

# GRAPEVINE

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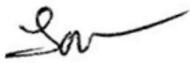
November 16, 2016

### ***Have Yourself a Merry Cap'n Crunch Christmas***

Recently, I posted a picture on social media indicating that the only permissible Christmas product to be on store shelves pre-Thanksgiving is Cap'n Crunch's *Christmas Crunch*. It was received in the vein it was intended, as a joyfully laughable statement on marketing strategies that sometimes cause us to overlook Thanksgiving blessing in favor of Christmas receiving. It is however, something to which I have devoted some further thought. *(I know what I'm about to write might be a stretch...please bear with me)*. Namely, we will do well to not overlook our blessings before Christmas' crunch is upon us. Before we get bogged down in creating the perfect Christmas, may we not forget to thank God for the many blessings which pour into our lives: Family...Friendships...Indoor bathrooms...Tap Water we can drink...Breathable air...etc.

Perhaps this type of focus will take some of the pressure off our Christmas expectations. To that end, take a few moments each day and try to compile a list of 100 Thanksgivings in Your Life ~ then consider sharing your list with someone you trust between now and the end of November. To get you started, I have provided space for your first ten (after which you may use another sheet of paper or write in the margins of this newsletter). The hope is that this discipline will help put Christmas into perspective.

Blessings.



### **100 Thanksgivings in My Life**

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# Happy Birthday to...

## December 1

Tim Christopher  
Andrew Larson  
Brian Mora

## December 2

Stephanie Beamer  
Richard Burdge  
Rebecca Kiefer  
Drew May  
Alexander Shpak  
Edward Thompson

## December 4

Sharon Baker

## December 5

Hailey Brownley  
Merle Weant

## December 6

Maria Cushing-  
Daniels  
Hayden Garverick  
Austin Rucker  
Lucas Witherow-Doyle

## December 7

Rebecca Beegle  
Vishaal Kansagra  
Allen Knouse

## December 8

McKenna Kulkusky  
John Musselman  
Lee Weber

## December 9

John Graziano  
Holly Scarbrough  
Ed Suplee  
Shawn Wagner

## December 11

Megan Angstadt  
Steven Deitch  
Scott Russo

Newton Stewart

## December 12

Mary Lynn Weaver

## December 13

Beth Christopher  
Dalton Doehring  
Shirley Fennimore  
Christopher Hall  
Sierra Hare

## December 14

Melanie Kansagra  
Patricia Knutson  
Tammy Schwartz  
John Tschop

## December 15

June Powers  
Mike Strausner

## December 16

Wendy Brubaker  
Janet Lightner  
Mike Lochary  
Bonita Soliday

## December 17

Ruth Ann Fatzinger  
Marion Lambert

## December 18

Richard Lightner  
George Petrie  
Christian Priel

## December 19

Morgan Dennison  
Sedona Wilson

## December 20

Sonja Brown  
Debbie Manning  
Laura Pennings

## December 21

Bruce Bridel  
Beth Freeman  
Chase King  
Harry Winsheimer

## December 22

Kegan Foster  
Luke Wilson

## December 23

Sue Hain  
Jane North

## December 24

Bryan Beegle  
Lucy Breighner  
Jeffery Cook  
Emily Druckman  
Jan Knouse  
Robert Remaley

## December 25

JESUS  
Kirk Cowden  
Kenneth Elledge  
Nicholas Rucker

## December 26

Bronte Fennimore  
Mason Little

## December 27

Julia Burke  
Laura Farnham  
Chuck Teague  
Mandy Weikert

## December 29

Katherine Schneider  
Lynn Stabler

Scott Zanger

## December 30

Sandra Breighner  
Carolyn Hankey  
Anne Warcup  
Kathy Wark

## December 31

Andy Armstrong  
Paul Doehring  
Lynne Orner



I want to thank all my GPC church family for your prayers, help and support during my recent surgeries. I am humbled by how warm and supporting everyone has been, even to the extent of anonymous kindnesses. God bless you all for showing God's love so generously.

