

# GRAPEVINE

October 24, 2007

## Parson to Person

As we continue to imagine our way through our 2008 stewardship campaign entitled *Imagine*, here are six motivations for giving on the part of those who desire to grow in their faith and to team up with others in sharing the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ with people near and far. Think about these motivating factors as you imagine what your stewardship involvement will be in 2008.

1. Desire to be part of a compelling cause
2. Desire to make a lasting difference in the world
3. Expectation of receiving a personal blessing from the work done by the church
4. Experience of being more involved personally with the church's ministries & missions.
5. Desire to help meet an urgent need being addressed by the church
6. Appeal of the church's efficiency and effectiveness in carrying out its mission

*(How to Increase Giving in Your Church ó George Barna)*

Through our church's annual stewardship campaigns and by your observing and participating in the ministries and missions of Gettysburg Presbyterian Church, I hope you realize that GPC is helping so many people here in Adams County and in different parts of the USA and in other countries. We are providing effective assistance to others who are not a part of our church and meaningful worship and fellowship for our church family. Your generous and grateful gifts are being used faithfully and invested wisely in service to Jesus Christ. Thank you so much for your generous and faithful giving.

Faithfully Yours,

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## Children's Stewardship Project

As part of our fall stewardship campaign, we are asking the children of our church to bring in a **small** toy for a child in Honduras. This can be a new toy (the size of a McDonald's toy) or one of your child's own toys that is in good shape. These will be given out to the Honduran children ages 4 - 10 after they visit one of the dentists on our Medical/Dental Mission Team.

Please have your child bring their toy to church on Sunday, November 11, and place it in the marked container in Fellowship Hall. The toys will be given out to the children in Honduras next summer by members of our mission team.

Blessings,  
Phyllis

# Happy Birthday to...

November 2  
 Luke May  
 Steve Rathgeber  
November 3  
 Hope Sanders  
November 4  
 James Neely  
 Barry Simon  
 David Stabler  
November 5  
 Andrea Crowe  
 Vanessa Landis  
 Lori May  
November 6  
 Cristy Bates  
 Al Moroz  
November 7  
 Colin Burke  
 Eleanor Monahan  
 Chase Whiteman  
November 8  
 William Monahan  
 Mary Frances Stewart



November 9  
 Libby Crowe  
 Ashley Gladfelter  
 Bradley Stephens  
November 10  
 George Marguglio  
 Barry Wareham  
November 11  
 Richard Maue  
November 13  
 Fran Salisbury  
November 14  
 Arielle Sargent  
November 15  
 Whitney Nevins  
 Joseph Swatsworth  
November 16  
 Selena Chritzman  
 Andrew Keller  
 Kevin Wilson  
November 17  
 Krista Delacruz  
 Dave Eskildsen

Kendall Nevins  
November 18  
 Jennifer Beegle  
 Joanna McGuire  
November 19  
 Whit Coombs  
 Barbara Dombrowsky  
 Lisa Michajluk  
 Tyler Weikert  
November 20  
 Betty Frazee  
 Deborah Snyder  
November 21  
 Matthew Hartwig  
 Graham Stabler  
November 22  
 Kim Hain  
November 23  
 Jim Biggar  
 Beth Jones  
 Vikki Slaybaugh  
November 24  
 Kennedy Brown

Gary Hubble  
 Bethany Kolmer  
 Felicity Sarnoff  
November 25  
 Susan Catts  
 Christina Deitch  
 Benjamin Dudash  
 Hugh Ferguson  
 Emma Freeman  
 Sara Jones  
November 26  
 Charles Caldwell  
 Sean Ecker  
 Lindsey North  
November 27  
 William Stansbury  
 Carrie Trax  
 Cade Wilhelm  
November 28  
 Caitlyn Landauer  
 Susan Landauer  
 Graison Michajluk  
 Kenneth Mott

Barbara Snyder  
November 30  
 Taylor Breighner  
 Leonard Holder  
 Jen Kareha  
 Emma Sanders



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Dear Church Family,  
 Please know how very special you all are.  
 Thank you so much for your prayers, cards,  
 delicious meals, phone calls, etc., during my  
 recovery from recent surgery.  
 There are many angels among you.  
 Sue Moyer

THANKS, ROSS!  
 In the last newsletter we thanked all  
 those who helped patch and paint the  
 Shack out back. Omitted from the list of  
 workers was the project coordinator, Ross  
 Brownley. Thanks Ross, and sorry for the  
 omission.

Please accept our sincere thank you for all the cards, phone calls, visits and prayers that you showed Paul over the last nine months. A special thanks to the GPC Contemporary Music Band, 7 Mile Road for conducting the Bone Marrow Benefit in his honor and all who donated their time and money.

Thank you for all the food that was made for us during his illness and after his passing.

Thanks to Lou and Dan who drove to Hershey in the middle of the night to sit with us and pray. Thank you both for a wonderful memorial service. It touched the entire family deeply.

Thank you all for still keeping us in your prayers. The comfort we feel from our church family gives us new strength each day.

