

# GRAPEVINE

## "The Pastor's Page"

April 18, 2023

### Garden Theology

During the month of May our church will be embarking on a four Sunday adventure through the joys of Gardening and thinking deep about the theology present within the outwardly simple yet inwardly complex workings of a garden. From soil, to water, to light, to the work of tending - a garden can be a metaphor for the fertile ground of our hearts. God invites us to tend to the good news of Jesus Christ, planted in each of us.

#### Schedule of Events:

- May 7th      **Sermon: The Soil** - *Mark 4:1-20*  
**Fellowship Event: Potting Succulents**,  
5 - 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall.  
We will gather for food and fellowship, learn how to repot, and care for succulents as we hear testimony from GPC members who love God and gardening. This event is for all ages, please bring the entire family. Sign-ups are in the Fellowship Hall.
- May 14th     **Sermon: The Water** - *Themes in Isaiah (12:1-6, 44:1-5, 58:6-14)*
- May 20th     **Fellowship Event: Community Trip to the Market**,  
9:30 a.m. Parking Lot.  
We will gather in the church parking lot starting at 9:30 am and walk over to the Gettysburg Recreation Park to enjoy the Adams County Farmers Market as a group. Please bring the whole family, animals included, for this fun church outing.
- May 21st     **Sermon: The Light** - *Proverbs 16:15 & John 8:12-19*
- May 28th     **Sermon: The Growth** - *John 15:1-8*

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I hope you are encouraged to participate in our intergenerational fellowship events for the entire church - sign ups for the May 7th Potting Succulents event are in the fellowship hall! I also hope you are lead to take an early peak at the scriptures, read them and study them before Sunday morning worship.

Grace and Peace to you all in the Easter Season!

Pastor Caleb

# Happy Birthday to...

## May 1

Cheryl Betts  
Margaret Curtis  
Victoria Harvey

## May 2

Erin Heeschen  
Antonio Mora  
Breelyn Snyder

## May 3

Alan Fleckner  
Dennis Ruth  
Bob Smith

## May 4

Katherine Rice

## May 5

Luke Flinner  
Tom Kuhn  
Bennett Mares  
Kasey Smarsh

## May 6

Benjamin Angstadt

## May 7

Judy Beamer  
Andy Farkas

Lance Lewis

Shaye Whiteman

Lawrence Wolf

## May 8

Tracy Angstadt

## May 9

Kelly Smarsh

## May 10

Dawn Bohner  
Marjorie McCartney  
Thomas Smarsh

## May 11

Brian May

## May 13

Todd Durboraw  
Brandon Hiller  
Finley Sayres

## May 17

Sadie Russo

## May 18

Lenox Rossman  
Jay Tassin

## May 19

Harrison Stewart

## May 20

Tim Baker  
Owen Decker  
Sydney Tomassini

## May 21

Amy Dreves  
Paul Ketterman  
Shauna Snyder  
Diane Weikert

## May 22

Urijah Hare  
Jackie Hiller  
Jack Soliday  
Natalie Tschop

## May 24

Lori Bridel  
Joseph Jones  
Jackson Lush  
Nancy Sterrett

## May 25

Jacob Bankert  
Louise Garverick  
Larry Musselman  
Sarah Skoczen

## May 26

Devin Miller

## May 27

Karen Eskildsen  
Emily Stone

## May 29

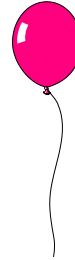
Judy Inskip  
Edward McCartney  
Shane Sellers

## May 30

Jen Decker  
Jim Heeschen  
Linnette Murray

## May 31

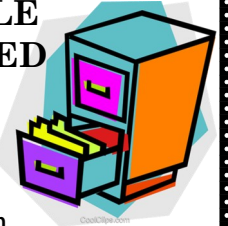
Daniel Crowe  
Dennis Dowd  
Michelle Gorski



Thank you so much for all your prayers and support during my recent surgery. It is greatly appreciated and the prayers are being answered. I am home and doing well with recovery.

