

GRAPEVINE

"The Pastor's Page"

March 21, 2023

Our Lenten journey began on Ash Wednesday, and this year we opened Ash Wednesday with this prayer:

For forty days and nights the rain fell, and the waters covered the face of the earth.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

For forty years the people wandered, seeking the land of God's promise.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Moses spent forty days on the mountain, learning the commandments of God.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Elijah traveled forty days in the wilderness to hear the voice of God in the silence.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Jonah cried out to the people of Ninevah: Repent, or in forty days you will perish.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Jesus fasted and prayed for forty days and was tested by the devil.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

*Eternal God, as we are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ, so give us the grace of repentance that we may pass through the grave with him and be born again to eternal life. For he is the One who was crucified, dead, and buried, and rose again for us, Jesus our Savior. Amen. (*BCW, p. 233-4)*

On the 2nd of April, we will enter Jerusalem with our Savior, shouting loud Hosannas and waving palm branches; yet, the death of Christ looms like a cloud over the celebration of Palm Sunday. We pray throughout Lent, lead us, O Lord, from death to life, but Jesus prayed in the garden: "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." (Luke 22:42). The story in the garden of Gethsemane appears in all four of our Gospels, though in John there is no mention of the prayer.

In both Matthew and Mark, Jesus opens up to the disciples Peter, James, and John, who he brings into the garden, about his internal struggle, saying to them: "my soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death." And in these two Gospels, Jesus requests the disciples to remain awake - but they cannot. Three times they fall asleep while Jesus prays, and on the last Judas comes with armed guards.

In Luke, however, less attention is given to the disciples (though, Luke does give the same account - the disciples came with Jesus and could not remain awake) and far more to the manner of Jesus' prayer.: "An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground." (Luke 22:43-44).

Jesus knew his death was imminent, and knew his suffering would be great - and many times in the Gospel message foretells this to his followers. And yet, in the garden, we are given insight into the humanity of the Son of Man. We are told of his anguish, of his sorrow. And we hear in his prayer not weakness, not doubt, not fear, but an honest, unwavering faith in God. Honest in knowing the brutal road he must walk and admitting if another road could be taken, he would take it. Unwavering faith in that he would do as God willed - even if it meant suffering on a Cross.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life. May you prayerfully consider the passion of Christ as we walk together into Holy Week. Consider: how is your faith honest and unwavering?


Pastor Caleb

*Book of Common Worship, Daily Prayer. Louisville, Ky: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993.

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Happy Birthday to...

April 1 Ryan Dudash Dylan Snyder	April 9 Carol Geist Susan Lindsay Dorothy Oblack	April 17 John Gazmen Andy Miner	April 24 Henry Fernandes Frank Pizzuto Amy Tomassini	April 30 Josie Brownley
April 2 Lynne Graziano Ian Isherwood Susan Kint	April 10 Eric Maitland	April 18 Richard Heflin Ava Mathews	April 25 Isabella Fernandes Brandy Mosser	
April 3 Benjamin Soliday Caleb McClure	April 11 Sal Chandon	April 19 Michael Beegle	April 26 Judy Bullis	
April 4 Jacqueline Pizzuto Savannah Soliday Dick Wisor	April 12 Julie Kint Susan Pizzuto	April 20 Madi Brubaker Betty Kump	April 27 Margo Har Charlotte King Holly Stabler Julio Suarez	
April 6 Hatty Ketterman Hope Roy	April 13 Dale Gallon Kathleen Redding Drusilla Warner	April 21 Mike Franek	April 28 Brayden Lush Shelli Strausner Tammi Swartzbaugh Dolores Yakencheck	
April 7 Bryant Roy Hudson Roy Kristin Russo Alexis Stone	April 14 Jerry Heeschen	April 22 Mary Shuss Lance Snyder Marilyn Zanger	April 29 Lawrence Sanders	
	April 16 Jared Lochary Amy Stewart Judy Temme	April 23 Suzanne Bower Blake Bowman Lucas Delacruz Melanie Keller		

THANK YOU!

