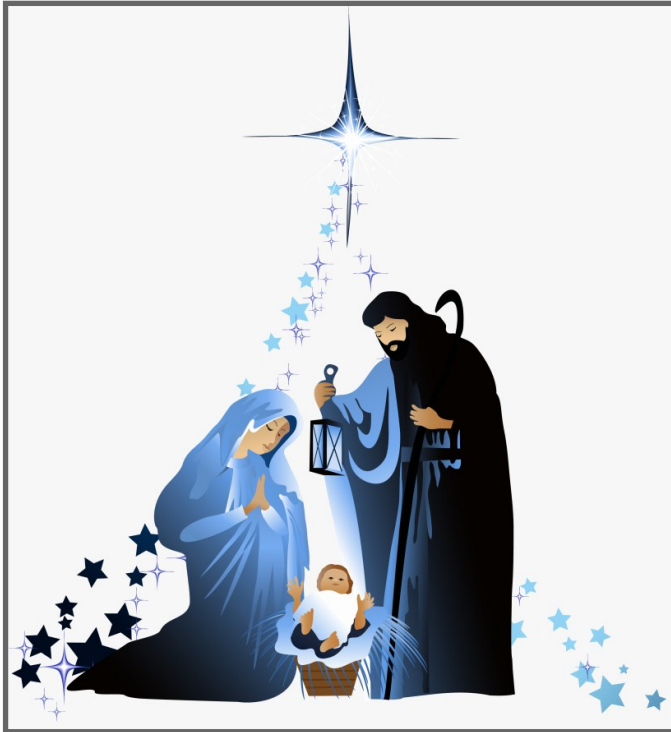


Gettysburg Presbyterian Church

GRAPEVINE

December 8, 2022



*May you have
the gift of Faith,
the blessing of Hope,
and the peace of His Love
at Christmas and always*

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year 2023

from the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church Staff

*Caleb Lou Penny Libby David
George Jamie Kyle Carrie Larry Phyllis Pam*

Happy Birthday to...

January 1

Barb Fair
Kate Matthews
Kay McClain
Johnna Sanders

January 2

Lori Francesconi
Michael Gazmen
Madison Meyer
Tammy Smarsh
Ann Williams

January 3

Sandra Irwin

January 4

Trenton Fake
Christian Swartzbaugh
Ethan Walker

January 5

Matthew Harvey

January 6

Casey Roy
Don Scofield

January 7

Matthew Landauer
Jane Neely
Caleb Unger
Marilyn Weary

January 8

James Bergen

January 10

Barbara Finrock
Paul Landauer
Pamela Musselman

January 12

Lois Gregor

January 15

Joan Kinsey
Samantha McClure
Pam Rowland

January 16

Caroline Wintrobe

January 30

Alexander Cowden
Olivia Cowden
Cheryl Kulkusky
Lee Ann Larson
Callie Sheppard
Audrey Trax

January 17

Ken Brown
Alexandra Chandon
Allen Duncan
Mike Hosterman
Cora McClure

January 18

Michael King
Patricia Lewis
William Reaver

January 19

Brian Fitzgerald
Kelcee Keller

January 20

Jacob Durboraw
John Gregor
Sharon Martin
Mary Miner
Deb Slothour

January 21

Debra Meckley

January 22

Leah Bernier
Evelyn Flinner
Madison Franek

January 23

Deb Kammerer
Tom Kolmer
Sandra Reed

January 24

Gina Xenos

January 25

Christopher Kiefer
Mary Weigle

January 26

Margaret Sarnoff

January 27

Dave Boyer
Callie Fennimore
Kay Knox

January 28

Barb Sanders
Jordan Thompson

January 29

Jacob Bridel
Kyle Clark
Ava Fair

January 31

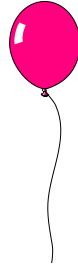
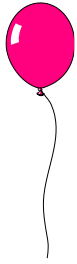
Donald Stabler
Larry Wagner
Bev Weber

January 30

Chad Decker
Jan Gazmen

January 31

Dave Delacruz
Josh Fair
Jordan Soliday
Tracey Stone
Becky Wareham



MISSION

PRAYER LIST

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

- 12/11 Fruitbelt Farmworkers Ministry**
This ministry is at seasonal workcamps throughout the region.
- 12/18 Sean and Bethany Walker**
After serving 10 years in Central Asia, Sean & Bethany are now working from Houston, supporting the ministry of Antioch Partners, a mission group committed to reaching unreached people around the world.
- 12/25 Marta Bennet**
Marta is a long-time missionary teaching theology and leadership in Nairobi, Kenya.
- 1/1/22 Habitat for Humanity**
GPC was a founding church for this ministry which provides home ownership for working poor families.

Please consider including them in your own prayers!

