

GRAPEVINE

"The Pastor's Page"

February 21, 2023

Thank you!



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A special thank you from my family to this entire church for the wonderful Installation Service on the 19th. It was such a joy to see everyone there in the afternoon, bearing witness to this "official" action from the Presbytery of Carlisle! The worship was energetic and positive, representing who we all are: God's children, filled with the creative and contagious energy of the Holy Spirit. My family is so blessed by your love and support and look forward to continued ministry here at Gettysburg Presbyterian Church. From the hospitality to the fellowship, God is active within this body and I am excited to be a part of the rich and beautiful story of GPC.

So blessings, from my family to yours, and thank you!

Pastor Caleb and family

Happy Birthday to...

March 1

John Angstadt
John Egloff
Sarah Landauer
Bruce Rowland
Charles Wellington

March 2

Larry Snyder

March 3

Kevin Burke
Steve Toddes

March 4

Deb Carman
Dortha Haskins
Sharon Holsclaw

March 5

Mary Ott
Cameron Pennings

March 6

Eric Smarsh
Andrew Dreves
Dawn Harvey

March 7

Susan Kolmer

March 8

Katelyn Guiher
Barbara Underwood

March 9

Sue Hudson

March 10

Nicole King
David LaRochelle
Benjamin Moroz

March 11

Charlie Marks

March 12

Beth Heeschen
Morgan Soliday

March 13

Joan Thomas

March 14

Nathaniel Priel
Christopher Rossman
Joshua Warcup

March 15

Amy Deitch
Caroline Roy

March 16

Ronald Hankey
Merida Hurkett

March 17

Christine Smith

March 18

Mary Robinson
Donald Fennimore

March 19

Kathleen Kircher

March 20

Jake Bernier
Lindsay Bream

March 21

Brion FitzGerald

March 22

Jane Patrono

March 23

Connilu Petrie

March 24

Dale Powell

March 25

Dana Witt

March 26

Kiersten Bankert
Jill Eskildsen

March 27

Daniel Gazmen

March 28

Nathan Lush

March 29

Tracy Boyer

March 30

Michael Heeschen

March 31

Carrie Soliday

March 32

Tessa Trax

March 33

Peri Carbaugh

Ralph Lambert

Penny Messinger

Linda Thompson

Ethan Wagner

Barbara Zimmerman

March 34

Katelyn Gormley

Justin King

March 35

Sarah Kirk
Christina Soliday

March 36

Judy Adams

March 37

Aubrey King

Daelyn Stabler

Marjorie Swatsworth

March 38

Maria Kirk

John Kuntzman

Kristin VanMeerbeke

Mary Lou Seamens

Megan Ziegler

March 39

Dan Hurkett

Matthew Suarez



Thank you to all the people who painted Pastor Caleb's office. Andy Miner, Jeff Baney, Carole Simon, Kathy Eppley, and Amy Deitch put rollers and brushes to work to transform the room. For those who haven't seen it, pay a visit to Caleb, and enjoy the result.

"SOUPER" BOWL CANNED GOODS

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

80 cans were donated to the Adam's County Soup Kitchen



Jan. 9-22 our church hosted a group of homeless people from the Gettysburg area. We usually took care of 15 people per night in our downstairs Sunday School rooms. Many of our church members gave their time to welcome these guests as they arrived each night. Deb Kammerer, Anne Gallon, Nancy Cook, Susan Kolmer, Margo Har, Bunny and Steve Toddes, and Larry Wagner were here to usher in the people in the evenings. Also, Andy Miner spent 4 nights and Todd & Tina Durboraw were overnight supervisors during our two weeks.

When the CARES group left our church, Robin Robertson helped me wash 30-40 blankets at Faloon's laundromat near James Gettys (free to us thanks to the Faloons). The two people who are needed to stay overnight with the guests often seem to be the same 10 people over and over. CARES needs more volunteers for this. It's very quiet during the night. The guests get to sleep by 10:00 p.m. It's easy, and the beds are comfortable.

Please call the CARES office at 717-334-4195 if you would like to help.

Thank you,
Amy Deitch

The Presbyterian Women

are in need of GPC women to join our working committee.

We need enthusiastic, willing and able people to work with us to support having an active group. We normally meet the first Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m., but we are flexible.

