

GRAPEVINE

June 3, 2009

Parson to Person

The Temporary Supply Pastoral relationship with you is about to end. On June 15, I will retire again and Dave Wright will become our senior pastor. For fourteen and a half months I have served the Lord with you. How much I have learned! How many of you I have gotten to know! What a blessing you have been to me!

You welcomed me openly. You were very gracious to me. You supported me. You kept a positive attitude during the transition. You have continued the thriving worship, educational, programmatic and mission life of the church. Good job! Thank you!

The Rev. Dr. Dan Hans and our long-term staff created the emotional tone of GPC. They modeled the enthusiastic, energetic, competent and uplifting character of the church, and prepared you well for the transitions of 2008 and 2009.

I cannot praise the staff more highly. They taught me (practice for teaching Dave Wright) and helped me every day. I will miss their daily lift to my spirit. And, I thank the elders for accepting me, and for learning different ways of doing their ministries. This congregation is very blessed to have this crew of servant-leaders.

As I get on with the rest of my life, I will continue to be a minister but not a pastor. What is the difference? A pastor is a minister who pastors a congregation, which I will not be doing. You will have three pastors, Dave, Lou and Candace. They will provide all pastoral services. I will continue to participate with the congregation, but with a very low profile. Why will I not accept any pastoral functions? I want to encourage bonding between members and the new pastor through worship, leadership, weddings, funerals, and pastoral care. (A former pastor hanging around is an invitation to tension over different styles and views of ministry.) I will be of most help if I am barely visible and keeping quiet, except to affirm the new pastor. I want Dave to enjoy the welcome, affection and support that you gave me.

We may look back, but only for moments. This is the time to look ahead, expectantly, hopefully, prayerfully.

May we walk enthusiastically with the Lord and Dave Wright into tomorrow!

See you in church,
Harry

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New Members



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Julio & Amy Suarez

Please detach the above section and put it in your current Church Directory.

Thank You:

Gettysburg Presbyterian Church,
Ken & I want to thank everyone for praying for us... it's been quite a winter, but we are on the mend now!
It's wonderful to have a church family that cares!
Sincerely,
Ken & Diane Hoy

I would like to thank you for your compassion, your many deeds of love & kindness and for your cards and prayers during this very difficult time.

Bonnie O'Dell

THANK YOU to "Worship Bag Preparers"

Did you ever wonder how those Worship Bags are magically produced each week? Well, I'll tell you! Thanks to the efforts of Chrissy Ely, Cheryl Gochenauer, and Deb Litten, the leaflets which contain activities based on the scripture and sermon for that week are prepared, run off, and put in the worship bags by Friday. That's fast work!

Thanks to these 3 servants for a job well done! - Phyllis

THANKS FOR MUCH HELP FOR SOUTH DAKOTA

Thanks to all listed below who helped sort clothes and toys for South Dakota. We had great help and finished in 6 hours! Each one of the following who helped, served as a vital part of this mission:

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| Lucy Breighner | Sandy Brohard | Judy Bullis | Larry Bullis |
| Don Clark | Dennis Dillman | Phyllis Dowd | Lisa Graybill |
| Ken Hoy | Paula Karchner | Melanie Keller | Ted Kinsey |
| Kathy Kircher | Linda Larson | Leo McGuire | Penny Messinger |
| Gary Morrison | Dorothy Oblack | Linda Paul | Norman Paul |
| Tom Piper | Pam Rowland | Karen Swartz | Myrt Watson |
| Lee Weber | Rebecca Zepp | | |

THANKS, LIBBY!

Most of you know that Libby Crowe serves as our staff member in charge of Middle School Ministry. Through Libby's efforts and her many individual contacts with middle school students, this ministry includes a very well-attended Sunday night program and Wednesday Small Group, both of which serve as a strong foundation for these youth to then become members of our high school program.