God Bless....  
 Karchner Family

**Young @ Heart  
Thanksgiving  
Dinner with the Youth Club  
Wednesday, November 14th  
@ 4:45 p.m.**

Young at Heart has placed a book in the church library as an honorarium to James Getty for his portrayal of A. Lincoln in one of their meetings. It is Abraham Lincoln: Redeemer President by Allen C. Guelzo. Just when you thought you had read all the books about Lincoln, along comes this intellectual portrait of the great man, shedding light on his religious reflections but illuminating the religious and intellectual culture of 19th century America.

**Did You Know?**

The fall **Faith and Fitness Walking Group** met weekly for brief devotions and a two-mile walk on the battlefield in September and October.

Our fall walkers included: Doris Elledge, Nancy Heller, Ann Cowden, Georgia and Tom Kuhn, Joanna McGuire, Sheryl Suplee, Lucy Breighner, Sharon Baker, Susie Snyder, Beth Fitzpatrick and Bekah Leeper.

If you would be interested in future walks, please contact Candace Nyiri at 337-2939.

**WE WILL WALK IN THE LIGHT OF YOUR PRESENCE, O LORD! Psalm 89:15b**

**CHURCH HISTORIAN**

Several GPCers responded to the appeal for a church historian. Chrissy Ely will be our church historian. She will begin organizing our history files and old archives.

Church office email changes and additions are as follows:

Phyllis Dowd - [gpcdce@embarqmail.com](mailto:gpcdce@embarqmail.com)

Lou Nyiri - [gpcclou@embarqmail.com](mailto:gpcclou@embarqmail.com)

Penny Messinger - [gpcadminassist@embarqmail.com](mailto:gpcadminassist@embarqmail.com)

**“Praying Together” for Preschoolers and Their Parents**

All 3 and 4-year-olds and their parents are invited to a 2-part program entitled “Praying Together”. It will be held on Sundays, October 28 and November 4 from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in Eisenhower Lounge. There will be a Bible story, games, and activities for children and parents together, and a short discussion time for parents only.

We as parents are primarily responsible for our children’s faith formation. Come to this class to discover simple ways to make your home a “faith home”. Contact me at 334-1235, ext. 5, or [gpcdce@embarqmail.com](mailto:gpcdce@embarqmail.com) if you have any questions. See you this Sunday!

Blessings,  
Phyllis

# Upcoming Events

## November Music Schedule

11/4	8:15	Early Choir
	11:00	Adult Choir
11/11	8:15	Early Choir
	11:00	Adult Choir
11/18	8:15	Kristin North Early Choir
	11:00	Kristin North Adult Bell Choir
11/25	8:15	Heather Miller
	11:00	Youth Choir Youth Bell Choir

**Contemporary Worship**  
Sunday Mornings at 9:30 a.m.  
in the Sanctuary

**Join us for an engaging worship  
experience centered in  
God's Word !**

**Everyone is Invited!  
Bring a Friend.**

**GIVE THANKS TO GOD  
WITH A GRATEFUL HEART!**

### MidSHIP Schedule

November 4	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship / Games
November 11	5:30 - 8:00	Bonfire *
November 18	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship / Games
November 25	NO MIDSCHIP THANKSGIVING	

\* More information to follow

### HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

November 4	5:30 - 7:00	Games & Discussion
November 11	5:30 - 8:00	*Hayride or Discussion
November 18	5:30 - 7:00	*Hayride or Discussion
November 25	NO SHIP	THANKSGIVING

\* Details to follow

### **Honduras 2008**

We need to collect 3000 zip lock snack bags for use in filling prescriptions in the pharmacy in our Medical & Dental Mission Clinic in San Marcos, Honduras in June 2008. These snack bags will be shipped in early 2008. If you would like to donate a few boxes of zip lock snack bags your donation would be greatly appreciated. Please place boxes of zip lock bags in the collection box in Fellowship Hall. Muchas gracias!

### Congregational Meeting on November 18

At our November 18 Congregational meeting, in addition to electing new elders, deacons and at large members of the Nominating Committee, the congregation will vote on whether to create Health Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs) for the staff. This is a voluntary option to all full time and part time employees. Staff members included in this option are: Dan Hans, Lou Nyiri, Candace Veon-Nyiri, Penny Messinger, Libby Crowe, Phyllis Dowd, Becky Wareham, Dave Conklin, and Don Clark.

