

Gettysburg Presbyterian Church

GRAPEVINE

December 5, 2023



MERRY CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year 2024

from the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church Staff

Caleb Penny Libby David Kyle
George Jamie Carrie Larry Pam Phyllis

Happy Birthday to...

January 1

Barb Fair
Johnna Sanders

January 2

Lori Francesconi
Madison Meyer
Barbara Roy
Tammy Smarsh

January 3

Ann Williams

January 4

Sandra Irwin
Trenton Fake
Christian Swartzbaugh

January 5

Matthew Harvey
Casey Roy

January 6

Don Scofield

January 7

Matthew Landauer
Caleb Unger

Marilyn Weary

January 8

James Bergen
Barbara Finrock

January 10

Paul Landauer

Pamela Musselman

January 12

Lois Gregor

January 15

Joan Kinsey
Samantha McClure
Pam Rowland

Caroline Wintrose

January 16

Cheryl Kulkusky
Lee Ann Larson
Callie Sheppard
Audrey Trax

January 17

Ken Brown
Alexandra Chandon
Allen Duncan

Mike Hosterman

Cora McClure

January 18

Patricia Lewis
William Reaver

January 19

Brian Fitzgerald
Kelcee Keller

January 20

Jacob Durboraw
John Gregor
Sharon Martin
Mary Miner
Deb Slothour

January 21

Debra Meckley

January 22

Leah Bernier
Evelyn Flinger
Madison Franek

January 23

Deb Kammerer
Tom Kolmer

Sandra Reed

January 25

Christopher Kiefer
Mary Weigle

January 26

Margaret Sarnoff

January 27

Dave Boyer
Callie Fennimore
Kay Knox
Barb Sanders

January 28

Jordan Thompson

January 29

Jacob Bridel
Kyle Clark
Ava Fair

Donald Stabler

Larry Wagner
Bev Weber

January 30

Chad Decker

January 31

Dave Delacruz
Josh Fair
Jordan Soliday
Tracey Stone
Becky Wareham



“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 past 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, toothpaste/brushes, shampoo.

Please no glass items.

Stewardship 2024 IT'S NOT TOO LATE

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their pledge for the 2024 Stewardship Campaign.

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

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Linda MacAskill on the recent death of her sister.

Patricia Knutson on the recent death of Ron.

Envelopes & Contributions

Please pick up your 2024 contribution envelopes on the table in Fellowship Hall. This will save the church time and money since those not picked up are mailed out individually. If you don't see your envelopes or you would like to start getting envelopes, or you are interested in ACH giving please contact Penny in the church office.

Also, our Church Treasurer reminds everyone to make 2023 gifts to the church by December 31 to receive credit for your donation in the 2023 calendar year.

Nursery Volunteers Needed

We are in need of **2 volunteers** to work in the nursery for the 8:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

If you are able to help please contact Kyle Clark in the church office
kyle@gettysburgpresbyterian.org

Men's Interfaith Luncheon

All men are invited on **Wednesdays, December 6 & 13** during Advent 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 FELLOWSHIP

December

Dec. 10	4:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Mission Fair
Dec. 17	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Gift Exchange
Dec. 24	NO SHIP	Christmas Eve
Dec. 31	NO SHIP	New Year's Eve

Mid-SHIP SCHEDULE

December

Dec. 10	4:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Mission Fair
Dec. 13	2:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Bake Christmas Cookies for Shut-ins
Dec. 17	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Christmas Party & silly gift exchange
Dec. 24	NO MidSHIP	Christmas Eve
Dec. 31	NO MidSHIP	New Year's Eve

YOUTH CLUB

December

Dec. 10	4:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Mission Fair
Dec. 17	4:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Gift Exchange
Dec. 24	NO Youth Club	Christmas Eve
Dec. 31	NO Youth Club	New Year's Eve

Church Women United

Adams County Church Women United meeting will be held Wednesday, December 6, 11:30 a.m. at Gettysburg Church of the Brethren, 1710 Biglerville Rd. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share; beverages will be provided. Following the luncheon we will be making a Christmas Advent craft. Special welcome to all newcomers & invite a friend.

Advent for Families

A time for kids and for parents!

December 6th, 13th and 20th

5:00 to 6:30pm

**includes dinner*

Each Wednesday we will be focusing on Hope, Peace and Joy to help lead us through the Advent season.