- Leo McGuire

The family of Herb Laughman wishes to thank Pastor Dave & Bonnie Wright, Pastor Lou Nyiri, Pastor Harry Winsheimer, Phyllis Dowd, the Deacons, and our church family for all the phone calls, visits and support during Herb's illness.

Thank you also, to the pastors, Ron Weigle, Benjy Conover and Presbyterian Women for the wonderful service and reception held in Herb's memory.

God bless you all,  
Bonnie Laughman

## Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with Dave & Pat Conklin on the recent death of Dave's mom.

# 2016 Christmas Fair on December 4th!

Our 2016 Christmas Fair is just around the corner on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Bring the whole family for a light supper, games for all ages, silent auction, craft tables, coffee, tea & cocoa sales, prizes, and the opportunity to give gifts that have potential to change (and even save) lives. **If you cannot join us on the evening of Dec. 4, gifts can also be purchased in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings, December 4, 11, and 18.**

All items purchased in honor of someone on your Christmas list will be accompanied by a gift card.

## **MISSION: HONDURAS 2017**

A gift through Mission: Honduras 2017 will aid our church's own medical/dental mission team headed by Dr. Lee and Mary Flinner. The group will travel to Pinelejo de Santa Barbara, and will work in Quimistan, Honduras next summer to treat over 3,500 men, women, and children.

- \$ 2 Anesthetic for 1 extraction
- \$ 5 Asthma medicine for 1 child for a week
- \$ 10 Antibiotics for 5 children
- \$ 15 Fluoride treatment for 20 children
- \$ 20 Filling material for 1 tooth
- \$ 50 Vitamins for 250 people
- \$ 75 Parasite treatment for 1,000 people
- \$ 150 Emergency transportation by taxi to the hospital



## **MISSION: SOUTH DAKOTA 2017**

Our church will again send a mission team to the Cheyenne River Lakota Reservation in Takini, SD to help repair homes for the Indian residents, provide education classes, offer a yard sale, a clothing give-away, and hold a Festival.

- \$ 3 Ice Scraper
- \$ 5 School Supplies
- \$ 10 Snow Shovel
- \$ 10 Bible Storybook
- \$ 15 Reading / Sun Glasses
- \$ 15 Fan
- \$ 20 Blanket
- \$ 20 Tire Repair Kit
- \$ 25 Nutrition Class Supplies
- \$ 50 Construction Supplies



## **HEIFER INTERNATIONAL**

A gift of livestock, through Heifer International, will help fight hunger around the world by encouraging recipients to become self-sufficient food producers.

- Fish \$10, \$1 share
- Chick \$20 flock, \$3 each
- Ducks \$20 flock, \$3 each
- Tree seedlings \$60, \$10 share
- Bees \$30 package
- Rabbits \$60 trio, \$10 share
- Family Farm Care Package \$72
- Goats \$120 each, \$10 share
- Sheep \$120, \$10 share
- Pig \$120 each, \$10 share
- Llama \$150 each, \$20 share
- Water Buffalo \$250 each, \$25 share



## **MEXICO 2017**

A contribution to this project will aid our church's mission team as they travel to Mexico to do construction projects, offer a Bible School, and give out eyeglasses.

- \$ 5 Markers/Crayons for Bible School
- \$ 12 Bag of cement
- \$ 15 10 Cinder blocks
- \$ 25 Mason helper for one day
- \$ 28 Cubic meter of sand
- \$ 28 Cubic meter of gravel
- \$ 30 Master Mason for one day
- \$ 35 Beam for home construction
- \$150 Ground transportation for 1 participant



## **SEA ISLAND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

A contribution to this project will help support our church's mission team which travels each year to John's Island, South Carolina to help build homes for low-income families.

- \$ 5 Nails
- \$ 10 Construction supplies
- \$ 15 Light fixtures
- \$ 20 Gallon of paint
- \$ 25 Roofing shingles
- \$ 25 Sheet of plywood
- \$ 50 Window
- \$100 Door



## **ADAMS RESCUE MISSION / AGAPE HOUSE LOCAL MISSION**

Our local mission focus this year is assistance to the Adams Rescue Mission and Agape House. The Adams Rescue Mission exists to proclaim the passion of Jesus toward the hungry, homeless, abused, and addicted; to accelerate recovery and restoration to the least, last, lonely, and lost.

