

GRAPEVINE

October 17, 2012

Ice Cream is Good for the Soul

I love the story about the family who were out to eat. Their 6-year-old son asked if he could say grace. As they bowed their heads, he said, "God is good. God is great. Thank you for the food, and I would even thank you more if Mom gets us ice cream for dessert. And liberty and justice for all! Amen!"

Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby, this young child heard a woman remark, "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for ice cream! Why, I never!"

Hearing this, the child burst into tears and asked his father, "Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?"

As his father held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job, and God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table. He winked at the boy and said, I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer."

"Really?" the boy asked.

"Cross my heart," the man said. Then, in a theatrical whisper, he added (indicating the woman whose remark had started the whole thing), "Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes."

Naturally, these parents bought their children ice cream at the end of the meal. The child who had been wounded by this woman's words stared at his for a moment and then did something unforgettable. He picked up his sundae and without a word, walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile, he told her, "Here, this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes, and my soul is good already."

This story brings to my mind the words of 1 Corinthians 1:26-28 as found in Eugene Peterson's The Message: *Take a good look, friends, at who you were when you got called into this life. I don't see many of "the brightest and the best" among you, not many influential, not many from high-society families. Isn't it obvious that God deliberately chose men and women that the culture overlooks and exploits and abuses, chose these "nobodies" to expose the hollow pretensions of the "somebodies"? That makes it quite clear that none of you can get by with blowing your own horn before God. Everything that we have—right thinking and right living, a clean slate and a fresh start—comes from God by way of Jesus Christ. That's why we have the saying, "If you're going to blow a horn, blow a trumpet for God."*

Have a bowl of ice cream this week and when you speak don't forget others are probably listening and God is always listening.

Faithfully Yours,

Lou

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Our "New" Church Office

After many, many years of looking at the old birds (very old birds) on the wall-paper of the church office, the staff is excited to tell you they have "flown the coop"! (the birds, not the staff) Come by and check out the new blue walls in our GPC church office.

Thanks to the following for making this wonderful transformation possible: Margaret Curtis and the Facility Review Task Force, Property Committee, Cindy Knouse who served as decorating advisor and Steve Redding who stripped, sanded, and painted the walls. We're most grateful to all of you!

Carpenter's Gift

I would like to pass along a sincere thank you to all those that helped on the recent Carpenters Gift project building a handicap ramp for an elderly lady living in Lincoln Estates.

Thanks to Frank Geist, Allen Duncan, Lee Weber, Gary Morrison, Mac Heebner, Jim Biggar, Larry Bullis, Harry Winsheimer, Ron Jones, Chooch Wells, and Rick Miner. These folks along with myself worked a combined total of 250 hours in planning and constructing this ramp.

The recipient was thrilled with the ramp and it will enable her to now get her electric scooter out of her mobile home onto her porch and then down to the parking area of her home.

Thank you also to all the members of our church family that so generously support this ministry, without your help this task would not have been possible.

Dick Wisor

REMINDER:

**Daylight Savings time ends
on Nov. 4th!**



Be sure to turn your clocks **BACK** Nov. 3rd

Thank You

I would like to thank the many kind people who sent me cards and messages of prayerful sympathy and comfort at the time of my husband's illness and passing. A special thanks to our pastors and to Stephen Swartzbaugh for his glorious, uplifting solo at the service.

Jean Holder

Annual Dinner at Hoss'

During the week of the Rummage Sale, Youth Club and Mid-SHIP small group members travel to Hoss' Restaurant since we cannot have dinner at the church. What a shame!

Thanks to the following parents and leaders who transported children for a delicious dinner: Gina Xenos, Amy Stewart, Amy Deitch, Deb Soliday, Shauna Hockenberry, Wendy Beauchat, Phyllis Dowd, Cinnamon Hosterman, Ann Cowden, Amy Thompson and Libby Crowe.

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.



Fundraiser for Julie Lochary

As many of you know, Julie Lochary, a 9-year-old member of GPC, is battling an aggressive form of pediatric brain cancer. We as a church wish to support Julie and her family both through prayers and financially. The family travels every day to Johns Hopkins for radiation plus one day a week for chemotherapy, so there are many expenses, medical and otherwise.