There will be a time for parents and kids separately and then combined dinner.

(kids portion will be geared toward ages 3 to 3rd grade but full family is welcome and nursery care will be provided)

to RSVP contact: kyle@gettysburgpresbyterian.org



Christmas Mission Fair Games

We are looking for volunteers to help with games/activities. Time slots are for 30mins between 4:30pm and 7pm. Games and activities are simple to run and instructions will be at each station. This is meant to be fun and all proceeds go to support the Christmas Mission Fair! Sign-up sheets are in Fellowship Hall by the automatic doors.



Calling All Glasses

One of our most popular games at the Christmas Fair is the Penny Pitch. If you missed out on donating to the rummage sale and still need to find a new home for some of your glassware, we would be happy to help. Please bring washed glassware to the church office by the morning of December 10th.



Embark on a journey of wonder and enlightenment with Middle School Sunday School!

Are you passionate about shaping young minds, fostering spiritual growth, and making a positive impact on the lives of middle school students? We have an exciting opportunity for you!

We are in need of two (or more) adults to lead our Spring term (Jan thru May). We have a variety of easy to use curriculum that is "topic" focused for the age group. Clearances are required.

If interested, please contact kyle@gettysburgpresbyterian.org



With the time change recently, many of us have said: "It's too cold to go anywhere, it's dark when I leave work, I hate to go anywhere after it gets dark, I just want to hibernate," etc. Our circadian rhythm has effected our sleep/wake cycles, our appetites, our hormone production, our mood disorders, etc. *Everything* is thrown off balance.

Mindfulness is the practice of being fully present in the moment, paying attention to your thoughts, feelings, and sensations without judgment. It helps reduce stress, improve mental well-being, and enhance focus and self-awareness.

Below are a few practices to practice "mindfulness".

1. **Mindful nature walks:** If you are able, bundle up and go outdoors. (If you can only make it to the front porch that is ok.) Listen to the sounds of nature; what do you hear? How does this make you feel? Take note of the colors that surround you. Purposefully, breathe in and out slowly.
2. **Practice a "cozy gratitude" time:** Make a warm drink of your choice, find a comfortable, quiet place to rest for 10-15 minutes. Maybe sit next to a window. As you sip your warm drink, think about all the things you are grateful for this season.
3. **Try Journaling and self-reflection:** Find a comfortable place, cozy up with a blanket, journal, and pen and reflect upon how you are truly feeling. Perhaps start with... I am grateful for..., Winter is a time for..., etc. This would be good to do as you practice a cozy gratitude time also.
4. **Consider joining our Chair Yoga class or try another type of slower style of movement and exercise.**
5. **Practice mindful eating habits.** Use smaller plates, limit your distractions, invite a friend to join you to eat a meal, eat sitting down, snack smart, don't skip meals, and practice moderation.

Did you know:

- There will **not** be Chair Yoga on Tuesday, December 26th. Chair Yoga will resume on Tuesday, January 2nd at 10am in Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend to join us! Open to all!
- Strains of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes [COVID-19](#) circulating in 2023 typically took about three days from exposure to showing symptoms. This incubation period is shorter than previous strains of the virus. It may take up to a week before an at-home antigen test shows positive. **If you need a test kit, I have a few available.**
- **Safety Reminder:** Do **not** use an extension cord to power a space heater. Also, keep items at least 3 feet away from the heat source.
- Low Vitamin D is associated with having the "winter blues." Since we don't get outside as much, we can improve our Vitamin D by eating Vitamin D foods (Salmon, mushrooms, eggs, fortified cereals, and milk to name a few) or choosing supplements.
- I completed my Bridge Stephen Leader's Training Course on Nov 15, 2023.

Thank you for your continued love and support throughout the year. I am looking forward to seeing what 2024 has in store for all of us!

Merry Christmas!

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



2024 Chancel Flowers

The new calendar is available on the bulletin board in

Fellowship Hall to sign up for the Chancel flowers in 2024.

The Price of flowers is \$35.00



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.

Nov. 13 - Dec. 10

contact Ross Brownley at: 717-873-5395.

Dec. 11 - Jan. 14

contact Linda MacAskill at: 717-334-2598.