Gifts of any size are greatly appreciated! ARM is currently finishing work on their Family Shelter, in addition to their Men's and Women's Shelter facilities. Last Christmas, ARM was able to give gifts to over 460 children in Adams County who would have otherwise gone without!

Please be generous!



### **Bidding Starts This Sunday!**

Our Silent Auction for the Christmas Mission Fair is about to begin! Come check out the items this Sunday morning in Fellowship Hall. The bidding will begin this Sunday and end at 7:00 pm on December 4th at the Christmas Fair. Church members have donated some wonderful items/services including interior painting, a mountain cabin weekend get away, Native American Teepee art and a Greek dinner for 6, that you will want to consider for those on your gift list, or for yourself. There is something for everyone! See you Sunday!

### **Extra Crafts for the Christmas Fair**

Do you have any crafts you would be willing to donate for sale at the Christmas Fair on Sunday, December 4th? If you make crafts to sell this time of year, perhaps you have some extras you would be willing to give. If you like to make crafts in your spare time, perhaps you could make some just for the Fair. All proceeds from items sold at the craft tables will go to the mission projects.

Contact Tom Kolmer at 717-634-0258 or at [tomkolmer@gmail.com](mailto:tomkolmer@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Please bring crafts to Fellowship Hall **BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, OR THE MORNING OF SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 AT THE LATEST. THANKS!**

### **CHRISTMAS FAIR CHILDREN'S GAMES** **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Continuing this Sunday, we will have signup sheets in Fellowship Hall at the CE Table for volunteers to sign up for 30 min. blocks of time to help with games downstairs in the Education wing. Please stop by and sign up to help with one of 15 games. We need help with all the games.

If you can help on Saturday December 3rd from 10:00—1:00 to set up the games in the Education Wing, please contact Cheryl at 334-1235, ext. 5 or email [gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org).

### **COFFEE, TEA, COCOA, AND MUCH MORE** **FOR SALE AT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR ON DEC. 4!**

This year we will again be selling coffee, cocoa, and tea at the Christmas Fair. 12-oz. packages of 7 different kinds of coffee, 4 types of tea, and 12-oz. cans of organic hot cocoa & spicy hot cocoa mix will be available through the Presbyterian Coffee Project/Interfaith Coffee Program. Also for sale will be 5 kinds of chocolate bars, organic roasted almonds, and olive oil. These items are available through a program called Equal Exchange which provides fair trade opportunities through worker-based co-ops with small scale farmers.

### **Baked Goods Needed for the Christmas Fair !!**

All types of baked goods are needed for the Christmas Fair on Sunday, December 4. These items will be used for the bake sale and dinner desserts.

The baked goods can be placed in the church kitchen by Sunday morning, December 4. Please mark 'BAKE SALE' on them. The Mission and Interpretation Team thanks you for your time and effort!

# Upcoming Events:

## "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:

### November

We are collecting items for

### **Office of Aging - Home delivered Meals Program**

Emergency meal supplies: peanut butter, pull-top cans of soup, crackers, individual fruit servings, individual cookie packs, individual cereal boxes, other non-perishable, single-serve items.

## HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

### November / December

November 20	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
November 27	NO SHIP	THANKSGIVING
December 4	4:30 - 7:00	CHRISTMAS FAIR
December 11	5:30 - 7:00	CHRISTMAS PARTY & Silly Gifts

### MidSHIP Schedule November / December

November 20	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
November 23	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group
November 27	NO MIDSHP—	THANKSGIVING
November 30	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group
December 3	10:00 - 2:00	Babysitting at church
December 4	4:30 - 7:00	CHRISTMAS FAIR
December 7	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group
December 11	5:30 - 7:00	CHRISTMAS PARTY & Silly Gifts

## NEED CREATIVE SEAMSTRESSES

Christian Education is desiring to create 4 – 5 ft. puppets that can be dressed in various attire for use in Children's Messages and programs. They are simply an outline of people and stuffed. Then we plan to dress them up to fit our needs. Our goal is to have 3 created by **December 31<sup>st</sup>** so we can have the "Wise Men visit". There is a sample of what we are thinking about on the guest chair in the DCE's office, feel free to stop and see. If you can help, please see Cheryl.

