

GRAPEVINE

June 25, 2008

Parson to Person

Our members were involved in the mission to rebuild homes in Døberville, MS after Hurricane Katrina. The work was under Lend-A-Hand, a mission related to our presbytery. The final report on the finished mission is impressive. The members of Gettysburg Presbyterian and other churches of our presbytery did a major work. Read to see!

There is an old adage, "I am but one personí what difference would I make?"í Well, here's the answer, especially when 637 join together in a common cause! Some served more than once, bringing the total to 988 workers. (For example, Ken Elledge of our church went five times.) They aided in the rehabilitation of 981 homes and the new construction of 48. Total contributions by volunteers, in cash and in-kind services: \$1,784,348.

Note 1. Immediately following the hurricane, FEMA advanced the City of Døberville sufficient funds to restore infrastructure (water, sewer, electric, roads, traffic signals, etc.) These funds must ultimately be repaid to FEMA. For each volunteer hour, an amount of \$19.90 per hour may be waived from the repayment schedule. Lend-A-Hand efforts will result in a Waiver of \$706,000.

Note 2. Because efforts were provided gratis to the homeowner, they, in turn, did not pay local contractors for the rehabilitation of their homes. The Trades Council of MS placed a general value of \$25 per hour as the average for skilled and unskilled labor, saving the homeowners almost one million dollars.

Note 3. Volunteers took either a Lowe's or a Home Depot card to assist in the purchase of construction materials. Churches, foundations, and other donors also contributed funds. As best as can be calculated, an estimated \$89,500 was donated in this manner.

What a blessing the volunteers have been! Well done, good and faithful servants!

Yours in Christ,
Harry

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Thank You:

Thank you from Lou to:

- High School Fellowship Advisors for all their dedication to our youth. This ministry happens because of YOU: Ken Elledge, Jen Beegle, Kelly Jones, Mike & Wendy Brubaker, and Steve & Jen Kareha.
- Thank you to all the parents who cooked delicious meals for our MidSHIP & Fellowship youth each Sunday evening during the school year!
- Thank you to the GPC congregation for your support of our annual SHIP Workcamp Brunch. You helped us raise over \$2,500 for our upcoming trip to Monroe, NC, July 18th—26th. Please keep the workcampers in your prayers. And THANK YOU to Rick Beamer and the Dobbin House for their help with this important fundraiser!

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Each Sunday morning, a talented group of volunteer musicians leads the Contemporary Worship Service in song! These individuals practice for several hours each Wednesday evening and again early on Sunday mornings before the Contemporary Service begins at 9:30 a.m. We thank God for their dedication and faithfulness. If you see a Contemporary Music Team member please thank them for all they do in sharing their gifts with the G.P.C. church family. Members of the 2007-2008 Contemporary Music Team:

- Dave and Pat Conklin, Jim Heeschen, Beth and Scott Christopher, Carrie Trax, Linda Thompson, Ben Thompson, Michelle Lofgren, Leo McGuire, Bill Fitzpatrick, Bruce Rowland and Pat and Rob Lewis.**

Dear GPC Family,

We want to thank you for a wonderful past five years. GPC has taught us a great deal about ministry and what it means to be part of a church. As we prepare to move from Gettysburg to Texas we plan to take a part of GPC with us. We are transitioning our ministry with college students for the next two years to Baylor University so that Paul can get his masters in Student Affairs Administration. We head out on July 19th. We encourage you to press on in your ministry with this community and around the world. We hope to join with you in that work again after our two-year adventure in Texas.

Many Thanks,
Paul, Heather & Ilana

Many thanks to the following men who gave their time and talents to our church recently:

- **Barry Breighner** spent many hours installing shelving and a cabinet for better storage of custodial supplies and equipment. Not only are supplies readily accessible, Barry's design and handiwork are evident in every detail of the greatly improved space.
 - **Jerry Althoff** trimmed back the bushes near the High Street driveway entrance and in front of the Calvin House in the very hot sun. The bushes were professionally brought back a couple feet and shaped.
 - **Allen Duncan** helped the custodian install air conditioners in three rooms in preparation for the summer heat.
- These men and others like them are invaluable to the efficient running of our church and buildings and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Don Clark
Sexton

Thank You (con't):

My sincere thanks to all of you for your love, concern and prayers. Your calls, cards and concern meant so much to me. The pacemaker seems to be fine and I'm feeling much better.

My love,
Kathy Schneider

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, phone calls, cards and visits regarding my surgery. Special thanks to Harry and Dennis Dillman for comforting Carol during the operation. However, I am open to suggestion on a less painful way of becoming so popular.

Thanks again.
Franklyn I. Geist, Jr.

Dear Gettysburg Presbyterian Church,
I would like to thank you for all that you did to make my final year of high school so special. The dinner prepared for the Presbyterian Women was absolutely delicious and it was wonderful to spend the evening with my church family. I would also like to thank you for the book and packet I received. They will both help me when I am struggling and in need of faith. Thank you for all that you have done to guide me and help me grow into the person I am today. I will miss you all very much and I am looking forward to seeing you when I return home from college!
Sincerely,
Lauren Scudder

I wish to thank Jan Piper and her helpers who catered and served the reception for my wife's memorial. Your hospitality was much appreciated.
Sincerely,
Jack Oyler



í And NOW FOR YOUR LISTENING ENJOYMENT!
— *Are you looking for that special gift?*

-- *Do you need inspiring music for your summer road trips and backyard barbeques?*

Why not pick up a 7 Mile Road CD?!!!

7 Mile Road is a talented band featuring several G.P.C. Contemporary Music Team members. This CD was released several years ago and features original songs by Dave Conklin and Bruce Rowland.

Cost is \$10.00.
Pick up a copy in the Church Office today!