Please note:

There will be
ONE COMBINED WORSHIP
service at 9:30 on both
Dec. 24th and Dec. 31st



Advent Schedule

December 10 - Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:45 a.m. Combined Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

December 17 - Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:45 a.m. Combined Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant
3:00 p.m. Light in the Midst of
Darkness: A Worship Service
for Those Who Find
Celebrating Difficult

December 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Eve Services

9:30 a.m. Combined Worship Service

4:00 p.m. Family Worship
6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
8:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service with
Choir and Brass

Candle-lighting and Carol singing at all services.
Nursery care provided at each service.

*Come and Celebrate the Season
with Joy and Hope!*

Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair is almost here! Please plan to bring your family and friends to GPC on Sunday December 10. This wonderful Fellowship event offers an opportunity to come together for games, fun and food.

Over the next few weeks, you may sign up to help in the kitchen during the fair, or better yet, prepare food to be sold, and baked goods are always welcome. All money raised will be used to support all the mission projects we support at GPC.

Please look for a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall or contact Peter North if you have questions.



Calling all bakers and cookie lovers of all ages. Back by popular demand is the GPC Christmas Cookie Exchange! Picture a plate with a variety of Christmas cookies – gingerbread, peanut blossoms, sand tarts, sugar cookies and even snickerdoodles. Now imagine that you only baked one kind of cookie, but still end up with all this variety!

That can happen for you if you take part in the GPCookie Exchange!

1. Bake a batch or two of your favorite cookies/ or pick some up at the store.
2. Bag or wrap them in packs of 4
3. Bring to Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 17
4. Select and take-home cookies that others have shared
5. ENJOY!

Please bake so everyone can take!

Many of our staff will be on vacation after Christmas.

The Church office will be CLOSED December 25 - January 2

For pastoral care needs contact Pastor Caleb at 912-704-4776.

Poinsettias can be picked up

Dec. 24 - after 8:30 worship

Dec. 27 - 9:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.

(After Dec. 27 the flowers will be delivered to shut-ins)

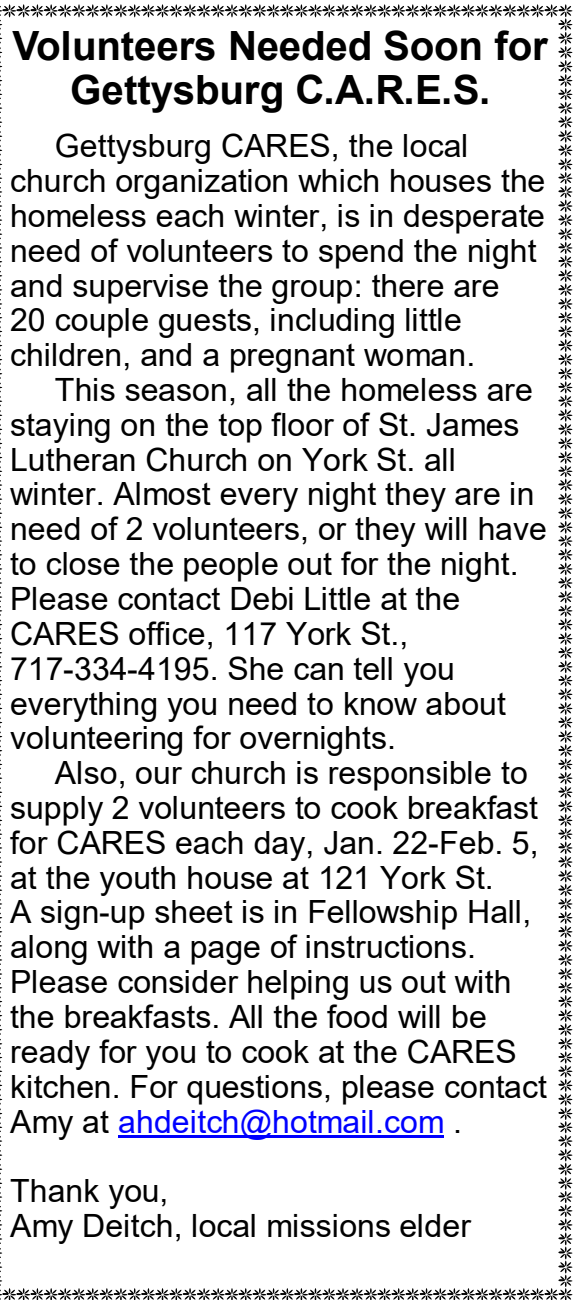

Volunteers Needed Soon for Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S.

