

GRAPEVINE

"The Pastor's Page"

August 27, 2024

Back to School

The golden year is over. Last year, our three oldest children were at one location – drop off, pick up, events, all the things: one location. One wake up time. One get home time. A golden year, with just Henry to take to preschool. Bliss, mostly.

This year will be a bit different; Olivia begins 6th grade, Cora 3rd, Jack 1st, and Henry in preschool. We'll have three spots – A middle school, an elementary school, and a preschool. I am currently unaware of exactly *how* we are going to do it, but I know we will be just fine. The details are hazy. The times and dates, I understand, but the sum of it all? I am not sure. I ask a lot of questions to myself: "Will my wife and I get enough sleep? Will we have the energy to make dinner? Did you know, by the way, they're all in soccer next year and you signed up to be a COACH? WHY!?"

Life in the fast lane. A four-lane highway of chaos. A wilderness of events, and recitals, and games, and birthday parties; skinned knees and broken hearts; unfiltered joy, boredom, and time spent alone; a never-ending circus of madhouse fun, waving bye to my wife at night as I come and she goes. Happy kisses and hugs goodbye, and days when no one wants to *just do what they're told!*

My heart swells and my head teeters on the edge, holding the multitude of dates, meetings, and appointments all together. How will we do it?

*"but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint."*

Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)

I am not sure how we'll do it all, it's going to be tough. But, Spiritually? Our hope is in the Lord, who renews our strength day by day – my wife and I will make it through this year, and all the years ahead, because God gives us the strength to do so. We are exactly equipped for the task in front of us. As you face whatever challenge comes next in your life, may this truth anchor you as it anchors us. God is with you!

Caleb

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Happy Birthday to...

September 1
Dottie Fleckner
Conor Wagner

September 2
Carol Eyer

September 3
William Faloon

September 4
Terry Manning
Carole Simon

September 5
Meredith Bergen
Gayle Kelch
Jim Raggets

September 6
Lisa Gormley
Rich Kammerer
Lisamarie Marks
Judy Strevig

September 7
Chase Bowman
Rachel Landauer
Marian Schultz

September 9
Mike Brubaker
Georgia Kuhn
Caleb Sellers

September 10
Joanne Getty
Timothy Johnson

September 11
Donna Newman
Pat Raymond

Jenifer Wagner

September 12
Linda Miller
Shaely Stabler
Brittany Stone

September 13
Anne Kern
Linda Raymond

September 14
Ann Higginbotham
Zachary Shoemaker

September 15
Ross Brownley
Montford Illick
Roslyn Parkhurst
Adam Smarsh
Bonnie Wright

September 16
Kelly Jones

September 17
Cindy Burnsteel
Brianna Hieber
Tyler Kint
Loren Medwick

September 18
Nancy Cook
Justin Lewis
Bill Nelson
Robert Tomassini

September 19
Georgia Bittle
Ryan Cunningham
Lois Edwards
Owen Freas
Shawn Graff

September 20
Sarah Hoffman
Amber Skoczen

September 21
Pat Conklin
Ryan Kime
Eleanor Rice
Jennifer Unger

September 22
Neal Weaver

September 23
Mary Ann Remaley
Robert Smith

September 24
Jessica Lush

September 26
Rachel Parmentier
Elizabeth Russo

September 27
Deb Farnsworth
Theo Mora

September 28
Justin Beegle
Sharon Kuntzman

September 29
Olivia Hiller
Will Mosser
Katie Shoemaker

September 30
Roger Clowes
Stephen Swartzbaugh



Happy 48th Wedding Anniversary on August 21
To Bonnie & Dave Wright!

Fall Worship Schedule!
Starting NEXT Sunday, September 8, 2024
we will offer:

8:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School

11:00 a.m.
Contemporary Worship

“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:
September

We will be collecting items for
“Warrior Walk-In”

Warrior Walk-In at Gettysburg High School is a free-to-use thrift shop for students in need of school supplies, clothing, toiletries, or snack-type foods. The organization is run by students and teachers in the school. It is designed to provide an available “stash” of supplies for students who find that “life isn’t falling in place” for them.

