

GRAPEVINE

April 8, 2009

Parson to Person

We celebrate the Resurrection!

The Resurrection --- God's gift of new life to Jesus and a promise of resurrection for us. Great news!

It should not have happened. It was impossible! But, God did it!

That says to me that God may do amazing things. Amazing things!

“I had a dream,“ is the way one young man put it in a letter to his church, expressing despair, cynicism and pessimism over the death of idealism, of passion and dreaming of transforming vision.

In contrast, God gives us the resurrection. God would have us dream of life-giving possibilities. God would have us think resurrection, dream resurrection dreams, change thinking patterns, visualize new approaches.

Following the example of God, let us go ahead, let our imaginations create. Let's use resurrection thinking!

Who knows what God will do within us and through us.

Yours,
Harry

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EASTER SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 12th



	6:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service at the
Peace Light		
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



Consider Krislund Camp For Your Child

As April begins and children's summer schedules are already filling up, I urge you as parents to consider sending your child to our presbytery's Krislund Camp for a week of fun and faith-building. Many youth in our church who have attended Krislund will tell you it is one of the best weeks they have ever experienced. And, our church thinks this is so important that we pay \$75 toward any child or youth who attends Krislund Camp or any other Christian camp.

I ask you to do the following:

1. Consider sending your child to Krislund Camp this summer. Contact Phyllis Dowd at 334-1235, ext. 5 for registration forms.
2. If your child is already registered, please let Phyllis know. (So we can arrange carpools.)

A week at Krislund could be one of the best gifts you ever give your child.



Soup Kitchen Volunteers

There will be a reception to honor everyone who has volunteered over the past year on April 26th from 4 - 5:30 pm at Prince of Peace Church. We hope to see everyone there.

Kathy Schneider, Wayne English, Gerry Dettloff, Beth Jones, Jim and Donna Newman, Gail Hull, Judy Temme, Carrie Kauffman, Carolyn Durboraw, Suzanne Steinour and Sharon Kuntzman cooked and helped to serve in January, February and March. A special thanks to Evelyn Small who not only cooked and helped to serve, but did a lot of baking when the soup kitchen received a large donation of canned pie filling.

GPC provides food and helps to serve on the second Monday of each month. We need six volunteers to cook and two to stay and serve on each occasion. If you would like more information about this very important outreach, contact Mary Smith at 334-4452 or mjsmith2@aol.com.

Empty Boutique Size

Tissue Boxes

Needed for

Grades 2 & 3

Sunday School

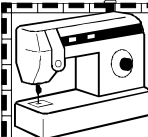
Please bring your empty boxes to Phyllis' office. Thanks!

THANKS FOR GAME NIGHT

On March 27, we held our first Family Game Night. Forty-two church members of all ages joined together for an evening of fellowship, fun, and much laughter. Our hands have not yet recovered from a rousing game of "Spoons"; children formed "human pretzels" during Twister; and what card game were those four men playing as they sat on the tiny nursery chairs for 2 hours?!



Many thanks to the following who organized the event and provided snacks: Bob Remaley, Ann Cowden, Carole Simon, Bill and Marlene Tindall, Amy Deitch, and Phyllis Dowd.



SEWING WORKSHOP

Thank you to everyone who has donated fabric for the lap quilts, yarn for shoulder shrugs and afghans, and thank you also to those who knit at home.

NEEDED: If you would be willing to donate a sewing machine to the Sewing Workshop, please contact the office at 334-1235.

Upcoming Events:



April Music Schedule

April 9	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
April 12	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	9:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Brass Ensemble
		Adult Choir
April 19	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Chapel Bell Choir
		Chapel Choir
		Adult Choir
April 26	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP - April

April 12		NO SHIP - HAPPY EASTER
April 19	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship
April 26	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship
May 3	8:15, 9:30 & 11:00	—YOUTH SUNDAY

MidSHIP Schedule - April

April 12		NO Mid SHIP - HAPPY EASTER
April 19	5:30 - 7:00	Bigger & Better
April 26	5:30 - 7:00	Games & Fellowship
May 3	8:15, 9:30 & 11:00	—YOUTH SUNDAY

Young at Heart

Our April get-together will be a covered dish luncheon on **Thursday, April 16th at 12:00 Noon.**

Please note this is the 3rd Thursday instead of our usual 2nd Thursday because of Easter week.

