

GRAPEVINE

"The Pastor's Page"

April 3, 2024

Emerging from the cocoon.

Dr. Ralph Wilson shared the following story about two caterpillars. As a butterfly soared overhead, one caterpillar said to the other, "You'll never get me up in one of those things."



Yet for every caterpillar the time comes when the urge to eat and grow subsides and they instinctively begin to form a chrysalis around themselves. The chrysalis hardens and you would think for all the world that the caterpillar is dead.

But one spring morning the life inside the chrysalis begins to writhe, the top cracks open, and a beautifully formed butterfly emerges. For hours the butterfly will stand stretching and drying its wings, moving them slowly up and down, up and down. And then, before you know it, the butterfly glides aloft, effortlessly riding the currents of the air, alighting on flower after gorgeous flower, as if to show off its vivid colors to the bright blossoms.

Somehow, the miracle of the butterfly never loses its fascination for us. Perhaps because the butterfly is a living parable of the promise of resurrection.

On that first Easter morning the disciples saw Jesus' graveclothes lying on the cold slab still wrapped round and round the corpse. Only the corpse was gone, much like an empty chrysalis deserted by a butterfly who has now left to soar free. "He is risen as He said," an angel told the frightened disciples. Later that day Jesus would appear to the disciples, and then, over the course of the next few weeks, to as many as five hundred people at one time. Even "Doubting Thomas" didn't doubt for long that Jesus was really risen from the dead.

We enter this season of Easter as a time to celebrate Life! Like the butterfly, we too can soar to new heights, leaving behind the old ways and embracing the beauty of our new life in Christ.

Peace Be With You,

Pastor Peter

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“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 Mission board in Fellowship Hall.

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.

To my wonderful church family,

Thank you all so much for the wonderful out-pouring of love that was shown to me and my family at the time of Kim’s passing.

I am truly blessed to have so many prayers, visits and food deliveries at this very difficult time.

My family and I are so blessed. God bless you all!

Love,
Sue Hain & Family

Dear Gettysburg Presbyterian members,

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your many prayers for my husband Barry Simon.

It has been a blessing to us both to be lifted up in prayer. He continues to slowly improve with intensive rehab for his fractures sustained in a bad tumble.

Grateful for my church family.

Carole Simon

LAST CALL FOR MEXICO MISSION

Consider joining us in our Mexico Mission Trip adventure on June 24-July 1 in the Yucatan peninsula! Information/application forms are available in Fellowship Hall and the Narthex. **Application are due immediately.** Scholarship help is available! Contact Dave Wright at 717-398-2411 for more information.

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with Barbara Underwood on the recent death of her husband, Charles.

CUB SCOUT PACK MEETING

April 8
7:00 p.m.
in Sewing Room
(top floor)

For more information please
contact Pastor Caleb.

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

April

April 7	12:30 - 3:00	Car Chase
April 14	8:00 - noon	Service Project Workcamp Breakfast
April 21	12:30 - 3:00	Lunch, Hike & Prep for Youth Sunday

GPC Hiking Club

April 20
Cunningham Falls area,
leave church at 10 a.m.

May 18
Pine Grove Furnace area,
leave church at 10 a.m.

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

Can't wait to see you all again.

Have a great weekend,
Jen

Mid-SHIP SCHEDULE

April

April 7	12:30 - 3:00	Car Chase
April 14	5:30 - 7:00	Discussion/Games
April 21	12:30 - 3:00	Lunch & Hike

YOUTH CLUB

April

April 7	12:30 - 3:00	Car Chase
April 14	4:30 - 6:00	Beatitudes @ GPC
April 21	12:30 - 3:00	Lunch & Hike



COME AND SUPPORT
**YOUTH
WORKCAMP
BREAKFAST**

SUNDAY, 14 APRIL
9:15 TO 11:00

COST IS \$10
ALL PROCEEDS TO
SUPPORT THE MISSION
TRIP TO GATLINBURG, TN

MUST PURCHASE TICKETS IN
FELLOWSHIP HALL

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



April 15 - May 19
Contact Lois Kime at 717-752-6249

During our recent Mission trip to South Carolina, Deb Kammerer, Becky Stabler, Lynn Weary, Linda Hagee and I went to the “Charleston Tea Garden” on Wadmalaw Island South Carolina. It was a wonderful afternoon, sipping the 9 flavors of tea including the original American Classic Tea, which is the only brand of tea in the world that is made with 100% of tea grown in America. During our visit we toured the Factory and took a Trolley ride through the Tea plantation. We learned about how the plants came to the United States, how the bushes grow, when the harvesting window timeframe is, the equipment they use, the people who “weed” the fields, etc. We learned the difference between black tea (ages and oxidizes turning the leaves brown or black), green tea, (leaves are processed earlier while they are still green), caffeinated and decaffeinated. They grow black, oolong, and green teas. Caffeine levels are based on climate and soil content. The Charleston Tea Garden was purchased by family-owned Bigelow Tea Company in 2003, when it became the dream of Eunice and David Bigelow and local partner Bill Hall to combine talents and share their love of tea as a vibrant piece of Americana for all to enjoy.

