

# GRAPEVINE

## "The Pastor's Page"

May 7, 2014

### Coming Home to Love

(Laurie Brock recently posted the following on her blog site.)

"...In a moment of crazy, because I think the most loving things we do have a dose of crazy in them, I went to our local Humane Society and met Evie.

I discovered anything on the floor was an Evie toy. For the first few weeks, when I came home she wagged her tail, but still kept her distance. I would sit on the sofa until she came to me and went for our afternoon walk. We slowly discovered our routine...together.

One day, after a particularly long and stressful day in the office, I came home to Evie, meeting me at the door and bouncing until I picked her up and let her give me Evie kisses.

And I realized I came home to love.

Easter isn't one day, because love in its fullest measure does not happen in one day. It roots and grows over days and weeks and a lifetime. It enters our lives sometimes quietly, sometimes surprisingly, always a change. We may open the door to love in its most glorious expression.

That initial meeting, however amazing, is only a first touch of love. Its fullest measure comes as we allow love to grow...and we allow ourselves to be changed by love as Christ moves more fully into our lives.

The truth is love, no matter how it's embodied, invites us to change. Because of Evie, my shoes all live at a safe height. Because of Christ's Resurrection, humanity lives into new heights and depths of love."

May Easter's love and hope take root in our lives as together, guided by the Holy Spirit, we soar into new heights of service, witness and discipleship. May our hearts burn within us like the Emmaus-bound Disciples did when the Risen Christ walked, talked and opened the Scriptures to them (Luke 24:32). As we walk and talk with the Risen Christ along life's road, may God bless our journey together as we live into Easter's hope during this Easter season.

Faithfully Yours,

*Lou*

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## A Huge "Thank You" for Easter Music!

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the following individuals and choirs on behalf of the congregation of GPC. On Easter Sunday, the Early Choir and Adult Choir provided anthems of celebration. A Brass Choir consisting of Dave Conklin, Erica Keller, Deb Litten, Laura Pennings, Grant Sanders, Johnna Sanders, Christian Swartzbaugh, Steve Swartzbaugh and Barry Wareham presented some uplifting arrangements of Easter music. Thank you for helping us celebrate Christ's resurrection!

Becky Wareham

To our dear, beloved church family,  
Ron & I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, calls & help while Ron was in the hospital with gangrene, and my diagnosis of stomach cancer. Ron is recovering nicely and my cancer is in the early stages. This is the most loving, caring church we've ever been to and we appreciate everything. Thank you again.

Sincerely,  
Gail Lee & Ron Clark

**The Arab Christian Fellowship** is looking for someone to teach a Bible lesson for their 5 children each Saturday for an hour between 4PM and 7PM. There is a possibility of payment for this service. Please contact Lou Nyiri or Gail Hull if you are interested!

### "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:

**May**

We are collecting items  
for  
**Krislund Camp**

Rolls of Duct tape  
(all colors)  
Marshmallows  
Graham Crackers  
Gatorade  
(16 oz bottles)  
Water balloons

## Hershey Park Tickets Have Arrived!!



Pick up your pre-ordered tickets Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall or through the church office (see Penny) during the week.

## **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 May is John Tschop at 338-9079

## **CONDOLENC-**

Our thoughts and prayers are with:  
Bonnie Wright on the recent death of her uncle.  
John Tschop on the recent death of his sister.  
Margaret Crone on the recent death of her son.

## 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 included in this newsletter. 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—WE NEED LOTS OF HELP!!!

Scripture Leader

Game Leader

Bible Story Leader

3 Preschool Leaders

2 Leaders for 5-year-olds

4 Group Leaders - Group leaders accompany each group of elementary children throughout the morning

20 Volunteers needed for "Roman Marketplace" - help children complete crafts for 1 hour each morning

Snack Leader

Snack Preparer and Helpers

Childcare (for leaders' children)

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

# Upcoming Events:

## April & May Music Schedule

May 11	8:15 a.m.	Youth Bell Choir Youth Choir Youth Instrumental Ensemble
	11:00 a.m.	Primary Choir Youth Bell Choir Youth Choir Youth Instrumental Ensemble
May 18	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
May 25	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir Adult Bell Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir Adult Bell Choir

### HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

#### May

May 11		YOUTH SUNDAY
May 18	5:30 - 7:00	Year-End Picnic

### MIDDLE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

#### May

May 11		YOUTH SUNDAY
May 18	5:30 - 7:00	Year-End Picnic

### Welcome Basket for New D.C.E., Cheryl Betts

We would like to gather items for a welcoming basket for Cheryl Betts, our new C.E. Director (and her Mom). They will be moving here from Columbus, GA. about May 18th. Some ideas for the basket include: a box of tea, candy, 2 movie tickets, coupons/gift cards for grocery stores or restaurants, bulbs or small plants, Adams County fruit :), etc. Items for the basket may be dropped off at the Church Office and placed in a box in Dave's Office.

Thanks,  
Heather Tschop (CE Committee)

## Year End High School and Middle School FellowSHIP Picnic

<b>When:</b>	Sunday, May 18th
<b>Time &amp; Place:</b>	5:30 - 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary
<b>Who:</b>	All 6-12 grade students & their families are invited.
<b>What to Bring:</b>	Side dish to feed 8-10 people.

**Sign Up by May 14 @ Noon:**  
RSVP to Rev. Nyiri (334-1235, ext. 4  
or [gpclou@embarqmail.com](mailto:gpclou@embarqmail.com))  
with family name and number attending.

Drinks & Fried Chicken will be provided.  
Don't miss out on the year-end movie  
& awards ceremony!!!

**PW CIRCLES****Elizabeth Circle****Monday, May 19, 1:00 p.m.**

Front Room Paideia House

Hostess: Judy Inskip

Lesson: Joan Pore

Lesson 9: Exodus 25-31; 33: 7-11

34:11 - 40:38

**Mary Martha Circle****Monday, May 19, 7:00 p.m.**

Front Room Paideia House

Lesson 8: Exodus 32:1 - 34:10

Deuteronomy 6:10-25

**Esther Circle****Thursday, May 15, 10:00 a.m.**

Eisenhower Lounge at GPC

Study Leader: Barb Finrock

Lesson 9: Exodus 25-31; 33: 7-11

34:11 - 40:38

Deuteronomy 30: 11-20

**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
Tuesday, May 13	Fairfield Amvets - 3600 Fairfield Rd.
Thursday, May 22	Freedom Valley Worship Center - 3185 York Rd.
Thursday, May 29	Fairfield Amvets - 3600 Fairfield Rd.
Monday, June 2	Freedom Valley Worship Center - 3185 York 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).	

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS SCHEDULE****9:30 a.m. in the MacAskill Room**

- 5/11 "Hashing It Out" - Video Series  
 5/18 "Hashing It Out" - Video Series  
 5/25 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL - Memorial Day Weekend  
 6/1 - 7/27 Andy Miner will teach a class on the book of 2 Peter

**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 worshipping 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. Bring lawn chairs!

## 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	Towels	Blankets	Backpacks
Box Fans	Tool Sets	Tire Plugs	Jar Candles (ONLY)
 Fabric (cotton or satin ONLY)	Fix-A-Flat	School Supplies	Flashlights

Thanks for all your prayers and support as we return to the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation this summer.

— Penny Messinger (334-1235)

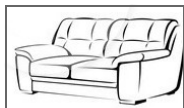
### Save Your Furniture for South Dakota!



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 found out that Walmart is again donating a truck to take all our items to the Indian reservation, so we can take 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.

### Exploring Membership Class **Sunday, May 18th 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, May 18th. 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. If interested, call the church office (334-1235) if you are planning to attend.

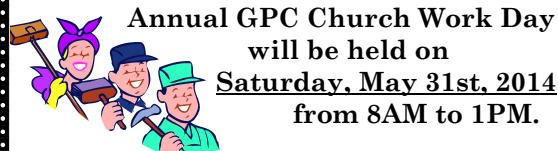
### Reception for Christian Education Leaders on May 18th

To honor the leaders of our Christian Education programs, there will be an Appreciation Reception in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 18. The reception will be held throughout the morning and will give each of us the opportunity to thank these members of our congregation who have faithfully led our children, teens, and adults in the many Christian Education programs. So come to worship on May 18 and keep your eyes open for all those people wearing stars. Then please give them your personal thank-you for all they do.



