

GRAPEVINE

May 7, 2008

Parson to Person

Many have never gone through a pastoral vacancy. Others come from churches who get a pastor by a different process. They ask how it works.

When a vacancy occurs, the congregation elects a Pastor Nominating Committee. We held this meeting on March 30 and elected nine members to the PNC, as we usually call them (Sometimes you will hear it called the Pulpit Committee or the Search Committee.).

What will the PNC do? Work long and hard! They began by organizing themselves. They elected Ron Hankey as moderator (chair) and Judy Bullis as secretary.

The PNC is charged with writing a Church Information Form (CIF), which is a very detailed description of Gettysburg Presbyterian and what qualities/skills are desired in the pastor. The PNC will host the Congregational Vision Day on Saturday, June 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, during which all members may assess the church as it is and describe the church and pastor that they seek. Eventually the PNC submits the CIF to the session and Presbytery for approval. Then the CIF will be available publicly for interested ministers to study.

Our national office has a data base where the CIF is listed and the desired qualities/skills are computerized. Also, it keeps dossiers of all ministers. By computer, churches and possible ministers are matched. (Is this getting to be too much detail?)

The PNC reviews dossiers that are submitted by the computer, ministers, church members, word of mouth, applicants, etc. Eventually the PNC interviews a few applicants. They visit the applicant's worship service.

Through the process, Carlisle Presbytery will be a resource and guide to the PNC. When the PNC has a candidate in mind, the ministry committee of Presbytery will interview the candidate. (The Presbytery may not appoint, but must approve a candidate.)

Will you know whom the PNC considers? No. They will maintain secrecy to prevent uproar in the congregations of ministers not selected.

The PNC will nominate one candidate who will conduct Sunday morning worship. Then the congregation will vote on whether or not to extend a call, and vote on the terms of the call. The minister accepts the call or rejects it. Finally, the whole Presbytery votes on the call. (It is a three-way agreement by pastor, congregation and Presbytery.)

Next issue, I will answer other questions that I have heard: When will the pastor be appointed? Why do you say call or elect, rather than hire? Why does it take so long?

Yours,
Harry

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Happy Birthday to...

May 1

Margaret Curtis
Victoria Harvey
Jane Howe
Joann Karchner
Isaac Myers

May 2

Erin Heeschen
Diane Hoy
Breelyn Snyder

May 3

Laura Tschop

May 4

Katherine Manning
Katherine Rice
Marlene Tindall

May 5

Luke Flinger
Tom Kuhn
Trevor Meckley

May 6

Michael Reyka
Kasey Smarsh
Michael Soliday

May 7

Benjamin Angstadt
Paul Miller

May 7

Judy Beamer
Kenneth Fair
Andy Farkas
Lance Lewis
Jed Smith

May 8

Shaye Whiteman
Lawrence Wolf

May 9

Tracy Angstadt
Lillian Hoffman
Karalyn Kempinski
Nicole Weikert
Alex Witt

May 10

Joshua Paul
Kelly Smarsh

May 11

Dawn Bohner
Marjorie McCartney
Thomas Smarsh

May 12

Brian May
Clay Whitlock

May 12

Rick Arnold
Emma Dillman
Lauren Freeman
Jacob Kump
Alison Moyer

May 13

Todd Durboraw
Jean Huskin
Nonie Kennell

May 14

Molly Banks
Matthew Knouse

May 15

Sheila Howes
Heather Miller
Jacob Thompson

May 18

Beth Weisenborn

May 19

Harrison Stewart

May 20

Tim Baker
Ralph Eriksen
Ellen Piacentine
Sydney Tomassini
Geof Weisenborn

May 21

Amy Dreves
Paul Ketterman
Diane Weikert

May 22

John Golanoski
Jack Soliday
Natalie Tschop
Jake Wilhelm

May 23

Mary Louise
Felix
Leo Ward

May 24

Lori Bridel
Kevin Ecker
Joseph Jones
Corena Harman

May 25

Tim Flagg
Faith Gard
Louise Garverick
Elizabeth Hans
Jenny Lindner
Larry Musselman

May 26

Devin Miller

May 27

Karen Eskildsen
Emily Stone

May 28

David Hoylman
Brian Stabler

May 29

Judy Inskip
Edward McCartney

May 30

Jim Heeschen
Charles Morris
Linnette Murray

May 31

Jerry Althoff
Daniel Crowe
Dennis Dowd
Beatrice Harness
Zachary Slaybaugh
Matt Vandewater



PW CIRCLES

Elizabeth Circle - Monday, May 19 @ 12:00 p.m.