Doris Hill Waldron

## FIREPROOF FILE CABINET NEEDED



We are running out of space in our files for our historical records. We have received more records on Black's Cemetery that were donated by Mary Margaret Stewart and at this time I have them at my house for lack of space to store them. If anyone can donate a fireproof file cabinet, it would be appreciated. You can contact me at [dalemolina9to4@gmail.com](mailto:dalemolina9to4@gmail.com) or 717-334-8014.

Dale Molina, Church Historian

To My GPC Family.

Jim and I wanted to thank all of you for the kind words and prayers concerning my sister and brother-in-law. David suffered a stroke on April 5 and is now in Rehab at a San Antonio, Texas hospital. My sister has told me that they have truly felt the healing prayers during this stressful period. I think he is on the long road to recovery.

Again, from the bottom of our hearts, we thank you all for caring so much to send your prayers on our families behalf.

Jim and Cathy Gardner



## BOOK SPOTLIGHT

### The Tale of Three Trees

by Angela Elwell Hunt

The plans we have for ourselves may not be the plans God has for us. Trust in the Lord for their plans for us are beyond our imagination.

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

## Sunday School Field Trip

### Grades K thru 5

**Date:** April 30  
**Time:** 9:15 depart  
 10:25 return

Walking to Lincoln Elementary to learn about Ruth's Harvest and how they help our community.



## COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

**on April 30**  
**at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary!**

### Mission Work

Mission work is vital for the life of the disciple. In 1 John 4:7, the epistle reads: "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God..." Mission work is the visible fruit of the Spirit, a sign of our transformation, and a sign of God's love reflected through us.

Early this Spring, our church went with Habitat for Humanity to South Carolina to work on new construction homes. Well, they've been back a couple weeks now and are very excited to share with you their journey and how they encountered the living God while on the trip on Sunday, April 30th, where they plan to lead worship for us during our combined worship Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

While there they did not just work on completing homes, but they also built relationships with one another and with God! You are invited to come, listen, and reflect on how mission work is transformative - not just for the people receiving the blessings of time and talent, but also for the people that are sent.

## HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

April / May

April 23	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Pastor Caleb speaking to the youth about Garden Theology event on May 7th and May 14th Youth Sunday
April 30	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Discussion/Games (youth Sunday planning)
May 7	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Youth Sunday Rehearsal
May 14	10:30 a.m.	YOUTH SUNDAY & MOTHER' DAY Combined Worship at Rec Park

## MidSHIP Schedule

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April 30	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Discussion/Games (youth Sunday planning)
May 7	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Year-End Picnic
May 14	10:30 a.m.	YOUTH SUNDAY & MOTHER' DAY Combined Worship at

## "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.

### 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.



April 10 - May 14 please contact Mary Beth Shoemaker at 610-730-5051

## MISSION PRAYER LIST

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

- 4/23 Honduras Ministry**  
Tomas Ramirez helps coordinate medical mission trips and does spiritual counseling with all the patients who come.
- 4/30 Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S.**  
Provides shelter through local churches for homeless persons and works with them to find permanent housing.
- 5/7 Accion Ministries**  
Oscar Dorantes coordinates this ministry which hosts church groups (like ours!) in the Yucatan, and runs two homes for youth, so they can continue their education.

Please consider including them in your own prayers!

## SPRING GATHERING

**ATTENTION ALL GPC WOMEN**  
**Gathering of Presbyterian Women**  
**of the Carlisle Presbytery**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023**  
**Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church**  
**300 E. Simpson St.**  
**Mechanicsburg, PA 17055**

**REGISTRATION 9:00 A.M.**

**PROGRAM 9:30-2**

**MORNING PROGRAM**

Devotion

Business Meeting

Substance Abuse Disorder -

What is It? How can we help?

