

GRAPEVINE

May 20, 2009

Parson to Person

Have you been wondering what the Lord may have in mind for GPC?

What changes will Dave Wright bring?

Several of you have voiced your questions to me ó not as worry, but as curiosity. That is good. I am pleased to hear of your eagerness to meet Dave Wright, and to see how he will transform the life of our congregation. I expect that God will work with him and through him to lead us in continuing some of our ministries and missions, and to take us into new areas. It may be comforting to do the same in the future, but wouldn't it be boring? I admire an attitude of expectancy built upon faith in God and the future.

I am wondering what the Lord may have in mind for me.

I have not discerned what the Lord has in mind for me. (I'dl not be pastor. Dave, Lou and Candace will be our pastors.) From experience, I know to be patient until I sense God's intent.

We are in a very long line of God's people who made plans and God called them to be or do something else. That line goes all the way back to Noah and Abraham. God tapped them on the shoulder for another service. (Who would have thought that I would be your temporary pastor?) At the same time, the prophets often called people to return to the holier ways. Let's discern God's will, i.e., recognize what to treasure, modify what needs to be modified, bury what needs to be laid to rest, and detect what God wants us to do and be tomorrow.

We are curious, but the profound question -- the one that really matters -- is: What does God have in mind for us?

Eagerly, let's go with God into God's future!

Yours,
Harry

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Happy Birthday to...



June 1

Dan Anderson

June 2

Emma Burgess
Robert Farnham
Donald Saunders

June 3

Stratton Brown
Merial Heldt
Laura Reyka

June 4

Will Brubaker
Jean LeGros
Robert Miller
Morgan Sites

June 5

Pat Behre
Shirley Lamb

June 6

Riley Fitzgerald
Rhonda Meyer
Evelyn Small
Ben Thompson

June 7

Donald Carman
Gabriel Delacruz
Dale Molina

June 8

Leslie Smarsh
Zachary Beegle
Emily Stewart

June 10

Alexander &
Nikolas Contreras
Timothy Poorman
David Reese

June 11

Barton Breighner
Sherry Farkas
Hugh Matthews
Brett Williams

June 12

Benn Hoover
Jaron Sanders
Yvonne Whitney

June 13

Ryan Ecker
Dick Watson
Louis Westfall

June 14

Kim Patrono

June 15

Norma Campbell
Beckie Carbaugh
Amie Murray
Andy Slaybaugh
Allyson Smarsh

June 16

Nancy Bushey
Frank Geist
Lewis Hilbert
Matthew Hinton

June 17

Ann Matthews

June 18

Ann Cook

June 19

Happy Freas
Barbara Stewart
Matthew VanHoutte

June 20

Michael Crowe
Judy English
Sydney Miller
Abigail Moroz
Kevin Mowrey
Hilda Oussoren
Michael Wark

June 21

Rachel Doehring
Carolyn Ferguson

June 22

Jackson Kendig
Jordan Nevins

June 23

Roger Albin
Ellen Dayhoff
Nichol Fake

June 24

Jeff Hieber
Cinnamon Hosterman

June 25

Marian Benchoff
Dan Ebaugh
Aidan Hoover
Aaron VanHoutte

June 27

Jennifer Clark
Lee Flinger
Teresa (Gard) Younkin

June 28

Justin Bankert
Eleanor Sheen
Carolyn Smarsh

June 29

Paul Ely
Gail Lee
Grant Tresselt

June 30

Cheryl Gochenauer
Dorothy Heflin



Please Wear Red!



Sunday, May 31, is Pentecost Sunday when we celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church. Red is the traditional color of Pentecost, so we are asking church members to consider wearing red that day. If you don't own any red clothing, please come to church anyway!

Thank You:

Joan Thomas would like to thank all the members of GPC for the visits, cards, flowers and the DVD player given to her during her surgery and recovery.

A BIG THANK YOU...

To Bill Lewis for the wonderful Powerpoint announcement loop slides he creates for Contemporary Worship.