Gettysburg CARES, the local church organization which houses the homeless each winter, is in desperate need of volunteers to spend the night and supervise the group: there are 20 couple guests, including little children, and a pregnant woman.

This season, all the homeless are staying on the top floor of St. James Lutheran Church on York St. all winter. Almost every night they are in need of 2 volunteers, or they will have to close the people out for the night. Please contact Debi Little at the CARES office, 117 York St., 717-334-4195. She can tell you everything you need to know about volunteering for overnights.

Also, our church is responsible to supply 2 volunteers to cook breakfast for CARES each day, Jan. 22-Feb. 5, at the youth house at 121 York St. A sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall, along with a page of instructions. Please consider helping us out with the breakfasts. All the food will be ready for you to cook at the CARES kitchen. For questions, please contact Amy at ahdeitch@hotmail.com.

Thank you,
Amy Deitch, local missions elder

Congratulations to Phyllis & Denny Dowd who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 1!

Calling all Ushers!

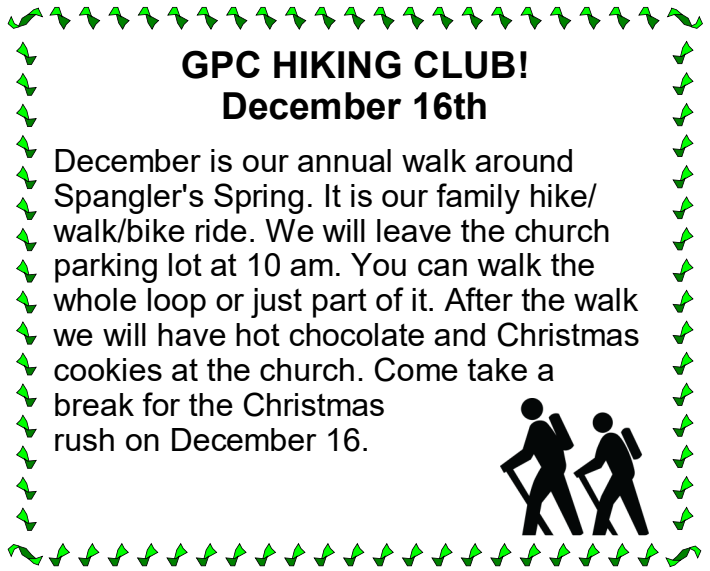
The Worship and Music Committee will be sponsoring a training for ushers on January 7, 2024 at 9:45 am in Fellowship Hall. Whether you have been ushering for many years or are hoping to get involved as a new usher, this brief training will be a refresher to all, while incorporating changes based on the new worship schedule.

No registration is needed and hope to see you then!

The Worship and Music Team

**GPC HIKING CLUB!
December 16th**

December is our annual walk around Spangler's Spring. It is our family hike/walk/bike ride. We will leave the church parking lot at 10 am. You can walk the whole loop or just part of it. After the walk we will have hot chocolate and Christmas cookies at the church. Come take a break for the Christmas rush on December 16.



2023 Christmas Missions Fair is here!

It's Christmas Fair time once again, and it is better than ever! For the next two Sunday mornings, December 10th, and 17th, you will be able to browse the Silent Auction, Craft Sales, and Fair Trade items from PRESBYTERIAN COFFEE PROJECT including coffee, tea, chocolate bars, organic roasted almonds and olive oil. Direct Support Letters for GPC mission projects make great gifts and will also be available for purchase. THIS Sunday, Dec 10th please make plans to bring your family, friends and neighbors to the big event - the Christmas Mission Fair Celebration will be held at GPC from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. There will be small-change games and prizes for children, delicious food for the whole family, craft tables, baked goods as well as the chance to bid on items from the Silent Auction, and to purchase Direct Support Letters, and Craft Sales tables. Remember that every purchase you make during this event goes to benefit the eight projects listed below:

