

GRAPEVINE

"The Pastor's Page"

May 22, 2013

Is Something Burning?

We've just celebrated Pentecost – when we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Christian Church. And so, I share the following Pentecost story from the Rev. MaryAnn McKibben Dana's blogspot *The Blue Room*. In it she shares the story of how a church she served traditionally celebrated Pentecost.

"The church has a huge round communion table that the flower guild fills with red, orange and yellow candles—twenty-five or thirty of them, at various heights, on a lovely red tablecloth. The effect is quite dramatic. They also turn all the chairs to face the exterior windows, to represent our call as the church, to be focused outward.

During the reading of Acts 2 when the tongues of fire rest on the disciples, the reader paused and several people (mainly children and youth) lightly tossed about half a dozen streamers of red, orange and yellow crepe paper across the heads of the congregation, while the bells did some free-ringing. People figured out quickly that they were supposed to receive the streamers and toss them in a different direction, forming a web of sorts. Happy chaos ensued along with lots of smiles.

Then at the end of the service, my colleague was praying after the offering right

before the closing hymn when a woman close to the front of the meeting house yelled "Fire! Fire!"

I thought, "Oh my goodness, is this is a *skit*? Or is she testifying?"

I opened my eyes and saw. The communion table was on fire.

One of the tapers had burned down and, aided by an unfortunately-aimed air conditioning vent, had ignited the red tablecloth—a sheer billowy thing that, in retrospect, was basically festive kindling.

Several of us sprang up and stood stupidly around the table for several seconds. I think we were all trying to figure out how to smother the fire, but the only thing available was the Amazing Flammable Cloth of Doom. So I'm sure to onlookers, a proper caption would've been, "*Well I'll be darned. The table's on fire. Who's got marshmallows?*"

Finally my colleague yelled, "The baptismal font!" which someone promptly brought forward. So in an absurd clash of symbols, the waters of baptism actually extinguished the fires of the Spirit.

I always try to pray before worship, "God, let something happen here that isn't in the bulletin."

Moral of the story: If you pray this, have a fire extinguisher handy."

May God bless us here at GPC as we turn our chairs in worship and go into the world seeking to live as fully devoted followers who invite others to join us in the journey of discipleship – and don't forget the marshmallows.

Faithfully Yours,

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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
Shirley Lamb

June 6

Riley Fitzgerald
Rhonda Meyer
Evelyn Small

June 7

Donald Carman
Gabriel Delacruz
Dale Molina

Leslie Smarsh

June 8

Zachary Beegle
Emily Stewart

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
Dick Watson
Louis Westfall

June 14

Jayden Harvey
Kim Patrono

June 15

Norma Campbell
Beckie Carbaugh
Andrew Druckman
Rachel Druckman

Susan Guiher

Amie Murray

Allyson Smarsh

June 16

Nancy Bushey
Frank Geist
Matthew Hinton

June 17

Ann Matthews

June 18

Ethan Anderson

Ann Cook

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 Doehring
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
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



THANK YOU:

Thanks for the Reception for C.E. Leaders

This past Sunday we held an Appreciation Reception for Christian Education Leaders and Other Volunteers. Since it was also Pentecost, it was a festive morning as we honored 5 newborns as well as 120 C.E. leaders and other volunteers who have served at GPC over the past year. Thanks to the members of the Christian Education team who made this possible:

2 decorated cakes – Heather Tschop
120 decorated, individual “star” name tags – Carole Simon
Framed pictures for Sunday School teachers – Libby Crowe and Phyllis Dowd
Floral centerpiece – Susan Kolmer
C.E. Thank-you sign – Bethany Kolmer
Set-up – Heather Tschop, Carole Simon, Phyllis Dowd
Servers – Heather Tschop and Susan Kolmer

Peacemaking Offering Benefits Meals & More

The following note was received in response to a donation from GPC to Meals & More from our annual Peacemaking Offering. Meals & More operates for 9 weeks during the summer months. Children receive a hot lunch along with computer and reading instruction, drug and alcohol education, career exploration, arts & crafts while learning respect for others and conflict resolution.

