

# GRAPEVINE

April 9, 2008

## Parson to Person

Greetings,

This has been a season of surprises! I never thought that I would be writing the front page article. But, God, Dan Hans and the elders are full of surprises.

I use this article to introduce myself. My parents gave me a moniker that has challenged many. (I don't understand the problem; I was able to learn it as a child.) It is easier just to call me Harry. The formal name is The Rev. Harry G. Winsheimer, D. Min. Winsheimer is pronounced öWinsö öhiö ömerö.

Charlotte and I will be married 49 years in August. Our son in Leesburg, VA, has two teenaged boys. Our daughter and her husband in Reston, VA, have a four-year old daughter, Grandpa's buddy.

My faith journey began by being born to devout Presbyterian Christians in the Bethel Presbyterian Church, Indiana County. In college I studied geology and chemistry. However, the Spirit kept tapping me on the shoulder to become a minister until I yielded!

Since Pittsburgh Seminary, my pastorates have been as follows:

1963-1965: Elders Ridge P.C. and Shelocta U.P.C., Indiana County---220 members, rural

1965-1970: Calvary U.P.C., McDonald, PA---500 members, small town/suburban

1970-1989: Hamilton P.C., Bethel Park, PA---550 members, suburban

1989-1998: Orchard Park P.C., Orchard Park, NY---1000 members, suburban/village

1998-2006: National P.C., Washington, D.C.---2500 members, metropolitan, as associate pastor for congregational care

July 1, 2006: retired. Oct. 17, 2006: moved to Gettysburg

I think of my length of service as 46 years (43 ordained), because of a student pastorate.

I was solo pastor for 13 years, senior pastor for 22 years, and associate pastor for 7 ½.

Here the elders called me out of the congregation to serve temporarily as senior pastor. I am called to communicate God's Word, provide pastoral care and pastoral support to a healthy, vital, energetic, faithful church. I will have succeeded if you say a year from now that the congregation has continued to thrive during the hiatus between pastors. The congregation will have succeeded---these are critical for the effectiveness of the future pastor---if you are releasing your treasured bonds with Dan Hans, are praying eagerly for the Spirit's guidance, and are committed to support a different senior pastor.

Let us walk together with our Lord into tomorrow!

Yours,  
Harry

### Inside:

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**Thank You:**

**Thanks for the Nursery Care on Easter**

Thanks to the following church members who helped in the church nursery on Easter morning: Maggie Dombrowsky, Trish Jeffrey, Kathy Wark, Marion Lambert, Betty and Ross Brownley, and Nichol Fake. Thanks also to Rose Kendig for leading the 9:30 a.m. Children's Church.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the prayers for our dear daughter Olivia. We cannot wait for you all to meet her. She came home March 4th and is doing well. We are grateful to God for such a wonderful blessing! — Hayden & Tanya Hall

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP NEWS**

The Contemporary Worship Ministry Team thanks the dedicated Music Team for sharing their gifts at the Easter Morning Sunrise Service on March 23rd.

We also want to thank Paulette & Tom Brabender for the beautiful Palm Sunday and Easter worship banners used in both Contemporary and Traditional Services.

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, Vann Hinton, Megan Pilarcik, and Greg Trax who donate countless hours to fine tuning our technical systems so that all our worship services can include media as well as be recorded.

Dear Friends of Døberville Volunteers Foundation,

The stars shine brightest against the blackest sky. As the winds of Hurricane Katrina moved away from our little town of Døberville, MS, it was soon apparent that they left behind the dark clouds of destruction, desolation, and despair. Then the stars came out - donors like you.

There is no way to adequately express our gratitude for all you have done. Your donation on November 11, 2007 of \$750.00 for the Lowe's gift card gave us a sense of your compassion for those in need. Your expression of love and caring renewed our spirits. You have lifted us from the debris physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.

From the depths of our hearts, we thank you,  
Irene McIntosh & Ed Cake  
Døberville Volunteers Foundation and the Citizens of Døberville

(The Lowe's gift cards for \$750 were donated from our Sunday School offering.)

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**Condolences:**

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jane Howe on the recent death of her mother, Blanche Pottorff.

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**Listen On-line**

Missed a Sunday, worked in Children's Church or in the nursery and missed the message? Now you can listen online. Just go to the church's website: [www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org](http://www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org) and click on %Sermons.+ Sunday's message is usually available online by 5:00 PM on





**“Farewell Program  
at the Majestic” DVD**

Yes, there will be a DVD of Dan’s Farewell program at the Majestic Theater on March 30 available for church members to borrow or purchase.

If you are interested in borrowing a DVD of the program, please see the next newsletter for more information as to when the recordings will be available.

If you would like to purchase a DVD, please call Phyllis in the church office (334-1235 ext. 5).