1. **MISSION: YUCATAN MEXICO 2024.** Next summer GPC will again lead a group to work with Accion Ministry in the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico. They'll live and work in a village where they'll do a construction project on a church or home, run a Vacation Bible School, and give out glasses to those in need. There are also opportunities to fellowship and worship with our Mexican brothers and sisters. Your donation will help to buy construction materials for our project!
2. **MISSION: SOUTH CAROLINA SEA ISLAND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.** Habitat for Humanity is an international Christian organization in which volunteers build homes for low-income families. These families then provide their own labor and can purchase homes with no-interest mortgages. Members of our congregation will travel to John's Island, South Carolina, in May to participate in various building projects.
3. **HEIFER INTERNATIONAL.** Our Christmas Fair first began in 1986 to support Heifer International , a self-help program which sends livestock to needy families in the U.S. and around the world. These families become self-sufficient through training and gifts of livestock which help them become responsible for their own food needs. Farmers who receive animals must commit to pass on the first born off-spring of that animal to a neighbor in need.
4. **RISE AGAINST HUNGER ALL-CHURCH EVENT.** By partnering with organizations like GPC, Rise Against Hunger facilitates meal-packing events that are a fun way to build fellowship, create outreach opportunities, and make a big impact on meeting the needs of food-insecure peoples around the world! Your gift to RAH through Christmas Mission Fair will help fund our next RAH event at GPC!
5. **MISSION: HIGH SCHOOL WORKCAMP.** Each summer High School aged youth go on a journey of faith, fun, and self-discovery. Your gift of support will ensure that every student who is interested is able to attend this impactful mission trip! This year's trip is July 7th - 13th going to Gatlinburg, TN.
6. **SCAAP GETTYSBURG FOOD PANTRY.** Our local food pantry has increasingly become the go-to source for local families in need. Your gift will directly support those who need a little assistance this year.
7. **GETTYSBURG CARES HOMELESS SHELTER.** Providing safe, warm shelter for our homeless neighbors is a first step to sharing Christ's love. Thank you for your support in this crucial ministry.
8. **KENYA MISSION TRIP.** GPC members and friends will travel to Suna, Kenya to visit Scofield Orphanage headed by Ben Okello. Your donation will go directly to food and building supplies to benefit the 45 children living & learning there.
9. **GPC-SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES AND CO-MISSION WORKERS.** Our church supports ministries of mercy and Christian evangelism in Haiti, Kenya, North Africa, Honduras, and Japan. Your direct support makes a world of difference in food, education, shelter, training and encouragement to faithful partners in Christ's Kingdom!

Come to the Christmas Fair to buy "gifts that will keep on giving" to people in need throughout the coming year. If you have any questions, please contact the church office 334-1235.

See you at the fair!

Christmas Mission Fair December 10th, 2023

It's that time of year when every child's mind turns to thoughts of...CANDY AND GAMES! The 2024 Christmas Fair is just around the corner on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Bring the whole family for a light supper, games for all ages, silent auction, craft tables, coffee, tea & cocoa sales, prizes, and the opportunity to give gifts that have potential to change (and even save) lives. Gift cards in support of specific mission efforts make wonderful alternative gifts for that person who has everything!

If you cannot join us on the evening of December 10th, gifts can also be purchased in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings, December 10 and 17th.

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RISE AGAINST HUNGER ALL-CHURCH EVENT:

The entire congregation is invited to this fun and fast-action meal packaging activity that provides nutritious meals for those facing food insecurity around the world! This year we packaged more than 24,000 individual meals in under three hours!

We are hoping to better that amount again through your generous support and participation! There is something for everyone here, so bring your family, neighbors and co-workers for this rewarding and meaningful opportunity. Thank you!



SEA ISLAND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity is an international Christian organization in which volunteers build homes for low-income families. These families then provide their own labor and can purchase homes with no-interest mortgages. Members of our congregation travel to John's Island, South Carolina every April to participate in various building projects.



GPC YOUTH WORKCAMP:

The Senior High youth from our church travel to join other Christian young people and adult supervisors on this trip. In partnership with Team Effort, we will help provide relief to residents whose homes are in need of repair, and share the love of Christ through fun, fellowship, and service!



GPC MISSIONARIES AND CO-MISSION WORKERS:

Support for our mission partners around the globe is crucial this year! World-wide droughts, local wars, regional oppression of Christian gathering, and economic hardships are impacting the ministries of our colleagues in service.

