

# GRAPEVINE

## "The Pastor's Page"

April 30, 2024

### Outline of Steps to Hiring the Next Called and Installed Associate Pastor

Friends, below are the steps we are following to hiring our next Associate Pastor – GPC has a joyful history of having long serving ministers, and so this process may not be familiar to you, and hopefully this is helpful!

#### Terms:

**COM:** Committee on Ministry (a committee of the Presbytery of Carlisle)

**APNC:** Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (a committee of our Congregation)

**CLC:** Church Leadership Connection (PCUSA's online job matching database)

**PDP:** Personal Discernment Profile (resume for call seekers)

**MDP:** Ministry Discernment Profile (resume for GPC: describes our church, the open position, and traits we are seeking for the open position)

**TOC:** Terms of Call (this document contains the financial component of the job offer, including salary packages, housing allowances, benefits, etc.)

#### Steps:

1. Transition Team to complete work assigned by COM (we did this!)

2. COM to approve GPC to call an APNC (we did this!)

3. Nominating Team on GPC Session to select an APNC

At step 3, I am going to stop for a moment, as this is where we are!

Currently, the Nominating Team at GPC is already at work calling members of our church to see if they would be interested in serving on the APNC. Once the team is ready to present nominations to the church, we will call a congregational meeting to elect the slate of nominees and they can begin work.

4. Called Congregational Meeting to vote APNC nominees (soon!)

5. APNC to form and create at MDP to put on the CLC

6. APNC to begin receiving PDP's from call seekers on the CLC

7. APNC to interview hopeful candidates

a. This part is lengthy – there are several interviews with the same candidate, even in-person interviews and there will hopefully be several candidates to do this with!

8. APNC to make a decision about the top candidate, and create a TOC

a. The TOC must be approved by both the candidate and the COM

b. All parties will have the opportunity to negotiate

9. The CALL

The call is a three-part process (Candidate, Congregation, Presbytery), involves negotiating a TOC, working with COM, the APNC and the candidate, and then eventually the congregation and then the Presbytery. And, I am going to stop at this point, as timeline wise, to go from installing an APNC to reaching step 9, we are looking at several months (the national average is 12 – 18 months, but we're hopeful!). It could be much faster, and it could be slower. This process will depend on God's time and in that, we will place all of our trust.

I hope that you have had time to read through the Transition Team's work, and that if you receive a call about serving on the APNC, you would prayerfully consider an affirmative answer. I believe that God is doing and will continue to do great things through GPC. I look forward to these next steps and place all my trust in this process.

If you have deeper questions or would like to know more, I am always here to try my best to answer – you can email or call/text me at 912-704-4776. Friends, this is an exciting time in the life of our congregation. Let us approach is trusting boldly in the promises of God: that God does have a plan for us.

Peace in Christ,  
Caleb

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# Happy Birthday to...

May 1

Margaret Curtis  
Victoria Harvey

May 2

Erin Heeschen  
Antonio Mora  
Breeelyn Snyder

May 3

Alan Fleckner  
Dennis Ruth  
Bob Smith

May 4

Katherine Rice

May 5

Luke Flinner  
Tom Kuhn  
Kasey Smarsh

May 6

Benjamin Angstadt

May 7

Judy Beamer  
Andy Farkas

Lance Lewis

Shaye Whiteman  
Lawrence Wolf

May 8

Tracy Angstadt

May 10

Dawn Bohner

Marjorie McCartney

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 27

Karen Eskildsen  
Emily Stone

May 29

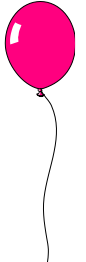
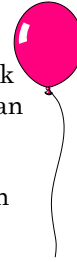
Judy Inskip  
Edward McCartney  
Shane Sellers

May 30

Jen Decker  
Jim Heeschen  
Linnette Murray

May 31

Daniel Crowe  
Dennis Dowd



Thanks to the following individuals who participated in the Traditional Worship Service on Laity Sunday April 14, 2024: Diane Weikert, Marilyn McQuaide, Jim Biggar, Anne Gallon, John Graziano, Whitney Coombs, and Mary Flinner. Everyone did a great job and the service was well received by the Congregation.

The Worship and Music Committee would like to thank the High School Youth of our Church and Kyle Clark for baking and providing the bread for Communion this Sunday May 5. This was a wonderful project for the Youth and is greatly appreciated by the Congregation.



