

GRAPEVINE

"The Pastor's Page"

May 11, 2016

The school year is fast coming to an end – May is a busy month with finishing the school year, graduations, and planning summer vacations. Here are the summer programs being offered to our children and youth....

Vacation Bible School – June 20 – 24th – Five days this year 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **"Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace"** Step back in time to Egypt, exploring the life of Joseph. Kids participate in a memorable Bible-times marketplace, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into Egyptian eats, visit Joseph in prison and then in his palace home, and collect Bible Memory Markers to remind them of God's Word. Children ages 3 through completed 5th Grade are invited to attend. Registration is ongoing in Fellowship Hall for both volunteers and children wanting to attend. Come have a week of fun with us.

Traveling Day Camp – July 25-29 9:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m. Children and youth who have completed Kindergarten through 8th Grade are invited to join Krislund Camp and us in **"Being a Hero."** We will play games like "Gaga Ball" and "9 Square in the Air", sing songs, play games and do crafts. The cost is \$91 (\$116 if you want to play laser tag at camp on Friday). Registration is ongoing in Fellowship Hall. We need both adult volunteers to be with us and campers to attend. It is Monday – Wednesday and Thursday morning here at Gettysburg Presbyterian and then those who want can go to Krislund to stay overnight and experience camp life. Come join us for the experience of Church Camp!

Krislund Summer Camp – Camp weeks are available for those children who have completed 2nd through 12th Grades. Brochures are available on the Christian Education Table in Fellowship Hall. Feel free to pick one up. There are camps available from June 12 through August 12th. GPC helps with members' children going to camp by paying \$50 of the registration fee. See Cheryl for more information.

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Cheryl

**Please
Wear
Red!**



This Sunday, May 15, is Pentecost Sunday, when we celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church. Red is the traditional color of Pentecost, so we are asking church members to consider wearing red that day.

Ron & I would like to thank Daelyn Stabler and Ken Elledge for helping us clean our shed. Also, Lou Nyiri who had the youth do this program. They did a fantastic job and should be commended for their service. We are very grateful for this service.

Sincerely,
Gail Lee & Ron Clark

Archiving Help Needed

Church Historian, Dale Molina, would like to have a couple helpers to look through our GPC files, to help decide which of them should be preserved through digitizing them.

Some of these files date from the 1700's! If you are interested, please contact Dale at dalemolina9to4@gmail.com

Session Update

At its stated meeting on May 1, the Session...

- Received Tina Santos as a new member
- Heard a progress update on capital campaign projects. Summertime projects include refurbishing "Heritage Hall," the Sewing Room, several bathrooms, and installing chancel railings.
- Noted that June 4 will be a church work-day
- Approved upcoming weddings and communion celebrations

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Kennedy Brown, Alex Contreras, Nik Contreras, Brianna Hieber, Blake Mathews, Harrison Moroz, Tyler Mummert, and Caleb Unger who graduated from Youth Club and are going into Mid-Ship in the fall. We have enjoyed having you in youth club and wish you the best as you move on to the next group.

CONDOLENCES

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Cindi Knouse & Sonja Brown on the recent death of their mother & grandmother.

Jane Neely following the death of her sister.

Rich Kammerer following the death of his sister.

Lucille Myers following the death of her brother.

Ben and Emily O'Kello, our missionaries in Kenya, following the death of their young son.



SAVE THE DATE

2016 Vacation Bible School

“Joseph, from Prison to Palace”

June 20-24, 2016



If you can help with VBS this summer in the area of LEADERSHIP, we truly need your help.

Celebration Music Leader,

Games Leader - plans and leads games for the children

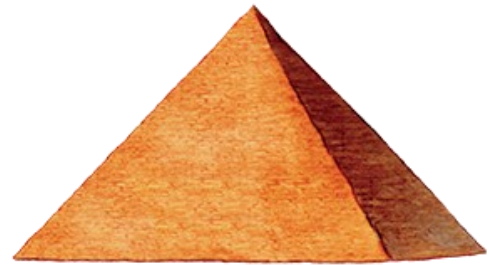
1 Group Leader for Grades 3-5

Leader for History Book lesson station

Nursery Caregiver - M, T, Th

Marketplace – adults and youth

If you can help, please either call Cheryl at 334-1235, ext. 5 or stop by the CE table in Fellowship Hall to sign up.