Dear Just About Everyone,
Thank you for the cards and cookies and sustenance and love. All of them have carried David and me along on this journey. Thank you most of all for your prayers. They remind me that God is near. Hallelujah!

God's blessings,
Bonnie

My Heartfelt Thanks to my GPC Family & Friends,

I want to express my deepest gratitude for all the meals, phone calls, help, cards, and visits during the passing of my husband "Jerry".

I'm truly blessed to have the care, love, support, and friendship during this time. I'm truly grateful!

Love & Hugs
Sharon Martin

Dear GPC Family
Words cannot express my deep thanks for all the lovely cards, thoughtful notes and kind visits you have given me. I'm healing well and regaining my strength...slow but sure.

I look forward to being with you all again for services and especially to sing in the choir again.

Much Love,
Mary Lou Seamens

Tom & I would like to thank our GPC family for your support following my recent stroke. Whether it was cards, phone calls, food and most importantly, prayers. It was most appreciated and the prayers are working.

Also, a special thank you to our wonderful prayer shawl group and the beautiful shawl that was given to me.

Georgia Kuhn

Palm Sunday, April 2nd One Great Hour of Sharing A Special Offering

For over 75 years, Presbyterians have joined with other Christians through **One Great Hour of Sharing** to provide resources to people experiencing need. The gifts of One Great Hour of Sharing support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, food for the hungry, and community development. They help give people safety, sustenance, and hope. To participate, consider making a special offering **on Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023**: Envelopes can be found in the pew rack, in Fellowship Hall and in the Narthex, you can mail a check to the church, text "GIVE" to 717-977-5561 and select OGHS, or use the church's website donation link, again identifying OGHS as the purpose. Try using the following calendar to guide your giving, and point out the everyday items we often take for granted. One Great Hour of Sharing is the church saying "We'll be there when you need us."

If we all do a little, it adds up to a LOT!

"Give a Gift" can mean whatever your family decides (1 coin, \$1, etc.)

Daily Prayer:	Sunday 3/19/23	Monday 3/20/23	Tuesday 3/21/23
<i>We give thanks, O God, for these gifts we lift up to you. We pray that these resources will help to alleviate suffering, offer compassionate care, and feed those who live with food insecurity. Grant that all we say and do be a response to Your grace with gratitude. Amen.</i>	Visit the OGHS interactive map at https://tinyurl.com/t6vbumd Pray and give gifts for 5 or more locations where Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is serving this year.	After a natural disaster, it can be hard to find places to cook or to even find food. Hunger kills tens of thousands of adults and children every day. Give a gift of gratitude for the meals you have eaten today.	Education is a vital tool to help people address their needs. Each household member give a gift for every year you have been in school.
Wednesday 3/22/23	Thursday 3/23/23	Friday 3/24/23	Saturday 3/25/23
Where rain is scarce, special collection systems are built to catch the water so that it can be used for growing plants all year. Give a gift for each plant in your house.	Each person, think of at least three people for whom you are thankful. Write them a note to let them know that you are thankful for them. Share a gift in their honor.	Communication can be very difficult after a disaster. Give a gift for every call, text, snap or email you received today.	Daisy C.H.A.I.N. (DC) in California, is a project that supports Black, Indigenous and People of Color, addressing issues of poverty and racism. Give a gift in honor of your friends of color.
Sunday 3/26/23	Monday 3/27/23	Tuesday 3/28/23	Wednesday 3/29/23
Blue T-Shirt Day! Wear a blue shirt to worship as a visible reminder that OGHS makes a difference for disaster survivors around the world. Learn more at pda.pcusa.org/situation/blue-tshirts .	People without housing have nowhere to keep food. Give a gift for each time you have opened the refrigerator today, and pray for people experiencing homelessness.	In some countries, people have to travel for miles to find clean water, especially after a disaster. Share a gift for each glass of water or water based beverage you drank today.	The vulnerable are often the most impacted in emergency situations. Discuss who in your community are considered the most vulnerable and give a gift for them all.
Thursday 3/30/23	Friday 3/31/23	Saturday 4/1/23	Palm Sunday 4/2/23
In India, Dalit women have found hope as they work together to provide shelter, food and livelihoods for their communities. Give a gift to honor the strong and courageous women in your life.	Blankets keep us warm and are used internationally to comfort those affected by disasters. Give a gift for each blanket in your house and pray for those who need their warmth.	God gives many gifts and talents to each of us. What are you thankful for within yourself? Make a list and give a gift in thanks for what you feel is your strongest talent/gift.	Collect a final family gift and bring it to church for the One Great Hour of Sharing collection today. Pray for everyone that your gifts will positively impact this year!