Each employee is able to set aside an amount (up to \$5,000 annually) to have withheld from pay to cover health care costs in the given year (ōgiven yearö extends into mid March of following year). The FSA amount withheld is a öuse it or lose itö proposition. The FSA amount is not taxable but does appear on the W-2 form in a special box. There are no financial costs to GPC in creating FSAs for employees since this is a voluntary salary reduction plan. The congregation needs to vote to create this plan. Once approved the plan may be amended or terminated at any time by vote of the congregation upon Session's recommendation. Any questions about the proposed policy may be directed to the Personnel and Administration Committee Chair Jim Biggar.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>November 2007</h1>				<b>1 Newsletter Deadline</b> 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:00 p.m. Kids Club 6:30 p.m. Worship & Music 7:00 p.m. Christian Ed. Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Adult Bell Choir	<b>2</b> 9:30-11:00 a.m. Spanish Story Time 10:00 a.m. Exeter High School Overnight - Bob Fleck	<b>3</b> Exeter H.S. will leave by 12:00 noon  1 - 5 p.m. Gastric Bypass Support Group  <b>Move clocks back 1 hour</b>
				<b>4 Stewardship Sunday</b> 7:35 a.m. Early Choir 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 12:15 p.m. Collection Counting Team Luncheon 4:00 p.m. Youth Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir 5:30 p.m. SHIP / MidSHIP	<b>5</b> 9:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Mission & Interpretation 7:30 p.m. Personnel & Admin.	<b>6</b> 9:30 a.m. Sewing Workshop 5 - 7:00 p.m. JMJ Spanish 7:00 p.m. Bible Study (IKE)
<b>11</b> 7:35 a.m. Early Choir 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 12:15 p.m. Deacons Mtg. 12:15 p.m. Property Committee 4:00 p.m. Youth Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir 5:00 p.m. Session 5:30 p.m. MidSHIP Bonfire 5:30 p.m. H.S. Fellowship	<b>12</b> 9:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 7:00 p.m. Cancer Support Group	<b>13</b> 7:30 a.m. Habitat Board Mtg. 5 - 7:00 p.m. JMJ Spanish 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Leader Mtg.  No Bible Study tonight	<b>14</b> 7:30 a.m. Sm. Group 1:30 p.m. Weekly Cancer Grp. 1:40 - 3:15p.m. CEF 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 4:45 p.m. Young @ Heart & Youth Club Thanksgiving Dinner 5:30 p.m. High School "12" 5:30 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 5:45 p.m. Chapel Choir 6:15 p.m. Chapel Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Divorce Sup. Grp. 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	<b>15 Newsletter Deadline</b> 9:30 a.m. Esther Circle 6:15 p.m. Gastric bypass Support Group 7:30 p.m. Adult Bell Choir	<b>16</b> 9:30-11:00 a.m. Spanish Story Time	<b>17</b>
<b>18 Pledge Sunday</b> 7:35 a.m. Early Choir 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 12:00 p.m. Congregational Mtg. 4:00 p.m. Youth Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir 5:30 p.m. SHIP / MidSHIP <b>Gulf Coast Mission Returns</b>	<b>19</b> 9:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 1:00 p.m. Elizabeth Circle 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:30 p.m. Mary Martha Circle	<b>20</b> 5 - 7:00 p.m. JMJ Spanish 7:00 p.m. Bible Study (IKE)	<b>21 Newsletter out</b> 7:30 a.m. Sm. Group 1:30 p.m. Weekly Cancer Grp. 1:40 - 3:15p.m. CEF 5:30 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 6:30 p.m. Divorce Sup. Grp. 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir 7:30 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service @ St. Francis Church	<b>22 OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>23 OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>24</b> 5:00 p.m. wedding
<b>25</b> 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School	<b>26</b> 9:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts	<b>27</b> 5 - 7:00 p.m. JMJ Spanish	<b>28</b> 7:30 a.m. Sm. Group 1:30 p.m. Weekly Cancer Grp. 1:40 - 3:15p.m. CEF 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:30 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 5:30 p.m. High School "12" 5:45 p.m. Chapel Choir 6:15 p.m. Chapel Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Divorce Sup. Grp. 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	<b>29 Newsletter Deadline</b> 7:30 p.m. Adult Bell Choir	<b>30</b> 9:30-11:00 a.m. Spanish Story Time	

**THANK YOU to all involved in the Contemporary Worship Ministry!**

The Contemporary Worship Music Team is back in full swing on Sunday mornings during our Contemporary service at 9:30 a.m. We are thankful for the dedication of these musicians who lead us in song each week. They are: Pat and Dave Conklin, Beth and Scott Christopher, Pat and Rob Lewis, Leo McGuire, Carrie Trax, Michele Lofgren, Bill Fitzpatrick, Bruce Rowland, and Linda Thompson.

Extra Special Thanks to our hard working Contemporary Worship Tech Team ! We are thankful for the audio visual expertise of Steve Kinsey and Bill Fitzpatrick who donate countless hours to fine tuning our technical systems so that all our worship services can include media as well as be recorded. We also welcome Vann and Matt Hinton to the tech team!

Thank you to Doug and Betty Forbeck, and Pam Rowland for ushering and greeting each week at the Contemporary service. Also, we thank Paulette Brabender for creating our beautiful worship banners.

HOW ABOUT YOU?! Would you like to be involved in our ministry of Contemporary Worship? Join our Music Team, our Tech Team or our Usher and Greeters Team. See Candace Veon-Nyiri if you would like to talk further about sharing your gifts!

**Next Newsletter Deadline:  
Noon, Thursday, November 1, 2007**

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