## THANK-YOU, THANK-YOU, THANK-YOU!!!

The Presbyterian Women Committee and GPC women (and men) had a very successful Rummage and Bake sale April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in Fellowship Hall. The Bake sale made \$ 414.87, the Rummage sale netted \$4280.38, for a combined total of \$4695.38. YEA!!! The proceeds will be given to local charities and nonprofits through the Gettysburg Giving Spree and events for our congregation and community. **Thank you to Everyone:** those who baked and donated their wonderful treats; those who worked the kitchen, providing lunch - barbeque and hotdogs; and those who sold baked goods. Of course, this sale could not have happened without all of those who gave their treasures for us to sell. And special thanks to all the **VOLUNTEERS** who worked very hard this week. Volunteers each day assisted with sorting, pricing, and working throughout the room assisting patrons find things. And to those who helped Saturday post sale tearing down, cleaning up and putting away. God Bless to everyone and again **THANK-YOU!**

PW & Bake Sale Committee Members

## FROM THE WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

Greetings from the Worship and Music Committee! We wanted to take the opportunity to bring you up to date with our activities since our last newsletter article in January 2024. Back by popular demand will be the offering of the Combined Services again this summer! This will be a similar model as last summer and will run from May 26 through September 1, 2024. All services will be at 9:30 am, except for outdoor services which will be at 10:30 am. Feedback from last year's schedule was very positive. Congregants were excited to see the church filled and enjoyed getting to know people who attend other services. There was also positive feedback about the music program and the opportunity to learn new songs. Many people commented on the positive energy that was felt.

As noted above, the next two outdoor services will be May 12, 2024 and August 18, 2024. Mark your calendars! More information will be forthcoming.

Our committee is currently planning for the fall schedule. As you know, it was a big change going from 3 services to 2 services. As noted last September, we promised to review feedback from congregants as we plan for the fall. As might be expected, the feedback has been both positive and negative. Some of the positive feedback includes that people who previously attended the Contemporary Service at 9:30 am now have the opportunity to attend Sunday School. Others have commented that the extended fellowship time has been well received. In addition, the Contemporary Music Team currently has adequate time to set up the instruments and prepare for the service.

The negative feedback includes that the 8:30 am Traditional service is too early for some congregants who prefer that service. There are a number of people who have a significant drive to get to the church. Conversely, some people who attend the 11 am service feel that the noon conclusion is too late.

The committee is committed to hearing these concerns and strives to look for compromises. We have been looking at various metrics, including attendance at the services and Sunday School, the numbers of new families who have joined the church, and those who may not be attending. We hope to bring a determination to the Congregation after the May 19, 2024 Session meeting.

We appreciate your patience and prayers as we continue to prepare for the Fall. Everyone has been very gracious and supportive. Thank you!

Sincerely,  
The Worship and Music Committee



Our thoughts and prayers are with  
Gail Hull on the recent death of her mother.  
Rob Lewis on the recent death of his mother.

# Hershey Park



**are IN!**

If you pre-ordered tickets with us, please see Kyle Clark on Sunday morning or stop in the office during the week to collect yours.



## HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

### May

May 5	1:00 - 3:30	Lunch & Concert @ GPC
May 12	10:30 a.m.	YOUTH SUNDAY No Evening Meeting
May 19	TBD	Closing Event

## Mid-SHIP SCHEDULE

### May

May 5	1:00 - 3:30	Lunch & Concert @ GPC
May 12	10:30 a.m.	YOUTH SUNDAY No Evening Meeting
May 19	TBD	Closing Event

## YOUTH CLUB

### May

May 5	1:00 - 3:30	Lunch & Concert @ GPC
May 12	10:30 a.m.	YOUTH SUNDAY No Evening Meeting
May 19	TBD	Closing Event

## **GPC Hiking Club**

**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



## **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 15 - May 19**

Contact Lois Kime at  
717-752-6249



**May 20 - June 9**

Contact Ellie Bilz at 201-739-8774



## Outdoor Service - May 12 at 10:30

The next Outdoor Service will be Sunday, May 12, 2024 at 10:30 am at the Rec Park Amphitheatre by the entrance at the Charlie Sterner Building. The date is also Youth Sunday and Mother's Day! Golf carts will be available.

In case of inclement weather, notification about moving to the church will be made via email, the church website, and the Facebook page. Remember your lawn chairs!

**Summer Children's Church Volunteers Needed**

For the 9:30am service, sign-ups in Fellowship Hall

### “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:

**May**

**Agape House**

Bath towels, kitchen towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, twin and queen-sized sheets, brooms, dust pans and utility buckets.

**CAMP Firelight**

Join us June 17th to 20th  
From 9am to 12:15pm  
As we learn to put our trust in God in every situation!

Registration open  
May 5th to June 9th

**Vacation Bible School Volunteers**

We need you! For set-up, clean-up, running groups, stations and marketplace. Sign-up in Fellowship Hall starting May 5th.

VBS WEEK IS JUN 17 - 20



## 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!



### Walk for Water with the GPC “Water Striders!”

The GPC Missions Team is sponsoring a team from our church to participate in the Central PA Walk for Water on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 from 9-11am. This year’s walk will be held close by at Oakside Park, Biglerville, PA.

We will walk about one mile carrying empty buckets, fill them from a local stream, then carry them back to the start point and empty the dirty water into a receiving cistern. From there you will see the science of clean water in action as the Water Missions unit transforms our stream water into clean, healthy water that you can try!

Families, adults, youth and children are welcome to participate! Even if you can’t walk with us, please register to support our team, and plan to come out to send us on our way and cheer us when we return!

