

GRAPEVINE

"The Pastor's Page"

March 27, 2013

On March 15th I recalled the soothsayer's words to Julius Caesar in Shakespeare's 1601 play *Julius Caesar*, "Beware the Ides of March." This phrase implied and foreshadowed Caesar's impending death. The understanding that March 15th is now associated with death is the result of Shakespeare's use of this familiar phrase in this work.

As I pondered this phrase, I wondered how our view of death takes on new meaning now that we see the world in hope-filled ways as a result of our Christian faith. I am reminded of Scriptural promises which speak directly into our Lenten journey – a journey set to culminate in just four days on Easter. Read and reflect:

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." (Luke 24: 5b-7)

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." (John 3: 16-17)

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also." (John 14: 2-3)

"Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15: 54b-57)

These are words filled with hope, joy and transformation. We have a great message of hope, joy and transformation to declare about a God who loves whole-heartedly and without condition. We have a great message of hope, joy and transformation to share about a Savior who promises to never leave us lost and alone. We have a great message of hope, joy and transformation to declare about the Holy Spirit which reminds us of Scripture's promises. These are words our friends, family and neighbors need to hear.

This March 2013, let's *Be Aware the [Faithful] Ideas of March* which bring life out of death and let's invite someone to join us in the journey.

Grace & Peace,

Lou

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Happy Birthday to...

April 1

Ryan Conklin
Ryan Dudash
Dylan Fissel
Matthew Johnson
Claire Lewis

April 2

Jackie Ecker
Susan Kint
Alex McNair

April 3

Benjamin Soliday
Dakota Warcup

April 4

Dempsey Miller
Jacqueline Pizzuto
Savannah Soliday
Dick Wisor

April 5

Scott McNair

April 6

Natalie Hinton
Hatty Ketterman
Amy Suarez

April 7

Alexis Stone

April 8

Brian Breighner
Bob Jones

April 9

Carol Geist
Bill Lewis
Susan Lindsay
Dorothy Oblack

April 10

Eric Maitland
Mary Ellen Myers

April 11

Sal Chandon
Scott Freeman

April 12

Beth Bahm
Julie Kint
Susan Pizzuto

April 13

Ethan Burgess
Dale Gallon
Kathleen Redding
Drusilla Warner

April 14

Jerry Heeschen

April 16

Kevin FitzGerald
Jared Lochary

Amy Stewart

Judy Temme

April 17

Brianna Meyer
Andy Miner

April 18

Hayden Hall
Richard Heflin

April 19

Michael Beegle

April 20

Madison Brubaker
Sandra Dixon
Cindi Knouse
Betty Kump

April 22

Mary Shuss
Lance Snyder

April 23

Suzanne Bower
Lucas Delacruz
Melanie Keller

April 24

Henry Fernandes
Sally Jones
Frank Pizzuto
Amy Tomassini

April 25

Isabella Fernandes
Brandy Mosser
John Reber
Joanne Reisinger

April 26

Judy Bullis
Elijah Dillman

April 27

Charlotte King
Lynn Peterson
Holly Stabler
Julio Suarez

April 28

Tony Angelini
Katherine FitzGerald
Brayden Lush
Shelli Strausner
Tammi Swartzbaugh
Dolores Yakencheck

April 29

Lawrence Sanders

April 30

Josie Brownley
Dan Reisinger



Children Sleeping? Mostly Not!!

Our Youth Club Lock-In was held on March 15 & 16. Twenty-four 3rd- 5th graders and their friends plus 8 high schoolers spent the night at the church and had a great time! Special thanks to the following:

Coordinator of swimming & basketball at the YWCA:
Amy Deitch

Chaperones: Amy Deitch, Mike Dennison, Amy Stewart, Krista Delacruz, Trish Jeffrey, Brandon Dillon, Yancy Unger and Heather Hillson.

Stayed all night: Amy Deitch, Sarah Foster, Mike Kulkusky and the High School Aides. (Thank You!)

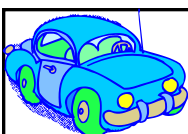
Breakfast Crew: Rich Watson, Amy Suarez and Kevin Wilson.

