

GRAPEVINE

May 23, 2007

Parson to Person

You'll Never Know

You'll never know the impact a friendly welcome can have on a visitor to our church. You will never know how much it means to someone to have total strangers introduce themselves and spend a few minutes getting acquainted after a worship service. The goal here at GPC is for us to greet and meet each other spontaneously after worship. And we do a good job of this. However, every once in a while, we need to prime the friendship pump. That is why periodically I encourage people to engage in a Two Minute Drill or Extra Innings or Overtime as a reminder to reach out and introduce ourselves to others after worship. This simple pursuit makes visitors feel welcome and helps GPC to be a big church that feels small.

Beyond the sanctuary, this friendship ministry needs to extend to Fellowship Hall. If you see someone or a couple standing alone at a coffee hour, please introduce yourself to him/her/them. Additionally, the weekly use of the pew pads is a way that our Evangelism Ministry Team and staff can make follow-up contacts with visitors. (Contrary to opinion, the pew pads are NOT used to take attendance.) The pew pads are another means of friendly outreach to those who visit our church.

You'll never know the lasting impact a friendly smile, a warm welcome and a personal greeting can have on a person's faith. All of us come to church in need of meaningful encounters with God and meaningful encounters with other people. Sometimes, a person may encounter God through the friendly welcome of another person just like you. You'll never know!

Faithfully Yours,

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New Members



Justin Bankert
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McSherrystown, PA 17344
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Daughter: Kiersten

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Daughter: Katelyn

David & Tracy Boyer
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Son: Adam

Richard & Delores France
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Please detach the above section and put it in your current Church Directory.

Happy Birthday to...

June 1

Dan Anderson

June 2

Emma Burgess
Robert Farnham

June 3

Merial Heldt
Laura Reyka

June 4

Will Brubaker
Jean LeGros
Robert Miller
Morgan Sites

June 5

Pat Behre
Shirley Lamb

June 6

Riley Fitzgerald
Evelyn Small
Ben Thompson

June 7

Donald Carman
Gabriel Delacruz
Dale Molina
Leslie Smarsh

June 8

Zachary Beegle
Emily Stewart

June 10

Alexander &
Nikolas Contreras
Timothy Poorman
David Reese

June 11

Barton Breighner
Sherry Farkas
Hugh Matthews
Brett Williams

June 12

Benn Hoover
Jaron Sanders
Yvonne Whitney

June 13

Ryan Ecker
Richard Watson
Louis Westfall

June 14

Luke Heflin
Kim Patrono

June 15

Norma Campbell
Amie Murray
Andy Slaybaugh
Allyson Smarsh

June 16

Nancy Bushey
Frank Geist
Lewis Hilbert
Matthew Hinton

June 17

Carl Kohn
Ann Matthews

June 18

Ann Cook

June 19

Happy Freas
Barbara Stewart
Matthew Van-
Houtte

June 20

Michael Crowe
Sydney Miller
Kevin Mowrey
Hilda Oussoren
Michael Wark

June 21

Rachel Doehring
Carolyn Ferguson

June 22

Jackson Kendig
Jordan Nevins

June 23

Roger Albin
Ellen Dayhoff
Nichol Fake

June 24

Gabrielle Chrisley
Jeff Hieber

June 25

Marian Benchoff
Dan Ebaugh
Aidan Hoover
Aaron VanHoutte

June 26

Zachary Kump

June 27

Jennifer Clark
Lee Flinger
Teresa Gard

June 28

Justin Bankert
Eleanor Sheen
Carolyn Smarsh

June 29

Paul Ely
Gail Lee
Grant Tresselt

June 30

Cheryl Gochenauer
Dorothy Heflin



Thank You:

RUMMAGE SALE NEWS Thanks Very Much!

A very grateful thank you from Presbyterian Women and the Rummage Sale & Bake Sale Coordinators: Melanie Keller, Kathy Kircher, and Susie Snyder, and to all who helped make this spring sale so successful.

