

GRAPEVINE

March 25, 2009

Parson to Person

When I was young, I felt good because my church received the One Great Hour of Sharing. I was helping God help hurting people.

That was after World War II. Optimism was high. America and her allies had won the War! We helped Europe with the Marshall Plan. We were on a roll. I remember thinking: We will eliminate hunger from the earth in my lifetime!

How naive I was! Here we are over six decades later and still facing the same challenges.

Is it discouraging? All the special offerings, all the money spent, all the scientific effort, all the government programs, all the church programs, and we don't seem to progress! A few minutes ago, a local father walked into my office asking for food - a common occurrence for Gettysburg churches. Further, with today's media, in an instant we may see suffering anywhere in our country, even the world. Needs everywhere! Add it all up and we could throw up our hands and say, "I quit! It is not worth trying!"

What if God did that?

We will commemorate the life of Jesus during Holy Week. We will remember his entry into Jerusalem, his teachings, his Last Supper, the betrayal, the torture, the death and then celebrate his being raised---all because God did not, does not, give up on us! Though we rebel against God, though we ignore God, God still loves us and offers us mercy and salvation! What a blessing when we accept the grace!

We will observe Holy Week, but not because we have accomplished so much. We will observe it in gratitude for God's grace to us.

Likewise, we will contribute to the One Great Hour of Sharing for people whose lives are severely altered by disaster or are born poor. Because God cares, as God's people we care.

On Palm Sunday, April 5, we will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering in special envelopes, or by checks so marked on the memo line. The children who have been collecting their offerings in fish-boxes may bring them to Sunday School or place them in the special boxes in Fellowship Hall.

Yours,
Harry

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Happy Birthday to...

April 1

Ryan Conklin
Ryan Dudash
Dylan Fissel
Amy Morton

April 2

Jackie Ecker
Ian Isherwood
Jared Kern

Susan Kint

Alex McNair

April 3

Alex Damjanovic
Benjamin Soliday
Dakota Warcup

April 4

Dempsey Miller
Jacqueline Pizzuto
Savannah Soliday
Suzanne Tschop
Dick Wisor

April 5

Scott McNair
Stephan Reyka

April 6

Natalie Hinton
Hatty Ketterman

April 7

Alexis Stone

April 8

Brian Breighner
Bob Jones

April 9

Carol Geist
Susan Lindsay
Dorothy Oblack

April 10

Eric Maitland
Mary Ellen Myers

April 11

Sal Chandon
Scott Freeman

April 12

James Hans
Julie Kint
Susan Pizzuto

April 13

Ethan Burgess
Dale Gallon
Drusilla Warner

April 16

Kevin FitzGerald
Beverly Gard
Amy Stewart
Judy Temme

April 17

Destiny Downing
Caroline Maue

April 18

Hayden Hall
Richard Heflin
Robert Heldt

April 19

Michael Beegle

April 20

Madison Brubaker
Sandra Dixon
Cindi Knouse
Betty Kump

April 22

Mary Shuss
Lance Snyder

April 23

Melanie Keller
Susie Snyder

April 24

Sally Jones
Frank Pizzuto
Amy Tomassini

April 25

Brandy Mosser
John Reber
Joanne Reisinger

April 26

Judy Bullis
Elijah Dillman
Doreen Oblack

April 27

Charlotte King
Lynn Peterson
Holly Stabler

April 28

Katherine FitzGerald
Tammi Swartzbaugh
Dolores Yakencheck

April 29

Lawrence Sanders
Emily Shoey

April 30

Josie Brownley
Dan Reisinger



Food For Thought

Most of us past the age of 50 were brought up being told that the Sanctuary was the oHouse of Godö, the most important room in the church building. We were taught to respect it by lowering our voices to a whisper and to never eat anything other than a cough drop while there. Outside of the Communion Elements, no food or drink was brought into the sanctuary.

It has been observed that on occasion, coffee and food has been carried from Fellowship Hall into the sanctuary here at GPC.

Because we should set aside one room where worship is special and God is the only thing on our mind, might we finish our eating and drinking BEFORE we enter those doors into our Sanctuary? Let our food and drink be the hymns, anthems and sermons which we are privileged to hear every Sunday.

