

# GRAPEVINE

## "The Pastor's Page"

January 23, 2024

### **Do Your Best and Do a Good Turn Daily**

Any scout reading this will immediately recognize those two slogans – the first for cub scouts and the second for boy scouts. I've been thinking about these slogans for a little while now, how they shaped my early childhood and how the experiences of scouting have continued to shape my adulthood.

For instance, I tie many knots. I used a taut-line hitch to secure my inflatable snow man for Christmas. I suppose any knot would've done, but that's the one I used. I taught my 10-year-old to sharpen her pencil with a knife. I more recently had a lengthy conversation with that same 10-year-old on the subject of doing her best, even when she wasn't succeeding the first time – a surprisingly relevant conversation for myself.

My journey to Eagle Scout provided a great number of life lessons for me, and experiences! I know scouting continues to teach wonderful lessons to young people across the world and providing meaningful, life enriching experiences. Our church has the wonderful job of hosting Troop 73, and we've seen many blessings from that troop over the years as our youth and youth in the community are shaped into compassionate and talented leaders. And in a few weeks, we'll see another blessing as Gabe Delacruz begins work on his Eagle project, turning our alley space into a small group space.

Currently, conversations are beginning about restarting Pack 73 at GPC as a family pack, a scouting experience for boys and girls. I have already committed my family to this effort, and will be one of the first Den leaders. I hope you will consider joining me in a new adventure at our church.

Scouting, like all our youth programs, is a way to provide fellowship and community, deepening relationships and commitment to one another and to the building up of God's Kingdom. It is done through simple mottos – like do your best, or, do a good turn daily – which, when practiced over time, lead to radical transformations in the way that we live and interact with the world around us.

Not unlike some simple mottos we Christians carry with us: love your neighbor, rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances.

If you or your family are interested in learning more about Pack 73, please contact me at [caleb@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:caleb@gettysburgpresbyterian.org), and I'll be happy to do my best to answer what I can, or direct you to the right people.

Peace in Christ,  
Pastor Caleb

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# Happy Birthday to...

February 1

Keith Baker  
Karen Breighner  
Tori Yeager

February 2

Lydia Flinner  
Kayla Hosterman  
Sean Hosterman  
Kyle May  
McKenna Snyder  
Greg Trax  
Pam Wisor

February 3

Elizabeth Farnham  
Mary Flinner  
Linda MacAskill  
Sophie May  
Pat Mellott  
Meghan Moroz  
Kasey Rathgeber

February 4

Henry McClure

February 5

Blaze Graff  
Christopher Kulkusky  
Bill Sterrett  
Rebecca Zepp

February 6

Viola Reaver

February 8

Evan Guiher  
Phillip Scott

February 9

Olivia McClure

February 10

Matt Clark  
Susan Saum-Wicklein  
Savannah Waligore

February 13

Eleanor (Cingire) Bilz  
Margaret Dombrowsky  
Don Robertson

February 14

Cody Smith

February 15

Sandra Yarber Dixon

February 16

Robert Bigham  
Jim Gardner  
Carly Hinton  
Carrie McMaster

February 17

Clare Alloway  
Barry Breighner  
Nicole Bridel

February 20

Deborah Litten  
Robin Robertson  
Virginia Rowland  
William Fitzpatrick

February 21

Patti Schwartz  
Deborah Yargar-Reed

February 22

Brandon Guiher  
Toby Roy

February 23

Henry Heiser  
Harrison Moroz  
Charlie Roy  
Barb Smith

February 24

Henry Rice

February 25

Robert Lindsay  
Colton McMaster  
Charlotte Peck

February 26

Jerry Cleaver  
Joseph Egloff  
Kody Kulkusky  
Bryan LaRochelle

February 27

Gary Morrison  
Susan Moyer

February 28

Jean Conover  
Robert McQuaide  
Lovette Mott  
Rad Schultz  
Bill Tindall  
Courtney Weaver  
Jordan Williams  
Elizabeth Bergen  
Alexander Heeschen



## “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:

### February

We will be collecting items for

#### **Tender Care Pregnancy Centers:**

maternity clothes, baby clothes (preemie to 4T),  
disposable diapers, baby items and gifts for  
mom and dad.

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,  
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:

Sonja Brown on the recent death of her father.



Our Annual  
Congregational Meeting

will be **THIS SUNDAY**  
**January 28,**

following the  
**11:00 a.m.**  
**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
in Fellowship Hall

Plan to attend in person  
or on-line!

**HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP**

**January / February**

Jan. 28	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Discussion/Games
Feb. 4	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Discussion/Games
Feb. 11	12:30 - 2:00 p.m.	Super Game Day & "Tailgate"

**Mid-SHIP SCHEDULE**

**January / February**

Jan. 28	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Discussion/Games
Feb. 4	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Discussion/Games
Feb. 11	12:30 - 2:00 p.m.	Super Game Day & "Tailgate"

**Per Capita**

The blue envelope labeled "PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT" found near the front of your offering envelope box is a special offering that is not used by GPC. Per capita is an amount of money per member **(\$33.00 for 2024)** that our congregation pays to our larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This money is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together as a connectional church and links the individual church, Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. Per capita amounts are determined by General Assembly nationally, regionally by the Synod and locally by the Presbytery. These monies are used to administer the responsibilities, functions, and mission of each governing body. A major portion of the per capita is used for mission.

**YOUTH CLUB**

**January / February**

Jan. 28	4:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Baking with Ms. Barb
Feb. 4	4:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Beatitudes @ GPC
Feb. 11	12:30 - 2:00 p.m.	Super Game Day & "Tailgate"

Winter has finally arrived, bring colder temperatures, and SNOW! Just a few reminders regarding winter weather from the National Safety Council:

- *Do not* shovel after eating or while smoking
- Take it slow and stretch out before you begin
- Shovel only fresh, powdery snow; it's lighter
- *Push* the snow rather than lifting it
- If you do lift it, use a small shovel or only partially fill the shovel
- Lift with your legs, not your back
- *Do not* work to the point of exhaustion
- Know the [signs of a heart attack](#), and stop immediately and call 911 if you're experiencing any of them; every minute counts

#### **Snow Blower Safety Reminders:**

- If the snow blower jams, turn it off. Please do not use your fingers or any objects to “unjam” the snow blower with it running. (I cannot tell you the number of people I treated in the Emergency Department with preventable injuries)
- Keep hands away from the moving parts
- Carbon monoxide can build up if using a snow blower in an enclosed space
- Add fuel outdoors, before starting, and never add fuel when it is running
- Never leave the snow blower unattended, even for a minute

#### **Upcoming Community Classes**

**Free Smoking Cessation Virtual Classes via Wellspan.** If you are ready to be free of tobacco addiction, this is a wonderful opportunity for you. “Freedom from Smoking” was developed by the American Lung Association to help people interested in quitting smoking. This is an 8 week session to help you quit smoking, fight addiction and develop a smoke free lifestyle. Session starts March 5<sup>th</sup>. To register, call 800-840-5905. *Must live in Adams or York County for this free class.*

**Free Weekly Chair Yoga classes** available at Gettysburg Presbyterian Church. Classes are on Tuesdays at 10am in Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend!

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

**Jan. 15 - Feb. 11**

Contact Leslie Casteel at: 717-387-1088.



**Exciting, Enticing & Enjoyable  
Cookie Decorating**

**PW is offering a Cookie Decorating Class  
presented by Cindy Burnsteel.**

**February 4th at 12:15pm  
in the MacAskill Room**

**Must RSVP in Fellowship Hall so we have  
enough supplies.**

Questions contact  
Debbie Farnsworth  
717-451-6851

**Church Women United**

Adams County Church  
Women United meeting will  
be Wednesday, February 7th,  
11:30 a.m. at Gettysburg  
Church of the Brethren,  
1710 Biglerville Road.

Our guest speaker will be  
Angie Vines, program  
coordinator for John's  
Meals.

Please bring a bagged lunch;  
dessert & beverages will be  
provided. Special welcome  
to newcomers.



Are you someone who finds it  
extremely hard to engage with others  
about your faith?

Do you get tongue-tied and  
have no idea what to say?

What if there was another way?  
A way in which you could engage in  
friendly conversation, and yet point  
someone towards God's kingdom?

What if all it took was some easy  
techniques and a little forethought?

**Please join us for Adult Sunday School  
on Jan. 28— Feb. 11 at 9:45 a.m.  
in the MacAskill Room  
as we explore such tactics.**

We'll be using the book, *Tactics*,  
written by Gregory Koukl.  
This class will be led by Susan Kolmer  
and will be informative and  
highly interactive.

Bring a friend and don't miss it!

**Custodian Help Needed:**

Seeking a person to serve as custodian  
one Sunday each month during both services  
and the Sunday School/Fellowship time.  
Duties include: opening the church; turning  
lights on in the rooms that will be used;  
checking to make sure rooms are set up as  
needed for classes; preparing coffee, tea and  
water service and taking everything into  
Fellowship Hall. At the end of the morning,  
cleaning up and making sure everything is put  
away and lights are turned off around the  
building. Larry will provide thorough training for  
all duties.

