

GRAPEVINE

"The Pastor's Page"

March 19, 2024

As Jesus Did, So Do We

In the Gospel of John, during the last supper in chapter 13, Jesus washes the disciples feet:

"[Jesus] ⁴ rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him."

Peter resists this at first, but after Jesus explains the importance, Peter asks to be washed from head to toe! But Jesus reminds him it's just the feet. And it's the act of serving that's important:

"^{12b} 'Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.'"

On March 28th, at our Maundy Thursday service, we are going to do as Jesus did. We are going to break bread together in the Fellowship Hall - fresh baked Challah bread! Baked with love from many hands at our church. We are going to drink wine and grape juice together. We are going to sit at table and commune.

Around the worship space, there will be artwork for you to reflect on - quietly or in conversation. Artwork of the last meal, artwork of Jesus washing the disciples' feet, artwork of the Garden of Gethsemane.

Following worship, we will participate in a guided meditation prayer, as we journey with Jesus to the Garden, to offer up our confessions - our doubts, worries, fears - and seek forgiveness.

But before everything begins, Pastor Peter and I will be washing hands as you enter. As Jesus did, so do we. We serve you so that you may serve others. Walking with one another to the Cross, supporting and encouraging, reminding those around us that we do not go alone, and that we are loved and forgiven. This is what it means to serve, to live as Christ lived. Join us on Maundy Thursday for this special worship service.

Peace,
Pastor Caleb

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April 1

Ryan Dudash
Dylan Snyder

April 2

Lynne Graziano
Ian Isherwood
Susan Kint

April 3

Benjamin Soliday
Caleb McClure

April 4

Jacqueline Pizzuto
Savannah Soliday
Dick Wisor

April 6

Hatty Ketterman
Hope Roy

April 7

Bryant Roy
Hudson Roy
Kristin Russo
Alexis Stone

April 9

Carol Geist
Susan Lindsay
Dorothy Oblack

April 10

Eric Maitland

April 11

Sal Chandon

April 12

Julie Kint
Susan Pizzuto

April 13

Dale Gallon
Kathleen Redding
Drusilla Warner

April 14

Jerry Heesch

April 16

Jared Lochary
Amy Stewart
Judy Temme

April 17

Andy Miner

April 18

Richard Heflin
Ava Mathews

April 19

Michael Beegle

April 20

Madi Brubaker
Betty Kump

April 21

Mike Franek

April 22

Mary Shuss
Lance Snyder
Marilyn Zanger

April 23

Suzanne Bower
Blake Bowman
Lucas Delacruz
Melanie Keller

April 24

Henry Fernandes
Frank Pizzuto
Amy Tomassini

April 25

Isabella Fernandes
Brandy Mosser

April 26

Judy Bullis

April 27

Margo Har
Charlotte King
Holly Stabler

April 28

Brayden Lush

Tammi Swartzbaugh

April 29

Lawrence Sanders

April 30

Josie Brownley



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all your prayers, thoughts and care while I was in Gettysburg Hospital Critical Care and the recovery time at home.

I truly felt the abundant love of Jesus during this time especially through all of you.

Thank you so much for the comfort, love and warm embrace that is the GPC Church Family.

I am much blessed.

- Steve Kinsey

Barry Simon is in Ann Arbor, MI for approximately a month following a fall and surgery to repair some fractures. If you would like to send a card to Barry and Carole to keep their spirits up, the address is:

Barry Simon
1500 E, Medical Center Dr.
6th Floor Rehab
Ann Arbor, MI 48109

Church Office

CLOSED

MONDAY | APRIL 1

In Observance of Easter

For pastoral emergency, please contact Rev. Peter Roy at 570-710-0321, or via email (peter@gettysburgpresbyterian.org).

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Jim Eppley on the recent death of his mother.

Nancy Cook on the recent death of her Godson.

GPC Hiking Club

April 20

Cunningham Falls area,
leave church at 10 am

May 18

Pine Grove Furnace area,
leave church at 10 am

Bring a lunch, dress in layers and
bring plenty of water.

Can't wait to see you all again.

Have a great weekend,
Jen



Workcamp Registration Deadline!!!

Youth who have completed
grade 9 through 12th grade
are invited to join us for a
mission project in **Gatlinburg,
TN from July 6th to the 13th.**

Overall cost is \$380, but to
secure a spot for your youth,
**please give your name and a
\$100 non-refundable deposit
to Kyle Clark by March 29th.**

Forms and the remainder of
the funds can be turned into
Kyle at a later date.



TEAMeffort
YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIPS

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

March / April

March 24	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Palm Sunday Escape Room
March 31	NO SHIP	EASTER
April 7	12:30 - 3:00	Car Chase

Mid-SHIP SCHEDULE

March / April

March 24	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Palm Sunday Escape Room
March 31	NO SHIP	EASTER
April 7	12:30 - 3:00	Car Chase

YOUTH CLUB

March / April

March 24	4:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Palm Sunday Scavenger Hunt
March 31	NO SHIP	EASTER
April 7	12:30 - 3:00	Car Chase

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.

