

GRAPEVINE

February 25, 2009

Parson to Person

What a Privilege to Carry Everything to God in Prayer!

The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25th and includes the 40 days that lead to Holy Week and the celebration of Easter on April 12th. Lent offers us a special time to recall the life, ministry and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Lent is a time for spiritual renewal through self-examination, prayer and study, both individually and as a congregation.

A wonderful opportunity for study and spiritual growth is GPC's Lenten Small Groups which meet weekly during Lent. This year we focus on the practice of prayer as we read together Christian Prayer for Today by Martha Moore-Keish. Copies of the book are still available.

The following is a suggested exercise from the Lenten Prayer Journal that small group members will be using to chronicle their prayer journey this Lent. It is entitled "Life Centered Prayer" and is meant to help us become more aware of God's presence in our everyday lives. I invite you to explore this approach to prayer:

1. **Gather the day.** Identify the ten or twelve major events of your day, including prayer, particular conversations, meetings, meals, work and other activities. List them.
2. **Review the day.** Reflect upon each occurrence listed, without judging yourself, avoiding feelings or making excuses. This is the actual substance of your daily life.
3. **Give thanks for the day.** Thank God for each part of your day, for your life, and for God's presence in the midst of it.
4. **Confess your sin.** Acknowledge your faults in thought, word, and deed toward God, your neighbor and yourself (you might add creation, too).
5. **Seek the meaning of the events.** Reflect on the larger significance of each event in your life, asking yourself such questions as: What is God saying to me? What am I being called to do? How is this connected to the rest of my life? Write down what comes to mind. (*Adapted from the writings of Ben Campbell Johnson and Marjorie Thompson, Soul Feast 1995.*)

May God bless our Lenten journey as we prepare for the joy of Easter and the Resurrection of our Lord!

Keep on praying!

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New Members

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Thank you to "A Night of Music" participants...

What fun it was! A thank you to Susie Snyder, Sharon Baker, Deb Meckley and Jo Karchner for organizing the meal. A thank you to Skip and Penny Messinger for catering the meal. A thank you to our MC Mary Lou Seamens, videographers/sound crew Bill Fitzpatrick and Steve Kinsey, and stage managers Scott McPherson and Barry Wareham. Our great performers were Laura Pennings, Jean LeGros, Beth Jones, Don Clark, Braden Unger, Bethany Kolmer, Ben Kolmer, Kelsey Holt, Vanessa Milledge, Carrie Trax, Dave Conklin, Linda MacAskill, Rachael Parmentier, Scott Hartwig, George Marguglio, Larry Bullis, Beth Christopher, Chris Kulkusky, Nick Telenson and Leslie Lindeman. Thank you so much for sharing your talents with our audience for a wonderful evening of entertainment!

WOW!

26 individuals participated in the Faithful Journey Book Group discussion of **The Shack** on Feb 22nd! Thanks to Johnna Sanders for leading the discussion. Please mark your calendar and join us for our next discussion on Saturday morning, May 2nd, when we will discuss **The Memory Keeper's Daughter** by Kim Edwards.

Copies of the book will be available in the church office by March 15th. Please contact Candace Veon-Nyiri if you have any questions.

FILE CABINET

DONATION

Do you have a 2 or 4-drawer file cabinet in good condition that you don't need any more?

If you do, please contact Becky Wareham at bbwareham@embarqmail.com

or Lou Nyiri at gpclou@embarqmail.com, 334-1235, ext. 4. Thanks!

Contemporary Worship News

Thank you to Jim Getty for his portrayal of Mr. Lincoln and to T.J. Remaley for his message at Contemporary Worship on Feb 22nd.

Upcoming Events:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

POPCORN and THEOLOGY MOVIE NIGHT:

Friday April 3, 2009

“God Grew Tired of Us”



The Story of the “Lost Boys” of Sudan

Game Night on Friday, March 27

The Family Ministry Team is sponsoring a “Game Night” on Friday, March 27 from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. There will be games for all ages, including Bunco, Twister, Spoons, Bible Charades, Yahtzee, Sorry Sliders and many more. There will even be a Wii Bowling Contest! There will also be a special area with games for ages 6 and under. A Snack Bar will be open all evening.