The pay will be hourly for the time spent  
at the church in the morning. The position is  
available to a church member or someone  
from outside the church, so please feel free to  
pass the information along to others who might  
be interested. For more information or to apply,  
please contact the church office, 717-334-1235  
or Kelly Jones at 717-752-0668 or  
kjones@gettysburg.edu.



### South Carolina Mission Trip

Anyone interested in attending our yearly mission trip to St. John’s Island, SC, to help with Sea Island Habitat for Humanity? We will travel to SC from March 17-23, 2024.

Our meeting will be held following the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 28th, in the Eisenhower Lounge. All information will be discussed at this meeting.

### GPC 2024 LENTEN SMALL GROUPS

#### The Third Day: Living the Resurrection by Tom Berlin

In *The Third Day: Living the Resurrection*, Tom Berlin uses his gifts of storytelling and understanding the Scriptures to connect the reader to the experiences of several individuals around Jesus in his final days, focusing on new life and redemption rather than loss.

Join Peter, Mary Magdalene and Thomas as they feel the despair of losing Jesus and the surprise and joy that awaits them in the resurrection. This 6-week study, beginning the week of February 12, traces events around these characters, along with Paul and the disciples at Emmaus, and how the resurrection transforms their lives.

Each session will run approximately 75 minutes and will include fellowship, informal discussion, and a time of prayer. Please call or contact the church office or Lloyd Schaeffer, Elder for Adult Discipleship, at 717-334-0586 ([clschaeffer2009@gmail.com](mailto:clschaeffer2009@gmail.com)) if you have any questions.

#### **Deadline to sign-up is February 11th**

#### **===== 2024 Lenten Small Group Sign-Up =====**

\_\_\_\_\_ Monday – 7:00 p.m. via Zoom — Leader: Susan Kolmer

\_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday – 10:30 AM at GPC Eisenhower Lounge - Leader: Richard Hagee

\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday – 1:30 PM at Cross Key Village - Leaders: Rev. Harry Winsheimer and Mary K Johnson

\_\_\_\_\_ Thursday - 2:00 p.m. at GPC Eisenhower Lounge - Leaders: Lloyd Schaeffer and Bob Bigham

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF BOOKS \_\_\_\_\_ Cost of book is \$13.00



**Sunday School at 9:45am!**  
 Join us for an hour of faith development at all ages.

**Men's Bible Study** - Crane Library  
**Family Class** - Eisenhower Lounge  
**Adult Class** - MacAskill Room  
**Elementary Classes** - Lower Hallway  
**The Upper Room Class** - 3rd Floor "Youth Room"

\*Nursery care is provided during this time

For information or questions  
 Contact [kyle@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:kyle@gettysburgpresbyterian.org)



**The Upper Room  
 Sunday School Class**

**For all High Schoolers and Middle Schoolers**

Please join us *Sunday mornings from 9:45 to 10:45*  
 in the *Youth Room on the 3rd floor* of the church  
 as we *Feast on the Word*

for more information please contact  
[kyle@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:kyle@gettysburgpresbyterian.org)



**"Let's Celebrate Our Faith"**  
 A time of fun, friendships, Bible stories, Scripture activities, crafts, and games.

**Wednesdays, Feb. 7 to Mar. 13**  
**4:00 - 6:00pm**  
**In Fellowship Hall**

To register by Feb. 2nd, contact  
[kyle@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:kyle@gettysburgpresbyterian.org)



## Last chance for Christmas Fair Equal Exchange Treats!

On Sunday February 4th the remaining Equal Exchange items will be for sale at discounted pricing during church hours between 8:00-12:00. All remaining goods will be available and can be purchased with cash, check, credit/debit card, or e-wallet. Nuts, Olive Oil, Cocoa, Tea, Coffee, and Chocolate will be sold on first come, first served basis. All purchases go toward GPC Mission priorities for 2024...thank you for your support!



## Our SOUPER GAME NIGHT was a success!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, to the PW and Congregational Life members and all those who donated their homemade soups, ensuring that everyone had a great evening. The soups were delicious. PW froze the remaining soups and sold them at church Sunday morning—they sold out quickly. PW grossed \$593; which we plan to use for other church activities, such as the FREE cookie Decorating Class on Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 in the MacAskill Room.

Please sign up so we have enough cookies and supplies for everyone.

Sign ups in Fellowship Hall

# SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

Feb. 13th  
Open house  
from 5pm to 7pm  
in Fellowship Hall

Served by GPC Staff  
Donations accepted

## I Love Lucy! comes to YOUNG AT HEART



Our February potluck get-together will be on **Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 12 noon.**

Welcome to all aged 50+ members of GPC, both marrieds and singles: "What use is sitting alone in your room?" Newcomers are always welcome to "try us out" for feast and fellowship.