## **Bell Ringers Needed**

If you are interested in being a Salvation Army bell ringer at Walmart this season, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board near the office in Fellowship Hall.

## **Congregational Meeting** **Nov. 20**

A Congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, Nov. 20 following the 11AM worship service in the sanctuary for the purpose of electing elders, deacons, and nominating committee members. Please plan to attend this brief, but important meeting!



## **"Gettysburg Addresses Lincoln"**

**November 19<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m.**

in the sanctuary

Speaker: Dr. Tracy McKenzie will speak on "The Almighty Has His Own Purposes": Learning from Lincoln about Democracy, Patriotism, and Faith."

Dr. McKenzie taught for twenty-two years at the University of Washington, where he held the Donald Logan Chair in American History, was a fellow in the UW Teaching Academy, and a recipient of the university's Distinguished Teaching Award. In 2010 he joined the faculty of Wheaton College (IL), where he serves as professor and chair of the Department of History. A specialist in the history of the American Civil War, he is the author, among other works, of *Lincolnites and Rebels: A Divided Town in the American Civil War*, the 2007 recipient of the Fletcher Pratt Literary Award for best non-fiction work on the Civil War. McKenzie blogs at [faithandamericanhistory.wordpress.com](http://faithandamericanhistory.wordpress.com).

## New Sunday School Electives in November/December

**November 27<sup>th</sup>, December 4, 11, 18**— Paul Wilson and Chooch Wells will be leading a discussion on “Why This Jubilee?” Music is such an important part of Advent and Christmas. Can you imagine Advent without “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”? How about Christmas without carols like “O Little Town of Bethlehem,” “Silent Night,” and “Joy to the World”? It pleases the Lord Jesus when we sing of his coming with carols we know by heart. It pleases him even more when we think about the words we are singing. In 24 reflections on well-known carols and Christmas songs, James Howell explores the birth of Jesus. He ponders the meaning of certain phrases from these songs and relates to them to our daily lives. Books are available for \$9 at the Christian Education table. Come and join us for this exciting and provocative look at our Christmas Carols at 9:30 in the MacAskill Room. All are welcome.

### GREENS NEEDED FOR ADVENT WREATHS



As you are trimming your bushes this fall, please save them and bring those greens to the church in **black plastic bags** marked “Advent Wreath.” You can leave them in Fellowship Hall or by the outside door between the Manse and the Sanctuary by the door into Fellowship Hall. These greens will be used for making Advent Wreaths on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> and November 27<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars now to make an Advent Wreath for your family on November 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>.

Why not start the Advent Season off the right way by your family coming to Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 20 or 27<sup>th</sup> to make a family Advent wreath? Materials will be available in the rear of Fellowship Hall between services.

## **Poinsettias**

Help us decorate the sanctuary at Christmas by ordering a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone. The flowers will be used in the sanctuary beginning December 18<sup>th</sup>. You may pick up your plant(s) following evening worship on the 24<sup>th</sup>. **The church office will be closed Monday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>. Those not picked up by noon on the 27<sup>th</sup> will be delivered to shut-ins.**

The 5-6 bloom 6 ½" pot will cost \$9.50.

Please fill in the following form & send it with your check made payable to Gettysburg Presbyterian Church to:

Mary Lou Seamens  
169 Hunters Trail  
Gettysburg, PA. 17325

**Orders MUST be in by Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**We cannot accept orders after that date—No extensions.**

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**Christmas Poinsettias 2016**