Needed items include: clothing for both boys and girls, feminine hygiene products, toothbrushes, tooth paste, floss, hair brushes, individually packaged crackers, cookies or candy.

Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

Just a brief update on where the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) that you elected on June 2nd is in the process of finding a new Associate Pastor.

Our first step was to meet with Kristal Smith from the Carlisle Presbytery Commission on Ministry to go over the resources and process that we will need to follow in our search. In simplest terms, we begin by compiling a full description of our church, mission statement, and a description of our needs, known as a Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP). Our committee has been meeting on a weekly basis and we are early in the process of compiling our MDP.

Once completed, the MDP will be submitted to Presbytery for posting in their Opportunity Search, a nation-wide internet system that makes our documents available to potential candidates. When candidates are interested in exploring a possible match with us, they enter their Pastor Discernment Profile (PDP) into the system. If the system considers these PDP's to be potentially good matches with our MDP, we will be notified and can then begin the review/interview process. Unfortunately, we are searching in a "buyers' market" where there are more churches looking for Associates than there are Associates seeking a new church. Presbytery tells us that the full process can take us up to 18 months to complete.

There is a lot of work to be done and, as we make progress, we will provide you with periodic updates.

South Dakota Trip

Several former South Dakota mission trip veterans continue to be in touch with our Lakota friends on the reservation. Although as a group we have not been to the reservation in several years, there continues to be great need among the Lakota people. A small group is planning a trip to the reservation with donations of children's cold weather coats, sheets and blankets. While there the group plans to assess needs and opportunities for future trips.

When: September 27 to October 5

Where: Cheyenne River Lakota Reservation

What: Donations Needed - Children's and Youth new and gently used cold weather coats
- NEW Twin size and full size sheet sets and blankets

Donation bin in Fellowship Hall. Donations accepted through Sunday, September 15.

Adult Sunday School

Adult Discipleship is pleased to begin our Fall schedule with 2 Professors from Gettysburg College Religious Studies - Dr. Stephen Stern, Chair, Jewish Studies and Dr. Steven Gimbel, Philosophy.

September 8th

Dr. Steven Gimbel - "The Gravity of God". Since Galileo, we have separated science and religion, often seeing them as adversaries. But when we look at the most important theories of gravity - those of Rene Descartes, Isaac Newton & Albert Einstein - we can see the fingerprints of their religious traditions in their scientific theories.

September 15th

Dr. Steven Gimbel and Dr. Stephen Stern - "AI and God" - In the traditional theological literature, there are two main approaches to the nature of God. God as a perfect being and God as the Creator. In a sense, artificial intelligence is the perfected human mind, yet we are its creator. So, if we ever were able to create an artificial mind capable of spiritual belief, would it consider us its god or would it consider itself ours?



Ruth's Harvest is beginning its 11th year, and we still need your help. We ended last year packing nearly 300 bags a week, and expect a similar number this year. To do this we need food items, monetary donations, and your assistance. The bin for the food is in Fellowship Hall. You can send money to Ruth's Harvest, Gettysburg PO Box 4771, Gettysburg 17325 or hand it to us. If you have about an hour on Monday or Wednesday afternoons, please contact us for Mondays, or Gail Hull for Wednesdays.

Thank you. Jerry/Elly Cleaver, 717-359-0419

Gail Hull, 717-334-0753



**I AM JESUS,
NOT CANDY!**

**This bread of life
is not for eating**

On Sunday Sept 8th, you may see me hiding around the church as a little reminder of my love for you as GPC Kicks off the new programmatic year! If you see me, feel free to pick me up and carry me with you always. You may spot more of me (in different colored robes) scattered around but please only take one so that I may be shared by all.

Remember, **DON'T EAT ME!**

**HEARTFELT THANKS FROM
TOM AND SUSAN KOLMER**

We are grateful to the many GPC friends who sent their sympathies following the passing of Susan's father, Ken Ball. He was surrounded by family and went peacefully into God's eternal arms. Your notes of encouragement to us remind us of the love we share for one another in God's family...thank you very much!

