

GRAPEVINE

September 6, 2022

It's Time To Begin - Again

Philippians 3:13-14 (adapted)

Siblings, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching toward what is ahead, I press on for the prize of the upward calling of God in Christ Jesus.

I find myself returning again and again to the Letter to the Philippians and finding new places of spiritual nourishment for my own faith and today, as we prepare to begin anew at GPC, wanted to share these words from Paul found in the third chapter. Paul is writing about his own faith to the people of Philippi, as an example of how to walk in Christ – that there is a righteousness that we find when we have faith in Christ. As Paul writes, it's not his own righteousness (something that comes from obedience to the *law*, from our Old Testament) but it is a righteousness from God that depends on faith – the faith of knowing Jesus. Specifically, Paul names knowing about the Resurrection as central in affirming this kind of faith. Not only knowing about it, but also sharing and bearing witness that others may know!

Paul is instructing a people about how to find examples of those who walk by faith so that they may also walk by faith, guarded against all enemies who have "...minds set on earthly things." In the middle of this instruction, Paul makes it clear that this kind of faith is a *journey*. It will never be, nor could it ever be, "his own." But it is something he is continually working towards. He has learned from his past and is building upon it, knowing that the future is so much better because "...of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus."

I like this for our current season. There is much merit in the wealth of tradition and history in our church – I am still, slowly but steadily, making myself acquainted with its richness. But I am reminded that we, as Christians, are called to look to the future with so much more hope. Not just for the day of resurrection, as Paul points to in verse 11, but also for the upward call of God found in Christ Jesus.

This year, as we begin anew, let your focus be likewise: on growing and learning, standing on what you have already attained but yet not content to be still, yearning for more. Our walk with Christ is never over – it is always a journey, and it is always beginning afresh, anew.

There are so many offerings this Fall at GPC for you to begin that journey, once more. You are invited to see how the Spirit can still provoke and challenge you, how your faith and understanding can still grow. May you be filled with the excitement of the opportunities to know Jesus anew and anew.

Peace. And I hope to see you on Sunday, and all the other days!
Pastor Caleb

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Peace Offering Sunday

Sunday, September 25 is Peace Offering Sunday, which is when we will collect our annual Peacemaking Offering. We can all play a part.

Our Peace Offering contributions reach out in five directions. One is the **Food Pantry**, which is a part of S.C.C.A.P., an acronym for South Central Community Action Programs. Each month the Food Pantry serves about 600 local families. To qualify, an individual must gross less than \$1,500/month. It is set up so qualifying people shop monthly (the setting is similar to a grocery store) for nutritional foods that satisfy the basic food groups. The Food Pantry is located on North Stratton Street.

The **Adams County Homeless Shelter** is another place our contributions will go. It is truly a place where new beginnings happen. When people arrive at the shelter, they are usually hopeless and feel like they have no future. Fortunately, the shelter does more than house people in need. It teaches goal-setting techniques and gives employment training, mental health counseling and procedures for taking care of their health - along with assistance in looking for housing, all designed to help them improve their circumstances.

Our Peace Offering also goes to the **Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen**. They provide nourishing meals, at no cost, to the hungry in our community – and have been doing this for the past 25 years. On average, 45 people are served every day.

The other local mission our Peace Offering goes to is **Mission of Mercy**. Founded in 1994, Mission of Mercy seeks to assist those uninsured and underinsured in our communities with health care, dental care and prescription medicines. They currently meet at Four Square Church in Gettysburg for this monthly service to those in need in our community.

A portion of the Peace Offering also goes to the **Presbyterian Mission Organization** to support the larger effort of peacemaking throughout the world.

Thank you for your generous support in helping those in our community who are experiencing difficult times. Envelopes are included in postal mailed newsletters or available at Sanctuary entrances.

It is finally back! The GPC All-Church Picnic!

When: Sunday, September 25, 2022
Following the Combined Worship Service (11:00)

Where: Lions Pavilion – Gettysburg Rec Park
Long Lane, Gettysburg

What: Potluck Picnic

- Corn Hole Tournament
- Team Water Balloon Toss
- Free Throw Contest
- Trivia



Plan to attend worship at the Rec Park, then share lunch and fun times with your GPC family and friends! Look for tournament sign-ups in Fellowship Hall in September.

