

# GRAPEVINE

September 16, 2009

## Parson to Person



### Stephen Ministry and You

Stephen Ministry gets its name from the man *Stephen* in the book of Acts who is one of the first persons commissioned by the Apostles to provide caring ministry (Acts 6). A Stephen Minister receives 50 hours of Christian care-giving training in order to provide distinctively Christian care for those in need. A Stephen Minister typically meets with one care receiver for about one hour a week. The Stephen Minister provides confidential Christian care to individuals who are facing a wide variety of crises or life challenges, including people who are grieving, divorced or separated, terminally ill, unemployed, hospitalized, homebound, lonely or discouraged, experiencing spiritual struggles, and more. In addition, Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders meet twice a month for supervision and continuing education.

This is what one person has said about her Stephen Ministry training, "[The] training has helped me grow personally, spiritually, and professionally. I use my Stephen Ministry skills all the time with patients, peers, and physicians. Stephen Ministry has made a big difference in my own life and in my congregation."

Stephen Ministry complements and strengthens other care-giving ministries. When those who are involved in the care-giving ministries of the church encounter people who need more focused, sustained, one-to-one care than they have time to provide, they can refer those persons to Stephen Ministry. From a pastor's standpoint, Stephen Ministry multiplies the amount of care a congregation can provide. Pastors report great joy in seeing quality Christian care being received by more people than they alone could ever reach. It is also a blessing for pastors to know that as a result of this quality Christian care fewer people slip through the cracks.

Stephen Ministers have come to be known by those they care for as people who are caring and have sensitive hearts. They are also dependable and kind. They are known and cherished for their ability to hold confidential information in silence.

Our church will be offering a new Stephen Ministry Training Course on Tuesday evenings from 7-9:30PM beginning October 6<sup>th</sup> and running through March 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will also be two Saturday retreats on October 31<sup>st</sup> and March 13<sup>th</sup> from 8AM to 1PM.

If you have the above qualities and are feeling as though God is calling you to be a Stephen Minister or if you know of someone who could benefit from having a Stephen Minister, or maybe you are thinking you could benefit from having a Stephen Minister, contact Rev. Lou Nyiri through the church office (334-1235, ext. 4 or [gpclou@embarqmail.com](mailto:gpclou@embarqmail.com)).

God's Peace,

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# Bean Bag Chairs & Large Pillows Needed



Our 7th - 8th grade Sunday School class would like to be more comfortable! So they are looking for donations of bean bag chairs or large pillows. If you have any of these in decent condition, please call Phyllis at 334-1235, ext. 5 or just bring them to Phyllisqoffice.

Where in her office? Anywhere you can find available floor space!!  
Thanks.

Follow the Matthews to  
Faraja, Tanzania:  
<http://faraja09-10.blogspot.com/>

## 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 September is Cheryl Goche-nauer at 337-0406.



## HELP WANTED!

Can you plug in a VCR to your TV and make it work? If the answer is "YES", you are fully qualified to join the GPC Tech Team! We support the technical requirements (audio & video) for all three Sunday services (special events too). We need your help. We provide the training. Want to know more? Call Bill Fitzpatrick, 334-4960. Better yet, visit us up in the Media Room (next to the organ in the sanctuary balcony) during a service.

## Sunday School Offering

Each year our Christian Education Team chooses one or more mission projects to be the beneficiaries of our Sunday School offering. Due to the recent state budget crisis, we will be donating funds this fall on a monthly basis. For the month of September, the Sunday School offering will be given to the Wee Care Learning Center; October, Adams County Homeless Shelter; and November, Survivors Inc. Even after the budget has passed, these organizations will still be in dire need of support. Thank you for your help in this mission effort.

## THANK YOU:

We would like to thank our church family for all the cards, calls, visits, food and prayers during Dick's surgery and recovery. We appreciate all your support.

Sincerely,  
Dick & Evelyn Small

## Thank you to all who have helped with music during our 2009 Summer Contemporary Worship Services:

Laura Pennings, Laura Tschop, John Tschop, Bonnie Wright, Dave Wright, Daryl Wright, Bonnie O'Dell, Don Clark, Linda Thompson, Beth Fitzpatrick, Becky Wareham, Bruce Rowland, Bill Fitzpatrick, Michelle Lofgren, Amy Hieber, Adam Boyer, Scott & Beth Christopher.