We are all part of Presbyterian Women, PCUSA. Our purpose is to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study, support the mission of the church worldwide, and build an inclusive, caring community of women.

PW holds rummage sales, with proceeds given to local non-profits. We would like to have more activities and interests with the women of our church but we NEED your help and involvement, whether joining the committee or conducting an activity for all of our GPC Women.

If you are interested or would like further information, please contact Co-Moderator, Debbie Farnsworth at 717-451-6851.



HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP February / March

February 26	12:45-3:45pm	"Jesus Revolution" movie at Gateway Theatre (Rides leave from church @ 12:45—or meet us at Gateway)
March 5	5:00 - 6:00pm	Discussion / Games
March 12	12:00 - 3:30pm	Pizza & Bowling
March 19	5:00 - 6:00pm	Discussion / Games

MidSHIP Schedule February / March

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"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:

March

Adams County SPCA

lams cat food (dry), kitten food (canned), dog food (sensitive stomach), water softener salt, latex gloves, dog and cat collars, dog harnesses, dog and cat toys, disinfectant wipes, toilet paper, paper towels, copy paper, dish soap, bleach and 13-gallon Force Flex trash bags.

PW Circles meet:

Mary/Martha Circle—4:00 p.m. Second Thursday of the month in Eisenhower Lounge.

Esther Circle—9:30 a.m. Third Thursday of the month in the MacSkill Room.

Elizabeth Circle—1:00 p.m. Third Monday of the month at Paideia House, next door to the 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.

February 13 - March 12 please contact Sarah Kirk at 443-622-4710.



The Congregational Life Ministry Team is Delighted to Sponsor A Trip to the Christian Life Assembly in Camp Hill for their Easter Production

“What Love is This”
Saturday April 1st
At 2:00 PM



"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 (NIV)

What Love is This? is a dramatic musical portrayal of the greatest love ever displayed to mankind...through God's son, Jesus. He came that we may have life. For many, this is a great mystery...but for those who believe in Him, this expression of love means hope, joy, and eternal life.

In this year's Easter Celebration, you will get a glimpse into the life of a Jewish family, the House of Ephraim... a family who faces the same triumphs and the same types of challenges that many of us face today. With beautiful music, sets, costumes, and live animals, you will experience what it may have been like to live, work, or raise a family in the days that Jesus walked the earth. Watch how this family's story unfolds, and how a powerful expression of love changes their lives forever.

Tickets cost \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students (age 5-18)

Tickets will be available in Fellowship Hall March 5th or you can contact Peter North at (717)339-9594 or by email at pnorth@gettysburg.edu

MISSION PRAYER LIST

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

- 2/26 Katie Burkholder**
Church Ministry of Ireland
- 3/5 High School Workcamp**
This year our High School Fellowship Will be going to Altoona June 25 to July 1
- 3/12 Family Mission Trip**

Please consider including them in your own prayers!



Stephen Ministry

Are You Stressed?
Discouraged?
Feeling Down?

You don't have to go through difficult times alone. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide you with confidential, one-to-one, Christian care and support to help you get through a tough time. So don't keep it all inside and struggle alone. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care. To find out more about Stephen Ministry, contact Lou Nyiri in the church office 717-334-1235.

Afghanistan Families

Two remarkable Afghan families who helped support the U.S. Armed Forces and U.S. Embassy in Kabul have been welcomed to Adams County by a partnership of eight Gettysburg churches and many interfaith volunteers. Our two families are flourishing, contributing to the community and working local jobs. They need help, however, to be able to stay in our country! It's very easy and takes about 60 seconds to use this link, which self-populates with your Senator/Representatives by entering your zip code; choose to send the letter and your action will be complete! Here's the link to express support to your legislators: <https://www.refugeesinternational.org/pass-the-afghan-adjustment-act>.

These families were forced to flee Afghanistan because of their support for our troops. Despite being invited to re-settle by the US government, their long-term status in the US is uncertain. There is a bill pending in Congress that will open a path to the refugees' permanent residency and citizenship if they so desire. The Refugee Resettlement Partnership is writing to ask you to help by sending the prepared letter at the link to your Senators and Congressman Joyce to request action on this bipartisan Act. It's very easy and only takes a minute or less to complete the form.

Please feel free to circulate this appeal to others in our community and post on social media. Your letter will help to let Congress know how important it is that we support the Afghans who were forced to flee their homes for their support of US troops.