PRAYER LIST

MISSION

On Sunday mornings we will be praying for the following people/groups that we support:

- 9/11 Ruth's Harvest**
Provides backpacks full of food for school Children to take home on the weekends.
- 9/18 Teen Workcamp**
- 9/25 Family Mission Trip to Camp Krislund**
- 10/2 Mexico Mission Trip**
Works with Accion Ministries to do construction, Vacation Bible School, a glasses ministry, and fellowship with local Mexico Christians in the Yucatan each summer.

Please consider including them in your own prayers!



The Gettysburg Food Pantry at SCCAP (Water St.) is looking for a person to help at the Food Pantry the 4th Monday of the month at 1-3:30. It's simple and interesting. You just keep the shelves of canned goods filled up as people go through and pick their groceries. There is also an experienced person working with you to help.

They need someone in August and also in succeeding months if you are able. I do the 2nd Monday of the month, and you learn a lot about the community. If you would like to lend a hand to this local mission, please call 717-334-7634, ext. 1121 to talk to Lisa Beaver, head of the Food Pantry.

Thank you,
Amy Deitch

"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:

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, tooth brushes, tooth paste, floss, hair brushes, individually packaged crackers, cookies or candy.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NEEDS WILLING WORKERS

When: Thurs. — Sat. October 6, 7, & 8
Thurs.— Sat . October 13, 14, & 15

Work 1 day ...
or as many as you are willing

Hours: 8 am to 4 pm
Where: 40 Orrtanna Rd in Cashtown
Sign-up: In Fellowship Hall or call
Barry Simon 717-337-1662



Adult Sunday School Class
"Women of the Hebrew Bible"
Dr. Stephen Stern

Dr. Stephen Stern, Chair of Jewish Studies at Gettysburg College, will be presenting a Sunday School Lecture Series on the topic of "Women of the Hebrew Bible". Please consider attending his informative and exciting presentation beginning THIS SUNDAY September 11th (Kick-Off Sunday) at 9:30 AM in the MacAskill Room. This class will run from September 11 to October 16.



GPC RISE AGAINST HUNGER
MEAL PACKING EVENT!

October 2nd 2:00—6:00 p.m.

On October 2nd, 2022, between 2-6pm Gettysburg Presbyterian Church will be hosting a One-Day Meal Packing Event in conjunction with Rise Against Hunger. Our goal is to package 20,000 individual meals of rice, soy, and lentils in three hours! Believe it or not, this is achievable, and there will be a lot of fun along the way! Packaged meals will then be distributed by RAH's partner NGOs to those in need around the world! This event is open to all adults, supervised children, and folks of all abilities, but pre-registration is required!

We are looking for about 100 people to participate in the meal packing, plus help with parking, set-up and tear-down. Funding has already been received for 10,000 meals, and are looking for donations from individuals, companies, and corporate partners to raise an additional \$3500 to fund the second 10,000 meals!

Registration and donation can be accomplished at the following website:
<https://rah.secure.force.com/events/homepage?id=7013Z000002KruB>

OR through the link provided at: www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org.

This is a GREAT opportunity for friends, families, students and community members to make a big difference in combating global hunger!

Please mark your calendars for October 2nd, visit the information and registration sites, and talk with neighbors, co-workers, and friends! WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

GPC Mission updates from Source of Life Ministries (Haiti) and Scofield Orphanage (Kenya) and others will be offered prior to the event, and a meal will be available for all participants to celebrate together following the event! For more information, please contact GPC Missions Chairman Tom Kolmer at tomkolmer@gmail.com or 717-634-0258.

Thank you!

GPC NEEDS YOUR VOICE

VOICES ARE WHAT WE NEED FOR OUR TWO ADULT CHOIRS!

It has always been a vital ministry of GPC, expressing God's Word in ways that only music can, and we need all voices, (Soprano, Alto, Tenor & Bass) for both choirs...especially men! Don't be shy!



