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"The Pastor's Page"

May 29, 2024

GPC Needs YOU!

I am imagining those pictures of Uncle Sam pointing at the viewer, requesting help. I am not sure what GPC's "Uncle Sam" would be – but I found this picture of Jesus that works well...



Of course, we need Jesus, but also, GPC needs YOU! And we do.

There are volunteer opportunities in the following areas of ministry at GPC that are immediately needed:

- Nursery (contact Kyle Clark: kyle@gettysburgpresbyterian.org)
- Children's Church (contact Kyle Clark: kyle@gettysburgpresbyterian.org)
- Cleaning (contact Brian Campbell: campbellbrianj1959@gmail.com)
- Coffee and Cookies on Sunday morning (contact Shane Sellers: shane.wyoming@gmail.com)
- Vacation Bible School (contact Kyle Clark: kyle@gettysburgpresbyterian.org)
- Worship and Sanctuary Set Up: Mary Flinner: maryflinner@hotmail.com and Merida Hurkett: mhurkett778@gmail.com)
- Take recycling to Adams Rescue Mission every other week (contact Brian Campbell: campbellbrianj1959@gmail.com)

We'd love to have your help this summer! Ephesians 4:16 reminds us that the Body of Christ works only when all the members are working together, and when all the body is working together, it builds itself up in love.

So too shall we!

Peace!
Caleb

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Happy Birthday to...

June 2

Emma Burgess
Robert Farnham

June 3

Stratton Brown
Leah Krichten

June 4

Will Brubaker
Camille Cox
Kendall Holsclaw

June 5

Pat Behre
Maureen Johnson

June 6

Riley Fitzgerald

June 7

Donald Carman
Gabriel Delacruz
Dale Molina
Leslie Smarsh
Kim Stahl

June 8

Zachary Beegle

June 10

Alexander Contreras
Nikolas Contreras

June 11

Alex Cunningham
Sherry Farkas
Brett Williams

June 13

Tim Waligore

June 14

Jayden Harvey

Kim Patrono

June 15

Beckie Carbaugh
Andrew Druckman
Rachel Druckman
Susan Guiher
Amie Murray
Allyson Smarsh

June 16

Frank Geist
Linda Houghton

June 17

Abigail Holler
Katelyn Holler
Natalie Holler
Ann Matthews

June 18

Ann Cook
Ethan Mora
Amanda Rossman

June 19

Happy Freas
Diana Miner
Matthew VanHoutte

June 20

Michael Crowe
Sydney Miller
Abigail Moroz
Katie Schwartz

June 23

Nichol Hare
Bob Jackson

June 24

Jeff Hieber
Cinnamon Hosterman

June 25

Cam Bernier
Dan Ebaugh
Joan Jackson
Aaron VanHoutte

June 27

Lacey Anderson
Jennifer Clark

June 28

Carolyn Smarsh
Rebecca Stabler

June 29

Emri Snyder

June 30

Lexi Franek
Cheryl Gochenauer
Cadi McMaster
Tim Skoczen



Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting to elect an APNC (Associate Pastor Nominating Committee) on June 2nd right after worship.

An Announcement of Joy!

P&A extended an offer to Rev. Peter Roy to move to full-time work here at GPC starting June 1st. Peter's new, full-time contract will cover thirteen months, through 2025, with both parties having the option to terminate the contract with 30 days written notice. With joy, Peter has accepted this offer, Session has approved, and we are looking forward to seeing more of him in the office!

Peter has been a great addition to the team here at GPC, helping lead worship, visiting GPC members, and being a cool, calm, collected presence throughout the week. Some of us have even caught the "train" bug, and we are all excited to have Peter during this transitional period.

Part of his new responsibilities will be to direct the Contemporary Worship service at GPC, a major current need for our church. Over the next few weeks, Peter will have the opportunity to shadow Libby Crowe ahead of her retirement, as he settles into the new responsibilities.

Please let Peter know your appreciation of his Covenant Associate work here at our beautiful church when you see him next and be sure to extend the hand of fellowship.

Congratulations, Peter!