These funds will support:

- Source of Life Orphanage and School** – Haiti – Jacques Merine
- North Africa Radio and Internet Christian Ministries** – France – (Names withheld for safety)
- Carlisle Presbytery Honduras Co-Mission Worker** – Dori Hjalmarson
- Christian Leadership Training** – Kenya – Marta Bennett

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Starry Night,
Noisy Night

Join us for the
Christmas Pageant
on Dec. 17th at the
11am service

A Christmas Musical for Children

Light in the Midst of Darkness

*A worship service for those
who find celebrating difficult...*

Date: Sunday, December 17, 2023

Time: 3:00pm

Place: Gettysburg Presbyterian Church
(Livestream will be available on the
website, YouTube and Facebook)

Gather with us for this quiet, meditative,
reflective, and candle-lit service as we
remember and share our hurting places
with God.



"Bring Light to the Night" Glow Walk

This time of the year can be difficult and lonely for many.
To show support for those in need or struggling
Healthy Adams County and Gettysburg Area School District have partnered to generate *hope* and *healing*
within the Gettysburg area. Join us for a night of community connection and
"Bring Light to the Night."

DATE

Thursday, December 7, 2023

LOCATION

Gettysburg Presbyterian Church
208 Baltimore St, Gettysburg, PA 17325

TIME

5:45 pm: Meet at the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church
6pm: Walk
(Starting from the church and down and
around square and ending back at the church.)

Brief discussion to follow at the church about the importance of
connection and self-care.
Connect with others, enjoy light refreshments and games!



Young at
Heart


Our December potluck
get-together will be on
**Thursday, December 14th
at 12 noon.**

Welcome to all aged 50+
members of GPC;
Newcomers are always
welcome to "try us out" for
fellowship.

What to expect: We will
provide the chicken, so you
can bring salads, sides or
dessert to go along with our
main course. Following
lunch, we will adjourn
downstairs to the MacSkill
Room for a program about
Christmas songs and
stories by Whitney Myers.

A donation will be taken
to cover the cost of the
chicken. All are welcome to
attend and invite friends
with side dish. To ensure
that enough food is ordered
and a seat is reserved for
you, **EVERYONE please**
RSVP Rachel Parmentier
(cell phone): 1-443-994-
0241 or email Rachel at
Rasong@aol.com.
by Friday, Dec. 8th, 2023.