The Presbyterian Women's
Spring Rummage,
Bake and Food Sale
will be held

Friday, April 14 from 8:30-5 and
Saturday, April 15 from 8:30-2.

Please bring all of your wonderful treasures, clean and usable seasonal clothing and shoes, (3 LARGE BAGS OR BOXES ONLY OF CLOTHING), purses, luggage, jewelry, household items, kitchen appliances, cookware, glass sets, china, bath towels, bed linens, books, records, CDs, toys and games, tools, plants, small furniture. For larger furniture, please contact Margo Har. We will NOT be able to pick up any furniture. PLEASE ONLY BRING ITEMS IN WORKING ORDER.

There will be a Boutique Table for antiques, collectibles, items of value.

BAKE SALE: cookies, cakes, pies, breads, bars, fudge. 2 large or 3 small cookies in baggies. Please deliver to church on Thursday. NO cupcakes or muffins please.

DONATIONS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED
DURING THE FOLLOWING HOURS:

Days to drop off sale items are April 11-13:

Tuesday – 10-5

Wednesday - 10-5

Thursday- 10-noon.

(No donations after noon, please.)

We ask you **NOT** to bring knives, stuffed animals, individual glasses, plastic water bottles or deli containers, TVs, mattresses, computers, printers, speakers or anything that needs special handling.

Volunteers, both women and men, are needed all week long to set up, sort, and price (Tues.-Thurs.), and particularly to man the check-outs and help bag on the main sale day (Fri.), and clean up (2-3 on Sat.). We ask sorting volunteers to come after 10 a.m. Tuesday-Thursday. We will have a sign-up table in Fellowship Hall for the Sale and Bake Sale or call Margo Har at 978-807-3750, stepmargo@comcast.net.

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

March / April

March 26	5:00 - 6:00pm	Discussion / Games
April 2	5:00 - 6:00pm	Discussion / Games
April 9	No SHIP	EASTER
April 16	12:00 - 3:30pm	Pizza/Roller Skating

MidSHIP Schedule

March / April

March 26	5:00 - 6:00pm	Discussion / Games
April 2	5:00 - 6:00pm	Discussion / Games
April 9	No SHIP	EASTER
April 16	12:00 - 3:30pm	Pizza/Roller Skating

“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:

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.



Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Barry & Carole Simon on the recent death of their daughter.

Kathy Fair on the recent death of her mother.

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.

March 12 - April 9 please contact Patty Welles at 717-253-8686.



MISSION PRAYER LIST

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

- 3/26 Gettysburg Ministerium**
All the mission work our local churches do here in Gettysburg.
- 4/2 Presbyterian Homes**
Provide a variety of living places for Seniors.
- 4/9 Camp Krislund**
Supported by three presbyteries, including ours. Summer camp programs for children and youth, year-round retreat facilities.

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.

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 or you can contact Peter North at (717)339-9594 or by email at pnorth@gettysburg.edu



The events framed by Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and his resurrection are some of the most dramatic and theologically important of the entire scriptural narrative. These days feature not only the drama of the triumphal entry, trial, last supper, and crucifixion but also poignant prayers and prophetic teachings of our Lord.

