

GRAPEVINE

April 19, 2022

Remaining in Love

Shelly Rambo, Assistant Professor of Theology at Boston University School of Theology, draws upon contemporary studies in trauma to rethink a central claim of the Christian faith: that new life arises from death. In her book *Spirit and Trauma: A Theology of Remaining*, Rambo raises the question, “What form of life can arise in the wake of a radical ending?”

Her response, “The form of life is intricately linked to witness. There is weight to life, an urgent and precarious dimension to it, as it is reconceived through the radical event of death.” (pp. 167-168) Rambo discusses how this outlook defies logic and can cause some to become suspicious of logic.

Witnessing, Rambo believes, exceeds the boundaries of logic. Witness requires a capacity to imagine beyond an ending, to imagine life where it is not ... to imagine life in the face of the impossibility of a future. It is precisely in the face of such an unimaginable future that hope must take up residence. Hope grounded in faith dares to believe that life can return in a form that is not yet imaginable.

This may be what Cornel West refers to when he makes the following statement about life “not being the pushbutton solution...It reminds one very much of the blues: ‘been down so long that down don’t worry me no more, that’s why I keep keeping on anyway.’ It’s not logical. Not logical at all. If you depend solely on the logic, you’re in deep trouble.” (Rambo, p. 167-168)

Enter Jesus – triumphant and riding on the foal of a donkey.
Enter Jesus – servant-like and sharing a meal with his disciples and washing their feet.
Enter Jesus – humble and dying on a cross.
Enter Jesus – changing the way we view death by doing something unthinkable.

The Lenten journey – The Holy Week events – The Easter stories regarding that which transpired after these events remind, we who have ‘been down so long’ that we can believe in that which seems illogical.

Enter an unquenchable hope that we can imagine life in new ways and in new forms.
Enter an unending witness that we can rise above that which is dead or dying in our lives.
Enter an everlasting love that remains.

Share the Story – Be the Witness – See You In Worship!

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Happy Birthday to...

May 1

Cheryl Betts
Margaret Curtis
Victoria Harvey
Jane Howe

May 2

Erin Heeschen
Antonio Mora
Breelyn Snyder

May 3

Alan Fleckner
Dennis Ruth
Bob Smith

May 4

Katherine Rice
Marlene Tindall

May 5

Luke Flinner
Tom Kuhn
Kasey Smarsh

May 6

Benjamin Angstadt

May 7

Judy Beamer
Andy Farkas

May 8

Lance Lewis
Shaye Whiteman

May 8

Lawrence Wolf

May 8

Tracy Angstadt

May 9

Kelly Smarsh

May 10

Dawn Bohner
Marjorie McCartney
Thomas Smarsh

May 11

Brian May

May 13

Todd Durboraw
Brandon Hiller
Finley Sayres

May 17

Sadie Russo

May 18

Jay Tassin

May 19

Harrison Stewart

May 20

Tim Baker
Owen Decker
Sydney Tomassini

May 21

Amy Dreves
Paul Ketterman
Shauna Snyder
Diane Weikert

May 22

John Golanoski
Urijah Hare
Jackie Hiller
Jack Soliday
Natalie Tschop

May 24

Lori Bridel
Joseph Jones
Jackson Lush
Nancy Sterrett

May 25

Jacob Bankert
Louise Garverick
Beth Hans

May 26

Larry Musselman

May 26

Sarah Skoczen
Devin Miller

May 27

Karen Eskildsen
Emily Stone

May 29

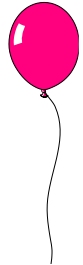
Judy Inskip
Edward McCartney
Shane Sellers


May 30

Jen Decker
Jim Heeschen
Linnette Murray

May 31

Daniel Crowe
Dennis Dowd
Michelle Gorski






A blood drive to benefit Jen Unger
will be held on April 28th
from 2:45 – 8:00 P.M.
at the Littlestown High School.

You can register by going to www.Redcrossblood.org

Thank you
to Nancy Cook,
Krista Delacruz
and the Middle
School and High
School youth for
helping with
Easter activities
with the children
on Easter Morning.



**Central PA Walk for Water
Event**
151 Moul Ave., Hanover
Saturday, April 30
From 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

Make plans now to join us on the morning of 30 April for the Central PA Walk for Water in Hanover at Moul Park! This event is a fundraiser and awareness opportunity for clean water projects through Water Missions Int'l, the same organization that we worked with 9 years ago to provide a clean water system for Hidalgo, Mexico! One of the water cleaning systems will be on site, and you can see how dirty water is turned into clean, drinking water before your eyes!

