

GRAPEVINE

September 30, 2009

Parson to Person

Like many of you, I have been closely following the trials of the economy over the last year. Banks have gone under. Credit markets have collapsed. Many have lost jobs. Most of us have watched our investments shrink and seen the value of our homes fall. It hasn't been a good year for the economically weak of heart!

Churches have felt the pinch, too, with giving in many congregations (especially those in areas with high unemployment) dropping significantly. And yet God is still on the throne, ruling over heaven and earth, our churches, and our lives. That provides a measure of comfort to us.

These hard economic times also provide a test for us. Generosity is a Christian virtue. God calls us to be generous people regardless of the economic conditions. Are you a generous person, even in hard times? What would it take for you to become one? We are moving into a season of reflection on our giving. Begin by reflecting on your progress toward becoming a generous person.

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New Mission Project for 2010: MEXICO

Summer 2010 will bring a new mission option for GPC! Pastor Dave will be leading a group to the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico, where he has led teams for over 20 years. It will be available to youth who have finished 9th grade and adults. The group will do some construction, lead a vacation Bible school, and run a glasses ministry. We will live, fellowship, and worship with our Mexican brothers and sisters. Cost is anticipated to run under \$1000. Details will be coming on Nov.8, Mission Sunday. We invite you to consider participating in this new adventure!

Happy Birthday to...

October 1

Chelsea Banks
Kyleigh Grim
Will Matthews

October 2

Barbara Ebaugh
Nancy Saunders
Seth Snyder

October 3

Briannah Rohrbaugh

October 4

Barbara Angstadt
Elizabeth Fitzpatrick
Karen Lamb

October 5

Emery Weisenborn

October 6

Jim McCoy
Scott Nevins

October 7

Jeff Banks
Laura Davis
Linda Larson
Ralph Siefken

October 9

Tamara Doehring

October 10

Anne Gallon
John Smarsh
Suzanne Steinour

October 11

Greg Beegle
Chrissy Ely

October 12

Brendan McQuaide
Rachel Pierson
Janet Piper
Jonathan Patrono

October 13

Carolyn Hoffman
Chloe Pennings

October 15

Caden LaRochelle

October 16

Susan Aldinger
Wayne English
Rachel Skoczen

October 18

Aaron Conklin

October 19

Matt McCracken
Brody Wagner

October 20

Archie Graff
John Harman
Christopher Lewis
Tony Poe
Gwen Scofield
Chad Weikert

October 21

Jack Haskins
Allegra Heebner
Preston Hull
Catherine Stabler

October 22

Adam Boyer
Dave Conklin
Brandon Gladfelter
Mike Gladfelter

October 23

Aiden Weisenborn

October 24

Larry Bullis

October 25

Emily Clark
Molly Clark
Amy Hieber
Laurie Lewis

Nell Matthews
Michelle Suarez
Heather Tschop

October 26

Frannie King

October 27

William Johnson
Ronald Weigle

October 29

Mary Camlin
Leah Teague

October 30

Jean Thomas
Peyton Unger

October 31

Terri Stephens
Andrew Stone

THANK YOU:

Contemporary Worship THANK YOU!

- to Paulette & Tom Brabender for the beautiful "We Love To Tell The Story" banner we are using during our sermon series on The Parables of Jesus.
- to Bill Lewis for his tech support in creating the eye catching announcement loops shown prior to the service on Powerpoint.

Dear GPC Members

My sincerest "THANK YOU" to all of you for your prayers, cards, notes, visits, phone calls - and of course - the DELICIOUS food. Thank you Pastor Dave and Bonnie and Lou, Candace, and Alexander for your special hospital visit while I was in the Hanover Hospital. There is no doubt in my mind that all your concerns and contacts helped my attitude for a better recovery. The support I had from our Church was unbelievable and it is something I will never forget.

The last several weeks have been a big improvement and I am told I am doing well - (just seems like such a long time) - but I hope to see you all again in the very near future.

My prayers to all of you for good health.

In Christian love
Jean Sumser

We would like to say Thank You+for the many cards that were sent to honor us on our 50th wedding anniversary. We are so blessed to belong to such a wonderful church family!