Thank you for your cards, phone calls and good wishes for our anniversary.  
Special Blessings,  
Jo & Sandy Rice

Thanks to you, our church family, for all the many prayers, cards, calls and visits for Elwood in the past two months. Special thanks to the prayer chain, Candace, Beth & Bill Fitzpatrick for their care and concern. May God Bless You.

Sincerely,  
Elwood & Lillian Hoffman

Thanks, Heather!  
Where's a capable and willing elementary teacher when you need her? Dial up Heather Tschop! Each year Heather makes our new class signs and covers multiple bulletin boards and this year was no exception. Thanks, Heather, for your willingness to serve in this way.

The Presbytery of Carlisle

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

invites you to the installation of

**Rev. Dr. David C. Wright**  
**as Pastor of**  
**Gettysburg Presbyterian Church**

Installation at  
Gettysburg Presbyterian Church  
208 Baltimore St.  
Gettysburg, PA 17325

**on Sunday, September 27 at 4:00 p.m.**

A reception will follow the service.

**Upcoming Events:**

**September Music Schedule**

Sept. 20	8:15	Early Choir
	11:00	Adult Choir
Sept. 27	8:15	Carrie Trax
	11:00	Youth Choir
		Youth Bell Choir

**SHIP and Mid-Ship for September**

September 20	5:30-6:30 p.m.	SHIP/Mid-Ship Registration and Information Night. Come in, bring your parents, and make Ice Cream Sundaes!!
September 27	4:00 p.m.	Pastor Dave's Installation service. No evening SHIP or Mid-Ship.
October 4	5:30-7:00 p.m.	SHIP/Mid-Ship Picnics SHIP picnic at 108 Palace Dr. - Gettysburg



***Let's Read!***



**Faithful Journey Book Group**

Please join us for these informal discussions!

**Sunday, October 4th**

**The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch**

12:15 p.m. in MacAskill Room

Bring a lunch if you wish.

Coffee and dessert will be provided!

**Saturday, November 14th**

**The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**

9:00 a.m. in MacAskill Room

Continental Breakfast provided.

\*\*\*This is an intergenerational discussion!

This selection is for all age readers!

Children who have read the book are invited to attend with a parent or grandparent.

Books will be available at a reduced cost in the church office.

**Communion Preparation Class**

**September 24**

Our annual Communion Preparation Class for children in Grades 4 and above will be held on Thursday, Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the MacAskill Room. This class led by Rev. Lou Nyiri and Phyllis Dowd will prepare these children/youth to receive communion in worship. Please contact Phyllis at 334-1235, ext. 5 or [gpcdce@embarqmail.com](mailto:gpcdce@embarqmail.com) to enroll your child ASAP.

**YOUTH CLUB**

Youth Club has just begun, but you still have time to join. All children entering grades 3 - 5 recently received Youth Club registration forms in the mail. If you know of any other child who is interested in this after-school program, please call Phyllis (334-1235, ext. 5) for a registration form.

## Adult Sunday School Classes

The classes listed below are offered each Sunday morning from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Come join a class, make new friends, and take an important step in your faith journey.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Teachers</u>
<u>THE WIRED WORD</u>	MacAskill Room	Libby Crowe, Ralph Lambert, Susan Kolmer
Today's hot topics are explored in depth from a Christian point of view. Class participants, if interested, can receive Sunday's topic each Thursday for a preliminary study via email.		
<u>SACRED ECHO</u> (Sept. 13- Oct. 18)	Calvin House (upstairs)	Kathy Dudash
This six-week series for women is a study on prayer, and how God responded to prayer in Biblical times and continues to answer prayers today. Each session will include a DVD segment of real life stories of women, as well as discussion and readings from the book <u>Sacred Echo</u> . Books will be available for purchase (\$10).		
<u>YOUNG MARRIEDS</u>	Eisenhower Lounge	Tim & Ande Flagg, Steve & Jen Kareha
This group for young married couples is beginning a new series entitled "Improving Communication in Marriage".		
<u>MEN'S BIBLE CLASS</u>	Crane Library	Ron Hankey
<u>WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS</u>	Paideia House (downstairs)	Group Leadership
These 2 classes will explore 4 Old Testament leaders, the Gospel of Mark, 1 and 2 Peter.		