Tom and Susan Kolmer

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

September

Sept. 15	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Parent/Youth Info Night Ice Cream & Games
Sept. 22	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Discussion/Games
Sept. 29	After Worship	All-Church RISE Against Hunger Event

Mid-SHIP SCHEDULE

September

Sept. 15	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Parent/Youth Info Night Ice Cream & Games
Sept. 22	3:30 - 5:00 p.m.	Discussion/Games
Sept. 29	After Worship	All-Church RISE Against Hunger Event

YOUTH CLUB

September

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Sept. 29	After Worship	All-Church RISE Against Hunger Event

Come on, Gettysburg! RISE AGAINST HUNGER this year!



GPC will once again host a Rise Against Hunger meal packing event on Sunday, September 29th. This year it will be held in conjunction with our Combined Service morning worship. The RAH event will follow a short service and will last from about 9:30am until about 1:00pm. Light refreshments will be available to celebrate following the event!

This is an exciting event for all members, and for all ages to experience Missions in a fun and impactful way! There is something for everyone to do, so nursery care will be available. We will need about 120 volunteers to make this happen, and our goal is to package 25,000 meals in about three hours...oh, yeah! It's going to happen!

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall, and watch for more information about registration and donations to reach our needed goal of \$9600 to purchase the materials. We are already over half-way there and need YOU to help us get to the finish line!

Please mark your calendars for September 29th and plan to be part of the excitement and together we can Rise Against Hunger in a big way! Contact Tom Kolmer at 717-634-0258 or tomkolmer@gmail.com with comments or questions. Thanks for your support of GPC Missions – Where God Things Happen!



YOUNG AT HEART SEPTEMBER 19th

(note week later start date)

Our September potluck get-together will be on **Thursday, September 19th at 12 noon.**
Please note special 'later date.'

Welcome to all aged 50+ members of GPC; newcomers are always welcome to "try us out" for fellowship. **What to expect:** 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 program about our newest Mission Trip in Kenya to hear more about it with time for any questions.

A donation will be taken to cover the cost of fried 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. **by Monday, Sept. 16th, 2024.**

GPC 2024 FALL SMALL GROUP STUDY

The Angels of Christmas – Hearing God's Voice in Advent

Our Advent study explores the angelic visits surrounding the birth of Jesus with Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds in a four-week Advent experience. In this study, the reader will explore the visits and dive deep into the history of the angel Gabriel and other angels in the Bible. The messages of the angels hold meaning for listeners both then and now.

- Sessions include:
1. Standing in the Presence of God: Gabriel and Zechariah
 2. Let it Be: Gabriel and Mary
 3. Acting on the Unbelievable: An Angel of the LORD and Joseph
 4. Hark the Herald Angels Sing: The Angels and the Shepherds

The Advent Study begins the week of October 28th, and concludes the week of November 18th. Registration sign-ups and book purchases available in Fellowship Hall the Sundays of Oct 6th, 13th and 20th - Book Cost: \$10.00

Sacred Conversations on Race Special Speaker: Dr. Bettye F. Baker

On September 5th, at 6pm, GPC will host Dr. Bettye F. Baker as a guest speaker as part of our class, Sacred Conversations on Race. Dr. Baker is the author of *What is Black?* And has published a number of articles, poems, and two juvenile novels that are currently in-print. Baker has been a columnist with Vineyard Gazette since 2005, for whom she writes the Oak Bluffs column, opinion, and book reviews, all under the byline Bettye Foster Baker. She was the wife of William Baker, LTC (Ret) author of *The Brownsville, Texas Incident of 1906: The True Story of a Black Battalion's Wrongful Disgrace and Ultimate Redemption*. She currently lives in Gettysburg, PA.

Join us for dinner at 6pm, with Dr. Baker's presentation to follow, and then small group discussion afterward.

