

GRAPEVINE

July 30, 2008

Parson to Person

Summer break! Sabbath

break!

By spring, school had become a drag. From the first bright, warm spring day, I daydreamed of summer break. By September, the break had become boring, and I was ready to study. Stress builds if we cannot get a break that refreshes occasionally. Breaks enable our minds and bodies to better deal with life's demands.

The Lord knows that we benefit from them. Our need to step away is one of God's purposes in prescribing that we observe a Sabbath every week. Rest comes from doing something different from the daily routine. That change includes, according to God, refreshment coming from being still and focusing upon God in personal meditation, and from joining in fellowship with believers in public worship.

Take a break for meditation and prayer this summer!

Yours,
Harry

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NEW YORK CITY DAY BUS TRIP

Sponsored by the Fellowship Team

WHEN: Saturday, November 29, 2008
TIME: 5:30 a.m. leave from the church parking lot
7:00 p.m. leave New York City for Gettysburg
COST: \$40.00 per person
SIGN-UP: Call the church office to reserve your spot
(334-1235, ext. 4)

Spend the day on your own. See a show, shop, visit museums or see the sights! We only have room for 47 people, so sign up soon!

QUESTIONS: Call 334-1235, ext. 4 to speak with Rev.

Lou Nyiri.

Condolences:

Our thoughts and prayers are with:
— Doug & Betty Forbeck on the recent death of Doug's father, Joe Forbeck;
— Richard & Janet Lightner on the recent death of Richard's mother, Nellie, on July 6; and
— the family of former long-time member Lynn Ray Everhart who died on April 1 in Florida.

Thank You:

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards, and kind words during the illness and death of our mother, and grandmother, Caroline Maue. Also, thanks to the Hospitality Committee for preparing the wonderful luncheon that was served following the memorial service. Maue, Clark and King Families

It is with sincere thanksgiving that we write this note of appreciation to our family at Gettysburg Presbyterian Church. We have been recipients of Christian love and concern from so many during my mother's illness and subsequent death. What a blessing you are.
With love, and friendship,
Beth & Bill Fitzpatrick

Dear Members and Friends,
I would like to extend my most humble appreciation for all of the incredible encouragement that I, and my family, have been receiving this year while serving our congregation during "teaching parish." We have long enjoyed the love and caring of our home congregation, but it was with some discomfort that I returned in a leadership role to our church. When I accepted the call to ministry two years ago I thought I was leaving GPC, never to return in a leadership role. This made it somewhat difficult to return for my required "teaching parish" experience, which began in September of 2007 and ended on May 9, 2008.
The thoughts, the prayers, the guidance, the cards, the smiles, the criticisms, the financial support, and the expressions of love for our entire family, are the guideposts of God's grace that a student of ministry so desperately needs. Thank you one and all, for a most wonderful opportunity to serve our Savior Jesus Christ in this way.
In Christ we have served one another,
Dennis Dillman

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Andrew Marsh Update:

Andy is the grandson of my Maine friend, Marion, and was diagnosed with melanoma in May 2007. He has been treated in more recent months at NIH and was pleased to receive so many thoughtful notes and cards from Gettysburg Presbyterian Church members! Andy was greatly comforted by your messages and compassion. He would like to personally thank everyone who wrote to him, but that is an impossible task at this time. Many thanks to all who contacted Andy! Please keep him in your prayers.

Latest update from NIH as of July 24 - some of Andy's tumors are shrinking and some are growing. The doctors refer to his condition as "stable". He spends most of each month at his home in Maine, making monthly trips to NIH for CAT Scans and MRIs.

If you would like to write Andy a note or get a recent update, you may do so by contacting the following:
<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/andrewmarsh>

God's love always shines through!

June Wescott

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you to Steve Kinsey and Bill Fitzpatrick for the work they continue over the summer months. They record services weekly on DVD and spend many hours updating our audio visual/media resources. Thanks to Bill and Steve from the entire church family.

Thank you to our guest musicians and speakers at Contemporary Worship Unplugged during July: **Adam Boyer, Beth Christopher, Leo McGuire, T.J. Remaley, Carrie Trax, Andrew Stone, and Ben Thompson.**

REPORT FROM PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE – (PNC)

The PNC has accomplished a major step in the process of moving toward the ðcallö of our next senior pastor with the completion of the Church Information Form (CIF). Information contained in the CIF was compiled by interviews with all staff members, input from the congregation at Vision Day held in June, and many hours of study and discussion by the PNC.

An initial goal of the PNC was to complete the CIF by the end of June. Although it was an aggressive goal, the PNC was able to achieve it. Following completion by the PNC, the CIF requires approvals of Session of our church and the Committee on Ministry (COM) of Presbytery. Session held a special meeting on July 13th, reviewed the CIF and gave its stamp of approval. Following Session's action, the CIF was forwarded to Presbytery and approved by the COM on July 21st.

