

GRAPEVINE

October 3, 2012

Did Jesus Really Have a Wife?

Some of you probably heard about the recent discovery of an ancient papyrus scrap that quotes Jesus as telling his disciples about his wife. A couple of you even called me about it. Let me make a few observations.

First, from a theological perspective, there is no problem with Jesus having a wife or even fathering children. We confess freely that Jesus was fully human as well as fully God. There is nothing in our understanding of Jesus' identity that would preclude him from being married.

But he probably wasn't. The best and earliest documents we have, the four gospels, were authored when people who knew Jesus were still living. None of them refer to Jesus being married, nor do any of the early Christian letters in the New Testament, also written in the first century A.D. It's likely they would have mentioned his marriage if he had a wife.

This newly discovered papyrus scrap, along with many of the so-called gospels you hear about, were written much later, in the 3rd or 4th centuries. They were written with an obvious purpose in mind- usually proposing a different gospel influenced by Greek philosophy called Gnosticism.

These kinds of discoveries come along every few years with a lot of hoopla, but wise Christians take them with a grain of salt as they carefully investigate the claims being made. I'm always glad to talk with any of you about these things!

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Dave

Ever wonder who your Calendar of Giving donations help?

Read this letter from Survivors, Inc.

"Thank you for your gift to Survivors, Inc. It is support such as yours that empowers Survivors, Inc. to meet the needs of those whose lives have been challenged and forever changed by domestic violence and sexual assault.

On behalf of all of us at Survivors, our heartfelt thanks. Your generosity, compassion, and kindness assists us in positively impacting the lives of individuals and families in their time of need. We could not be here without the support of the community, and the recognition that battering and rape are not acceptable. Together we can work to create a world where violence of any sort is unthinkable. One person at a time.

Thank you for your gifts of diapers, twin sheets, toilet paper, wipes, "sippy" cups and toothpaste."

(see page 7 for the October Calendar of Giving recipient.)

Reflections from a Contemporary Worshiper

Often I will text my friend lyrics from a praise and worship song we have recently sung. It is amazing to me how many times I will be going through a certain situation, trial, or even celebration, and we will sing a song that seems like it was written specifically for me. The words I couldn't find, the emotions I couldn't express, the joy or praise I couldn't define are articulated perfectly through the lyrics of a song. Not to mention that it occurs within a perfect paradox-- I alone am singing, crying out to my God, and yet I also am singing in fellowship and perfect harmony to God with all those around me. I can think of nothing better than gathering together and singing songs of praise and worship to our God. "Turn the music loud, lift my voice and shout: From where I am; from where I've been, He's been there with me... So let his people sing, sing, sing." (Open Skies, by David Crowder Band)

Megan Pilarcik

Thanks, Wendy & Heather

Did you notice that someone has been "sprucing up" our bulletin boards? That would be Wendy Brubaker and Heather Tschop. Thanks, Wendy, for your display of Sunday School class pictures in Fellowship Hall. And thanks, Heather, for re-covering many of the bulletin boards in our children's Sunday School rooms.

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 October is John Tschop 338-9079.





Julie Lochary is a 9 year old member of GPC who is fighting a form of pediatric brain cancer known as **Medulloblastoma**

Located at:
Gettysburg
Presbyterian
Church
208 Baltimore St.
Gettysburg

Come out and help Julie in her fight against cancer.

Contact
Phyllis Dowd
334-1235
Ext. 5
for Tickets

Benefit for

Julie Lochary

**CHICKEN
DINNER**

BAKE SALE

**SILENT
AUCTION**

**DON'T MISS This Delicious,
Mouth-Watering
Event!**

**November
11th
12pm-2pm**



CHICKEN DINNER 2 pieces, Baked Potato, Apple Sauce, Roll & Butter and a Beverage @ \$8.00 per dinner

Carryout available beginning at 10:45 a.m. for GPC members

SILENT AUCTION including items from:

*The Gettysburg Hotel

*Party Lite

*Scentsy

*Beijo Bags

*Thirty-One

*Mary Kay Cosmetics



...and many more local businesses

Bidding ends 11/11 at 2:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

September / October Music Schedule

Oct. 7	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
Oct. 14	8:15 a.m.	Chapel Bell Choir Chapel Choir Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Primary Choir Adult Choir
Oct. 21	8:15 a.m.	Youth Bell Choir Youth Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Bell Choir
Oct. 28	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir

Grief Support Series Begins October 28th

We will once again offer our four-week grief support group entitled: "Dealing with Grief and Loss: Hope in the Midst of Pain." The group will be led by Charlotte Winsheimer and Anne Gallon, two of our Stephen Ministry Leaders. The group will meet on Sunday afternoons from October 28th through November 18th in the Crane Library from Noon to 1:00 p.m. The group is open to anyone who has experienced death or loss of a spouse or loved one and who would be interested in exploring their experience further with others in the same situation. If you have any questions or would like to sign up for the group, please contact Lou Nyiri at gpclo@embarqmail.com or 334-1235, ext. 4. In order to make appropriate plans we do ask that you sign up in advance by October 22nd.

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

October

October 7	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner, Fellowship & Games
October 10	5:30 - 7:00	The "12" Small Group
October 14	12:15 - 3:30	Pizza & Bowling
October 17	5:30 - 7:00	The "12" Small Group
October 21	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner, Fellowship & Games
October 24	5:30 - 7:00	The "12" Small Group
October 28	5:30 - 7:00	Halloween Party

MidSHIP Schedule

October

October 3	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group
October 7	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner, Fellowship & Games
October 10	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group
October 14	12:15 - 3:30	Pizza & Bowling
October 17	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group
October 21	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner, Fellowship & Games
October 24	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group
October 28	5:30 - 7:00	Halloween Party

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN in Carlisle Presbytery GATHERING October 20, 2012

Progress Immanuel Presbyterian Church,
Harrisburg, PA

Program: Devotions, Business Meeting,
Report on 2011 PW Global Mission Trip to
India by Rev. Jane DeFord; making dresses
for Africa.

Call Sarah Lambert (334-4667) for directions
to the church or a ride.

MEALS & MORE

Meals and More is an interfaith summer educational enrichment program that helps children who face many challenges in their lives. Some of them are homeless, others are abused or neglected, and all live with hunger issues. The program is held at Prince of Peace Church across the street and runs for 9 weeks from mid-June to mid-August. Their first fundraiser for next summer's program will be held at Hoss's Restaurant on Thursday, November 1st. If you eat anytime between noon and 8pm and present a ticket, 20% of the proceeds will go to Meals and More. Please see Pam Rowland or Penny for tickets.

PW CIRCLES

Elizabeth Circle

Monday, Oct. 15, 1:00 p.m.

Paideia House, First Floor

Hostess: Kay Hoch

Lesson 2: (PLEASE READ)

1 Peter 1: 1-25; John 4: 7-21

Mary Martha Circle

Monday, Oct. 15, 7:00 p.m.

Hostess: Kathy Wark

87 Twin Lakes Dr.

Gettysburg, PA

334-5800

Lesson Facilitator: Jean LeGros

Lesson 2: 1 Peter 1: 1-25; John 4: 7-21

Esther Circle

Thursday, Oct. 18, 10:00 a.m.

Eisenhower Lounge at GPC

Study Leader: Susan Kolmer

Lesson 2:

1 Peter 1: 1-25; John 4: 7-21



Young at Heart on October 11, 2012

In October we will be traveling to Hollabaugh Brothers Fruit Farm and Market, 545 Carlisle Rd. in Biglerville. We will carpool from the church using the church van and cars as needed, meeting at the church at 11:00 and leaving no later than 11:15. At 11:45 we will tour the farm on a handicap-accessible wagon ride, learn about bees in the bee room, and have time to shop at the farm market. After the tour we will head to the Apple Bin Restaurant for lunch around 1:30, ordering off the menu.

