

# GRAPEVINE

## "The Pastor's Page"

June 4, 2014

### "Let's Go Fly a Kite"

Our family made full use of a winter snow day to go see a matinee showing of the movie Saving Mr. Banks. This movie tells the story behind the making of PL Travers beloved Mary Poppins into a Disney classic. Mrs. Travers (never Pamela) was not keen on making the movie, so much so that she requested and was granted a say in the creative process. Travers was a tough sell, to say the least. However, in my favorite scene in the movie she begins to have a change of heart and moves her foot from side to side to the song "Let's Go Fly a Kite." She even takes the hand offered her and dances around the room as the cast sings in unison, "Let's go fly a kite. Up to the highest height. Up to the atmosphere. Up where the air is clear. Let's go fly a kite."

There is an almost palpable hope as one prepares to launch a kite.

Kite-flying is a wonderful metaphor for the Christian faith and especially for the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Some have found kite-flying to be a parallel to Good Friday's anticipation of Jesus' victory over death. Some have illustrated Christ's Ascension by flying a kite, then cutting its string so it disappears into the sky. While kite-flying is a good example of Ascension, I see similarities between the act of flying a kite and sanctification – the process by which we are made holy as a direct result of the Holy Spirit's activity in our lives. Kite flying resembles our hope and desire to be caught by God's love and lifted to heights unimaginable.

In Saving Mr. Banks, we learn that Mary Poppins isn't about saving the children – it's about helping their father find hope again and grace to be better. "Let's Go Fly a Kite" is the song he sings signifying his change of heart.

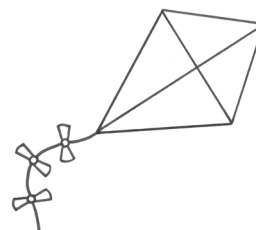
As a church we prepare for Pentecost, when the promised Holy Spirit is delivered and the church is enlivened to go and make disciples. May we continue to actively engage with the Holy Spirit as God transforms us into faithful disciples – *up to the atmosphere or wherever we find ourselves*.

Kite Flyingly Yours,

*Lou*

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# New Members

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Gettysburg, PA 17325  
387-1088  
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Randy Inskip  
105 Spring Creek Circle  
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Hanover, PA 17331  
630-9062



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**Words of thanks** seem inadequate for the warm and gracious welcome you have given me as your new DCE. The welcome basket, as well as the meals were wonderful and gratefully appreciated. I hope that we will have an opportunity for you to stop in and introduce yourselves and tell me a little about your story so that I can get to know you better. Again, thank you so much for the warm welcome.

Cheryl Betts

## Church Work Day - May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014



The church workday volunteers enjoyed perfect weather and completed nine projects planned for the day. The projects ranged from gardening, to painting, to power washing, to carpentry. One project, which is still to be completed, has Rich Miner and Karl Souder replacing the lattice on the back stairs to the storage barn. This will be completed in the very near future. Our volunteers worked side by side in Christian fellowship and they should be recognized for their efforts; Lucy Breighner, Ross Brownley, Sal Chandon, Amy Deitch, Cathy Gardner, John Horner, Ralph Lambert, Andy Miner, Rich Miner, Karl Souders, Barry Wareham, Chooch Wells, and Scot Zanger.

Please accept my thanks and appreciation for the giving of your time and effort on this church workday.

Jim Gardner  
Property Elder

**Congratulations to Pastor Lou Nyiri**, who was installed as vice moderator of the Presbytery of Carlisle on Tuesday, May 27! Lou moderated the second half of the Presbytery meeting which took place at Lost Creek Presbyterian Church in McAlisterville, PA. Lou is also serving as a commissioner to our General Assembly this month in Detroit!

## GPC is looking for a few good Techies!

Do you have a Facebook addiction, love to tweet, or how about mad skills with the internet or smart phone? The Welcome & Outreach Ministry Team is seeking volunteers to serve on a Social Media Task Force. The mission of the Social Media Task Force will be to "enhance our communications" and investigate how GPC can utilize technology to bring the word of Christ to folks who may be shut-in, college students studying away from home, or to individuals who may be seeking a church home. If you would like to be part of this effort please contact Peter North at 337-1496, or better yet email, [pnorth@gettysburg.edu](mailto:pnorth@gettysburg.edu)

## Dear Ladies of My Church Family:

Thank you so much for inviting me to the Spring Presbyterian Women's Banquet and for recognizing me as a senior about to graduate and go to college. The dinner was delicious and the beautiful yellow rose you gave me was so nice to receive. You made me feel very special and I will miss going to our church while I'm at school. Luckily for me I chose to go to Messiah College and plan on singing each week in their Sunday Contemporary Service. I am truly blessed to have a wonderful Church family and fantastic women as role models.

