

GRAPEVINE

November 7, 2007

Parson to Person

November brings to us Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day. The following was provided by GPCer Allen Duncan with permission from the author to run it in our newsletter. Think of it as an expression of thanksgiving for our nation's veterans of the armed forces.

I Am a Veteran

(by Andrea C. Bren)

You may not know me the first time we meet
I'm just another you see on the street
But I am the reason you walk and breathe free
I am the reason for your liberty

I am a Veteran

I work in the local factory all day
I own the restaurant just down the way
I sell you insurance, I start your IV
I've got the best-looking grandkids you'll ever see

I'm your grocer, your banker,
Your child's schoolteacher
I'm your plumber, your barber
Your family's preacher
But there's part of me you don't know very well
Just listen a moment, I've a story to tell

I am a Veteran

I joined the service while still in my teens
I traded my prom dress for camouflage greens
I'm the first in my family to do something like this
I followed my father, like he followed his

Defying my fears and hiding my doubt
I married my sweetheart before I shipped out
I missed Christmas, then Easter, the birth
of my son
But I know I was doing what had to be done

Faithfully Yours,

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I served on the battlefield, I served on the base
I bound up the wounded, and begged for God's grace
I gave orders to fire, I followed commands
I marched into conflict in far distant lands

In the jungle, the desert, on mountains and shores
In bunkers, in tents, on dank earthen floors
While I fought on the ground, in the air on the sea
My family and friends were home praying for me

For the land of the free and the home of the brave
I faced my demons in foxholes and caves
Then one dreaded day, without drummer or fife
I lost an arm, my buddy his life

I came home and moved on, but forever was changed
The perils of war in my memory remained
I don't really say much, I don't feel like I can
But I left home a child, and came home a man

There are thousands like me,
Thousands more who are gone
But their legacy lives as time marches on
White crosses in rows, and names carved in queue
Remind us of what these brave souls had to do

I'm part of a fellowship, a strong mighty band
Of each man and each woman who has served this
great land
I helped keep her flying over you, over all

I am a Veteran

2007 Christmas Fair on December 2

It's Christmas Fair time once again! The 22nd Annual Christmas Fair will be held on Sunday, December 2, from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. There will be games and prizes for children and adults, a light supper, craft tables, baked goods, and coffee for sale. Bring your whole family to enjoy this kick-off to the Christmas season. Do your Christmas shopping at the Fair where money raised will benefit six projects listed below. You will also be able to shop at the Fair on Sunday mornings, December 2, 9 & 16. **Specific wish lists will be available in the next newsletter, so that you can purchase an item in honor of someone on your holiday list.**



1. **MISSION: HONDURAS 2008** Each summer our congregation sponsors a medical/dental mission team of our church members headed by Dr. Brad Hoch, Rev. Dan Hans, and Dr. Tom Soliday to Honduras. Next summer our members will join with others from around the country to provide health care and health education to over 7,000 adults and children in San Marcos, Honduras. Through your contribution you can help provide medicine, dental care, vitamins, etc. to the Honduran people.
2. **LAKOTA INDIAN PROJECT** in Cherry Creek, South Dakota. Each summer, 25 - 30 members travel to the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation. There they renovate and repair Indian homes, build handicap ramps, hold a potluck dinner and pow-wow for local residents, donate diabetic equipment, and provide a Festival with free food, clothing, games and prizes for 550 residents of the reservation. Your contribution can buy needed supplies to help this extremely poor community.
3. **SEA ISLAND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** Habitat for Humanity is an international Christian organization in which volunteers build homes for low-income families. These families then provide their own labor and can purchase homes with no-interest mortgages. Nineteen members of our congregation travel to Johns Island, South Carolina every April to participate in various building projects.
4. **HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL** Our Christmas Fair first began in 1986 to support HPI, a self-help program which sends livestock to needy families in the US and around the world. These families become self-sufficient through training and gifts of livestock to help them be responsible for their own food needs. Farmers who receive animals must commit to pass on the first born off-spring of that animal to a neighbor in need.
5. **SURVIVORS** This local, non-profit organization provides services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Adams County. The lives of these individuals and families are positively impacted through crisis counseling, a crisis hotline, support groups, educational programs, legal assistance, and a shelter for women and children. In our next newsletter there will be a list of specific items you can purchase in honor of someone on your Christmas list.
6. **FAITH IN ACTION** Volunteers for Faith in Action provide basic services to Adams County's older and disabled adults whose needs go unmet due to lack of family, friends or funds. Services provided include transportation, grocery shopping, visiting, telephone reassurance, yard work, light housework, respite care, minor home repairs. . . AND MORE! Volunteers come from area churches and provide services without charge.