**SWING INTO SOFTBALL**

Sign up to play softball in our church league. Call or email Rev. Lou Nyiri at 334-1235, ext. 4 or [gpclou@embarqmail.com](mailto:gpclou@embarqmail.com).

**SMALL GROUP NEWS**

**Wow! DID YOU KNOW?**

Lenten Small Groups met weekly during February and March to read and discuss the book The Beatitudes for Today by Dr. James Howell. Over 100 people participated in this opportunity for fellowship, study, and prayer. On March 20th, Small Group participants gathered for a Soup and Bread Supper in Fellowship Hall before attending the Maundy Thursday Worship Service together.

**We want to give special thanks and recognition to our group leaders for 2008: Chooch & Becky Wells, Randy & Rachel Parmentier, Dennis Meckley, Lou Nyiri, Harry & Charlotte Winsheimer, Chuck Teague, and Larry Bullis. We are thankful to God for your leadership!**

Also, special thanks to all who helped with the Maundy Thursday Soup and Bread Supper! Thank you to Susie Snyder for coordinating and planning the event. Thanks to Sherry Farkas and Sharon Baker for making soup. Thank you to Penny Messinger and Lucy Breighner for keeping everything running smoothly! Thanks to Bruce & Pam Rowland for serving as Host & Hostess! Thanks to Don Clark for setup. THANKS to all who brought food and helped clean up!!

If you are interested in future Small Group opportunities, please contact Candace Nyiri (337-2939).

**The Pastor Nominating Committee** was elected at our March 30, 2008 congregational meeting.

The names of those elected are as follows in alphabetical order: Jen Beegle, Judy Bullis, Roger Clowes, Ron Hankey, Barb Sanders-Hartwig, Ralph Lambert, Scott McNair, Carrie Trax and Ron Weigle. This team of individuals has begun meeting and are in the beginning stages of the process by which we will all discover, through God’s leading and by God’s grace, who will be the next Senior Pastor of our church family. If you have not already done so, please add this team to your personal prayer list and begin praying for this mission to which they have been called by God and chosen by you, the members of this congregation.

**A Change of Pastors...And How It Affects CHANGE in the Congregation** is the title of a new book now available on the church Library Bookmobile in Fellowship Hall Sunday mornings. According to the jacket cover, “This book will help congregations do more than merely find a hired hand to manage the preaching and the worship. They will discover what God wants them to be and do. They will find a new commitment to ministry. And they will find the pastor who will help them make that ministry happen.+ All current church Session members have a copy of this book as well as our newly elected Pastor Nominating Committee members. One of those people recently told us, “This book is a must read for anyone and everyone in our congregation. I can’t put it down.+ If you would like to order your own copy, contact Rev. Lou Nyiri in the church office to place your order. Rev. Nyiri will place an order for more books on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

# Upcoming Events

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

## HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

April 13	NO SHIP due to Workcamp Brunch	
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 Schedule

April 13	2:30 - 4:00	Putt-Putt Golf Outing
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

## 30-Hour Famine April 18th & 19th

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.

## PW CIRCLES

### Elizabeth Circle - Monday, April 21 @ 1:00

Hostess: Lillian Hoffman  
6375 Chambersburg Rd. #14  
Fayetteville (352-2475)  
Study Leader: Helen Stabler  
Lesson: Ruth Chapter 3  
(Carpool from GPC parking lot @ 12:30)

### Mary Martha Circle - Monday, April 21 @ 7:30

Hostess: Kathy Wark  
87 Twin Lakes Dr.  
Gettysburg (334-5800)

Lesson: Ruth Chapter 3

### Esther Circle - Thursday, April 17 @ 9:30

Members meet in the Eisenhower Lounge of GPC  
Study Leader: Barbara Finfrock  
Lesson 6: Ruth Chapter 1

**Spring Inquirers' Classes** will begin on April 20, 2008. Anyone wishing to join our church family is encouraged to take this four-week course. Contact the church office (334-1235) if you are interested in being part of our Spring Inquirers classes.

## FAITH & FITNESS

### Spring Walking Small Group

Our spring Walking Small Group will begin Thursday, May 1st and run for 6 weeks through June 5th. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for a brief devotion and then a 2-mile walk on the battlefield. All are welcome and you can walk at your own pace! Why not invite a friend? Contact Candace Nyiri if you would like to join us!



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



**LAST CHANCE to buy a ticket for  
the April 13<sup>th</sup> Workcamp Brunch**



If you missed your chance to purchase a ticket on Sunday, you still have some time... but it's running out. Email or call the church office today (gpclou@embarqmail.com or 334-1235, ext. 4) and let Rev. Nyiri know how many in your party and which seating you will attend. You might consider inviting a friend that Sunday to worship and treat them to brunch. The seating times are as follows: 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. (**After 1<sup>st</sup> & Before 3<sup>rd</sup> Worship**), 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon (**After Sunday School**) and 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m. (**After 3<sup>rd</sup> Worship Service**). Cost per ticket is \$8.00 (13 years and older) and \$5.00 (12 years and under).