This is a FUN activity for everyone in our community!

YOU can be part of the action by logging onto:

[www.walkforwater.rallybound.org/central-pa](http://www.walkforwater.rallybound.org/central-pa)

and registering to participate in the event! Adult registration is \$25, and youth ages 5-17 are \$10. Be sure to sign up under our Team Name: GPC Water Striders! Your registration includes a Water Missions T-Shirt!

**Our goal this year is to raise \$1000 to support Water Missions, International and their efforts to bring sustainable clean water solutions to impoverished areas of the world. Questions? Call Tom Kolmer at 717-634-0258.**

*“When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue is parched with thirst, I the Lord will answer them; I the God of Israel will not forsake them.” —Isaiah 41:17*

**We walk, so others don’t have to... See you there!**

# THE PRAYER PROJECT – MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>5</b> We praise You O God for being our strength and shield, for blessing us with compassions which are new every morning. Great is Your faithfulness!	<b>6</b> God who care for us, we pray today for those who are laid off from their jobs. Bless each with a new job, and help them to weather any financial storm.	<b>7</b> Today, O Loving Father, we lift up to You the Hanover School District. Please bless staff and students in every way.	<b>8</b> God of all, thank You for the Red Cross, Lend-A-Hand and all other organizations which respond to crises. Bless their work and ensure they have enough volunteers.	<b>9</b> Marvelous Messiah, as we remember Your ascension, we look for Your return. Help us to live each day so that we're caught doing Your will when You return.	<b>10</b> Gentle Jesus, we thank you for child care providers. Bless all their work, and bless them, who are underpaid, yet must get many qualifications.	<b>11</b> Great Physician, thank You for the work of nurses everywhere. Bless each with endless energy and compassion. Also bless the work of our parish nurse, Pam Phillips.
<b>12</b> Jesus, son of Mary, thank You for mothers. Bless all mothers and enable each to be the best possible mother to her children.	<b>13</b> Jesus who wept, many are those whose sorrow seems bottomless. Comfort all who weep or mourn, and show each of us how we can help those with deep sorrows.	<b>14</b> Holy Spirit, we pray that You imbue each of us with Your holy fruit of forbearance. May we all cultivate forbearance in our relationships.	<b>15</b> Just God, we pray today for those who are the victims of identity theft. Bless their efforts to reestablish themselves, and bring all identity thieves to justice.	<b>16</b> Miracle-working Jesus, please heal any who have cancer. We thank You for Your many healings during Your time on Earth, and beg You to continue to miraculously heal.	<b>17</b> Caring Creator, too many species of life are now endangered. Enable us all to be better stewards, and heal our planet, so that these precious life forms may not be lost.	<b>18</b> Creator God, thank You for apples and other stone fruits. We pray that 2023 may be a very successful year for all growers here in Adams County and across the world.
<b>19</b> Come, Spirit, Come! Fall upon each of us today as You did on that first Pentecost long ago. We praise you that You come to be with us and pray You'll never leave us.	<b>20</b> Lord of the least, we often overlook the world around us. Today we pray for bees and all other pollinators vital to growing crops. Help us to save them.	<b>21</b> Guiding Spirit, we thank You for the work of the technicians who ensure we have good audio-video each worship service. Please bless all of their work.	<b>22</b> Eternal Father, we praise You that You are always there for us. Whether young, middle-aged or old, we thank You for Your daily and eternal care for each of us.	<b>23</b> Reconciling Lord, we pray for all couples going through rough times. Help each to rediscover their shared love, to grow it, and remain together as they once vowed.	<b>24</b> Healing God, there are so many who are forced to use wheelchairs. Bless each with daily strength, and bless the work of those determined to help people walk again.	<b>25</b> Dearest Jesus, as You always reached out to strangers and the marginalized, help each of us to welcome strangers in our midst and show them Your love.
<b>26</b> Covenantal God, we pray that all who enter into the marriage covenant will live up to their vows. Help couples to work through every issue together and stay married.	<b>27</b> Lord of all Lords, even as we remember today those who died for our freedoms, help us to effect freedom for all peoples everywhere.	<b>28</b> Compassionate Father, we pray today for all children without loving parents. Bless each with a forever home and the joy of a loving and secure family.	<b>29</b> Invincible Spirit, we pray for Your strength and guidance for those trying to quit any form of tobacco use. Give each success and help our youth to never get started.	<b>30</b> Holy Father, we thank You for the Men's Interfaith Fellowship and its work. Please bless its efforts to bless men throughout Adams County.	<b>31</b> God who holds our futures, bless all graduating seniors. Guide each to their best lives, and bring each into Your fold so they may ever serve You.	


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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, May 9, 2024**

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

- May 5**      Rev. J. Caleb McClure Preaching  
                    Communion
- May 12**     **10:30 a.m. Outside Service**  
                    **Youth Sunday**
- May 19**      Rev. J. Caleb McClure Preaching

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Just below the announcement pictures.