We are blessed by Bill's artistic talents!

Congratulations:

Congratulations to Teresa Gard and James Younkin on their marriage on May 16th.

Condolences:

Our thoughts and prayers are with:
Hal Camlin on the recent death of his brother.
Bonnie O'Dell on the recent death of her husband.

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 June is Ralph Siefken 677-4830.

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 through Grade 5 (completed). It will be held on June 22-25 from 9:00 a.m. —12:00 noon. Registration deadline is June 14. Registration forms are included in this newsletter.) Fee will be \$5.00 /child or \$10.00 / family. Below you will find a list of personnel and supplies needed. Contact Phyllis at 334-1235, ext. 5 or gpcdce@embarqmail.com, when you know how you can be part of our program. Thanks for all your help.

PERSONNEL—WE NEED LOTS OF HELP!!!

2 Preschool Leaders

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

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

1 Snack Preparer

Childcare (for leaders' children)

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

Teen Aides (completed Grade 6 or older)



Supplies Needed:

16 oz. or 2 liter soda bottles (cleaned out, lid on, label off)

Matting board 8 x 12 (different colors)

Origami paper

(8) 10-ft. lengths of 3/4 inch PVC pipe

PVC fittings: 12 T, 2 crosses, 7 elbows, 4 caps,
one 1 - 1 3/4 inch T, 1 straight fitting
1 female hose adapter (threaded)

Very small shells

Sponges for printing (sea sponges)

21 oz. clear plastic cups

(1) Pool noodle

40 feet of nylon lawn chair webbing

3 large car wash sponges

May we borrow?

Free-standing umbrellas

Beach towels

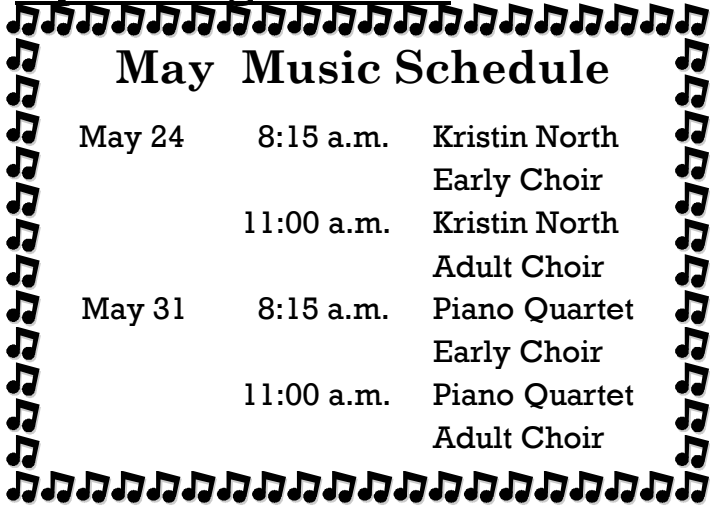
Scuba gear (mask, snorkel, fins)

Artificial palm trees and plants

Stuffed tropical animals

Small boat

Upcoming Events:



May Music Schedule

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



HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RECOGNITION SUNDAY June 7, 2009



(At all 3 worship services 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 AM)

On Sunday, June 7th we will recognize all High School Seniors and celebrate the milestone of graduation! We have a gift for each graduate and a reception will be held after each service.

If you are a Senior we need the following information ASAP:

- Your full name
- Your plans after graduation
- Your Senior Picture
- Which service you will be attending (8:15, 9:30, 11:00 AM).

Please email this information to Rev. Lou Nyiri at gpclou@embarqmail.com or drop off in the church office, **no later than June 1st**.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP NEEDS YOU!

During July and August our Contemporary Worship Service goes **UNPLUGGED!** The Contemporary Worship Music Team will be taking a much needed summer break from their busy practice and music leadership schedule, but not from attending worship.

We are looking for any musicians or singers who would like to share their musical gifts on any Sunday in July or August at the 9:30 a.m. service.