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 MacAskill Room for a unique program centered around the iconic comedy of Lucille Ball. And I think we ALL will have a ball with this program. No more details: you have to come for the surprise! (If you have happened to hear anymore about this program, keep it to yourself!)

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](mailto:Rasong@aol.com).  
**by Monday, Feb. 5th, 2024.**



# THE PRAYER PROJECT – FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>4</b> Sustaining God, we thank you for SCCAP and pray that you will bless all of their efforts to help the needy in our community.</p>	<p><b>5</b> Today, O Loving Father, we lift up to you the Littlestown School District. Please bless staff and students in every way.</p>	<p><b>6</b> Loving Lord, You commanded us to be kind to foreigners in our midst. Help us to help those who come to the US to achieve the lives they seek.</p>	<p><b>7</b> Healing Jesus, heart disease is a major killer in the US. Heal hearts, and bless doctors and researchers working to treat them.</p>	<p><b>8</b> Jesus who loves children, we thank you for the Boy Scouts. Bless their efforts to develop youth into outstanding citizens.</p>	<p><b>9</b> Compassionate Father, we pray for children everywhere who suffer abuse. Heal both children and families, helping them to get the help they need.</p>	<p><b>10</b> Just Jesus, You came to give us freedom from sin. We also pray for freedom for all those around the world unjustly imprisoned.</p>
<p><b>11</b> Today Mighty God, we pray that the Super Bowl be an avenue for good: showing sportsmanship, love of others, of sport, and goodwill to all.</p>	<p><b>12</b> God of all peoples, bless the efforts of those who seek freedom in their own countries. We pray especially for oppressed minorities.</p>	<p><b>13</b> We are so grateful Lord of Light, for our firefighters. Please bless their efforts, keep them all safe and let their numbers grow to adequately protect their communities.</p>	<p><b>14</b> Since You established marriage Lord God, we pray that you bless marriages everywhere with trust, forbearance, fidelity and LOVE.</p>	<p><b>15</b> Spirit of Learning, inspire our students to do well, and to especially desire to pursue careers in the STEM disciplines.</p>	<p><b>16</b> Great Physician, many are those who find themselves in the role of caregiver. Bless all with endless strength, energy and patience.</p>	<p><b>17</b> Sustainer God, guide each of us to care for our bodies as we should, feeding them correctly, exercising them and not abusing any substance.</p>
<p><b>18</b> Compassionate Christ, you appointed Paul, who then appointed deacons. Bless GPC's deacons with compassion and energy for their vital work.</p>	<p><b>19</b> O King of kings, as we remember our past presidents, bless our current government with wisdom, truth and justice for all.</p>	<p><b>20</b> Holy Father, each of us battles personal demons daily. Please be with us to strengthen us to be more like You and defeat any evil within us.</p>	<p><b>21</b> O Holy Spirit, we praise You for Your gifts! Please develop Your wonderful fruits in each of us. Today, we particularly ask for the gift of humility.</p>	<p><b>22</b> We thank you, O God who is with us in life and in death, for organ donors. May all who are eligible answer the call.</p>	<p><b>23</b> Guiding Spirit, as goods move across our lands, move also with all truckers, keeping them and those who share the roads with them safe.</p>	<p><b>24</b> O Prince of Peace, we pray that sensible voices calling for peace are heard and heeded around the world, especially in Russia and other world hot spots.</p>
<p><b>25</b> God of Abundance, we have so much, but so many around the world are food insecure. Help us to find ways to ensure all have enough.</p>	<p><b>26</b> Creator God, as animals like polar bears find their world shrinking, please help us to restore Planet Earth to what it is meant to be.</p>	<p><b>27</b> Lord of Mercy, bless those who participate in GPC's shawl ministry. Even more, bless those who receive the shawls with renewed health.</p>	<p><b>28</b> We thank You, faithful Jesus, for the Gettysburg ministerium and all their work. Bless their efforts to grow your kingdom in our community.</p>	<p><b>29</b> One True God, thank You for the benefits of science and technology. However, show everyone one that You are the only true answer, that You reign supreme above all else.</p>		

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**Gettysburg Presbyterian Church Mission Statement**

“Gathering People in Christ  
to Teach, Learn, and Live  
God’s Message.”

  
**Next Newsletter Deadline:  
Noon, Thursday, February 1, 2024**

**January / February 2024  
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE  
Traditional Worship @ 8:30 a.m.  
Contemporary Worship @ 11:00 a.m.**

- January 28**      Rev. Peter J. Roy preaching
- February 4**      Rev. J. Caleb McClure preaching  
Communion
- February 11**      Rev. J. Caleb McClure preaching
- February 14**      7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service

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