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Ron Jones and Libby Crowe on the recent death of his brother and her uncle.

Easter Flowers

Honor your loved ones with the beauty of flowers at Easter. This year we offer you a choice of two flowers: lilies and tulips. Please fill out the information below and return this form with your check (payable to Gettysburg Presbyterian Church) to:

Mary Flinner
1360 Tract Rd.
Fairfield, PA 17320



Any flowers not picked up by Monday, April 10 at noon will be taken to shut-ins.

DEADLINE FOR ORDER IS MARCH 19th

_____ Easter Lily \$12.00
_____ Tulips \$11.00

In Memory of / In Honor of (circle one)
(please print clearly)

Given by: _____

Will pick up _____

Phone # _____

Deliver to shut-ins _____



Blood pressure Sunday is February 26th from 0830-1230 in Fellowship Hall. Stop by and get your blood pressure checked. February is National Heart month. What better way to celebrate by taking control of your health? Staggering statistics show that approximately 805,000 Americans have a heart attack. Let's raise awareness about heart disease and how to prevent it.

Volunteers needed:

If you are willing to make a phone call as part of our "GPC Check-in" program, please reach out to me. I have had several requests lately to have a daily "check-in" call.

Definition of Self-care: According to Webster's Dictionary: the practice of taking action to preserve or improve one's own health: the practice of taking an active role in protecting one's own well-being and happiness. Jesus often withdrew to quiet places to pray. *Luke 5:16*

Self-care is not self-indulgence. It is about refreshing our souls, our minds, our bodies, and our spirits. I used to think differently about self-care but now it is so important. To be helpful to others, we need to care for ourselves. How can we love our neighbors if we don't love ourselves?

Self-care can take many forms, such as reading, meditating, painting, sleeping, exercising, or connecting with a higher power. It depends on your personal preferences and needs.

Life can be very stressful. Many of us are working many hours and forgetting to put ourself in "time out," myself included. Last week I called a friend spontaneously and we met to walk for an hour to catch up and enjoy the sunny, warm day. I can't begin to tell you what a difference I felt after this short period of time of exercise and no agenda. With the days staying lighter a little longer each day, I encourage you to take a "time out."

Don't know what to do for Self-care? Below are some suggestions:

Read a book, pray, take a walk, re-connect with someone you "adore," get a hobby, start that painting/art class you have always wanted to do, get a pedicure, join our chair Yoga class on Tuesdays at 10am, listen to "happy" music, pull out that old photo album or yearbook and travel down memory lane, create boundaries, start a journal, do something nice for someone else. These are just a few suggestions.

Help needed: I am looking for a dietician, please send me their contact information if you know of anyone local in the GPC area.

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



Men's Interfaith Lunch

Will meet every Wednesday during Lent

at 12:00 noon

All men are invited on Wednesdays, February 22nd through April 5th at 12:00 noon for light lunch (\$5.00) 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.

Monthly YAH Potluck & Program: Thursday, March 11, 2023 at 12:00 noon

As always, **we welcome newcomers** to join us: whether you are still “working” or completely “retired. Our seasoned GPC members may invite their friends and relatives. However, in order to plan for enough seats and main course (chicken) ordered, we need everyone to

RSVP Penny in the church office 717-334-1235 or email gpcadmin@gettysburgpresbyterian.org by **Friday, March 5, 2023**.



For newcomers or guests: all people attending are expected to provide an accompanying salad, vegetable, or dessert to supplement the ordered chicken (small offering to cover the cost of chicken is taken during the meal at the tables).

As our potluck lunch comes to an end at about 12:45, we will adjourn to the downstairs MacAskill Room for our speaker, Bruce Dietrick from Adams County Rescue Mission. He will let us know what’s happening there, as well as share some inspiring stories of God’s work. Our church includes ARM in our budgeted local missions. Come learn more about this non-government run valuable service available right here in Gettysburg.

THE EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS: A Study of the Apostle Paul’s Gospel of Grace

Written at the height of his apostolic career, the Apostle Paul’s Epistle to the Romans is the longest and most systematic Pauline writing preserved in the New Testament. Since its composition in AD 56 Romans has had a tremendous impact on the life of the Church. Some have called Romans the single most influential writing in Christendom, for this letter has been the source of inspiration for many great voices in the Christian Church—St. Augustine of Hippo, Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Wesley, Karl Barth, and many others.

