

# GRAPEVINE

May 6, 2009

## Parson to Person

It is a blessed time in our church life.

The **Rev. Dr. David C. Wright** was called as pastor during the congregational meeting on April 26 by unanimous vote!

Dave will begin his ministry with us on June 15.

A brochure introducing him may be picked up in Fellowship Hall, or read on our web site. We look forward to getting to know him and his wife, Bonnie. Together we will move ahead in the Lord's service!

He comes, because of the work of our Pastor Nominating Committee. Last year on March 30, the congregation elected a Committee of nine members, charging them with the function of discovering the pastor whom God had in mind. The members of the Committee were:

Jen Beegle

Ralph Lambert

Judy Bullis, secretary

Scott McNair

Roger Clowes

Carrie Trax

Ron Hankey, chairperson

Ron Weigle

Barbara Sanders-Hartwig

They met numerous times, sometimes by full committee, other times in sub-committees and even by e-mail. (One of them kept count of e-mails ó c. 500!)

After they sponsored the Church Vision Day last June, they wrote our Church Information Form, and publicized it. They reviewed nearly a hundred Personal Information Forms of ministers, listened to sermon after sermon (one spouse said that all that she saw of her husband for the year was the back of his head as he listened to sermons), interviewed by phone, interviewed personally, visited churches to hear preachers, checked references, and prayed and prayed.

Finally they felt led by the Holy Spirit to David C. Wright.

We thank them from the bottom of our hearts for their extensive investment of time and energy into the search. And, we thank their families for giving them up for so long.

Well done, good and faithful servants!

Yours,

Harry

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**FISH BOXES WERE FULL!**

Congratulations to all the children and families who filled up those fish boxes for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Our total included 1748 pennies, 515 nickels, 700 dimes, 512 quarters, 14 half-dollars, 27 coin-dollars, 2 one-dollar bills, and 1 five-dollar bill for a **grand total of \$282.23.** Special thanks to each child who participated and to Bill Faloon who counted all those coins—by machine!

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**Thank You:**

To the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church,  
I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for your thoughtfulness and well wishes through the sending of care packages during my college finals. Throughout my four years here at Millersville University, it has definitely been a blessing to have the thoughts and prayers (not to mention the delicious snacks!) of those in my church family to wish me well and get me through the many hours of late night studying. Your kindness to me reflects the kindness that Christ has taught us all to exhibit, and for that – I am thankful and deeply touched. God bless!  
TJ Remaley

**April 26: A Very Special Day!**  
What a delight to have David Wright and his wife, Bonnie, with us, to hear him, and to sense the enthusiasm (maybe relief) of the Pastoral Nominating Committee and the congregation! Together, God will do marvelous things in our future!  
Our day was made possible by many people, some of whom are mentioned here.  
Our thanks to Sal and Joan Chandon for providing accommodations for the weekend for David and Bonnie Wright.  
Our thanks to the Fellowship Committee, particularly Kathy Wark and Susie Snyder, for heading up the all-morning and post-meeting refreshments.  
And, to Becky and George, and numerous others who contributed to making April 26 a very special day in the life of our church.

**Thanks for Car Chase, Dinner-to-Go and Trip to Mt. Tabor Park**  
Our Youth Club Car Chase is held each spring. It is not as dangerous as it sounds, but it sure is fun! Thanks to the following drivers who made this activity possible: Lisa Gormley, Amy Deitch, Ann Cowden, Cinnamon Hosterman, Penny Breighner, and Alva Ecker.  
One of our traditional spring activities for Youth Club is our Dinner-to-Go, a walking game involving small groups of children, bags of numbered food items, and dice. You never know where your group is going to end up in Gettysburg, or which items are going to be eaten first! Thanks to the following adults who led our groups this year: Alva Ecker, Amy Deitch, Ann Cowden, Sarah Morton, Penny Breighner, Deb Soliday, and Phyllis Dowd.  
Our last Youth Club meeting at the end of each year is a trip to Mt. Tabor Park in Rocky Ridge, MD. On April 29, 30 children, 6 middle-school helpers and 12 leaders and parents ventured to the park with the “Big Slide”! A good time was had by all, despite the wet conditions. Thanks to the following for providing transportation: Alva Ecker, Amy Deitch, Della Pierson, Penny Breighner, Gina Plamann, Laura Staub, Deb Soliday and Libby Crowe. And thanks to Amy Deitch and Serge Ismailoff for “manning the grill”!  
Blessings, Phyllis