Donald Clark
Church member and Custodian

New Easter Books in the Childr en’s Library

1. **Benjamin’s Box** by Melody Carlson (Holiday Easter)
As Benjamin fills his special box, the Easter story is told from Palm Sunday to Jesusqresurrection. Ideas are given for creating manipulatives to help tell the story.
2. **Easter** by Fiona French (Holiday Easter)
The text and colorful artwork are from England’s King James version of the Bible and the many stained glass windows in British cathedrals. A read-to for school age children.
3. **Home Sweet Home** by Jean Marzallo (Preschool)
A simple blessing for Springtime animals, plants and insects; written in easy rhyme. The beautiful I llustrations and text are for younger children. A book to be read again and again.
4. **Easter is for Me** by Dandi Daley Mackall (Holiday Easter)
Written in rhyme with the refrain %think He was thinking of me,+this read aloud draws children into the events of the Easter story.

SWING INTO SOFTBALL

Sign up to play softball in our church league.

Call or email Rev. Lou Nyiri at 334-1235, ext. 4 or

Monthly Financial Report

As of February 28 we are 16.67% into 2009 with our budget of \$720,567.

Receipts to date are 14.19% (\$102,214)

Expenditures to date are 15.01% (\$108,144)

Our current amount available for operating expenses is \$35,979.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 5th

8:15 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Services
9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 9th

7:30 p.m. Worship Service

Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 10th

12:00 p.m. Community Service at the St. James Lutheran Church
7:00 p.m. "Passion of the Christ" movie in the sanctuary

Good Friday

Sunday, April 12th

6:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service at the Peace Light on the Battlefield
8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

Easter



Invite A Friend to the Easter Celebration – April 12th

Now is a great time to pray about whom you could invite to one of our four Easter worship celebrations. Over the upcoming weeks spend time daily in prayer seeking God's guidance as to who you know that could benefit from hearing the Easter message of hope and new life. Then share with your friend the list of Easter worship services found in this newsletter. Starting this Sunday you can also pick up an invitation from the welcome table in fellowship hall or one of the three Sanctuary entrances to give to your friend. Part of Easter's call to us is remembering that Christ commanded the disciples after his resurrection and before the ascension to share the message of hope with others. What better way to fulfill Christ's call to evangelism than by inviting a friend to Easter worship.

Hershey Park Tickets



Thinking of going to Hershey Park this summer? Want to buy tickets at a cheaper rate? We've got the answer for you! You can order and buy tickets through the church group rate. These tickets can be used by you ANY DAY of the 2009 season. The rates are \$28.50 for ages 9-54 (regular rate is \$51.95) and \$24.00 for ages 3-8 and \$24.00 for ages 55+ (regular rate is \$30.95).

You may order these tickets by calling Phyllis at the church office (334-1235, ext. 5) or by signing up in Fellowship Hall on March 29 or April 5. FINAL DATE TO PAY FOR THESE TICKETS IS SUNDAY, APRIL 5th. Please make checks out to Gettysburg Presbyterian Church. There will be no refunds for tickets not used. You do not have to be a church member to participate. Thanks!!

Bring Fish Boxes Back on April 5!

Recently, all of the children in ages 3⁶ Grade 8 Sunday School received fish boxes and corresponding calendars for the One Great Hour of Sharing. If your child did not receive one, see Phyllis ASAP, because the season of Lent is well underway and we want your child to be a part of this exciting opportunity!

For those who already have them, keep filling your fish box each day according to the directions on the calendar. Remember to bring the box back on Palm Sunday, April 5.

Children Sleeping? Absolutely Not!!