**The Presbyterian Women
Invite You to:
A LUNCHEON**

WHERE: ANNE GALLON'S HOME
18 Vista Larga Dr.
Gettysburg

WHEN: JUNE 22, 2024

TIME: 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

COST: \$5.00/person.
Cost may be waived if needed

PLEASE
come and enjoy
Food and
Fellowship



Questions: Call
Debbie Farnsworth
at 717-451-6851

SIGN UP 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:

June

Blessing Box

Bottled water, sunscreen, hats, gloves, books, canned or boxed goods, feminine products, hygiene products (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, floss, etc.) socks, washcloths, hairbrushes, dog & cat food or treats and small bags of cat litter.

[While June is the designated month for giving, donations are accepted throughout the year. Simply drop off the items to the Blessing Box on High St.]

From the GPC Music Department

Our church has moved to one service during the months of June, July, August and the 1st week of September. During these summer months we are looking for vocal and instrumental soloists, duets, trios, quartets, etc., to fill our special music slots, both traditional and contemporary.

Jamie Bowman and Carrie Conklin are available as piano accompanists, and I am available as guitar accompanist. You may know others throughout our talented congregation who are capable and may be willing accompanists too. You can either secure your own accompanist or I can help you secure one.

Please contact me if you would like to be a part of our musical offering this Summer, and choose a couple of preferred dates and I will do my best to schedule you or your group. June is almost here, so those are priority dates that we need to fill soon.

Dates are: June 9, 16, 30; July 7, 14, 21; August 4, 11, 18, 25; Sept. 1

Thank you for being a part of our music ministry here at GPC.

David Conklin
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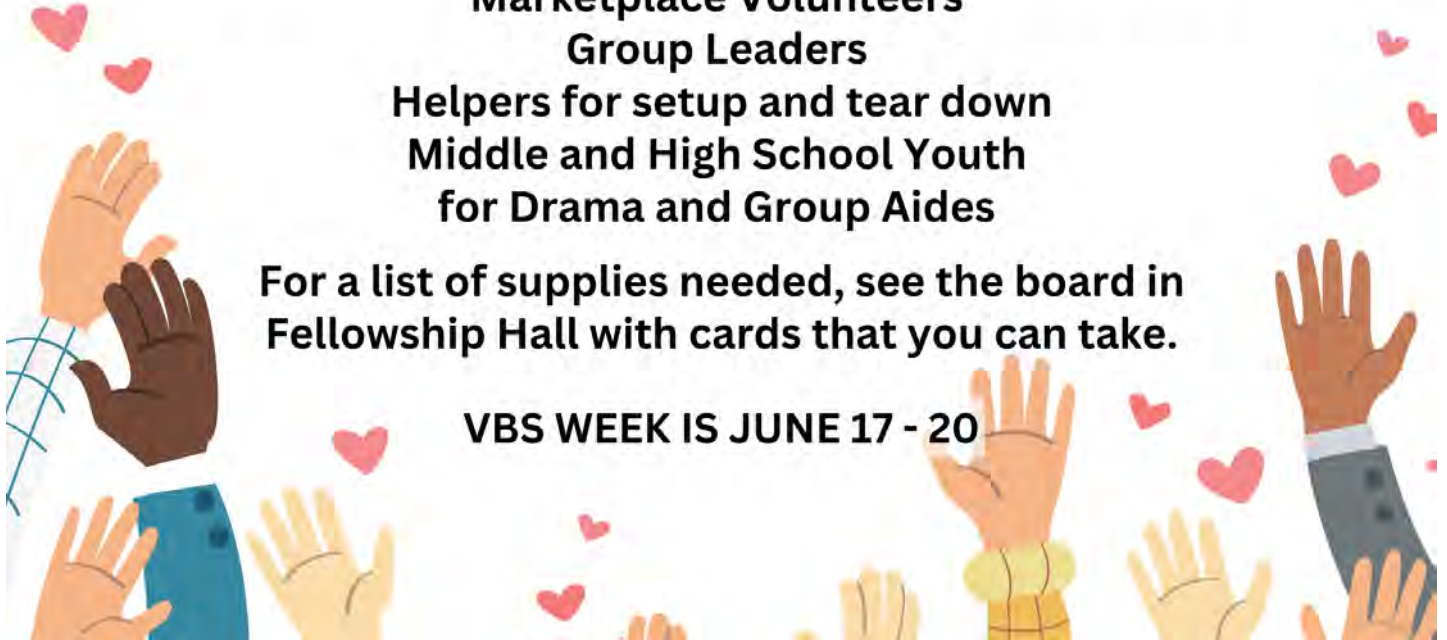


