

GRAPEVINE

February 13, 2008

Parson to Person

Here is a portion of the letter I presented to the Session before sending out my letter of resignation to the entire congregation:

I believe I have accomplished my goal at Gettysburg Presbyterian Church which has been to put myself out of a job. The church is doing very well and I believe it no longer needs my leadership. Therefore, I feel free to go and serve elsewhere. Beginning April 13, I will serve as Pastor / Head of Staff of Second Presbyterian Church in Lexington, KY. Please know that this has not been an easy decision for me or my family. Nothing negative or unpleasant here at GPC precipitated this decision. It is simply time for me to pursue a new challenge in a new call... My recommendation is that the Session proceeds as quickly as possible with a transition of leadership so as not to lose momentum... It has been a true privilege to serve as Pastor of GPC for the past twenty years. I only hope the church has been blessed by my ministry to you to the degree I have been blessed by your ministry to me.

Presbytery of Carlisle Executive Presbyter Rev. Mark Krieger and the Committee on Ministry will be great resources for the congregation during the transition as you search for a new pastor. Mark has already met with the Session on February 5 to get the transition process going. He will also be present here this Sunday, February 17 to meet with people in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. and at 11:00 a.m. to talk about what's next for Gettysburg Presbyterian Church and to answer questions.

I invite anyone who wants to come to talk with me about anything before I leave to call and make an appointment. I welcome such opportunities. Please know that I am praying for GPC as it moves toward its next chapter of life as a growing church of caring, commitment and celebration to the glory of God.

Faithfully Yours,

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New Members

Charles Morris
845 Hostetter Rd.
Hanover, PA 17331
632-8630

Frank, Susan, Sarah,
Jacqueline & Kelly Pizzuto
820 Yellow Hill Rd.
Biglerville, PA 17307
677-8912

Amy & Newton Stewart
14 Routsong Lane
Aspers, PA 17304
Children: Paige & Harrison

Karen Swartz
106 E. Myrtle St.
Littlestown, PA 17340
451-8611

John & Sharon Kuntzman
4 Parkland Court
Gettysburg, PA 17325
359-5949

Don & Nancy Saunders
610 Harmony Dr. Apt. #105
New Oxford, PA 17350
624-5952

Andrew & Tracey Stone
1070 Pickett Dr.
Gettysburg, PA 17325
337-0415
Children: Jessica, Brittany,
Emily & Alexis



Please detach the above section and put it in your current Church Directory.

Thank You:

I would like to thank the volunteers from GPC who helped on Feb. 9th & 10th to assemble panels for the Habitat house to be built on South Washington St.: Scott McPherson, Lucy Breighner, Tim & Sharon Baker, Skip Dudash and Bob Remaley.

· Dennis Meckley

Celebration Giving

Enclosed in this newsletter is a Celebration Giving envelope. While the Thank Offering supports worldwide causes, the Celebration Giving offering is local, and supports our church's Presbyterian Women's group and our events. The Rummage and Bake Sales do fund a good part of this, but we also depend on your generous "celebration giving" for such things as food and supplies for the May Banquet, Spring Tea, Fall Luncheon, speakers and entertainers for Women's Sunday and other events. We also send annual gifts to Adams County charities at Christmas.

Thank you, and remember, PW activities are open to ALL women in our church. Please join us.

LENTEN SMALL GROUP NEWS!

Over 100 people are participating in 8 small groups on The Beatitudes during Lent. Please keep the following leaders and groups in prayer:

- Harry & Charlotte Winsheimer at 11:45 a.m. on Wednesdays in the MacAskill Room,
- Rachel & Randy Parmentier at 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays in Eisenhower Lounge,
- Lou & Candace Nyiri at 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays in members' homes,
- Larry Bullis at 12:15 p.m. on Sundays in the MacAskill Room,
- Lou Nyiri at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesdays at Dunlap's Restaurant,
- Candace Nyiri at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the MacAskill Room,
- Chooch & Becky Wells at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in their home, and
- Chuck Teague at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in Eisenhower Lounge.

Upcoming Events

PHOTOS NEEDED

As part of Rev. Hansø farewell party, we are planning to show a slide show which chronicles his 20 years here at GPC. We need lots of photos to make this happen. Please find pictures of Rev. Hans and his family in your home collections and send them to Candace Veon-Nyiri at the church office. Digital photos can be emailed to gpclou@embarqmail.com. Put your name on the back of each photo and we will return it to you. Please submit photos as soon as possible!

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. 17 - Womenø Sunday - Guest Preacher Rev. Dianne Kareha

Feb. 24 - Service of Communion

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

Habitat for Humanity

Blitz Build

Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build is scheduled for April 4 & 5th, 11th & 12th. The work day will begin @ 7:00 a.m. and end at approximately 4:00 p.m. at 264 South Washington St. in Gettysburg. There will be a snack provided at 10:00 a.m. and lunch @ noon. There will be sign-up sheets and detailed information placed in Fellowship Hall on the first couple of Sundays in March. You may call Dennis Meckley at 337-0777 for more information.



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 25th

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's 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 29th 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 put "Church Variety Night" on subject line.)

February Music Schedule

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 17	12:00 - 3:00	Pizza & a Movie (wear PJ's)
February 20	5:30 - 8:00	Snowtubing @ Ski Liberty*
February 24	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship / Games
February 29	2:45	Leave for Rockbridge
March 2	5:00 (est.)	Return from Rockbridge

* Information to follow

Lenten Breakfasts for middle & high school youth every Wednesday morning from 6:45 - 7:10 a.m. through March 19. Join us for food, fun and a faith-forming good time!

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

February 17	12:00 - 3:00	Lunch & a Movie
February 24	5:30 - 7:00	Food & Fellowship

CORRECTION : Mary Martha Circle meeting will be held at Kathy Warkø's home at 87 Twin Lakes Dr. - Gettysburg, 334-5800 (not Kathy Schneider) on **Monday, Feb. 18 @ 7:30 p.m.**

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.

Easter Flowers

Honor your loved ones with the beauty of flowers at Easter. This year we offer you a choice of three flowers: lilies, tulips, and hyacinths. Please fill out the information below and return this form with your check (**payable to Gettysburg Presbyterian Church**) to:

Myrt Watson
95 Twin Lakes Dr.
Gettysburg, PA 17325

Any flowers not picked up by Monday, March 24, at noon will be taken to shut-ins.

Deadline for order is March 7.

_____ Easter Lily \$10.00 (6 blooms)

_____ Tulips \$10.00 (8 bulbs)

_____ Hyacinth \$10.00 (4 bulbs)

In Memory of / In Honor of (circle one)

(please print clearly)

Given by: _____ Will pick up _____



<i>Women of the Church</i>	
<i>Save these Dates!</i>	
<i>Saturday, April 5th Spring Tea</i>	<i>Tuesday, May 6th May Banquet</i>
<i>home of Diane Hoy 1-3 p.m.</i>	<i>at the church, 6 p.m.</i>
<i>Watch the bulletin, Grapevine and posters in Fellowship Hall for more info</i>	

Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, February 21, 2008

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**One Great
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 Sharing**

Palm Sunday, March 16