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$800 to Meals & More. Your gift will greatly help us feed our hungry children for many weeks this summer!

*God's blessings to all,
Nancy Forgang*

Thank you for the cards & visits during my recent knee replacement and I look forward to the meals the church will provide.

Joan Grimm

Thank you to everyone who helped with the PW Rummage Sale. It couldn't have been a success without you.

Rummage Sale	\$2,279.11
Bake Sale	\$ 323.34
Total	\$2,602.45

It was AWESOME!

Thank you for the sympathy cards and visits after the recent death of our son.

Niles & Joan Grimm

Thank you for all the cards, flowers and visits to Betsy at Homewood. Thank you for everything you do.

Roger & Betsy Clowes

Vacation Bible School — June 17—20

"Climb the Mountains With Jesus!" will be our theme for Vacation Bible School this year, as we explore five Bible stories about Jesus on the mountains. The program is open to all children ages 3 through Grade 5 (completed). It will be held on June 17—20 from 9:00 a.m. —12:15 p.m. Registration deadline is June 2. Fee will be \$5.00/child or \$10.00/family. Below you will find a list of personnel and supplies needed. Contact Phyllis 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 STILL NEEDED!!!

Scripture Leader

Bible Story Leader

2 Preschool Leaders

1 Leader for 5-year-olds

2 Group Leaders - Group leaders accompany each group of elementary children throughout the morning

12 Volunteers needed for "Land of the Mountains" - help children complete crafts and scientific experiments for 1 hour each morning

Snack Leader

Snack Preparer and Helpers

Childcare (for leaders' children)

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

Teen Aides (completed Grade 6 or older)

Supplies Needed

Pretzels

Brown sugar

Unsalted butter

Honey

Granola

Raisins

Semi-sweet chocolate chips

Mini-marshmallows

Amazon gift cards

(to pay for beeswax candles kit)

Large tongue depressors

Small white snack plates

Large googlie eyes

Gift card to AC Moore

Large smooth stones

(at least 6" across)

New combs and small

rubberbands for hairstyl-
ing station

Boards for photo station

Large packing boxes

Upcoming Events:

May/June Music Schedule

May 26	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
June 2	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
June 9	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
June 16	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
June 23	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
June 30	8:15 a.m.	Adult Vocal Ensemble
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Vocal Ensemble

Thank You to the Youth Choirs

I would like to offer a sincere thank you to the Youth Choirs for their participation in Youth Sunday. These youth have given 1 ½ hours most Sundays to prepare music for worship, through vocal and handbell anthems. In preparation for Youth Sunday, they worked on handbell, vocal and instrumental music so that they could present their talents to God and to our congregation. They ended up presenting 3 handbell anthems, 1 vocal anthem and 2 instrumental selections. I was very proud of them! If you see any of the following youth - Erin Heeschen, Drew May, Luke May, Alex Nyiri, Emma Sanders, Matthew Suarez, Christian Swartzbaugh, Joy Tushek, Jordan Williams and Sedona Wilson – please extend your thanks to them for sharing their talents with us. And to Katelyn Gormley for her cello accompaniment.

Ms. Becky

Session Updates

At its stated meeting of May 19, the Session...

- Received 8 confirmands into membership: Gary Hubble, Robert Jones, Sara Jones, Drew May, Christian Priel, Grant Sanders, Matt Suarez and Sydney Tomassini.
- Had a conversation with Rev. Candace Veon-Nyiri, Presbytery Associate for Region B. We learned about her work and brainstormed ways we could partner with other churches in our region.
- Received an update on the Wall St. Property and from the Capital Campaign Consultant team
- Approved a “Fun with Friends” event sponsored by Arc for July 12.
- Voted to hire Dennis Dillman to do pastoral care work while Harry Winsheimer is away this summer.
- Discussed proposals regarding Black’s Graveyard
- Called a Congregational meeting for June 9 at noon to elect elders to fill unexpired terms and to approve purchase of the Wall St. Property
- Called a “Town Hall” meeting for June 23 at noon to preview the building renovations and improvements approved by Session

Two Important Meetings for All GPC Members!!!

