

# GRAPES VINE

## "The Pastor's Page"

January 8, 2014

### What Happens Now?

We're thrilled with the response of the congregation to the Foundations for the Future Capital Campaign!

So far, \$831,395.00 has been pledged,  
which is \$41,914.00 more than our goal!

What happens now?

- A building committee is being formed that will oversee the projects to be done. They will determine in which order and at what pace the construction will proceed.
- 10% of all money received will be available immediately for the two mission projects— a clean water project in Central America and Gettysburg CARES. The Mission Committee will oversee this part of the project.
- The BRIDGE committee will monitor receipts for the campaign and will help keep the campaign in front of the congregation.
- Since we oversubscribed the campaign, if there is money left over after the projects have been completed, it will go into a capital campaign fund to be used for future capital improvement needs.

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Thanks to everyone for your generous support of our church!

Dave

## **THANK YOU:**

**THANK YOU, CINDI!!**

*The Worship & Music Committee and the entire GPC church family thanks Cindi Knouse for planning, organizing volunteers, and decorating the church for the Advent season. The sanctuary was beautiful!*

### **THANKS FOR THE HOLIDAY SINGING**

Thanks to all the church members who participated in Christmas caroling on Sunday, Dec. 22. After singing to several church members at their homes, all returned to the church for delicious goodies and hot chocolate. Special thanks to Amy Hieber for organizing and coordinating the carolers.

### **A Huge "Thank You" for Christmas Eve!**

I would like to extend a big thank you to the following individuals and choirs on behalf of the congregation of GPC. They provided music for the traditional services on Christmas Eve. Women's Choir directed by Bonnie Wright; Chapel Choir; Chapel Bell Choir (a big thank you to the Burnsteel clan for taking down tables and removing equipment from the balcony following the 7:00 service); Soloists Brandon Dillon and Stephen Swartzbaugh; Adult Choir; Brass Choir: Dave Conklin, Laura Pennings, Johnna Sanders, Grant Sanders, Stephen Swartzbaugh, Christian Swartzbaugh and Barry Wareham. Thank you for helping us celebrate Christ's birth. — Becky

**Thank you so much** for the calls and text messages checking up on Mike during the hospitalization after his work accident, and for the many cards after he got home. We knew that Mike was being prayed for constantly and it was a wonderful source of strength and hope. As always, we are overwhelmed and grateful to have such a caring church family!

Much Love,  
Mike, Libby, Andrea and Daniel Crowe

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**Special Thanks...**  
 Thank you to the following who gave up part of their Christmas Eve to help in our church nursery:  
 4:00 p.m. - Carrie McMaster  
                   Brandy Mosser  
 5:30 p.m. - Anne Gallon  
                   Sarah Lambert  
 7:00 p.m. - Barb Sanders  
                   Sedona Wilson  
 8:30 p.m. - Candace & Alex Nyiri  
 We appreciate the time you gave that night to enable parents to attend worship.  
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**Thanks to all who sent cards and condolences after the death of my sister.**

**Dale Molina**

**Our thanks to all of you for your prayers and cards and words of support during this time of grieving for Bonnie and me. Special thanks to Lou and Harry for picking up extra responsibilities for me during this time. It is a real comfort to be part of a caring congregation like this one!**

**Dave and Bonnie Wright**

## **CONDOLENCES**

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Gail Hull in the recent death of her mother-in-law.  
 Pastor Dave in the recent deaths of his mother and father.  
 Nancy Cook in the recent death of her uncle.

## Gold, Frankincense and Miracles

This Christmas our gifts in honor of the Christ child were no less precious than the original ones. Despite the postponement due to weather, our Fair raised over \$250 more than last year. And that was on the heels of a very successful Capital Campaign! Congratulations to GPC for such generous giving!

Below are the seven projects and totals for each:

1. Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S.	\$5,487.00
2. Honduras Mission 2014	\$2,603.00
3. South Dakota Mission 2014	\$2,544.00
4. Heifer International	\$2,535.00
5. Presbyterian Coffee Project	\$1,578.00
6. Mexico Mission 2014	\$1,459.00
7. Sea Island Habitat for Humanity	<u>\$1,298.00</u>

**GRAND TOTAL    \$17,504.00**

### Christmas Fair Thank You:

This fair would not be possible without the dedication and time commitment of Bob Remaley who each year serves as cashier and "accountant" for the entire fair, from start to finish. Thank you, Bob!