*The brunch is catered by the Dobbin House and features: egg-bake; waffles; bacon; potatoes; fruit and cheese tray; muffins; with orange juice, coffee, tea, and water to drink. If you cannot attend the brunch but would like to support workcamp 2008, contact Rev. Nyiri. This is the high school workcamp's **only** fund raiser. Your generous support has helped send students to serve God in past years and we thank you in advance for this year's support.*

**HELP NEEDED: Sorting for South Dakota**

We have a large amount of clothing and toys to sort in preparation for our South Dakota mission trip to the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation in July. **We need lots of help!!** Our sorting days and times will be as follows:



Monday, April 21 8:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 22 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.



If you can spare a few hours on either/both of these days, please call Phyllis or Penny in the church office (334-1235). Thanks for your willingness to be a part of this mission project.

**PW Gathering and Annual Meeting  
Carlisle Presbytery  
April 19, 2008**

Where: Centre Presbyterian Church - Loysville PA

When: 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Morning Program: Annual meeting and Installation of Officers, and National Geographic video with discussion "Celebrate What's Right With the World"

Light lunch will be served

Afternoon Program: ðWhat God Has Done For Meö - testimonials by three women

Give our college students a boost at final exam time. **Sunday, April 13th**, 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.



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

- 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 the sanctuary up 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 (circle one) us her / greeter / I can be either an usher or greeter.**

**I usually worship at (circle one) 8:15AM / 9:30AM / 11:00AM service.**

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

Phone Number & Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The following dates would work in my calendar:

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|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| May 4, 2008  | June 1, 2008  | July 6, 2008  |
| May 11, 2008 | June 8, 2008  | July 13, 2008 |
| May 18, 2008 | June 15, 2008 | July 20, 2008 |
| May 25, 2008 | June 22, 2008 | July 27, 2008 |
|              | June 29, 2008 |               |

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



## Hershey Park Tickets

Thinking of going to Hershey Park this summer? Want to buy tickets at a cheaper rate? We've 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 on April 13 or April 20. **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!!

## PW RUMMAGE, PLANT & BAKE

### MAY 2 & MAY 3, 2008

This has been another winter to get the "cabin fever". We hope that you used those shut-in days to clean out the basement, closets, kitchen cabinets, dresser drawers and all the other storage places to salvage good, saleable items for the **SPRING 2008 RUMMAGE SALE**. If you are still in the winter doldrums, then get the spirit and get busy - clean out, pot the plants and start baking. PW is looking forward to your recyclable goods as well as your business on sale days.

As always, storage space is minimal, so if you possibly can, please bring your recyclables to the church on the Monday before the sale, April 28. You can then leave them in the corner near the outside door to Fellowship Hall. It also reduces work for the volunteers who set up. Please bring clothing that is clean and in good condition and things that "work" should be in working condition. Also, please, no items that require special handling for disposition. **Don't forget the brown bags.**

#### Now the schedule:

Rummage & Plant Sale: **Friday, May 2, 8:30 am - 5 pm and Saturday May 3, 8:30 am - 12 noon**

Bake Sale & Lunch: **Friday, May 2, 8:30 am - 12 noon (or until sold out).** Lots of scrumptious baked goodies. Lunch menu is hot dogs with a variety of toppings, Sloppy Joes, chips & soda.

Drop-Offs: On Monday, **April 28**, put everything in the corner next to the main outside entrance of Fellowship Hall. **Deadline to drop off is Noon on Thursday, May 1.**

Marking & Sorting: **Tuesday, April 29, 1 pm - 5 pm; Wednesday & Thursday, April 30 & May 1, 9 am - 5 pm.**

Baked Goods: Drop off by 8:00 am on **Friday, May 2** or the night before if frozen.

Plants: Can be dropped off on Monday or Tuesday, but please be sure they are moist: **Wednesday or Thursday, April 30 or May 1 is best.**

Clean-Up: **Saturday, May 3 from 12 noon until done (1 to 1 1/2 hours).**

Volunteers are needed to set up, take sales and clean up. Call Melanie Keller (334-7392) if you can help; even one hour is greatly appreciated. Also, Melanie, Susie Snyder (642-9199), or Kathy Kircher (334-5294) can answer any questions you may have about the sale.

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR WONDERFUL  
SUPPORT OF THIS WORTHWHILE PW PROJECT.**

**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.


**April 2008**

4/13 - Rev. Dr. Harry Winsheimer

4/20 - Earth Day Sunday - In honor of God's creation, tree seedlings  
will be given out during worship!!

4/27 - Youth Sunday

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

 **Next Newsletter Deadline:  
Noon, Thursday, April 17, 2008**

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