Come to the Christmas Fair to buy "gifts that will keep on giving" to people in need throughout the coming year. If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Dowd in the church office 334-1235 ext. 5 or gpcdce@embarqmail.com. See you on December 2 !!

Upcoming Events

November Music Schedule

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

MidSHIP Schedule

November 11 5:30 - 8:00 Bonfire *

November 18 5:30 - 7:00 Fellowship / Games

November 25 NO MIDSHP THANKSGIVING

* More information to follow

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

November 11 5:30 - 7:00 Game & Discussion

November 18 5:30 - 7:30 *Hayride

November 25 NO SHIP THANKSGIVING

* Details to follow @ Nov. 11 Youth Group.

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

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 2? 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 tables will go to the mission projects. (You can choose the specific project for the proceeds from your crafts.) Contact Phyllis Dowd at 334-1235, ext. 5, or gpcdce@embarqmail.com if you have any questions. Please bring crafts to Fellowship Hall **BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, AT THE LATEST.**

Young at Heart is sponsoring a **bus trip to Harrisburg** to tour the Capitol on **Thursday, December 13.** All are welcome whether you attend YAH or not. There will be a 40 minute guided tour of the Capitol and then we will have lunch in the Capitol cafeteria where tables will be set aside for our group. The cost will be \$28.00 per person for transportation. Lunch will be on your own. We will meet at approx.9:00 AM in the Staples parking lot on Route 30 (across from Wal-Mart) and leave shortly thereafter, returning around mid afternoon. More specific times to be announced as we get closer to the date. If you are interested in being part of this get together please make your check payable to Gettysburg Presbyterian Church. As was our policy last year your check will be refunded only if there is not enough people to warrant the cost of the bus. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us at 359-8896. Please mail your check to the address provided below **to be received no later than November 19th.**

Dick & Pam Wisor
7 Preserve Dr.
Littlestown, PA 17340

Mission Bright Star

On **Sunday, November 18th** you will have an opportunity to participate in our church's annual Mission Bright Star program. Mission Bright Star is part of our church's mission outreach in which members of our congregation purchase gifts for children whose father or mother is a resident in the Adams County Correctional Facility during the holiday season. Our church has been involved with this local ministry since 1993.

Details regarding participation in Mission Bright Star will be announced during each worship service on November 18th. Sign-up for the program will occur immediately after the services in Fellowship Hall. As in the past, your willingness to share the love and compassion of Christ with others is greatly appreciated. Thank You!

KRISLUND CAMP MISSION PROJECT

Calling all carpenters, drywallers, painters and electricians!

Camp Krislund is in full-blown building mode. The new 20 room Adult-Family Lodge is scheduled to start construction in late November using mostly volunteer labor. There is a more immediate need.

The Croda House is a new building that has been erected and Camp Krislund needs our help to complete that building. Once completed the current office will move from the Brown House to the Croda house. The Brown house will then be used to house volunteers who will be working on the Adult/Family Lodge. All of that has to happen before construction starts on the Adult/Family Lodge.

If you can join us any time during the next few weeks, call Dan Alex at 691-1471(h) 717-599-4283(cell) or email danalex@comcast.net.

Bring Children's Stewardship Toys This Sunday

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 this 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

Gettysburg Community

Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 21st at 7:30 p.m.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

22 West High Street

Members and friends of the Gettysburg Ministerium

are pleased to extend a cordial invitation to the

Gettysburg community to share in the

2007 Celebration of Thanksgiving.

*Our guest speaker will be the **Rev. Steve Annis,***

Pastor of Harvest Field Community Church.

Please plan to come and share in worship.

**Urgent Appeal for
Gettysburg Community
Thanksgiving Service**

"Local congregations are invited to bring any and all types of Canned Food to this Service."

All items will go directly to the Adams County Shelter, as they are very low on food for their residents.

Food may also be taken to the shelter, 102 N. Stratton St., Gettysburg, 337-2413.

For further information, contact the Gettysburg Ministerium at 334-3032. Thank you.

PW CIRCLES

Elizabeth Circle

Monday, November 19 @ 1:00 p.m.

Hostess: Joan Pore
755 McClellan Dr.
(Lake Heritage)Gettysburg
337-1718

Study Leader: Joan Pore

Lesson 3: Jonah 2

Mary Martha Circle

Monday, November 19 @ 7:30 p.m.

Hostess: June Wescott
169 Early Ave.
Gettysburg
334-6407

Study Leader: Susie Snyder

Lesson 4: Jonah 3

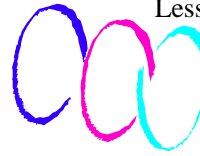
Esther Circle

Thursday, November 15 @ 9:30 a.m.

