

# GRAPEVINE

## "The Pastor's Page"

June 13, 2023

*"Where two or three gather in my name,  
there I am with them." ~ Matthew 18:20*

The verb gather (sunagó) in the Greek is not a word lost in translation - the English interpretation does it complete justice. *Sunagó* means to gather! To gather together in the name of Jesus. There are no other interpretations that change this verb's meaning or implication. When two or three or more of us knit ourselves closely together in Jesus's name, the assurance is that Jesus will be found with the gathered. And so it is that we worship as a gathered people, wrapped up in the love of Christ and made alive.

I am so filled with joy that we have been gathering together as one congregation for the summer! While it's only been two Sundays of our joint worship service, it has been a *joy* to see everyone all together, gathered at once, for the purpose of worship. I have heard so many stories already.

Stories of longtime members introducing themselves to one another - strangers with deep histories at GPC connected now by our one service.

Stories of once claimed pews being shared. Stories of joy seeing all of the children (and hearing them!). God's house is full, amen. Stories of requests given to elders: "Can we have one combined service, always?!"

In our joy, there are still growing pains. Unfamiliar music. A worship flow that's a bit off, yet still familiar. Prayers that are new for you, but old for someone else, and prayers that are new for all of us - myself included. This summer is the season to stretch and to grow. To identify where you are challenged the most and then ask, "why?"

To that end, I have a question for you to ponder this month: what is most important to you when worshipping God?

I will give you my answer - *συνάγω* (sunagó). To gather together to experience the living presence of our Savior. For myself, it's the physical act of discipleship - the commitment to come together into a singular space for the purpose of praising this God who loves us so very much.

How we praise comes in many forms and flavors - but it is to the same end: to reflect to God and to one another our deep love and thanks.

I pray that you will continue gathering together this summer, as one body, to worship the living God. And remember: my door is always open.

Grace and peace to you.

Pastor Caleb

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# MISSION PRAYER LIST

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

- 6/18 Fruitbelt Farmworkers Ministry**  
Ministry at seasonal workcamps throughout the region.
- 6/25 Sean & Bethany Walker**  
After serving 10 years in Central Asia, Sean and Bethany are now working from Houston, supporting the ministry of Antioch Partners, a mission group committed to reaching unreached people around the world.
- 7/2 Marta Bennett**  
Marta is a long-time missionary teaching Theology and Leadership in Nairobi, Kenya.

Please consider including them in your own prayers!

## Save the Date!

Thursday Night Adult Study is back!  
**Beginning July 20th**, in the MacAskill Room at 7pm.

The study is called "What does it Mean to be Presbyterian?" and will run for five consecutive weeks.

More information to come soon.



## "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:

July

We will be collecting items for

### **Manos Unidas**

(Manos Unidas promotes the integration of the diverse and growing Hispanic community in Adams county. They offer an after-school program where students are able to complete homework assignments under supervision, given a snack, exercise and participate in a curriculum that develops their social skills.)

Snacks, Paper and School Supplies.

## 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.

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



**CELEBRATE!**

## **Celebrating Rev. Lou Nyiri's Ministry at Gettysburg Presbyterian Church**

**Sunday, July 9th**, immediately following the worship we invite you to join us for a special service of celebration as we show our love and appreciation to Pastor Lou! The service will include presentations, stories, and skits. We are asking that everyone wear a bowtie to worship on that Sunday as a special nod to Pastor Lou. Following worship there will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall with cake and refreshments. After the festivities for the day conclude, you may give the bowtie to Pastor Lou for him to keep. A love offering will be collected - a basket will be on a table in the Fellowship Hall.

Between now and then there is a brown leather journal in the Fellowship Hall for everyone to sign and write special notes to Pastor Lou. Additionally, Libby Crowe is collecting any and all "Lou-isms" for one of the skits - if you have a saying of Lou's memorized, please submit it to Libby.

Please join us as we say goodbye to Reverend Nyiri, and give thanks for his long and beautiful ministry at GPC.



**Summer  
Children's Church  
Volunteers  
Needed**

For the 9:30am service,  
sign-ups in Fellowship Hall

**I am so grateful for the loving support from my church family.  
Your cards and notes are just what I need!**

**Thank you all!  
Mary Lou Seamens**

## 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 carpool. 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)



Thank you to those who took advantage of our Free Hearing Screenings in May by Dr. Kathy Mellott. We had approx. 13 participants.

**Our Free Chair Yoga Classes will continue throughout the summer.**

*All community members are welcome.* Every Tuesday at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

Wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Invite your friends!

**Our next Blood Pressure screening** will be held Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:45-9:30 and 10:30-11 in Fellowship Hall.

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## June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month

Since 1980, the leading Alzheimer's voluntary health organization has been working to help raise awareness in research, care, and support. Worldwide, more than 55 million people are living with Alzheimer's or another type of dementia.

### Alzheimer vs Dementia What is the difference?

People constantly interchange the two terms but there is a difference. It is important to know which type of dementia a person has so that the correct medications and support can be given.

**\*Dementia** is not a specific disease but a term for symptoms caused by brain disorder including a decline in mental functioning: thinking, remembering, and reasoning that is irreversible. There is chronic memory loss, personality changes, behavioral changes (agitation, delusions, or hallucinations), or impaired reasoning.

**\*Alzheimer's** is the most common form of dementia. It is a progressive form that affects a person's ability to think independently and causes memory loss.

Other types of dementia include **Vascular dementia**, second most common type of dementia, Lewy body dementia, and frontotemporal. *Dementia is not* the typical mild forgetfulness that we all have at times, ie: remembering what we went into a room for, the name of the person who greets you, etc.

**Mild Cognitive Impairment or MCI** is defined as "forgetfulness beyond what is expected from aging." These people are still functioning normally i.e.: driving and paying their bills, although some tasks may take longer than usual.

**How is Dementia diagnosed?** A physician (psychiatrist, neurologist, or gerontologist) completes a patient history and administers mental skill challenges. They are looking for a decline in cognitive and behavior to make an official diagnosis of dementia. Other illnesses (metabolic disorders, nutritional disorders, etc.), medications, can cause some of the symptoms listed above. A professional diagnosis is crucial.

*To diagnose Alzheimer's*, physicians are looking for physical and mental evaluations as well as memory and problem-solving exams. They encompass progression and timing of symptoms and are looking for a gradual onset that continues to deteriorate.

A PET scan, CT scan, MRI, or CSF (cerebral spinal fluid) samples can show plaque areas, but these tests are invasive and are costly.

**Is there a treatment plan for Dementia/Alzheimer's?** Treatment plans are individualized. Dementia cannot be cured but symptom management is key. Medications are used to assist with improving dementia symptoms.

Did you know that there is a free help line that you can call 24 hours day/7 days a week to speak with someone for assistance? Specialists are available to offer confidential support to families, and caregivers. **24/7 Helpline: 800.272.3900** For more information.

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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 22, 2023**

**June / July 2023  
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

<b>June 25</b>	Rev. J. Caleb McClure preaching
<b>July 2</b>	Rev. J. Caleb McClure preaching Communion
<b>July 9</b>	Rev. Lou Nyiri Preaching Program for Lou after worship

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