Although Romans has been and continues to be one of the most significant writings in the New Testament, many 21st century Christians have not studied this epistle. Why? One obvious reason is that Romans is not an easy read. After all, Paul’s works are never easy reading, and Romans is no exception. Even the early Church thought Paul’s writings were difficult to comprehend. The second century author of 2 Peter, referring to Paul’s epistles, writes that there “are some things in them hard to understand” (2 Peter 3:16), and anyone who reads Paul’s work would readily agree. And because Paul’s Epistle to the Romans is the Apostle’s “heaviest” letter, Romans represents an even greater challenge for the 21st century reader.

To remedy this situation you are cordially invited to take a six-week guided tour of Paul’s Epistle to the Romans conducted by the **Rev. Dr. Charles (Buz) Myers**, an ordained Presbyterian minister and Emeritus Professor of Religious Studies at Gettysburg College. Each Sunday morning we will consider what Paul said to the Roman community in the first century in order to determine what Paul has to say to the Christian community in the twenty-first century. What is the role of **faith** in the life of the believer? Why should **love** abound in the community of faith? What is Christian **hope**, and what are its implications for present existence? These and other questions will be considered in the following sessions:

Session I: Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023	"An Introduction to Paul and His Epistle to the Romans"
Session II: Sunday, March 5, 2023	"The Human Dilemma" and the Divine Solution" [A Study of Romans 1:1-3:20]
Session III: Sunday, March 12, 2023	"The Divine Solution to the Human Dilemma" [A Study of Romans 3:21-4:25]
Session IV: Sunday, March 19, 2023	"Christian Existence: Free from Wrath, Sin, the Law, and Death" [A Study of Romans 5:1-8:39]
Session V: Sunday, March 26, 2023	"Has the Word of God Failed?: The Faithfulness of God in the Face of Human Faithlessness" [A Study of Romans 9:1-11:36]
Session VI: Sunday, April 2, 2023	"The Human Response to What God Had Done, Is Doing, and Will Do" [A Study of Romans 12:1-16:27]



Hershey Park Tickets Available to Order! Sign-ups in Fellowship Hall

reg. rate \$85.80 - **Discounted Rate \$40.95**

Tickets are good for **ANY PARK DAY APRIL to SEPT 10, 2023**

Last day to sign-up and pay is Sunday March 26

Checks made out to "Gettysburg
Presbyterian Church"

Tickets are non-refundable
Church membership not required

Questions? Email:

kyle@gettysburgpresbyterian.org



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Calling all women of our church to join in ecumenical fellowship with women from other churches in the Gettysburg area. This is a national movement that began in the 1940's during and following WWII with the goal of unifying our call to prayer and concerns of the world-wide conditions.

About 2008, Gettysburg CWU (Church Women United) began to gain new members to join in monthly luncheons and programs/speakers on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am to 1 pm. As our numbers grew, we outgrew the space in the Methodist church, and then the Foursquare Gospel church, to finally settle at the Gettysburg Church of the Brethren, 1710 Biglerville Road. Light luncheons (\$4) are provided by various church denomination groups in rotation. There is plentiful room for parking on level ground; stairs and elevator to get to the lower level, spacious kitchen, and meeting room.

Prior to Covid, our attendance had grown to 50-60 women; we've recently finally started meeting again now that it seems safer to gather together again and serving lunches as well. We are presently seeing 25-30 ladies each month and hoping to revive interest again. Contact Rachel Parmentier at 443-994-0241 or rasong@aol.com for more information. Several of the regular attendees from our church have either "aged out" of getting out so much; or moved away, or even passed away, and sadly there is only one of our ladies who still attends. This next meeting on March 1, 2023 will have a speaker from the Brethren Home who will tell us some important things to watch for as we and our loved ones may experience memory losses. Reservations are not required and newcomers are always welcome.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED will meet on Wednesday, March 1, 11:30 a.m. at Gettysburg Church of the Brethren, 1710 Biglerville Rd.

Kimberly Korge, memory support coordinator at Cross Keys Village—The Brethren Home Community, will be guest speaker.

Luncheon (\$4) will be provided.
Special welcome to all newcomers.