**Thank You, Youth Club Leaders**  
As our Youth Club year ends, I once again express my deep gratitude to the following adults and teen aides for their commitment, faith, patience, and enthusiasm every Wednesday afternoon from 3:15 - 6:45 p.m. since we began in September: Amy Deitch, Wendy Beauchat, Mark Beauchat, Penny Breighner, Melanie Keller, Leslie Peoples, and Gina Plamann, as well as teens Sergei Ismailoff, Sarah Morton, Sam Tomassini, Megan Gochenauer, Scott Keller, Holly Scarbrough, Brandi Watson, Christian Swartzbaugh, John Carter, Drew May, Sydney Tomassini, Casey Ecker and Gary Hubble. Also many thanks to Amy Hieber and Becky Wareham who served as Chapel Choir and Chapel Bell Choir directors respectively.  
Thank you also to all the parents who cooked each week, and those who drove for special trips. Fifth graders, we will miss all of you very much, but know that you will be a wonderful addition to Middle School Fellowship next year! The rest of you, enjoy our break, and I look forward to seeing you in September.  
— Love, Phyllis

# Vacation Bible School

## June 22 - 25

**"Water, Water Everywhere!"** will be our theme for Vacation Bible School this year. The program is open to all children ages 3 to Grade 5 (completed). It will be held on June 22-25 from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon.

Through an experiential hands-on approach, children will explore 5 water stories from the Bible. The stories will be told through drama, and groups of children will then participate in games, scripture, snack, and Bible activities centered around each story. A visit to "Water World" in Fellowship Hall (and outside) will provide an opportunity for children to choose a variety of crafts and water experiments that interest them. We also have a special activity planned for children in Grades 3—5 on Thursday afternoon.

VBS registration will be held from May 17 - June 14. Fee will be \$5.00 /child or \$10.00 / family. Registration forms will be included in the next newsletter, or may be obtained from the bulletin boards or through the church office.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!** Below you will find a list of personnel needed. (A supply list will be included in the next newsletter.) Please take a look and find out how you can be part of our program. Contact Phyllis at 334-1235, ext. 5 or [gpcdce@embarqmail.com](mailto:gpcdce@embarqmail.com) to volunteer. Thanks in advance for helping to make this VBS another great program for our children!

### PERSONNEL NEEDED

3 Preschool Leaders

Snack Leader

10 Group Leaders - 2 group leaders accompany each group of elementary children throughout the morning

25 Volunteers needed for "Water World" - help children complete a craft or scientific experiment for 1 hour each morning

2 Snack Preparers

Childcare (for leaders' children)

Drama Participants (non-speaking) - middle, high school & adult

Teen Aides (completed Grade 6 and older)

# Monthly Financial Report

As of March 31, 2009, we completed 25.00% of 2009 with our budget of \$720,567.

Income for the year to date was 22.45% (\$161,801).

Expenses for the year to date were 21.86% (\$157,511).

Our Amount Available for Operating Expenses was \$51,397.93.

We have now made it through the first quarter of the year, and there is good news and bad news: The good news is that we have received more than we have spent and have increased the Amount Available for Operating Expenses. The bad news is that we are still behind on the income needed to meet our budget for the year, and we have put off transferring budgeted funds for mission projects. We are attempting to reduce our budgeted expense spending by tapping money held in dedicated accounts from previous years before using budgeted funds, and we have asked everyone with spending authority to reduce expense spending where possible instead of automatically spending the amount budgeted. The majority of our expenses are related to our staff and mission commitments, so we are relatively limited in the areas where we can reduce spending without affecting our ministries. We will continue to do what we can on the expense side of the budget.