Here are your choices:

EARLY CHOIR – meets at 7:30 a.m. in the Choir Room upstairs across from the balcony. We rehearse the piece that we will sing for that 8:15 service. The first service we sing is on “Kick-off Sunday, September 11, 2022. For the most part, except for September, you will have the second Sunday of each month off, as bells and other choirs will fill the music slots in the services. Music is mostly SAB or two-part mixed, in an easier vein so we can learn it in one shot.

11:00 CHOIR – This choir meets on Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. to rehearse songs ahead in the schedule, as they are a mix of SATB, more challenging pieces, with some easier pieces to balance it out. They also do occasional Cantata length pieces for special times of the year (i.e. Advent, Lent, etc.). Wednesday rehearsals will begin on August 31. The first Sunday we sing will be “Kick-off Sunday”, September 11, 2022. On Sunday, December 18, this choir and anyone who wishes to join them, will perform “**A Carol Fantasy**”, arr. Mark Shepperd, described as, “a sumptuous banquet of six Christmas carols, this festival setting includes two verses each of “*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming; Infant Holy, Infant Lowly; Winds Through the Olive Trees; Ding Dong! Merrily on High; Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* and *O Come, All Ye Faithful.*” This will be performed with brass.

WE NEED VOICES FOR BOTH CHOIRS, so please consider joining/rejoining one of our choirs. **A CHOIR IS NOT A CHOIR WITHOUT A VOICE....YOUR VOICE!!**

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 show up.

If you love to sing...

If you love to serve God...

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

David Conklin
GPC Choir Director



**“Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends” *John 15:13***



Every year, 12,000 patients are diagnosed with Blood cancer or other life-threatening diseases. GPC will be a sponsor for a **“Be The Match” Donor Drive Sunday, September 25, 2022 from 9am-12pm** at the Outdoor Rec Park Pavilion (weather permitting).

IF inclement weather, event will be held in the GPC Fellowship Hall.

“Be The Match” is a global leader working every day to save lives through cellular therapy. For those who have these life-threatening diseases, a cure exists. This organization connects patients with a matching donor for a life-saving blood stem cell transplant. According to research, cells from younger donors, ages 18-40 lead to more successful transplants.

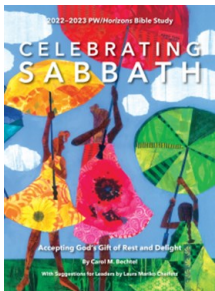
The test is simple, “easier than a Covid test.” Just swab the inside of your cheek. Your sample will be tested, and your genetic type will be added to the **“Be The Match”** Registry!

GPC needs you!!! Ages 18- 40 can sign up ahead of time by completing the Sign-up form in GPC Fellowship Hall, or by calling Pam Phillips RN at 410-596-0777 or email at gpcfcn@gettysburgpresbyterian.org

We ask *everyone* to pray for the planning of this drive and help us obtain donors. Please invite others to join in our drive. Ask family members, co-workers, neighbors, and friends to help us with our mission. There will be information available in GPC Fellowship Hall to share with others. If questions, please reach out to Barb Sanders, Rev. Lou Nyiri, or Pam Phillips RN.

Blessings,
Pam Phillips RN Faith Community Nurse
gpcfcn@gettysburgpresbyterian.org

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY GROUPS



The three Presbyterian Women Circle Bible Study Groups will begin monthly discussions in September and run through June. All women are invited. Monthly attendance is not required, but please join in when you are available.

The Esther and Elizabeth Circles will be using the study guide, “Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God’s Gift of Rest and Delight.”

The Mary/Martha Circle will be using the study guide “What My Grandmothers Taught Me.”

The September meeting will discuss the first chapters in the guides. Please contact the Group Leaders to obtain a guide. If you are new to Circle, please contact Margo Har at 978-807-3750.

Circles will meet:

Mary/Martha Circle—4:00 p.m. Second Thursday of the month in Eisenhower Lounge.
September 8th. Bev Weber – Group Leader

Esther Circle—9:30 a.m. Third Thursday of the month in the MacAskill Room.
September 15th. Beth Fitzpatrick – Group Leader

Elizabeth Circle—1:00 p.m. Third Monday of the month at Paideia House, next door to the church.
September 19th. Sarah Lambert – Group Leader

Children's Communion Class

We are offering a class for children Grade 4 and older to learn about the meaning of Communion. This class will be held on Sunday September 18th during the Sunday School hour, 9:30am. This class, led by Pastor Caleb, will prepare these children/youth to receive communion on World Communion Sunday, October 2nd, in worship. If you have a child in 4th grade or higher, you will be receiving a letter in the mail with more information. Please contact Kyle at 334-1235, ext. 5 or gpcdce@gettyburgpresbyterian.org if you have further questions.