**LUNCH**

**AFTERNOON PROGRAM**

**Contact Rachel Parmentier if you**  
**are interested in attending.**



### Stephen Ministry

**LISTEN: TO HEAR WITH THOUGHTFUL ATTENTION**

Did you ever talk to someone but feel as if that person just wasn't listening?

Stephen Ministers are trained to listen well. They will hear what you have to share and respond lovingly and non-judgmentally--rather than telling you what you should or shouldn't have done. If you need someone who will really listen to you as you work through a problem in your life, consider Stephen Ministry.

Call Rev. Lou Nyiri at the church office 717-334-1235, ext. 4



**walk  
for  
water** water  
mission  
Central PA | 2023



## You're invited to join us at the Walk for Water-Central PA on April 29!

Around the world, more than 2.2 billion people lack access to safe water. Every day, millions of women and children walk more than three miles to gather water for their families. Often, that water is contaminated and makes them sick.

But there is hope. Since 2001, Water Mission has served more than 8 million men, women, and children in 59 countries. The Walk for Water is a unique event where you have the opportunity to walk in the shoes of our global neighbors. You'll walk approximately 1.5 miles to the midway point with an empty bucket. There, you'll fill your bucket with dirty water and carry it another 1.5 miles to the end of the Walk. There you will empty your dirty water into a reservoir to be processed through one of Water Mission's purifiers. You will see and taste the difference!

Invite your friends, colleagues, and neighbors to join us at the Walk at [Northern York High School](#) in Dillsburg on Saturday, April 29 at 9:00 a.m. The event will take approximately four hours.

GPC is forming a team called "The Super Soakers" for this event. Please consider dressing in your favorite superhero costume or wearing a fun mask! This Christian event is appropriate for ALL people, for stroller-children to adults! If you can't walk, still come for the information, to encourage the team, and to see the system in action!

To register for the Walk or to donate, please visit the following website:  
<https://walkforwater.rallybound.org/walk-for-water-central-pa>



## Mexico Co-Mission Trip Info July 9-15, 2023

This summer GPC members will once again travel to Yucatan, Mexico to help Christian brothers and sisters with building/construction projects, conduct a VBS for local children, run an eyeglass ministry, and encourage Accion Ministries with their ministry to Mayan students.

**Dates:** July 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Cost:** Airfare, ground transportation, most food, hammock, lodging, recreation, Accion support – Approximately \$850 pp.

**If you would like to join us:** We need to hear from you NOW. Please contact Tom Kolmer (717-634-0258, [tomkolmer@gmail.com](mailto:tomkolmer@gmail.com)) to get connected. A formal application with deposit will be required by the end of April. There will be four mandatory training meetings in May-June.

**What to do now:** Decide if this trip is for you this year. Talk to Tom or others who have gone on this mission trip. Fill out the interest form. Get your passport now! Get yourself in peak physical condition. Although not required, work on your Spanish skills (Duolingo, Babble).

**We hope you can join us!**

**KEYS FOR GOD'S KINGDOM**

HOW CAN WE BE GOOD LEADERS IN GOD'S KINGDOM?

FOR AGES 3 THRU 5TH GRADE  
 DATES: JUNE 12-15  
 REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 7

Looking for people to shepherd groups, lead a rotation, work in the market place, engage in set-up or tear down.

**DATES:** June 12 to 15      **PLEASE NOTE:** All volunteers over the age of 18 are required to pass a background check

Sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall (look for the bright pink sign)  
 Please email questions to: [kyle@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:kyle@gettysburgpresbyterian.org)

## New Adult Sunday School Classes

**Sunday, APRIL 30th**  
 9:30 a.m. in MacAskill room

### End Of Life Signs & Symptoms

Presented by Pam Phillips

There are some physical signs at the end of life that indicate a person needs special health care.

Learn the end-of-life stages and timelines, plus options of care and support that can be provided for a person's mental and emotional needs, physical comfort, spiritual needs and practical tasks

**Sunday, MAY 7th**  
 9:30 a.m. in MacAskill room

### Advance Care Planning

Presented by Mary Flinger  
 (Mary is a retired social worker and Director of Care Management at UPMC Hanover.)