Vacation Bible School Volunteers Still Needed:

Marketplace Volunteers
Group Leaders
Helpers for setup and tear down
Middle and High School Youth
for Drama and Group Aides

For a list of supplies needed, see the board in Fellowship Hall with cards that you can take.

VBS WEEK IS JUNE 17 - 20



Church Women United AND Men's Interfaith Fellowship

We will have their annual picnic on Wednesday, June 5, 11:30 a.m. at Gettysburg Church of the Brethren, 1710 Biglerville Rd. Food, beverages and condiments will be provided by Church Women United. Please join us for a time of good food & fellowship.



Congregation Life Event

Sat. June 29th

Game Starts: 6pm
Cost: \$10

Join us for a field trip to see Hagerstown's own Atlantic League professional baseball team!

Ticket Sign-up in Fellowship Hall
Please RSVP no later than June 9th

Questions, contact Peter North:
pnorth@gettysburg.edu

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.

May 20 - June 9
Contact Ellie Bilz at
201-739-8774



June 10 - July 14
Contact Stephen Swartzbaugh 717-677-1849

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!**

Child's Name: _____ Child's Birthdate: _____ Child's Age: _____
Parent's Name: _____ Cellphone: _____ Grade Completed: _____
Address: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ E. C. Phone Number: _____
Physician: _____ Physician Phone Number: _____
Allergies: _____

Special Notes: _____

Media Opt Out:

We will be taking photos and videos during camp week. These may be posted to our social media account, website and newsletters. Children/Youth will not be named directly except if a name tag shows in a photo. We will assume that we have your permission to do so unless you indicate otherwise by checking the box below. **Please note: GPC cannot control the disclosure or use of photographs or video taken by participants at events that are open to parents and community members. We encourage all parents to use social media sites responsibly.**

Please **DO NOT** use my child in media.

Special Accommodations:

We love having your child with us for Vacation Bible School! However please know that our VBS is staffed by volunteers and don't have the training necessary to meet any special needs. Should your child require special services, that responsibility will fall to the parent/guardian/caregiver.

I understand that should my child require special care, myself or an appropriate caregiver will be in attendance with them.



**Use Scan Code for
Easy Online
Registration:**





Nursery Volunteers Needed

We have started the search for 2 new Nursery Care Providers, but that takes time. While we receive applicants, we are in need of 2 volunteers per Sunday to help cover the nursery starting June 2nd.

This is during our Summer schedule, so the time frame would be for approximately 1.5hrs. If you are able to help on a Sunday, please email kyle@gettysburgpresbyterian.org.



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 1st, 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