Begins September 25th



Youth Club is for kids in 3rd, 4th and 5th grade. We will meet every Sunday afternoon from 4 to 5:30pm starting on September 25th. Join us each week for puppet ministry, Bible science, cooking and baking, learning about the Fruits of the Spirit and so much more! Sign up sheets on the youth club bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please email gpcdce@gettyburgpresbyterian.org for any questions.

Women's Book Club

For the month of September, we will be reading

The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid

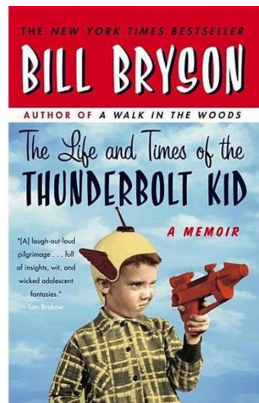
by Bill Bryson.

We will meet on Monday, September 26th at 6:30pm in the Eisenhower Lounge.

If you would like to join us or be added to our list, please email

MeganZiegler2014@gmail.com .

Happy Reading!



SAVE THE DATES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

September 11th

Sunday School starts for all ages

September 11th

Presentation of Bibles to 3 year olds and 2nd graders

September 15th

The Book of Daniel Study with Pastor Caleb

September 18th

Communion class for 4th graders and up 5:00 p.m. MidSHIP & SHIP Ice Cream Social and Information night

September 25th

4:00 - 5:30 P.M. - Youth Club Begins

5:00 - MidSHIP & SHIP

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.

We are only a phone call away.



August 15 - September 11 please contact Elly Cleaver at 717-359-0419.

September 12 - October 9 please contact Don Stabler at 717-451-4310.

Bibles to Children

THIS SUNDAY, September 11th at

each of the three services, we will be presenting Bibles to our three-year old's and our Second Graders. Parents with children in those age groups will be receiving a letter asking you to let Kyle know if you are planning to attend one of those three services.



Pastor Caleb's Fall Study

Join us for this twelve-week study as we dive deep into the book of Daniel using *Daniel: A 12-Week Study*, by Todd Wilson. In this study, we will take a serious look at the twelve chapters of Daniel as we learn how this Old Testament book still speaks truth to our faith and discipleship today!

The study will begin on September 15th and run through December 15th, Thursday nights at 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Childcare will be offered.

GPC Hiking Club



Mark your calendars! The GPC Hiking Club has several fun hikes planned for the fall.

September 17th - Camp Michaux and the Halfway Mark of the AT - We will leave the church parking lot at 8:30am.

October 29th - Paw Paw Tunnel in Oldtown, MD - For those of you who have been requesting the Abandoned Turnpike, this one's for you! We will be hiking a different abandoned tunnel and a trail that leads through it. We will leave the church parking lot at 8am.

November 19th - Washington Monument State Park in Middletown, MD. We will leave the church parking lot at 8:30am.

December 17th - Our Annual Christmas Hike around Culp's Hill and Spangler Spring. We will end our hike at the church with cookies and hot chocolate. We will leave at 9am.

As always, be sure to dress in layers, wear comfortable hiking shoes, bring a snack and water. We will take a break for devotions.

If you are interested in joining us or would like to be added to our list, please email JenniferMaueClark@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you! Happy Hiking!

NURSERY

ATTENDANT NEEDED

We need 1 adult or senior high/college youth who would love to share their love and attention to our littlest members – ages 2 and under. We need individuals who can be here every Sunday from 8:00 to 12:00 and special services. This is a paid position. If you feel God is calling you to do this ministry, please contact Kyle Clark at 717-334-1235, ext. 5.