Sunday, June 9 at noon.

Congregational meeting to elect elders to fill the unexpired terms of Scott McNair and Julio Suarez. We will also seek congregational approval to purchase the property at 31 Wall St.
(across the alley from our parking lot)

Sunday, June 23 at noon.

“Town Hall” meeting.

A task force of our members worked about a year on a proposal to upgrade our facilities significantly. Session approved their proposal and now we’d like to share it with you and hear your responses!

The total cost of the proposal is around \$800,000. Come and learn more!

ITEMS NEEDED FOR SOUTH DAKOTA

Preparations are underway for our South Dakota Mission Trip from July 18 - 28 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	Towels	Blankets	Backpacks
Box Fans	Tool Sets	Tire Plugs	Jar Candles (ONLY)
Fabric (cotton or satin ONLY)	Fix-A-Flat	School Supplies	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 have many donated clothes for S. Dakota, thanks to your generosity. But we found out that Wal-mart is again donating a truck to take all our items to the Indian reservation, so we can take lots more!!



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 use 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!



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 taking furniture to the Cheyenne River Lakota Reservation on our South Dakota mission trip this summer. Because we will



again have a Walmart truck 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 8-16. Any questions, call Penny or Phyllis in the church office at 334-1235. Thanks!

CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Upcoming games are as follows:

Date	Field
Thursday, May 30	Fairfield Amvets - 3600 Fairfield Rd.
Monday, June 3	Fairfield Amvets - 3600 Fairfield Rd.
Thursday, June 13	Freedom Valley Worship Center - 3185 York Rd.
Thursday, June 20	First Baptist Church - 1015 Chambersburg 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 (bring your glove & bat).
All fans welcome (bring a lawn chair).



**GPC
WORK DAY**
June 1st
8:30 - 12:00 Noon

Work Day set for June 1st - we will start at 8:30 and end by Noon. The Property Committee is looking for willing hands to undertake some of the maintenance and repair items that have accumulated. A willingness to paint and perform some minor repairs is more important than being a skilled technician. There also will be some work being done at Black's Graveyard for those who have an interest in that landmark of our Church History. See us at the table in Fellowship Hall or show up at the church on June 1st.

"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 Krislund Camp

Marshmallows (100 bags); Graham Crackers (100 boxes); Hershey Chocolate Bars (200 six-bar packages); 500 Tea Lights; 10 boxes unsalted Saltines; 10 boxes salted Saltines.

BOE 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.

PW CIRCLE

Elizabeth Circle

Monday, June 17, 12:00 Noon

Hostess: Joan Pore

755 McClellan Dr.

Gettysburg, PA

334-1718

Take a sandwich to share



Mary Martha Circle

Monday, June 10, 6:00 p.m. (note change of date)

Hostess: Nancy Cook

465 Goldenville Rd.

Gettysburg, PA

337-1454

Esther Circle

Thursday, June 20, 11:00 a.m.

Café Saint-Amand

Corner of Middle & Baltimore St.

Ice Cream Social at the Historic Round Barn

WHEN: SUNDAY EVENING, JUNE 2, 6:30-8:30

WHERE: HISTORIC ROUND BARN

298 Cashtown Road

Take Route 30 west for 8 miles.

Turn right at the blinking light (Cashtown Road).

Round Barn is ½ mile off Route 30 on your right.

The Round Barn is accessible to all-no steps to climb.

We'll be sheltered if it rains.

ENJOY AN ICE CREAM SUNDAE.

SING ALONG WITH YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS.