Our Youth Club Lock-In was held on March 13 & 14. Thirty-five 3rd- 5th graders and their friends plus 15 middle-schoolers spent the night at the church and had a great time! Special thanks to the following:

Coordinator of swimming at the YWCA: Wendy Beauchat

Chaperones: Gina Plamann, Amy Deitch, Mimi O'Neill, Kathleen Kiick, Penny Breighner, Mark Beauchat, Derin & Julie Myers, Harvey Eckenrode, Ann & Kirk Cowden and Clay Barrow

Stayed from 1:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.: Mike Hosterman, Mike Kulkusky & Leonard Kulkusky **(Thank You)**

Stayed all night: Alva Ecker, Sarah Morton, Christina Soliday and Middle School Aides **(Thank You)**

Capture the Flag and Mini-American Idol: Sarah Morton and Christina Soliday

Breakfast Crew: Rich Watson, Lori Bridel, Wendy Heiges and Cinnamon Hosterman

Clean-Up: Mary Beth Shoemaker and Beth Heeschen

It took us (me!) the weekend to recover, but it was worth it! Looking forward to next year? Maybe!
Still Sleepy, Phyllis

PW RUMMAGE, PLANT & BAKE

MAY 1 & MAY 2, 2009

This has been another winter to get the cabin fever. We hope that you used those shut-in days to clean out the basement, closets, kitchen cabinets, dresser drawers and all the other storage places to salvage good, saleable items for the **SPRING 2009 RUMMAGE SALE**. If you are still in the winter doldrums, then get the spirit and get busy - clean out, pot the plants and start baking. PW is looking forward to your recyclable goods as well as your business on sale days.

As always, storage space is minimal, so if you possibly can, please bring your recyclables to the church on the Monday before the sale, April 27. You can then leave them in the corner near the outside door to Fellowship Hall. It also reduces work for the volunteers who set up. Please bring clothing that is clean and in good condition and things that should be in working condition. Also, please, no items that require special handling for disposition. **Don't forget the brown bags.**

Now the schedule:

Rummage & Plant Sale: **Friday, May 1, 8:30 am - 5 pm and Saturday May 2, 8:30 am - 12 noon**

Bake Sale & Lunch: **Friday, May 1, 8:30 am - 12 noon (or until sold out).** Lots of scrumptious baked goodies. Lunch menu is hot dogs with a variety of toppings, Sloppy Joes, chips & soda.

Drop-Offs: On Monday, **April 27**, put everything in the corner next to the main outside entrance of Fellowship Hall. **Deadline to drop off is Noon on Thursday, April 30.**

Marking & Sorting: **Tuesday, April 28, 1 pm - 5 pm; Wednesday & Thursday, April 29 & April 30, 9 am - 5 pm.**

Baked Goods: Drop off by 8:00 am on **Friday, May 1** or the night before if frozen.

Plants: Can be dropped off on Monday or Tuesday, but please be sure they are moist: **Wednesday or Thursday, April 29 or 30 is best.**

Clean-Up: **Saturday, May 2 from 12 noon until done (1 to 1 1/2 hours).**

Volunteers are needed to set up, take sales and clean up. Call Melanie Keller (334-7392) if you can help; even one hour is greatly appreciated. Also, Melanie, Susie Snyder (642-9199), or Kathy Kircher (334-5294) can answer any questions you may have about the sale.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR WONDERFUL SUPPORT OF THIS WORTHWHILE PW PROJECT.



March Music Schedule

April 5	8:15	Flute Trio Early Choir
	11:00	Flute Trio Adult Choir
April 9	7:30	Adult Choir
April 12	8:15	Early Choir
	9:30 & 11:00	Brass Ensemble Adult Choir
April 19	8:15	Early Choir
	11:00	Chapel Bell Choir Chapel Choir Adult Choir
April 26	8:15 & 11:00	Youth Bell Choir Youth Choir

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP - April

April 1 & 8	6:45 - 7:10 a.m.	Lenten Breakfasts in Fellowship Hall
April 5	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship
April 12		NO SHIP - HAPPY EASTER
April 19	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship
April 26	8:15, 9:30 & 11:00	—YOUTH SUNDAY

MidSHIP Schedule - April

April 1 & 8	6:45 - 7:10 a.m.	Lenten Breakfasts in Fellowship Hall
April 3	7:00 p.m.	Bonfire & Movie Overnight @ Libby's house**
April 4	10:00 a.m.	Pick-up from overnight
April 5	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship & Games
April 12		NO Mid SHIP - HAPPY EASTER
April 19	5:30 - 7:00	Bigger & Better
April 26	8:15, 9:30 & 11:00	—YOUTH SUNDAY

** Meet at Libby's house - bring pjs, pillow, sleeping bag, and a snack to share.



Faithful Journey Book Group!