Sign-ups are in the Fellowship Hall, or you can RSVP by contacting Caleb at caleb@gettysburgpresbyterian.org.

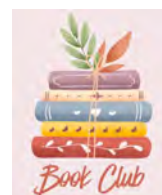
GPC Book Club COME JOIN US FOR A LIVELY DISCUSSION!

The Women's GPC Book Club meets monthly. Listed, below, are upcoming reads. Feel free to join us for one or all. We look forward to welcoming you!

September 30th - [Just Whistle](#) by Hannah Rae in Eisenhower Lounge- 6:30pm

October 28th - [Finding Dorothy](#) by Elizabeth Letts at Perkins - Gettysburg- 6:30pm

For more information, contact: Leslie Casteel - casteella58@gmail.com or Merida Hurkett - mhurkett778@gmail.com



September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

Prostate cancer is the 2nd most common type of cancer (other than non-melanoma skin cancer) for men. It is the 2nd leading cause of cancer deaths.



What is a prostate and where is it located? It is a small gland, approx. the size of a walnut that surrounds the urethra (a tube that empties urine from the bladder). It is a part of the male reproductive system located just below the bladder and in front of the rectum. Per the National Cancer Institute, almost all prostate cancers are adenocarcinomas. These cancers begin in cells that make and release mucus and other fluids.

What are the symptoms of Prostate cancer? Often has no early symptoms. Sometimes it causes men to urinate more often or have a weaker flow of urine. But these symptoms can also result from benign prostate conditions.

Screening for Prostate Cancer: *A simple blood test, PSA* (Prostate specific Antigen) can often catch the disease before it spreads. An exam by your PCP also is an indicator.

Who is at risk for Prostate Cancer: Prostate cancer is more common in older men, family history of Prostate cancer, and higher incidence in African American decent.

Future Events:

Hanover Adams Senior Resource Group (HASR): Resource Fair to be held in Fellowship Hall Wednesday, Oct 9th from 10-12. They will be offering resources and information to seniors and the caregiving community of Hanover/Adams Counties.

No Chair Yoga Tuesday, Sept 24, 2024



Pam Phillips RN FCN, CHPN
410-596-0777 / gpcfnc@gettysburgpresbyterian.org

Usher Training

Sunday, September 22nd 9:45 am in the Jungle Room!

Be the first contact to all GPC attendees, new and old, by being an Usher! Greet, provide bulletins, hand out activity bags to youth and collecting offering are just a few of the services Ushers provide. Training will be held between services at 9:45 am on Sunday, September 22. Come to the Jungle Room; the first room to your left in the lower Sunday School Classrooms to get the lowdown. Contact Merida Hurkett at mhurkett778@gmail.com or call 240-505-8905 with any questions.



Resumes Sunday September 15th!!! Kick Off Fellowship Night 7:00 to 8:00PM

Youth Club is for kids in 3rd, 4th and 5th grade. Join us Sept. 15th for an hour of ice cream and games! Bring a friend! Parents are invited to join to fill out forms and be able to ask leaders any questions they may have.

We will meet most Sunday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30PM unless otherwise noted. Join us each week for fellowship, fun games, service opportunities, meditative moments, learning about the Armor of God, dinner and so much more! Sign up sheets and detailed schedules can be found on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or pick one up on kick-off night.

Please email kyle@gettysburgpresbyterian.org for any questions.

Bibles to Children



On September 8th at either of the two services, we will be presenting Bibles to our three year olds and our second graders. Parents with children in those age groups have received a letter asking you to let Kyle know if you are planning to attend one of those two services. kyle@gettysburgpresbyterian.org

Children's Communion Class



During Sunday School this year, our 4th and 5th grade students will learn about Communion on September the 22nd at 9:45AM.

This class, led by Kyle, will prepare these students to receive communion on World Communion Sunday, October 6th, in worship. If you have a child in 4th grade or higher, you received a letter in the mail with more information. Please contact Kyle at 334-1235, ext. 5 or kyle@gettysburgpresbyterian.org if you have further questions.