John's gospel devotes eight of its twenty-one chapters to this week alone!

The week begins with Passion/Palm Sunday and ends with the "three days" (also called the *Triduum*, from sunset on Thursday to sunset on Easter Day), the period during which we mark Jesus' trial, death, and resurrection. (*Worship Sourcebook*, second edition, 2013)

While this week can cause dissonant chords to rise within our souls as we move through the week's events, may we be reminded that from dissonance comes growth and we cannot celebrate Christ's resurrection without bearing witness to his death.

Join us this Holy Week & consider who you could invite, for this journey is meant to be shared.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 2nd

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

Maundy Thursday, April 6th

7:30* p.m. "Song of the Shadows" Adult Choir Cantata with Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 7th

Community Good Friday Service – 12:00 p.m. at United Methodist Church, 30 West High Street

Easter Sunday, April 9th

6:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service at the Eternal Peace Light on the Battlefield
8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
9:30* a.m. Contemporary Worship with Sunday School (ages 3 – Grade 5)
10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
11:00* a.m. Traditional Worship
12:00 - 12:30 p.m. Continental Breakfast

* - This service will be live streamed. Click the following link or copy-and-paste it into your web browser:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0VLEYqfS9exy76HqL9Tbpg>

Meeting: Thursday, April 13, 2023



LET'S GO ON A LOCAL FIELD TRIP!

Fellowship Hall will be busy with the Rummage Sale preparation and set up, so we can not hold our regular April potluck luncheon and program. So, let's take lemons and make lemonade! For those of us who would like to meet at 11:00 AM at the Gettysburg Lincoln Railroad Train Station (across from the Lincoln Diner), we will take a TICKET TO THE PAST Virtual Reality Experience. For less than \$10 each, the program only takes about a half hour.

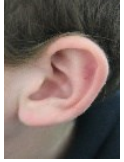
When finished there, we will walk across the street to The Lincoln Diner where each person can order and pay for their own meal while enjoying fellowship together.

PLEASE SIGN UP if you would like to join us, including your email address, so we can get in touch with you for any last minute details. Penny will take any RSVP's through Friday, April 7, 2023 at 717-334-1235 or gpcadmin@gettysburgpresbyterian.org. Any other questions? Call Rachel Parmentier 443-994-0241 or email Rasong@aol.com

Name(s) _____ Phone # _____

Email address: _____

Update: Last newsletter, I shared about the importance of water/hydration. I just read an article in the New York Post that stated that a recent study from “US-based waterfilterguru.com found reusable bottles can harbor more than 40,000 times more bacteria than the average toilet seat, a Portable petri dish.” ***The moral of the story:** If you carry a water bottle or a drinking cup, take apart all the components and clean it thoroughly.*



Hearing Screenings - Save the Dates:

**Tuesday, May 16th from 8:45-9:45 and
Sunday, May 21st from 8:30-12:30 in Eisenhower Lounge.**
Signups will be available in the Fellowship Hall.

Hearing Screenings will be completed by our GPC member, Dr. Kathy Mellott, Doctor of Audiology. These screenings will be approximately 10 minutes each with recommendations given at the completion of the screening.

Ages 5 and up are welcome. Signups are encouraged.

