

# GRAPEVINE

## "The Pastor's Page"

February 6, 2024

One of the greatest joys of being a part of the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church Pastoral Leadership is being able to provide pastoral care in the community I call home. Being able to be a part of the fabric of the community and making connections within GPC and sharing the ministry of GPC in our local community as well.

I am excited to bring a new form of ministry this Ash Wednesday, for not only the members of GPC but for the community too. We are going to be offering "ASH & DASH-Ashes to Go. On February 14th, from 7am to 10am we will be offering a time when members of the community can drive up under the portico of our church for a drive-thru impositions of ashes.

GPC will be offering ashes as a reminder that the need for humility and healing should not be confined to a church building and worship. We probably need it more when we are in the middle of our daily business! The ashes we receive will be a reminder for us throughout the day of our need for God, and of God's call to us.

Ash Wednesday begins the Lenten journey to Easter Sunday, when we can joyfully witness our Faith while meditating on the value of suffering and detachment from earthly things. The focus of the whole season of Lent is spiritual growth. Lent helps in our preparation to live in God's hope and receive God's promise.

Lent offers us an opportunity to reconcile ourselves with Christ and celebrate the glory of God. We should approach the Lenten season with faith and contrition, and with an equal ration of joy and celebration. During Lent, we are traveling on a journey of spiritual renewal. It is not an easy journey, but one well worth the effort. For when we reach our final destination, it will be a new life with Christ. Our hearts need to be open to God's message.

Lent is also the time to remember that Jesus is waiting for us to ask, to invite him into our lives. Lent offers the perfect opportunity to extend that invitation. Do it today, make this year's Lent the one that changes your life.

I hope you will join us as a community in our Lenten Journey. In addition to ASH & DASH-Ashes to Go, we will be having a traditional Ash Wednesday worship at 7:30 pm.

Peace and Blessings ,  
Peter

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**Ash Wednesday Service**  
**February 14th @ 7:30 p.m.**  
**in the sanctuary.**

Plan to join us as we start the season of Lent with this special service. We'll celebrate the Lord's Supper, and we will provide an ashen reminder for our Lenten journey.

**"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

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.

**From the Worship and  
 Music Committee:**

The average attendance for the first 3 Sundays in December was:

139 for the 8:30 am service  
 105 for the 11 am service.

Average attendance for Sunday School (adults and children) was 70.

The average attendance for the combined services on 12/24 (9:30 am) and 12/31 was 122.

Christmas Eve attendance:

4:00 pm - 134

6:00 pm - 126

8:30 pm - 243

*Condolences*

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Joan Thomas' family upon her recent death.

The Keller Family on the recent death of their grandfather.

# Healing SERVICE

Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>,  
at the 11am Contemporary Worship Service

God calls the Church to continue the healing ministry of Jesus Christ, caring for one another, sharing joys and sorrows, providing support in times of stress and need, and offering admonition, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Through a Healing Service, we enact the church's ministry of pastoral care. Following the sermon on Sunday, there will be a time of corporate prayer, individual prayer, and anointing. You may feel led to come forward to ask for prayer at one of the two stations next to the chancel, or to be anointed, or to remain in your pew in quiet prayer and contemplation. Our prayer is that you will be brought closer to God through the extension of Christ's grace and peace.

## 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.

## HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

### February / March

Feb. 11	12:30 - 2:00 p.m.	Super Game Day & "Tailgate"
Feb. 18	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Discussion/Games
Feb. 25	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Discussion/Games
March 3	12:30 - 2:00 p.m.	Pizza & Roller Skating

## Mid-SHIP SCHEDULE

### February / March

Feb. 11	12:30 - 2:00 p.m.	Super Game Day & "Tailgate"
Feb. 18	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Discussion/Games
Feb. 25	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Discussion/Games
March 3	12:30 - 2:00 p.m.	Pizza & Roller Skating

## YOUTH CLUB

### February / March

Feb. 11	12:30 - 2:00 p.m.	Super Game Day & "Tailgate"
Feb. 18	4:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Beatitudes @ GPC
Feb. 25	4:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Beatitudes @ GPC
March 3	12:30 - 2:00 p.m.	Pizza & Roller Skating



# Hershey Park Tickets Available to Order! Sign-ups in Fellowship Hall

reg. rate \$87.80 - **Discounted Rate \$43.95**

Tickets are good for **ANY PARK DAY APRIL to Dec 31, 2024**

**Last day to sign-up and pay is Sunday April 7**

Checks made out to "Gettysburg Presbyterian Church"

Tickets are non-refundable  
Church membership not required

Questions? Email:  
[kyle@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:kyle@gettysburgpresbyterian.org)



## **Free Heart Health Lunch and Learn**

GPC Fellowship Hall Thursday, April 4, 2024

11:30am -1:30 pm



Topics:

12:15-12:45 Julie Falk "Stress Reduction and the Heart"

1:00-1:30 Pam Phillips RN "Heart Failure"

*Pre-registration is required to attend to get a "head" count for lunch, limited spaces available*

**Registration is available in GPC Fellowship Hall or contact Pam Phillips RN FCN.**

### **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. Contact Pam Phillips RN if questions. *Invite a friend!*

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





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 this Sunday 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!

