

# GRAPEVINE

## "The Pastor's Page"

May 20, 2015

### Something We All Need

Her story began...

"Years ago, as my first husband neared the end of a long and valiant battle with cancer, I found myself growing weary, physically and spiritually. I wanted to be strong for him and our children. But honestly? I couldn't see how I'd do it.

Some good friends decided I needed a break. They arranged to take care of my husband and sent me away for a weekend to a monastery for a silent retreat.

Yes, silent. Yes, it was weird. But the weirdest part was this: We were asked to make a list of everyone and everything we wanted to pray for. My list was three pages long. Then we were told to give the lists to the retreat leaders, who would pray all weekend for everything we had listed. All our prayer concerns would be covered, they said, freeing us to pray – get this – for ourselves.

It wasn't easy. Mothers don't get much practice praying for ourselves. But I tried. And when the weekend was over, I went home knowing I would have whatever I needed to see my husband and our children through the dark hours ahead." (*Sharon Randall, "When mothers need to pray for themselves" in Gettysburg Times circa April 2015*)

We all need to know we're part of something – that we're connected to someone ~ ultimately we know that we are connected to Christ. However when the stress of life's difficult times surrounds us, that can be tough to see ~ so perhaps it helps to think of it this way...in our connection to one another we see Christ's love shine through in the kind, caring acts we share with one another.

In Paul's words to the Corinthian Christians, "...If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it." (1 Corinthians 12:26)

It's good to know in life's valleys and in life's heights that you are not alone.

May we continue to look for ways to celebrate and cry with one another as the body of Christ.

Faithfully Yours,  
Lou

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# Happy Birthday to...

## June 1

Dan Anderson

## June 2

Emma Burgess

Robert Farnham

Dustin Rogers

## June 3

Stratton Brown

## June 4

Will Brubaker

Kendall Holsclaw

Jean LeGros

Morgan Sites

## June 5

Pat Behre

Maureen Johnson

## June 6

Riley Fitzgerald

Rhonda Meyer

Evelyn Small

## June 7

Donald Carman

Gabriel Delacruz

Dale Molina

Leslie Smarsh

## June 8

Zachary Beegle

Shane Miller

## June 10

Alexander Contreras

Nikolas Contreras

Timothy Poorman

## June 11

Barton Breighner

Sherry Farkas

Brett Williams

## June 12

Benn Hoover

Jaron Sanders

## June 13

Tim Waligore

Louis Westfall

## June 14

Jayden Harvey

Kim Patrono

## June 15

Beckie Carbaugh

Andrew Druckman

Rachel Druckman

Susan Guiher

Amie Murray

Allyson Smarsh

## June 16

Nancy Bushey

Frank Geist

## June 17

Ann Matthews

Amanda Ott

## June 18

Ann Cook

Ethan Mora

## June 19

Happy Freas

Diana Miner

Matthew VanHoutte

## June 20

Michael Crowe

Judy English

Sydney Miller

Abigail Moroz

Hilda Oussoren

Michael Wark

## June 21

Rachel Doebling

Carolyn Ferguson

T.J. Remaley

## June 22

Jordan Nevins

## June 23

Nichol Hare

Bob Jackson

## June 24

Jeff Hieber

Cinnamon Hosterman

## June 25

Marian Benchoff

Cam Bernier

Dan Ebaugh

Aidan Hoover

Joan Jackson

Aaron VanHoutte

## June 27

Lacey Anderson

Jennifer Clark

Lee Flinner

## June 28

Mackenzie Foster

Eleanor Sheen

Carolyn Smarsh

Rebecca Stabler

## June 29

Paul Ely

Gail Lee

Emri Snyder

Grant Tresselt

## June 30

Lexi Franek

Cheryl Gochenauer

Dorothy Heflin

Cadi McMaster

Tim Skoczen



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**Hershey Park Tickets Have Arrived!!**

Pick up your pre-ordered tickets Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall or through the church office (see Cheryl or Penny) during the week.



## **CONDOLENCES**

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Jen Unger on the recent death of her aunt.

Larry Bullis on the recent death of his brother-in-law.