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

# of plants you will pick up \_\_\_\_\_

# of plants to be delivered to shut-ins \_\_\_\_\_





**THIS SUNDAY, Nov. 20, at 1:00 p.m.,**

members of GPC's Choirs and Recorder Consort will present songs from the Civil War. The songs tell the stories from the perspectives of those involved in the conflict, including the soldiers from the North and the South; the wives, sweethearts, and families left behind, the President; and the slaves yearning to be free. The church will provide a light lunch at 12:15 p.m. between the congregational meeting and the concert that day. Please see sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall for the luncheon.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED**

welcomes all local church women to a 90-minute (\$3) lunch meeting at **11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 7**, at the **Gettysburg Church of the Brethren, 1710 Biglerville Road**. Following lunch, please join us for the Christmas program, "Stories Behind Famous Hymns & Carols," presented by Whitney Myers. A special welcome to all newcomers to join the ecumenical fellowship. No reservations are needed. For more information, contact Cheryl Potter at 337-2938.

**PW CIRCLES****Elizabeth Circle**

**Monday, November 21, 1:00 p.m.**

Paideia House, 1st floor

Hostess: Sandy Dixon

Lesson 3: Gospel of Luke

Luke 1-4; 14: 12-24; 16: 19:31

Study Leader: Becky Stabler

**Mary Martha Circle**

**Monday, November 21, 7:00 p.m.**

Paideia House, 1st floor

Study in Come to the Waters

**Esther Circle**

**Thursday, November 17, 9:30 a.m.**

Eisenhower Lounge at GPC

Lesson 3: Gospel of Luke

Luke 1-4; 14: 12-24; 16: 19:31

Leader: Rachel Parmentier

**Wednesday,  
November 23  
at 7:00 p.m.**

**Community  
Thanksgiving  
Service**



Gettysburg Church of the  
Brethren located at  
1710 Biglerville Rd.,  
Gettysburg.

**Stephen Ministry**

**EYES AND EARS OF JESUS**

We are the eyes and ears of Jesus on earth today. It is our duty to be watching and listening to people around us, recognizing when they have needs for care. If you find someone with a need, listen and care. If you find the need is something greater than you can meet, tell the person about our Stephen Ministry and put him or her in touch with Lou at the church office 334-1235.. Jesus is depending on us to be his eyes and ears on earth.

**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 Nov. 13 - Dec. 11 is Bonnie Wright at 398-2411.



## THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS

Our first annual Children's Christmas Craft workshop was held on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. We had 16 energetic children come and make any or all the 14 crafts – Christmas felt stocking, popsicle stick sleigh, ping pong ball snowman, 3 D Christmas tree, decorate a gift bag, ornaments with tinsel, Jesus Loves Me pom-pom heart, felt Christmas tree, bookmarks, picture frame, ceramic tile picture, decorate a basket and have pinecones to decorate it, snow in a jar, and a candy cane doorknocker. Thanks to the following people who helped make this possible: Marty Fitzgerald who helped and cut out Christmas stockings; Joan Pore who cut out the 3 layers of felt Christmas trees; Ed Suplee who glued the ping pong snowmen together; congregational members who donated pinecones and Sheryl Suplee who helped with set up, and glued hats for the snowmen. Craft volunteers were Patti Schwartz, Heather Tschop, Sharon Holsclaw, Lydia Casteel, Meghan Guy, Marty Fitzgerald, Bev Weber, Jerry & Elly Cleaver, Amanda Ott, Becky Strevig, Sheryl Suplee, Deb Meckley, Nancy Cook, Diana & Richard Miner. Thank you to all of you who made this program such a success.

**NOVEMBER 28**

**@ 10:00 a.m.**

**Volunteers are needed for Monday, November 28 at 10:00 AM to help Cindi Knouse decorate the church for Christmas.**

**Please contact Cindi at home (717-528-8993) or cell (717-377-2671) if you would like to volunteer.**

**Help is much needed and appreciated!!**



Dear GPC Local Mission Team, Members and Friends,

On behalf of the Adams County Office for Aging, Inc. and our homebound consumers, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous contribution of emergency meal items through the Calendar of Giving.

Your donations will give our consumers food that they can use for lunch if the winter weather causes us to cancel delivery of our regular meals. Care Managers will also take items to new clients when they encounter a person who has little or no food (until we can arrange for services to start.)