## Annual Church Work Day

### \*\*DATE CHANGE\*\*



Annual GPC Church Work Day  
will be held on  
**Saturday, May 31st, 2014**  
from 8AM to 1PM.

Please come out and join us as we spruce up the grounds and attend to smaller-type repairs to parts of the facility. Over the next three Sundays, there will be a Property Committee table in Fellowship Hall where you can sign up to lend a hand during the work day. No special skills are needed, just a willingness to pitch in and help. If you have any questions, you can contact Jim Gardner at 717-337-3233.

### Babysitter's Training

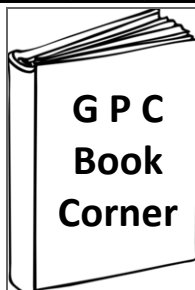
Gain the skills and confidence to be a babysitter here at GPC!  
Begin your adventures as a babysitter with this Certification from the American Red Cross.  
This is open to youth 11 – 15 years old.

**Saturday May 31, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm.**  
Registration by May 29  
\$ 38 member; \$45 non-member  
Contact: Becky Stabler, 688-5183

### Adult & Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED

In an effort to provide emergency lay training for those going on mission trips, or working in the mission fields of life, we are providing this training for American Red Cross certification here at GPC!

**Saturday, June 7, 8:30am - 2:30 pm**  
Register by June 3  
\$40 member; \$50 non-member  
Contact: Becky Stabler, 688-5183



Before I begin with the book review, I just wanted to thank all those who have donated books to the Crane Library. It is a pleasure to receive and review the books. So to Kathy Kircher, Carol Geist, any anonymous folks and any names I left off, please know that these donations are what help to keep the library full of wonderful books! A big heartfelt THANK YOU!

This week I am going to discuss a relatively new book that I read recently and thought it had a message that is quite in line with what our pastors have been preaching during this Easter season. The book is The Auschwitz Escape by Joel Rosenberg. The author is Jewish by birth and Christian by faith. Most all of his novels are about Christians involved in working for their government to thwart our enemies. Otherwise known as Spy Thrillers.

However, this novel is all about the two greatest commandments that Jesus spoke about to his disciples: Love God with all your heart and mind, and love your neighbor as you love yourself. It speaks about faith and never giving up on God.

The main character is Jacob Weisz. He is a young Jewish boy during the start of World War II. He is going to school and hanging with friends and family. Normal kid, right? But he has an uncle involved in the underground and he is trying hard to persuade Jacob's father to get involved. It is also about a young Protestant minister who has a secret. He hides Jews from the Nazi's.

Somehow these two young men meet in a most unlikely setting...a concentration camp! I'll let you find out how this occurs and what happens to both young men.

Mr. Rosenberg has a strong faith in Jesus and I am sure that it has taken courage to drastically change his religion, especially with pressure from friends and family. But his characters show their love for God and neighbors. This may seem like a depressing topic to read about - death, violence, concentration camps - but it is a part of history and if we don't learn about it, it usually tends to repeat itself.

It also warms your heart to read about men and women who trusted in God to find a way to minister and spread the word of Jesus love through such trying times. It really shows what love is really all about.

I highly recommend this book. If you do read it, I would love to hear your thoughts and opinions about it.

Till next time, keep on reading; it can't hurt.  
Cathy

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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
- \* worship weekly



**Next Newsletter Deadline:**  
**Noon, Thursday, May 15, 2014**

## May 2014 - GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Contemporary Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

<b>May 11</b>	<b>Youth Sunday: Hello, My Name Is.... Mother's Day</b>
<b>May 18</b>	<b>Romans' Greatest Hits: Help, I've Fallen and I Can't Get Up!</b>
<b>May 25</b>	<b>Romans' Greatest Hits: Getting Right With God</b>
<b>June 1</b>	<b>Romans' Greatest Hits: Is It Predestination or Free Will? Communion Recognize Graduating Seniors</b>