As most of you know, both Richard and Diana have had a very rough year health wise. We have delayed writing this thank you to our church family because it seems to have been constantly ongoing issues. You, our wonderful and steadfast church family have been with us through it all. We thank you for the food, the cards, the calls, and the visits that kept our spirits up. As we move into the Christmas holiday season we want to thank you for your love and caring and send our blessings for everyone to have a wonderful holiday. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Hugs - Rick and Diana Miner



“Growing Back Together” Stewardship 2023

***Thank you to everyone who has already
submitted their pledge for the
2023 Stewardship Campaign.***

***If you have not, there is still time.
Please place them in the offering plate on
Sunday morning or turn them into the church
office at your earliest convenience.***



Envelopes & Contributions

Please pick up your 2023 contribution envelopes on the table in Fellowship Hall. This will save the church time and money since those not picked up are mailed out individually. If you don't see your envelopes or you would like to start getting envelopes, or you are interested in ACH giving please contact Penny in the church office.

Also, our Church Treasurer reminds everyone to make 2022 gifts to the church by December 31 to receive credit for your donation in the 2022 calendar year.

**Many of our staff will be on vacation
after Christmas.**

**The Church office will be CLOSED
December 25 - January 2**

For pastoral care needs contact the following:

December 25 - 29

Rev. Lou Nyiri 717-253-2711

December 30 - January 2

Phyllis Dowd - 717-253-5545

or

Pam Phillips - 410-596-0777

Poinsettias can be picked up

Dec. 24 - after 8:30 worship

Dec. 25 - after 10 a.m. worship

Dec. 27 - 9:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.

(After Dec. 27 the flowers will be delivered to shut-ins)



PowerPoint

Volunteers Needed!

The Contemporary Worship Service needs people to help project the PowerPoint during the 9:30 a.m. contemporary service.

No experience needed- you will be trained. You will be working in a rotation of four to five people, so you would most likely be scheduled every four to five weeks.

If interested, please see Libby Crowe or Carrie Conklin, or contact Libby at (717) 476-0821.

Men's Interfaith Luncheon

All men are invited on **Wednesday, December 14** during Advent 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.

2023 Chancel Flowers

The new calendar is available on the bulletin board in



Fellowship Hall to sign up for the Chancel flowers in 2023.

The Price of flowers has gone up to \$35.00

"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:

January

We will be collecting items for

The Gettysburg Soup Kitchen:

Non-perishable canned and boxed food items (not opened or passed expiration date), bottled water, coffee (instant and grounds), coffee creamer, hot chocolate, granola bars, fruit snacks, individually wrapped snacks, drink mixes, juices, boxed mac & cheese, peanut butter, jelly, Ramen noodles, biscuit mix, bath soap, tooth-paste/brushes, shampoo.

Please no glass items.

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP December / January

December 11	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Fellowship & Games
December 18	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Silly Gift Exchange
December 25	NO SHIP CHRISTMAS BREAK	
January 1	NO SHIP CHRISTMAS BREAK	

MidSHIP Schedule December / January

December 11	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Fellowship & Games
December 14	2:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Bake Christmas Cookies for Shut-Ins
December 18	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Silly Gift Exchange
December 25	NO MID-SHIP CHRISTMAS BREAK	
January 1	NO MID-SHIP CHRISTMAS BREAK	

Light in the Midst of Darkness

A worship service for those who find celebrating difficult...

Date: Sunday, December 18, 2022
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Place: Gettysburg Presbyterian Church
208 Baltimore Steet

(Livestream of service opens at 2:50 p.m.)
(Parking lot located off East High Street)

(Livestream Link on website: www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org)

Gather with us for this quiet, meditative service as we remember and share our hurting places with God.

Join us for this candle-lit time of music, scripture, stories, silent reflection, and prayer...



BIRTHDAY PARTY for JESUS!!

*Held during the 4:00 p.m. service
on Christmas Eve.*

For children ages 3—Grade 3, a special “Birthday Party for Jesus” will be held during the 4:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. The party will include songs, the Christmas story, crafts, cupcakes for Jesus, and a special gift bag for each child.

Children will begin the service with their families in the sanctuary and exit shortly thereafter. All children ages 3—Grade 3 are welcome to attend this meaningful celebration.

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.

Dec. 12 - January 8 please contact Linda MacAskill at 717-334-2598.





Advent Schedule

December 11 - Third Sunday of Advent

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

December 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant
and Carol Sing
11:00 a.m. Adult Choir Christmas
Cantata— "Carol Fantasy"
with brass
3:00 p.m. Light in the Midst of
Darkness: A Worship Service
for Those Who Find
Celebrating Difficult

December 24- Christmas Eve Services

4:00 p.m. Family Worship and
"Birthday Party for Jesus"
(ages 3 - Grade 3)
5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship
8:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

Candle-lighting and Carol singing at all services.
Nursery care provided at each service.