After the meal we will have a brief business meeting followed by Dr. Raymond Moreland, Executive Director of the Maryland Bible Society, who will do a presentation with music and costume entitled "The Centurion".

All are welcome. If there are any questions please contact Pam or Dick Wisor at 359-8896 or email us at pwisor@hotmail.com.



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.

SWING INTO SOFTBALL

Sign up to play softball in our church league. Season begins the week after Easter (April 12). Please call or email Rev. Lou Nyiri at 334-1235, ext. 4 or gpclou@embarqmail.com with your name and phone number.



PW CIRCLES

Elizabeth Circle

Monday, April 20 @ 1:00 p.m.

Hostess: Sarah Lambert
363 West High St.
Gettysburg, PA
334-4667

Study Leader: Jean Holder

Lesson 8: Luke 14: 7-24; 16:19-31



Mary Martha Circle

Monday, April 20 @ 7:30 p.m.

Hostess: Kathy Wark
87 Twin Lakes Dr.
Gettysburg, PA
334-5800

Study Leader: Marie Duncan

Lesson 7: Luke 13: 10-17, 18-21; 14:1-6

Esther Circle

Thursday, April 16 @ 9:30 a.m.

Members meet in Eisenhower Lounge.
Study Leader: Kay McClain
Lesson 8: Luke 14: 7-24; 16:19-31

Ruth Circle

Tuesday, April 14 @ 7:30 p.m.

Members meet in the GPC library.

NEW MEMBERS CLASSES

**Begin on Sunday,
April 19th**

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about our church and possibly becoming a member of our church family, please contact the church office to register. Call Rev. Lou Nyiri for details and to register at 334-1235, ext. 4, or email him at gpclo@embarqmail.com.

A Women's Discussion Group

This informal gathering will be held on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. from April 19 - May 17 in the top floor room. The request for this group came as a result of the "You Matter More Than You Think" series. Come join us for an open discussion about women's needs and future topics.

Read On-line



Missed a Sunday, worked in Children's Church or in the nursery and missed the message? Now you can read online. Just go to the church's website: www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org and click on Sermons. Sunday's message is usually available online by 5:00 PM on Tuesday.

Condolences:

Our thoughts and prayers are with Amy Morton and her family on the loss of her long time friend and companion Tom Oyler.

ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

MAY BANQUET

TUESDAY, MAY 5th, 6:00 PM

Fellowship Hall

Friendship, Food, and Music !

Tickets \$8, available April 19, 26, and May 3
in Fellowship Hall
between Sunday worship services.

Catered by: Skip & Penny's Country Catering

Desserts made by: Kay Knox

Sponsored by Presbyterian Women

Ticket info: phone 337-9571

FAITH & FITNESS

Spring Walking Small Group

Our Spring Walking Small Group will begin Friday, May 8th and run for 4 weeks through May 29th. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for a brief devotion and then a 2-mile walk on the battlefield. All are welcome and you can walk at your own pace! Why not invite a friend? Contact Candace Nyiri at 337-2939 if you would like to join us!

**WE WILL WALK IN THE LIGHT
OF YOUR PRESENCE,
O LORD! *Psalm 89:15b***



MIDWEEK PRAYER GROUP

Begins on April 29th

Each Wednesday at 12:00 to 12:45 p.m.
in the MacAskill Room

In response to our Lenten Small Group study on prayer, we will begin a prayer group that will meet weekly to pray for the needs of our world, our nation, our community, and our church family. Please bring a bag lunch if you wish. All are invited! This is an open group. Please come when you are able. If you have any questions please contact Candace Veon-Nyiri, 337-2939.

**“What a privilege to carry everything to God
in prayer.”**

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. 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 work 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 (357-1175) can answer any questions you may have about the sale.

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

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

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

 **Next Newsletter Deadline:**
Noon, Thursday, April 16, 2009

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