With Love,
Tom & Jan Piper

Thank you to the Remaley's

Every year for Rally Day, Bob & Mary Ann Remaley take on the responsibility of ordering, picking up, and distributing donuts and juice to all of the children and youth Sunday School classes. Thanks to them we have an extra reason to celebrate that day! So our hats are off to the Remaley family and could you please do that every week?!

THANK YOU:

Dear Dr. Wright, Rev. Candace & Lou Nyiri, members of GPC and Penny M.,

Thank you so much for your showing your love and support for me while I was a patient at the Gettysburg Hospital and later a temporary resident of the Gettysburg Lutheran Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for physical therapy treatment following the fall in my home in early July.

I appreciated the visits from the three church pastors at the hospital and the Lutheran Home. I also received visits from a number of church members. I also appreciated the delicious evening meals prepared for me and the gorgeous flower arrangement.

Thanks again for everything you did for me during the very difficult time I had during July & August. I hope to see all of you again soon at church services and/or Young At Heart activities.

Sincerely,
Drusilla Warner

Monthly Financial Report

As of August 31, 2009, we completed 66.67% of 2009 with our budget of \$720,567.

Income for the year to date was 61.14% (\$440,522).

Expenses for the year to date were 60.96% (\$439,271).

Our Amount Available for Operating Expenses was \$42,027.

Our income through the end of August was 61.14% of the budgeted amount, which is 5.53% lower than the 66.67% portion of the year passed. Some of this reflects lower seasonal giving in the summer. Our General Income amount is \$3,876 behind where it was at the same time in 2008, but our 2009 Budget was increased from 2008, and we are currently \$39,850 off pace. Given how the economy changed in the 4th quarter of 2008 and has been throughout 2009, this actually is a relatively good financial situation compared to a lot of other churches. The other key number is 60.96% of budgeted expenses, which is still lower than income for the year. This is due to Session's decision to tap funds held in dedicated accounts before using 2009 Budget money, and efforts to limit expense spending.

As we go through the next four months, we will be spending at a greater pace due primarily to remaining mission commitments, and we expect to use up most of our reserve from 2008. However, we will be getting to the point where we may not be able to do everything we budgeted to do. The majority of our budget is for Staff followed by Mission, Property and Christian Education. There simply is not very much we can cut from the budget that will not affect what we want to do at Gettysburg Presbyterian Church. This concern will impact the remainder of 2009, and the budget Session has begun to work on for 2010. It is easy to say that we need to hold the line or cut the budget, but much more difficult to do.

Throughout 2009, Session has made a point of keeping the congregation informed of the financial status of GPC. The income side of the equation is controlled primarily by us, the congregation. As we finish our pledge commitments for 2009 and consider the upcoming Stewardship campaign for 2010, please keep in mind the many, many programs, missions and activities we have been doing and our wonderful staff that leads us on our faith journey in worship, music and Christian education.

Upcoming Events:



October Music Schedule

Oct. 4	8:15	Flute Quintet Early Choir
	11:00	Flute Quintet Adult Choir
Oct. 11	8:15	Early Choir
	11:00	Adult Choir
Oct. 18	8:15	Chapel Bell Choir Chapel Choir
	11:00	Primary Choir Adult Choir
Oct. 25	8:15	Adult Bell Choir Liturgical Dance
	11:00	Youth Bell Choir Youth Choir Liturgical Dance

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

October

October 4	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Picnic @ Jen Beegle's home (105 Palace Dr.)
October 7	5:30—7:00 p.m.	The Twelve Begins (Runs every Wednesday through Nov. 18th)
October 11	5:30—7:00 p.m.	Game & Discussion (Bring a friend night!)
October 18	12:00—3:30 p.m.	Roller Skating - bring About \$10 to cover lunch, transportation and rentals BRING A FRIEND
October 25	5:30—7:00 p.m.	Game & Discussion

MidSHIP Schedule

October

October 4	5:30—7:00 p.m.	Picnic at GPC
October 11	5:30—7:00 p.m.	Fellowship/Games
October 14	3:00—4:30 p.m..	Small Group Begins
October 18	12:00—3:30 p.m.	Rollerskating *
October 25	5:30—7:00 p.m.	Fellowship/Games

* We will leave from the church. Please bring \$6.00 to cover costs.