The income side comes primarily from our congregation. We realize that the current economic conditions have hit some of us harder than others, but we all are dealing with the uncertainty in our economic lives. In years past, we have met the financial challenges in our budgets, but there is understandably more concern about meeting our income goals this year. We want to keep you informed through these monthly reports as we continue through 2009.

## HERSHEY PARK TICKETS



### HAVE ARRIVED!

If you ordered Hershey Park tickets, you may pick them up in Fellowship Hall

on Sunday mornings or during the week in the church office. Call Phyllis at 334-1235, ext. 5 if you have any questions.

## Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is scheduling a blitz build on Fridays and Saturdays, May 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. They will be held rain or shine and begin at 7:00 a.m. and continue until 4:00 p.m. A snack will be provided about 10:00 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon. The site is located at 92/94 North 5th Street in Gettysburg.

There will be an opportunity to sign up to help and learn more about the blitz build on Sundays, May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall or by contacting Dennis Meckley at 337-0777.

### NEED A RIDE?

If you are having trouble attending church services and/or church functions due to not having transportation, let the Deacons help you. We are only a phone call away. The transportation Deacon for May is Ann Cook 334-4642.



### Condolences:

Our thoughts and prayers are with Darrin and Susan Catts on the recent death of Darrin's father.

**Upcoming Events:**

**May Music Schedule**

May 10	8:15 a.m.	Flute Quartet Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Flute Quartet Adult Choir Primary Choir
May 17		Adult Bell Choir
May 24	8:15 a.m.	Kristin North Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Kristin North Adult Choir
May 31	8:15 a.m.	Piano Quartet Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Piano Quartet Adult Choir

<u>HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP - May</u>		
May 10	NO SHIP	Mother's Day
May 17	5:30 p.m.	Year-end Picnic

<u>MidSHIP Schedule - May</u>		
May 10	NO SHIP	Mother's Day
May 17	5:30 p.m.	Year-end Picnic

**"SAVE THE DATE"**  
**JUNE 14**  
for a celebration of  
**HARRY & CHARLOTTE**  
**WINSHEIMER'S**  
ministry during  
the past year.  
**(more information in the next newsletter)**



**CAR WASH on MAY 17th!**

Our 6th and 7th grade Sunday School class under the leadership of Dan Ecker has been studying stewardship and the concept of "giving back" as a thank-you to God. Therefore, the students will be holding a Car Wash on Sunday, May 17th, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. here in our church parking lot. Donations will be accepted, and all money collected will be donated back to the church.

So leave all that dirt on your car, come get your car washed here at GPC and support our youth by donating \$ \$ for our church. It's a WIN-WIN! See you on May 17th!

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR SOUTH DAKOTA**

Preparations are underway for our South Dakota Mission Trip from July 16—26 and the excitement is building. Thank you to all for the contributions made so far.

We are still in need of some very important items which we give out as prizes at the Festival. If you can donate any of the following "new or nearly new" items, please bring them to the church office:

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Sheets or Sheet Sets (primarily twin) | Children's Backpacks |
| Crock Pots - 5 qt. or larger          | Towels               |
| Box Fans                              | Coffee Makers        |
| Electric Skilletts                    | Dish Sets            |
| Tool Sets                             |                      |

Thanks for all your prayers and support as we return to the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation this summer.  
— Penny Messinger & Phyllis Dowd  
(334-1235)

## Deployed Service Men and Women Ministry

Under the leadership of GPC's Peacemaking Team, we are seeking to better care for the men and women currently serving in active duty in military service. We have four needs to make this ministry successful, which are as follows:

- ô We need to create a list of contact information for members of our church family and immediate family members of those currently deployed or will be deployed in active duty in one of our armed services. We need permanent mailing addresses (i.e. APOs) in order to get letters safely to these individuals.
- ô We need photos of these persons along with their names, where they are currently or will be serving and the duration of their deployment in order to create a prayer board for display in our church.
- ô We need an insignia or patch from their unit which we will affix to a peace candle that we will light each Sunday in worship as a visible reminder to be praying for peace.
- ô We need names of those who will serve on a team which will undertake the ministry of writing to, praying for and updating the congregation as to the current status of our deployed men and women.