Virginia & Bruce Rowland on the recent death of her husband and his father, Alex Rowland.

## **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 May is John Tschop at 338-9079.



## Vacation Bible School — June 15 - 18

"**Water, Water Everywhere!**" will be our theme for Vacation Bible School this year. The program is open to all children ages 3 through Grade 5 (completed). It will be held on June 15-18 from 9:00 a.m. —12:15 noon. Registration begins May 10 and deadline is June 7. (Registration forms are included in this newsletter.) Fee will be \$5.00 /child or \$10.00 / family. Below you will find a list of personnel and supplies needed. Contact Cheryl at 334-1235, ext. 5 or gpcdce@embarqmail.com, when you know how you can be part of our program. Thanks for all your help.

### PERSONNEL—WE NEED LOTS OF HELP!!!

20 Volunteers needed for "Water World" - help children complete a craft or water experiment for 1 hour each morning

GAME COORDINATOR NEEDED!

Woodworking Coordinator

Childcare (for leaders' children)

Drama Participants (non-speaking) - middle, high school

Teen Aides (completed Grade 6 or older)



### Supplies Needed:

baby food jars with lids  
small clay pots  
meat or veggie small square/rectangle trays  
color streamers (rolls)  
mason jars pint or half-pint glass jars with lids  
2 or 5 pound bags of flour  
food dye – primary, neon colors.

battery tea lights  
balloons  
color tissue paper  
quart size Ziploc with tab bags  
blue dish detergent (any kind)



We are anticipating about 110 children at VBS. Thank you for helping us by bringing any of these items to Cheryl's office.

# Upcoming Events:

## Worship Music Schedule

May 24	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
May 31	8:15 a.m.	Youth Choir
		Youth Bell Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Youth Choir
		Youth Bell Choir

## HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

### May

May 24	5:30 - 7:00	Youth Sunday Planning
May 31		YOUTH SUNDAY

**Young at Heart** - our June get-together will be a picnic on **Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon** hosted by Don and Gwen Scofield in the pavilion at Homewood at Plum Creek in Hanover. The address is 615 Morning Glory Drive, just follow the signs after that (it is the 3<sup>rd</sup> entrance into Homewood off Westminster).

We will be ordering chicken as we have in the past and providing side dishes. Place settings will also be provided. Any cost incurred will be covered by existing funds from our treasury. If anyone might be able to bring a dessert, please let us know.

We will carpool from the church and if there is enough interest we will take the church van for those who would prefer not to drive. Meet in the church parking lot at 11:00 AM leaving the church by 11:15 AM and returning no later than 3:00 PM.

All are welcome. If you are not on a regular call list but would like to attend please contact Pam or Dick Wisor **on or before Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>** at 359-8896 or email us at [pwisor@hotmail.com](mailto:pwisor@hotmail.com).

## We Want Your Input This



You can help shape our worship this summer in two ways!

First, many of us have favorite Bible stories from our childhood. Tell us your favorites and your pastors will select eight of them and preach on them in July and August. Submit them during worship on May 31 and June 7 or send them to [info@gettyburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:info@gettyburgpresbyterian.org)

Second, we will have a sermon talk-back time following the 10:30AM service each Sunday in July and August. It's an opportunity for you to ask questions and react to the sermon you've just heard with the preacher of the day! No need to sign-up in advance; just show up in the Sewing Room (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) following worship!

## Disciple Bible Study

The Disciple Bible Studies for fall will be:

**Disciple I** – facilitated by Randy Parmentier, will meet at 5:00 PM on Sunday Evenings. This 34-week course will move through the biblical story from Creation to the New Jerusalem.

**Disciple II** – facilitated by Cheryl Betts, will meet on Monday mornings from 10-12. This 32-week study examines the connection between memory and identity as the people of God. We will examine Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts, emphasizing the rhythm of coming to God and going for God...approaching all experiences of life as opportunities for faithful witness and service.

**Disciple IV** – facilitated by Marion Lambert-Hollowell, will meet at 5 PM on Sunday Evenings. The phrase “under the tree of life” conveys the promise of finding shelter, security, and rest in God’s love. In this 32-week study of the Old Testament Writings, the Gospel of John, The Epistles of John, James, Jude and finally Revelation, we will see the entire process of living toward final completion of rest and reward.

