

GRAPEVINE

"The Pastor's Page"

January 3, 2023

What Do You See?

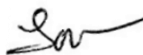
As the Christmas season slowly comes to an end, I am reminded of the litany called "Now the Work of Christmas Begins" composed by Howard Thurman, an African-American theologian, educator, and civil rights leader.

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

Thurman's words help me re-calibrate life's focus with the dawn of each New Year. May they do the same for you.

If you're looking for a word to take with you in 2023, then make a note that in worship January 8th, we will be selecting Star Gift Cards.

See you in Worship!



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"Thanks so much to all those parents, friends and staff members who helped with the Children's Christmas Pageant this year. Special thanks to Kyle Clark, Nancy Cook and Mary Miner who made it all come together when I wasn't able to be there. God blessed the children and all of us through you!"

-Bonnie Wright

THANK YOU!!

We would like to thank Betsy & Montford Illick on the donation of your beautiful tree in the sanctuary during



Our Annual Congregational Meeting

will be **Sunday, January 29,**

following the
***10:30 COMBINED
WORSHIP SERVICE**
in the sanctuary.

Plan to attend in person
or on-line!

NOTE: Time change for worship

**"Growing Back Together"
Stewardship 2023**

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

If you have not, please place them in the offering plate on Sunday morning or turn them into the church office at your earliest convenience.



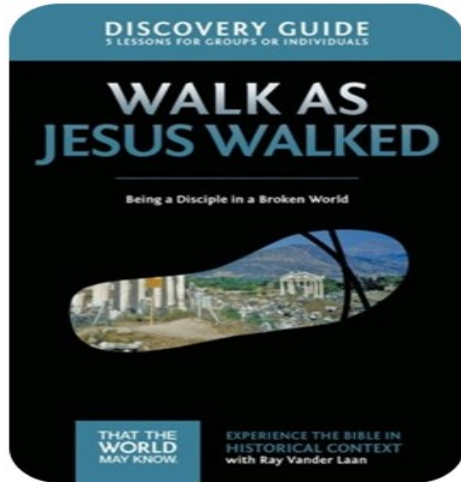
Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Kevin Hollowell on the recent death of his mother.

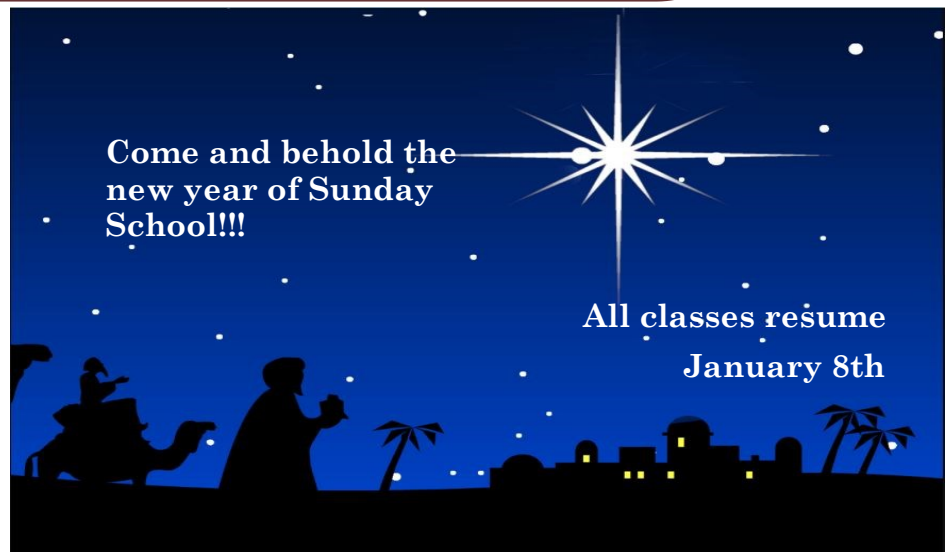
Kay McClain's family upon her recent death.

Evelyn Small's family upon her recent death.

Beckie Carbaugh and Benjy Conover on the recent death of her father and his brother.



Join Merida Hurkett starting **Sunday Jan 8th at 9:30am in the MacAskill room**. She will be discussing the following series, “Walk as Jesus Walked” complete with videos from where the first disciples walked. This new year learn what discipleship means, who can be a disciple, how to be a disciple, and what to expect as a disciple. No books required.



It's all about Early Detection !