Parents, have you registered your child or grandchild for VBS? Please do so, as it is open to the general public as of May 10th. Be sure to get your registration forms in – you don't want to be left out!

We need the following items for VBS:

Golf tees

Tissue paper

Decorative feathers

Embroidery thread

Egg cartons

Buttons

Empty Cylindrical Wipes Dispensers

(from hand wipes, diaper wipes, Clorox wipes, etc.)

Craft beads

Craft gems

Toilet paper rolls

Pipe cleaners, esp. brown

Decorative duct tape

Old fabric especially scraps that are at least 12" x 24"



TRAVELING DAY CAMP

July 25-29, 2016

Calling all children and youth to join Camp Krislund and your friends in a week of Traveling Day Camp here at GPC. Be sure to get your applications in. This year you can play laser tag too up at camp. Cost is \$91 (\$116 if including laser tag) and open to children who have completed Kindergarten through 8th Grade.

Application forms are available in Fellowship Hall. Deadline is June 15th.

Water Project Completed!

We are happy to report that the water project, funded by our Foundations for the Future Capital Campaign, is up and running in Ciudad Hidalgo, Mexico. It will provide clean water for thousands of people in that small city!

We'll give some more details and show some pictures soon in worship.

Thanks for your generous giving!

Reception for Christian Education Leaders **on May 22nd**

To honor the leaders of our Christian Education programs, there will be an Appreciation Reception in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 22. The reception will be held throughout the morning and will give each of us the opportunity to thank these members of our congregation who have faithfully led our children, teens, and adults in the many Christian Education programs. So come to worship on May 22 and keep your eyes open for all those people wearing stars. Please give them your personal thank-you for all they do.

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 May 9—June 12 is Benjy Conover at 359-7475.



Upcoming Events:

May & June Music Schedule

May 15	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
		Youth Choir
		Youth Bell Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
		Adult Bell Choir
May 22	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
May 29	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
June 5	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
June 12	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

May

May 15 5:30 - 7:00 Year-End Picnic at
GPC & Mr. G's

MidSHIP Schedule

May

May 15 5:30 - 7:00 Year-End Picnic at
Libby's House

CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS NEEDED

Can you help to lead
Children's Church
at 9:30 (June) or
9:00 or
10:30 (June – August)?

We need adults who
would be willing to spend
a little time with our
youngest members
(ages 3 through 3rd Grade).

Curriculum is easy to follow
and fun to do.

Please either call Cheryl in
the church office to sign up
or stop by the CE Table
in Fellowship Hall.

The children really need you.

"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:

May

We will be collecting items for

GPC Vacation Bible School & Camp Krislund

Tea Lights, Golf tees, Tissue paper, Craft beads,
Decorative feathers, Craft gems, Embroidery thread,
Toilet paper rolls, Egg cartons, Pipe cleaners (esp. brown),
Buttons, Decorative duct tape, Empty Cylindrical
Wipes Dispensers (from hand wipes, diaper wipes, Clorox
wipes, etc.) and Old fabric (especially scraps that are at least
12" x 24")

PW CIRCLES

Elizabeth Circle

Monday, May 16, 1:00 p.m.
Paideia House, First Floor
Lesson 9: Revelation 21 & 22

Mary Martha Circle

Monday, May 16, 7:00 p.m.
Paideia House, First Floor
Lesson 9: Revelation 21 & 22

Esther Circle

Thursday, May 19, 9:30 a.m.
Eisenhower Lounge at GPC
Lesson Leader: Barbara Finrock
Lesson 9: Revelation 21 & 22



ITEMS NEEDED FOR SOUTH DAKOTA

Preparations are underway for our South Dakota Mission Trip from July 7-17 and the excitement is building. Thank you to all for the contributions made so far.