High School Fellow-SHIP Resumes!!!

Join us on **Sunday September 15th** for a night of games and fellowship from **7:00 to 8:00PM**. This year will have opportunities of fellowship, service, life-skills and faith development. ***Our normal meeting time will be 5:00 to 7:00PM unless otherwise noted.*** This year we will be offering dinner before we head into our program. We hope to see you this fall and if you have any questions, please contact kyle@gettysburgpresbyterian.org

GPC NEEDS YOUR VOICE



WE NEED YOUR VOICES (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) for our **ONE** GPC Adult Choir. This choir sings for the 8:30 a.m. traditional service, beginning "Kick-Off Sunday", Sept. 8th.

This choir meets for weekly rehearsals on Wednesday evenings, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the church balcony. Our first rehearsal is Wednesday, Aug. 28. We also have a brush up rehearsal Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m. prior to the service. We rehearse songs (of wide variety) ahead in the schedule, which are a mix of SATB, SAB, and two-part mixed pieces. We also do occasional cantata length pieces for special times of the year (i.e.. Advent, Lent, etc.), usually with an orchestra brass group or solo instruments.

A CHOIR IS NOT A CHOIR WITHOUT A VOICE...YOUR VOICE!!

Please pray about it, and join us for some fun fellowship, in this important ministry of our church.

You may contact me, David Conklin (*Director of Music/Choir Director*), at dconklin721@comcast.net or my cell (717) 357-7753, if you are interested in singing with one of our choirs, or just come to rehearsal.

If you love to sing...

If you love to serve God...

Come and join our choir...no audition necessary!



Other Music Ministry Opportunities Here at GPC

Chapel (Children's) Choir
(ages 3 - 5th grade)

Directed by Krystal Nolte—will rehearse weekly following the children's dismissal from the 11:00 a.m. service, beginning Kick-Off Sunday, September 8.

Adult Bell Choir

Directed by Carrie Conklin—will rehearse weekly on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the upstairs choir room, beginning September 11.

Youth Choir

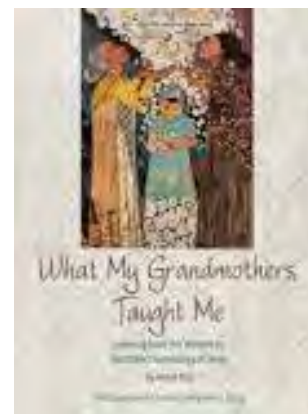
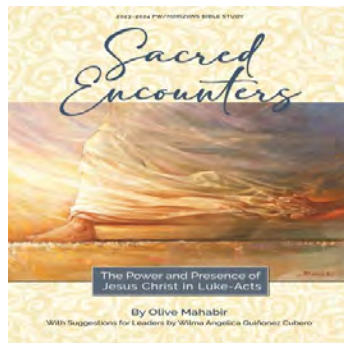
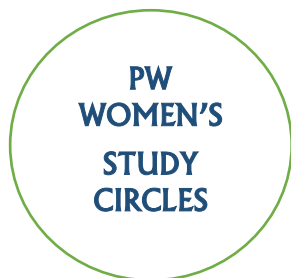
Directed by Carrie Conklin—separate from the Omega Praise Band, singing a wide variety of styles. Rehearsing at the Director's discretion and singing three to four times a year at our Traditional service and occasionally at combined services.

Omega Praise Band

This is a youth contemporary worship Band. They lead contemporary worship Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. on the second Sunday of each month.

Alpha Praise Band

Directed by David Conklin - this is an adult contemporary worship band. They meet to rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 5:45 - 7:00 p.m., down in the MacAskill Room. They are the anchor group, leading worship all Sundays except the second of each month.



September through May, the 3 Presbyterian Women's Study Circles will meet once a month to study and discuss a study guide provided by Presbyterian Women USA. All women of GPC are welcome and please bring a friend.

If there is interest in forming an evening or weekend group, live or via Zoom, please let us know.