TAKE A HAY RIDE.

PETTING ZOO AND KIDDIE TRAIN FOR CHILDREN.



Please let us know if you will be able to attend by Sunday, May 26. You can sign the attached slip and drop it in the offering plate, mail or email Rev. Lou Nyiri (gpclou@embarqmail.com), or phone the church office (334-1235, ext. 4).

-----Tear off-----

Ice Cream Social—Number from your household who plan to attend: _____

Upcoming at the Contemporary Worship Service:

Each Sunday from May 19th through June 16th, Pastors Dave and Lou will teach a sermon series about the book of Philippians. This short book has profound wisdom and encouragement for Christians living today. We are asked to read the (short) book of Philippians each week, to better understand their teachings.

Let's Stump the Pastor!!

On Sunday, 6/23/13, at the 9:30 CWS, Pastor Dave will be answering questions from the congregation. If you have a question that you would like to have answered, please give it to Libby Crowe after any CWS service or e-mail it to her at fourcrows@embarqmail.com. There will also be an opportunity to text last-minute questions during the service. We did this last summer; it was informative and fun!

Also on June 23, we will be treated to a liturgical dance by Lisamarie Marks and some of the students from her dance studio.

June 30th will be the last Sunday for the Praise Band until September. They will take the rest of the summer off for some much-needed rest, and the Youth Band will take over for the months of July and August at 9:00 a.m. Also on June 30th, there will be a sign language interpretation of the song "Shout to the Lord."

Friendship Pads

There are two purposes for these pads. One is to identify and get information from guests who worship with us. The other is to help us keep track of worship attendance by our members. In a large church like ours, it's easy for folks to get "lost through the cracks." Tracking worship attendance helps us identify those whose worship attendance is changing so we can contact them to be sure everything is alright. You can help us out by filling out the pads each week!



Adult Sunday School Class Begins on June 2nd

This summer (June 2 - Aug. 25) we will be offering an adult Sunday School class based on the book of 1 Peter. The study book we have chosen for this class is Be Hopeful: How to Make the Best of Times Out of Your Worst of Times. This class will be held at 9:30 a.m. downstairs in the MacAskill Room (9:00 a.m. during the months of July & August) and will be taught by Andy Miner and Chuck Teague. You do not have to sign up for this Sunday school class; just come whenever time allows and enter into the interesting discussion!

Baltimore Street Driveway

For the safety of pedestrian and vehicle traffic during peak times, such as Sunday morning worship, please follow the one-way direction of the Baltimore St. driveway. When dropping off or picking up individuals at the Fellowship Hall entrance, enter from Baltimore Street and exit via the parking lot.

"What Do We Believe?"

A new feature has begun on our website. Pastor Dave will post periodic articles on the theme "What Do We Believe?" The first one is already up, entitled, "What is a Christian?" The idea of this feature is to introduce people to the basics of Christian belief. We welcome suggestions for future topics!

“Philippians Challenge!”

Our pastors are preaching from the book of Philippians until June 16. It's a brief letter from Paul to Christians in Philippi, Greece. We are challenging the congregation to read this brief letter each week during the preaching series! Can you rise to the challenge?"



NEED A RIDE?

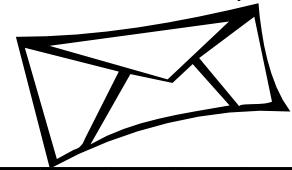
If you are having trouble attending church services and/or church functions due to not having transportation, let the Deacons help you. We are only a phone call away. The transportation Deacon for May is Bonnie Wright, 398-2411.

CELEBRATION OFFERING

In this newsletter you will find an envelope for Celebration of Giving.

The PW Mission Celebration Offering helps fund the mission work of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and largely finances the operating budgets of Presbyterian Women at the churchwide, synod, presbytery and congregation levels. Contributions support the church's evangelism, church planting, education and justice work as well as ministry to children, youth, older adults, new immigrants, rural, urban and suburban populations across the United States and around the world.

