

# GRAPEVINE

## "The Pastor's Page"

May 30, 2023

### A Note from Rev. Lou

On May 23, 2023, I asked Rev. McClure to call a meeting with the session to read a letter that has been mailed to the congregation. Here is a brief exposition from that letter:

"Dear GPC Members and Friends,

Tonight, I informed the session of my request to dissolve the pastoral relationship between myself and the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church, effective July 9, 2023. My request comes in response to the congregation of First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, MI which voted to call me as their next Senior Pastor/Head of Staff on May 21, 2023.

I share this news with all the mixed emotions that come with saying good-bye to a beloved church community that has been such a significant part of my life and my family's life since 1996.

[We are] grateful for the loving care with which you fulfilled your baptismal promise to help us raise our now twenty-two-year-old son, Alex. We are grateful for your ordaining Candace as Minister of Word and Sacrament and the first ordained woman to serve in a pastoral role on the GPC staff. This congregation augmented and strengthened my seminary education by teaching me how to do ministry outside the classroom, and how to be a more faithful leader and minister – I would not be at a place to assume the senior pastor role without your love and support these last twenty-seven years.

Over the next month, Rev. McClure and the session will develop plans for the transition in cooperation with the presbytery. My final day as your associate pastor will be July 9, 2023.

More details will be shared about times and ways for us to say good-bye gratefully and graciously.

I am confident that God is already at work shaping new and good things with and for GPC and its ministry. I will be forever grateful to God for the privilege of serving as one of your pastors. I will continue to hold you in my prayers and ask that you do the same for Candace, Alex, and me.

Grace and peace,"



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# Happy Birthday to...

**June 2**

Emma Burgess  
Robert Farnham

**June 3**

Stratton Brown  
Leah Krichten

**June 4**

Will Brubaker  
Kendall Holsclaw  
Jean LeGros

**June 5**

Pat Behre  
Maureen Johnson

**June 6**

Riley Fitzgerald  
Evelyn Small

**June 7**

Donald Carman  
Gabriel Delacruz  
Dale Molina  
Leslie Smarsh  
Kim Stahl

**June 8**

Zachary Beegle

**June 10**

Alexander Contreras  
Nikolas Contreras

**June 11**

Barton Breighner  
Alex Cunningham  
Sherry Farkas  
Brett Williams

**June 12**

Jaron Sanders

**June 13**

Tim Waligore

**June 14**

Jayden Harvey  
Kim Patrono

**June 15**

Beckie Carbaugh  
Andrew Druckman  
Rachel Druckman  
Susan Guiher  
Amie Murray  
Allyson Smarsh

**June 16**

Nancy Bushey  
Frank Geist  
Linda Houghton

**June 17**

Abigail Holler  
Katelyn Holler  
Natalie Holler  
Ann Matthews  
Amanda Ott

**June 18**

Ann Cook  
Ethan Mora  
Amanda Rossman

**June 19**

Happy Freas  
Diana Miner  
Matthew VanHoutte

**June 20**

Michael Crowe  
Sydney Miller  
Abigail Moroz  
Katie Schwartz

**June 23**

Nichol Hare  
Bob Jackson

**June 24**

Jeff Hieber  
Cinnamon Hosterman

**June 25**

Cam Bernier  
Dan Ebaugh  
Joan Jackson  
Aaron VanHoutte

**June 26**

Britton Reed

**June 27**

Lacey Anderson  
Jennifer Clark

**June 28**

Carolyn Smarsh  
Rebecca Stabler

**June 29**

Emri Snyder

**June 30**

Lexi Franek  
Cheryl Gochenauer  
Cadi McMaster  
Tim Skoczen



## “Super-Soakers” cross the finish line!

The Missions Team thanks you for your support of the Central PA Walk for Water which was held last month. Four members braved the misty morning weather to walk in support of those who don't have access to the clean, healthy, abundant water that we all enjoy every day. We met at Northern High School in Dillsburg, walked together about 1.5 miles with buckets in hand to collect water from a nearby stream. After completing the return walk, we emptied our buckets full of precious, dirty water into a cistern that fed into a Water Missions purification system and... VOILA!... got a cup of clean water for our efforts! Other GPC members contributed financially to help team “Super-Soakers” surpass its goal and raise a total of \$585 to help fund future clean water projects around the world! THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT OF THIS VITAL MINISTRY!

GPC Missions Team

## Stephen Ministry



### PRESSURE: A Burdensome, Distressing, or Weighty Condition

Are you feeling pressure right now? Is it affecting your health, your attitude, or your relationships with your family and friends? Would you like to have someone to talk to, just to help you get through the next month or two? Our Stephen Ministers can help.

To find out more about Stephen Ministry please call Rev. Nyiri at the church office 717-334-1235, ext. 4. Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life.

