

# GRAPEVINE

May 21, 2008

## Parson to Person

In the last Parson to Person, I surveyed the search process for a new pastor. In this issue, I respond to other questions: When will the pastor be appointed? Why do you say *call* or *elect*, rather than hire? Why does it take so long?

If I am asked when the pastor will be appointed, I know that the questioner probably has a Catholic or Methodist history. The word *appoint* implies that there is a bishop or superintendent who has the authority to assign a pastor to a church. In our system, no one and no governing body has the right to appoint a permanent pastor. The word *appoint* is not in Presbyterian vocabulary. In the appointment method, change happens quickly, often from one Sunday to the next.

We *call* our pastors. Presbyterians, Baptists, and some other denominations believe that pastors and congregations are brought together through a call from God for the purpose of serving Jesus Christ together. The *call* comes through a prayerful search and votes.

The concept of *call* is rooted in the Old Testament. Moses was tending sheep when God *called* him to return to Egypt to free his enslaved people. In the New Testament, Saul was heading toward Damascus to persecute Christians when he heard the voice of Jesus. Believers hear, if not literally then through inner sense, God calling them to service. That is why we use the term *call*. *Calling* involves many people in a process that typically takes from twelve to eighteen months.

Why does it take so long? Because it takes time for the PNC to assemble data on our church, compose the Church Information Form, publicize the position, read Pastor Information Forms, visit and/or view tapes of sermons, check references, interview several, come to a single mind as a committee, hold second/third interviews, and negotiate. I would expect that our PNC will have far more than a hundred applicants. Each of these will be handled by our volunteers who are fitting this into their schedules.

Finally, the congregation is informed of the nominee/candidate, who preaches for us, and the congregation votes ye or nay to call the minister to be pastor. Finally the presbytery votes to confirm the call. Since there are votes, the pastor is *elected*.

Hope these two articles about the search process for a pastor help you understand it.

Yours,  
Harry

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# Happy Birthday to...



**June 1**

Dan Anderson

**June 2**

Emma Burgess  
Robert Farnham

**June 3**

Merial Heldt  
Laura Reyka

**June 4**

Will Brubaker  
Jean LeGros  
Robert Miller  
Morgan Sites

**June 5**

Pat Behre  
Shirley Lamb

**June 6**

Riley Fitzgerald  
Evelyn Small  
Ben Thompson

**June 7**

Donald Carman  
Gabriel Delacruz  
Dale Molina  
Leslie Smarsh

**June 8**

Zachary Beegle  
Emily Stewart

**June 10**

Alexander &  
Nikolas Contreras  
Timothy Poorman  
David Reese

**June 11**

Barton Breighner  
Sherry Farkas

Hugh Matthews  
Brett Williams

**June 12**

Benn Hoover  
Jaron Sanders  
Yvonne Whitney

**June 13**

Ryan Ecker  
Dick Watson  
Louis Westfall

**June 14**

Luke Heflin  
Kim Patrono

**June 15**

Norma Campbell  
Amie Murray  
Andy Slaybaugh  
Allyson Smarsh

**June 16**

Nancy Bushey  
Frank Geist  
Lewis Hilbert  
Matthew Hinton

**June 17**

Carl Kohn  
Ann Matthews

**June 18**

Ann Cook

**June 19**

Happy Freas  
Barbara Stewart  
Matthew VanHoutte

**June 20**

Michael Crowe  
Sydney Miller  
Kevin Mowrey  
Hilda Oussoren  
Michael Wark

**June 21**

Rachel Doehring  
Carolyn Ferguson

**June 22**

Jackson Kendig  
Jordan Nevins

**June 23**

Roger Albin  
Ellen Dayhoff  
Nichol Fake

**June 24**

Jeff Hieber

**June 25**

Marian Benchoff  
Dan Ebaugh  
Aidan Hoover  
Aaron VanHoutte

**June 27**

Jennifer Clark  
Lee Flinger  
Teresa Gard

**June 28**

Justin Bankert  
Eleanor Sheen  
Carolyn Smarsh

**June 29**

Paul Ely  
Gail Lee

**June 30**

Grant Tresselt  
Cheryl Gochenauer  
Dorothy Heflin



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## **Thank You:**

### **Thanks, Jerry & Lucy**

May 11 was Pentecost Sunday and our sanctuary was adorned with many beautiful red geraniums. A special thank-you goes to GPC member Jerry Althoff of Country Side Gardens who donated all the geraniums. They were planted along the church driveway by our GPC master gardener, Lucy Breighner. Thanks to both of you!!