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 – JUNE 2024


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30 Compassionate Jesus, we pray today for repression of all peoples to cease, especially in places like China, North Korea, Russia Afghanistan, and Iran.</p>	<p>3 Loving Father, as children get out of school for the summer, we pray that all stay safe; have enough food; be positively engaged and just enjoy being children.</p>	<p>4 Lord over storms, we pray that this year's hurricane season may be a very mild one, with few storms, none powerful and no deaths nor destruction.</p>	<p>5 Sustaining Spirit, on World Environment Day, keep us aware of environmental systems, including hidden ones like reefs. Make us better stewards and heal any damage we've done.</p>	<p>6 Holiest God, we pray for those of the LGBTQ+ community. Bless them with paths that are pleasing in Your sight, and let each be at peace within themselves.</p>	<p>7 Lord of life, we pray today that all who can safely donate blood will be moved to do so regularly. We thank You for them, and pray that blood may never be in short supply.</p>	<p>1 Soaring Spirit, we thank You for the gift of music, especially via our adult choir. Bless Dave Conklin, their leader, and the whole choir.</p>
<p>9 Holy Spirit, in this happy, lazy and sometimes overindulgent time of summer fun, please bless each of us with Your holy gift of self-control.</p>	<p>10 Compassionate God, bless all who work on our roads during warm weather. Keep them safe, and make all drivers as caring as You when they drive through work zones.</p>	<p>11 God of creation, help each of us to be mindful in our use of pesticides or herbicides, both on a small or a large scale. Please help us to reverse damage and heal our dear planet.</p>	<p>12 Creator God, we thank You for poultry, especially chickens and all the ways they benefit us. May avian flu and other problems be eradicated in flocks worldwide.</p>	<p>13 Great Physician, as so many are on lists for organ donors, please let them live long enough to receive what they need. Help researchers to find cures for organs, instead of donors.</p>	<p>14 Everlasting God, we thank you for our flag and what it represents. Help all of us to live to the highest ideals, not only as Americans, but also as citizens of Your kingdom.</p>	<p>15 Jesus, You were baptized with water. In summer, water is a wonderful plaything. Help all who go into the water to stay safe. Please let there be no drowning tragedies.</p>
<p>16 Abba God, we thank You today for fathers. As dads (should) play a huge role in children's lives, we pray you'll bless each to be the best father each can be.</p>	<p>17 Gentle Jesus, thank You for our children! Please bless our VBS: enable the children to learn all about You, and bless all the volunteers who make VBS happen.</p>	<p>18 Healing God, we thank You for the work of Alcoholics Anonymous to bring people back to sobriety. Bless their efforts and all those seeking to reclaim their lives.</p>	<p>19 Caring Christ, thank You for the abolition of slavery. May all African Americans reach their goals and feel coequal in society. We also pray for all slavery to cease.</p>	<p>20 Compassionate Christ, give us Your love for the marginalized and help us to find solutions for all those who've become refugees. Bless each with renewed life and opportunity.</p>	<p>21 Light of the world, on this longest day of the year, may we each reflect Your light powerfully and brilliantly to our dark and hurting world.</p>	<p>22 Perfect Parent, we thank You for the work of Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Bless them with enough volunteers to mentor any youth who needs it and bless those relationships.</p>
<p>23 Guiding Spirit, we pray that You will be with each of our youth who go on mission trips this summer. Reach each in a powerful way, so that each might live in You.</p>	<p>24 God of agriculture, we ask today that You help us to eradicate all invasive insects from our country. Let no more come in, and enable our beneficial native species to thrive.</p>	<p>25 God of forgiveness, we pray success for all who are released from prison, that they may be accepted back into society, and that they may live new lives worthy of You.</p>	<p>26 God our very breath, help us not to destroy our ozone layer, but to keep our air and atmosphere intact. Please keep them protective of both our skin and lungs.</p>	<p>27 Loving Lord, we thank You today for the gift of friends. Please bless all friendships, and anchor them firmly on trust and mutual caring.</p>	<p>28 Gentle Spirit, we pray that You would be a refreshing breeze to blow through our inner cities and bring renewed life and wholeness to each of them.</p>	<p>29 Prince of Peace, we thank You for NATO standing strong against oppression. Bless its member countries, and help it to remain a bulwark against Russian aggression.</p>

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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, June 6**

<p>Summer Worship Schedule</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Combined Services will run from May 26 through September 1 this Summer.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">June 2024 GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">June 2</td> <td>9:30 a.m. Combined Worship Rev. J. Caleb McClure Preaching Communion Congregational Meeting after worship</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">June 9</td> <td>9:30 a.m. Combined Worship Rev. J. Caleb McClure Preaching</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">June 16</td> <td>9:30 a.m. Combined Worship Rev. Peter J. Roy Preaching</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">To view live stream, go to: www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org Just below the announcement pictures.</p>	June 2	9:30 a.m. Combined Worship Rev. J. Caleb McClure Preaching Communion Congregational Meeting after worship	June 9	9:30 a.m. Combined Worship Rev. J. Caleb McClure Preaching	June 16	9:30 a.m. Combined Worship Rev. Peter J. Roy Preaching
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