Here are the details of our fundraiser:

WHEN: Sunday, November 11

WHAT: Chicken Dinner - \$8.00

Eat-In 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Take-Out 10:45 on (GPC members)
11:15 on (general public)

Bake Sale

Silent Auction (available beginning Oct. 28 - Nov. 11 @ 2 p.m.)

Many items from the following include:

Haverfield Aviation (Helicopter Ride)

The Links (4 rounds of Golf)

Blue Parrot Bistro (\$100 gift certificate)

Blue & Gray Gettysburg Hotel

The Lodges Brick Gallery

Artworks Thirty-One

Longaberger Basket Portrait Package

AND MANY MORE!!

WHERE: Fellowship Hall at GPC

Pre-paid tickets can be purchased on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall or through Phyllis in the church office during the week. If you cannot participate on Nov. 11, monetary donations are being accepted. Thank you so much for helping this church family.

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.

Upcoming Events:

September / October Music Schedule

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

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

October / November

October 21	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Discussion
October 24	5:30 - 7:00	The "12" Small Group
October 28	5:30 - 7:00	Halloween Party
October 31		NO "12"
November 4	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Discussion
November 7	5:30 - 7:00	The "12" Small Group
November 11	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Discussion
November 14	5:30 - 7:00	The "12" Small Group

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 - 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 334-1235, ext. 4 or gpclou@embarqmail.com.

In order to make appropriate plans we do ask that you sign up in advance by October 22nd.

MidSHIP Schedule

October / November

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
October 31		NO Small Group
November 4	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner, Fellowship & Games
November 7	5:30 - 7:00	Small Group
November 11	5:30 - 8:00	Hayride
November 14	5:30 - 7:00	Small Group

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.

Session Update

At its stated meeting on Sunday, Oct. 14, the Session...

Welcomed new member, Susan Tassin (re-affirmation of faith).

Approved the Honduras mission trip for 2013

Noted that an architect is looking at the recommendations from the Facility Task Force and will come back soon with a proposal

Approved the 2013 asking budget

Heard a report about the proposed roaming homeless shelter



Spotlight on Missions Source of Life - Haitian Ministry Update

MONTHLY PROGRAM COSTS:

Salary for 4 caregivers and 1 administrator	\$ 550.00
Food & cooking fuel (propane & charcoal)	\$1057.00
Drinking water	\$ 64.00
Vehicle fuel, insurance & repairs	\$ 280.00
Tuition, uniforms (regular & gym), and Classroom supplies	<u>\$ 550.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2501.00

The Hope for Source of Life:

In November of 2010, after months of negotiations, we were able to purchase 4 parcels of land, each 50' x 100' for **\$22,000 USD**. Attain a 5 year lease, with an option to buy, another 6 adjoining parcels with a prepayment of **\$5000.00 USD** and purchase price of an additional **\$33,000.00 USD**. This additional land purchase will yield an acre and a quarter of buildable and farmable land. The funds for this phase of the project came from a successful fundraising event hosted by Michael and Jane Rice of Utz Quality Foods Inc.

In 2011 we searched for a reputable contractor who could oversee the development of the land and the construction of our new facility. In October 2011 we began talks with a U S educated Haitian engineer who has agreed to oversee our project.

In January of 2012 construction began on a 900 foot access road, a bridge over a clean mountain stream, and the grading of our building site. The cost for this phase of the project, which was completed in February of 2012, was **\$26,421.00 USD**. The funds for this phase of the project coming through a successful corporate giving challenge grant for Qualistat Inc. of Gettysburg, PA.

In March of 2012 construction began on the footers, foundation, and slab for the first 3 units of our 5 unit design. The cost of this phase of construction was **\$22,000.00 USD**. The funds for this phase of the project coming through a successful corporate giving challenge grant from Battery Warehouse of Lancaster, PA.

In May 2012 footers, foundations, plumbing rough-in and slabs were completed for the first 3 units of Safe Haven Children's Village.

Another additional \$109,500 will be needed for additional construction (3 buildings), septic, well, planting gardens & fruit trees, security wall and purchase of 6 additional land units.