### "Seek Peace & Pursue It"

#### 2009 Peacemaking Offering

Actively and intentionally this year's peacemaking offering will "Seek Peace & Pursue It". We will be supporting five missions involved in peacemaking efforts through this year's offering. We hope to send at least \$800.00 to each of the following ministries:

- **Soup Kitchen** - serving over 1,000 meals a month locally to those who are hungry.
- **Survivors Inc.** - local shelter and support for those experiencing domestic violence cycle or sexual assault.
- **South Central Community Action Programs**
  - **Homeless Shelter** - Begun in 1991 this ministry has helped over 3,000 people develop plans for living outside of the shelter once their stay in the shelter is over.
  - **Food Pantry** - Serving 1,100 people per month in Gettysburg and over 2,200 per month throughout all of the Adams County pantries.

In addition to the above, we will forward a portion of the offering to the Presbyterian Church (USA) to support the larger effort of peacemaking throughout the world.

If every member gives \$5.00 (over a 30 day period, that's 17 cents a day) we will meet this year's goal of \$4,400.00. Prayerfully consider how you will support these ministries this year. Use the envelope in this newsletter and return it on September 27<sup>th</sup> when we will receive the 2009 Peacemaking Offering.

### PW Rummage and Bake Sale

#### October 16 & 17

Please call Melanie Keller 334-7392 or Kathy Kircher 357-1175 to volunteer to help with the sale.

We will need brown bags. Please no toxic substances or items that require special handling for disposal. **Bring only items that work, are clean and in good condition.**

**Rummage and plant sale: Friday, Oct. 16, 8:30 to 5:00, Sat. Oct. 17, 8:30 to noon.**

**Drop-offs:** Monday, Oct. 12, put everything in the corner next to the main outside entrance in Fellowship Hall. Deadline for drop-offs is Tuesday, Oct. 13 by noon.

**Marking and sorting** will take place Tuesday 1:00—5:00 p.m. and Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

**Baked goods:** Drop off by 8 AM Friday or the night before if frozen.

**Plants:** May drop off Mon. or Tues., but be sure they are moist. Wed. and Thurs. is the best time to bring them.

**Clean-up: Saturday Oct. 17 noon until complete.**

**Volunteers are needed!!!** The more help, the faster and easier big projects get done. Please call Melanie and Kathy if you can help.

**Thank you for your support of this worthwhile PW Project.**

**SEE YOU AT THE SALE!!!!**

# Fall Small Group and Study Opportunities

## 1. Mid Week Prayer Group



Wednesdays @ 12:00-12:30 in the Library.

A weekly gathering to pray for the needs and concerns of our church and community.

Began on Sept. 16th. Please drop in when you are able.

All are invited to this time of prayer and reflection.

If you have any prayer requests, please contact Candace at [Lucan615@embarqmail.com](mailto:Lucan615@embarqmail.com).

Leader: Rev. Candace Veon-Nyiri

## 2. Faith and Fitness Fall Walking Group

*We will walk in the Light of your love, O Lord!*

A 6-week opportunity to start your day with prayer and some exercise!

We will use the Living Longer, Feeling Better Walking Program of the PC(USA).

Friday mornings 8:30 a.m. beginning September 18th thru October 23rd.



Did you know that on average, every minute of walking can extend your life by 1.5 to 2 minutes.

That is almost a 2 for 1 trade-off!

## 3. PRAYING HANDS

*“May your heart be encouraged. Being knit together in love.” Col. 2:2*

A 6-week small group for knitters, crafters, and scrapbookers runs September 17th thru Oct 22nd.

Thursday evenings from 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. in the MacAskill Room

A time to gather for prayer and fellowship and the opportunity to work on various projects.

\*\*\*\*Instruction will be provided for beginning knitters! Beginning knitters can choose from 2 projects.

**Dishcloth** (Materials needed: 1 skein worsted weight cotton yarn, such as Peaches and Cream, color of your choice.

**Knitting needles: Size 8)**

**Scarf** (Materials needed: 1 skein of 4 ply, worsted weight yarn, such as Red Heart Supersaver or Bernat, color of your choice. Knitting needles: size 10)

Please see the sign up in Fellowship Hall!

## 4. The Word-word by word!

A weekly informal Bible study for everyone, continuing in the book of Mark.

