will be led by Anne Gallon and Diane Weikert. Anne is both a Stephen Minister and Stephen Leader. Diane is one of our many gifted Stephen Ministers.

The group will meet on Sunday mornings October 23 through November 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Eisenhower Lounge.

The group is open to anyone who has experienced the death of a spouse, friend or loved one and who is open to exploring their experience further with others in the same situation. If you have any questions or would like to sign up for the group, please contact Rev. Lou Nyiri at 334-1235, ext. 4 or gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

~ John 14:27


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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, November 3, 2022**

**October / November 2022
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

October 30	Rev. Caleb McClure Preaching
November 6	Rev. Caleb McClure Preaching Communion
November 13	Rev. Lou Nyiri Preaching
November 20	Thanksgivers Sunday Pledge Sunday

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