We appreciate being included in your Calendar of Giving and are grateful to have a church in our community that is attentive to local needs. Thank you also for helping us to succeed in our mission which is to support older adults in their own homes for as long as possible.

Sincerely,  
Linda Thompson  
Community Services Director

## Light in the Midst of Darkness: A Worship Service for Those Who Find Celebrating Difficult

Sunday, December 18, 2016

4:00PM Sanctuary



Christmas and the holidays can be a bittersweet time of year for those who find themselves remembering persons and events that have been a part of their lives in the past, which are now changed or gone. As we enter into the season of the year with longer nights, we will gather to offer a quiet, meditative worship service that makes time for remembering and sharing our hurting places with God. Join us for this candle-lit time of music, scripture, stories, silent reflection and prayer.



## YOUNG AT HEART

December 8, 2016

Our December meeting will be a covered dish luncheon starting at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall followed by a time of singing Christmas carols with Becky Wareham. Please bring a covered dish to share and join us for a time of fellowship and song. If there are any questions, please call Cheryl Betts in the church office 334-1235, ext. 5 or at [gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org).

### NURSERY HELP NEEDED

We need volunteers for the church nursery on Christmas Eve at 4:00, 5:30, or 7:00 p.m. and Christmas morning at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Cheryl in the church office at 334-1235, ext. 5 or [gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org) if you can help!

## Presbyterian Women of GPC

Our Fall 2016 Rummage/Bake Sales hit the jackpot again!! Our total is **\$3,518.47**. The Rummage Sale was \$3,201.97 and The Bake Sale was \$316.50. Below is a list of dedicated individuals who are given a huge "Thank You" for their hard work!

Amy Deitch	Sheryl Suplee	Georgia Kuhn	Bev Weber
Pam Musselman	John Musselman	Jane Neely	Ron Jones
Charles Huber	Deb Meckley	Terry Manning	Alex Cluck
Betty Kump	Dori Elledge	Sharon Baker	Beth Jones
Katherine Hawkins	Bunny Toddes	Betty Jones	Lori Bridel
Olga Krossick	Rachel Parmentier	Laurel Minns	Pam Wisor
Charlotte Winsheimer	Heather Tschop	Joan Pore	Sue Hain
Cindy Schaeffer	Lucy Breighner	Helen Stabler	Lee Gatto
Della Pierson	Joan Pore	Tracey Stone	Mary Miner
Sherry Farkas	Ann Ellefson	Lisa Lambert	Susan Kolmer
Barbara Ellingson	Dave Eskildsen	Kathy Faloon	Bill Faloon
Merida Hurkett	Bill Fitzpatrick	Beth Fitzpatrick	Roy Thomas
Mary Lou Seamens	Joyce Morrison	Barry Brieghner	Diana Miner
Richard Miner	Marilyn Zanger	Scott Zanger	Cathy Gardner
Josie Brownley	Melanie Keller	Diana Onativig	Corena Harman
Randy Faloon	Brandy Mosser	Marion Hollowell	Jo Rice
Elizabeth Widomski	Bonnie Wright		

Thank you to the church members and friends that donated items for sale. As in the Spring, a special "Thank You" to Bill Faloon, Kathy Faloon, Randy Faloon, Bill Fitzpatrick and Charles Huber for transportation and heavy lifting duty.

**Directory Update:**

Ann Settle's new address  
 Summerfield Retirement Community  
 Room #207  
 3409 26th Street West  
 Bradenton, FL 34205  
 813-391-8946 (Ann's cell)

*As our Christmas Gift to you,  
 the GPC Mid-Ship group  
 would like to offer you  
 four hours  
 of free babysitting  
 for your children  
ages 7 and under\**

*On Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016  
 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*



*We will play games, make a craft,  
 have lunch and watch  
 a Christmas movie,  
 while you have time to shop,  
 eat lunch out, or take  
 a much-needed nap!*

*\*older siblings are welcome to come help*

*Please RSVP to Libby Crowe  
 at (717) 476-0821 or*

*[mslibby@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:mslibby@gettysburgpresbyterian.org)*

*by December 1, 2016*

**Advent Schedule**November 27 - First Sunday of Advent

8:15 and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
 9:00 - 12:00 Advent Wreath Making  
 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

December 4- Second Sunday of Advent

8:15 and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
 4:30 p.m. Annual Christmas  
 Mission Fair

December 11-Third Sunday of Advent

8:15 and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
 7:00 p.m. "Calling All Angels" Pageant

December 18 -Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:15 and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
 4:00 p.m. Light in the Midst of  
 Darkness: A Worship Service  
 for Those Who Find  
 Celebrating Difficult  
 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling -  
 All Ages Welcome!!

