

GRAPEVINE

August 13, 2008

Parson to Person

Lunchtime. I started toward the parking lot. Then I remembered something that I had wanted to do for several weeks, and just never did. I reversed my direction, walked across Baltimore Street, along High Street, into Prince of Peace Episcopal Church. I went to see the Soup Kitchen in action. It is located in a small room in the basement of the Church, with a connected kitchen. Present were a couple of young women with children, and a few men. Most, I learned, had eaten and departed.

Seeing this stranger, who must not have looked too down on his fortunes, the hostess asked if she could help me. Thus began the introductions and a very warm welcome. In such a simple manner, anyone could learn about the Soup Kitchen.

The Kitchen staff serves from 30 to 60 people a day, more in the summer than winter. Except for the director, all are volunteers. Working were adults with not much chronology less than I, and a 17-year old girl. It must not have been her first time, because she hustled washing dishes and putting them away without instruction.

I learned that many churches assume responsibility to provide food for a day. Our day is the second Monday of the month; next will be September 8. Needed every month are five large casseroles. Volunteers prepare those. Let Lou Nyiri know if you would like to help with this mission. Cathy Carson has been coordinating our participation.

Two of the local grocery stores provide bread and desserts.

Our financial support for the Kitchen comes from the Peacemaking Offering, a special offering taken annually and administered by the Peacemaking Committee; elder Leah Teague is chair.

I have been blessed financially because of having work, health, a disciplined wife who can manage money, and we both can delay satisfaction. I came away with immense gratitude for what I have, because I know how some end up eating at the Kitchen. One devastating auto accident, one debilitating illness, one serious mistake, one uncontrolled sin, one birth defect, one addiction, and any of us may find our life crashed. As a pastor I have witnessed reversals too often! I thank God for my daily bread!

And I came away thanking God for those of you who give of your funds and time to care for those who, for whatever reason, cannot.

ōI was hungry and you gave me food.ō

Yours (too well fed),

Harry

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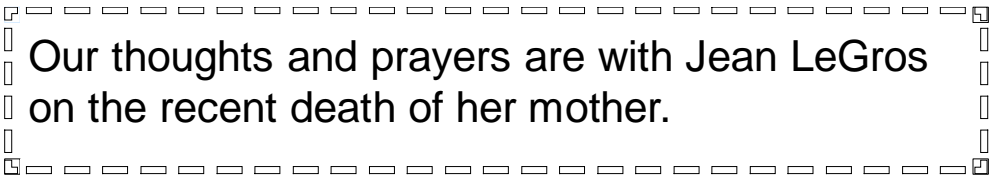
Thank You:

Betty and I would like to thank you for your prayers and cards as we went through this difficult time in the loss of my dad. We are so blessed to belong to such a loving and caring church family. My dad passed away one day shy of his 88th birthday, so we know that he was sharing his birthday cake with Jesus; what a wonderful birthday for him.

God Bless,
Doug & Betty Forbeck

Condolences:

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jean LeGros on the recent death of her mother.



Co-Sunday School Superintendents Needed

Interested in our Christian Education programs?

Would like to help out with Sunday School but not in a teaching role?

Willing to attend an exciting meeting each month?

Think learning about God is the **MOST** important thing in a child's life?

Then maybe we have an opportunity for you. We are looking for two people to share the job of Co-Sunday School Superintendent. Call Phyllis at 334-1235, ext 5 for more details. The rewards are out of this world!!

New Members Classes

to begin

September 21 @ 4:00 p.m.

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.

**DO YOU HAVE AN
EXTRA TV?**

Our used TV in the Grades 4-5 Sunday School room was no longer working, so we have been using another used TV which is also on its last legs!

So, do you have a TV you could donate to our Sunday School program? Preferably one larger than a 13ö screen? Call Phyllis at 334-1235, ext. 5 if you do.

Thanks!!

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER 7, 2008: SAVE THE DATE

RALLY DAY

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 Jesus' name. **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.**

BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY

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)!

ALL CHURCH PICNIC & PIG ROAST @ Lake Heritage

1:00—3:00 p.m.

Together we will kick off the new program year with fellowship, food and fun games. 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 gpcclou@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 gpcclou@embarqmail.com NO LATER than September 1, 2008.)

_____ We need ¼ of an 8-foot table (2x4)

_____ We need ½ of an 8-foot table (4x4)

_____ We need 1 whole 8-foot table (4x8) 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 p.m. 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 6:45-9:00 p.m. 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.

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!

P.S.: Remember GOD LOVES YOU!!

**Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, August 21, 2008**

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