But very few of you know of all the other things Libby does for our Christian Education programs, apart from her job. She has served on our Christian Education Team for many years, plans and leads VBS games each year, teaches the Wired Word Sunday School class, co-lead a women's series this winter, serves as a substitute for Children's Church programs and Children's Messages, and is a back-up for nursery and other programs when I am on vacation. In other words, she has unofficially become my personal assistant! Thanks, Libby, for all you do for me and for our church family.

• Blessings, 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 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. 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 STILL NEED LOTS OF HELP!!!

2 Preschool Leaders

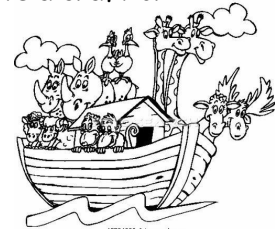
2 Group Leaders - group leaders accompany each group of elementary children throughout the morning

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

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)

Very small shells

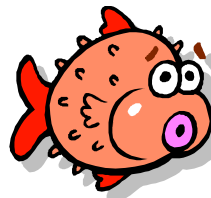
Sponges for printing (sea sponges)

Origami paper

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

40 feet of nylon lawn chair webbing

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



May we borrow?

Large stuffed animals of any kind

Artificial palm trees and plants

Beach towels

Spring Faith & Fitness Walking Group...

met Friday mornings during May for a devotion and a 2 mile walk on the battlefield. Spring walkers included Hilda Oussoren, Beth Fitzpatrick, Ann Cowden, Lucy Breighner, Laura Pennings, Marge Benson and Candace Veon-Nyiri.

KEEP WALKING IN
THE LIGHT OF THE LORD!



In each pew rack you will find small envelopes and a historical brochure for those who visit our church. So that we have enough of these supplies would you kindly have your children use only the white index card in the pew rack to doodle on.

We thank you so much,
Don Clark, Custodian

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 Pat Lowe 337-9903.



RUMMAGE SALE FINALE

Our gross sales were:

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|--------------|-------------------|
| Rummage Sale | \$3,078.53 |
| Bake Sale | \$ 336.00 |
| Total | \$3,414.53 |

WOW! What a sale!

Many, many thanks to all of you who helped with and/or donated to our Presbyterian Women's Spring Rummage & Bake Sale. You made it happen. **THANK YOU!!**

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:

Sheets or Sheet Sets (primarily twin)

Towels

Electric Skillet

Sewing supplies and material



Children's Backpacks

Box Fans

Dish Sets



Crock Pots - 5 qt. or larger

Coffee Makers

Tool Sets



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

USED CLOTHING NEEDED FOR SOUTH DAKOTA

We have many donated clothes for S. Dakota, thanks to your generosity. But we just found out that Wal-mart is donating a truck to take all our items to the Indian reservation, so we can take lots more!!

Please bring in used clothing of all shapes and sizes. We do ask that the clothes be washed, stain-free, with no tears. We can also use shoes, purses, and prom dresses. Bring them to the inside corner of Fellowship

Hall - marked for S. Dakota.

Thanks again for all your support and participation for this very important mission of our church.



Our Missionaries

Did you know that our church supports missionaries in 4 countries? They are:

Dr. William and Ann Moore in Japan

Rev. Dr. Marta Bennett in Kenya

Beverly Booth in Nepal

Rachel Sterrett in China

In case you'd like to know more, please visit:

www.pcusa.org/missionconnections

You can read more about their history and current work. You can also find their e-mail addresses in case you'd like to be in personal contact with them. Please remember our missionaries with your support and prayers. If you have any questions, contact Barb Ebaugh, chair of the Mission and Interpretation Committee.



