

Calendar of Giving

Each month GPC members have the opportunity to purchase and donate particular items (i.e. reams of paper, napkins, pens, fruit juice, etc.) which a local ministry needs to carry out its work. Supplying these items is a way to provide support for the agency which provides the ministry. Items are placed in a bin located in Fellowship Hall and delivered to the agency requesting them at the end of the month. Notices about the donation schedule are provided in the *Grapevine* and listed in a printed pamphlet for you to take along shopping.

How you can help: Take a copy of the Calendar of Giving pamphlet and purchase a few items on the list each month. Bring the items to church and place them in the bin. If you would like to help deliver the collected items at the end of each month, contact Amy Deitch at 717-337-3534.

Carpenter's Gift

Each year, on a single day, home repairs are completed for individuals or families in need in Adams County. Carpentry, painting and general labor are provided by members of GPC. Please call with names of people who would benefit from this ministry.

How you can help: Contact Kevin Hollowell (717-385-0307) for information on the date for this year's project.

Mission Bright Star

During Advent each year, members of GPC select the names of children of inmates at Adams County Prison. Two Christmas gift ideas are provided for each child, a toy and an item of clothing, which have been suggested by the child's family. These gifts are purchased and wrapped and returned to the church so they can be delivered to the children before Christmas.

How you can help: Contact Bruce and Pam Rowland (717-642-8802) for more information on this annual mission project.

Ruth's Harvest, Gettysburg

Ruth's Harvest, Gettysburg is a feeding ministry for elementary school children. Volunteers from GPC and other area churches work in partnership with the Gettysburg Area School District and community food agencies to assure that nutritious food is available to children on the weekends when they do not have access to school lunches and breakfasts. Food items, from a carefully selected menu, will be packed and sent home with eligible children on Fridays.

How you can help: Volunteer to help shelve and organize the donated food on Mondays at Lincoln Elementary School on Lefever St. or help pack on Thursdays. Contact Jerry Cleaver (717-359-0419) for more information. You may also purchase food items from the approved list and deposit them in the container in Fellowship Hall.

Local Mission Opportunities



The following local mission opportunities will help you discover ways you can be part of spreading the love of Christ to people right here in Adams County. These activities do not require special skills, money, or a lot of time.

All you need are:

- 1) the ability to give the gift of your presence, if only for a few hours,
- 2) a heart filled with love for God's people.

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Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S.

Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S. (Combined Area Resources Emergency Shelter) offers overnight shelter in area churches for homeless individuals and families from October through April. C.A.R.E.S. guests are screened for substance abuse and criminal records before being accepted in the program. Churches provide sleeping space for two week periods, from 8:30 in the evening until 7 in the morning. C.A.R.E.S. also operates an intake/resource center, 117 York St., which is open during the day so that guests have access to showers, laundry facilities, computers and professional counselors to help them find more permanent housing, healthy food sources, and medical and mental health services. 2020 is GPC's 9th year as a shelter location. We will host December 22—January 5. Additionally, GPC will provide transportation in the church to Great Conewago Church. Volunteers are needed for both.

How you can help:

Year round: Volunteer at the C.A.R.E.S. Resource Center. Call 717-334-4195.

October – April: Be a C.A.R.E.S. Host or Overnight Volunteer. Host Volunteers and Overnight Volunteers are needed each night the shelter is open. A training session is required for all new volunteers. Dates for volunteer trainings will be announced in the Grapevine.

Habitat for Humanity

GPC has been a Covenant Church with **Habitat for Humanity** for 25 years. This ministry builds houses for people who otherwise would not be able to afford to own their own homes through access to no interest loans. Those chosen to be Habitat home owners must help build their new home (called "sweat equity") along with the Habitat volunteers or help in the construction of another's home. New homeowners are provided counseling on family finances, budgeting and other skills to ensure successful home ownership.

How you can help: Contact Bob Remaley (717-642-8334). Volunteers with construction skills as well as general helpers are needed for work days scheduled periodically throughout the spring, summer, and fall. Also needed are volunteers who can provide beverages and food for the workers.

Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen

Once a month GPC provides soup for lunch at the **Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen**. This beef vegetable soup is made from a recipe and placed in 10 one-quart containers, labeled and frozen for delivery. Interested volunteers are assigned a month and provided the containers and recipe with plenty of time to prepare and deliver to the church. There is also the opportunity for special food preparation when needed.

How you can help: Contact Amy Deitch at 717-337-3534 if you would like to cook in your home and deliver food to the Soup Kitchen and/or you would like to help serve lunch.

Adopt – a – Camp Migrant Ministry

GPC has adopted a **migrant labor camp** through the Fruitbelt Farmworkers Christian Ministry. "Our camp" is located in Bendersville and houses about 40 Spanish speaking men who arrive in late August and stay until the apple harvest concludes in October. Some stay later for pruning. Each year we provide welcome/health kits for the men. We also visit the camp, building relationships to show the farm workers that we value them for the important role they play in our local economy and also because they are our brothers in Christ.

For this cross-cultural experience, Spanish language skills are not required but are a bonus. More important is an open heart and concern for one's fellow man.

How you can help: Come along to visit the camp. Contact 717-337-3534 or ahdeitch@hotmail.com and you will be notified when visits to the camp are planned during September and October.

Spring & Fall Rummage Sales

GPC Presbyterian Women organize a Rummage and Bake Sale twice a year to benefit PW Mission Fund as well as providing reasonably priced used items to our local community.

How you can help: Bring your donated items to Fellowship Hall on the Monday-Thursday noon prior to the Friday-Saturday Rummage Sale. Help sort and organize sale items on Monday-Thursday. Bake for Friday morning Bake Sale. Work with food sales on Friday. Bag up purchases and assist with sales on Friday & Saturday. Helpers with PICK-UP TRUCKS needed. Saturday noon: pack up remaining goods. Contact Amy Deitch (717-253-5304)