RUTH'S HARVEST

Ruth's Harvest is starting its 8th year on Sept. 19th and our GPC team will be sorting food that day. Please contact Elly (240-938-4045) if you can help sort food on our assigned Mondays throughout the year (9/19, 10/17, 11/14, 1/9/2023, 2/13, 3/13, 4/11, and 5/8). Contact Gail Hull if you would like to help pack bags on assigned Wednesdays.

If your house was missed in our annual food drive, please bring your items here to GPC, to Lincoln Elementary, or contact me. Also please continue to bring your donations of single serve food items or monetary donations to GPC or to Lincoln Elementary School.

Thank you for all of your support. Jerry Cleaver, 717-359-0419

Cookie Sign Up

Fall is almost here, and the coffee and cookies are welcome treats in Fellowship Hall on a Sunday morning. Larry's coffee is always hot and delicious, and a brownie or cookie is the perfect companion for it.

Please consider sharing some sweet treats for a coffee hour -- homebaked is tasty, but we all love donuts and goodies from local stores and bakeries as well.

There is a cookie sign-up book located in Fellowship Hall right on the treat table -- sign your name and bring a smile and extra sweetness to a friend at church!





It's time for the Fall Session of Kids Club!

We will meet on Tuesdays from October 4 to November 1 from 4:00—6:00 p.m. This series is for children in Kindergarten - Grade 2 and will be held downstairs in the Sunday School area. Our theme will be

"Missionaries: Past and Present." It will be a time of fun, friendships, Bible stories, Scripture activities, crafts, and games.

There is no fee, and the program is open to all children in Kindergarten - Grade 2. We ask that you **register your child by September 27**. Just fill out the registration form found in Fellowship Hall bring or mail it to the church office as soon as possible. We hope your child can join us for this church activity for younger members. Contact Kyle Clark in the church office at 717-334-1235, ext. 5 or call or text Pam Rowland at 717-357-0820 if you have any questions.

GPC 2022 FALL SMALL GROUPS

Ten Men of the Bible: How God Used Imperfect People to Change the World
by Max Lucado

The men of the Bible were not perfect by any means. We find story after story marked by scandal, failure, and intrigue. Noah drank too much. Job thought he knew more than God. Moses murdered a man. David committed adultery. Joseph risked his reputation. Matthew was a tax collector. Lazarus died. Peter betrayed Christ. Paul killed Jesus' followers. Yet we also find these same men looking beyond their circumstances, trusting in the Lord, and following Him where He chose to lead. Like us, they made both good and bad decisions – and faced the consequences. We find our hopes and struggles in the pages of the bible that tell their stories.

Groups will meet weekly for six weeks beginning the week of October 9. Groups will meet in homes or at the church. You will be contacted by your group leader about the exact starting date and location. Each session will run approximately 75 minutes and will include fellowship, informal discussion, and a time of prayer. Please call or contact Lloyd Schaeffer, Elder for Adult Discipleship at 717-334-0586 (clschaeffer2009@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Deadline to sign-up is September 25th

===== **2022 Fall Small Group Sign-Up** =====

- _____ Monday – 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- _____ Tuesday – 7:00 p.m. at GPC
- _____ Wednesday – 2:00 p.m. at Cross Keys Village
- _____ Friday – 4:00 p.m. at SpiriTrust Lutheran Village

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

NUMBER OF BOOKS _____ Cost of book is \$13.00

Also available as ebook at CBD for \$9.99


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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Gettysburg Presbyterian Church Mission Statement

Gettysburg Presbyterian Church believes that God calls us to invite people to faith in Jesus Christ, and equip them to grow as His fully devoted followers. As disciples we:

- * study regularly
- * pray daily
- * witness boldly
- * live faithfully
- * serve passionately
- * give generously
- * worship weekly



**Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, September 15, 2022**

**September 2022
GPC SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Traditional Worship @ 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.
Contemporary Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

September 11	KICK-OFF SUNDAY / RETURN TO 3 SERVICES Rev. Caleb McClure Preaching
September 18	Rev. Lou Nyiri Preaching
September 25	10:00 a.m. Combined Worship @ Rec Park Rev. Caleb McClure Preaching Worship followed by All-Church Picnic

To view live stream, go to: www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org
Click "View Services" on the top right hand corner