When all is finished the University of Miami will partner to install a supplemental protein program and a permaculture program.

2013 Mexico Mission Dates

July 15 - 22 (tentative)



Please notify Pastor Dave immediately if you were hoping to go on this mission trip, but these dates will not work for you!

Rev. Dr. Bill Harter Returns to GPC!

October 28 - November 18

9:30 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Bill Harter will be returning to GPC to lead a 4-week Sunday School series, entitled **"SOURCES FROM THE RIVER: JESUS AND JEWS OF HIS DAY,"** beginning October 28 at 9:30 a.m. in the MacAskill Room. Rev. Harter is a graduate of Williams College, then received his Master of Arts at Harvard, and his Masters of Divinity at Union Theological Seminary in NYC. He later got his PhD from Union, in New Testament studies with an emphasis on the origins of Christianity and Judaism. Rev. Harter lived and studied in Jerusalem for a year, plus he has been to the Middle East 40+ times, including last winter. He is currently Pastor Emeritus of Falling Spring Presbyterian Church.

Week 1

Pharisees: A Spectrum

Week 2

Sadducees: Baptizers and Dead Sea Monasteries

Week 3

Revolutionaries and Their Aspirations

Week 4

Miracle Workers, Healers and Magicians

Rev. Bill Harter suggests very strongly that people get and use the following before the class: *The Jewish Annotated New Testament* (NRSV) Editors: Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Zvi Brettler by Oxford University Press, 2011.



"Dedication Day at GPC"

At 4:00 p.m. on Nov. 19, a special meeting will be held in the sanctuary celebrating the visit of President Lincoln to our church on Nov. 19, 1863.

Dr. Brad Hoch will be speaking on "The Gettysburg Address: Humanity's Birthright of Freedom." Dr. Hoch has written and spoken extensively about Lincoln and is a past president of The Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania.

Special music will be presented and period dress is welcomed.



Sometimes It's Hard to Ask for Help

We're brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it is a sign of weakness. So we try to keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep inside. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others and allow others to care for us in our time of need.

If you're sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time. (Its confidential too!) To find out more, call the church office at 334-1235.

Imagine the Possibilities

"For us it is impossible but for God all things are possible." – Matthew 19:26

We are all very familiar with the story of Jesus feeding the multitudes who had gathered on the hillside to witness his ministry. When Jesus questioned how they could buy enough bread to feed everyone, Philip replied, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." (John 6:7) After Jesus blessed the few loaves and fishes offered by a young boy from the crowd, the disciples were able to distribute enough so that everyone had as much as they wanted.....And there was enough leftover bread to fill twelve baskets. Now flash forward 2,000 years to GPC in 2012. As faithful servants we support local and extended missions and outreach programs. Our church offers ministries for personal growth and discipleship through worship, Christian education, music ministry, small group study and service opportunities. We are conflicted and frustrated because the needs are so great. Just imagine if money was no object. Just imagine if we could enhance the quality and variety of worship, expand Christian education for all ages and discipleship needs and provide an active evangelism outreach without consideration of cost. Just imagine if we could create and support missions that eliminate hunger and provide adequate housing in Adams County and if we could double or triple the number of teams that serve in extended mission trips where funding is no longer the limiting factor.

Consider the number of households that give regularly to GPC; there are more than 380. Using HUD's 2012 median household income for Adams County as a base and assuming that the 380 GPC households increase their giving across the board to 10% of income, a biblical tithe, our offering would increase by 250% from \$700,000 annually to more than \$2.5 million. Many may feel that this expectation is unrealistic and impossible and may ask, "How could we possibly increase our giving by that much?" During this year's stewardship campaign I ask that you look at how God has blessed your life and our church. Pray for God's guidance and be open to how He calls you to respond..... "For us it is impossible but for God all things are possible."

Bill Sterrett
Stewardship Committee

"Calendar of Giving"

For the month of:

October

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

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.

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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Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, October 25, 2012

October / November 2012
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

10/21	"Power of a Blessing"
10/28	"Wineskins"
11/4	"Possibilities" (Daylight Savings Weekend)
11/11	Pledge Sunday