December 24- Christmas Eve Services

4:00 p.m. Traditional Worship and  
 Birthday Party for Jesus  
 (ages 2-Grade 2)  
 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship  
 7:00 p.m. Family Worship  
 8:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

Candle-lighting and Carol singing at all services.  
 Nursery care provided at each service.

December 25- Christmas Service

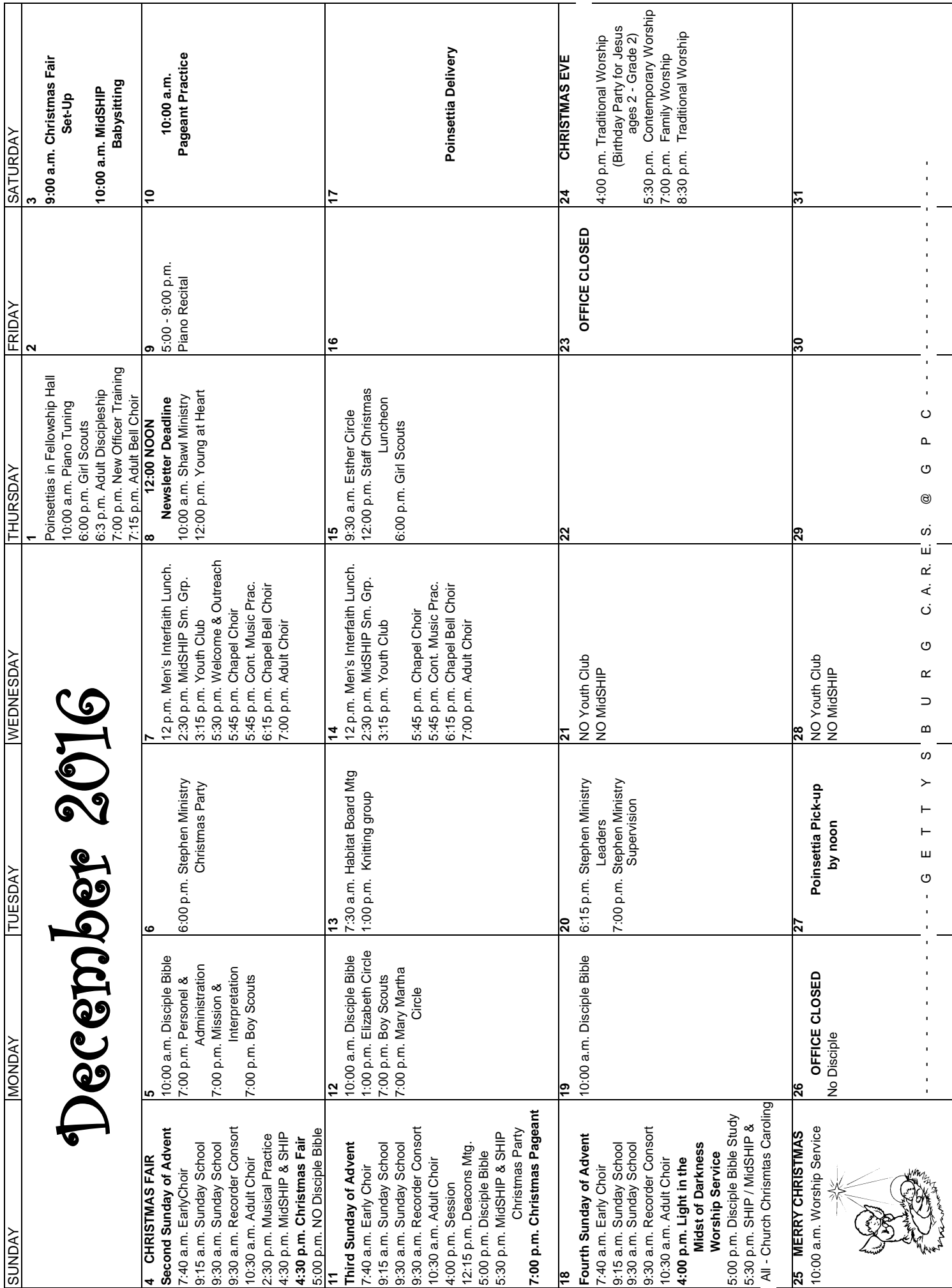
10:00 a.m. Blended Worship

*Come and Celebrate the Season  
 with Joy and Hope!*



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>4 CHRISTMAS FAIR</b> <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Recorder Consort 10:30 a.m. Adult Choir 2:30 p.m. Musical Practice 4:30 p.m. MidSHIP & SHIP <b>4:30 p.m. Christmas Fair</b> 5:00 p.m. NO Disciple Bible	<b>5</b> 10:00 a.m. Disciple Bible 7:00 p.m. Personnel & Administration 7:00 p.m. Mission & Interpretation 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	<b>6</b> 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Christmas Party	<b>7</b> 12 p.m. Men's Interfaith Lunch. 2:30 p.m. MidSHIP Sm. Grp. 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:30 p.m. Welcome & Outreach 5:45 p.m. Chapel Choir 5:45 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 6:15 p.m. Chapel Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	<b>8</b> <b>12:00 NOON</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 10:00 a.m. Shawl Ministry 12:00 p.m. Young at Heart	<b>9</b> 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Piano Recital	<b>10</b> 10:00 a.m. <b>Pageant Practice</b>
<b>11</b> <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Recorder Consort 10:30 a.m. Adult Choir 4:00 p.m. Session 12:15 p.m. Deacons Mtg. 5:00 p.m. Disciple Bible 5:30 p.m. MidSHIP & SHIP Christmas Party <b>7:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant</b>	<b>12</b> 10:00 a.m. Disciple Bible 1:00 p.m. Elizabeth Circle 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Mary Martha Circle	<b>13</b> 7:30 a.m. Habitat Board Mtg 1:00 p.m. Knitting group	<b>14</b> 12 p.m. Men's Interfaith Lunch. 