Clean-Up: Kathryn Yaroschuk, Kevin Wilson, Deb Soliday, Jen Unger, Steve Reinheimer and Scott McPherson.

It took us (me!) the weekend to recover, but it was worth it! Looking forward to next year? Maybe!

Still Sleepy, Phyllis

* **CONDOLENC-** *
* Our thoughts and prayers are with: *
* Carolyn Hoffman on the recent death of her *
* husband, Dan. *
* Bill Tindall on the recent death of his mom. *
* The family of Ralph Symmes who died this *
* week. *
* Margaret Curtis on the recent death of her sister. *
* Niles & Joan Grimm on the recent death of their *
* son, David. *
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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 April is Sherry Farkas, 642-1552.

Upcoming Events:

April Music Schedule

March 31	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Brass Choir
		Adult Choir
April 7	8:15 a.m.	Women's Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Women's Choir
April 14	8:15 a.m.	Adult Bell Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Chapel Bell Choir
		Chapel Choir
April 21	8:15 a.m.	Men's Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Men's Choir
April 28	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

April

March 31	NO SHIP	EASTER
April 7	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Dinner & Fellowship
April 12 & 13		Caving Trip (led by Pastor Dave)
April 14		NO SHIP
April 21	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Dinner & Fellowship
April 28	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Dinner & Fellowship

MidSHIP Schedule

April

March 31	NO MIDSHIP	EASTER
April 7	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Fellowship/Games
April 14	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Fellowship/Games
April 21	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Bigger & Better
April 28	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Fellowship/Games

You Are Invited!

The traditional choirs will have a new look on April 7th and 21st. If you would like to be part of either the Women's Choir or the Men's Choir, you are welcome to join us. The 8:15 Choir practices at 7:40am on Sunday mornings. The 11:00 Choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 7:00. You can join us at either rehearsal...or both! Send an email to Becky at bbwareham@embargmail.com if you have any questions. Thanks!



SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

We'd like to thank our wonderful volunteers for donating their time and delicious food for the months of January, February and March. Thank you Patti Schwartz, Mary Smith, Shauna Hockenberry, Gwen Scofield and Paulette Brabender.

Where Are All the Nursery Helpers?

We have had mediocre success in the past enlisting church members to help in the nursery. But we're going to try once again! Beginning April 7, there will be a sign-up table in Fellowship Hall for nursery helpers at the 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. services in April, May, and June. Adults and teens are welcome and encouraged to sign up!

“Introduction to the Dead Sea Scrolls”

Leader: Dr. Brooks Schramm

Sundays, April 7 - 28
9:30 in MacAskill Room

Dr. Brooks Schramm is Professor of Biblical Studies at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg. He comes highly recommended by GPC member Jean LeGros who took this course while a student at the seminary. Below are the weekly topics, followed by a general explanation:

- Sunday, April 7, 2013: **“The Discovery and Contents of the Scrolls”**
 Sunday, April 14, 2013: **“The Scrolls and the Text of the Hebrew Bible: The Psalms”**
 Sunday, April 21, 2013: **“Biblical Interpretation in the Scrolls: The Habbakuk Pesher”**
 Sunday, April 28, 2013: **“The Scrolls and Late Second Temple Judaism: The Cradle of Christianity”**

From 1947-1956 the remains of approximately 900 Hebrew and Aramaic scrolls were discovered in caves overlooking the northwest shore of the Dead Sea. These documents, most of which date to the 2nd and 1st centuries BCE, include copies of every book of the Hebrew Bible (except Esther and Nehemiah), as well as commentaries on biblical books and hundreds of other Jewish religious texts that were previously unknown. These strange and wonderful texts have revolutionized our understanding of late 2nd Temple Judaism, the very Judaism out of which Christianity emerged. As Michael Wise has written: “For Jews, the Qumran texts say, ‘Our family was larger than you knew’...For Christians, the texts say, ‘You are more Jewish than you realized.’”

Women's Sunday

Sunday, April 7
Our speaker will be
Mary Speedy

Women's Banquet

Tuesday, May 7

VBS Leaders Needed!!

Vacation Bible School will be held
on June 17 - 20 this year
and we need help!!

