

GRAPEVINE

"The Pastor's Page"

June 28, 2017

Summertime, and the Livin' is Easy

If there was any doubt, recent temps in the 90's have reminded us that summer is here! Family vacations, time at the pool, no school, Vacation Bible School, mission trips, time at the beach (down the shore!), and a more relaxed pace are all familiar parts of summer. Committees at GPC often take off a month or two, and we cut back to two worship services.

Summer provides us with a needed change of pace, a time for renewal and recharging. Summer can also provide us with a time of spiritual renewal! Read a book with a spiritual theme. Try out the Sunday School class on Mark's gospel at 9:30AM. Keep up or begin a practice of daily devotions with Bible reading and prayer. Get together with a friend to pray for someone else. And don't forget to be in worship on Sunday mornings.

As the writer of Hebrews puts it, "*Do not neglect to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*" (Hebr. 10:25) God doesn't take the summer off! God is here, waiting for us to engage with him each Sunday! I hope you'll be here, too!

Dave

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We want to thank everyone for their many prayers, visits, calls and cards during my recent stent replacement. We have been truly blessed with healing for the stent and my heart valve. Recovery is coming along and I am getting stronger every day.

We are very blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

Thanks again,
Jerry & Sharon Martin

Thanks to everyone who worked hard to prepare for the "One Voice Gospel Choir" on June 6, especially Sheryl Suplee, who made arrangements for publicity and for the lunch for the choir (along with Ron Jones).

Mission Prayer Calendar

We'll be praying for these missions and missionaries in July:

- 7/2 Ben and Emily Okello in Kenya
- 7/9 Clean Water project in Chiapas, Mexico
- 7/16 Mexico Mission Trip
- 7/23 Adams Rescue Mission
- 7/30 Bill and Ann Moore in Japan

CONDOLENCES

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Cheryl Gochenauer on the recent death of her mother.

Dan & Merida Hurkett on the recent death of Dan's brother.

Lois Kime, Laura Pennings, John Snyder, Lisa Snyder & their family on the recent death of their mother, and Dick Small on the death of his sister, Barbara Snyder.

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. The transportation Deacon for June 12 - July 9 is Dick Wisor at 359-8896.

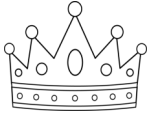


Who Are Stephen Ministers?



Stephen Ministers are members of GPC who have gone through 50 hours of training to provide high-quality Christian care to individuals experiencing a crisis or challenge such as divorce, grief, loss of a job, hospitalization, relocation, or loneliness. Stephen Ministers are each assigned a care receiver and meet with the care receiver for about an hour a week. This caring relationship will last for as long as the care receiver needs it. If you would like more information

on how to become a Stephen Minister or to receive care from one, please call Lou Nyiri at 334-1235 ext. 4.



2017 Vacation Bible School

“Giant Slayer, Wise Guy & Upside Down King”



“Giant Slayer, Wise Guy and Upside Down King” was our theme this year as 68 children and 76 teens and adults gathered for Vacation Bible School. Through singing, drama, games, scripture memorization, snacks, story-telling, and of course, many wonderful crafts in our “Marketplace,” we all experienced the different aspects of what kings did and why Jesus was a different king. The VBS kids also brought in school supplies to go to the South Dakota Lakota Reservation.

Thank you so much to the following leaders who planned and led our program (several of them doing double-duty)

Preparatory Work

Susan Kolmer, Nancy Cook, Marty Fitzgerald, William Ott, Chooch Wells

Backdrop

Chrissy Ely

Elementary

Wendy Brubaker – Photography & Slideshow
 Sheryl Suplee – Snacks
 Bev Weber – Snacks
 Susan Kolmer - Scripture
 Carrie Trax - Music
 Blake Pierson – Games, Drama Participant & Music
 Congregation – for needed supplies

Deb Litten – Bible Story
 Joyce Morrison – Snacks
 Harrison Moroz – Runner for Snacks
 Jen Daniels - Drama
 Dave Conklin – Music
 Maureen Johnson – Poster

Group Leaders

Debbie Snyder
 Amanda Ott
 Liz Higgins
 Sharon Holsclaw

Pat Lewis
 Marion Lambert
 Andy Miner
 Pam Roland

Kelcee Keller
 Carole Simon
 Jerry Cleaver

Group Aides

Emma Dennison
 Dylan Fissel
 Steve Kinsey

Jennifer Fernandez
 Alyssa Morrison
 Michelle Suarez

Joanna Suarez
 Kilah Unger

Thank you also to the following adults and teens for their support and help in the Marketplace:

Cherie Black	Elly Cleaver	Jeremy Cleaver	Amy Deitch
Braden Unger	Blake Mathews	Julianna Malesky	Daelyn Stabler
Addie Hutchinson-Thomas	Maria Cushing-Daniels	Alyssa Morrison	Danielle Malesky
Tammy Schwartz	Kennedy Brown	Patti Schwartz	Shaeley Stabler
Dillon Hutchinson-Thomas	Richard Miner	Jonathan Lamb	Pam Higgs
Bonita Soliday	Ben Soliday	Savannah Soliday	Jen Unger
Caleb Unger	Brandy Mosser	Will Mosser	Tracy Boyer
Kathy Fair	Emma Sanders	Heather Tschop	Will Brubaker
Evelyn Small	Lydia Casteel	Marty Fitzgerald	Riley Fitzgerald
Emily Delacruz	Karly Wivell	Emily Malesky	

Thanks also the GPC congregation for their continued support, donations and prayers. It has been a joy filled and wonderful week.

