

GRAPEVINE

"The Pastor's Page"

September 11, 2013

"Peace at all times in all ways" 2013 Peacemaking Offering

The theme of this year's Peacemaking Offering is "Peace at all times in all ways" *2 Thessalonians 3:16*. This special offering will be used to support six local missions that bring peace to people's lives in our community. The goal is to provide each organization with \$600 to \$700. A portion of the funds will also go to the Presbyterian Church (USA) to support the larger effort of peacemaking throughout the world. If each GPC household is able to contribute just \$10, we will meet our goal and provide needed funds to the following ministries:

Gettysburg Soup Kitchen - serving hot meals to those who are hungry, seven days a week, including holidays. As many as 80 meals a day were served during the past three months.

Survivors, Inc. - helping women and families escape the cycle of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Meals-n-More - providing hot lunches plus spiritual and academic enrichment for elementary age children during the summer months.

South Central Community Action Programs (SCCAP)-
Food Pantry- serving 1,100 hungry people per month in Gettysburg alone.
Homeless Shelter- providing individuals and families with temporary space while developing a plan for after the shelter stay ends.

Mission of Mercy - providing free health care, dental care, and prescription medication to the uninsured and the underinsured at a monthly mobile clinic.

Between now and September 29, please consider deeply and prayerfully how you will respond to Jesus' call to bring peace to the lives of others by being the body of Christ and then return your Peacemaking Offering envelope (included in this newsletter) in worship.

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Congratulations to Rebecca & Glenn Zepp
who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary
on August 3, 2013.

A cartoon illustration of a blue Volkswagen Beetle car. The car is shown from a front-three-quarter view, facing right. It has a rounded body, a black roof, and a black antenna on the right side. The wheels are black with yellow centers. The car is set against a plain white background.

Mike Crowe on the recent death of his brother.

Upcoming Events:

September Music Schedule

Sept. 15	8:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Early Choir Adult Choir
Sept. 22	8:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Adult Bell Choir Youth Bell Choir Youth Choir
Sept. 29	8:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Combined Choirs Combined Choirs

Our
Preschool Sunday School Class
needs a helper
from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
each Sunday morning.

If you are a teen or adult and willing to help
once a month, please let Phyllis know at
334-1235, ext. 5 or
gpcdce@embarqmail.com. Thanks!

"Spare Clothes for the Nursery"



We need a small
supply of young
children's clothes



(ages 1-4) to keep as spares in the
nursery. If you have a few items your
child has outgrown, please
bring them to Phyllis' office.



Thanks!



HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

September

September 15	5:30 - 6:30	Parent/Youth Info Night & Ice Cream Social
September 22	5:30 - 7:00	Kick-Off Picnic (details forthcoming)
September 29	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner, Fellowship & Games

MidSHIP Schedule

September

September 15	5:30 - 6:30	Parent/Youth Info Night & Ice Cream Social
September 18	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group
September 22	5:30 - 7:00	Kick-Off Picnic (details to follow)
September 25	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group
September 29	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner, Fellowship & Games

Communion Preparation Class on September 26

Our annual Communion Preparation Class for children in Grades 4 and older will be held on Thursday, Sept. 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the MacAskill Room. This class, led by Pastor Dave and Phyllis Dowd, will prepare these children/youth to receive communion in worship. Please contact Phyllis at 334-1235, ext. 5 or gpcdce@embarqmail.com to enroll your child.

PW Rummage and Bake Sale - October 18 & 19

Please call Kathy Kircher 357-1175 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, Oct. 18, 8:30 to 5:00, Sat. Oct. 19, 8:30 to noon.

Lunch will be served on Friday.

Drop-offs: Monday, Oct. 14, put everything in the corner next to the main outside entrance in Fellowship Hall. **Deadline for drop-offs is Thursday, Oct. 17 by noon.**



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

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

Plants: May drop off Mon. or Tues., but be sure they are moist. Wed. and Thurs. is the best time to bring them.

Clean-up: Saturday Oct. 19 noon until complete.

Volunteers are needed!!! The more help, the faster and easier big projects get done. Please call Kathy if you can help.

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

Primary Choir

All children ages 3 - 2nd grade are invited to join the Primary Choir. We practice right after Sunday School each Sunday morning for about 15 minutes. The children will be directed right across the hall to the Sunflower Room, and there is no need to sign up. We sing three times a year during the 11:00 service. See you THIS SUNDAY!

Carrie Trax
Wendy Brubaker
Jen Unger

Exploring Membership Class

Sunday, October 6, 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, October 6. 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.



Mark Your Calendar for KIDS CLUB

Kids Club, our program for children ages K - Grade 2, will be held this Fall on Mondays from Oct. 28—Nov. 25. Two identical programs from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. will be offered each week. Registration forms will be mailed out in late September.

Opportunities to Grow!

The Fall season brings a whole host of opportunities to grow in your faith here at GPC!

Worship Services at 8:15, 9:30, and 11:00AM.

Join a choir. Help with the praise band. Work in the nursery or help usher or greet.

Sunday School Classes at 9:30AM.

Great options for children, youth, and adults! Check it out!

Small Groups will meet during Oct. and Nov. and will explore the meaning of Stewardship.

More Opportunities for Children and Youth- choirs, youth groups, Kids Club, Youth Club, Communion Preparation.

Service: Soup Kitchen, Monthly Calendar of Giving, CROP Walk.

Foundations for the Future Capital Campaign.

Many opportunities to serve, and of course, to give!