PW Circles meet:

Mary/Martha Circle

4:00 p.m. Second Thursday of the month in Eisenhower Lounge and discuss "What My Grandmothers Taught Me".
Learning from the women in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus.

Esther Circle

9:30 a.m. Third Thursday of the month in the MacSkill Room and discuss "Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation".

Elizabeth Circle

1:00 p.m. Third Monday of the month at Paideia House and discuss "Journeys Through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today".

If you are new to a group this year, please let me know if you need a book, cost of book is \$10. Please join us for community, faith and fellowship. Email Margo Har at stepmargo@comcast.net or call 978-807-3750 for further information.

WELCOME to the start of another **EXCITING CHURCH YEAR**- PW will begin with Committee members meeting to begin planning new and exciting events, fundraisers, and ways to fellowship. We meet monthly- beginning September 9 at 4:30pm and will be meeting in the Eisenhower Lounge. Always looking for new ideas. Please join us; **LONG TO BELONG!** Any questions please call or email Debbie Farnsworth 717-451-6851; debra_farnsworth@yahoo.com.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Adams County Church Women United will meet on Wednesday, September 4th, 11:30 a.m., at Gettysburg Church of the Brethren, 1710 Biglerville Rd. Speakers, Christian Aguilar & Ximena Suarez, will be representing the Fruitbelt Farmworkers Christian Ministry. To show our support of the FFCM we will be collecting hoodies & sweatshirts in medium & large sizes. Bring a bagged lunch, desserts & beverages will be provided. Welcome to newcomers.

Men's Interfaith Luncheon

All men are invited on Wednesday, September 4th at 12:00 noon for light lunch (\$5.00) and camaraderie in Fellowship Hall, followed by humor and worship in the sanctuary. This is an interfaith gathering, and is open to all men who would enjoy the time together, and appreciate a message from a local minister.

Christmas in August?

What a great time to think of cooler weather and the fun and celebration of Christmas! The first day of Advent falls on Sunday, December 1, 2024. The printing of our collection of Advent devotional stories, photos, drawings, songs, favorite carols, etc. needs to be done before that date. Please send submissions to kathy.mellott@gmail.com or turn them in at the church office.



The deadline for submission to the GPC Advent Devotional is November 1st, but submissions are being accepted now. The sooner the better to get the Advent Devotional printed on time.

Thank you, in advance, for helping me do this again. Kathy Mellott

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEEDS:

- 1.) TEACHERS
- 2.) SNACKS AND JUICE
- 3.) COLORING SUPPLIES

Prayerfully consider helping our Christian Education Team this year and contact kyle@gettysburgpresbyterian.org Today!

Worried about teaching? Our curriculum has step by step instructions and activities.

A PERSON WHO CARES ABOUT KIDS AND FAITH FORMATION

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.

August 12 - Sept. 15

Contact Elly Cleaver
240-938-4045



Sept. 16 - Oct. 13

Contact Don Stabler
717-451-4310



Libraries?!

Did you know that we have 2 libraries in our church? One for children and one for adults.

Both libraries, in Heritage Hall, have some great resources for you and your family. However, both need some love and care. If you would be interested in being the librarian of either, please contact kyle@gettysburgpresbyterian.org



Nursery Care

We are still searching for 2 skilled Nursery Care providers. Should you know of anyone, please have them immediately contact

kyle@gettysburgpresbyterian.org.

During the interim, our nursery will be available with the livestream, but not staffed. If you are able to volunteer for 1.5hrs Sunday morning, please also contact the above email.