Members will meet in Eisenhower Lounge

Study Leader: Kim Hubble

Lesson 3: Jonah 2



Young Women's Circle (new) will meet Tuesday, November 13 @ 7:00 p.m. in GPC Library

Laura Davis will present Lesson 3: Jonah 2



SOUP KITCHEN NEWS!

Thanksgiving provides a special occasion to recognize the wonderful GPC volunteers who support the Gettysburg Soup Kitchen throughout the year. Guests of the kitchen were blessed during the month of October by the delicious casseroles prepared for them by: Tracy Boyer, Geri Dethoff, Trish Jeffrey and Kim Stahl. We all thank God for his many gifts to us and ask that He keep us in his care this holiday season.

Finding God in the Questions

A terrific new book with the above title is now on the bookmobile in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings. Written by ABC News Medical Director, Timothy Johnson, M.D., who is also a minister, this book presents a probing and promising, critical and confirming, scholarly and spiritual look into our Christian faith.



Most first time worshippers will decide within the first 120 seconds (2 minutes) of their visit whether to return the following week .

- Ushers & Greeters are the first welcome to worship for new and returning worshippers. Ushers and Greeters play a vital role in fostering an open, caring & friendly place for people to connect with God and other Christians.

What do ushers do on Sunday Mornings?

- Arrive one half hour before the service begins
- Offer a friendly smile & greeting
- Pass out worship bulletins
- Provide an escort (if needed) to a pew
- Assist in collecting offering
- After the offering ushers participate in the worship experience with family and friends

Following worship ushers will help tidy up+the sanctuary for the next service

What do greeters do on Sunday Mornings?

- Arrive one half hour before the service begins
- Provide a warm smile & friendly handshake to welcome new and returning worshippers. After the Call to Worship a greeter is finished with their duty and will participate in worship.

Could you help out some Sunday?

Return the information below to Rev. Lou Nyiri in the church office.

Yes, I am willing to help foster a welcoming worship atmosphere at our church on Sunday mornings.

- **I prefer to be an usher / greeter / I can be either an usher or greeter.**

I usually worship at 8:15 AM / 11:00 AM service.

Name: _____

Phone Number & Email: _____

The following dates would work in my calendar:

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| January 6, 2008 | February 3, 2008 | March 2, 2008 |
| January 13, 2008 | February 10, 2008 | March 9, 2008 |
| January 20, 2008 | February 17, 2008 | March 16, 2008 |
| January 27, 2008 | February 24, 2008 | March 23, 2008 (Easter) |
| | | March 30, 2008 |

Return this form to the offering plate or to Rev. Lou Nyiri in the church office. A Deacon will contact you.

LIBRARY HELP NEEDED!!

Many of you (and your children) frequently use the Crane Library, the Bookmobile in Fellowship Hall, and our Children's Library on the stage downstairs. WE NEED YOUR HELP!! WE need someone to assist our adult librarian and catalog new books; for our Children's Library, we need someone to reshell returned books every 1 - 2 weeks, and also someone to catalog new books. If you would be willing to help in any way, please contact Phyllis at 334-1235, ext. 5 or gpcdce@embarqmail.com. Thanks

Pastor's Class

Thanksgiving—Christmas, 2007

Nov. 25 The US Christian Commission

John Wega, Executive Director of USCC, will tell of this Christian ministry during the battle at Gettysburg

Dec. 2 The Parables of Christmas

Dan Hans will lead discussion of some of Jesus' parables retold from a Christmas perspective

Dec. 9 The Future of Elder Care

Steve Proctor, CEO of Presbyterian Homes, Inc., will discuss current and future changes in the care of the elderly which should be helpful for those with elderly parents, those who are elderly, and those who someday will be elderly.

All are welcome to attend these gatherings on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the MacAskill/Heritage Room.

ADVENT DREAMS

Message of Hope for Times of Trouble

(For Advent Devotional Use)

By Dan Hans

**\$10.00 Check payable to
Gettysburg Presbyterian Church or cash.**

**(All the funds go toward the
Honduras Medical/Dental Mission)**

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 from December 16th through December 24th. You may pick up your plant(s) following the evening worship on the 24th or before noon on December 27th. The church office will be closed Wednesday, December 26th. Those not picked up by noon on the 27th will be delivered to shut-ins. The 5-6 bloom 6 1/2" pot will cost \$8.25 this year.

Please fill in the following form and 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 2nd. We cannot accept orders after that date.

Christmas Poinsettias 2007

Given by: _____

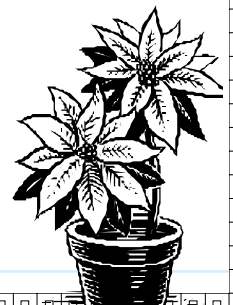
Phone #: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

of plants you will pick up _____

of plants to be delivered to shut-ins _____




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!**

 **Next Newsletter Deadline:
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