

# GRAPEVINE

March 26, 2008

## Parson to Person

March 30 will be my last day in the pulpit as Pastor of Gettysburg Presbyterian Church. It has been a great experience and genuine joy for me to have served in that role for over 20 years. Also on March 30 the congregation will elect a Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) to seek a new pastor. To help the congregation continue its service to Jesus Christ while the PNC does its work, God has blessed this church with the leadership of temporary pastor Rev. Dr. Harry Winsheimer and with commitment of the existing staff. You are in good hands and should be able to keep the ministries and missions of this congregation moving ahead.

As the PNC does its work, it will read over 150 Personal Information Forms (PIFs) from individuals interested in the Head of Staff position. In those PIFs one of the questions that pastors are asked to address is: *Describe the characteristics of the church you would like to serve and the unique gifts, skills, and experiences you would bring to this position?* What follows is my response to that very question, formed from my pastoral experience here at Gettysburg Presbyterian Church.

Every congregation has its own personality, shaped by experience in faith and fellowship. The same holds true for every pastor. A new pastor-congregation relationship is like a marriage in which one does not marry to change the other, but out of mutual respect for each other and a commitment to work together in discovering what the two might become together. Three traits essential for a dynamic pastor-congregation relationship are openness, flexibility and humor. How open are both pastor and congregation to the leading of God's Spirit in being faithful to the Gospel in an ever-changing world? How flexible are both in adjusting to one another's styles and stories in serving Jesus Christ together? How able are both to laugh at ourselves and not to take ourselves and the way we used to do things too seriously?

I wish you all the best in your search for a new marriage partner in ministry. I will pray for you and I hope you will pray for me.

Faithfully Yours (from a distance),

### Inside:

- Wills Workshop
- PW Spring Tea
- Workcamp Brunch
- VBS Leaders Needed

# Happy Birthday to...

## April 1

Ryan Conklin  
Ryan Dudash  
Dylan Fissel  
Amy Morton

## April 2

Jackie Ecker  
Ian Isherwood  
Jared Kern  
Susan Kint  
Alex McNair

## April 3

Alex Damjanovic  
Benjamin Soliday  
Dakota Warcup

## April 4

Dempsey Miller  
Jacqueline Pizzuto  
Savannah Soliday  
Suzanne Tschop  
Dick Wisor

## April 5

Scott McNair  
Stephan Reyka

## April 6

Natalie Hinton  
Hatty Ketterman

## April 7

Alexis Stone

## April 8

Brian Breighner  
Bob Jones  
Logan Kempinski  
Bill Martin

## April 9

Carol Geist  
Susan Lindsay  
Dorothy Oblack

## April 10

Eric Maitland  
Mary Ellen Myers

## April 11

Sal Chandon  
Scott Freeman

## April 12

James Hans  
Julie Kint  
Susan Pizzuto

## April 13

Ethan Burgess  
Dale Gallon  
Drusilla Warner

## April 16

Kevin FitzGerald  
Beverly Gard  
Amy Stewart  
Judy Temme

## April 17

Destiny Downing  
Caroline Maue

## April 18

Idella Brust  
Hayden Hall  
Richard Heflin  
Robert Heldt

## April 19

Michael Beegle

## April 20

Madison Brubaker  
Sandra Dixon  
Cindi Knouse  
Betty Kump

## April 22

Brent Klahold  
Mary Shuss  
Lance Snyder

## April 23

Lori Breighner  
Molly Myers  
Melanie Keller  
Susie Snyder

## April 24

Sally Jones  
Frank Pizzuto  
Amy Tomassini

## April 25

Brandy Mosser  
John Reber  
Joanne Reisinger

## April 26

Judy Bullis  
Elijah Dillman  
Doreen Oblack

## April 27

Tanya Heinemann  
Charlotte King  
Lynn Peterson  
Holly Stabler  
Ariana Watson

## April 28

Katherine FitzGerald  
Tammi Swartzbaugh  
Dolores Yakencheck

## April 29

Lawrence Sanders  
Emily Shoey

## April 30

Josie Brownley  
Dan Reisinger



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## **Thank You:**

Becky and Barry Wareham would like to thank the members of Gettysburg Presbyterian Church for all of the kind words and cards given to them following the death of Becky's dad, Charles Wiggins. The outpouring of thoughts and prayers was overwhelming. A special thanks to the Adult Choir, the Adult Bell Choir, to Tammi Swartzbaugh and Dana Witt for volunteering to take over the rehearsals, and to Carrie Trax for saying yes for the Sunday morning duties without any hesitation. Everything was greatly appreciated.

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## **Condolences:**

- Ron & Beth Jones and Libby & Mike Crowe on the recent death of Ron's sister-in-law and Libby's aunt.

# Upcoming Events

## April Music Schedule

4/6	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
4/13	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
		Adult Choir
4/20	8:15 a.m.	Chapel Bell Choir
		Chapel Choir
		Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
4/27	8:15 a.m.	Youth Choir
		Youth Bell Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Youth Choir
		Youth Bell Choir

## MidSHIP Schedule

March 30	NO MIDSHIP	Farewell Party for The Hans Family
April 6	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship / Games
April 13	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship / Games
April 18 - 19	7 p.m. - 7 p.m.	30-hr Famine
April 20	No MidSHIP	
April 27	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship / Games
May 4	5:30 - 7:00	Picnic @ Lake Heritage

## Why are the Youth going to...

### *Be Hungry?*

You may be wondering why students would be willing to not only give their time, but also give up eating for 30 hours when they participate in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. It's simple: they are going without food so that others can eat.

