

# GRAPEVINE

January 30, 2008

## Parson to Person

The following is an edited segment of an article I wrote for a special Gettysburg Times publication about progress and the future. The entire article will appear in the Times sometime in February. I share these thoughts with you as we move into a new year.

*We had a saying when I was in college: "Go big or stay at home." It was on a par with the adage: It's what separates the men from the boys; or the women from the girls. Such proverbs take on a life of their own and become an appeal to action in time of need. I never did know the origin of our college saying but its power and promise were undeniable. Whenever we were confronted with an imposing challenge, the words: "Go big or stay at home" could jump-start our courage and launch us forward.*

*"Go big or stay at home" – what a great way to jump start the progress needed and desired in 2008. This new year can be the year for each of us to "Go Big" in ways that will make a difference for the better in our lives and in the lives of those around us. How might this happen? Consider the following: What might it mean for us to "Go Big" by making a decision to build stronger, healthier family bonds? What might it mean for us to "Go Big" by making a decision to work toward better understanding of and cooperation with people who differ from us? What might it mean for us to "Go Big" by making a decision to show respect to people even when, and especially when, we do not agree with them and cannot understand why they are so passionate about embracing views that are so opposed to our own views? What might it mean for us to "Go Big" by making a decision to discover and develop the spiritual component of human existence that exceeds the finite bounds of material, temporal, self-focused life?*

*2008 can be the year of progress, the year of "Go Big" with things that make lives better; or 2008 can be another year of "go small" and "stay at home" and "just get by". Progress or regress; getting better or getting by; going big or staying at home? Which will it be for us in 2008? And by the way, any of this and even all of it can happen regardless of the outcome of the November elections!*

Faithfully yours,

*Dan*

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## Year End Financial Report

We finished 2007 with the following impressive fiscal figures:

Total receipts for the budget were at 105% of anticipated

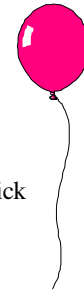
Total expenditures were at 102%

Utility expenses were 83% of anticipated

We ended the year with a healthy and comfortable operating balance of \$91,653.

Thanks to all for your generous and consistent gifts to the ministry and mission of GPC in service to Jesus Christ.

# Happy Birthday to...



February 1

Keith Baker  
Karen Breighner  
Diane Hoffman  
Thomas Piper

February 2

Kayla Hosterman  
Sean Hosterman  
Freda Hulton  
Kyle May  
Greg Trax  
Lydia Walker  
Pam Wisor

February 3

Penny Breighner  
Elizabeth Farnham  
Mary Flinner  
Linda MacAskill  
Sophie May  
Meghan Moroz  
Kasey Rathgeber  
Deb Siefken

February 5

Blaze Graff  
Christopher Kulkusky

February 6

Allan Blue  
Lucas Dayhoff  
Michael Haverlock

February 7

Lori McNair  
Viola Reaver

February 10

Daniel Snyder

February 9

Luke Sainato

February 10

Matt Clark  
Susan Wicklein

February 11

Chuck MacDonald  
Susan Paul

February 12

Charlie Behre  
Walker Daniels

February 13

Maggie Dombrowsky  
Gabrielle Sainato

February 14

Carolyn Durboraw  
Cody Smith

February 15

Sandra Yarber Dixon

February 16

Robert Bigham  
Alison Golanoski

February 17

Carly Hinton  
Bob Hoylman  
Carrie Maitland

February 18

Kate Mowrey  
Barry Breighner

February 19

Nicole Bridel

February 19

Arlene Jury  
Jack Reese

February 20

Deborah Litten

February 21

William Fitzpatrick  
Amy Hans

February 22

Faye Johns  
Patti Schwartz

February 23

Margaret Crone  
Frank Temme

February 24

Henry Heiser  
Dana Hubble  
Harrison Moroz

February 25

Henry Rice  
Marty Fitzgerald

Robert Lindsay  
Laura Morton

Art Pore

February 26

Kody Kulkusky  
Bryan LaRochelle

February 27

Myrt Watson  
John Ambrose

Gary Morrison  
Susan Moyer

February 28

Rush Benson  
Jean Conover

Robert McQuaide  
Joyce Morrison

Lovette Mott  
Rad Schultz

February 29

Bill Tindall  
Courtney Weaver

Jordan Williams  
Alexander Heeschen

Charlotte Winsheimer

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## Thank You:

A Special THANK YOU to our  
2007 Fall Small Group Leaders:

- Joanne & Dan Reisinger
- Becky & Chooch Wells
- Lou Nyiri

(Our fall small groups met during the months of Sept., Oct., Nov., & Dec. for study, prayer, and fellowship.)