The Memory Keeper's Daughter

by Kim Edwards
Discussion date is May 2nd
(Sat. Morning @ 8:45 a.m.)

Coffee, tea, fruit and pastries provided. All GPC members and friends are invited. Buy the book on your own or order one through the church office. Contact Candace Nyiri if you have any questions at 337-2939.



Easter Continental Breakfast

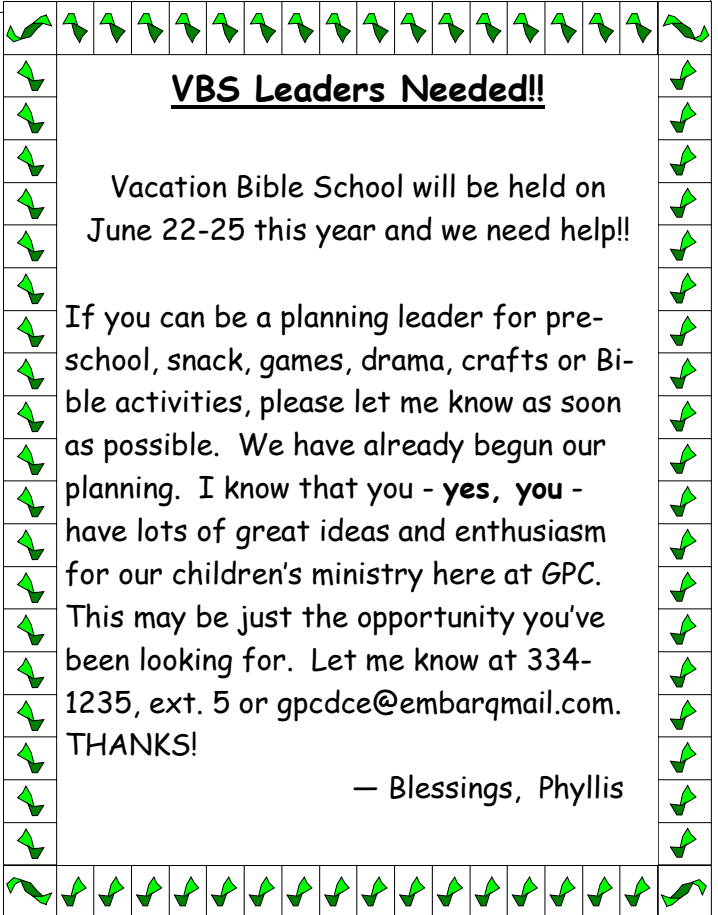
Your church's Deacons invite you to the all-church Easter Continental Breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 12th. Serving times will be 9:00-9:30 a.m. and 10:30-11:00 a.m. in fellowship hall. The menu will include an assortment of homemade muffins, cheeses, fruit, coffee, tea and juices. We hope you will join us for fellowship before or after the worship service you choose to attend, as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.

VBS Leaders Needed!!

Vacation Bible School will be held on June 22-25 this year and we need help!!

If you can be a planning leader for pre-school, snack, games, drama, crafts or Bible activities, please let me know as soon as possible. We have already begun our planning. I know that you - **yes, you** - have lots of great ideas and enthusiasm for our children's ministry here at GPC. This may be just the opportunity you've been looking for. Let me know at 334-1235, ext. 5 or gpcdce@embarqmail.com.
THANKS!