Fall Disciple Bible Study groups are forming. Please stop by the Christian Education table in Fellowship Hall or contact Cheryl Betts at [gpcdce@embargmail.com](mailto:gpcdce@embargmail.com) or 334-1235, ext. 5. This is a wonderful way to get to know a small group of people and study God’s Word together.

Study Guides are \$40.00 with scholarship help available.

### Traveling Day Camp

Andrea Crowe will be leading our first experience of Traveling Day Camp here at GPC July 27 – 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. This program is open for children who have completed Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. The participants will be here at GPC from 9-4 Monday through Wednesday, and then on Thursday they will be taken up to Camp Krislund to join with the campers who have been at the camp all week for fun activities such as swimming in the pool, climbing the rock wall, etc. They will spend the night at camp and return to GPC on Friday. Younger children do not have to go to Camp Krislund on Thursday if they prefer not to but still want to join in the fun here at GPC.

Registration deadline for GPC members is May 22nd. Please see Cheryl Betts for registration forms.

### “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 are collecting items for  
**Camp Krislund**

Rolls of Duct tape (all colors)  
Marshmallows  
Graham Crackers  
Gatorade (16 oz. bottles)  
Water balloons



**Going on a Family Road Trip?** Does your family plan to travel this summer? The Christian Education Family Ministry would like to help families nurture their children's faith while on the road. Beginning June 7<sup>th</sup>, "**family faith bags**" will be available at the Christian Education table for checkout. These bags will be filled with Bible travel games and activities, as well as family discussion cards. Plan to stop by and get yourself a bag. Please stop by the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall to "pin" your destination on our map so that your GPC family may pray for you. Then pick up your family faith bag to take on your journey!



## CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Upcoming games are as follows:

Date	Field
Monday, May 25	Freedom Valley Worship Center - 3185 York Rd.
Thursday, June 4	Freedom Valley Worship Center - 3185 York Rd.
Thursday, June 11	First Baptist Church - 1015 Chambersburg Rd.
Tuesday, June 16	Freedom Valley Worship Center - 3185 York Rd.

Warm ups at 6:00 p.m. / First pitch at 6:30 p.m.  
Contact Brandon Dillon: 717-870-7546 or dillons583@gmail.com  
All skill levels welcome. All fans welcome (bring a lawn chair).

## **BURDEN BEARS WORKSHOP ENDS**

It is with heavy hearts that we, the ladies of the Burden Bear Workshop, have decided to end the workshop as of April 27<sup>th</sup>. The groups to whom we have been providing our bundles of joy and comfort have not been needing them as they had before. The bags of bears on hand will be distributed as requested until they are gone.

We thank all of you for your support by prayers, money for supplies, supplies, etc. that you have donated to this mission. Since the Presbyterian Women have supported us monetarily through the years, we will place all our materials and tools of the trade, including sewing machines, in the Fall Rummage Sale. The funds will go back to the PW for their use.

This workshop was started in April, 2004. We have produced nearly 5,000 bears since that time. Many women have participated in the workshops on Monday mornings. We even had several ladies join our church after volunteering to help. This has been a pleasant fellowship for all of us, which we will miss. Times are changing and we realized the time had come for us to recognize that. The members of the workshop at this time: Edna Blackner, Dawn Franzese, Beth Jones, Jean Holder, Georgia Kuhn, Bonnie Laughman, Kathy Schneider, Evelyn Small and Audrey Jahn and Joan Pore— Co-Chairs.

Thanks again for your support.

## **Save the Date!!**

On June 28<sup>th</sup>,  
the Contemporary Worship Service  
will be held outside at the South end of  
the Gettysburg Rec Park,  
Lions and Kiwanis Club pavilion area,  
with a pot-luck picnic to follow.

### **Adult Elective Sunday School Class:**

**"Feasts of the Bible"**  
**Facilitated by Cheryl Betts**  
**June 7 – July 12**

God's redemptive plan is unveiled through the feasts of Israel.  
The feasts are still relevant to our lives today because they:

Show how Messiah Jesus is the fulfillment of the  
feasts and holidays.