I would like to thank the GPC family for all the cards and telephone calls upon the death of my oldest son, Danny in Amarillo, Texas. It is a blessing to be part of such a loving and kind group of Christians.

Thanks so much,  
Jane Welsh

### BIG THANKS TO:

—Chooch Wells for building shelves for holding music in the choir robe room on the second floor of the Calvin House

—Bill Fitzpatrick and Steve Kinsey for all the behind the scenes audio/visual support they provide for worship each week.

Special thanks to the church custodian, Don Clark for the terrific job he did cleaning and waxing the sanctuary floors under all the pews.

Thank you to Scott McPherson for bagging and disposing of the leaves in the church parking lot and backyard of the manse. You did a spectacular job, Scott!

# SOUP KITCHEN NEWS



The Christmas spirit was demonstrated most purely by Soup Kitchen volunteers for December: Jerry Detloff, Trish Jeffrey, Joan Kinsey, Kathy Schneider, Judy Temme and Bev & Lee Weber. The guests of the kitchen were very grateful. January brought more joy as Lori McNair and Suzanne Steinour prepared their delicious chicken rice recipes for the Soup Kitchen. Thank you all so much! If you are interested in this mission, kindly contact Cathy Carson @ 359-0034 for more information.



## Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Opportunities

Adams County Habitat for Humanity is gearing up for the next Blitz Build for the Washington St. duplex. The Blitz Build is scheduled for the first two Fridays & Saturdays in April. In preparation for the Blitz Build, volunteers will be assembling wall panels on Saturday mornings from 8:00 a.m. until noon in the months of February and March @ Musselman's Cold Storage building on Third St. in Biglerville. **GPC is responsible to supply volunteers on Feb. 9th.** Anyone who wishes to help or who has questions concerning the Blitz Build or work day may contact Dennis Meckley @ 337-0777.

### GPC SMALL GROUP MINISTRY 2008 LENTEN SMALL GROUPS

**Begin the week of February 6!**

98 people have signed up for our small group study on the book The Beatitudes for Today by James Howell. Please keep the ministry of small groups in your prayers!

(There are still some spots available. Contact Candace Nyiri at 337-2939 if you would like to be a part of a small group.)

### Calling all children ages 3 through 7!

We had a WONDERFUL turnout for the Christmas pageant and the December Sunday service. All those beautiful voices! Please come back and join us from 10:30 - 10:45 every Sunday morning, immediately following Sunday School on the green rug by the stage downstairs. We are going to be singing in church again on Sunday, February 17th at the 11:00 a.m. service, and we have a fun new song to learn. For questions, please feel free to call Amy Hieber at 338-0624 or Sonja Brown at 642-5203.

# Leapin' Leap Year

## All-Church Pot-Luck Dinner & Variety Show



- When:** Friday, February 29, 2008
- Time:** 6:00-8:00PM (Dinner 6-7 & Variety Show 7-8)
- Who:** Anyone desiring to fellowship with other church members  
 Anyone wishing to share their talent with the church family  
 Anyone who enjoys watching the talent of this church family
- What:** Singing, juggling, joke-telling, drama, skits, etc, etc, etc,
- What to Bring:** Last Name A-I please bring a Main Dish to feed 8  
 Last Name J-R please bring a Salad/Vegetable/Side to feed 8  
 Last Name S-Z please bring a Dessert to feed 8  
 Table Setting for your party.
- Deadline to Register:** February 25<sup>th</sup>

**How to sign and act up:** Complete and return the form below to Rev. Lou Nyiri in the church office.

- Space is limited to 10 acts with 3-5 minutes per act, so sign up early.
- You are responsible to make arrangements for your own accompanist. (Becky Wareham is away that night.)

The design for this fellowship event is to showcase a wide variety of talent from as many of our members as possible. We hope you will join us!!!!

Fellowship Team will provide drink and cups as well as coordinate set up/clean up of the night event. Please pre-register & let us know what last name you fit into so we have enough seats, drinks and food items available.