Our Christmas Fair is held each year thanks to the efforts of our Christian Education team, including Heather Tschop, Carole Simon, Libby Crowe, Liz Bergen, Meghan Moroz, Patti Schwartz and Phyllis Dowd. Thanks also go the Mission Team for the food, Barb Sanders and Carole Simon for coordinating the games, Nancy & Jeff Cook, Liz Bergen, Meghan Moroz, Heather Tschop and Susan Kolmer for set-up, Donna Heebner for coordinating the crafts, Mary Ann Remaley for serving at the "Help Table", and Kelly Jones, and Melanie Keller who managed the change table.

Thank you also to all the church members who volunteered to run the games, all who donated crafts and baked goods, and to each of you who purchased alternative gifts. And a very special thank you to three members of our church staff, Penny Messinger, Tracey Stone, and Scott McPherson, who worked many extra hours for the Fair.

As we close out the year 2013, I thank you on behalf of all those in our community, country, and around the world who will receive food, shelter, medicines, and spiritual guidance because of your willingness to reach out in Christian love. What a wonderful witness this is to the Spirit of Christ's love as we pass these blessings from God through our hands to be blessings to others.

— Phyllis

### Special Thank-Yous

The following deserve a special thank-you this Christmas season:

1. Bob Remaley again served as cashier and accountant for the Christmas Fair all through December, logging in 20 hours at the Fair, plus many more hours recording everything on his computer at home.
2. Kay Knox coordinated and led a Christmas ornament craft for 25 children and 3 teens in Youth Club.
3. Marion Lambert and Grades 4-5 Sunday School class participated in our Mission Bright Star project by together picking a star, shopping for the child's items, and wrapping the gifts.
4. Barb Sanders again served as Games Coordinator for our Christmas Fair, which included many hours of preparation time ordering prizes and overseeing all the games at the Fair. They sure were fun! Thanks to Carole Simon for serving as Barb's #1 Assistant and to Karen Breighner for manning the Goldfish Game all evening!



### Birthday Party for Jesus

During the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service, we held a "Birthday Party for Jesus" for children ages 2 - Grade 2. Thirty-four children attended as we told the Christmas Story, sang, and made a craft. The children then sang "Happy Birthday" to Jesus before blowing out candles and eating decorative cupcakes. Each child received goodies for their gift bag. My very special thanks go to Amy and Brianna Hieber and Sydney and Alexis Tomassini for all of their help with our party, and Amy Tomassini for providing all the cupcakes. See you next year!

—Blessings, Phyllis

# Upcoming Events:

## January Music Schedule

January 12	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
January 19	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
January 26	8:15 a.m.	Adult Bell Choir
	11:00 p.m.	Youth Choir
		Youth Bell Choir

## HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

### December

January 10	5:30 - 8:30	Fun with Friends
January 12	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Discussion
January 15	5:30 - 7:00	The Twelve
January 19	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Discussion
January 22	5:30 - 7:00	The Twelve
January 26	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Discussion
January 29	5:30 - 7:00	The Twelve

## MidSHIP Schedule

### December

January 8	2:30 - 5:30	Small Group
January 12	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship / Games
January 15	2:30 - 5:30	Small Group
January 17-19	2:30 - 6:30	MidSHIP Trip to Rockbridge, VA
January 19	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship / Games
January 22	2:30 - 5:30	Small Group
January 26	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship / Games
January 29	2:30 - 5:30	Small Group

## Mark Your Calendar!

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 16 - 19, 2014

## 2014 Chancel Flowers

The new calendar is available on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall to sign up for the Chancel flowers in 2014.



## "Spare Clothes for the Nursery"



We need a small supply of young children's clothes



(ages 1-4) to keep as spares in the nursery. If you have a few items your child has outgrown, please bring them to Phyllis' office.



Thanks!



## Congregational Meeting Update

At a Congregational meeting on Dec. 22, the congregation elected Dennis Meckley as an elder (Class of 2016) and Karen Breighner as a deacon (Class of 2016). We thank both of you for your willingness to serve Christ and his church as church officers!