Reminder:



**Free Chair
Yoga Classes
Every Tuesday!**

All GPC members and friends are welcome
Tuesdays at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall
Wear comfortable clothing and shoes
Instructor: Julie Falk

Questions? Contact Pam Phillips RN FCN at 410-596-0777



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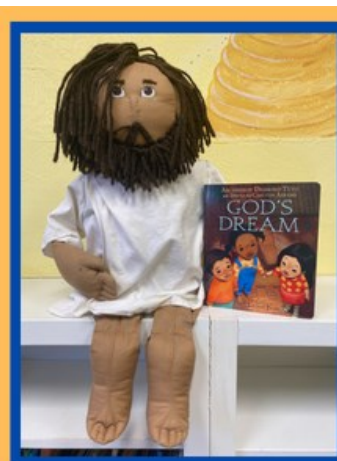
Men's Interfaith Lunch

Will meet every Wednesday during Lent at 12:00 noon

All men are invited on Wednesdays 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.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH WORKCAMP:

Dates have been set for 25 June – 01 July for this year's High School Workcamp! Please encourage your youth to attend this life-changing and faith-building mission trip! For details and to sign up, please contact Rev. Lou Nyiri or the church office! NOTE: We have changed our location to Dinwiddie, VA and will be *will be serving alongside Group Mission Trips*.



BOOK SPOTLIGHT

God's Dream

by Archbishop
Desmond Tutu

Learn that God dreams of us sharing, loving one another, and forgiving each other-and by doing so it brings us together and closer to Them.

Check out this and other titles in
The Phyllis Dowd Children's Library

New Adult Sunday School Class

Christian Apologetics -

Case for reliability of Scripture and why we can trust the Gospel Account.

ZOOM presentation in MacSkill Room by Benjamin Kolmer

*Peter exhorts believers to always be prepared to give a defense
for the hope that is in them (1 Peter 3:15).*

Whether this defense of our faith takes place in a formal context or simply in a conversation between two friends, the practice of apologetics goes hand in hand with sharing the Good News. Former GPC member Ben Kolmer will facilitate two dialogues intended to introduce the congregation to apologetics, titled FOUR THOUSAND YEARS OF TELEPHONE? WHY WE CAN TRUST THE BIBLE and JESUS' RESURRECTION: THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR FAITH. Join us April 16th and April 23rd as we explore the discipline of Christian apologetics by examining the astounding evidence for the reliability of Scripture and the reality of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST



Your Deacons invite you to the all-church
Easter Continental Breakfast Buffet
on *Easter Sunday, April 9th* .



Serving times will be
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.
12:00 - 12:30 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall.

We hope you will join us for fellowship before or after the worship service
you choose to attend as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.



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



Resurrection Gardens

An Easter craft for families with young children. In-Person and At-Home options.

Where: Fellowship Hall

When: Mar. 28th

Time: 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Pizza will be served for in-person

Please RSVP by Mar 22nd to
kyle@gettysburgpresbyterian.org



CALLING ALL "CLEAN WATER WARRIORS"!

The Central PA Walk for Water event will be held on April 29th at Northern High School in Dillsburg, PA. GPC will be fielding a team to help raise awareness and funds for Water Missions' efforts to bring clean water solutions to rural communities around the world. You may remember that GPC worked 12 years ago with a local church and with Water Missions to supply clean water to a portion of Hidalgo, Mexico. The Hidalgo church has made this into a Mission outreach to take not only clean water, but also the living water of God's love to their neighbors!

On April 29th you are invited to come hear about what Water Missions is doing, see and sample water from one of their "clean water systems," and are invited to "walk a mile in their shoes" to carry water from a nearby stream to be filtered through the system for you to enjoy! This event is for EVERYONE! Youth, children, seniors, adults, students, and those with physical challenges can all participate to the extent that they are able!

Our team will be called "CLEAN WATER WARRIORS" and we encourage all participants to dress as their favorite Super-Hero for the event! Come on out for the fun and fellowship! More details will be forthcoming.



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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 30, 2023**

**March / April 2023
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

March 26	Rev. J. Caleb McClure Preaching
April 2	PALM SUNDAY Rev. J. Caleb McClure Preaching
April 6	7:30 p.m. MAUNDY THURSDAY Worship Service
April 9	EASTER SUNDAY 6:30 a.m. Sunrise service at the Eternal Peace Light 8:15 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

To view live stream, go to: www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org
Just below the announcement pictures.