**Bonus Gift:** If you bring proof of your February 29<sup>th</sup> Birthday to this event you will receive a complimentary \$10.00 gift AND we will sing Happy Birthday to you at the conclusion of the night.

## Leap Year All-Church Pot-Luck Dinner & Variety Show

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will be at the pot-luck dinner and will provide a (circle one) Main Dish / Salad- Vegetable-Side / Dessert to feed 8.  
 There will be a total of \_\_\_\_\_ in my party.

### Sign me up for the variety show too!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

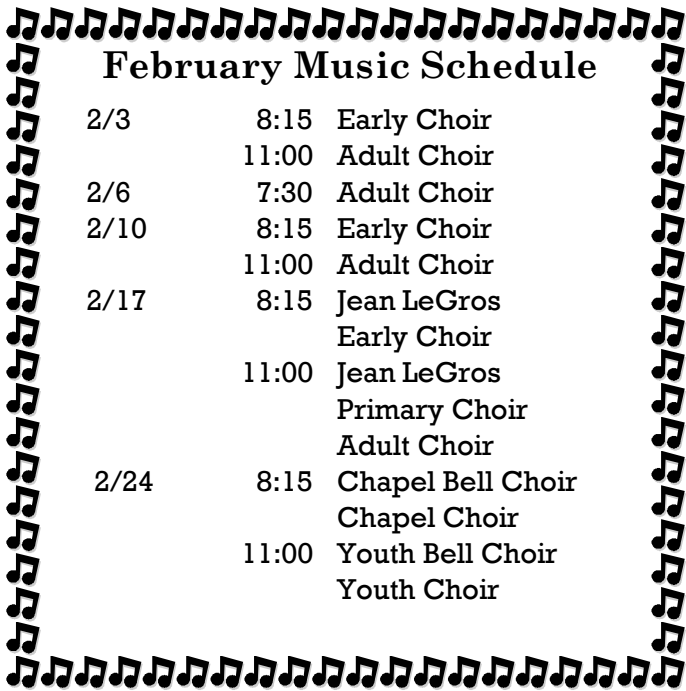
Type of act (singing, humorous, serious, signing to a song): \_\_\_\_\_

Length of act (3-5 minutes maximum): \_\_\_\_\_

Needs (#microphones, # chairs, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

(Return by February 25, 2008 to Rev. Lou Nyiri in church office or email [gpclou@embarqmail.com](mailto:gpclou@embarqmail.com) put "Church Variety Night" on subject line.)

# Upcoming Events



## February Music Schedule

2/3	8:15	Early Choir
	11:00	Adult Choir
2/6	7:30	Adult Choir
2/10	8:15	Early Choir
	11:00	Adult Choir
2/17	8:15	Jean LeGros Early Choir
	11:00	Jean LeGros Primary Choir Adult Choir
2/24	8:15	Chapel Bell Choir Chapel Choir
	11:00	Youth Bell Choir Youth Choir

## MidSHIP Schedule

February 3	3:00 - 5:00	Souper Bowl Game *
February 6	5:30 - 8:00	Snowtubing @ Ski Liberty**
February 10	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship / Games
February 15-16	6 p.m. - 9 a.m.	Girls' Overnight
February 17	12:00 - 3:00	Lunch & a Movie
February 22-23	6 p.m. - 9 a.m.	Boys' Overnight
February 24	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship / Games

\* Bring a can of soup to donate to the Food Kitchen

\*\* Information to follow

**Lenten Breakfasts for middle & high school youth begin on Wednesday morning, Feb. 6th from 6:45 to 7:10 a.m. and continue every Wed. morning through March 19.**

## HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

February 3	3:00 - 5:00	Souper Bowl Game *
February 6	6:45 - 7:10 a.m.	Lenten Breakfast Begins
(These will run every Wednesday morning in Fellowship Hall for breakfast, devotional, and a ride to school. The last one is March 19)		
February 10	5:30 - 7:00	Food & Fellowship
February 17	12:00 - 3:00	Lunch & a Movie
February 24	5:30 - 7:00	Food & Fellowship

\* Bring a can of soup or \$4.00 to donate to the Food Kitchen

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 23—26, 2008

Mark your calendars!!!