In addition, the congregation approved the purchase of the second tract of the 131 Wall St. property for \$35,000 plus closing costs. When the purchase is complete, we will own the entire 131 Wall St. property.

## January 12 is Mission Sunday!!

On Sunday, January 12 we'll focus on missions during worship and there will be displays in the Fellowship Hall as well as a booklet outlining this year's mission trips!

Mission Trip Interest meetings:

Mexico	January 26 @ 7:00 p.m.
Honduras	January 30 @ 7:00 p.m.
South Dakota	February 9 @ 2:00 p.m.
South Carolina	February 9 @ 2:00 p.m.
H.S. Workcamp	February 9 @ 5:30 p.m.

## 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 January is Barry Wareham 359-7623.

## South Dakota Mission

### Trip Meeting

**February 9, 2014**

**@ 2:00 p.m.**



A meeting for all those interested in this year's South Dakota Mission Trip will be held on Sunday, February 9 at 2:00 p.m. in the MacAskill Room. Come join us whether you want to sign up or just get information about our trip to the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation from July 17-27, 2014. If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis or Penny in the church office 334-1235, ext. 5.

## Mexico Mission Trip Meeting

There will be a meeting for all those interested in this year's trip on

Sunday, January 26  
@ 7:00 p.m. in  
MacAskill Room.



Come and learn more  
about this exciting  
adventure in mission!

The dates for this year's trip  
will be July 15 - 22.

**Mark your calendars now!**

## Honduras Mission Trip Meeting

There will be an informational meeting  
on **Thursday, January 30, at 7:00 p.m.** in the **MacAskill Room.**

All individuals who are planning to go on the Honduras mission in June, 2014, or who are considering going on this mission are highly encouraged to attend.



## Sunday School Classes offered in January

### **Pastor Dave's January Adult Sunday School Class**

Beginning this Sunday, January 12, Pastor Dave will be teaching a class which will explore our Confessions of Faith during the 9:30AM hour. We Presbyterians are a creedal or confessional church, but we often don't pay much attention to them. We'll explore the Apostles and Nicene Creeds, the Heidelberg Catechism, the Westminster Confession, as well as the Barmen Confession and Brief Statement of Faith. These Confessions span much of church history and have a lot to teach us today!

### **"A Portrait of Jesus" Sunday School Class Continues This Sunday at 9:30 a.m.**

Terry Manning is leading a 6-week book study on "A Portrait of Jesus" by Joseph F. Girzone in the downstairs front room of Paideia House.

"We are taught about Jesus, but do we really know him? Is he a part of your everyday life or is he relegated only to those areas we can't control? Please join with me in exploring this book by the author of the Joshua series and see where the discussion takes us.

Maybe we'll answer some of your questions and some of mine."

— Terry

### **"The Psalms"**

**Leader: Rev. Dr. Brooks Schramm**

**Sundays, Feb. 2 - 23  
9:30 in MacAskill Room**

Rev. Dr. Brooks Schramm is Professor of Biblical Studies at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg. As you may recall, last April Brooks presented a series on "The Dead Sea Scrolls". It was a fascinating series, enthusiastically attended by many church members. Brooks has agreed to return to GPC next month for a new series on "The Psalms".

Professor Brooks Schramm has taught Bible, Hebrew and particularly courses related to the Old Testament at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg since 1994. He received a BA in German and History from Texas A & M University in 1979, an M. Div. from Wartburg Theological Seminary in 1984, and a Ph.D. in Hebrew Bible from the University of Chicago in 1993.

Below are the weekly topics for "The Psalms" series:

Sunday, February 2:	<b>"The Structure of the Psalter and the Psalter as a Book"</b>
Sunday, February 9:	<b>"Lament Psalms 1"</b>
Sunday, February 16:	<b>"Lament Psalms 2 and Thanksgiving Psalms"</b>
Sunday, February 23:	<b>"Hymns of Praise and the Attributes of the God of Israel"</b>

## Dinners for Seven or Eight

The goal of these dinners is to provide church members an opportunity to enjoy fellowship at three casual, adult-only dining experiences. If getting to know twenty-one to twenty-four church members in this type of setting sounds appealing, then Dinners for Seven or Eight is for you.