*Pre-registration is encouraged (to get a free t-shirt!) at:
<https://watermission.org/get-involved/walk-for-water/>
The cost is \$20 per person. Registration begins at 8am and walking begins at 9am. Plan to walk 2.5 miles, or as far as you can! Even if you can't walk, your presence and support would be an encouragement! Remember their slogan, "We walk for clean water so they won't have to!"
Thanks, and see you there!*

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

will meet Wednesday, May 4, 11:30 a.m. at the Gettysburg Church of the Brethren, 1710 Biglerville Road.

We will celebrate May Friendship Day with a program, along with our guest speaker, Mary Kay Turner.

Everyone is asked to bring their own packed lunch; water & coffee will be provided. A special welcome to newcomers. No reservations are needed.

**SAVE THE DATE
on May 8, 2022**

there will a Combined Worship Service at 10 am at the Rec Park.

It is also Mother's Day and Youth Sunday!

In case of inclement weather, there will be one service in the Sanctuary at 10 am.

(The service will be live-streamed if in the Sanctuary, but not if we are at the Rec Park). Stay tuned for more information!

ANTIQUES and ICE CREAM

Please join us. Presbyterian Women is hosting an ICE CREAM SOCIAL on Tuesday, May 10, 6-8 p.m. for all the women of our church (daughters included). You are invited to bring up to 2 antiques or vintage treasures to show to the group. After our ice cream we will be joined by JIMMY PETERS, AUCTIONEER, with 30 years experience. He will go through as many of the items as we have time for, and he will discuss their value, history, and provenance. He is a very entertaining guy, and we will have a fun time. This event is free but please reply to Amy Deitch by email at ahdeitch@hotmail.com to let us know you are coming. There is also a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall at 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.

April 11 - May 8 please contact Mary Beth Shoemaker at 610-730-5051

**"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:

April

We will be collecting items for
Adams County Office of Aging

Adult pull-on briefs (not the kind with tape on the sides) in sizes M, L, XL, disposable bed pads, Ensure or Boost nutritional supplement drinks and flushable wipes.

MISSION PRAYER LIST

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

4/24 Presbyterian Homes
Presbyterian Homes provide a variety of living places for Seniors.

5/1 Camp Krislund
Supported by three presbyteries, including ours. Summer camp programs for children and youth, year-round retreat facilities.

5/8 Dori Hjalmarson
She is serving in Honduras, partnering with Presbyterian Churches there. A place where many US churches have pulled out.

Please consider including them in your own prayers!

SAVE THE DATE

June 20 -23

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

“EGYPT: Joseph’s Journey from Prison to Palace” is our theme.

Registration begins May 10th thru June 7th.
Volunteers for Marketplace signup begins March 27th. Leaders for groups will begin on March 27th also.

Signup to help us make this a wonderful return to full VBS.



Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Condolences

Barry & Sandra Breighner, Barton & Karen Breighner,
and Lucy Breighner on the death of their Sister &
Brother-in-law.

Susan Kint on the recent death of her Father.

Georgia Bittle on the recent death of her Mother.

Steve Toddes on the recent death of his Mother.

SUMMER CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Volunteers needed to teach our young children at 9:00 and 10:30 during June – August. Material is easy to teach and everything you need is in one box. Signup sheets on CE table in Fellowship Hall. If we don’t get volunteers, we will have to keep the children in the worship service. Please help us with this program.

Please complete the following Faith Community Nurse Survey

I would be interested in the following programs/activities at GPC if they were offered.

Health Education	Interested	Not interested
Cancer		
Healthy Cooking		
Healthy Eating		
Diabetes		
Heart Health		
Men's Health		
Women's Health		
Mental Health		
Dementia/Alzheimer's		
Grief and Loss		
Stress Reduction		
Mental Health Issues		
Lifestyle Activities		
Walking/Hiking Club		
Gardening		
Support Groups		
Cancer Support Group		
Caregiver Support Group		

I would attend these programs/activities at GPC during the following times:

Monday – Friday Morning____ Afternoon____ Evening____

Saturday Morning____

Sunday Morning____ Afternoon____

Please place survey results in “marked” box in Fellowship Hall

Feel free to add topics desired.

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




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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, April 28, 2022**

**April 2022
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

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| April 24 | Laity Sunday - Stephen Leader, Jen Clark Speaking |
| May 1 | Director of Christian Education, Cheryl Betts Speaking
Communion |
| May 8 | Youth Sunday
10:00 a.m. Combined Outdoor Worship Service at Rec Park |

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