PW would like to thank Steve Toddes, Dennis Meckley, Allen Duncan, Harry Winsheimer, Larry Bullis, Tom Piper, Lee Weber, Tim Baker, Chooch Wells, Andy Farkas, Bruce Rowland, and Mac Heebner for giving up an entire evening to serve the food and clean up at the May banquet. It was a big job. Everyone seated at the dinner appreciated the effort involved.

### **Thank you,**

### **Sixeas Furniture**

Recently, Sixeas Furniture Galleries donated several pieces of new furniture to our church. A burgundy leather sofa and matching chair now adorn our senior pastor's office. And a very long, comfortable sofa can be found in the Confirmation Room. If staff members are unavailable during the weekdays, you may know where to find them! Many thanks to Sixeas and Ann Cowden for arranging these donations.

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## **LOVE IN A BASKET"**

PW in Synod of the Trinity Gathering"

"Love in a Basket" is a project of Washington Presbytery. Baby items will be taken to the Synod Gathering at Waynesburg University June 12-14. Baskets will be made up of the items brought by the Presbyteries to share God's love and care with new mothers who do not have family and friend support. Carlisle Presbytery is responsible for the following items: newborn onesie or sleeper, unscented baby wipes, socks, a stuffed toy, a medium or large outfit, and lotion or scented soap for mom. For any of these items donated to be taken to Waynesburg in June there will be a box (marked Synod/Love in a Basket) in Fellowship Hall Sunday May 25, June 1 and June 8. Questions - call Sarah Lambert 334-4667.

## 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. Registration deadline is June 15. Fee is \$5.00/child or \$10.00/family. Below you will find a list of personnel and supplies needed. Call Phyllis at 334-1235, ext. 5, when you know how you can be part of our program.

**(Registration forms are included in this newsletter)**

### PERSONNEL—WE STILL NEED LOTS OF HELP!!!

#### 2 Preschool Leaders

1 Teacher - lead 4 groups of children in snack each day

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

14 Volunteers needed for "Roman Marketplace" - help children complete a craft for 1 hour each morning

Childcare (for leaders' children)

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

Teen Aides (completed Grade 6 or older)

One-Time Appearances: Beggar, Roman Soldier, Tax Collector & Juggler

### Supplies Needed:

Tail feathers (pheasant, chicken or goose)	90 fabric squares (36+x 36+- all colors or patterns)
90 juice or canned good lids (no sharp edges)	20 1+x 1+wood cut to 14+(need corners mitered to make square loom) 5 looms needed
Heavy string (5 or 6 skeins)	1+corks - approx. 270
4 pp nails (120)	12 long nails
Colored foils and metallic tapes	3/16+and 1/2+dowel rods
Round lead sinkers or bullet shots 200+	800 small stones
Spices and herbs (mint, mustard, bay leaves, cinnamon, coriander, cumin, dill, etc. bundled into small bunches)	2+wide heavy duty cardboard tubes
6 1/2+x 6 1/2+squares of 1/2+plyboard	Block of salt

### May we borrow?

Mirrors - free standing, free standing table top, or hand held	Hammers & Mallets	Mortar & pestle
Chisels (toothed and flat)	Spotlight	Tarps
Balance Scale		
Free-standing umbrellas		

### Items to be made:

Boat sails	Spray paint small stones
Sandstone molds for the sculpture shop	Cut out burlap circles

# Upcoming Events

## YOUNG AT HEART

June 12 @ 12:00 p.m.

A Picnic at Lake Heritage

followed by a Program

by Rebecca Wells

## June Music Schedule

6/1	8:15	Early Choir
	11:00	Adult Choir
6/8	8:15	Early Choir
	11:00	Adult Choir
6/15	8:15	Early Choir
	11:00	Adult Choir
6/22	8:15	Early Choir
	11:00	Adult Choir
6/29		Soloist

## HARRISBURG SENATORS GAME on JUNE 19

All church members and friends are invited to a Harrisburg Senators Baseball game on Thursday, June 19. We will be traveling on a shuttle bus from Wolf's Bus Lines. We will depart at 4:45 p.m. (game starts at 6:35 p.m.) and will return by 9:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Cost for the bus and game ticket is \$15 / person. There are 44 seats on the bus, so it's first come, first served. You can sign up on Sundays in Fellowship Hall or by calling Phyllis Dowd at 334-1235 ext. 5. Come join us on City Island for a fun, summer evening with your church family!

## ITEMS NEEDED FOR SOUTH DAKOTA

Preparations are underway for our South Dakota Mission Trip from July 17—27 and the excitement is building. Thank you to all for the contributions made so far.