WellSpan Health and Gettysburg College are pleased to present:

WellSpan Mobile Mammography - A Service of WellSpan Surgery & Rehabilitation Hospital

Get your annual screening mammogram! Must be at least **40 years old** to qualify.
No physician order required.

January 10th, 2023: 8am – 4pm

Gettysburg College

300 North Washington Street Gettysburg, PA 17325

To schedule: Call **(717) 466-2666**, **(717) GO-MAMMO** or visit **wellspan.org/events**

Appointments are required. Space is limited so call early to secure your time.

If you have concerns about the cost of the screening, WellSpan Health has programs that can help



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.

Thank you for all of your help getting us moved into our home here in Gettysburg. For boxes lifted, furniture hefted, totes relocated; for trucks loaned, for food made and laughter shared, kids entertained, and Advil consumed – we thank you.

We are looking forward to more ministry and fellowship with you all!

Happy New Year and a hearty thank you. From Henry, Jack, Cora, Olivia, Sam and Caleb.

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

January

January 8	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Fellowship & Games
January 15	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Fellowship & Games
January 22	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Fellowship & Games
January 29	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Fellowship & Games

MidSHIP Schedule

January

January 8	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Fellowship & Games
January 15	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Fellowship & Games
January 22	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Fellowship & Games
January 29	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Fellowship & Games

Our January get-together will be on

Thursday, January 12th at 12 noon.



We will provide the chicken, so you can bring salads, vegetables, dessert to go along with it. Our speaker will be (new member) Kathy Mellott, who will be sharing her professional knowledge of audiology.

A donation will be taken to cover the cost of the chicken. All are welcome to attend. To be sure that enough food is ordered, if you would let Penny know in the church office at 334-1235, or email gpcadmin@gettysburgpresbyterian.org by Friday, January 6th.

MISSION PRAYER LIST

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

- 1/8 Carpenter's Gift**
A GPC ministry building primarily handi-capped ramps for local people.
- 1/15 South Carolina Mission**
Works with Sea Island Habitat for Humanity to build homes for working poor families each Spring.
- 1/22 Jacques Merine**
Jacques heads Source of Life Ministries, which runs an orphanage in Haiti. They are hoping to expand into health ministries in the near future.

Please consider including them in your own prayers!

Stephen Ministry

Create an
Atmosphere of
Acceptance
Reassurance (of God's love) &
Encouragement.



If you would like to talk to a Stephen Minister who "caares," please contact Rev. Lou Nyiri at the church office 717-334-1235, ext. 4.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Mission Focus Sunday is January 29th!

This will be a great chance to find out more about how YOU and YOUR FAMILY can get plugged into GPC Missions this year!

Join us in Fellowship Hall between services to talk to members with experience with the Yucatan Mexico mission, the South Carolina Habitat for Humanity Mission, Rise Against Hunger, Water Missions Walk For Water, the High School Mission Trip, and many local opportunities to get involved!

That evening come back at 6:30 p.m. for our Combined Mission Interest Meeting to explore details about going on a mission trip in 2023, and enjoy ice cream sundaes with friends!

GPC Missions... Where God Things Happen!

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.
December 12 - January 8 please contact Linda MacAskill at 717-334-2598.
January 9 - February 12 please contact the church office 717-334-1235.

The Prayer Project

If you are trying to engage in daily prayer, but never sure what to pray about? Well each month this year, we will be releasing a calendar of daily prayer for you to use. They will range in topics from our church family, to the local community, to national and global concerns. The prayers are short to fit into a busy schedule but you can expand on them as you feel lead. If you would like to engage more in this new project, please contact Susan Kolmer at sebkolmer@gmail.com.