Fun Tea Facts:

Did you know the average milligrams of caffeine per tea bag is:

Coffee:100-120 mg, Black Tea: 30-60 mg, Green Tea: 25-50 mg

Did you know that studies show heat releases the caffeine by 65% by using the following methods:

Pour cold water over the tea bags (or loose tea) - Do NOT boil water, let it sit overnight for approx. 8 hours. In the Morning, discard the bags, add sweetener if you desire, and add ice. Or pour boiling water over the teabag (or loose tea) and let it sit for 60 seconds. Pour out the first cup and then pour boiling water over the same tea bag again and enjoy!

Studies have shown that certain teas may help with cancer, heart disease, diabetes, weight loss, lowering cholesterol, and mental alertness. It also has antimicrobial qualities.

Green tea: helps with cancer prevention, fights heart disease, lowers blood pressure, has anti-inflammatory properties, weight loss, and lowers cholesterol.

Ginger tea: helps with nausea, morning sickness, and has proven digestive benefits.

Herbal tea: anti-inflammatory helps with lung conditions like asthma by helping to loosen the airways and loosens mucus when we are congested.

Peppermint tea: kicks up your immune system, relaxes sore throat muscles, relieves nasal congestion and helps to reduce fevers. It is loaded with antibacterial and antiviral properties.

Chamomile tea: contains apigenin, an antioxidant and sleep inducer. It helps to reduce anxiety, leading us to drowsiness.

There are many other types of teas: Elderberry, Echinacea, Hibiscus etc. Enjoy!!!

Pam Phillips RN FCN at 410-596-0777 or email gpcfnc@gettyburgpresbyterian.org





Worship *Music* Concert

with

Jim and Melody Scofield

Sunday, May 5, 2024 @ 2:00 PM

Gettysburg Presbyterian Church

208 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg, PA



Join us for a time of beautiful music and fellowship on May 5th from 2-4pm at GPC! Jim and Melody Scofield will lead a program featuring familiar contemporary praise and worship songs, traditional hymns, and original music that speaks of their love for service and mission. Jim and Melody are members of First Presbyterian Church of York, are members of the Baltimore Choral Arts Society and perform with the award-winning Unforgettable Big Band based in York. 100% of the free-will offering from this concert will be given to The Scofield School in Suna, Kenya to support the work of Ben and Emily Okello and the students at the school. Join us for an afternoon of music with a mission. We hope to see you there!



Special Program! YOUNG AT HEART



Our April potluck get-together will be on

Thursday, April 14, 2024 at 12 noon.

at Gettysburg Presbyterian Church
208 Baltimore St., Gettysburg, PA

Welcome to all aged 50+ members of GPC, both marrieds and singles: New-comers are always welcome to "try us out" for feast and fellowship....and lots of laughter, especially this month by the **special ministry of Mark Cable**, singer, songwriter, "funny guy," focusing on a familiar topic to us all, "**Senior Moments.**" Don't miss it!

We will provide the chicken, so you can bring salads, sides or dessert to go along with our main course. 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 chicken 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 Monday, April 8th, 2024.**

PW SPRING GATHERING

Saturday, April 13

The "CALL" has come out to **ALL Presbyterian Women in the Carlisle Presbytery** (yes, that is YOU, all women in our GPC congregation, whether or not you belong to a study circle). Saturday, April 13, 2024, we will carpool from GPC, leaving at 8:15 AM to Falling Spring Presbyterian Church, 221 N. Main Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201. Upon arriving, coffee, etc., will be available. At 9:30 the meeting begins with Announcements, Devotions, History of the Host Church, and short business meeting. At 10:30 AM, our speaker will be Chris Mayer from Wilson College, speaking on "Climate Change & Global Warming - What we can do." We'll take a lunch break served by the ladies of Falling Spring P.C.; at 12:30 PM our speaker will be Laura Umbrell, Oncology Navigator from Wellspan Chambersburg, sharing information on Women's cancers - risks, testing, treatment updates, etc. Of particular concern is the increase in incidents of cancer in younger women. The meeting ends with a closing devotion and send off between 1:30-2:00 PM.

Presbyterian Women everywhere should keep up to date on these world-wide concerns. We are united in our church women's network extending in fellowship and guidance about present worldly concerns. For more information or arrange to carpool, call Rachel at 443-994-0241 or email Rasong@aol.com. Let's show up to represent our church, GPC!



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.

If 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:

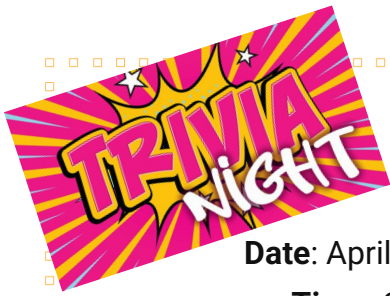
April 7th

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.)



A Fellowship Trivia Night at GPC!

Date: April 26, 2024,

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Location: Fellowship Hall

Join us for an evening of **fun, fellowship, and brain-teasing questions** Hosted by our own Kyle Clark and Penny Messenger, our church trivia contest is back, and everyone is invited. Whether you're a seasoned trivia buff or a first timer, this event promises excitement and friendly competition.