Love,  
Alexandra Chandon

## Vacation Bible School — June 16—19

"49 A.D.— Adventures of Paul!" will be our theme for Vacation Bible School this year, as we explore Bible stories about Paul's life and ministry. The program is open to all children ages 3 through Grade 5 (completed). It will be held on June 16—19 from 9:00 a.m. —12:15 p.m.. Registration deadline is June 8. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Fee will be \$5.00/child or \$10.00/family. Below you will find a list of personnel and supplies needed. Contact Libby at 334-1235, ext. 7 or [fourcrows@embarqmail.com](mailto:fourcrows@embarqmail.com), when you know how you can be part of our program.

Thanks for all your help!

### PERSONNEL HELP STILL NEEDED!!!

1 Leader for 5-year-olds

10 Volunteers needed for "Roman Marketplace" - help  
children complete crafts for 1 1/2 hours each morning

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

Teen Aides (completed Grade 6 or older)

### Supplies Needed

Old nail polish  
Metal washers (various sizes:  
2" to 3")  
Straight straws (no bends)  
Yarn (all colors)  
Old CDs or DVDs  
Large marbles ("shooters")  
Quart & Gallon Zip-Loc Bags  
Clear Contact Paper

Colored Tissue Paper  
Gift Cards for Wal-Mart  
Scrap Wood (approx. 4" x 6")  
1/2" brass nails  
Cross-stitch thread  
(any color)  
Fabric Markers  
Permanent Markers

Florist wire  
Round beads with holes  
Empty egg cartons  
Any dried herbs

Items Needed to Borrow:  
Mortar & Pestles

### Want to cook for VBS?

For Bible School snacks, we need the following baked items:

8 dozen 3" heart shaped sugar cookies

Contact Libby if you can help out with any of these. Thanks!

# Upcoming Events:

## April & May Music Schedule

June 8	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
June 15	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
June 22	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
June 29	8:15 a.m.	Bonnie Wright
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## Summer Worship Schedule

Summer is coming  
and that means it will soon be time  
for our Summer Worship Schedule!

In July and August,  
this will be our worship schedule:

**9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship**

**10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship**

See you in worship this Summer!

## New Adult Sunday School Class

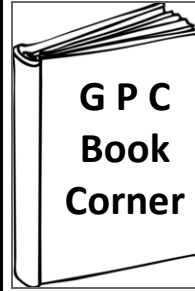
During the summer, Andy Miner will teach an exploratory class about the 2nd book of Peter. This will be held in the MacAskill Room from 9:30 - 10:30.

Andy's class continues weekly through the end of July.

## 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 June is Jean Holder at 334-6678.



My husband, Jim, is a great book finder. He volunteers once a week at the Friends of the Library Book Store and is always bringing home or telling me about a book or books that would be a great addition to the Crane Library. The FOL Book Store is amazing, great finds for cheap prices. (Like how I got in a plug for the FOL Book Store?) It is worth your time to take a quick peek at it. Anyway, I digress!

Jim found two books in the Religion Section that I thought were interesting and worth a second look. The first one is Lost Scriptures by Bart Ehrman and the second is Lost Christianities also by Mr. Ehrman. I will be honest; I have not read either book but was given a copy of another one of Mr. Ehrman's books, entitled The Gospel of Judas, which I did read.

In the Lost Scriptures, Mr. Ehrman discusses the writings that did not make it into the Bible. Some of these Gospels were supposedly authored by Philip, James, brother of Jesus, and Mary Magdalene. In his anthology a total of fifteen Gospels, not included in the New Testament, shows us different texts that we as Christians may not be familiar with. Not everyone will agree with Mr. Ehrman's opinion and content but it makes for interesting reading and discussions.

In the Lost Christianities, Mr. Ehrman discusses the different beliefs that were flourishing in the early Christian church community. Apparently there were many different sects. He talks about the politics, the power and the different ideas that these early Christians wrestled with during that very interesting time. Once again we read to learn and to help form our ideas.

The Gospel of Judas was a very interesting read. The papyrus pages of this lost Gospel were allegedly found in a cave in Egypt and were said to have been lost for over 1600 years. This is a very different Judas than we have read about in the New Testament. Judas describes himself as the disciple chosen by Jesus to betray him. I suppose if I had betrayed my friend, teacher and the Son of God for thirty pieces of silver, I would try and put my best foot forward in my autobiography, too!

I think what is worthwhile about books like this is that it enables us to think about other ideas and beliefs so that we can ask questions and learn more about our faith. So, Dave, Lou, and Harry get ready for questions about the early Christian Church and how the Bible was written. I certainly don't claim to understand but I do enjoy reading about the history, and learning about different people from the Bible. I think that knowledge is important in our faith and we should strive to continue to learn more.