We are still in need of some very important items which we give out as prizes at the Festival. If you can donate any of the following "new or nearly new" items, please bring them to the church office:

Sheets or Sheet Sets
Box Fans
Tire Kits
ABC Fire Extinguishers
Fabric (cotton or satin ONLY)
Smoke Detectors

Blankets
Tool Sets
Jar Candles (ONLY)
School Supplies
Flash Lights

Thanks for all your prayers and support as we return to the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation this summer.
— Penny Messinger (334-1235)

USED CLOTHING NEEDED

FOR S. DAKOTA

(Deadline June 15)



We will again be taking a tractor trailer filled with donations to the Cheyenne River Lakota Reservation in July.

Please bring in used clothing of all shapes and sizes. We do ask that the clothes be **washed, stain-free, with no tears**. We can also take shoes, purses, and prom dresses. Bring them to the inside corner of Fellowship Hall - marked for S. Dakota.

Deadline for donations is June 15. No donations will be taken after that date, and please do not drop them off at Paideia House entrance.

Thanks again for all your support and participation for this very important mission of our church.

Save Your Furniture for South Dakota!

Do you have some very nice furniture you no longer need? Is it cluttering up your house? Well, we've got the answer for you! We are again taking furniture to the Cheyenne River Lakota Reservation on our South Dakota mission trip this summer. Because we will again have a tractor trailer and driver provided for us, we will have plenty of room to take furniture. It must be in very good condition, and can be dropped off in Fellowship Hall from June 27–July 5. Any questions, call Penny in the church office at 334-1235. Thanks!



Annual Church Work Day



**will be held
on Saturday, June 4
from 8AM to 1PM.**

Please come out and join us as we spruce up the grounds and attend to smaller-type repairs to parts of the facility. Starting May 15, there will be a Property Committee table in Fellowship Hall where you can sign up to lend a hand during the work day. No special skills are needed, just a willingness to pitch in and help. If you have any questions, you can contact Jim Gardner at 717-337-3233.

Call for Summer Singers and Instrumentalists:

If you would like to sing or play instruments for the 10:30 a.m. services this summer, please notify Emily in person or at emilykkoons@gmail.com.

The schedule begins June 19 and concludes August 28.

Contemporary Worship Outdoors

June 5, 9:30-10:30 a.m.



The Contemporary Worship Service will be held outdoors on June 5th from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Gettysburg Rec Park's Fireman's Pavilion (near the big playground). Please bring lawn chairs, and your family and friends! This will be a great opportunity to worship our Lord while surrounded by the beauty of his creation.

Camp Krislund Camping

For members' children, the church pays \$50 toward the registration fee. Just mark your registration form and Camp Krislund will bill the church at the end of the season for the \$50 per child. If your child is a returning camper and brings a friend, you can receive 50% off your registration when you bring a friend who has never been to a week of camp at Krislund. You must let them know the name of your friend and when that camper has fully registered and paid, you will receive a credit on your invoice. This is limited to one discount per camper. Registration forms are available at the CE Table in Fellowship Hall or at www.krislund.org.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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



Serving God for 275 years

Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, May 19, 2016

May / June 2016
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

May 15	The Exorcist (<i>Luke 4: 31-37</i>)
May 22	Jesus Teaches: Parables of the Kingdom, I (<i>Luke 13:18-30</i>)
May 29	Jesus Teaches: Parables of the Kingdom, II (<i>Luke 15</i>)
June 5	Jesus Teaches: Cost of Discipleship (<i>Luke 9:21-27</i>) Communion
June 12	Jesus Teaches: Coming Attractions (<i>Luke 21: 5-37</i>)
June 19	Jesus Mixes It Up with Religious Leaders Father's Day
June 26	Cross and Resurrection (<i>Luke 23 & 24</i>) South Dakota Commissioning