What to Expect:

- **Teams:** Form your own team (up to 8 members) or join one on the spot.
- **Categories:** Categories and questions for ages 5 and up
- **Refreshments:** Pizza will be provided by the Congregational Life Team; we ask you to bring a side or snacks for the table.
- **Childcare:** (ages 0-3yrs. old) will be provided in the Nursery to encourage parents with young children to attend.
- **Prizes:** Fabulous prizes await the winning team! (Well bragging rights anyway)

Be sure to sign up in Fellowship Hall to secure your spot! This is also a great opportunity to invite friends to join us as well. Let's celebrate community, challenge our minds, and have a blast together.

See you there!

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.



Blessing Box

A blessing box is located on the corner of our church parking lot. The Girl Scouts recently gave up their sponsorship of the box. Please help us to continue this vital ministry to our community. When you are shopping at the grocery store, please pick up an extra item or two to donate to the box. Bring your donations with you when you come to church and place them in the bin that is labeled "Blessing Box." You will find the bin on a cart located in front of the Local Missions bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Your donations will be used to keep the Blessing Box stocked.

THE PRAYER PROJECT – APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Gracious God, we thank You today for Penny, our administrative assistant, and all that she does. Please bless her and all the work of her hands.	2 Gentle Shepherd, please bless all with autism and those who care for them. May autism rates decrease and ways to help those afflicted be found.	3 God who makes us whole, we thank you for the lives and ministries of those who are single. Bless them, their work and their devotion to You.	4 We thank you, O God of renewal, for those who faithfully pick up our trash each week. Endow the waste industry with better ways of handling waste.	5 God of widows and orphans, we pray today for all who've lost loved ones in the line of duty. Bless all such families with Your presence and peace.	6 Holy Spirit, breathe on those with gambling addictions. Lessen its allure and protect all from the harm it brings.
7 O Sacred God, we sin so often and sometimes very badly. May we never fail to repent and ask for Your forgiveness. Enable each of us to walk more closely with You.	8 Today, O Loving Father, we lift up to You the Bermudian Springs School District. Please bless staff and students in every way.	9 Good Shepherd, bless all livestock and the farmers who raise them. May all animals be treated humanely, and please end livestock epidemics.	10 Savior, as You gave sight to the blind, help us to be sensitive to the needs of the blind and visually impaired. Bless all efforts to help them.	11 We thank You, O God, for the ministry of the Presbyterian Women. Bless their work and efforts to better the lives of women everywhere.	12 Great healer, we are grateful for those who respond in medical emergencies wherever they are needed. Bless the work of all EMTs.	13 God of abundance, we pray for the work of Ruth's Harvest to give food to food insecure children. Bless it with all the money and volunteers it needs.
14 Holy Lord, enable each of us to live out the first answer of the shorter Westminster catechism: to glorify You and enjoy You forever.	15 Just God, keep each of us honest in our dealings, as we "render unto Caesar what is Caesar's." And let us not be stingy to render unto You what is Yours.	16 Lord, we pray you bless the Adams County Planning Commission with wisdom and foresight to ensure the unique history of our area is never lost.	17 Lord Jesus, You gave us two ears but one mouth. Help us to hear broken people in our lives and encourage someone today who needs your message of hope.	18 Prince of Peace, too many rogue leaders embrace weapons of mass destruction. Please imbue them with Your peace, so they don't deploy them.	19 Merciful God, in this prom season, we pray You would imbue all attendees with wisdom to make good choices, to stay safe and to stay pure.	20 Lord of the elements, we pray for all who may be in the paths of floods or tornadoes. We pray that such events would be rare occurrences this year.
21 One true God, enable each of us to stand boldly up for You, and to gently but firmly defend You to the world.	22 Lord of the Universe, You created our beautiful planet, Earth. Please heal it, and enable us to be better stewards of this amazing home.	23 Lord of life, remind us daily that our focus is You, and not the celebrities whose antics we're bombarded with daily.	24 Righteous Lord, scamming has become so common. Convince those who do it of the evil of their actions and make them stem this harmful tide of deceit and theft.	25 Thank you, God our Rock, for being our refuge and strength in times of trouble. We praise You for Your eternal care.	26 Humble Carpenter, we thank You for those who participate in the Carpenter's Gift Project. Bless their work and faithfulness as well as those they help.	27 Omniscient God, You know we're sometimes assailed by doubts. Help us to work through them and grow from them to then help others with theirs.
28 Giving God, remind us daily to value others above ourselves. Help us to truly live this out, and spend ourselves for Your kingdom.	29 Prince of Peace, please bless the work of all our police officers who daily strive to keep us all safe. Keep each safe from harm.	30 Serene Spirit, be with those who suffer from anxiety. Remind each that You are in control of everything, even our messed up lives.				

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 starting 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. 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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Gettysburg Presbyterian Church Mission Statement

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

 **Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, April 11, 2024**

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

- April 7** Rev. Peter J. Roy preaching
 Communion
- April 14** Laity Sunday
 Workcamp Breakfast
- April 21** Rev. J. Caleb McClure

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