We are still in need of some very important items which we give out as prizes at the Festival. If you can donate any of the following NEW items, please bring them to the church office:

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|----------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Children's Backpacks | Box Fans      | Dish Sets                |
| Blankets             | Coffee Makers | Crock Pots               |
| Sheet Sets           | Tool Sets     | Large Rubbermaid Storage |
| Towel Sets           |               | Tubs (with lid)          |

Thanks for all your prayers and support as we return to the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation this summer.

— Penny Messinger & Phyllis Dowd  
(334-1235)

**Do you know.....**

1. the difference between %limited+, %durable+ and %springing+powers of attorney?
2. what duties are allowed by a financial power of attorney?
3. what is provided by a Living Will?
4. what an Advance Healthcare Directive is?
5. the advantage of having a healthcare power of attorney?
6. the difference between a healthcare agent and a healthcare representative?

All church members and friends are invited to a special seminar on **SUNDAY, JUNE 8 at 9:30 am in the MacAskill room** to learn the answers to these and other planning questions. **GPC member Attorney Lynn Peterson** will lead this important discussion. Handouts will be available.

Ellen Arnold  
GPC Finance Committee



## **Gaither Homecoming Concert** **on September 27**

The Gaither Homecoming Tour 2008 will be coming to the Giant Center in Hershey on the evening of Saturday, September 27. The Gaither Vocal Band, including Bill and Gloria Gaither, will be joined by many other singers, musicians and comedians to present a 4-hour concert of gospel music. The selections will include fresh new sounds as well as classic gospel favorites.

Are you interested in going to this Christian concert? The cost would be \$50.00/person which includes the ticket and bus fare. Please call Phyllis at 334-1235, ext. 5, or sign up in Fellowship Hall by Sunday, June 15. If there is enough interest, we will charter a 44-passenger bus for an unforgettable evening of gospel music.

## **VISION DAY - WHAT IS YOUR VISION?**

Visions are a very important part of everyone's lives. Each of us has experienced visions in our lives ó visions about our families, our careers and, yes, our church.

In the coming months, the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church will be calling a new minister. This is an important decision as our choice will influence the manner in which we reflect our Christian beliefs to our community and the world. And, it will provide us the opportunity to take our Christian service and programs to new heights.

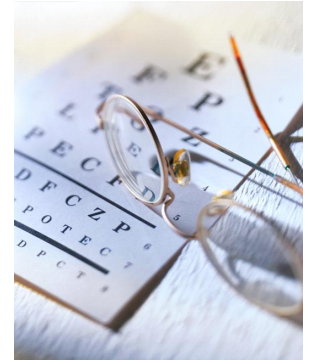
Because of the importance of this decision before us, it is important that you provide the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) with ðyour visionö of the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church as we enter this new phase of our church life. You will have an opportunity to do so on Saturday, June 7, 2008 on a day appropriately designated as ðVISION DAYö.

The purpose of Vision Day is two-fold: First, to create an educational and fellowship event to consider the ministry and mission of our church; and, second, to gather data for the PNC to use in writing the Church Information Form as an important part of the search for new pastoral leadership. Vision Day will be a time of: discussing gifts and skills possessed by our congregation to fulfill its mission; key theological issues of our church and society; and describing characteristics and qualifications needed in the person who will become our new pastor.

As you can envision, this is an important part of the process in looking for our new pastor and should be a time of excitement for all of us. The members of the PNC look forward to sharing this time with you on June 7th, from 9 am until noon at the church.

**AND, WE WILL PROVIDE YOU LUNCH!!**

See you on the 7<sup>th</sup>,  
Ron Hankey, Moderator  
Pastor Nominating Committee



**SUMMER CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**  
**UNPLUGGED**  
**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**

During the month of July, Contemporary Worship will turn down the amps while still tuning into the Spirit! Join us at 9:30 in the sanctuary for a refreshing, relaxing time of creative worship, prayer and praise.

**Looking Ahead!! Contemporary Worship will not meet in August!**

The Contemporary Worship Team will be taking a break during the month of August, BUT we will not be taking a break from worship. Remember to attend worship weekly at the 8:15 or 11:00 a.m. service.



**Church Workday Thank You!**

The weather was more interested in raining than in our want and need to do some outside projects on May 10. For those who were ready, willing and able to do those outside projects but were called off, we say "Thank You". Several inside projects were accomplished with the able help of Jim Biggar, Scott McPherson, Lee Weber, Ross Brownley, Dennis Dillman, Jeff Anderson and Dan Reisinger. Thanks to All.