Illustrate the Jewish roots of Christianity.

Explain history and symbolism in the Old Testament.

Plan to join us at 9:30 in the Mac Room as we tackle this topic.

## **CHILDREN'S CHURCH HELP NEEDED!**

Help needed at our Children's Church at 11:00 on June 7th and 28<sup>th</sup> to teach our youngest children during worship. The ages are 3 through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. We truly need your help. If you are willing to do one of the Sundays, please contact Cheryl Betts at [gpcdce@embargmail.com](mailto:gpcdce@embargmail.com) or call the church office at 334-1235, ext. 5. Thanks!

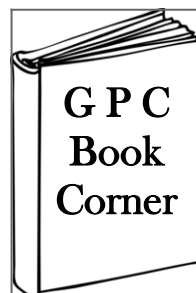
## **Church Women United AND Men's Interfaith PICNIC**

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED and MEN'S INTERFAITH will be sharing a Picnic & Fellowship on Wednesday, June 3, at 11:30 a.m. at the pavilion behind Gettysburg Church of the Brethren, 1710 Biglerville Rd., Gettysburg. In case of inclement weather, the luncheon will be held inside. Church Women United will be providing the food, and paper goods & beverages will also be provided. Newcomers are always welcome to join in this ecumenical fellowship. No reservations are needed. For more information, contact Cheryl at 337-2938.

## **Exploring Membership Class**

**Sunday, May 31  
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, May 31st. 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.



SPRING CLEANING!! Boy, those are two words I don't like hearing. It reminds me of a time, when I was much younger; my grandmother would say, "spring has sprung so let's get cleaning". It always seemed to be when we were visiting. The nice thing about it was when it was all done it felt so good!

Well, as you all can imagine, that is what I am beginning to do in the Crane Library. We seem to have so many books and just not enough space. So I thought it might be worthwhile to clean out a few books to make room for some new ones.

We have numerous categories of books to choose from and they need to be re-catalogued so that we have an idea of what is there. So, I first thought the best idea was to weed through our books and see what could be discarded. Now don't get excited, I love books so they won't be tossed. My plan is to have a table in Fellowship Hall most Sundays with those books displayed. If there is one on the table that strikes your fancy, then it is yours for the taking. What doesn't get chosen will be donated to the Friends of the Library (across the street) so that they can place them in their August Book Sale. Their religious section is quite large. It is always a good idea to clean out books so that you continue to read new material and somebody might find a great book at the sale.

Once the books have been reviewed and shelves cleaned, we can begin replacing them with new books. I also want to catalogue all the books again so we have a complete inventory.

Just like cleaning our home, this will take some time, so I hope you bear with me and keep coming to the Library and Book Mobile while we are in the process of making it better for you.

I will have some book reviews next month. I'll be in the Library quite a bit in the next month, so if you are at church come by and see me.

Keep on reading!

Cathy

## ITEMS NEEDED FOR SOUTH DAKOTA

Preparations are underway for our South Dakota Mission Trip from July 17 - 27 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

Fabric (cotton or satin ONLY)

Towels

Tool Sets

Fix-A-Flat



Blankets

Tire Plugs

School Supplies

Backpacks

Jar Candles (ONLY)

Flashlights



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 30)



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 30.** No donations will be taken after that date, and please do not drop them off at Paideia House entrance.

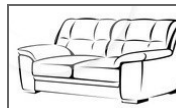
Thanks again for all your support and participation for this very important mission of our church.

## Save Your Furniture for South Dakota!



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 July 8-15. Any questions, call Penny in the church office at 334-1235. Thanks!



~Mr. G's Community Day/Night~  
June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 12PM-10PM

You are invited to Mr. G's Community Night on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015!!! **20% of your total purchase will be donated to the Gettysburg Meals & More Program!**

Please present this coupon at the register to help support the Meals & More Program and enjoy some delicious ice cream and music provided by the band Seven Mile Road, who will be there from

6PM-8PM!