So, bring your family and friends, and come join us on March 27 for an evening of fun, fellowship, and laughter. We guarantee you will have a good time!

Celebration

Giving

Enclosed in this newsletter is a Celebration Giving envelope. While the Thank Offering supports worldwide causes, the Celebration Giving offering is local, and supports our church’s Presbyterian Women’s group and our events. The Rummage and Bake sales do fund a good part of this, but we also depend on your generous Celebration Giving for such things as food and supplies for the May Banquet, Spring Tea, Fall Luncheon, speakers and entertainers for Women’s Sunday and other events. We also send annual gifts to Adams County Charities at Christmas.

Thank you, and remember PW activities are open to ALL women in our church. Please join us.

Easter Flowers

Honor your loved ones with the beauty of flowers at Easter. This year we offer you a choice of three flowers: lilies, tulips, and hyacinths. Please fill out the information below and return this form with your check (**payable to Gettysburg Presbyterian Church**) to:



Myrt Watson
95 Twin Lakes Dr.
Gettysburg, PA 17325

Any flowers not picked up by Monday, April 13 at noon will be taken to shut-ins.

Deadline for order is March 29.

- _____ Easter Lily \$10.00 (4-6 blooms)
(circle one)
_____ Tulips \$10.00 (8 bulbs)
_____ Hyacinth \$10.00 (4 bulbs)

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**March
Music Schedule**

March 1	8:15	Early Choir
	11:00	Adult Choir
March 8	8:15	Early Choir
	11:00	Primary Choir w/soloist Stephen Swartzbaugh
		Adult Choir
March 15	8:15	Early Choir
	11:00	Adult Choir
March 22	8:15	Kristin North and Nick Telenson
		Early Choir
	11:00	Kristin North and Nick Telenson
		Adult Choir
March 29	8:15	Adult Bell Choir
	11:00	Youth Bell Choir
		Youth Choir

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

March

March 1	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship
LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR WORKCAMP		
March 8	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship
March 15	9, 11 & 12	WORKCAMP BRUNCH
March 22	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship
March 29	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship

MidSHIP Schedule

March

March 1	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship & Games
March 6	7:00 p.m.	Girls' Overnight
March 8	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship & Games
March 15	12:00- 1:30	Pizza / Bowling
March 22	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship & Games
March 29	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship & Games

Ruth Circle

Tuesday, March 10 @ 7:30 p.m.
Members meet in GPC Library.



Contact Amy Stewart @ 677-8426 if interested or have questions.

Hey Middle School & Senior High Youth!

LENTEN BREAKFASTS

Wednesday Mornings, 6:45 - 7:10 a.m.

Join Chef Lou for Breakfast and a short devotional to start your day!!

Grief Support Series Starts Sunday

We are again offering a spring 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 done extensive grief counseling, and Phyllis Dowd. We will meet on Sunday evenings from March 1 through March 22 in the church library from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. This group is open to anyone who has experienced death or loss of a spouse or loved one, and who would be interested in exploring this 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. There is no need to sign up ahead of time.

YOUNG @ HEART

March 12 @ 12:00 noon

Our March get-together will be a covered dish luncheon at the church on **Thursday, March 12th at 12:00 noon**. After the meal we will have a brief business meeting followed by antique appraiser, John Rockafellow of Essential Images. More details will follow in the bulletin as we get closer to the date. Please contact Pam or Dick Wisor at 359-8896 or email us at pwisor@hotmail.com if there are any questions.

Reminder: Parents of Kindergarten & Grade 1



Last week all parents of children in Kindergarten - Grade 1 received a letter outlining a 2-part series for parents and children on "The Lord's Prayer". Come join us this coming Sunday, March 1 at 9:30 a.m. on the green rug downstairs by the stage. See you there!