THE PRAYER PROJECT – SEPTEMBER 2024


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Holy Lord, today we pray for Pastor Peter Roy and his ministry at GPC. Bless Peter with endless zeal and may his work bear much fruit.	2 Blessed Lord, You gave us work to do, but then also a day in which to rest. Bless the honest work of all, and let our endeavors, especially for your Kingdom, be fruitful.	3 Today, O Loving Father, we lift up to You the South Western School District. Please bless staff and students in every way this new school year.	4 Merciful Lord, we pray that no more children would find guns in their homes and accidentally kill another. We implore You never to let this happen again.	5 Most High God, remind us each day to pursue that which is truly important to You versus the temptations of this world. Make each of us better at "storing up treasures in Heaven."	6 Spirit who leads us, despite our busy schedules, help us to be ever open to You and Your "detours" to help our lives take a more heavenward path.	7 Compassionate Christ, we lift up to You today any who suffer from PTSD, especially our war veterans. Bless each with total healing.
8 Ancient of Days, we thank you for grandparents, and all that they bring to their families lives. May each be treated with respect and dignity. Help youth to appreciate the aged.	9 Great Physician, we pray for all who suffer from chronic illness. Please bless each, and bring Your light and healing into their lives. Also enable researchers to find cures.	10 God of healing, it hurts when people are left out, especially for youth. May cliques disappear, and all youth be graciously accepted by their peers.	11 Powerful God, as we remember the tragedy of 9/11, we pray that all those impacted would know your peace and love. Comfort them no matter their stage of processing this event.	12 Guiding Spirit, descend upon Congress we pray, as it wrestles with budgetary issues and the best ways to use our nation's resources. Let wisdom and fairness prevail.	13 Jesus Who wrote, enable anyone who struggles with reading and comprehension of the written word to develop those skills to a high degree.	14 Lord of all, today we lift up the Fruitbelt Farmworkers Christian Ministry. Bless each worker not just with increased prosperity, but also with a closer walk with You.
15 Abba Lord, please bless the ministry of both SHIP and mid-SHIP. Let leaders be effective and faithful, and let there be many youth brought closer to You.	16 Perfect Parent, as more families are finding themselves to be blended families, bless all those step-relationships. May all such families live in love, peace and unity.	17 Life-Giving Lord, help us each to be salt and light to those who need encouragement. Embolden us to proclaim our hope in You and be effective in sharing that hope with others.	18 Lord of Heaven, we thank You today for the men and women of the Air Force. Help each to serve with integrity, keep each safe, and bring success to the USAF.	19 God of truth, make our schools places for learning and growing. Keep safe students and teachers and let your love prevail in every school.	20 Lord of the lost, for those still affected by MIA family members, or POW experiences, we pray Your blessings. May closure and peace come to all affected.	21 Prince of Peace, we pray today for Your peace to enter into all of our hearts. Let us be instruments of peace within each of our spheres, and let that peace spread worldwide.
22 God of grace, keep us humble before You. Let us never become so self-satisfied that we forget our need for Your saving grace. And ever help us to extend Your grace to others.	23 Holy Spirit, please change the hearts and minds of leaders whose wars and greed keep necessary food and supplies from needy people. Replace stony hearts with generous ones.	24 Guiding Spirit, be with all of us as we navigate the new waters which artificial intelligence (AI) represents. Let AI be used only for good, and never to hurt others.	25 Holy Lord, please bless the efforts of all who work to preserve endangered species. Please prevent greed and politics from allowing precious plants and animals to disappear.	26 Great God, today we pray that we may each be filled with the loyalty of David, the wisdom of Solomon, and the grace of Jesus to further Your Kingdom.	27 Just Jesus, forgive us our exploitation of other peoples. Bless those still without adequate housing, education or other necessities, and especially, our Lakota Sioux friends.	28 Lord of the harvest, bless the efforts of every farmer in this season of harvest. May there be abundance for all, plus we thank You for all that Your hands provide.
29 Jehovah Jireh, thank You for Rise Against Hunger. Bless their work and may it be effective the world over. Thank You that we can be part of this ministry.	30 True God, so many people engage in pointless superstitions. Help each to find You and to trust You completely. Let us gently help others away from such pointlessness.					

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**September 2024
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

- September 1** **10:30 a.m. Combined Worship @ Rec Park**
Rev. J. Caleb McClure Preaching
Church Picnic following worship service.
- September 8** **KICK-OFF SUNDAY - Rev. J. Caleb McClure Preaching**
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
- September 15** Rev. David Wright preaching

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