If you can be a leader for preschool, snack, scripture, games, drama, or Bible activities, please let me know as soon as possible. We have already begun our planning. I know that you - **yes, you** - have lots of great ideas and enthusiasm for our children's ministry here at GPC.

This may be just the opportunity you've been looking for. Let me know at 334-1235, ext. 5 or gpcdce@embarqmail.com. THANKS!

— Blessings, Phyllis

Mexico Update

Information sheets & applications are available in the Fellowship Hall for our trip to the Yucatan this summer from July 15-22.

Cost is \$825, but scholarship help is available.

Applications are due on March 31.



EASTER SCHEDULE



Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday

6:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service at the Peace Light on the Battlefield
8:15 a.m.	Traditional Worship
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship

There will be
NO Sunday School
classes on Easter
Sunday, March 31.

Children's programs will be offered
at all 3 services on Easter, follow-
ing the exit from worship.

Sunday School classes will resume
on Sunday, April 7.

Fundraiser for Meals & More at Hoss'

The Meals and More Program at Prince of Peace Episcopal Church embraces and nurtures homeless, abused, and hungry children during the summer months by providing an opportunity to attend a summer camp. Children from the Homeless Shelter, Survivors Shelter, Circles of Support, Soup Kitchen, and children of incarcerated parents are invited to participate at no charge. The program will run from mid-June to mid-August, Monday through Friday from 10am to 2pm. The children receive two meals, enrichment activities, spiritual enhancement, trips to the library, drama lessons, music, self-esteem building exercises, and field trips.

A fundraiser event for the 2013 summer program will be held on **Thursday, April 18th** at Hoss's Restaurant on York Rd.. If you eat at Hoss's anytime between noon and 8PM on Thursday, April 18, twenty percent of your tab will be donated toward the Meals and More Program. You will need a ticket, which should be presented at the time you order your meal. If your whole family would like to eat at Hoss's, you only need one ticket, provided the meals are all on one tab. Please contact Penny in the church office 334-1235 or Pam Rowland at 642-8802 if you would like to have a ticket, or if you would like more information about Meals and More.

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MISSING SOMETHING?

Please check the kitchen or the "Lost & Found" bin in the church office for items you may have left at the church.

Anything not claimed by April 26 will be donated to the Rummage Sale.

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Need Some Accounting Help?

Nichol (Fake) Hare, a GPC member, is looking for part-time work. Nichol has an Associate Degree in Accounting from Harrisburg Area Community College. (Most of you probably know Nichol from the church nursery where she has served as nursery staff for many years.) If you or anyone you know needs some help with accounting, please contact Nichol at 839-3382. Thanks.

Poverty Simulation on April 21

"You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view-until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it." Atticus Finch gave this advice to his young daughter in the classic American novel, *To Kill A Mockingbird*.

On Sunday April 21, at 12 noon here at GPC, we will have the opportunity to increase our understanding and knowledge about those who struggle month by month to provide the basic necessities for themselves or their families. We will share a light lunch and then Megan Shreve, Executive Director of South Central Community Action Programs, Inc. (SCCAP), will lead us in a "Poverty Simulation." This interactive experience allows participants to begin to understand the realities faced by low-income people in our community. You are invited to attend if you are interested in learning more about how low income impacts the lives of individuals and families. Taking part in this experience could be especially meaningful for all who volunteered with Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S. emergency shelter during the past four months.

There will be an introduction and briefing, followed by the actual simulation exercise, concluding with a debriefing period in which participants may share their reactions. The event will end by 2:30.

Please fill out the slip below and return it to the church indicating your plans to attend:

Return this slip to the church by April 15, or contact Gail Hull (334-0753, gail@hullselectric.com) or Lou Nyiri (gpcclou@embarqmail.com) to sign up.

I _____ will attend the Poverty Simulation on April 21 at GPC, beginning at noon.
(name)

Lunch will be provided.

A Cause for Celebration

Join us for a benefit birthday dinner
for Doreen Oblack
catered by La Cucina Italian Restaurant
on Saturday, April 27
at Pleasant Hill Fire Company
3003 Baltimore Pike in Hanover, PA.