But there's more to the 30 Hour Famine than simply not eating. One of the many reasons groups do the 30 Hour Famine is to grow closer together—to create camaraderie by working side-by-side toward a common goal.

Another tangible result of the Famine comes through the simple act of going without food on behalf of children half a world away, drawing participants closer to Christ. They experience compassion, feeling the hunger of children who don't have a choice about their own circumstances.

## HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

March 30	NO SHIP	Farewell Party for The Hans Family
April 6	5:30 - 7:00	Food & Fellowship
April 13	5:30 - 7:00	Food & Fellowship
April 20	5:30 - 7:00	Food & Fellowship
April 27	8:15 - 11:00 a.m.	Youth Sunday
	(No evening H.S.F. Due to Youth Sunday)	
May 4	5:30 - 7:00	PICNIC
	(site to be determined)	

## MidSHIP News

The Mid-Ship Labyrinth was well received again this year. Thanks to the Wednesday Small group, Kathy Dudash, Tamara Doehring and Emma Adams, who helped with art work and set up. Thanks also to Tim Flagg and Mike Crowe, who helped supervise take-down. Special thanks to everyone who attended the labyrinth and contributed to the 30-Hour Famine effort.

Please begin to pray for the students in our congregation as they prepare to participate in the 30 Hour Famine. You can also support their efforts to save kids' lives by making a check out to Gettysburg Presbyterian Church and designating "World Vision" in the memo line. World Vision has again received a grant which would quadruple all donations, including yours. Remember that \$1.00 feeds 1 child for a day.

This year's 30-Hour Famine will be held at the church on April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

Give our college students a boost at final exam time. **Sunday, April 6th**, pick a name of a student off the tree in Fellowship Hall and send a care package of snacks with a note to remind them of the support of their church family. If you have a student in your family, please stop by the display and verify that their name is on the list with the correct address.

### **“Why Everyone Needs A Valid Will”**

**April 20, 2008**

It is important that you have a valid will, whether man or woman, married or single. Husbands and wives who hold property jointly should know it is imperative that each have a valid will. If you don't have a will, state law will dictate to whom your assets are distributed. Also the court will appoint administrators for your estate and guardians for your children.

If you have questions and would like to know more about wills and estates, please come to our seminar on April 20, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. in the Heritage/MacAskill Room. The seminar will be given by Attorney Lynn Peterson, a GPC member.

Roger Clowes

A Member of the Finance Committee

### **The Session is delighted to announce**

that the Rev. Dr. Harry Winsheimer will be our Temporary Supply Pastor beginning April 1. Many of you know Harry and his wife Charlotte, because they have been worshipping at GPC for the last year since they retired to Gettysburg. We look forward to formally introducing Harry in April.

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S SPRING TEA**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5**

**1:00 - 3:00 P.M.**

at the home of Diane Hoy - 133 Tiffany Lane

### **ALL WOMEN of the CHURCH ARE INVITED**

#### **DIRECTIONS TO DIANE HOY'S HOME:**

From the church, travel north one block on Baltimore Street. Turn left onto W. Middle Street (PA 116). Go about 1.3 miles to Old Mill Rd. Turn right onto Old Mill Rd. and travel about 0.7 miles to Tiffany Lane. Turn right onto Tiffany Lane and travel to 133 Tiffany Lane (brick house with white trim in middle of the loop).



## APRIL CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
Join us for worship in a relaxed, creative style!

### April 2008

3/30 Rev. Dr. Daniel T. Hans ô Service of Communion  
öWas It Just A Dream?ö (Danø final Sunday in the pulpit.)

4/6 - Rev. Dr. Mark Englund Krieger - Executive Presbyter

4/13 - Rev. Dr. Harry Winsheimer

4/20 - Earth Day Sunday

4/27 - Youth Sunday

*“... so we too might walk in the newness of life.” Romans 6:4*

### Pastor's Sunday School Class Update

The Pastor's Sunday School Class will continue into the spring with the following schedule:

March 30	No class
April 6	Class will meet
April 13	No class- Workcamp Brunch
April 20	Wills and Estates Presentation
April 27-May 18	Four-week series “The Wired Word,” a Christian look at current events.




### Hershey Park Tickets

Thinking of going to Hershey Park this summer? Want to buy tickets at a cheaper rate? Weøve got the answer for you! You can order and buy tickets through the church group rate. These tickets can be used by you ANY DAY of the 2008 season. The rates are \$26.50 for ages 9-54 (regular rate is \$47.95) and \$23.00 for ages 3-8 and \$23.00 for ages 55+ (regular rate is \$28.95).

You may order these tickets by calling Phyllis at the church office (334-1235, ext. 5) or by signing up in Fellowship Hall beginning April 6. FINAL DATE TO PAY FOR THESE TICKETS IS SUNDAY, APRIL 20th. Please make checks out to %Gettysburg Presbyterian Church.+ There will be no refunds for tickets not used. You do not have to be a church member to participate. Thanks!!

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**Next Newsletter Deadline:  
Noon, Thursday, April 3, 2008**

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