# MISSION PRAYER LIST

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

- 6/4 Adams Rescue Mission**  
Works with men struggling with substance abuse, runs a thrift store, and a recycling ministry.
- 6/11 Bill & Ann Moore**  
PCUSA missionaries in Japan, working with a local church and excited about evangelism.
- 6/18 Fruitbelt Farmworkers Ministry**  
Ministry at seasonal workcamps throughout the region.

Please consider including them in your own prayers!

## Summer Worship Schedule

# BEGINNING THIS SUNDAY JUNE 4

## One worship service at 9:30 a.m.


(livestream available)

### 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.

May 15 - June 11 please contact Jane Gwyn at 717-337-1645.

June 12 - July 9 please contact Steve Swartzbaugh at 717-334-2878



### “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:

## June

We will be collecting items for

### Blessing Box

Bottled water, sunscreen, hats, gloves, books, canned or boxed goods, feminine products, hygiene products (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, floss, etc.) socks, washcloths, hairbrushes, dog & cat food or treats and small bags of cat litter.

[While June is the designated month for giving, donations are accepted throughout the year. Simply drop off the items to the box on High St.]

## Church Women United and Men's Interfaith Picnic

Church Women United will have their ANNUAL PICNIC on Wednesday, June 7, 11:30 a.m., at the Gettysburg Church of the Brethren, 1710 Biglerville Rd.

The Men's Interfaith Fellowship will be our guests. The event will be held indoors & CWU members will provide the food, condiments & beverages.

Please join us for a time of good food & fellowship.



## From the GPC Music Department

Our church has moved to one service during the months of June, July, August and the 1<sup>st</sup> week of September. During these summer months we are looking for vocal and instrumental soloists, duets, trios, quartets, etc., to fill our special music slots, both traditional and contemporary.

Jamie Bowman and Carrie Conklin are available as piano accompanists, and I am available as guitar accompanist. You may know others throughout our talented congregation who are capable and may be willing accompanists too. You can either secure your own accompanist or I can help you secure one.

Please contact me if you would like to be a part of our musical offering this Summer; and choose a couple of preferred dates and I will do my best to schedule you or your group. June is almost here so those are priority dates that we need to fill soon.

Dates are:                    June 4, 11, 18, 25  
                                       July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
                                       August 6, 13, 20, 27  
                                       Sept. 3

Thank you for being a part of our music ministry here at GPC.

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 Director of Music  
 Gettysburg Presbyterian Church  
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 (717) 357-7753



## Hiking Club

June is a family hike. We will be hiking at Codorus State Park. We will be hiking on the Laho trail. It is a 1 1/2 mile easy hike. It follows the shoreline of the lake and is excellent for birding. Bring your binoculars, bird books, water and lunch. We will leave the church parking lot at 10 am on June 17th. After the hike we will have lunch together at one of the picnic areas. Hope to see you there.

Questions email [jennifermaueclark@gmail.com](mailto:jennifermaueclark@gmail.com)



**You're Invited** to venture back in time to the 156th season at Emory Grove in Glyndon, MD, a historic Methodist Camp meeting ground. Beginning with its founding in 1868, families have come to Emory Grove every summer to commune with God and nature in this special place. Besides the open-air Tabernacle, the Hotel/Guesthouse and the children's Temple, there are still the original 47 cottages. Thousands of tents used to cover the grounds to accommodate those coming to the week-long summer services. Over time, the tents turned into cottages. The cottages are owned by families, some of whom have generations of family members who worshiped at Emory Grove. There is an evening ecumenical Worship Service on Sundays and an old-fashioned Hymn Sing on Wednesday nights during July and August. This year we are celebrating 50 years of Hymn Sings at Emory Grove.

GPC will be traveling to Emory Grove (approximately an hour's drive) on Wednesday, August 9th. The Hymn Sing begins at 7 pm. If we leave the church by approximately 5 pm, we can have a potluck in the historic Hotel. We will also schedule a tour of the Hotel and at least one cottage before walking down the paved path to the open-air Tabernacle for the Hymn Sing. The Hymn Sing lasts an hour. GPC members can car-pool. There will be a sign-up closer to the time. Hope you can come to experience this magical place and may you hear a soft voice saying, "Be still and know that I am God."

Kathy Mellott

[www.emorygrove.net](http://www.emorygrove.net)



Supplies  
needed

- Old Metal Keys, any size, shape and color
- 4 inch terracotta pots
- Packets of Flower seeds
- Acrylic paints—multiple colors

See board in Fellowship Hall for more items needed!!



Join us **June 12–15** as we take a look at some kings and a queen from the Bible and their stories to learn some key characteristics that will help make us good leaders in God’s Kingdom! We’ll learn from David, Solomon, Esther and Jesus through drama, games, song, scripture and the ever popular marketplace. Each day concludes at Celebration – a time of upbeat worship that gets everyone involved.