I am excited to announce the dates for this year's book club meetings! We will be meeting on the following dates at **6:30 in the Eisenhower Lounge.**

Please remember that in February you bring a book to share that you would suggest we read for one of our months. After I have compiled the list, we will vote and I will send out the schedule for everyone at that time.

Mark your calendars now!

February 27th

March 27th

April 24th

May 22nd

June 26th

July 31st

August 28th

September 25th

October 30th

November 27th

If you are interested in being added to our email list or would like more information, please contact Megan at meganziegler2014@gmail.com.

Happy reading!

Megan Ziegler

[The Prayer Project](mailto:sebkolmer@gmail.com)— If you would like to engage more in this new project, please contact Susan Kolmer at sebkolmer@gmail.com.

THE PRAYER PROJECT – MARCH 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 We thank you, O Lord, for Pastor Lou and all his work at GPC. We pray you richly bless his ministry for Your youth and Your kingdom.	2 Father who sees all, we pray for the unseen people: those who work diligently but are ignored.	3 Creator Lord, thank you for all animals. Help us to make Earth habitable for every precious species You've entrusted to our stewardship.	4 Lord of Authority, please guide Governor Shapiro as he leads Pennsylvania. May he do so in Your will and with Your wisdom.
5 O Good Shepherd, give strength to and protect Christians worldwide who are being persecuted for their faith.	6 Teach us, Great Rabbi, your ways. Lead us in your truth for you are our salvation. And let our lives serve as beacons to a dark world.	7 Today, O Loving Father, we lift-up to you the Upper Adams School District. Please bless staff and students in every way.	8 Please grant, Loving Lord, that all women everywhere may have the freedom and opportunity to better our world with their unique gifts.	9 Lord Jesus, help all who are parents and grandparents to be people of integrity and good examples for those who follow.	10 Reforming Lord, help young people to keep their lives pure. Inspire them with interest in your Word, plus the strength to live by it.	11 Soaring Spirit, we thank you for the gift of powered flight and pray all who take to the skies return to Earth safely.
12 Jesus who loves all children, bless each of the youth ministries at GPC. Today, we especially lift-up the Kids' Club to you.	13 Jesus, although You baptize with fire, we pray that destructive fires happen no more. Please let there be no more lives lost to fire.	14 God of Justice, we pray for the Adams County Prison ministry. Bless each participating inmate with the strength to live in Your will.	15 Today, O God we pray that the influence of social media may only be used for good, and not to cause harm.	16 O God, comfort with Your presence those who walk through the valley of the shadow of death. Remind each that nothing can separate them from You.	17 Father God, we thank You for the families we have. Bless and strengthen all families everywhere to be safe sanctuaries for all their members.	18 God of the "least of these", we pray safe travel and successful work for the South Carolina Mission Team.
19 Spirit of wisdom, we pray that You would be heeded by all in our Congress. Help each to work for our common good and to put partisan differences aside.	20 God of Renewal, We praise you for spring! As you renew the earth in this season, renew our faith and zeal for Your kingdom.	21 Great Physician, bless each person with Down's Syndrome as well as those who care for them.	22 O Living Water, help us each to use our water resources wisely, without waste. Bless those who work to provide clean water for all.	23 Spirit of all, we thank you for the Girl Scouts. May their cookie sale brighten people's days and teach these young ladies to be successful.	24 Lord who heals us, we thank you for the faithful people providing GPC congregational care and ask that You to bless all their work.	25 We pray for all women who are pregnant. May God bless their pregnancies with health.
26 God of Abundance, be with those especially hard hit by inflation. We pray all have enough money to cover all their basic living expenses.	27 Prince of Peace, please bless the work of all our police officers who daily strive to keep us all safe. Keep each safe from harm.	28 One true God, enable each of us to stand boldly up for You, and to gently but firmly defend You to the world.	29 Thank you, God our Rock, for being our refuge and strength in times of trouble. We praise You for Your eternal care.	30 Lord of love, intervene in toxic relationships. Help folks to either mend their toxic ways, or to be able to save themselves from the relationship.	31 Lord of life, remind us daily that our focus is You, and not the celebrities whose antics we're bombarded with daily.	

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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, March 2, 2023

February / March 2023
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

February 26	Rev. Lou Nyiri Preaching <i>"What's the Plan?"</i>
March 5	Rev. J. Caleb McClure Preaching Communion
March 12	Rev. J. Caleb McClure Preaching

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