Our gross sales were:	
Rummage Sale	\$2,548.16
Bake Sale	\$ 271.20
Total	\$2,819.36

My sincere thanks to the members of the church for their prayers, cards, visits and phone calls while I was a patient at Hershey Medical Center and Gettysburg Hospital. Special thanks to Rev. Dan Hans for his visits and calls.

God bless you all,
Ross "Bob" Myers

Thank you, Josie Brownley, for washing the curtains in the Music Room!

Thank You to "Worship Bag Preparers"

Did you ever wonder how those Worship Bags are magically produced each week? Well, I'd tell you! Thanks to the efforts of Kay Knox, Chrissy Ely, and Cheryl Gochenauer, the leaflets which contain activities based on the scripture and sermon for that week are prepared and in speedy fashion! The preparers receive the sermon on Wednesday or Thursday and then have to run off the leaflet and stuff the worship bags by Friday. Thanks to these 3 servants for a job well done! o Phyllis

Vacation Bible School

June 25 - 28

"Climb the Mountains With Jesus!" is our theme for Vacation Bible School this year. Our program will be held on **June 25 - 28** from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon and is open to all children ages 3 to Grade 5 (completed), . Registration deadline is June 17. Fee is \$5.00/child or \$10.00/family.

(Registration forms are included in this newsletter)

Below you will find a list of personnel and supplies needed. Please take a look and find out how you can be part of our program. Call Phyllis at 334-1235, ext. 5 when you know the answer. Thanks in advance for helping to make this VBS another great program for our children!

PERSONNEL—WE STILL NEED LOTS OF HELP!!!

4 Preschool Leaders

1 Teacher - lead 4 groups of children in pre-planned 20-minute activities each day

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

16 Volunteers needed for "Land of the Mountains" - help children complete a craft for 1 hour each morning

Drama Participants (non-speaking) - middle, high school & adult

Teen Aides (completed Grade 6 or older)

Supplies Needed:

Fabric scraps (all colors and patterns)

Plywood - size 7x7 pieces (need 90)

Tree branches - small, approx. 12 inch long

Tiles (small pieces 1"x1") different colors

Tin or copper pieces in 5x7 sheets

Twine or kite string

Plywood - size 9x12 (need 6)

Aluminum conduit pipe

Limestone chunks

May we borrow?

Hammers
Tin punches

Bar stools (2)

Chisels
Free standing mirror

LOST & FOUND

If you have lost an item here at the church check out the Lost & Found table in Fellowship Hall after worship on the next two Sundays. Anything left on that table after June 10 will go into the Rum-mage Sale.
Thank-you!

Monthly Financial Report

As of April 30 we are 33.3% into 2007.
Expenditures to date are 36% of budget.
Receipts to date are 33% of anticipated
Our current operating balance is \$51,109.00
(Average monthly expenditures are \$55,750)

FOOD FOR LAUGHS!

Between Mother’s Day and Father’s Day here are some things to think about:

Things Mom Would Never Say

1. “Yeah, I used to skip school a lot, too.”
2. “Let me smell that shirt - - Yeah, it’s good for another week.”
3. “Go ahead and keep that stray dog, honey. I’ll be glad to feed and walk him every day.”
4. “Well, if Timmy’s mom says it’s OK, that’s good enough for me.”
5. “The curfew is just a general time to shoot for. It’s not like I’m running a prison around here.”
6. “I don’t have a tissue with me. . . Just use your sleeve.”
7. “Don’t bother wearing a jacket - - the wind-chill is bound to improve.”