## Eagle Scout Project

Eagle Scout Candidate, Gabe Delacruz, is organizing a project to clean, repair and improve the outdoor space between Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary. We are looking for monetary donations, as well as volunteers to help with the completion of this project. Anyone with experience in building or construction work who is willing to assist, please volunteer! Gabe can be contacted at (phone: 717-778-1748, email: gabeldelacruz432@gmail.com). Please consider helping with this project.

Thank you.

## Easter Flowers

Honor your loved ones with the beauty of flowers at Easter. This year we offer you a choice of two flowers: lilies and tulips. Please fill out the information below and return this form with your check (**payable to Gettysburg Presbyterian Church**) to:

Mary Flinger  
1360 Tract Rd.  
Fairfield, PA 17320

Any flowers not picked up by Monday, April 1st at noon will be taken to shut-ins.

**DEADLINE FOR ORDER IS FEBRUARY 28th**

\_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lily \$13.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Tulips \$12.00

**In Memory of / In Honor of** (circle one)  
*(please print clearly)*

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Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Will pick up \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Deliver to shut-ins \_\_\_\_\_

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



# Souper Bowl Sunday!!!

We will be collecting canned soups on 2/11 to support our local Soup Kitchen. Feel free to bring cans during Sunday School or during your youth program in the evening... or both!

**\*\*Please bring cans of soup only\*\***



## 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

## Youth Mission Trip

For any youth who has completed  
9th thru 12th grade

This year we are partnering with TEAMeffort Mission and heading to Gatlinburg, TN. for summer 2024. Our interest meeting has already happened but if you would like more information please contact:  
kyle@gettysburgpresbyterian.org.

**When:** July 6th to July 13th

**\*Deadline to sign up March 29th\***

**Cost: \$380** (scholarships available)



## REQUEST FOR COMPLETE DECKS OF CARDS



I am tutoring 3rd grade students in math at Alloway Creek Elementary School in Littlestown. I am in need of NEW or USED complete decks of cards to practice math facts. There is a box in Fellowship Hall. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,  
Nancy Cook

## THE WORD BECAME FLESH

A Study of the Gospel of John

Led by Rev. Charles "Buz" Myers, Ph.D.

The Fourth Gospel, commonly known as the Gospel of John, is often the first gospel that Christians read. Although the vocabulary of this work is rather simple and the writing style is easy to follow, do not be deceived! This most-popular gospel is also the most easily misunderstood. To correct that problem we will undertake a six-week study of the Fourth Gospel in the Adult Sunday School Class. We will consider the gospel's unique message along with its views about the identity of Jesus, the relationship of the Father to the Son, and John's view of the end of the world. Furthermore, the uncommon cast of characters in the Fourth Gospel—Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman to Mary and Martha and Lazarus, and others—will be explored. You will not want to miss a single session of this series, which will be led by the **Rev. Charles "Buz" Myers, Ph.D.**, and ordained Presbyterian minister and Emeritus Professor of Religious Studies at Gettysburg College. Get ready to learn more about this most distinctive New Testament gospel. See you on the following Sundays at **9:45 & 11:00 a.m.**

**Sunday February 18, 2024** — "In the Beginning..."

A study of John 1 (Introduction to the Fourth Gospel, Prologue, and John 1)

**Sunday February 25, 2024** — "You Must Be Born Again"

A study of John 2-4 (Cana & Temple Cleansing, Nicodemus & Samaritan Woman)

**Sunday March 3, 2024** — "I Was Blind, Now I See"

A study of John 5-9 (Healing paralytic, Feeding 5,000, Woman in adultery, Blind Man)

**Sunday March 10, 2024** — "Jesus Wept"

A study of John 10-12 (Lazarus raised, Mary anoints Jesus, Triumphal Entry)

**Sunday March 17, 2024** — "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life"

A Study of John 13-17 (Last Supper)

**Sunday March 24, 2024** — "My Lord and My God!"

A Study of John 18-21 (Death and Resurrection of Jesus)


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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 15, 2024**

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

- February 11**      Rev. J. Caleb McClure preaching  
                                 “Healing Service” at Contemporary Worship
- February 14**      7:00 - 10:00 a.m. Ash & Dash - Ashes to Go  
                                 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service
- February 18**      Rev. J. Caleb McClure preaching

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