

# GRAPEVINE

September 26, 2007

## Parson to Person

As we are about to step into the month of October, so we are about to step into our 2008 Stewardship. You will hear the details of this exciting campaign on Sunday October 7 in worship and in the next issue of The Grapevine. I take this opportunity to share with the entire congregation some of the thoughts that the 2008 Stewardship Team mulled over in conceiving and creating the upcoming GPC Stewardship campaign.

Consider these guiding principles for Christian giving:

1. Money follows vision, not vice versa.
2. People give to people not to programs.
3. Giving is a spiritual necessity for all Christians, not a spiritual luxury for some Christians.

Our congregation's giving record, with respect to the broad base of support for our ministries and missions to help people, is impressive. In 2006, 50% of our total budget was provided by the top 20% of all financial pledges to the church. This distribution is much better than the typical 80/20 rule in churches, where 80% of the budget is provided by the top 20% of pledges. Our congregation has a broad-based commitment to the ministries and missions of our church through the giving of our finances, our talent and our time to help people encounter and experience the love of God. We should all feel good about that!

Faithfully Yours,

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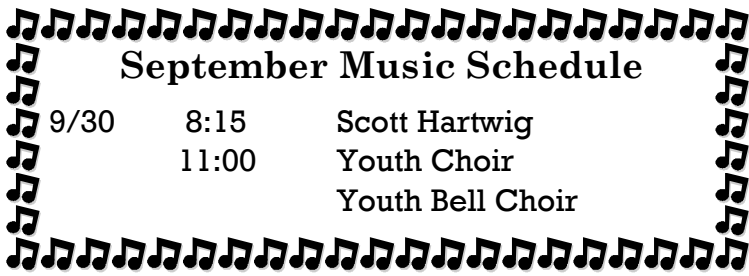
## Sunday Morning Parking Options

If our lot is full on Sundays consider these parking options:

1. Proceed through our lot down the alley to the Lincoln School parking lot below;
2. Park south of the church on Baltimore St.; or
3. Try the municipal parking lot on E. Middle St. between Baltimore and Stratton streets with easy access to our church. Walk to the rear of that lot and use the walkway between the two buildings. This will put you at our church on High St. There are a lot of spaces in that parking lot.



# Upcoming Events



## September Music Schedule

9/30	8:15	Scott Hartwig
	11:00	Youth Choir
		Youth Bell Choir



### SOUP KITCHEN NEWS:

Director of the Gettysburg Soup Kitchen, Jan Guillory, stresses her appreciation to the GPC community for providing a delicious and nutritious meal the second Monday of each month. Thank you, Paulette Brabender, Georgia Kuhn and Beth Fitzpatrick for your faithfulness and generosity this August and September. Additional volunteers are needed. If you are able to help, kindly call Cathy Carson @359-0034.

## CHURCH

### WORK DAY

Saturdays, September 29 & October 6 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon will be work days to prepare, prime and paint the shack beside Fellowship Hall. If you can help with this work project, please call the church office (334-1235) and sign up for one of those Saturday mornings.

Thanks,

The Property Committee

**Mark you calendar for the  
Rummage Sale  
October 19th & 20th.  
More info coming.**

## **And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations...**

**(Revelation 22:2b)**

Don't miss the opportunity to be part of five local missions supported through this year's **Peacemaking Offering to be received on September 30<sup>th</sup>**. We're asking every member to prayerfully commit by giving \$5.00 (or more) for 5 local missions. Your contribution will go to the **Gettysburg Soup Kitchen** (serving over 1,100 meals per month), **Seeds to Success** (helps work-release inmates learn a better way of life by learning small business skills), **Adams County Shelter for Homeless** (helped over 3,000 people learn life-skills since opening in 1991), **Survivor's, Inc.** (helping women and children break out of the domestic violence cycle) and the **Adams County Prison Chaplain** (giving hope to those who have lost hope). Offering envelopes were in the last newsletter or you can pick one up on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> in worship.

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### **Kids Club (Kindergarten - Grade 2) Begins Next Week!!**

Kids Club is a time of fun, friendship, Bible stories, scripture activities, crafts, and games under the leadership of Pam Rowland. We will offer two identical programs for our Fall series of Kids Club. One will be held Monday evenings from Oct. 1st - 29th and the other will take place on Thursday evenings from Oct. 4th - Nov. 1st. Both programs are for children in Kindergarten - Grade 2 and will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the MacAskill Room (Heritage Room)

It's not too late to register. Call Phyllis at 334-1235 (ext. 5) ASAP! There is no fee and the program is open to any child in Kindergarten - Grade 2 who is interested, but we do need to know ahead of time who is coming. Hope your child can join us for this church activity for younger members.