Seminars Your Wife Wants You to Attend

1. You, too, can do housework
2. How to fill an ice tray
3. Wonderful laundry techniques (formerly titled, “Don’t wash my silks”)
4. Parenting: It doesn’t end with conception
5. Reasons to give flowers
6. How to stay awake in public
7. How to put the seat down
8. “The weekend” and “sports” are not synonyms
9. The remote control: Overcoming your dependency

Burden Bears for Hospice and Adams County Children & Youth Services

We have found a second need for the burden bears, ACCYS. We are very pleased to make these bundles of joy for the children in their programs. We are bringing this to your attention because we could use more materials: fabric, (1/2 + yards per piece of cotton or blends), ribbon, quilt batting and fiber-fill stuffing. Place any donations on the pass-through counter of the kitchen, marked “Burden Bears”. Monetary donations for material are very welcome. We’re busy trying to supply the needs and we welcome more helpers at the workshop each Monday morning, 9:30—11:00 a.m. at the church. We need stuffers, cutters or ladies to make up the bundles. So you do not have to sew to help us.

Thank you all for helping us in the past.
For more information, please call Joan Pore, 337-1718.

Faith Hall of Fame DVD

On Sunday, April 29, the Chapel Choir presented Faith Hall of Fame as part of our Evening of Music. Steve Swartzbaugh videotaped the performance and produced a DVD. If you would like to borrow the DVD, please contact Phyllis at 334-1235, ext. 5. It looks very professional !

30-Hour Famine update

The 30-Hour Famine was held from noon on April 20th until 7:00 p.m. on April 21st, with 24 of those hours spent at the church! There were 32 participants from the Middle and High School groups. The groups divided into two tribes and played Survivor type games that demonstrated some of the difficulties people in third-world countries deal with every day. We drank only fruit juice and Gatorade during those 24 hours.

By participating in the Famine and raising money through the Labyrinth and church member donations, our group raised \$1655 for World Vision. What’s more, we have received word that new government grants have been awarded to World Vision for 2007. These grants will give Famine donations raised in 2007 **FOUR TIMES the effectiveness!** In other words, our \$1655 will turn into \$6620, and will feed more than 18 children for a year.

Thank you to all the kids who participated in the 30-Hour Famine this year (and to the many parents who shuttled them back and forth between church and sports on Saturday.) It was an enthusiastic group and we really had fun during our time at church, food or not. Special thanks to advisor Tim Flagg who stayed the entire time with us, and to Karen Golanoski and Sally Jones who made us dinner on Saturday evening. Thanks also to our wonderful church family who always rise to the occasion when asked to donate to a good cause.

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Upcoming Events

Gathering for Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Trinity **June 14-16, 2007** at Waynesburg College, Waynesburg, PA

Worship, Fellowship, PW Resources; Bookstore, Garden Party, Singing and 12 workshops from which to choose.

Reservation forms available from GPC Moderator Mary Smith (334-4452).

Deadline for Registration is May 22.

Total cost is \$165.00
First timers: \$150.00

PW / GPC will pay half the registration fee.

Young @ Heart

June 14 @ 12:00 noon
Picnic @ Lake Heritage

June Music Schedule

6/3	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
6/10	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
6/17	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
6/24		Larry Bullis

HELP WANTED - HISTORIC CHURCH TOURS

Needed: volunteers to schedule tour guides, be present June through August Wednesday evenings to greet visitors, organize groups and oversee the program for our church.

These volunteers would work with seasoned volunteers this summer with the goal of taking over these tasks for future seasons. A husband and wife team or several members who like to work together would be fine.

This is a sizable commitment but it's also a very satisfying endeavor. The visitors are very pleasant to work with and the volunteers in the organization are helpful and dedicated to the mission of the church tours: to acquaint visitors with the stories each church has to tell of their role in the care of the wounded during and after the Battle in 1863. For more information, please call Joan Pore, 337-1718 or e-mail at: artjo@superpa.net.

Techies Wanted!!!

Are you the first person in your family to pick up the video camera to record vacations and holidays? Do you love to play at the computer and surf the net? Is Powerpoint your second language? Have you ever dreamed of being a band roadie, music producer or a movie director? If you have answered "yes" or want to answer "yes" to any of these questions, we need your help! The Contemporary Worship team is looking for volunteers to help with the technical aspects of our service a few Sundays a month. No special skills are needed, just a desire to help share the Good News in creative ways. If you are interested or know of someone who might be, please contact Rev. Candace Nyiri at 337-2939, or lucan615@comcast.net.