**On April 14th Carpenters Gift** completed work of stabilizing some steps on a woman's mobile home. All labor time involved for this project took a total of 13 1/2 hours. Thanks to the following people for their time and talent to ensure that entering and exiting her home would be less of a worry to her. Frank Geist, Carol Geist, Bill Fitzpatrick, Ron Jones, Ken Hickey, Leo McGuire, Gary Morrison, Tom Piper and Dick Wisor.

**Condolences:**

Our thoughts and prayers are with Pam & Dick Wisor on the recent death of Pam's father.

**HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS  
 RECOGNITION SUNDAY**

**June 8, 2008**

(At all 3 worship services 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 AM)



On Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> we will recognize all High School Seniors and celebrate the milestone of graduation! We have a gift for each graduate and a reception will be held after each service.

If you are a Senior we need the following information ASAP:

Your full name

Your plans after graduation

Your Senior Picture

Which service you will be attending (8:15, 9:30, 11:00 AM).

Please email this information to Rev. Lou Nyiri at [gpclou@embargmail.com](mailto:gpclou@embargmail.com) or drop off in the church office, **no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>**.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 7:35 a.m. Early Choir 9:30 a.m. Christian Ed. Appreciation Bkf. @ Dobbin House 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship	<b>2</b> 9:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 7:30 p.m. Personnel & Administration	<b>3</b> 9:30 a.m. Sewing Workshop 5:00 p.m. JMJ Spanish	<b>4</b> 12:15 p.m. Men's Interfaith 1:30 p.m. Weekly Cancer grp. 5:30 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 6:00 p.m. Evangelism Team 6:30 p.m. Divorce Sup. Grp. 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	<b>5</b> 7:00 p.m. Christian Ed.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. <b>GPC Visioning Day</b>  12:00 p.m. Lunch
<b>8</b> 7:35 a.m. Early Choir 9:30 a.m. "Wills and Estates" 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship 12:15 p.m. Deacons Mtg. 5:00 p.m. Session Mtg.	<b>9</b> 9:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 7:00 p.m. Cancer Support Group 7:00 p.m. Mission & Interpretation	<b>10</b> 7:30 a.m. Habitat Board Mtg. 5:00 p.m. JMJ Spanish 7:00 p.m. Ruth Circle	<b>11</b> 1:30 p.m. Weekly Cancer grp. 5:30 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 6:30 p.m. Divorce Sup. Grp. 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir 7:00 p.m. Honduras Packing Party	<b>12</b> 12:00 p.m. Young @ Heart picnic @ Lake Heritage 7:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  <b>Honduras Mission Trip Leaves</b>
<b>15</b> 7:35 a.m. Early Choir 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship 12:15 p.m. Property Comm.	<b>16</b> 9:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 1:00 p.m. Elizabeth Circle Group 7:00 p.m. VBS Leaders Mtg 7:30 p.m. Mary Martha Circle	<b>17</b> 5:00 p.m. JMJ Spanish	<b>18</b> 1:30 p.m. Weekly Cancer grp. 5:30 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 6:30 p.m. Divorce Sup. Grp. 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	<b>19</b> 9:30 a.m. Esther Circle 4:45 p.m. Harrisburg Senators Baseball game 6:15 p.m. Gastric Bypass Support Grp. (HR)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>VBS Set up</b>
<b>S E T-----U P-----F O R-----V B S</b> <b>H O N D U R A S-----M I S S I O N-----T R I P-----</b>						
<b>22</b> 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship <b>VBS Set up</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:00 p.m. S. Dakota Mtg.	<b>25</b> 1:30 p.m. Weekly Cancer grp. 5:30 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 6:30 p.m. Divorce Sup. Grp.	<b>26</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  <b>Honduras Mission Trip Returns</b>
<b>V A C A T I O N B I B L E S C H O O L</b> <b>H O N D U R A S-----M I S S I O N-----T R I P</b>						
<b>29</b> 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship	<b>30</b> 9:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop	<h1>June 2008</h1>				

# GPC CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Worship with us Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Reconnectí Realigní Relaxí Reignite... with God's WORD for your life.

## June 2008

- 6/1 Instruments of Grace - **Love**
- 6/8 Instruments of Grace - **Faith**
- 6/15 Instruments of Grace - **Hope**
- 6/22 Instruments of Grace - **Joy**
- 6/29 Service of Communion

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
 Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith;  
 Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light;  
 Where there is sadness, joy. Attributed to Francis of Assisi*

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