The CIF is posted on the denomination's website under Church Leadership Connection (CLC). The PNC plans to post the CIF on our own church's website and display a copy on the ðbulletin wallö that has been established on the south wall of Fellowship Hall.

The PNC would like to thank everyone who contributed to the information contained in the CIF. Dialogue and input from the staff and congregation was vital to the process and will be important in defining the role of our new senior pastor.

Looking ahead, the PNC plans to advertise the pastor position in several national publications which are available to pastors across the country. It is anticipated the PNC will be receiving Personal Information Forms (PIF) by early fall from prospective candidates.

Thank you for your support and your continued prayers.

Ron Hankey, Moderator

Pastor Nominating Committee

Route to view Church Information Form on denomination's web site:

ðPresbyterian Church (U.S.A.)ö

ðMinistry and Vocationsö (on the right)

In the second paragraph from the top, click on ðOpportunity Searchö.

If you click on ðBegin Searchö, you get to the list of churches by state and presbytery.

By clicking on the blue ð(713 records)ö [number may change] at the bottom, it enables you to scroll straight through without page breaks.

Pennsylvania Carlisle Presbytery

CIF #:07325.AA0

Upcoming Events

New Members Classes to begin September 21, 2008.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about our church and possibly joining our church family as a member, please contact the church office to register for the classes. Call Rev. Lou Nyiri for details or to register at 334-1235, ext. 4

BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY

Bring A Friend Sunday will be Sept. 7, 2008 (the same day as our Ministry Team Fair / Rally Day / Church Picnic & Pig Roast). What a great way to introduce a friend to your GPC family! Pray today for the name of a friend you might ask to worship with you that day. We expect to see you here with your friend(s)!

Also, if you will be attending the church picnic that day please call the church office with the number in your party (334-1235, ext.4)

ALL CHURCH PICNIC, RALLY DAY FUN, & PIG ROAST

Put Sunday, **September 7, 2008** from 1-3 p.m. on your calendar. That is the day of our **ALL CHURCH PICNIC/PIG ROAST at LAKE HERITAGE**. Together we will kick off the new program year with fellowship, food and fun games. Call the church office with the number attending in your party so we have enough supplies (334-1235, ext. 4).

Rally Day and Church Picnic September 7, 2008

Plan to stop by Fellowship Hall before or after you worship and check out the displays of the many ministries and missions of this church. Rally Day is a great chance to learn more about *your* church family, meet new people and enjoy our kick-off to the new year of activities and service in Jesusname.

If you wish to have a display at the Rally Day Fair to get the word out about a GPC group you are involved with, return the information form below to Rev. Nyiri in the church office NO LATER THAN SEPT. 1, 2008.

Also, plan to attend the Church Picnic & Pig Roast from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. that day at Lake Heritage. Those with last name beginning A- M bring a salad or side dish; those with last name beginning N- Z bring a dessert. If you are attending the picnic call Rev. Lou Nyiri in the office with the number attending in your party (we need an accurate head count) and what you will bring. Rev. Nyiri's contact information is 334-1235, ext. 4 or gpclou@embarqmail.com.

**%Rally Day Table Reservation+
September 7, 2008**

(Return this form to Rev. Lou Nyiri in the church office via mail, offering plate or email gpclou@embarqmail.com NO LATER than September 1, 2008.)

_____ We need ¼ of an 8-foot table (2qX 4q)

_____ We need ½ of an 8-foot table (4qX4q)

_____ We need 1 whole 8-foot table (4qX8q) at the September 7, 2008 %Rally Day & Ministry Team Fair+from 9:00 to 1:00 pm for the following:

Group Name: _____ Group Contact: _____

Group Contact Phone: _____ (Best time to call: 3-5pm / 5-7pm / 7-9pm)

Group Contact E-mail: _____

Will you need to have an electrical outlet for your display? Yes / No

Please provide us with 3 interesting/creative facts about your ministry that would interest those visiting your table. (Example: In 2007 we provided _____ meals to people in need.)

2008 FALL SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITES

1. 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 at GPC.

In response to requests for a more in-depth Bible study, on September 7 we will 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 will 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 a Park Ranger Historian at Gettysburg National Military Park.

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2. 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. (Meeting place to be announced)

On Oct. 7, 2008, GPC will launch an in-depth study on how God is at work in every aspect of our lives. Chooch and I first heard about The Truth Project, from Focus on the Family, from our daughter Lori, who, with her husband Gary, attended training to lead this course over two years ago. Since that time, they have led two groups of senior high students and a group of over 60 adult members of their church through this study, with exciting results. They have planned and scheduled an all day simulcast leadership training event from the Focus on the Family organization in NJ on Sept. 27. Chooch and I, along with persons from many other churches, will be attending this training.

The Truth Project is a 13-week, two hour, DVD-based study in which deep transformation is the goal. The study focuses on the very nature of God and His perfect design. Dr. Del Tackett is the dynamic leader of this DVD series. We believe your life will be transformed as you study with us. There are flyers available in the church office and Fellowship Hall. Please consider joining us in this fantastic adventure, as we all grow in our understanding of Who God is.