Faith, Fellowship and Fitness! Walking Small Group

Friday Mornings at 8:30 am. June 1st through July 6th (Rain or Shine)

Meet in Fellowship Hall dressed for a 2-mile walk on the battlefield. We'll have a brief devotion and then hit the road to get our hearts pumping for the Lord! Contact Candace Nyiri if you are interested: 337-2939 or lucan615@comcast.net.

GETTYSBURG CHURCHES READY FOR SUMMER TOURS

In its fourth season, Historic Church Walking Tours, Inc. (HCWT) is prepared to welcome visitors with unique entertainment and education regarding the Battle of Gettysburg. The emphasis is on churches that turned into emergency hospitals during and after the Battle. The facts are brought to life on Wednesday evenings during the summer months as 8 historic and memorial churches provide performances of these events portrayed through narratives, plays and music.

The 1 1/2 - 2 hour tours originate at the Presbyterian Church. Ticket sales (\$4.00, children 12 and under are free) begin at 5:30pm; tours are at 6:00 and 6:30. The first tour of the season is on Wed., June 6th and goes to the 4 churches of the East Tour: Presbyterian, Trinity UCC, United Methodist and St. James Lutheran. The following tour, on Wed. June 13th is the West Tour: Prince of Peace, St. Francis, St. Paul's AME and Christ Lutheran. The tours alternate on Wednesday evenings: the last tour will be Aug. 22nd.

Plan to attend one or more tours. It's a great way to entertain guests you may have this summer.

For additional information, view website www.historicchurchwalkingtours.org or call 1-888-882-1541. Or talk to any of the 12 church members who are associated with the tours: Dan Ebaugh, Joan Miller, Ellen Piacentine, Suzanne Snook, Lou and Carolyn Westfall, Margaret Curtis, Tom Piper, Carrie and Greg Trax, and Joan and Art Pore.

Are you going to Camp Krislund this summer? If you have not chosen a week, may we suggest July 29 - Aug. 4. A family in the church is going that week and would love to carpool. If you are going this week or a different week call Rev. Nyiri in the church office to connect with families going the same week to work out carpooling.

Camp Krislund Capital Campaign

Our presbytery church camp, Camp Krislund, is engaged in a \$2 million capital campaign. Our congregation sends 20-30 children and youth to Krislund each summer. Our GPC Session has committed our congregation to a \$59,000 pledge. While we hope to achieve this goal in one year, people are welcome to stretch their pledges over three years if they prefer to do so. To date we have \$29,000 toward our pledge.

As you consider a donation or pledge to Camp Krislund, think about the following:

- According to a national survey of Presbyterians, “More than 1/4 of all members and elders and nearly 1/2 of the pastors surveyed have had faith-changing experiences while at camp, retreat or similar event.”
- 13 former Krislund staff members and campers within the last 10 years are now studying for the ministry or are already ordained and serving the greater church.
- Every summer approximately 1,000 children and youth attend Krislund summer camp programs.
- Over 75 adult and youth groups and organizations from churches, colleges, businesses and area schools come to Krislund throughout the year.

The \$2 million goal will provide the following new resources for Camp Krislund:

- An adult friendly lodge with 20 double-occupancy rooms for year-round retreat use.
- An Omni building, with indoor climbing wall and rope course, for use on rainy days.
- Renovation to existing cabins.
- A 70-foot outdoor climbing tower to build confidence and trust among campers.

NOTE: GPC has committed \$29,000 of our \$59,000 goal to cover the construction cost of this climbing tower.

Please use the tear-off below for your pledge or gift to Camp Krislund’s Funding the Future Campaign. Sunday, June 10 is set as Krislund Pledge Sunday.

Thank You,

GPC Krislund Team:

Deb Litten, Chooch Wells, Becky Beegle, Terry Manning, Teresa Gard, Lou Nyiri, Susan Kolmer, and Dan Hans.

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