THE PRAYER PROJECT – DECEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p> God of all gods, strengthen us to never ever abandon our faith or love for You. May we ever strive for Your Kingdom and be faithful to You forever.</p>	<p>4 Today, O Loving Father, we lift up to You the Conewago Valley School District. Please bless staff and students in every way during the school year.</p>	<p>5 Immanuel, we lift up all small farmers. Bless them with success, help them to employ best practices, and most of all, prevent them from falling prey to large farming conglomerates.</p>	<p>6 Blessed Messiah, remind each of us that this season is about You, not winter wonderlands, nor Hallmark, nor postcard Christmases. Enable all of us to gently point toward You.</p>	<p>7 Great Physician, be with everyone who's suffered a stroke. Heal each so that they regain all function. We also pray for good brain health for everyone and that strokes cease to exist.</p>	<p>1 Guiding Spirit, we thank You for our Session, those who currently serve and those coming on. Lead them in unity to Your purposes to benefit God's kingdom here at GPC.</p>	<p>2 Forgive Father, thank You for Mission Bright Star. Bless each of the families served, particularly the children. Help each to choose You and not a self-destructive path.</p>
<p>10 Prince of Peace, our crazed world seems to be bent on destruction. Bring Your peace to all, both inside of each of us as well as between all of us.</p>	<p>11 Eternal Savior, be with our youth. Help us to better show each why You are important in their lives, that You are relevant in every aspect, and how much each matters to You.</p>	<p>12 Just Jesus, we pray that all may have access to health care. Help leaders to find sustainable solutions which afford everybody the care they need, both in the US and abroad.</p>	<p>13 Great God, as the Christmas trees go up this year and lights are strung, let there be no fires as a result. May no tragedies occur during this season.</p>	<p>14 Tender Jesus, we pray for every child served by Make A Wish. May each child live and not die, and may Make A Wish never cease being able to minister to such children.</p>	<p>15 Soothing Spirit, forgive us when we blame others for our sin. Help us not to compound our sin, but to repent, own our mistakes and grow from them. Help us not to repeat our sins.</p>	<p>16 Good Shepherd, please watch over C.A.R.E.S. and the ministry they provide to all those who are houseless during the cold winter months ahead.</p>
<p>17 Joyful Jesus, as You've brought eternal joy into our lives, let us also bring joy to others. Let our joy be not as the world understands it, but the deep abiding joy from You.</p>	<p>18 Compassionate Christ, bless any who have suffered disfigurement. Prevent others from turning away, and give them hearts like your own to be with disfigured people.</p>	<p>19 Perfect Parent, so many dream of perfect family get together, but sometimes reality is totally the opposite. Please help all families to enjoy unity and peace this season.</p>	<p>20 Tender Father, war seems inevitable in our broken world. However, we pray that innocent civilians would no longer be used as pawns in war. Protect them all from harm.</p>	<p>21 Lord of Light, even in our deepest, darkest moments, You are there. Remove any doubts we have, enable us to trust You fully and let us never fall totally into the darkness.</p>	<p>22 Protective God, today we thank You and lift up to You all those like coal miners and fishermen, who have dangerous jobs. Protect each, and let no one be hurt on the job.</p>	<p>23 Best Friend, please reach into the loneliness of those who must be alone during the holidays. Let them feel Your presence and love in their lives. Assure each that they matter.</p>
<p>24 Lord of love, on this holiest of nights, we praise You that "God so loved the world!" May we each ever reflect Your love to our dying and broken world.</p>	<p>25 Jesus Who is above all, in all and through all, happy birthday! We praise You for coming, teaching, modeling life and dying for us so that we may be reconciled to God! Glory in the highest!</p>	<p>26 Lord of lords, The celebration may be past, but let us never forget what Your coming means to all. Be lord of our hearts forever, and enable us to live as such.</p>	<p>27 Yahweh, Your people are once again under attack. Bless them mightily, and enable the nations to see Your glory through Your preservation of them. Let all on Earth call on You.</p>	<p>28 Gentle Jesus, be with all families and children suffering childhood cancer. Heal each, surrounding them with Your love. Let a cure be found, and may no more children get cancer.</p>	<p>29 King of kings, we pray today for countries like Japan who are culturally closed to You. Bless the efforts of those who work to bring Your kingdom to all such places.</p>	<p>30 Gentle Jesus, we thank You for Your endless forgiveness. Lead each of us to reconcile with any against whom we may hold grudges, anger or resentment.</p>

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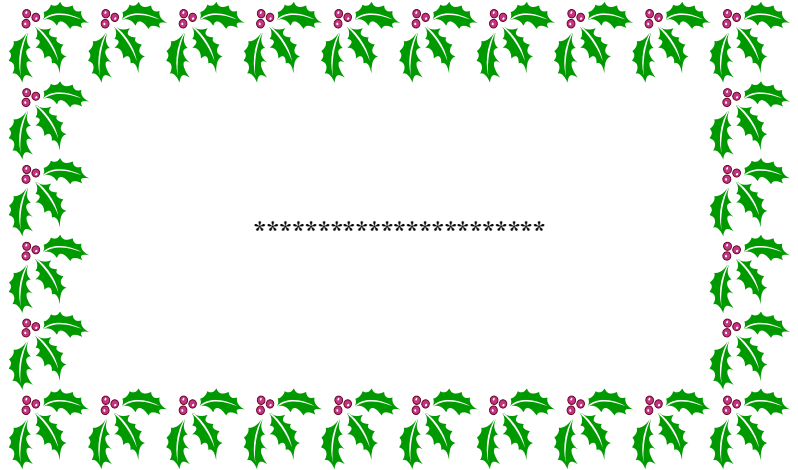
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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, December 28, 2023**

**December 2023
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Traditional Worship @ 8:30 a.m.

Contemporary Worship @ 11:00 a.m.

December 10	Rev. Caleb McClure preaching Second Sunday in Advent 4:30 p.m. Mission Fair
December 17	Rev. Caleb McClure preaching Third Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant 3:00 p.m. Light in the Midst of Darkness Worship Service
December 24	Rev. Caleb McClure preaching Christmas Eve Services - Fourth Sunday of Advent 9:30 a.m. Combined Worship Service 4:00 p.m. Family Worship 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship 8:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service with Choir and Brass

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