"...we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love." (Eph. 4:15,16)

Disciples of Jesus Christ are called to continue their growth. The opportunities are here. What will you do?

Confirmation-Commissioning Class

In baptism we promise to walk alongside youth in the hope they will one day confirm their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord & Savior. Within the Presbyterian Church, confirmation-commissioning is the formal step for youth to publicly identify their life's focus as a Christian. This class seeks to give youth in grades 10 (and any youth in grades 11 and 12 who have not participated in the class) an open forum to discuss their faith in preparation to unite in membership with the GPC family.

Students will discuss topics such as: What is the church? What is worship? Who is God? Why are God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit important for Christians? Rev. Nyiri will teach most of the classes, with Rev. Wright and other teachers teaching some classes as well.

The class will meet Sunday mornings along with the whole 9th-12th grade Sunday School class from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the Youth Room. We look forward to taking this next step of faith with you, so plan to attend. Classes began September 15th and run through June 1st or 8th. For more information or to sign up for the class please contact Rev. Nyiri at: 717-334-1235, ext. 4 or gpclou@embarqmail.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES

"Bad Girls of the Bible"

Sept. 8 - Nov. 10

All women are invited to join us for a 10-week study of ten Biblical women. Some women in the Bible are "bad for a moment", some "bad for a season," and some "bad to the bone." Come find out who they are and what we can learn from them! We will base our discussions on the book "Bad Girls of the Bible" by Liz Curtis Higgs who has written several books on women in the Bible. Copies of this book will be available for \$10.

Come join us in the downstairs front room of Paideia House from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Some of you may have been part of this study almost 10 years ago, so come join us for a refresher course! We look forward to seeing all of you there!

Phyllis Dowd & Donna Heebner.

"Interactions Between Science & Religion"

Sept. 8 - 15 - 22

Dr. Joseph Shane

9:30 a.m. in the MacAskil Room

Come join us as we continue an interesting series on science and religion, led by a fellow Presbyterian, Dr. Joseph Shane.

This Sunday some historical background will be covered, including the impact of late 19th and early 20th century Christian Fundamentalism. The final session will focus on more contemporary issues as well as the perspectives of many "boundary pioneers" who work to reconcile scientific and religious perspectives.

Dr. Shane is an Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Science Education at Shippensburg University. In addition to serving as department chair and teaching chemistry, he teaches science education classes and supervises student teachers. His interest in interactions between science and religion began in earnest following the 2005 *Kitzmiller v. Dover Area School Board* trial. He also serves as Clerk of Session at First Presbyterian Church in Carlisle.

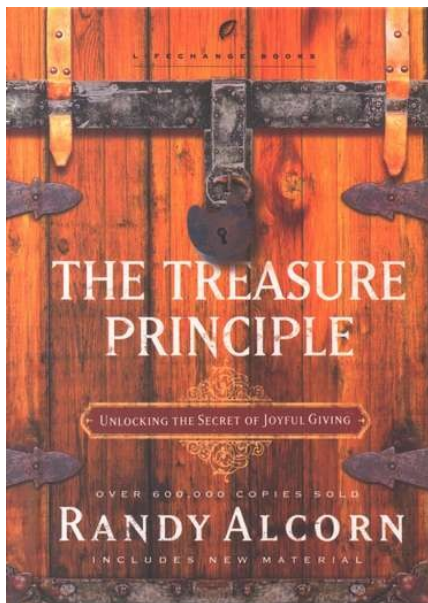


Home Communion

If you have been homebound and unable to receive communion in worship, please let us know. We would love to bring communion to you in your home. Please contact Rev. Lou Nyiri in the church office (334-1235, ext. 4) to make arrangements.

2013 Fall Book Study – Groups are forming now!

Flip-Flop Your Concept of Giving!



In Randy Alcorn's *The Treasure Principle*, you'll unearth a radical teaching of Jesus—a secret wrapped up in giving. Once you discover this secret, life will never look the same. The Treasure Principle believes that God really does own everything, takes care of us, and graciously puts assets into our hands that we might have the joy and privilege of investing in what will last for eternity.

Join us for a 6-week study during the weeks of
October 6 – November 10

Sign-ups will begin September 22 in Fellowship Hall.
For information on leading or joining a book group,
contact Linda Thompson at 817-0212 or lthomp999@gmail.com

Nursery Care on Sunday Mornings

Nursery care for ages 0 - 2 is offered each Sunday morning from 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon. We have regular paid staff, supplemented by volunteers. The Staff include:

7:30 - 8:15 a.m.	Cheryl Gochenauer
8:15 - 9:15 a.m.	Bronte Fennimore
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Kathy Kircher
	Nichol Hare
	Sydney Tomassini
	Emma Bahm
	Emily Clark
10:30 - 12:00 p.m.	Kathy Kircher
	Nichol Hare
	Emily Clark

**So bring your little ones to our
beautiful, sunny, decorated nursery!**

"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:

September

"Manos Unidas"

Office Supplies - reams of paper, Post-It notes, pens, pencils, file folders, tablets, craft supplies, washable paints, paintbrushes, crayons, glue, colored markers, construction paper.

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

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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
- * worship weekly



Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, September 19, 2013

September / October 2013
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

September 15	The High School Reunion - (1 Timothy 1: 12-17) Peacemaking Minute for Mission
September 22	Mr. October, Mr. Riddle & Mrs. Jeffries
September 29	Jars of Clay (2 Corinthians 4) Peacemaking Offering
October 6	The Gospel in 7 Words Communion