I hope I haven't scared anybody away from taking a look at these three books. They will be on the Book Mobile and I look forward to comments and feedback if you do take a look at them. Enjoy!

Let The Conversation Begin!  
Cathy

## Please Wear Red!



Sunday, June 8, 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. If you don't own any red clothing, please come to church anyway!



## CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Upcoming games are as follows:

Date	Field
Thursday, June 12	Freedom Valley Worship Center - 3185 York Rd.
Thursday, June 19	First Baptist Church - 1015 Chambersburg Rd.
Tuesday, June 24	Freedom Valley Worship Center - 3185 York Rd.
Tuesday, July 1	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. All fans welcome (bring a lawn chair).

## Young at Heart

Our June get-together will be a picnic on **Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon** hosted by Don and Gwen Scofield in the pavilion at Homewood 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.

This will also be our final meeting before taking a summer break – meetings will resume again September 11th. 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 9<sup>th</sup>** at 359-8896 or email us at [pwisor@hotmail.com](mailto:pwisor@hotmail.com).

## **From July 1 to August 31**

Penny Messinger,  
GPC's Administrative  
Assistant,  
is on **"summer hours"**  
which are:

Mon. - Thurs.  
**8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
**& off on Fridays.**

## **Contemporary Worship Outdoors!**

There will be a Contemporary Worship service  
on June 15<sup>th</sup> at the  
Gettysburg Recreation Park at the Kiwanis Pavilion



Come and enjoy worshiping our Lord outdoors, surrounded by his beautiful creation. The service will be held during the usual Contemporary Worship time, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.



## Church Parking Lot **C L O S E D** on July 16

Again this year, Wal-Mart is providing a tractor-trailer to take all of the clothing, toys, linens, etc. that you have donated to the Lakota Reservation in South Dakota. Our packing day is Wednesday, July 16. In order to accommodate the tractor-trailer that day, the church parking lot will be closed to all vehicles (except the staff). Thank you for understanding, and thank you for giving so generously to this mission project.

### 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)

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



### USED CLOTHING NEEDED FOR S. DAKOTA (Deadline June 30)



We have many donated clothes for S. Dakota, thanks to your generosity. But we have room for 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. **We also need stuffed toys in GOOD shape. Thanks! \*\*\***

### CONDOLENC-

Our thoughts & prayers are with Barry and Becky Wareham and their family as they grieve the death of Barry's mom, Betty Jo Wareham-Sahler.

### **"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:

**June**

We are collecting items for  
**Tender Care  
Pregnancy Center**

Baby Supplies—new hooded baby towels; Good Start Formula; diapers sizes 4,5,6; new spring & summer outfits; baby wipes, baby wash & lotion; diaper cream.

## **Ice Cream Social at the Historic Round Barn**

**WHEN: SUNDAY EVENING, JUNE 8, 6:00-8:00**

**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. (from 6:00—6:30)

SING ALONG WITH YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS.

TAKE A HAY RIDE.



KIDDIE TRAIN FOR CHILDREN.

## **MISSION TRIPS**

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR ALL OUR MISSION TRIPS THIS SUMMER!

JUNE 20-28

TEEN WORKCAMP IN TENNESSEE

JUNE 21-JULY 1

HONDURAS MEDICAL & DENTAL TRIP

JULY 14-21

MEXICO TRIP (YUCATAN)

JULY 17-27

SOUTH DAKOTA TRIP (LAKOTA RESERVATION)

YOU'LL BE HEARING REPORTS IN WORSHIP  
AFTER OUR GROUPS RETURN.

## **PW CIRCLES**

### **Elizabeth Circle**

**Monday, June 16, 12:00 p.m.**

Hostess: Joan Pore

755 McClellan Dr.

Gettysburg, PA

337-1718

### **Mary Martha Circle**

**Monday, June 16, 6:00 p.m.**

Hostess: Patti Schwartz

60 Gordon Rd.

Fairfield, PA

334-4609

### **Esther Circle**

**IS NOT MEETING IN JUNE**

\*\* Bible Study Books for 2014-2015 will be available

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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



**Next Newsletter Deadline:**  
**Noon, Thursday, June 12, 2014**

## **June 2014 - GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

Contemporary Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

<b>June 8</b>	<b>Romans' Greatest Hits: Is It Predestination or Free Will?</b> <b>Pentecost Sunday</b> <b>Welcome Cheryl Betts, new Director of Christian Education</b> <b>Honduras Commissioning</b> <b>Confirmation - Commissioning</b>
<b>June 15</b>	<b>Romans' Greatest Hits: Perseverance of the Saints</b> <b>Workcamp Commissioning</b> <b>South Carolina Report</b>
<b>June 22</b>	<b>Romans' Greatest Hits: Present Your Bodies</b>
<b>June 29</b>	<b>Romans' Greatest Hits: Marks of a Christian</b>