Blessings, Phyllis

**Grief Support Series Begins on October 7**

We are again offering our fall grief support group. This four-week series is entitled, "Dealing with Grief and Loss: Hope in the Midst of Pain." The group will be led by Donna Heebner, a member of our church who has experience in grief counseling, and Phyllis Dowd. We will meet on Sunday evenings from October 7 through October 28 in the Crane Library from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. The series will include a session on faith and hope in the midst of personal grief led by Rev. Hans on October 28. 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 this experience further with others in the same situation. If you have any questions, please call Phyllis Dowd at the church office (334-1235 ext. 5).

**YOUNG @ HEART  
October 11 @ 12:00 noon**

Catered Lunch · Cost \$8.00

Followed by a program  
by Senior Acts

**Faith and Fitness  
Walking Small Group**

Thursday Mornings @ 8:30 am October 4th, 11th & 18th

Meet in Fellowship Hall for a brief devotion, prayer and a 2-mile walk on the battlefield. All are welcome! Bring a friend! Contact Candace Nyiri if you are interested at 337-2939.

**PW CIRCLES**

**Elizabeth Circle**

**Monday, October 15 @ 1:00 p.m.**

Hostess: Sandra Breighner  
116 S. Hay St.  
Gettysburg  
334-1562

Study Leader: Jean Holder

Lesson 2: Jonah 1

**Mary Martha Circle**

**Monday, October 15 @ 7:30 p.m.**

Hostess: Judy Bullis  
202 Belmont Rd.  
Gettysburg  
334-6323

Study Leader: Nancy Cook

Lesson 2: Jonah 1

**Esther Circle**

**Thursday, October 18 @ 9:30 a.m.**

Members will meet in Eisenhower Lounge

Study Leader: Barbara Finrock

Lesson 2: Jonah 1



**Young Women's Circle (new) will meet Tuesday, October 23 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Laura Davis will present Lesson 2: Jonah 1

**Sunday Morning Fellowship & Coffee Hour Needs You**

We are looking for 2 people to make 3-dozen of something to share at each of our Sunday morning coffee fellowship times. One of the results in our new Sunday morning worship schedule is we have an extra fifteen minutes at each of our fellowship times. In order to make this extra time more enjoyable we would like to offer a little something to nibble on during our coffee fellowship times. Wouldn't you love to share your famous cookies; coffee cake or some other favorite recipe with the rest of your church family? The way it works is this: you decide if you want to provide for the 9-9:30AM or 10:30-11:00AM fellowship time; then you make 3 dozen of something delicious; you bring it in with you on Sunday morning and place it on the table across Fellowship Hall from the coffee urns (by 9:00AM for the first time slot or 10:30AM for the second). It's that simple! If it's on a plate you need to have back simply mark it with your name, we'll wash it and have it by the snack table the following Sunday for you to pick up. If you're interested in this hospitality ministry fill in the form below and return it to Rev. Nyiri in the church office or visit the Cookie Table and sign up in the book provided!

(Return to Rev. Nyiri by offering plate; snail mail or email [gpclou@earthlink.net](mailto:gpclou@earthlink.net))

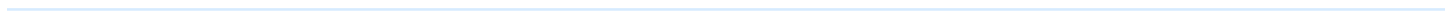
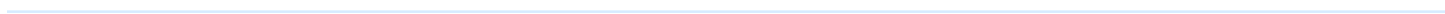
Yes, I will help by providing 3 dozen of something for the coffee fellowship on Sunday morning.

My name: \_\_\_\_\_

My phone # and/or email: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I would be willing to be contacted for more than one Sunday if you are in a bind.

(Calendar Page)



## CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary!

October 7- World Communion Sunday

October 14- "Let Your Life Speak!"

October 21-"When God Winks."-Guest Speaker-**TJ Remaley** (College student and GPC member)

October 28- Service of Communion

***One thing I do know. I was blind, but now I see!" (John 9:25)***

*Come and worship and explore God's amazing grace with us!*



**Next Newsletter Deadline:  
Noon, Thursday, October 4, 2007**

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