

# GRAPEVINE

September 10, 2008

## Parson to Person

I know that we have many gardeners in GPC. Charlotte is the gardener in our house. I am her slave. She comes up with the idea and tells me what to do.

This summer Charlotte and I planted tomato plants in a pot designed for the purpose. Supposedly all the nutrition that would be needed was in the packet that came with the pot. But in early August, the leaves quickly became yellow. What was going on? I asked you experts. No one knew for sure. Maybe we had been watering them too much. Maybe they had insects. Maybe they had a blight.

I fed them Miracle Grow. They weren't supposed to need it, but maybe they did. In a couple of days the leaves returned to green. I gave them some more Miracle Grow. They returned to health!

I stopped giving them Miracle Grow. You guessed it. Leaves started turning yellow!

Miracle Grow is not long lasting. It is used up quickly. But, by giving them the Miracle Grow every week, they have thrived! Often we are like the tomato plants. Supposedly we are prepared for the long run. We have learned. We know the Bible. We know the facts about the faith. We have developed our theology. But, we forget. We are in a new emotional situation, a different stage of life, and we again need to be fed. If not nourished, we turn yellow.

To thrive, we need frequent nutrition from worship, study, prayer, fellowship and service. We are God's plants; God always is willing to tend to us.

Yours,  
Harry

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## **Rally Day 2008...Sunday Schools...All Church Picnic**

If you were walking through the church on Sunday, September 7, during Rally Day, then maybe you felt it too. It is hard to describe, though it felt like a "buzz" was in the air. The "buzz" began in Fellowship Hall as people milled around looking at displays that highlighted many of the ministries and missions of this church family. The "buzz" continued in the classrooms as our Christian Education kicked into high gear and Sunday School classes resumed for children from 1 to 100 years old. The "buzz" didn't end there as immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service, between 160 and 200 Presbyterians and friends gathered for the church picnic at the Adams County Agricultural Center. Add all these events together and anyone can plainly see that something big is going on inside and outside these church walls. To God be the glory during this 2008-2009 programmatic year!

**Thank You:**

**All Church Picnic & Rally Day Thank You**

"WOW!" That's about all Rev. Nyiri could say when he looked out over the crowd of about 160 to 200 Presbyterians who gathered for the All Church Picnic on Sunday, September 7. An event of this size does not happen all by itself and it is for that very reason the following people must be thanked:

Elder, Susie Snyder and Sharon Baker - Fellowship Team members who made the picnic happen by setting up the site and cleaning up after it was over.

Benjy Conover - Head Cook who was up since 5:00 a.m. the day of the event making sure the pig was roasted to perfection. It was delicious!

The Contemporary Music Team - Shared their gift of music at the event.

Allen Duncan, Scott McPherson, Andy Miner, Gary Morrison and Dick Wisor - The set-up crew, who made sure the tables were in the right places for Rally Day.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!!

**Thank you to the "Retiree" and the Newcomer**

A very special thank you goes to Carole Simon who is stepping down as Co-Sunday School Superintendent after many years of service. We are delighted that Carole has agreed to continue as a member of the Christian Education Team.

And welcome to Marlene Tindall who will be serving as our new Co-Sunday School Superintendent, along with Teresa Gard. Thanks also to Heather Tschop who prepares our Sunday School class signs each year.

All of these servants are a blessing to me and more importantly to GPC!

Gratefully,  
Phyllis



**Soup Kitchen News**

The Peacemaking Team wishes to thank Cathy Carson for her service to this church family as our Soup Kitchen Coordinator. Cathy made sure our church's commitment to serving warm meals to those who eat at the soup kitchen happened, by making many phone calls each month and lining up cooks many months ahead of schedule. Cathy has had to step down from this responsibility, but before doing so made sure we had cooks lined up through the end of this year. Thank You Cathy!

**(As a follow up to the above thank you, if you feel called by God to take the reins on the soup kitchen ministry contact Elder, Leah Teague or Rev. Lou Nyiri in the church office (334-1235, ext. 4.)**

**Hurricane Gustav and D'Iberville, Mississippi**

We received word from people in D'Iberville. The winds never exceeded 40-50 m.p.h., and they had only about three inches of rain. There was little if any storm surge along the Biloxi shoreline.

None of the homes on which Lend-A-Hand volunteers had worked were damaged, including no lost roofs although some had a few shingles missing.

The emotions of the homeowners were fragile and fears were magnified... and their thanks to God has been loud and full of praise. And, they thank all who had them in their prayers.

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**Condolences:**

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Hugh Ferguson on the recent death of his identical twin brother;

Roger Albin on the recent death of his mother.

**Nursery Care on Sunday Mornings**

Nursery care for ages 0 - 2 is offered each Sunday morning from 8:15 a.m. - 12:00 noon. We have regular paid staff, supplemented by volunteers. The Staff include:

8:15—9:15 a.m. Sam Banks  
Bethany Kolmer  
Kristin North

9:30—10:30 a.m. Amy Tomassini  
Lois Kime

10:45 —12:00 p.m. Nichol Fake

**So bring your little ones to our beautiful, sunny, decorated nursery!**

Blessings,  
Phyllis

**The Hymnal and Hymns for the Living Church**

Would you be interested in having a copy of the 1933 Hymnal or the 1974 Hymns for the Living Church? Copies of both hymnals will be available on a table in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Stop by and get one for your personal library.