2:30 p.m. MidSHIP Sm. Grp. 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:45 p.m. Chapel Choir 5:45 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 6:15 p.m. Chapel Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	<b>15</b> 9:30 a.m. Esther Circle 12:00 p.m. Staff Christmas Luncheon 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Poinsettia Delivery</b>
<b>18</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Recorder Consort 10:30 a.m. Adult Choir <b>4:00 p.m. Light in the Midst of Darkness</b> <b>Worship Service</b> 5:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study 5:30 p.m. SHIP / MidSHIP & All - Church Christmas Caroling	<b>19</b> 10:00 a.m. Disciple Bible	<b>20</b> 6:15 p.m. Stephen Ministry Leaders 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision	<b>21</b> NO Youth Club NO MidSHIP	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>24 CHRISTMAS EVE</b> 4:00 p.m. Traditional Worship (Birthday Party for Jesus ages 2 - Grade 2) 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship 7:00 p.m. Family Worship 8:30 p.m. Traditional Worship
<b>25 MERRY CHRISTMAS</b> 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	<b>26</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> No Disciple	<b>27</b> <b>Poinsettia Pick-up by noon</b>	<b>28</b> NO Youth Club NO MidSHIP	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

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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, November 23, 2016**

**November / December 2016**  
**GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

<b>November 20</b>	Thanksgivers Sunday Pledge Sunday Mission Bright Star Annual Congregational Meeting at noon
<b>November 27</b>	First Sunday in Advent
<b>December 4</b>	Advent Journeys - Hebrew People Second Sunday in Advent
<b>December 11</b>	Advent Journeys - Mary Journeys to Elizabeth Third Sunday in Advent