Documents such as living wills, powers of attorney, 5 Wishes, and services about Palliative Care and Hospice will be reviewed.

The goal is to raise awareness to end of life issues and to communicate our wishes in a timely manner to our health care team and families.

**What are Allergies:** Caused by hypersensitivity of the immune system to certain allergens that may come in contact with the body through inhalation, ingestion, injection, or physical (skin) contact. It can be irritating and potentially dangerous to a normal harmless substance. These reactions occur in approximately 1 out of every 3 people. Our respiratory system, digestive tract, or our entire body can be involved. *Severity of the reaction depends on the person's level of sensitivity to the "offending substance".*

### **3 Categories of Allergic Reactions:**

*Mild reactions:* localized and include a rash, watery or itchy eyes, and congestion.

*Moderate reactions:* can spread beyond the original site of irritation and cause severe itching and difficulty breathing. Hives: A skin rash with red itchy bumps as a result of allergic reactions of the body.

*Anaphylaxis:* A **serious Life-threatening** allergic reaction affects the whole body and is rare but life-threatening. Within minutes severe swelling will make breathing and swallowing difficult, and may include abdominal pain, vomiting, and mental confusion. *Urgent medical attention* is usually recommended by healthcare providers. Very common (More than 3 million cases per year in US) Call 911 for assistance and do not take the patient in a vehicle for treatment please.

#### **Treatment:**

- Staying away from the allergen is recommended as it cannot be cured; medications can treat symptoms.
- Whether an allergy is diagnosed through the medical testing of a physician or the detective process of an individual, finding the source of the allergy is like solving a mystery. Be observant of symptoms and the activities leading up to them. Look for connections between a reaction and any changes in diet, environment, or product use.
- Triggers can be environmental (wind, pollen, poison ivy, pollution), chemicals (perfume, smoke, cleaning materials, latex rubber, medications), or foods (shellfish, peanuts, wheat, milk, soy, strawberries, eggs). In addition, do not overlook items from the surroundings like animals, mold, bee stings, or dust.
- Speak with your PCP about the best medication for your symptoms
- Persons severely allergic to bees, shellfish, or peanuts should carry a dose of epinephrine to quickly reverse this reaction.

## **Future Events at GPC:**

### **Hearing Screenings**

**Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 08:45-09:45**

**Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 08:30-12:30 in Eisenhower Lounge.**

Screenings will be completed by our GPC member, Dr. Kathy Mellott, Dr. of Audiology. These screenings will be approx. 10 minutes each with recommendations given at the completion of the screening. *Ages 5 and up are welcome.* Signup sheet is available in Fellowship Hall.

**Free Chair Yoga Classes:** *All community members are welcome.* Every Tuesday at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Instructor: Julie Falk  
Invite your friends! There will be **NO CHAIR YOGA held April 25th and June 13th**

**NEW: Mini Fair for Seniors:** Sponsored by Hanover/Adams Senior Resources May 18<sup>th</sup> in GPC Fellowship Hall from 10am-12noon. More details to follow soon. Mark your calendars!

Pam Phillips FCN at 410-596-0777 or email [gpcfnc@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpcfnc@gettysburgpresbyterian.org)



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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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, April 27, 2023**

**April 2023**

**GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Traditional Worship @ 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.**

**Contemporary Worship @ 9:30 a.m.**

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| <b>April 23</b> | <i>"It's A Beautiful Day"</i> - Rev. Lou Nyiri Preaching                                     |
| <b>April 30</b> | <b>10:30 a.m. Combined Worship</b> in the sanctuary<br>South Carolina Mission Team Preaching |
| <b>May 7</b>    | <i>Garden Theology: "The Soil"</i><br>Rev. J. Caleb McClure Preaching<br>Communion           |

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