December 25- Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. Combined Worship

***Come and Celebrate the Season
with Joy and Hope!***



Advent is upon us and as we wait patiently for Christ to arrive, we have some devotionals to keep you focused this season. We are offering an adult devotional called *A Wonderful Life in Christ* by Michael Hoy and a family with children devotional called *Do Not Be Afraid* by Illustrated Ministry. Both devotionals can be found in Fellowship Hall on a table near the automatic doors.

Incarnation

A new Sunday School class began November 27th (the first Sunday of Advent!). This class is being taught by Merida Hurkett and will focus on the book *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas* by Adam Hamilton. Merida has suggested that having a copy of the book would be beneficial. We have them for sale in Fellowship Hall near the automatic doors for \$17.

Stephen Ministry

SHOW THEM YOU CARE!

When you see people who are sad, lonely, or grief-stricken, don't just tell them you care--show them you care!



Ask how they are, listen to what they have to say, share the love of Jesus. And if their need is great, encourage them to consider Stephen Ministry as a way to receive the transforming love and care of Jesus. Show them you care, and you can make a real difference

in their life. For more information call Lou at the church office

334-1235, ext. 4.

Light Up the Night

December 16th
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

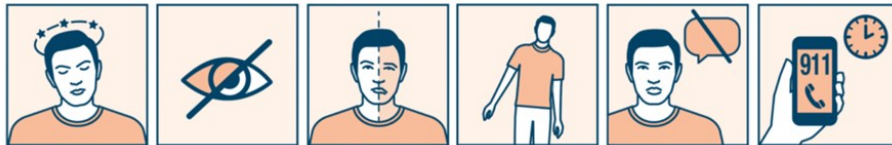
Gettysburg Area School District is hosting a community event at our church to promote hope and healing this Christmas season in the wake of the sudden passing of two students. There will be a peaceful and positive demonstration as we walk down to the square with glow sticks and signs, a speaker at the church, following by a fellowship event with refreshments, games, and gathering.

Come support the students and families of our community as we stand in solidarity together.

LEARN HOW TO RECOGNIZE

STROKE

Knowing the signs of stroke can help save lives. When you know what to look for, you can help others get the care they need.



BALANCE

LOSS OF BALANCE,
HEADACHE
OR DIZZINESS

EYES

BLURRED VISION

FACE

ONE SIDE OF THE
FACE IS DROOPING

ARMS

ARM OR LEG
WEAKNESS

SPEECH

SPEECH DIFFICULTY

TIME

TIME TO CALL
FOR AMBULANCE
IMMEDIATELY

As we gather for holiday celebrations, I encourage you to learn this acronym. Recognizing these symptoms can help save a life. Share with your families on what actions you would take if you saw someone exhibiting these symptoms. Moving quickly saves lives. **Please do not** put these persons in a car and drive them to the hospital regardless of how close you are to the local Emergency Department. **EMS** (Emergency Medical System) can initiate the call to the Emergency Department for the **BAT** (Brain Attack Team) to initiate their protocols prior to the patient's arrival to expedite care.

Uncontrollable Risk factors regarding Strokes: over age 55; male; African American, Hispanic and or Asian; family with a history of stroke or transient ischemic attack (TIA), Atrial fibrillation.

How to lower our risk of strokes:

- Regular Blood pressure check ups
- Stop smoking
- Limit Alcohol intake
- Keep diabetes under control
- Regular exercise for 30 minutes a day
- Eat a healthy, low sodium diet
- Control your Cholesterol

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



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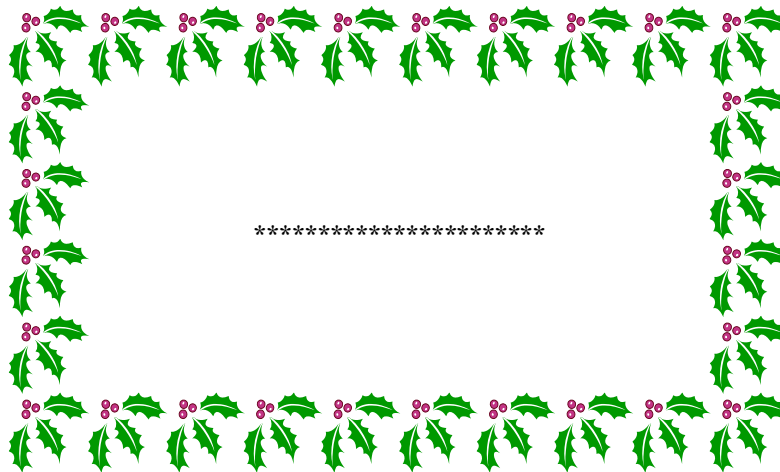
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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, December 29, 2022

December 2022 / January 2023
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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Contemporary Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

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December 24	4:00 p.m. Family Worship & "Birthday Party for Jesus" 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship 8:30 p.m. Traditional Worship
December 25	10:00 a.m. Christmas Day "PJ Party"
January 1, 2023	10:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service

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