The largest beneficiary of the PW Celebration Offering is the denomination. Without this, the church's ministry in the world would shrink. For Presbyterian Women, the mission pledge makes possible programs, resources, scholarships, events and much more.



"I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM, WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!"

Mark your Calendars! Monday, June 17th for ***Region B Camp Krislund Fundraiser Day at Mr. G's Ice Cream Shop!*** 404 Baltimore St. Gburg, 12:00 noon til closing. Together, Great Conewago, Gettysburg Presbyterian and Lower Marsh Creek Churches will participate in raising money for Camp Krislund just by eating ice cream!!! Our pastors will serve as a celebrity scoopers! 20% of each sale will go to Krislund. Tickets are needed for the credit to be applied to Camp Krislund. Contact Rev. Candace Nyiri if you have any questions! 717-339-6511



Carlisle Presbytery – Region B **Camp Krislund Fundraiser** **Mr. G's Ice Cream**


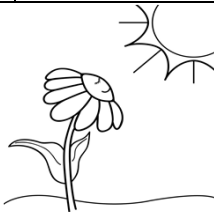
404 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg, PA

Monday, June 17, 2013

Must present this ticket at time of purchase

Celebrity scoopers provided by:

Great Conewago, Lower Marsh Creek and Gettysburg Presbyterian Churches

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 8:30 - 12:00 GPC WORK DAY
2 Confirmation & Commissioning Sunday Senior Recognition 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 11:00 a.m. Christian Ed. 6:30 p.m. Ice Cream Social at the Round Barn	3 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Mission & Interpretation 7:30 p.m. Gettysburg High School Baccalaureate	4 8:30 a.m. Sewing Workshop 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision	5 12:00 p.m. Men's Interfaith 6:00 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	6 10:00 a.m. Mom's Board 6:30 p.m. Adult Discipleship	7	8
9 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting 12:15 p.m. Deacons Mtg. 12:15 p.m. Property Comm. 4:00 p.m. Session Meeting	10 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 6:00 p.m. Mary Martha Circle 7:00 p.m. Worship & Music 7:00 p.m. Cancer Support Group	11 7:30 a.m. Habitat Board Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Honduras Packing Party	12 6:00 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Picnic @ the Wright's Home 6:00 p.m. Welcome & Outreach 7:15 p.m. Contemporary Worship Ministry Team Mtg.	13 12:00 p.m. Young @ Heart picnic @ Homewood at Plum Creek 5:30 p.m. Arc Parents	14 5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal	15 4:00 p.m North Wedding Honduras Mission leaves
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16 Father's Day Workcamp Commissioning 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 	17 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 12:00 p.m. Elizabeth Circle V A C A T I O N B I B L E S C H O O L	18 6:30 p.m. Heart Healthy Grp. 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision	19 6:00 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir & Adult Vocal Ensemble	20 12:00 Noon Newsletter Deadline 9:00 a.m. Dollars for Scholars 11:00 a.m. Esther Circle 6:15 p.m. Gastric Bypass Support Grp. 7:00 p.m. High School Workcamp Packing Party	21 10:15 a.m. Flute Choir	22 Youth Workcamp leaves (leaves approx. 7:00 a.m.)
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23	24 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop	25	26 6:00 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 7:00 p.m. Healthcare 4 All	27 5:30 p.m. Arc Parents	28	29 Youth Workcamp Returns
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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, May 30, 2013

May/June 2013 GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

5/26	Philippians Series: Christ's Humility and Ours (Phil. 2: 1-11)
6/2	Philippians Series: GIGO (Phil. 3: 1-11)
6/9	Philippians Series: Rejoice in the Lord (Phil. 4: 4-14)
6/16	Philippians Series: Getting Along with Difficult People (Phil. 4:2-13)
6/23	Thomas: Stepping Out in Faith (John 20)