**All children ages 3 (must be potty trained) - grade 5 (completed) are invited to join us. Registration begins May 7 and ends June 4 (registration form below).**

For more information or to volunteer, contact Kyle at 717-334-1235, ext. 5 or [kyle@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:kyle@gettysburgpresbyterian.org)

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**Keys for God’s Kingdom**

Child’s Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent’s Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade completed \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

You can sign up on-line by scanning this QR code  
 Or you can type in this link: <https://forms.gle/kD8eQgPD3XEUC747>



# THE PRAYER PROJECT – JUNE 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>4</b> Soaring Spirit, we thank You for the gift of music, especially as it's given to us each week by our adult choir. Bless Dave Conklin, their leader and the whole choir.</p>	<p><b>5</b> Loving Father, as children get out of school for the summer, we pray that all stay safe, have enough food, be positively engaged and just enjoy being children.</p>	<p><b>6</b> God of creation, help each of us to be mindful in our use of pesticides or herbicides, both on a small or a large scale. Please help us to reverse damage and heal our dear planet.</p>	<p><b>7</b> Compassionate God, bless all who work on our roads during warm weather. Keep them safe and make all drivers as caring as You when they drive through work zones.</p>	<p><b>1</b> Creator of All, we pray this Pride month brings an end to hatred and intolerance.</p> 	<p><b>2</b> Holy God, we thank You today for Libby Crowe, and her work with middle school youth and the contemporary service. Bless each of those ministries.</p>	<p><b>3</b> Calming Jesus, we pray that this year's hurricane season may be a very mild one, with few storms, none powerful and no deaths nor destruction.</p>
<p><b>11</b> God of forgiveness, we pray success for all who are released from prison, that they may be accepted back into society, and that they may live new lives worthy of You.</p>	<p><b>12</b> Gentle Jesus, thank You for our children! Please bless our VBS: enable the children to learn all about You and bless all the volunteers who make VBS happen.</p>	<p><b>13</b> Healing God, we thank You for the work of Alcoholics Anonymous to bring people back to sobriety. Bless their efforts and all those seeking to reclaim their lives.</p>	<p><b>14</b> Everlasting God, we thank you for our flag and what it represents.</p>	<p><b>8</b> Merciful God, we praise You for being able to come boldly to Your throne every day and receive from You mercy and grace.</p>	<p><b>9</b> Lord of life, we pray today that all who can safely donate blood will be moved to do so regularly. We thank You for them and pray that blood may never be in short supply.</p>	<p><b>10</b> Jesus, You were baptized with water. In summer, water is a wonderful plaything. Help all who go into the water to stay safe. Please let there be no drowning tragedies.</p>
<p><b>18</b> Abba God, we thank You today for fathers. We pray you'll bless each to be the best father they can be.</p>	<p><b>19</b> Loving God, as we celebrate the emancipation, we pray for an end to racism in our world.</p>	<p><b>20</b> God of agriculture, we ask today that You help us to eradicate all invasive insects from our country. Let no more come in and enable our beneficial native species to thrive.</p>	<p><b>21</b> Light of the world, on this longest day of the year, may we each reflect Your light powerfully and brilliantly to our dark and hurting world.</p>	<p><b>15</b> Great Physician, as so many are on lists for organ donors, please let them live long enough to receive what they need. Help researchers to find cures for organs, instead of donors.</p>	<p><b>16</b> God our very breath, help us not to destroy our ozone layer, but to keep our air and atmosphere intact. Please keep them protective of both our skin and lungs.</p>	<p><b>17</b> Holy Spirit, in this happy, lazy and sometimes overindulgent time of summer fun, please bless each of us with Your holy gift of self-control.</p>
<p><b>25</b> Guiding Spirit, we pray that You will be with each of our youth who go on mission trips this summer. Reach each in a powerful way, so that each might live in You.</p>	<p><b>26</b> Prince of Peace, we thank You for NATO standing strong against oppression. Bless its member countries and help it to remain a bulwark against Russian aggression.</p>	<p><b>27</b> Caring Christ, we pray that pests like ticks may decline markedly, and that the diseases they carry, such as Lyme's and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, may be eradicated.</p>	<p><b>28</b> Perfect Parent, we thank You for the work of Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Bless them with enough volunteers to mentor any youth who needs it and bless those relationships.</p>	<p><b>22</b> Gentle Spirit, we pray that You would be a refreshing breeze to blow through our inner cities and bring renewed life and wholeness to each of them.</p>	<p><b>23</b> Merciful Lord, we pray for an end to gun violence for all children.</p>	<p><b>24</b> We praise You, God of abundance, for the teeming life which is summer. Help us to be thankful of all its benefits, and good stewards of all that you give us.</p>
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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, June 8, 2023**

**June 2023**  
**GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

<b>June 4</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Summer Worship Time Begins</b> Rev. Lou Nyiri Preaching Communion
<b>June 11</b>	Rev. J. Caleb McClure preaching
<b>June 18</b>	Rev. J. Caleb McClure preaching

To view live stream, go to: [www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org](http://www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org)  
Just below the announcement pictures.