HAPPY LISTENING!

Monthly Financial Report

As of May 31 we are 41.67% into 2008 with our budget of \$693,936.

Receipts to date are 38.98% (\$270,485)

Expenditures to date are 49.82% (\$345,718)

Our current amount available for operating expenses is \$20,026.

Our Divorce Support Group

will not meet during the months of July and August. If you know someone who is in need of immediate help, please call Phyllis in the church office (334-1235, ext. 5).

Needed: Paid companion for woman with Alzheimer's, for weekly outings, walks, concerts, etc., and occasional overnight sitting, including dinner and help with meds. No nursing duties required. Contact Kris or Bob Daniels 717-759-2087

SEWING WORKSHOP

Sewing Machine Needed

The Sewing Workshop is in need of a sewing machine (in good working condition) which will be used for lap quilts and Burden Bears.

Sewing workshop meets the first Tuesday of each month with the next meeting being Tuesday, July 1st from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Donations of fabric are greatly appreciated. For information contact Faye Johns 334-1023.

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:

Children's Backpacks

Box Fans

Dish Sets

Sheet Sets

Coffee Makers

Crock Pots

Towel Sets

Tool Sets

Large Rubbermaid Storage
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)

Upcoming Events

July Music Schedule

7/6	Christian Swartzbaugh Leo McGuire
7/13	Linda MacAskill Rachel Doehring
7/20	Larry Bullis
7/27	Carrie Trax

2008 FALL SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITES

1. The Truth Project

A 13 week DVD based study on the importance of living the Christian worldview in daily life.
(Want to know more about The Truth Project? Visit www.thetruthproject.org)
Leaders- Chooch and Becky Wells
Tuesday evenings 6:45-9:00pm beginning October 7th.

2. The Word - word by word!

A weekly informal Bible study for everyone, beginning with the book of Mark.
Leader- Rev. Chuck Teague
Sunday evenings 6:00-7:00 p.m. beginning September 7th.
*See course description below

3. Faith and Fitness Fall Walking Group

"We Like to Move it! Move it!"

A 6-week opportunity to start your day with prayer and a little exercise!

Leader - Candace Veon-Nyiri
Friday mornings 8:00 a.m. beginning September 12th thru October 17th.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Spring Faith and Fitness Walking Group met for 6 weeks in May and June for brief devotions and a two mile walk on the battlefield. Our spring walkers included: Doris Elledge, Nancy Heller, Georgia Kuhn, Sheryl Suplee, Susie Snyder, Lucy Breighner, Sharon Baker, Jim and Donna Newman, and Candace Nyiri.
WE WILL WALK IN THE LIGHT OF YOUR PRESENCE, O LORD! Psalm 89: 15b

* **THE WORD - word by word**

In response to requests for a more in-depth Bible study, on September 7 we'll begin a weekly Sunday evening class. Our teacher will be the Rev. Dr. Charles Teague. A graduate of Gettysburg College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Chuck was a pastor for 24 years before returning to Gettysburg in 2003. His wife, Leah, is an elder in our church and they both sing in the worship choir.

We will start with the Gospel of Mark, which most scholars believe was the first Gospel written. Each Sunday night from 6:00 to 7:00 pm we will walk verse-by-verse through the text seeking understanding of the Biblical message. No pre-registration is necessary. Bring your favorite translation and we'll compare how the meaning of the text is expressed.

Chuck is also a former attorney and retired Lt. Colonel in the Air Force, having spent his last years as a Chaplain. He now volunteers as Chaplain of the Gettysburg Police and serves as

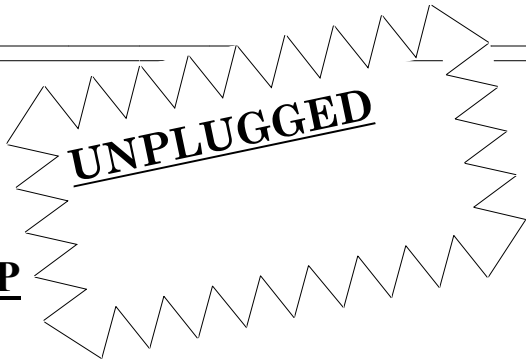


SOUP KITCHEN NEWS:

Well, the Gettysburg Soup Kitchen is at its busiest this time of year. It not only serves its adult patrons but also all of the children who attend Prince of Peace's outstanding day camp. So instead of the five casseroles always required, it takes at least eight to satiate such a crowd. Thanks to volunteers: Gail Hull, Jane Patrono, Evelyn Small and Bev Weber who prepared delicious chicken rice dishes for May and Beth Fitzpatrick, Beth Jones and Suzanne Steinour for June. You gave so much solace because both days the temperatures were in the nineties! As always, the need is great. So if you would like to help out, kindly call Cathy Carson @ 359-0034. Thank you.

<u>JULY DATES TO REMEMBER</u>		
July 1	9:30 a.m.	Sewing Workshop
July 2	12:00 p.m.	Men's Interfaith Luncheon
July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30	1:30 p.m.	Weekly Cancer Support Group
July 4	Independence Day — OFFICE CLOSED	
July 7, 14, 21 & 28	9:30 a.m.	Burden Bears Workshop
July 8	7:30 a.m.	Habitat Board Meeting
July 13	12:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
July 17	6:00 a.m.	S. Dakota Mission Trip Leaves
	7:00 p.m.	Workcamp Packing Party
July 18		Workcamp Mission Trip Leaves
July 24	12:00 p.m.	Newsletter Deadline
July 26	6:00 p.m.	High School Workcamp Returns
July 27	9:00 p.m.	S. Dakota Mission Trip Returns

**SUMMER CONTEMPORARY
WORSHIP**



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

**Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, July 24, 2008**

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