Deadline to register is February 23, 2014, after which a schedule will be made designating one person to host a dinner to include six or seven other GPC members in their home (you choose if you wish to host). The host prepares a main course and informs the members in their group so they will bring an appropriate side dish (side dishes are assigned to each participant on the schedule – vegetable, salad or dessert). Dinners will occur in March, April and May.

Sometimes we have more participants than hosts, so if you wish, you may host more than one dinner. You may also be a substitute who is called if a regular participant runs into calendar problems and cannot attend a particular month's meal. Substitutes then bring the side dish of the individual or couple you are replacing (i.e. salad, vegetable or dessert).

This meal is a great way to share fellowship with other members in the GPC church family.

\*\*\*\*\* **Dinners for Seven or Eight Registration Form** \*\*\*\*\*

**DEADLINE to register is February 23, 2014**

ATTENTION: Rev. Lou Nyiri

☐ I will be a REGULAR part of Dinners for Seven or Eight

☐ I will be a SUBSTITUTE part of Dinners for Seven or Eight

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address (Where dinner will be held if hosting): \_\_\_\_\_

Wish to Host: Yes/No

Put a "1" by the month you would like to host, "2" by your second choice, "3" by your third choice. If you are willing to host more than one meal, place a "1" by the months you could host a dinner.

March \_\_\_\_\_

April \_\_\_\_\_

May \_\_\_\_\_



## PW CIRCLES

### Elizabeth Circle

**Monday, Jan. 20, 1:00 p.m.**

Paideia House, First Floor

Hostess: Carolyn Durboraw

Study Leader: Jean Holder

Lesson 4: Exodus 13:17-18; 14:5-14, 21-29

Lesson 5: Exodus 15:22-25; 16:1-3, 13-15;

17:1-7; 18:12-24

### Mary Martha Circle

**Monday, Jan. 20, 7:00 p.m.**

Paideia House, First Floor

Lesson 4: Exodus 13:17-18; 14:5-14; Study Leader: Beth Fitzpatrick

14:21-29

Facilitator: Bunny Toddes



### Esther Circle

**Thursday, Jan. 16, 10:00 a.m.**

Eisenhower Lounge @ GPC

Lesson 5: Exodus 15:22-15;

16:1-3, 13-15

17:1-7; 18:12-24

### Exploring Membership Class

**Sunday, January 12, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

If you are interested in learning more about GPC, plan to attend the Exploring Membership Class this Sunday afternoon, January 12. Following a lunch together, you'll have a chance to learn more about Presbyterians and opportunities for spiritual nurture and service here at GPC, and to meet our staff. Following the class, Session will meet to receive new members at 4:00 p.m. Childcare is available. If interested call the church office (334-1235) if you are planning to attend.

### "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:

#### January

We will be collecting items for

**The Gettysburg Soup Kitchen:** Chef's knives, LARGE serving trays (from a Kitchen Supply Store), reams of printer paper, Mr. Clean floor cleaner, Dawn dish detergent, V-8 or similar vegetable juice (NOT tomato juice), deodorant, paper napkins, pot holders, dish towels, gift cards for Kennies or Giant, and gas cards (bring gift cards to the church office).

**All Church Luncheon & Congregational Meeting** will be held Sunday, January 26th beginning with lunch at 12 Noon, followed by the Congregational Meeting at 12:30 for the purpose of reviewing the annual report and approving the terms of call for the pastors. Please do the Fellowship Team a favor and let us know how many will be attending from your family so we have enough food for lunch. You can let us know by leaving a message in the church office (334-1235, ext 4), returning the slip below via offering plate, snail mail, or e-mail to Rev. Lou Nyiri ([gpclou@embarqmail.com](mailto:gpclou@embarqmail.com))

Suggested donation of \$3 per person is requested.

\*\*\*\* Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, January 22nd, 2013 \*\*\*\*

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### **All Church Lunch & Congregational Meeting**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ will be attending the lunch and meeting.

I will have \_\_\_\_\_ in my party.

## **Pick Up “Foundations for the Future” (FFF) & Contributions Envelopes**

Please pick up your 2014 contribution envelopes AND FFF Capital Campaign envelopes on the table in Fellowship Hall. This will save the church money in postage since we mail each one out individually.