We have a new "Green Rug"

For the past 15 years, we have had a green rug down by the stage near the elementary Sunday School rooms. This rug has served us well in this gathering place for Primary Choir, Youth Club, Mid-SHIP, and VBS. But it was time to replace it. Thanks to

the following for helping us secure a new rug:

Chooch Wells - who offered us a new rug available through Habitat for Humanity

Kirk Cowden - who measured and cut

Ann Cowden - who arranged for the rug to be finished

Mike & Libby Crowe - who delivered and picked up the rug for seaming and binding

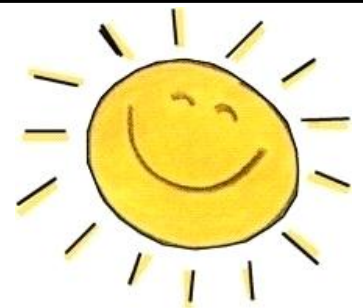
The only problem is that our new rug is not green! So we need a new name for that area downstairs. Any ideas? Check it out and let me know!

Phyllis

It Didn't Rain on Our Children's Message

Recently I gave a Children's Message on the story of Noah to introduce this year's Vacation Bible School. Thanks to Steve Swartzbaugh who sang God's part (despite laryngitis, he sounded "very godly"), Larry Bullis who played a singing Noah complete with umbrella, the children who added animal sounds and you, the congregation, who did "the wave" several times, directed by Lou. I can always count on the adults in our church to help out when needed! Thanks!

Phyllis



SUMMER CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP UNPLUGGED

During the months of July and August, Contemporary Worship will turn down the amps while still tuning into the Spirit! Join us at 9:30 in the sanctuary for a refreshing, relaxing time of creative worship, prayer and praise.

Church Softball

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



Field #1

Church on US 30 about 1/4 mile light at Herr's Rd.

| Date | Field | Opponent |
|-------------------|-------|--------------------|
| Monday, June 8 | #1 | First Baptist |
| Thursday, June 18 | #2 | St. James Lutheran |
| Monday, June 22 | #1 | Memorial Baptist |



is First Baptist west of Gettysburg West of the traffic Tavern & Herr's Ridge

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)

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--|---|--|--|------------------------------------|---|
| | 1 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Team Mtg. | 2 9:30 a.m. Sewing Workshop 7:30 p.m. Personnel & Administration | 3 12:15 p.m. Men's Interfaith 1:00 p.m. Weekly Cancer grp. 6:00 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 6:00 p.m. Evangelism Team 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir 7:30 p.m. Gettysburg High School Baccalaureate | 4 6:30 p.m. Softball Game | 5 | 6 |
| 7 Honduras Commissioning 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 9:30 a.m. Christian Ed. 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship 12:15 p.m. Deacons Mtg. | 8 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 6:30 p.m. Softball Game 7:00 p.m. Cancer Support Group | 9 7:30 a.m. Habitat Board Mtg. | 10 1:00 p.m. Weekly Cancer grp. 6:00 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 6:30 p.m. Divorce Sup. Grp. 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir 7:00 p.m. Honduras Packing Party | 11 12:00 p.m. Young @ Heart picnic @ Lake Heritage 7:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship | 12 | 13 10:00 a.m. Tour of Black's Graveyard Honduras Mission Trip Leaves |
| 14 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship 12:15 p.m. Property Comm. 5:00 p.m. Session Mtg. | 15 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 1:00 p.m. Elizabeth Circle 7:00 p.m. VBS Leaders Mtg 7:30 p.m. Mary Martha Circle | 16 5:00-9:00 p.m. Children's Advocacy Center Training | 17 1:00 p.m. Weekly Cancer grp. 6:00 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Picnic | 18 12:00 Noon Newsletter Deadline 9:30 a.m. Esther Circle 6:15 p.m. Gastric Bypass Support Grp. (HR) 6:30 p.m. Softball Game | 19 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik | 20 |
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| 21 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship VBS Set up | 22 6:30 p.m. Softball Game 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Leader Mtg. Honduras Team Returns | 23 6:30 p.m. S. Dakota Mtg. | 24 1:00 p.m. Weekly Cancer grp. 6:00 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. | 25 | 26 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik | 27 |
| V A C A T I O N B I B L E S C H O O L | | | | | | |
| 28 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship | 29 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop | 30 10 - 11 a.m. Meals & More | <h1>June 2009</h1> | | | |

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**Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, June 18, 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 9:30 a.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