All proceeds will benefit Doreen in her fifth battle against breast cancer. Tickets are \$20 and can be reserved by mailing a check payable to:
Doreen Oblack % Lydia Flinner, 67 Cardinal Ct.,
Abbottstown, PA 17301. Please contact Lydia at
717-476-8406 or lydiaflinner@comcast.net for
more information.

Exploring Membership Class

Sunday, April 14, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

If you are interested in learning more about GPC, plan to attend the Exploring Membership Class on Sunday afternoon, April 14. 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. 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:

April
Survivors, Inc.

NEW and UNOPENED Toiletries - soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc. (Survivors is unable to accept hotel size toiletries.), sheet sets, blankets, plug-in alarm clocks, towels, washcloths, diapers, baby wipes, "sippie" cups and baby bottles.

BLUE brochures containing detailed information on the Calendar of Giving program, the selected organizations, and the specific donation requests are available in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you again for making the "Calendar of Giving" a success.



**Spend an Evening
With
7 Mile Road**

**On Saturday, April 27
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.**

On Saturday, April 27, **7 Mile Road** will present music from their new CD, "Another Cup of Grace" from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Band members include Bruce and Pam Rowland, David and Pat Conklin, Carrie Trax, Bill Fitzpatrick, and Mike Reyka. Donations and the sale of refreshments will help support the Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S. program, which provides shelter for the homeless in participating churches in the Gettysburg community during the winter months. The new 7 Mile Road CD will be for sale as well. Please plan to attend to listen to the newest original Christian music composed by Bruce & Dave.

PW Rummage and Bake Sale

April 26 & 27

Please call Kathy Kircher 357-1175 or Sheryl Suplee 337-3267 to volunteer to help with the sale.

We will need brown bags. Please no toxic substances or items that require special handling for disposal. **Bring only items that work, are clean and in good condition.**

Rummage and plant sale: Friday, April 26, 8:30 to 5:00, Sat. April 27, 8:30 to noon. Lunch will be served on Friday.

Drop-offs: Monday, April 22, put everything in the corner next to the main outside entrance in Fellowship Hall.

Deadline for drop-offs is Thursday, April 25 by noon.

Marking and sorting will take place Tuesday 1:00—5:00 p.m. and Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Baked goods: Drop off by 8 AM Friday or the night before if frozen.

Plants: May drop off Tues., but be sure they are moist.

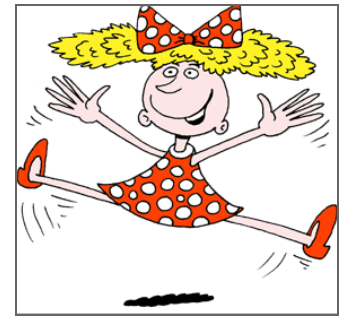
Clean-up: Saturday, April 27 noon until complete.

Volunteers are needed!!! The more help, the faster and easier big projects get done.

Please call Kathy or Sheryl if you can help.

Thank you for your support of this worthwhile PW Project. SEE YOU AT THE SALE!!!!

Transportation will be provided for anyone who requests it. Scholarships are available, because we want everyone to be able to come! Any questions, contact Phyllis Dowd at 334-1235, ext. 5 or gpcdce@embarqmail.com. Hope to see you there!



If you wish to play, contact
Brandon Dillon @ 717-870-7546 or
Dillons583@gmail.com

If you have any questions please contact Pam or Dick Wisor at 359-8896 or email us at pwisor@hotmail.com.

A cartoon illustration of a woman with grey hair, wearing a pink shirt, riding a red roller coaster car. The car is on a track with wooden supports, and there is a blue and red car behind it. The background is a light blue wavy shape.

FINAL DATE TO SIGN UP & PAY FOR THESE TICKETS IS SUNDAY, APRIL 7th. Please make checks out to "Gettysburg Presbyterian Church." There will be no refunds for tickets not used. You do not have to be a church member to participate. Thanks!!

Calendar Page

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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, April 4, 2013

March/April 2013
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

3/31 Easter Sunday

6:30 a.m.

Contemporary Worship Service at the Peace Light
 on the Battlefield

8:15 a.m.

Traditional Worship

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

9:30 a.m.

Contemporary Worship

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

11:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship

4/7 Women's Sunday

Speaker—Mary Speedy

4/14 Third Sunday of Easter - "It's Not Over"