THE PRAYER PROJECT – JANUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Thank you God for GPC as we enter our 283 rd year. Bless and guide our church in every way as we seek to serve You.	2 Holy God, please guide President Biden with Your wisdom and let his decisions all be within Your will.	3 Lord God, shine rays of love and hope into the darkness of those who believe their lives are worthless.	4 Creator God, guide all governments and industries into careful stewardship of this beautiful world we have.	5 Thank you God for the privilege of serving You through Gettysburg CARES. Please bless this ministry richly!	6 O Morning Star, as the Magi followed Your light to Bethlehem, may we not forget You in this post-Christmas season.	7 We thank you God for all the faithful PennDOT employees and others who plow our roads. May all drive safely.
8 We pray today, O God, that you will guide, inspire and lead each member of our Session as they set the year's course for GPC.	9 Dearest Jesus, how You love children! Bless children everywhere with all that each needs to grow and thrive.	10 Just God, we implore you to spare Ukraine and bring a firm end to Russian aggression in Ukraine and against any other country.	11 Show us, caring Jesus, how to help our neighbors to stay warm during these cold winter months.	12 Jesus, You heal so many hurts. Bless now GPC's Stephen Ministry in every way as they seek to further Your work.	13 During this year, O God, many teens will get their driver's license. We pray that all drive safely forever.	14 God of mercy, bestow tolerance and forbearance upon our nation such that gun violence becomes a thing of the past.
15 Healing God, we pray for all the staff at Gettysburg Hospital. Empower them to heal all who enter with dignity and compassion.	16 God of all peoples, we pray that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of a color-blind society coexisting in harmony becomes reality.	17 Today God, we lift up all of Gettysburg's Schools. Imbue all staff with Your wisdom, and let all students enjoy success.	18 From the beginning, Holy Lord, You ordained us to be male or female. Please guide uncertain and hurting people to embrace what they were born to be.	19 Jesus, we ask your blessings upon the Gettysburg Soup Kitchen. Bless all who work with it, and all whom they serve.	20 Jesus, we believe that You are as disturbed as we are by all the youth who harm other youth. We pray that they can learn better ways to deal with differences.	21 Creator God, You gave us all things, including animals. Please bless all homeless pets with forever homes, plus all those who work with them.
22 As people created in Your image, O God, help all Americans find a way to end our many deep and bitter divisions.	23 Jesus, as newly elected leaders take office this week, we pray for all to seek to follow You as they perform their duties.	24 Blessed Redeemer, the pull of alcohol or drugs can be irresistible. Empower all who struggle to free themselves from addiction to do so.	25 Sustainer God, please help people everywhere to weather these storms of inflation and uncertain economic conditions.	26 We thank You God, for utility workers who brave the elements to ensure we have power. Bless all and keep them safe.	27 We pray today, O God, for all those who will give birth this year. May all babies born in 2023 be healthy and whole.	28 Great Physician, in this cold, flu and COVID season, we pray for the health of all people. May there be no more pandemics.
29 We thank you God, for our contemporary praise band. Bless our musicians and may their music speak Your word into our hearts.	30 Lord God, we thank you today for those working to find a cure for Alzheimer's Disease. Please guide and bless all their efforts.	31 God of all tomorrows, please help us as we strive to keep our New Year's resolutions. Help us also to live into our star words.				



Happy New Year GPC friends!

At the beginning of each year, we *reflect* on the year that has passed and we all look forward to a new beginning for the new year. Some of us have talked about changing eating habits, losing weight, or starting an exercise program.

Taking care of our bodies is taking care of our spiritual life as well as our physical bodies. We have an opportunity for you!!!

I am excited that we will be offering a Chair Yoga class at GPC in early 2023. At the present, I am finalizing the details of the day/time of the week. Some of you may be familiar with the instructor, Julie Falk, who has taught classes locally.

Please read below about the class that will be offered for Men & Women. We hope that you will consider joining us. If you have further questions, please reach out to me.

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



CHAIR YOGA

Is it for me?

Yes, chair yoga is for everyone.

Perhaps you've heard that the practice of yoga has many benefits. It can strengthen you, increase your flexibility, help your balance, and — most of all — relax you.

*“But I can't get down on the floor... But I've had joint replacements...
But I have arthritis... But my back... But my blood pressure...”*

Yes, chair yoga is especially for you.

My name is Julie Falk and I've been teaching chair yoga for a dozen years. The style of yoga that I teach is gentle and holistic. It is a complete yoga practice, paying attention to mind, body, and spirit.

We do all our yoga postures and movements seated on the chair or standing near the chair. Classes are an hour long. In each class, we make it a point to move every limb and joint, to breathe fully, and to practice relaxation. I encourage people to respect the limitations we all find in our bodies and invite each to move according to their own needs. In my experience, chair yoga also creates great community!



We'll be starting a chair yoga class soon at Gettysburg Presbyterian Church. I hope to see you there!

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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, January 19, 2023

January 2023
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

January 8	Rev. Lou Nyiri Preaching <i>"What Do You See?"</i> Star Word Selection
January 15	Rev. Caleb McClure Preaching
January 22	Rev. Caleb McClure Preaching
January 29	10:30 a.m. Combined Worship Service with Congregational Luncheon & Meeting following worship

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 Click "View Services" on the top right hand corner