Meals & More



## Annual Church Work Day



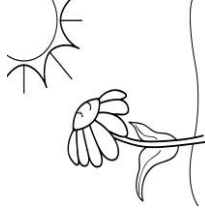
will be held on  
**Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**  
from 8AM to 12PM.

With Spring in the air, it's time once again for our Church Work Day. It will be held on Saturday May 30, 2015, beginning at 8AM and running until 12PM. If a rain date is necessary, it will be Saturday June 6th. Projects will include gardening, landscaping, and general cleanup in and around the church grounds. The Property Committee will have a sign-up table in Fellowship Hall on Sunday May 17th and Sunday May 24th. No special skills needed, just a willingness to chip in and help, so please join in this effort.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 4:15 p.m. 275th Anniversary Committee 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Mission & Interpretation 7:30 p.m. Gettysburg High School Baccalaureate (at Lutheran Seminary Chapel)	<b>2</b> 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision	<b>3</b> <b>12:00 p.m. Men's Interfaith &amp; Church Women United Picnic</b> 5:45 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	<b>4</b> 6:00 p.m. Softball game @ Freedom Valley	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 10:30 a.m. Adult Choir 12:00 p.m. Mexico Training <b>12:00 p.m. Highschool Workcamp Meeting</b> 5:30 p.m. Piano Recital	<b>8</b> <b>7:00 p.m. VBS Leaders Meeting</b>	<b>9</b> 7:30 a.m. Habitat Board Mtg.	<b>10</b> 5:30 p.m. Welcome & Outreach 5:45 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 6:00 p.m. Historic Church Walking Tour (West) 7:15 p.m. Cont. Ministry Team	<b>11</b> 12:00 p.m. Young @ Heart 6:00 p.m. Softball game @ First Baptist	<b>12</b> 9:00 - 12:00 "Aging Task Force"	<b>13</b>
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<b>14</b> <b>Honduras Commissioning</b> 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 10:30 a.m. Adult Choir 12:15 p.m. Deacons Mtg. 4:00 p.m. Session Meeting	<b>15</b> 12:00 p.m. Elizabeth Circle 7:00 p.m. Mary Martha Circle	<b>16</b> 6:30 p.m. Heart Healthy Grp. 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision 7:00 p.m. Honduras Packing Party 6:00 p.m. Softball game @ Freedom Valley	<b>17</b> 5:45 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 6:00 p.m. Historic Church Walking Tour (East)	<b>18</b> <b>12:00 Noon Newsletter Deadline</b> 9:00 a.m. Dollars for Scholars 11:00 a.m. Esther Circle	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  <b>Honduras Mission leaves</b>
<b>21</b> <b>Father's Day Workcamp Commissioning</b> <b>VBS Celebration in Worship</b> <b>Workcamp Commissioning</b> 3:00 p.m. Alex Rowland's Memorial Service	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:00 p.m. South Dakota Puppet Practice 6:00 p.m. Softball game @ First Baptist	<b>24</b> 7:00 a.m. Kiwanis 5:45 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 6:00 p.m. Historic Church Walking Tour (West) 7:00 p.m. Healthcare 4 All	<b>25</b> 7:00 p.m. High School Workcamp Packing Party	<b>26</b> 1:00 p.m. BOY SCOUT TROOP  <b>Youth Workcamp leaves</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Honduras Mission leaves</b>	H O N D U R A S ----- M I S S I O N ----- T R I P -----					
<b>28</b> 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship @ Rec. Park 11:00 a.m. Picnic at Rec Park 12:00 p.m. Mexico Training 4:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals @ Rec Park H I G H S C H O O L ----- W O R K C A M P -----	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6:00 p.m. Softball game @ First Baptist				

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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



Serving God for 275 years



**Next Newsletter Deadline:**  
**Noon, Thursday, May 28 2015**

**May / June 2015**  
**GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**  
**Traditional Worship @ 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.**  
**Contemporary Worship @ 9:30 a.m.**

<b>May 24</b>	"Reflecting Light"
<b>May 31</b>	Youth Sunday "Super Hero Faith"
<b>June 7</b>	Sean & Bethany Walker Lord's Supper
<b>June 14</b>	"Who Cares?"