No need to sign up. Please come when you are able and bring your Bible!

Sunday evenings 6:00-7:00 p.m. beginning October 4th in the MacAskill room.

Leader- Rev. Chuck Teague

**LET'S READ!**

## 5. GPC Moms & Friends Bible Study

1st Tuesday of Every Month

Beginning October 6th 10:00-11:00 in the Library

Join us each month for a relaxed time of sharing, prayer and faith building.

Coffee and tea will be served.

*Childcare will be available but we would like to have a count to be prepared.*

*Please email Candace @ [lucan615@embarqmail.com](mailto:lucan615@embarqmail.com) if you need childcare.*

Co-Hosts: Rev. Candace Veon-Nyiri and Melany LaRochelle



### Kids Club for Children in Kindergarten - Grade 2 September 28—November 2



Kids Club is a time of fun, friendship, Bible stories, scripture activities, crafts, and games under the leadership of Pam Rowland. We will offer two identical programs for our Fall series of Kids Club. They will be held on Mondays, one from 3:30—5:30 p.m. and the other from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Both programs are for children in Kindergarten - Grade 2 and will be held in the MacAskill Room.

Registration forms are available through the church office or on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall, The program will be held on September 28, October 5, 19, 26 and November 2. We WILL NOT meet Oct. 12 which is Columbus Day. There is no fee and the program is open to any child in Kindergarten - Grade 2 who is interested, but we do need to know who is coming. Hope your child can join us for this church activity for younger members.

Blessings,  
Phyllis

### Sign up begins on Sept. 27 for PRE-ADVENT SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES Oct. 25 - Nov. 22

Frenzymas! It's what most of our country celebrates each December 25th. For many Christians, the emphasis on commercialism, greed and hype makes it almost impossible to find the Christ in Christmas. Come join us for our Pre-Advent Sunday School series from Oct. 25 - Nov. 22, based on the book, *Unplug the Christmas Machine*. Sign up for the series and pre-ordering of the book (\$1 1.00) begins on Sept. 27 in Fellowship Hall, or by calling Phyllis in the church office at 334-1235, ext. 5.

We hope you can join us as we look at ways to put the Reason back into the season!

### Presbyterian Women's Annual FALL LUNCHEON

is coming up  
on Thursday,  
October 1 @ 12:00 noon

and keeps getting better every year. We have incredible food (everyone brings salad of any kind to share with 8-10 people), and exceptional cakes made by Kay Knox. (Remember how delicious they are?)

The program will be presented by our own renowned Jim Getty in the sanctuary following the meal. There is no charge, so we hope to see lots of our women there - young, old & in-between for food, fun & fellowship.

Any questions please contact  
Amy Deitch at 337-3534 or  
Amy Stewart at 677-8426.

### GETTYSBURG ADDRESSES LINCOLN

When Abraham Lincoln first went to Washington he never set foot inside a church. He had been what others deemed a scoffer, a heretic, an infidel. He had repudiated fundamental Biblical teachings. Yet when he came to our town, he visited Gettysburg Presbyterian Church and thereafter attended New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, even the midweek prayer service. What change occurred in the heart of this man?

On November 19 we will have a special program addressing the issue of how Lincoln came to be in Gettysburg under God. While here he was inspired to add that phrase to the prepared remarks he had completed the night before at the David Wills house. Gettysburg became a fulcrum in his understanding of God where his perspectives on matters of faith were shifting.

Though everyone thinks they understand Lincoln, this important aspect of his life is little appreciated. Invite your friends to join you in our sanctuary at 4:00 pm that Thursday afternoon; it will be a good opportunity to introduce them to GPC. Members who have period dress are encouraged to be out front to welcome visitors.


Dedication Day will be full of meaningful programs and events. Make sure you do not miss this!

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

  
**Next Newsletter Deadline:**  
**Noon, Thursday, September 24, 2009**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Traditional Services - 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

Contemporary Service - 9:30 a.m.

Sept. 20 The Parables of Jesus: "A Parable You Won't Like"

Sept. 27 The Parables of Jesus: "Now Where Did I Put That?"

**AND**

***4:00 p.m. Installation Service of Senior Pastor***

***Rev. Dr. David C. Wright***

*"Jesus spoke all these things to the crowds in parables." Matthew 13:34*