## Grief Support Series

We are again offering a spring 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 done extensive grief counseling, and Phyllis Dowd. We will meet on Sunday evenings from February 24 through March 16 in the Crane Library from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. This 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 contact Phyllis Dowd in the church office at 334-1235. ext. 5 or [gpcdce@embarqmail.com](mailto:gpcdce@embarqmail.com).

## February 17th—Women's Sunday

Preaching that Day will be Rev. Dianne Kareha, mother of GPC member, Steve Kareha. Diane is a Presbyterian pastor and member of the Presbyterian National Committee on the Self-Development of People. Presently she serves as chaplain of Luther Crest Retirement community in Allentown, PA and as director of music for St. John's Lutheran Church in Fogelsville, PA.

## PW CIRCLES

**Elizabeth Circle**

**Monday, Feb. 18 @ 1:00 p.m.**

Hostess: Lucy Breighner  
218 Baltimore St.  
Gettysburg  
334-6866

Study Leader: Nancy Saunders  
Lessons 6 - Ruth 1



**Mary Martha Circle**

**Monday, Feb. 18 @ 7:30 p.m.**

Hostess: Kathy Schneider  
95 Ridgewood Dr.  
Gettysburg, PA  
334-6642

Study Leader: Sheryl Suplee  
Lessons 6 - Ruth 1

**Esther Circle**

**Thursday, Feb. 21 @ 9:30 a.m.**

Members meet in the church library  
Study Leader: Barbara Finfrock  
Lessons 6 - Ruth 1

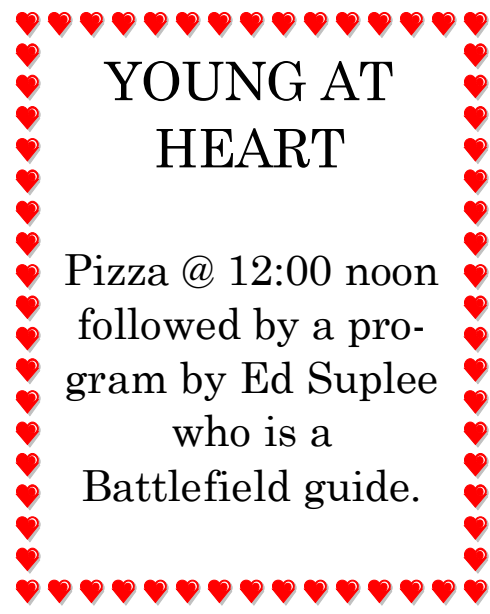
**New Women's Circle**

**Tuesday, Feb. 12 @ 7:30 p.m.**

Members meet in the church library  
Leader: Laura Davis  
Lesson 6 - Ruth 1

## YOUNG AT HEART

Pizza @ 12:00 noon  
followed by a pro-  
gram by Ed Suplee  
who is a  
Battlefield guide.



### Caregiver Needed:

I am a GPC member and have two great kids who need a caregiver Monday-Friday preferably in the Gettysburg area. If you are interested or know someone you can recommend please call Susan at 253-6301.

### KIDS CLUB: February 4 - March 3

Our Spring Series of Kids Club begins this Monday! Due to the number of children interested in Kids Club, we will again be offering two identical programs each week. However, instead of our previous schedule of Monday or Thursday evening, this Kids Club series will be offered twice on Mondays - either at 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. or 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. from Monday, Feb. 4 - Monday, March 3. Both programs are for children in Kindergarten - Grade 2 and are held in the MacAskill (Heritage) Room.

Our theme will be "Serving Others". It will be a time of fun, friendship, Bible stories, scripture activities, crafts, and games under the leadership of Pam Rowland. Please contact Phyllis or Penny in the church office (334-1235) ASAP if you haven't registered your child. 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 who is coming. Hope your child can join us for this great church activity for younger members.

Blessings, Phyllis



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**FEBRUARY CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**

**Each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary**

Join us for worship in a relaxed, creative style!

**February 2008**

Feb. 3 - "No Time for Panic" Rev. Dan Hans Preaching

Feb. 10 - Companions on the Journey - Part I

Feb. 17 - Women's Sunday - Rev. Dianne Kareha Preaching

Feb. 24 - Companions on the Journey - Part II

*"LOVE THE LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and all your strength "*  
*- Deut. 6:5*

**Next Newsletter Deadline:**  
**Noon, Thursday, February 7, 2008**

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