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.

Sign up begins on Sept. 27 for

PRE-ADVENT SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES

Oct. 25 - Nov. 22

Frenzy! 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!

Nursery Care on Sunday Mornings

Nursery care for ages 0 - 2 is offered each Sunday morning from 8:15 a.m. - 12:00 noon. We have regular paid staff, supplemented by volunteers. The Staff include:

8:15—9:15 a.m.	Samantha Sites Bethany Kolmer Morgan Ely
9:30—10:30 a.m.	Alison Golanoski Andrea Crowe Bethany Kolmer
10:45 —12:00 p.m.	Nichol Fake

So bring your little ones to our beautiful, sunny, decorated nursery!

Blessings,
Phyllis

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.

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. Lunch will be served on Friday.

Drop-offs: Monday, Oct.12, put everything in the corner next to the main outside entrance in Fellowship Hall. Deadline for drop-offs is Thursday, Oct. 15 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

The Word-word by word!

No matter how much you've studied the Bible, there are always more treasures to discover as you dig deeper. Our Sunday evening study is underway as we delve back into the Gospel of Mark. Meet at 6:00 pm in the downstairs MacAskill Room (accessible by elevator) for the one hour study each week led by the Rev. Dr. Charles Teague. Bring along your favorite Bible and come for a blessing in Scripture!

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.
Leader: Rev. Candace Veon-Nyiri

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!



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 if you need childcare.
Co-Hosts: Rev. Candace Veon-Nyiri and Melany LaRochelle*

YOUNG AT HEART - OCTOBER 8th 2009

This meeting will be an outing to tour the Renovah Pretzel Bakery. They have been hand making pretzels since 1935. The bakery is located at 507 Baltimore St. in Hanover. The tour is free and lasts about 20 minutes. There are no steps to navigate.

After the tour we will go to lunch at the Hanover Railroad Family Diner at 241 Railroad St. in Hanover. This will be a lunch buffet for \$7.95 and includes everything but the tip. There will be two choices of each food type (soup, sandwich, side dish, dessert and beverage).

Our tour will begin at 11:00 AM after which we should arrive at the restaurant for lunch between 12:00 and 12:30. Parking for the tour is limited to residential streets in the area so it would be best to carpool if possible. We will be taking the church van from the church parking lot - arrive at 10:00 AM and we will leave around 10:15. The callers will be ascertaining if you would like a ride from the church when they do their calling.

More detailed directions will be available for those that need them. If you would like to attend and are not on a regular call list please give Dick or Pam Wisor a call at 359-8896 by Mon., Oct. 5th.

SESSION UPDATE

At its stated meeting on 9/20/09, the Session...

- Approved a request to host a meeting with David Eicher, chair of the new hymnal committee, on April 26, 2010.
- Approved a request to participate in a "Sanctuary Open House" on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 27, co-hosted by the Church Women United and the Ministerium.
- Approved an offering for the Presbytery "Minister's Emergency Fund" to be taken at Pastor Dave's installation service on Sept. 27.
- Approved changes in Rev. Candace Veon-Nyiri's job description in light of the fact that Pastor Dave is now regularly preaching at the Contemporary Service. Candace will continue to direct that service, will preach at all three services about 6 times a year, and will increase her role in pastoral care.
- Invited Phyllis Dowd to attend Session whenever she would like.
- Heard reports from our committees.

PW CIRCLES

Elizabeth Circle

Monday, October 19 @ 1:00 p.m.

Hostess: Jean Holder
180 Ridgewood Dr.
Gettysburg, PA
334-6678

Study Leader: Jean Holder

Mary Martha Circle

Monday, October 19 @ 7:30 p.m.

Hostess: Beth Jones
21 East Myrtle St.
Littlestown, PA
359-4421

Study Leader: Sheryl Suplee
(Directions: Baltimore Pike to Littlestown,
past McDonalds, left onto Myrtle St. (look
for school sign), 21 is the second house on the right)

Esther Circle

Thursday, October 15 @ 9:30 a.m.