— Blessings, Phyllis



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>April 2009</h1>			1 6:45 a.m. Middle & H. S. Lenten Breakfast 12 Noon Men's Interfaith Lunch 12:00 p.m. Lenten Sm. Grp. 1:00 p.m. Weekly Cancer Grp. 3:00 p.m. MidSHIP Sm. Grp. 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:30 p.m. High School "12" 5:45 p.m. Chapel Choir 6:00 p.m. Evangelism 6:00 p.m. Cont. Music Practice 6:15 p.m. Chapel Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	2 12 Noon Newsletter Deadline 6:00 p.m. Christian Ed. Team 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:30p.m. Worship & Music 7:00 p.m. Lenten Sm. Grp. 7:15 p.m. Adult Bell Choir	3 8:30 a.m. Kindermusik 9:00 a.m. DAR in Sanctuary 7:00 p.m. Popcorn and Thology Movie Night	4
			5 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship 4:00 p.m. Youth Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir 5:30 p.m. SHIP & MidSHIP	6 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	7 7:15 a.m. Lenten Sm. Grp. 7:30 a.m. Habitat Board Mtg. 9:30 a.m. Sewing Workshop 10:00 a.m. Lenten Sm. Grp. 5:00 p.m. JMJ Spanish 7:00 p.m. Lenten Sm. Grp.	8 6:45 a.m. Middle & H. S. Lenten Breakfast 12 Noon Men's Interfaith Lunch 1:00 p.m. Weekly Cancer Grp. 3:00 p.m. MidSHIP Sm. Grp. 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:30 p.m. High School "12" 5:45 p.m. Chapel Choir 6:00 p.m. Cont. Music Practice 6:15 p.m. Chapel Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Divorce Sup. Grp. 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir
12 EASTER 6:30 a.m. Contemporary Sunrise Service @ Peace Light 7:10 a.m. Early Choir 8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	13 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Cancer Support Group	14 5:00 p.m. JMJ Spanish 7:00 p.m. Ruth Circle	15 1:00 p.m. Weekly Cancer Grp. 3:00 p.m. MidSHIP Sm. Grp. 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:30 p.m. High School "12" 5:45 p.m. Chapel Choir 6:00 p.m. Cont. Music Practice 6:15 p.m. Chapel Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	16 12 Noon Newsletter Deadline 9:30 a.m. Esther Circle 12:00 p.m. Young @ Heart 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:15 p.m. Gastric Bypass Support Group 7:15 p.m. Adult Bell Choir	17 8:30 a.m. Kindermusik	18
19 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship 12:15 p.m. Property Committee 12:15 p.m. Deacons Meeting 4:00 p.m. Youth Bell Choir 4:00 p.m. Inquirers' Class #1 5:00 p.m. Inquirers' Dinner 5:00 p.m. Session Meeting 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir 5:30 p.m. MidSHIP & SHIP S. Carolina Mission Team Leaves	20 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 1:00 p.m. Elizabeth Circle 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:30 p.m. Mary Martha Circle	21 5:00 p.m. JMJ Spanish	22 1:00 p.m. Weekly Cancer Grp. 3:00 p.m. MidSHIP Sm. Grp. 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:30 p.m. High School "12" 5:45 p.m. Chapel Choir 6:00 p.m. Cont. Music Practice 6:15 p.m. Chapel Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	23 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:15 p.m. Adult Bell Choir	24 8:30 a.m. Kindermusik	25 S. Carolina Mission Team Returns
26 YOUTH SUNDAY 8:15 & 11 a.m. Youth Lead Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. Celebrate April Birthdays 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship 4:00 p.m. Inquirers' Class #2 No High School Fellowship No Mid-SHIP	27 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry	28 5:00 p.m. JMJ Spanish	29 10:00 a.m. Mom's Club 1:00 p.m. Weekly Cancer Grp. 3:00 p.m. MidSHIP Sm. Grp. 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:30 p.m. High School "12" 6:00 p.m. Cont. Music Prac 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	30 12 Noon Newsletter Deadline 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:15 p.m. Adult Bell Choir		

APRIL 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 9:30 a.m.

- April 5 Palm Sunday
- April 12 *Easter Sunrise Service at the
Battlefield Eternal Peace Light 6:30 a.m.*
- April 19 Stewardship of Creation Sunday
- April 26 Youth Sunday

"Alleluia! He has risen just as He said !" (Matthew 28:6 NIV)

Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, April 2, 2009

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great hour Palm
of sharing Sun-
 day,

April 5th