The cost of the tour (rain or shine) is \$7.00 per person and is non-refundable. Those interested in attending, please mail a check made out to **Gettysburg Presbyterian Church** to Dick Wisor at 7 Preserve Drive, Littlestown, PA 17340. The check should arrive no later than **Monday, October 8th**. Any questions can be directed to Dick Wisor at 717-359-8896 or at pwisor@hotmail.com.



Spotlight on Missions Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Our church supports the Fellowship of Christian Athletes whose mission is "To present to athletes and coaches, and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church".

The Gettysburg High School Huddle meets Fridays, 7:00 AM at the High School. Coach Bair is the huddle coach. On average 15-20 youth attend the meetings. These feature a devotion led by a student and a time of prayer for each other, the school, and that they be empowered as Christian disciples/examples to their peers.

Since FCA came into existence in 1954, the local church has been a vital teammate. FCA is interdenominational, its focus always on the person of Jesus Christ, thus it helps the church reach athletes with the gospel. The FCA ministry attempts to meet people where they are in their spiritual journey and, through the appropriate message and methods, move them toward commitment to Christ and spiritual growth. They approach their mission through the local "huddle", summer camps, athletic camps and sports camps. They are supported by adult volunteer leaders who may belong to an Adult chapter.

We encourage the youth of our church to participate in a "huddle" with fellow students, a group committed to growing spiritually, reaching out to others both in word and deed, and where their participation is encouraged.

PW Rummage and Bake Sale - October 12 & 13

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. 12, 8:30 to 5:00, Sat. Oct. 13, 8:30 to noon.
Lunch will be served on Friday.

Drop-offs: Monday, Oct. 8, put everything in the corner next to the main outside entrance in Fellowship Hall. Deadline for drop-offs is Thursday, Oct. 11 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: MANPOWER NEEDED—Saturday Oct. 13 noon until complete.

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



New Sunday School Series

October 7, 14 & 21

Dennis Dillman, a GPC member and graduate of the Lutheran Theological Seminary, will lead a new Sunday School series beginning this Sunday, Oct. 7 at 9:30 a.m. in the MacAskill Room. This 3-part series is entitled "Our Christian Life." It will be based on a quote from John Calvin: "The Sum Total of the Christian Life: the Denial of Ourselves."

The dates and topics are as follows:

October 7:

Philippians 2: 1-11 (Emptying Ourselves)

October 14:

Romans 1: 8-17 (Love One Another)

October 21:

John 21: 15-17 (Love Jesus and Feed, Tend, and Feed His Own)

Matthew 28: 16 (Doubt, Worship, and Making Disciples)



**Are you
Stressed?
Discouraged?
Feeling Down?**

You don't have to go through difficult times alone. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide you with confidential, one-to-one, Christian care and support to help you get through a tough time. So don't keep it all inside and struggle alone. Our Stephen Ministers are "there to care". To find out more, call the church office at 334-1235.

"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.

"Calendar of Giving"

For the month of:

October

We will be collecting: cat & dog food,
pet toys and cat & dog treats
for **SPCA**

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.

It is time for college care packages.

If you have a first-year college student and would like to be included in this program, please contact Bev at bandlweber@aol.com with your student's name and college address before Oct 10.



Exploring Membership Class

Sunday, October 14, 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 14. 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.

♪ 'Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing' ♪

On Sunday, October 21st we will be celebrating a "mostly-music" Sunday at our 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Service! So if there is a favorite song you would like to sing... a melody that is special to you because it helped you through a tough time.... a song that has touched your heart in a special way, let us know. Music is such a wonderful way to pray and praise our Father. Please write this date on your calendar and join us at the service. If you have a favorite song you would like for the congregation to sing during the service, drop a note in my mailbox or in the collection basket, or you can tell Libby Crowe or anyone on the music team. Can't wait to see you there! ♪

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Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, October 11, 2012

October / November 2012
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

- 10/7 "Who should you vote for?"
Communion
- 10/14 "Honey Nut Cheerios"
- 10/21 "Power of a Blessing"
- 10/28 "Wineskins"
- 11/4 "Possibilities"
- 11/11 Pledge Sunday