Joyfully,
 Cheryl L. Betts

Upcoming Events:

NEW ELECTIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR SUMMER "Following Jesus Through Mark"

Many people desire praise and recognition, but few imagine that the one route to a fulfilling, purposeful life lies in service. Take some time to explore Mark's account of the life of Jesus, who became the least, serving every man and woman so He could bring them to God. Join us at 9:00 in MacAskill Room. The class will have rotational leadership and "while we hope to see you most weeks, each lesson stands on its own, so come when you can!" All are welcome.

GATHERING FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
Summer Gathering for ALL Presbyterian Women
in Carlisle Presbytery

Saturday July 15, 2017
Green Ridge Village, Newville PA

Lunch provided by Green Ridge Village
at a cost of \$6 per person

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.
Send money to Sarah Lambert by July 8

Morning program: New HORIZONS Bible Study on
Hebrews will be given by Laura Hart.

Following lunch, Grace Marable, our representative
from the Synod of the Trinity on the most recent USA
Mission Experience that traveled to San Francisco,
will speak on her experience.

JULY DATES TO REMEMBER

July 4		OFFICE CLOSED
July 5	12:00 p.m.	Men's Interfaith Luncheon
July 5,12,19,26	6:00 p.m.	Historic Church Walking Tours
July 6	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mom's of Adams County Board Crisis Response Team
July 9	10:00 a.m.	Mexico Mission Commissioning Deacons Meeting
July 10		Workcamp Report
July 11	7:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Habitat for Humanity Foursquare Knitting Group
July 12	5:30 p.m.	Welcome & Outreach
July 13	10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Shawl Ministry NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
July 15	7:00 p.m.	Mexico Packing Party
July 16 - 23		MEXICO MISSION TRIP
July 18	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Supervision
July 25	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	MidSHIP trip to Hershey Park Foursquare Knitting Group
July 26	7:00 p.m.	Health Care for All
July 27	12:00 p.m.	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

From July 1 to August 31

Penny Messinger, GPC's Administrative Assistant, is on "**summer hours**" which are:

Mon. - Thurs.
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 &
off on Fridays.

The Men's Interfaith Lunch will meet on Wednesday July 5 at noon. All men are invited for a light lunch (\$3.00) 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.

"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.

For the month of:

July

We will be collecting items for

Manos Unidas

Office supplies - reams of paper, Post-It Notes, pens, pencils, file folders, tablets, craft supplies, washable paints, paintbrushes, crayons, glue, colored markers, construction paper.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

welcomes all local church women to a 90-minute (\$3) lunch meeting at **11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 5**, at the **Gettysburg Church of the Brethren, 1710 Biglerville Road**. Following lunch, please join us as our speaker Rev. Dale Williams presents "**Faith & War, a Chaplain's Perspective**." A special welcome to all newcomers to join the ecumenical fellowship. The fellowship room is handicapped accessible. No reservations are needed. For more information, contact Cheryl Potter at 337-2938.

Mexico Mission Trip Mail

If you would like to send a note to someone on our Mexico Mission trip on July 16-23, please leave it in the marked box in the church office. We'll take these notes with us and distribute them during the week. The participants are: Ben Angell, Christine Canaga, Mike Crowe, Kelcee Keller, Tom Kolmer, Andy Miner, Megan Pilarcik, Doug Rhodes, Ryan Seymore, Alexis Stone, Brittany Stone, Drew Stone, Emily Stone, Julio Suarez, Michelle Suarez and Dave Wright.

Please keep our mission trips in your prayers this summer!

Teen Workcamp
 will return from Stanton, KY on July 1.

The Mexico Mission trip
 runs from July 16-23.
 They'll be working in the village of Tixmehuac, Yucatan.

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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, July 13, 2017**

Summer Worship Schedule

Our Summer Worship Schedule begins **THIS SUNDAY, July 2** and continues through August!

**9:00 a.m.
Contemporary Worship**

**10:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship**

See you in worship!

July 2017

GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Contemporary Worship @ 9:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship @ 10:30 a.m.

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| July 2 | Heroes and Heroines: Moses
Communion |
| July 9 | Heroes and Heroines: Samson
Mexico Mission Commissioning
Service of Healing & Wholeness |
| July 16 | Heroes and Heroines: Joshua
Workcamp Report |