Meet in GPC Eisenhower Lounge.
Study Leader: Myrt Watson



ALL CIRCLES: Lesson 2: Joshua 1: 2-18, 24: 1-15



LEND A HAND NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

This group does mostly flood-relief work in Iowa and Mississippi. Trips to Iowa are scheduled for Oct. 10 - 18 and Nov. 7 - 15. A Mississippi trip is scheduled for Oct. 24 - Nov. 1. The cost to volunteers has been reduced from previous levels. Check out the website at www.lendahandmission.com or call 1-877-211-0700 for more information.

Condolences:

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

- Matt Clark on the recent death of his mother.
- Kim Hubble on the recent death of her mother.

Volunteers Needed!

Be a Part of the GPC Tech Team!

The Contemporary Worship Service is growing and so are the technical and media needs of many activities here at GPC. We need your help.

We are training individuals to help with running the powerpoint, video recording and in the sound-booth during worship services.

If you are able to commit to at least 1 Sunday a month, please let us know! We need you!

Contact Bill Fitzpatrick (334-4960) or Candace Nyiri (337-2939).

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 October Sue Pizzuto 677-8912.



Grief Support Series

Begins on November 1st

We are again offering our fall grief support group. This four-week series is entitled "Dealing with Grief and Loss: Hope in the Midst of Pain." The group will be led by Charlotte Winsheimer, one of our Stephen Ministers, and Phyllis Dowd. We will meet on Sunday evenings from Nov. 1 through Nov. 22 in the Crane Library from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. The group is open to anyone who has experienced death or loss of a spouse or loved one, and who would be interested in exploring their experience further with others in the same situation. If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Dowd in the church office at 334-1235, ext. 5 or gpcdce@embarqmail.com.

RECYCLING PLASTIC

Recently we learned from a representative of Adams Rescue Mission that the only plastic that can be recycled are those items in the "1" or "2" category. Unfortunately, the rest should be thrown away.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>October 2009</h1>				1 12:00 p.m. PW Women's Luncheon 6:00 p.m. Christian Ed. 6:30 p.m. Worship & Music 6:45 p.m. Praying Hands 7:15 p.m. Adult Bell Choir	2 8:00 a.m. Faith & Fitness Walking Group 8:30 a.m. Kindermusik	3
4 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Discussion Group 12:15 p.m. Book Club 4:00 p.m. Membership Class #2 4:00 p.m. Youth Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir 5:30 p.m. MidSHIP Picnic 5:30 p.m. SHIP Picnic @ Jen Beegle's 6:00 p.m. Word by Word Bible Study Begins	5 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 3:30 p.m. Kids Club 6:00 p.m. Kids Club 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Mission & Interpretation	6 9:30 a.m. Sewing Workshop 10:00 a.m. Mom's Bible Grp. 5:00 p.m. MJM Spanish 7:00 p.m. Nominating Comm.	7 12:00 p.m. Men's Interfaith 12:00 p.m. Mid-Week Prayer Grp. 1:30 p.m. Cancer Group 1:40 - 3:15p.m. CEF 3:00 p.m. MidSHIP Sm. Group 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:30 p.m. High School 12 5:30 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 5:45 p.m. Chapel Choir 6:00 p.m. Evangelism Team 6:15 p.m. Chapel Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	8 12 Noon Newsletter Deadline 12 noon Young @ Heart tour in Hanover 6:45 p.m. Praying Hands 7:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship 7:15 p.m. Adult Bell Choir	9 8:30 a.m. Faith & Fitness Walking Group 8:30 a.m. Kindermusik	10
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, October 8, 2009**

GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Contemporary Service - 9:30 a.m.

- October 4 World Communion Sunday
 The Parables of Jesus: Weeds in the Wheat
- October 11 The Parables of Jesus: Unforgiving Servant
- October 18 The Parables of Jesus: Good Samaritan
- October 25 The Parables of Jesus: Friend at Night

"Jesus spoke all these things to the crowds in parables."

Matthew 13:34