A few people have asked what the music was that I played during communion on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. The first piece was "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee" (*Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott*), a hymn written by Georg Neumark. The second piece was "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" (*Weil ich Jesu Schaflein Bin*). Both hymns were arranged by John Leavitt.  
Becky

**Upcoming Events**

**September Music Schedule**

9/14	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
9/21	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
9/28	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir

**YOUTH CLUB**

Youth Club has just begun, but you still have time to join. All children entering grades 3 - 5 recently received Youth Club registration forms in the mail. If you know of any other child who is interested in this after-school program, please call Phyllis (334-1235, ext. 5) for a registration form.

**The Moscow Ballet at the Majestic Theater**

The Moscow Ballet will be presenting *The Nutcracker* at the Majestic Theater in Gettysburg on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. If you would like to attend this outstanding performance with a group from our church, let me know. We can receive \$45 tickets for the discounted price of \$35 if we have a group of 10. You may reply to Becky Wareham at 359-7623 or [bbwareham@embarqmail.com](mailto:bbwareham@embarqmail.com) or to Bob Remaley at [rkremaley@comcast.net](mailto:rkremaley@comcast.net)

## Grief Support Series

### Begins on October 5

We are again offering our fall grief support group. This four-week series is entitled "Dealing with Grief and Loss: Hope in the Midst of Pain." The group will be led by Donna Heebner, a member of our church who has experience in grief counseling, and Phyllis Dowd. We will meet on Sunday evenings from October 5 through October 26 in the Crane Library from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. The group is open to anyone who has experienced death or loss of a spouse or loved one, and who would be interested in exploring their experience further with others in the same situation. If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Dowd in the church office at 334-1235, ext. 5 or [gpcdce@embarqmail.com](mailto:gpcdce@embarqmail.com).

## Communion Preparation Class

### September 18

Our annual Communion Preparation Class for children in Grades 4 and above will be held on Thursday, Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the MacAskill Room (Heritage). This class led by Rev. Lou Nyiri and Phyllis Dowd will prepare these children/youth to receive communion in worship. Please contact Phyllis at 334-1235, ext. 5 or [gpcdce@embarqmail.com](mailto:gpcdce@embarqmail.com) to enroll your child.

## Five For Five

### 2008 Peacemaking Offering

The theme of this year's peacemaking offering is "Five for Five". We will be supporting five missions involved in peacemaking efforts through this year's offering. We hope to send at least \$800.00 to each of the following ministries:

- **Soup Kitchen** ó serving over 1,100 meals a month to those who are hungry.
- **Seeds to Success** ó helping incarcerated individuals on work-release learn life-skills to leave prison on firmer ground.
- **Survivors Inc.** ó local shelter that provides a safe haven to women and children seeking to break free from the domestic violence cycle.
- **Homeless Shelter** ó Begun in 1991 this ministry has helped over 3,000 people develop plans for living outside of the shelter once their stay in the shelter is over.
- **Haitian Church** ó an extension of our Haitian migrant camp ministry which will support a Haitian church as it seeks to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ in Creole.

If every member gave \$5.00 (over a 30 day period, that's 17 cents a day) we will meet this year's goal of \$4,000.00. Prayerfully consider how you will support these ministries this year. Use the envelope in this newsletter and return it on September 28<sup>th</sup> when we will receive the 2008 Peacemaking Offering.



### Kids Club for Children in Kindergarten - Grade 2 October 2—30

Kids Club is a time of fun, friendship, Bible stories, scripture activities, crafts, and games under the leadership of Pam Rowland. We will offer two identical programs for our Fall series of Kids Club. They will be held every Thursday in October, one from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. and the other from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Both programs are for children in Kindergarten - Grade 2 and will be held in the MacAskill Room (Heritage Room).

Registration forms were mailed out last week because we wanted you to get these dates (October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30) on your calendar as soon as possible. If your child is interested in Kids Club and you did not receive a registration form please call Phyllis in the church office or pick one up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. There is no fee and the program is open to any child in Kindergarten - Grade 2 who is interested, but we do need to know who is coming. Hope your child can join us for this church activity for younger members.

Blessings, Phyllis

A wonderful worship opportunity with the National Christian Choir, under the direction of Harry Causey is coming to:

Grace Fellowship Church  
1405 Seven Valleys Rd.  
York, PA  
Saturday, October 11, @ 6 pm

This 150-voice choir with organ and piano accompaniment is not to be missed. Call the Fitzpatrick's (334-4960) for further information.