March 11 - April 14
Contact Patty Welles at:
717-253-8686



Make a difference! Volunteering is a meaningful way to give back to your community and to others. Make a positive impact. Whether it's preserving history, caring for animals, or supporting wellness programs, your efforts are valuable.

This week, I will be going to South Carolina for my 2nd year to work with Sea Island Habitat for Humanity. Last year was my first time working on a "build." It was a wonderful, personal experience. I am looking forward to having new experiences, learning new tasks, and getting to know others that I will work alongside of throughout the week. Listening to someone else's journey is fascinating.

In the days ahead, as the weather gets warmer, *think* about what you can personally do to make a difference in someone else's life. It can be as simple as a phone call to check in on someone, offer to go grocery shopping for a person who isn't able to drive, invite a recent hospitalized friend to go to lunch or take them to run errands or a doctors appointment, stop by the Skilled Nursing facility or Assisted Living facility and visit someone (we have several parishioners who would love a visit), take flowers to your neighbor, make cookies and share with others, and the list goes on and on.

We all have been blessed by God. We all have something to offer to others. It doesn't have to be a weeklong commitment. Consider what you can do in the days ahead for others. I challenge you to make a difference for others. I look forward to hearing your personal stories.

It's not too late to sign up for:

Free educational opportunity

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"

13:00-13:30 Pam Phillips RN "Heart Failure"

Pre-registration is required to attend, limited spaces available.

Registration is available in GPC Fellowship Hall or contact: Pam Phillips RN FCN at 410-596-0777



"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

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.

Church Women United

Adams County Church Women United will meet on Wednesday, April 3, 11:30 a.m., at Gettysburg Church of the Brethren, 1710 Biglerville Rd. Our guest speaker will be Abby Avery from Adams County SPCA. Bring a bagged lunch; desserts & beverages will be provided. Special welcome to newcomers.



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



2024 Peace Essay Contest

Sponsored by Gettysburg Presbyterian Church in honor of Dr. Robert Curtis, former GASD Superintendent.

Answer this essay question: *"What can be done to promote Peace in our world?"*

Guidelines:

- You must be a Senior at Gettysburg High school or a Senior attending GPC regularly.
- Your essay length will be 300-500 words.
- Your essay will have a title page with only the title of your essay, and your name. Your actual essay stapled to your title/name page.
- Submit your entry to Richard Hagee at my email address: richhagee_pa@yahoo.com.

Due date: April 5, 2024

Extra points will be given for being prompt. Do not wait until the last minute.

Personal and creative development of the topic will be considered.

Writing should be free of errors in spelling and English grammar.

Cash prizes: 1st Place- \$500 cash; 2nd Place- \$300 cash

EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST



Your Deacons invite you to the all-church
Easter Continental Breakfast Buffet
on Easter Sunday, March 31st

Serving times will be
 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
 12:00 – 12:30 p.m.
 in Fellowship Hall



We hope you will join us for fellowship before or after the worship service
 you choose to attend as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.



There will be no Sunday School classes on Easter morning, **March 31st**.
 Enjoy the continental breakfast provided by our deacons.

Youth Sunday School and Adult Discipleship Classes will not meet
 on **April 14th**. We encourage families and congregation members to
 support the Youth Workcamp by attending the Fundraising Breakfast
 that morning.

Unsure of your class schedule, check with your class leaders.

Sunday School Adult Discipleship Classes

Please join is in the MacAskill Room Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. for the following
 classes:

April 7th

DVD Documentary: THE EARTHQUAKE AND THE SON OF GOD: For years scholars have
 debated whether the miraculous events proclaiming the birth and death of Jesus actually
 happened. Now, unlike any other time in history, science and technology reveal an astounding
 amount of evidence declaring the most pivotal events in history - The Earthquake and the Son of
 God shows definitive evidence for the biblical account that an earthquake occurred at the moment
 of Christ's death.

April 14th - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

April 21st - Led by Rev. Harry Winsheimer

Relations between church and government have been friendly and tense throughout history.
 And, a red hot issue now! The purposes of this lecture/discussion is to provide
 background information from King David and the prophet Nathan to the year 2000 drawing upon
 biblical, Western European and American models. The approach will be by hop & skip between
 major models. (Current political debate is not the purpose of this class; background is.)

One Great Hour of Sharing—A Special Offering Palm Sunday, March 24th

For over 75 years, Presbyterians have joined with other Christians through **One Great Hour of Sharing** to provide resources to people experiencing need. The gifts of One Great Hour of Sharing support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, food for the hungry, and community development. They help give people safety, sustenance, and hope.