Blessings, Phyllis

"How We Got The Bible" Begins This Sunday

March 1—29

Rev. Dr. Charles (Buz) Myers

Some people believe that the Bible we use today merely fell out of heaven in its present form. But nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, the Bible stands at the end of a long process of **selection, transmission, and translation**. But what books were excluded, and why were others included in the canon of the Bible? How were these writings passed down through the centuries? And why are there so many different translations of the Bible into English? These and other questions will be addressed in this five-part series, led by the Rev. Dr. Charles (Buz) Myers, as we will look at exactly how we came to have the Bible that we know and love.

So come join us on Sundays, March 1—29 from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the MacAskill Room. Rev. Buz Myers, an ordained Presbyterian minister, holds a Ph.D. degree in New Testament language and literature from Princeton Theological Seminary. He has taught Bible courses at two seminaries and Swarthmore College before coming to Gettysburg College in 1986. Dr. Myers also served as recording secretary on the committee that produced the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Christoph Schlechter Coming to Gettysburg on March 5 at Noon

Christoph Schlechter, a church music student from Hamburg, Germany, will be returning to Gettysburg in the first week of March. In 1998/99 he was an exchange student with the Rotary Youth Exchange Program and was graduated from Gettysburg High School. On Thursday, March 5th, he will be giving a noontime piano and organ recital here in our church sanctuary. The program will include organ and piano works by J. S. Bach, Dieterich Buxtehude, Claude Debussy and Jean Langlais as well as an improvisation on the 10th century Lent hymn 'Rex Christe, factor omnium'. (The recital will be informal, "hop-on-hop-off" is possible for lunch breakers, no entry fee.) After completing the B-Diploma of church music at the Hamburg School of Music and Theatre in 2006, Christoph Schlechter is presently enrolled in the A-Diploma program. Holding a full scholarship from the Institute of Studies by the German Lutheran Church, he was able to study French organ literature with Professor Marie-Louise Langlais at the Conservatoire National de Région (CNR) in Paris, France. In October 2007 he was appointed Assistant Music Director of St. Peter's Principle Church in Hamburg where he serves as organist and co-director of the Hamburg Bach-Choir.



Undergraduate Student Care Packages

If you are the parent of an undergraduate college student from our congregation, you can help ensure your child gets a Spring semester care package from their church family by submitting the following information below to Rev. Lou Nyiri in the church office or by email gpclou@embarqmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Return the following information to Rev. Nyiri by **March 1st**.

Name of Student: _____

Postal Mail Address of Student: _____

Email Address of Student: _____

Food Allergies of Student: _____

Parent's Name & Phone Contact: _____

High School Workcamp Brunch is March 15th



What: Food, Fellowship and Fundraiser for high school workcamp

When: Sunday, March 15, 2009

Where: Fellowship Hall

Time: 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. (**After 1st Service & Before 3rd Worship Service**)

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon (**After Sunday School**)

12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m. (**After 3rd Worship Service**)

Cost: \$8.00 (13 years and older) \$5.00 (12 years and younger)

Why: To raise money to off-set the cost per student to go on this year's workcamp to Peterstown, WV from July 9–18, 2009.

The brunch is catered by the Dobbin House and features: egg-bake; waffles; bacon; potatoes; fruit and cheese tray; muffins; with orange juice, coffee, tea, and water to drink. To reserve a seat at the Brunch for one of the times above you **must** purchase a ticket in fellowship hall Sunday mornings, throughout the week in the church office, or email Rev. Nyiri at gpclou@embarqmail.com (put %Workcamp Brunch+in subject line). If you cannot attend the brunch and would like to support Workcamp 2009, contact Rev. Nyiri in the church office. This is the high school workcamp's **only** fundraiser and your generous support helps send students to serve God in Peterstown, WV. You have supported us generously in past years and we thank you in advance for this year's support.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Join us for an engaging worship experience centered in God's Word !
Everyone is Invited! Bring a Friend.

Each Sunday morning in the Sanctuary at 9:30a.m.

Lenten Sermon Series: *What's on Your Mind??*

March 1 ó Amazing Love: The Power to Help You Get in the Groove

March 8 ó Servanthood: Dirty Jobs

March 15 ó Faithfulness: Hold On!

March 22 ó Surrender: Go with the Flow

March 29- Humility: It's Not About You

"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus". Phil 2:5

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