Hostess: Nancy Saunders
Brethren Village
New Oxford (624-5952)
Study Leader: Judy Inskip
Lesson: 9, Ruth Chapter 4
Call Nancy if attending.
(Carpool from GPC parking lot @ 11:30)

Esther Circle - Thursday, May 15 @ 9:30 a.m.

Members meet in the Eisenhower Lounge of GPC
Study Leader: Barbara Finrock
Lesson: 9, Ruth Chapter 4



Mary Martha Circle - Monday, May 19 @ 7:30 p.m.

Hostess: Kathy Schneider
95 Ridgewood Dr.
Gettysburg (334-6642)
Lesson: 9, Ruth Chapter 4

Ruth Circle - Tuesday, May 13 @ 7:00 p.m.

Members meet in the Library of GPC
Lesson: 9, Ruth Chapter 4

GATHERING FOR PW IN THE SYNOD OF THE TRINITY

June 12—14, 2008

Gathering begins at 1:30 on June 12 and ends at noon on June 14.

Waynesburg University . Waynesburg, PA

Registration for the entire conference \$170

Registration for first time attendees \$150

Choose from 10 Workshops on Friday afternoon.

Call Mary Smith (334-4452) for registration forms. Registration deadline is May 22.

Vacation Bible School

June 23 - 26

"49 A.D.: The Adventures of Paul" will be our theme for Vacation Bible School this year. The program is open to all children ages 3 to Grade 5 (completed). It will be held on June 23 - 26 from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon.

Through an experiential hands-on approach, children will explore the biblical stories of Paul and his early missionary journeys! The stories will be told through drama, and groups of children will then participate in games, scripture, snack, and Bible activities centered around each story. A visit to the "Agora" (Roman Marketplace) in Fellowship Hall (and outside) will provide an opportunity for children to choose a variety of crafts that interest them. We also have a special activity planned for children in Grades 3—5 on Thursday afternoon.

VBS registration will be held from May 18 - June 15. Fee will be \$5.00 /child or \$10.00 /family. Registration forms will be included in the next newsletter, or may be obtained from the bulletin boards or through the church office.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!! Below you will find a list of personnel needed. (A supply list will be included in the next newsletter). Please take a look and find out how you can be part of our program. Contact Phyllis at 334-1235, ext. 5 or gpcdce@embarqmail.com to volunteer. Thanks in advance for helping to make this VBS another great program for our children!

PERSONNEL NEEDED

2 Preschool Leaders

Games Leader

10 Group Leaders - 2 group leaders accompany each group of elementary children through the morning

25 Volunteers needed for the "Agora" Roman Marketplace - help children complete a craft or scientific experiment for 1 hour each morning

Snack Assistant

Childcare (for leaders' children)

Drama Participants (non-speaking) - middle, high school & adult

Teen Aides (completed Grade 6 and older)

Thank You:

MUCH HELP FOR SOUTH DAKOTA

Thanks to all listed below who helped sort clothes and toys for South Dakota. We had great help and finished in 1 day of 14 hours! Special thanks to Pam Rowland who coordinated the project all day and evening, Barry Breighner who worked the entire time, Penny Messinger who provided muscle power, worked 8 hours in her "real job" in the church office, and then stayed until 7:30 p.m., and Phyllis Dowd who helped coordinate and worked until 9:30 p.m. Each one of the following who helped, served as a vital part of this mission:

Barry Breighner	Kathy Dudash	Dorothy Oblack	Drusilla Warner
Ann Cowden	Marie Duncan	Leslie Peoples	Rebecca Zepp
Amy Deitch	Linda Larson	Barb Snyder	

Thanks also to Cathy Carson and Jim & Donna Newman who came to help Tuesday morning but were no longer needed. We appreciate your offer!