Chooch & Becky Wells

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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. We will start in Fellowship Hall.

STEPHEN MINISTRY UPDATE

Anyone who has been commissioned as a Stephen Minister since 1998, please call Rev. Lou Nyiri at 334-1235, ext. 4.

Any Children's Library Books at Your House?

Each year at this time, we inventory the books in our Children's Library on the stage downstairs, and try to put the shelves back in order

for the fall.

We have many, many books which need to be returned, so we are asking church families to return any books your child may have checked out over this past year. Check your child's closet, toy boxes, etc. where those thin little books could be hiding! This will save us the expense of mailing out reminder postcards.

Thanks,
Phyllis

August Music Schedule

- 8/3 John Tschop & Jean LeGros
Rachel Parmentier
- 8/10 Don Clark
- 8/17 Bethany Kolmer
Kristin North
Nick Telenson
- 8/31 Amy Hieber
Classic Trombones

ADULT CHOIR

August 27th is the night! See you in the balcony at 7:00 p.m. for our first rehearsal of the new year.

Middle & High School Youth Fellowships

get geared up for the new year. We start Sept. 14, 2008 with the parent/youth fun night from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Youth bring your parents... Parents bring your kids ... and together we will learn about our faith and what we will be doing this year! Call the church office with questions (334-1235, ext. 4)

"49 A.D.—Adventures of Paul" was a Great Success!

During the last week of June, 130 children, and 95 teens and adults gathered in our church each morning. Through drama, games, "scripture boats" (Ned Brownley, you really outdid yourself this time!) snacks, Bible stories, singing and of course many wonderful crafts in the Roman Marketplace, we all experienced Paul stories from the New Testament. These stories included Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus, Escape in a Basket, Paul & Silas in jail, Freed by an earthquake, and Shipwreck and Snake bite.

Many children participated in our Scripture Challenge and received a prize for memorizing our scripture verses and the "Love" passage from 1 Corinthians 13.

For our mission project, each VBS family donated items for Hygiene Kits to be sent through Church World Service to families in the Midwest who have experienced tornadoes and floods. And on Thursday afternoon we served pizza to the children in Grades 3-5 and the teen aides, and then 56 adults and children traveled to Diamond Cinema to see "Nim's Island" as a "cool" ending to our week!

I will not attempt to list all the names of adults and teens who made this program possible, except a very special thank-you goes to Kathy Dudash who once again miraculously created 22 outstanding crafts for our Roman Marketplace. From the leaders on the VBS planning team, to those who carried out the program, to the teens who made the dramas come alive, to the behind-the-scenes workers, to those of you in the congregation who donated needed items, I SAY "THANK YOU!" Thank you for your commitment, your faith, your time, and most of all your love for God's children. What a great VBS you provided! Looking forward to next year!

Blessings, Phyllis

AUGUST DATES TO REMEMBER

August 4	9:30 a.m.	Burden Bears WILL NOT meet for the month of August
August 5	9:30 a.m.	Sewing Workshop will NOT meet
August 6	12:00 p.m.	Men's Interfaith Luncheon
August 6, 13, 20 & 27	1:30 p.m.	Weekly Cancer Support Group
August 7	12:00 p.m.	Newsletter Deadline
August 10	12:15 p.m.	Deacons Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
August 11	7:00 p.m.	Cancer Support Group WILL NOT meet
August 12	7:30 a.m.	Habitat Board Meeting
August 17		Workcamp Sunday
August 18	7:00 p.m.	Mission & Interpretation
August 21	12:00 p.m.	Newsletter Deadline
August 24		South Dakota Sunday
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting
August 27	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir

Did you know Ike or Mamie Eisenhower?

The new Executive Officer of the Eisenhower Institute on the Gettysburg Campus would like to meet with you!

Please get in touch with Margaret Curtis at 334-1041.

BURDEN BEARS WORKSHOP

Due to the heat in the room that is used for the workshop, we will suspend the workshops for this summer. The next workshop will be held on Monday, Sept. 8th at 9:30 in the upstairs classroom.

If you have quilt-like fabrics that you'll be clearing out, please consider donating fabric for us to use for making Burden Bears for Hospice and Adams County Children and Youth Services. We also need quilt batting and fiberfill for stuffing.

Anyone is welcome to come work with the group on Monday mornings. We have a lot of fun and fellowship. Info? - Call Joan Pore, 337-1718.

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!

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

UNPLUGGED

WILL CONTINUE During August !!

Earlier in the summer we announced that Contemporary Worship would not be held during August. BUT DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND the decision was made to continue worship services at 9:30 in the sanctuary during August. We will continue in our unplugged more reflective, quiet style. Our awesome Music Team and Powerpoint will return on Rally Day, September 7th!

SEE YOU in WORSHIP! 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary!

PS: Remember GOD LOVES YOU!!

**Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, August 7, 2008**

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