## **January Training Session for CARES Volunteers**

There will be an additional opportunity to attend a training session for anyone interested in serving as a host or an overnight Gettysburg CARES volunteer this year or in years to come. The training will be held on Thursday evening, January 16 at 7 PM at Foursquare Gospel Church on W. Middle Street. Please call the CARES Resource Center at 334-4195 to register.

## **Home Communion**

If you have been homebound and unable to receive communion in worship, please let us know. We would love to bring communion to you in your home. Please contact Rev. Lou Nyiri in the church office (334-1235, ext. 4) to make arrangements.



## **KIDS CLUB for Children in Kindergarten - Grade 2**

**February 4 - March 4, 2014**

Kids Club is a time of fun, friendship, Bible stories, Scripture activities, crafts, and games under the leadership of Pam Rowland. We will offer two identical programs for our Spring series, "Adventures of Paul." These programs will be held every Tuesday from February 4 - March 4, one from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. and the other from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Both programs are for children in Kindergarten - Grade 2 and will be held downstairs in the MacAskill Room.

Registration forms will be mailed out next week. If your child is interested in Kids Club and you do not receive a registration form, please call Phyllis in the church office (334-1235, ext. 5) or pick one up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. There is no fee and the program is open to any child in Kindergarten - Grade 2 who is interested. We ask that you **register your child by January 28th at the latest.** We hope your child can join us for this church activity for younger members!

— Blessings, Phyllis





## Contemporary Worship Service News!

Because Pastor Dave will be teaching a Sunday School class during the month of January, the Contemporary Worship Service will have some extra elements to make up for his absence:

- January 12: Focus on Missions with special video presentation.
- January 19: Focus on personal witness with speakers from the congregation.
- January 26: Mostly Music Sunday.

It should be a fun, informative, and faith-shaping month. Please join us!

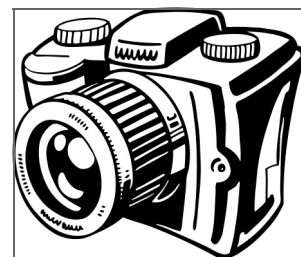
## **All Church Photo Directory**

Be part of the 2014 Gettysburg Presbyterian Church Memory Book.

Our goal is 100% participation and this can only happen if you sign up. The current photography dates are February 25 - March 1. Weekday times are 2:00PM to 9:00PM and Saturday is 10:00AM to 5:00PM with families of less than five needing about 10 minutes to have photo taken and families of 5 or more needing 20 minutes. Each participating family gets a free 8 ½ by 11-inch photo and complimentary directory. You can sign up several ways:

- Beginning January 12th, on the church website ([www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org](http://www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org)) and clicking on the link from the home page.
- In Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings, January 19 - February 9.
- For assistance, contact Kathy Wark at 301-788-7603.

100% PARTICIPATION won't happen if you don't sign up, so sign up TODAY!!!!



## **GREAT NEWS:**

**A new Stephen Ministry class is starting on February 11th, 2014** for anyone interested in joining our Stephen Ministry team.

Upon completion of the training, a participant becomes eligible to begin a care-receiver relationship providing confidential one-on-one care and support of someone experiencing difficulties in their life.



Classes will run thru the end of May and will be held at Gettysburg Presbyterian Church every Tuesday evening from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. plus two Saturday morning retreats, one in April and one in May.

If you are interested in joining this class please contact Rev. Lou Nyiri (334-1235, ext. 4 or [gpclou@embarqmail.com](mailto:gpclou@embarqmail.com)) or Andy Miner (334-8198 or [am\\_miner@yahoo.com](mailto:am_miner@yahoo.com)) for more information.

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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
- \* worship weekly



**Next Newsletter Deadline:**  
**Noon, Thursday, January 23, 2014**

### **January 2014 - GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

<b>January 12</b>	<b>Mission Sunday</b> - Genesis 2: 18-25 "May I Help You?"
<b>January 19</b>	<b>Enjoying God's Benefits</b> - Psalm 103
<b>January 26</b>	<b>The Law is a Gift</b> - Psalm 119 <b>Annual Congregational Meeting</b>
<b>February 2</b>	<b>Getting Out from Under</b> - Psalm 51 <b>Communion</b>
<b>February 9</b>	<b>Thirsting for God</b> - Psalm 42, 43
<b>February 16</b>	<b>The Heavens are Telling</b> - Psalm 19