Thanks for Car Chase, Dinner-to-Go and Trip to Mt. Tabor Park

Our Youth Club Car Chase is held each spring. It is not as dangerous as it sounds, but it sure is fun! Thanks to the following drivers who made this activity possible: Leslie Peoples, Lisa Gormley, Mark Beauchat, Amy Deitch, Ann Cowden and Cinnamon Hosterman.

One of our traditional spring activities for Youth Club is our Dinner-to-Go, a walking game involving small groups of children, bags of numbered food items, and dice. You never know where your group is going to end up in Gettysburg, or which items are going to be eaten first! Thanks to the following adults who led our groups this year: Alva Ecker, Amy Deitch, Cinnamon Hosterman, Wendy Heiges, Ann Cowden and Dana Hubble.

Our last Youth Club meeting at the end of each year is a trip to Mt. Tabor Park in Rocky Ridge, MD. We had beautiful weather on April 30 as 30 children and 12 leaders and parents ventured to the park with the ðBig Slideö! Thanks to the following for providing transportation: Alva Ecker, Amy Deitch, Wendy Beauchat, Lori Bridel, Cinnamon Hosterman, Suzanne Wiltgen, Wendy Heiges, Carrie-Ann Barrow, Bob Gormley, Ann Cowden and Gina Plamann. And thanks to Mark Beauchat for ömanning the grillö!

Blessings, Phyllis

Thank You, Youth Club Leaders

As our Youth Club year ends, I once again express my deep gratitude to the following adults and teen aides for their commitment, faith, patience, and enthusiasm every Wednesday afternoon from 3:15 - 6:45 p.m. since we began in September: Amy Deitch, Wendy Beauchat, Mark Beauchat, Melanie Keller, Amy Tomassini, Gina Plamann, and Lucy Breighner, as well as teens Sergei Ismailoff, Sam Tomassini, Megan Gochenauer, Scott Keller, Holly Scarbrough, Brandi Watson, Christian Swartzbaugh, John Carter, Ben Dudash, Ally Ecker, and Danny Heiges. Also many thanks to Tammi Swartzbaugh and Becky Wareham who served as Chapel Choir and Chapel Bell Choir directors respectively.

Thank you also to all the parents who cooked each week, and those who drove for special trips. Fifth graders, we will miss all of you very much, but know that you will be a wonderful addition to Middle School Fellowship next year! The rest of you, enjoy our break, and I look forward to seeing you in September.

— Love, Phyllis

Upcoming Events

May Music Schedule

5/11	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
5/18	8:15 a.m.	Adult Bell Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Youth Bell Choir
		Primary Choir
		Youth Choir
5/25	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir

 * TO THE LADIES OF *
 * GETTYSBURG *
 * PRESBYTERIAN *
 * CHURCH *
 * Because you are special, the *
 * Fellowship Team will be honoring *
 * you May 18th with a potted plant. *
 * Please pick up your flower in Fel- *
 * lowship Hall on Sunday, May *
 * 18th. *
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COME WALK WITH US!!
FAITH & FITNESS
Spring Walking
Small Group



Our spring Walking Small Group began Thursday, May 1st and runs every Thursday morning through June 5th. We 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 at 337-2939 if you would like to join us!

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



HERSHEY PARK TICKETS HAVE ARRIVED!

If you ordered Hershey Park tickets, you may pick them up in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings or during the week in the church office. Call Phyllis at 334-1235, ext. 5 if you have any questions.

Please Wear Red!

This Sunday, May 11 is Pentecost Sunday when we celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church. Red is the traditional color of Pentecost, so we are asking church members to consider wearing red that day. If you don't own any red clothing, please come to church anyway!


GPC CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Worship with us Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.
Join us for prayer, song and God's Word in a relaxed, creative style.
All are welcome!!

May 2008

- 5/11 Making a Difference (Day of Pentecost & Mother's Day)
- 5/18 Night Light
- 5/25 Service of Communion (Memorial Day Weekend)

*The Christian life is not a matter of doing great things FOR God.
That's religion. Christianity is doing great things WITH God.
That's the life of Jesus Christ in us. The Spiritual Formation Bible*



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Noon, Thursday, May 15, 2008**

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