To participate, consider making a special offering on Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024. You can give in a variety of ways: envelopes can be found in the pew rack, in Fellowship Hall and in the Narthex, you can mail a check to the church, text "GIVE" to 717-977-5561 and select OGHS, or use the church's website "Give Here!" link, again identifying OGHS as the purpose. One Great Hour of Sharing is the church saying "We'll be there when you need us." **If we all do a little, it adds up to a LOT!**

**Just a reminder that
FISH BOXES ARE DUE
BACK THIS SUNDAY,
MARCH 24th!!**



Big
Fish
Energy!



Is coming to YOUNG AT HEART

Our April pot luck get-together will be on
Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 12 noon.

After lunch we will enjoy
Special ministry entertainment with Mark Cable
"Senior Moments"

A fun presentation of music ministry, and laughter.

Please RSVP to Rachel Parmentier 443-994-0241 by **Monday, April 8.**

More information will be in the next newsletter, but **"SAVE THE DATE!"**



Palm Sunday, March 24th

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

Maundy Thursday, March 28th

- 7:00 p.m. Arrival and Hand Washing
- 7:30 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, March 29th

- Community Good Friday Service
- 12:00 p.m. at Christ Lutheran
- 30 West High Street

Easter Sunday, March 31st

- 6:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service at the Eternal Peace Light on the Battlefield
- *8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- *11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
- 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. Continental Breakfast

* - This service will be live streamed.

Join us this Holy Week & consider who you could invite, for this journey is meant to be shared.

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity will be having a Blitz Build at 41 Craftway Dr. in Littlestown on the following weekends:



April 4 - 6
April 11 -13
April 18 -20

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

(The Build will continue Saturdays ONLY beginning April 27th until completed)

Anyone who is willing to help with the Build please sign up in Fellowship Hall. Also, GPC is responsible for helping with providing the meal on April 5th and the snack on April 19th. Please contact Benjy Conover if able to help.

Pastor Caleb will be Away!

I am going to take two weeks to rest following Easter – April 1 - 15. My family and I won't be going anywhere (far), and I plan to be in worship for Laity Sunday, but I do recognize I need to recharge my batteries. Also – so many projects at home to catch up on! If you are having a pastoral emergency, please contact Rev. Peter Roy at the office, or via email (peter@gettysburgpresbyterian.org). Thank you for all the love and support, you all are such a blessing to my family and to me. It is a joy to do ministry with you.

Peace in Christ!

Caleb

Spring is in the air!!



A Great Time for a **RUMMAGE SALE!!** SET YOUR DATE FOR APRIL 19TH & 20TH

The Presbyterian Women's Spring Rummage, Bake, and Food Sale will begin on Friday, April 19th from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

We will begin taking all your lovely treasures April 15th. Please bring clean and usable clothing and shoes, purses, luggage, jewelry, household items, small kitchen appliances, cookware, glass sets, china, bath towels, bed linens, books, records, toys, games, tools, small furniture, plants, outdoor, etc. **For larger furniture, please contact Debbie Farnsworth.** We will NOT be able to pick up any furniture. **PLEASE ONLY BRING ITEMS IN WORKING ORDER.** There will be a table for antiques and collectibles.

BAKE SALE: Cookies (2 large or 3 small cookies in baggies), cakes, pies, breads, bars, and fudge. Please deliver to church on Thursday. No cupcakes please!

DONATIONS WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED AND WILL BE ACCEPTED MONDAY 4/15 UNTIL 12:00 THURSDAY 4/18. NO DONATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 12 NOON ON THE 18TH.

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT: KNIVES, WEAPONS, COMPUTERS, TVs OR MATTRESSES.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED - MEN, WOMEN, AND YOUTH all week to help set up, sort and price (Tues. - Thurs.) and on sale day to help bag, provide customer service, work checkout. Saturday help is needed to clean up, 12 - 'til done. We have extended times to late afternoon/early evening to accommodate school and work.

SIGN up table will be in the Fellowship Hall for the Sale and Bake Sale. For any questions call Debbie Farnsworth at 717-451-6851 or email debra_farnsworth@yahoo.com.

Also, for all of you with teens and college kids who change their bedrooms frequently, and you have the heavy plastic bags, some with zippers, from comforters, sheets, and blankets that can be used to put those items in for the sale, they would be greatly appreciated. I will put a box in Fellowship Hall marked Rummage Supplies you can put them in. Thank you SO MUCH.

Margo Har and the PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN COMMITTEE

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Gettysburg Presbyterian Church Mission Statement

"Gathering People in Christ
to Teach, Learn, and Live
God's Message."



**Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, March 28, 2024**

March 2024
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Worship @ 8:30 a.m.
Contemporary Worship @ 11:00 a.m.

March 24	Palm Sunday Rev. J. Caleb McClure preaching
March 28	7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service
March 31	Easter Sunday - 6:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service at the Eternal Peace Light on the Battlefield 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. Continental Breakfast

To view live stream, go to: www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org
Just below the announcement pictures.