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\* Alison Golanoski is currently working on her Girl Scout Silver Award \*  
\* project. You may remember her Girl Scout Bronze Award project when \*  
\* she re-organized, cleaned and repaired toys in our nursery. Now she is \*  
\* holding a book drive for Survivors in Gettysburg and is asking for any \*  
\* books you could donate. All reading levels are needed. \*  
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\* She will also be building bookcases for the books. Lumber and paint \*  
\* supply donations are also accepted and will offset the cost of the book- \*  
\* cases. A drop-off will be placed in Fellowship Hall. Please have all do- \*  
\* nations in to the Church or Alison by September 21. \*  
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\* Thank you for your generosity. \*  
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### Attention All Youth Grades 6—12 & Their Parents Congratulations!!! You're A Winner!!!!

You get to be part of one of the most exciting youth groups around...  
Gettysburg Presbyterian Church's  
Mid-SHIP (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders) or  
SHIP (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders).

Don't miss the PARENT & YOUTH night on September 14, 2008  
from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at GPC  
We'll have ice cream...fill out registration papers...collect meal money...learn something  
about our faith...meet your advisors...DON'T MISS IT!!!!

Call Rev. Lou Nyiri or Libby Crowe with questions (334-1235).

**FOR ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH**

**FALL SALAD LUNCHEON**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

**12 NOON**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

▪ **Bring a salad, any size, deli or homemade**

**Beverages, rolls, desserts, and babysitting provided**

*“Meeting Mamie”*

*With Ruthmary McIlhenny presenting her*

*portrayal of Mamie Eisenhower*

**PW RUMMAGE**

**OCTOBER 17 & 18**

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Here it comes. The PW Fall Rummage Sale, Oct. 17 & 18. Now is the time for the fall cleaning in preparation for the upcoming holidays. So start that clean out from the attic to the basement and in between. Things to put on your "To Do List" for rummage sale: clean out, bake, pot plants, sign up to help and participate in the sale. We will have hot dogs, and sodas along with the popular bake sale. You can sign up to help for setup and sale at the Circle Meetings in Sept. or call our dedicated coordinators, Kathy Kircher, 334-5294, Susie Snyder, 642-9199, or Melanie Keller, 334-7392 for information and sign-up. Set-up will start on Tuesday, October 14, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m., then continue through Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., sale Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to noon. Clean-up starts at noon and usually lasts about an hour. You'll be glad you participated in this valued PW project. The folks helping with set-up have a good time visiting and finding a special treasure in someone's discarded items. It is amazing to watch all the stuff being placed on the tables and organized so quickly. A full schedule will be in the next Grapevine. **SEE YOU THERE!!!!**

## You're Invited to a Party!

- WHAT:** A "Thank You" party given by Pam & Bruce Rowland for all the love and support you have shown to them for the last 1 1/2 years during Bruce's illness.
- WHEN:** September 20, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Come anytime! Stay the whole day or an hour or 2!
- WHERE:** Antietam Recreation Park and Day Camp - Hagerstown, MD (see directions below or check their website at antietamrecreation.com) Call Pam & Bruce at 642-8802 if you need a ride or want to follow someone.
- WHO:** All members and friends of Gettysburg Presbyterian Church, your extended families & friends
- ACTIVITIES:** Come join in the activities or just enjoy the fellowship. Sit in the shade of the pavilion or just relax by the pool!



11:00 - 4:45	Heated swimming pool, tennis, badminton, horseshoes, table tennis, air hockey, and volleyball, giant rope swing, canoeing, kayaking, and creek activities
1:00 - 1:45	Children's & Family Games
2:00 - 3:00	Boat Slide and Carousel Ride
3:00 - 4:00	Cable Ride & Zipline
4:45	Activities Close
5:00	Park Closes

**WHAT TO BRING:** (depending on what activities you choose or how long you stay) Picnic lunch, swim suit, towels, change of clothing if doing creek/boating activities.

### HOPE YOU CAN JOIN THE FUN !

**Directions:** The camp is located 2 miles south of Hagerstown, MD, close to Interstate 70 and 81 - accessible by Alternate 40 or the Sharpsburg Pike. From I-70 take Ext 29 (Route 65—Sharpsburg Pike) past McDonalds, second left onto Wagaman Rd. At the stop sign turn right onto Garis Shop Rd. Antietam Recreation is 1/4 mile on the left.

## 2008 FALL SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES

**Don't miss these opportunities for study and fellowship!**

### The Word - word by word!

Each Sunday evening @ 6:00 p.m. in the MacAskill Room. Bring your Bible!  
 Leader: Rev. Chuck Teague

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### The Truth Project

A 13-week DVD-based study with discussion. Tuesday evenings 6:45 - 9:00 p.m. beginning Oct. 7th. Please see a **Truth Project** brochure for more information and to register. Cost: \$10.00  
 Leaders: Chooch & Becky Wells

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### Faith and Fitness Fall Walking Group

Friday mornings 8:00 a.m. Join us for a 2-mile walk. Meet in Fellowship Hall.  
 Leader: Candace Veon-Nyiri. Sept. 12 - Oct. 17.

# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

September 2008

Fall Sermon Series: *Jesus' Facebook Friends: Galilean Network*

Sept. 14 Jesus and Andrew

Sept. 21 Jesus and Zacchaeus

Sept. 28 Jesus and Bartimaeus - Service of Communion

*What are you looking for? . . . Come and See" John 1 : 38a and 39a*

**Next Newsletter Deadline:  
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