Please respond to Rev. Lou Nyiri in the church office via postal mail or email ([gpcclou@embarqmail.com](mailto:gpcclou@embarqmail.com)) with information regarding active duty members in our congregation or to sign up for this newly forming ministry team. Please provide your contact information as well in the event we have any follow up questions.

### FAITH & FITNESS

#### Spring Walking Small Group

Our Spring Walking Small Group will begin this 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*



### GPC Recycles

*“In the beginning God created the heavens  
and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1)*

Did you notice those blue bags people were carrying out of Contemporary Worship on April 19<sup>th</sup>? These grocery/tote bags are gifts donated by members of this congregation and the Peacemaking Team to remind us of our Christian call to be good stewards of the creation which God has entrusted to our care. If you would like one, pick one up at the table in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings. We are limiting this inaugural run of bags to one per family with the intention of ordering more for members to purchase, should demand warrant.

## MIDWEEK PRAYER GROUP

**Join us each Wednesday from 12:00 - 12:45 p.m. in the MacSkill 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 prayer concerns or questions please contact Candace Veon-Nyiri, 337-2939.

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

**Camp Krislund**  
**Arts & Crafts**

The summer Arts & Crafts Director at Krislund has a list of items needed for arts & crafts. If you can donate any of the items on this list please drop them off in Rev. Lou Nyiri's office as he travels to the camp at least once a month for committee meetings. Thank you in advance! We need the following items:

- Baby food jars/glass jars
- Blue Jeans (old)
- Tin Cans (old soup cans)
- Sponges
- Styrofoam egg cartons

**2009 Birthday Offering**

The Presbyterian Women's Offering Committee chose only 2 recipients for the 2009 Birthday Offering. This is so the grants to each could be larger, and make more of an impact.

First, La Mujer Obrera in Mexico will support laid-off women to make and sell their own products, offering guidance, tools and space.

Second, His Kids Too!, in Ukraine, will build and staff a home for 30 orphans. This organization works in 21 orphanages, reaching 5,000 children.

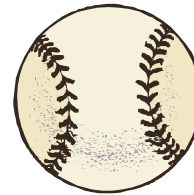
By supporting these far-away missions, your influence will be felt around the world. Thank you.

**YOUNG AT HEART**

**MAY 14 @ 12:00 p.m.**

**There will be a covered dish luncheon followed by a presentation of "Caldwell's Originals" by GPC member, Charles "Chuck" Caldwell.**

**Take Me Out to the Ball Game!**



- Why: A Fundraiser for Krislund Camp
- What: Carlisle Presbytery Day @ the Harrisburg Senators
- When: Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00PM @ City Island, Harrisburg
- Cost: Ticket Price - \$8.00

**Deadline to Order tickets is June 21<sup>st</sup> @ 12:00 Noon.**

Join GPC, the Carlisle Presbytery and the Harrisburg Senators as they take on the Erie Sea-Wolves. As an added bonus, if 250 tickets are sold through the Carlisle Presbytery, then \$4.00 from each ticket will go to Camp Krislund. Order your tickets through Rev. Lou Nyiri using the order form below.

**Harrisburg Senators Baseball Game – Carlisle Presbytery Day – Krislund Fundraiser**  
**DEADLINE to order June 21<sup>st</sup> @ 12:00 Noon**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$8.00 per person = \_\_\_\_\_ (Total Cost)  
(Checks Payable to: Gettysburg Presbyterian Church)

# MAY CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Join us Sundays at 9:30 for a refreshing, relaxing time  
of creative worship, prayer and praise !

- May 10      Mother's Day — "Put a Smile on Your Face" - ☺
- May 17      "Empowerment to Enjoy and Serve"  
Confirmation Class Joins
- May 24      "Focus"
- May 31      South Carolina Sunday  
(Day of Pentecost - Wear Red!!)

**GOD LOVES YOU!**

*We love because God first loved us. (1 John 4: 19)*



**Next Newsletter Deadline:**  
**Noon, Thursday, May 14, 2009**

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