If you would be interested in providing a special musical selection or accompanying the congregation with piano or guitar, please contact Rev. Candace Nyiri, 337-2939.

Join us Sunday, June 14th @ Noon

to Celebrate & Thank the Winsheimers

Mark your calendar and plan to attend this event as our church family celebrates the ministry of the Rev. Dr. Harry Winsheimer and Charlotte Winsheimer throughout this transition year. Rev. Dr. Winsheimer will be preaching at all three morning worship services as it will be his final Sunday in the pulpit as our Temporary Pastor. The Winsheimers will be available in Fellowship Hall following each service to greet well wishers. After the 11:00 a.m. worship service, join us in Fellowship Hall as members of our church family offer reflections and thanksgiving for Harry and Charlotte's leadership during this year of transition. Bring a card of thanks to place into the basket of cards which we will present to Harry and Charlotte at the party in the Fellowship Hall.

HELP NEEDED: Sorting for South Dakota

We have a large amount of clothing and toys to sort in preparation for our South Dakota mission trip to the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation in July. **We need lots of help!!** Our sorting day will be Monday, June 1st from 8:00 a.m. - ? We will meet in Fellowship Hall.



If you can spare a few hours on June 1, please call Phyllis or Penny in the church office (334-1235). Thanks for your willingness to be a part of this mission project.



Tour of Black's Graveyard

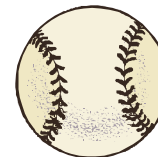
Did you know that we have a church cemetery? Do you know where it is? Do you know that the first burial in it probably was prior to 1740? Do you know that we pay for its upkeep? Want to learn more? Take a tour on June 13.

Gettysburg Presbyterian was founded as Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church in 1742. In 1747, the infant congregation erected a log church off present-day Belmont Road. By 1846 the name of the original cemetery was changed to "Black's Graveyard." Why? Maybe for the pioneer family of that name who were members of the Church. We maintain the cemetery. Al Duncan, assisted by others, has cared for it for several years. It is an interesting old cemetery. Ned Brownley and Scott McPherson know the cemetery, its history, the gravestones, and who is buried there. Ned and Scott will offer a tour on Saturday, June 13, at 10:00 a.m. It is suggested that you let the church office know if you plan to come (334-1235). Parking is limited, so car pooling would help.

[More history: In 1816 the church relocated to Washington and Railroad Streets, and started a cemetery which lasted until 1865 when the thirty-five burials were relocated to Evergreen Cemetery. Meanwhile, in 1842 a new building was erected on our present site, but without a cemetery. Confused?]

Church Softball

Warm-Ups @ 6:00 P.M. / First Pitch @ 6:30 P.M.



Date	Field	Opponent
Tuesday, May 26	#1	Gettysburg Foursquare Gospel
Thursday, June 4	#2	Evangelical Holiness Church
Monday, June 8	#1	First Baptist

Field #1 is **First Baptist Church** on US 30 west of Gettysburg about ¼ mile West of the traffic light at Herr's Tavern & Herr's Ridge Rd.

Field #2 is the **Fairfield AmVets** field. Take Route 116 west from Gettysburg toward Fairfield. The ball field is on the left after you go past Granite Hill Campground. There is a small AmVets sign at the end of the road where you will turn left to get back to the ball field. You may park on the grass at the field.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!



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

Deadline to Order tickets is June 21st @ 12:00 Noon.

Join GPC, the Carlisle Presbytery and the Harrisburg Senators as they take on the Erie SeaWolves. 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 21st @ 12:00 Noon**


Name: _____ Phone: _____

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

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Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, May 28, 2009

JUNE 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.

- June 7 Senior Recognition Sunday**
- June 14 Rev. Dr. Harry Winsheimer's last Sunday in the pulpit.**
- June 21 Rev. Dr. David Wright's first Sunday in the pulpit.**

"Come into God's Presence with Singing"! Psalm 100