

GRAPEVINE

October 14, 2009

Parson to Person

I've invited Elder Jean LeGros to provide the Parson to Person article for this issue of the Grapevine. I think it's a very important one for us all! - Pastor Dave

2010 Stewardship Campaign "Board the Steward-Ship"

Stewardship is something our congregation practices year around, but fall is the time of year when we have a campaign for it. So each October the stewardship team challenges the congregation to responsible stewardship of our money, time and talents, all to the honor and glory of God. This Sunday we will introduce this year's stewardship campaign, "Board the Steward-Ship."

Our lives at GPC are touched by many ships throughout the year: "Wor-ship," "Mission-Ship," "Fellow-Ship," "Disciple-Ship," "Friend-Ship," "Partner-Ship," "Midship," "Ship" and "Leader-Ship" just to name a few.

Just think about how being onboard these various ships has helped you grow in your relationship with Jesus through the use of the time, talents and finances that God has entrusted to you!

Our congregation's stewardship is and always has been important in carrying out our church's mission, as illustrated in our many ships. Our stewardship is also important because it will support the proposed 2010 budget that Session is preparing. More details about that will be sent to you later this month.

Over the next five weeks leading up to Pledge Sunday on November 15th, everyone will have the opportunity to consider our many ships here at Gettysburg Presbyterian Church and ways that we can support the church's ministry. We hope you will read the stewardship messages in the bulletin and in the Grapevine, hear the weekly minutes for stewardship, reflect on the new banner and learn the new stewardship song.

Thank you for sharing your many gifts with GPC! As Matthew 25:21 tells us, Well done, good and trustworthy servant. Come on board the steward-ship!

We look forward to sharing this message with you in the coming weeks.

With gratitude,

The 2010 Stewardship Team: Chrissy Ely, Sherry Farkas, Jeff Hieber, Jean LeGros,

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New Members

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Ron & Patricia Knutson
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New Oxford, PA 17350
624-2983

**Children: Cameron, Carson and
Chloe**


Steve & Kathleen Redding
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Hanover, PA 17331
637-8813

Patty Welles
86 Roberts Rd.
Littlestown, PA 17340
359-9459

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58 Friendship Lane
Gettysburg, PA 17325
398-2411



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Group Kitchen News

Thank you to Jim and Donna Newman, Dale Molina, Helen Maitland, Sherry Farkas, Carole and Ron Smith, Della Pierson, Carolyn Hankey, Beth Fitzpatrick, Gail Lee, Linda Thompson, Tracy Boyer, Wayne English, Beth Jones, Gail Hull, Pam Rowland, Lori May and Paulette Brabender for providing meals during July, August and September. A special thanks to Jasminka Lolic and Evelyn Small for their special baked goods.

GPC provides food for the second Monday of each month. We each prepare ten servings of the same dish and deliver it to Prince of Peace church that day. If you are interested in joining this very important effort in our community, contact Mary Smith at 334-4452 or mjsmith2@aol.com. Volunteers indicate for which months they are able to help, which can be once or several times a year.

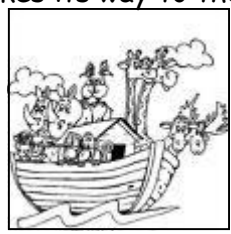
THANK YOU:

Our Ark Is More Beautiful Than Noah's!

GPC member Charlie Behre approached me last spring about using his woodworking skills for VBS. He then made 27 small wooden ark kits for the VBS preschoolers during our study of Noah. The children loved gluing all the pieces of their own ark together and then "coloring" them before taking them home.

Charlie then agreed to make a larger ark that the preschoolers could use in their Sunday School class. WOW! The ark is finished and it is **BEAUTIFUL!** It measures 50" x 13" x 11". (I have no idea what that is in cubits!) There is a removable roof, outside ramp, inside removable floor, ladder to the bottom floor, and separate stalls for the animals. Charlie and his wife, Pat also purchased duplicate sets of animals for the children!

Thank you, Charlie, for giving our children and our church such a wonderful gift. The ark will be on display one more time this coming Sunday in Fellowship Hall before it makes its way to the Preschool Sunday School room.



With a grateful heart,
Phyllis

What is it like to be a Christian?

It is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in and washes all the dirt off of you. Then he cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. and then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see.

Submitted by Jo Rice

Celebration



Enclosed in this newsletter is a Celebration Giving envelope. While the Thank Offering supports worldwide causes, the Celebration Giving offering is local, and supports our church's Presbyterian Women's group and our events. The Rummage and Bake sales do fund a good part of this, but we also depend on your generous Celebration Giving for such things as food and supplies for the May Banquet, Spring Tea, Fall Luncheon, speakers and entertainers for Women's Sunday and other events. We also send annual gifts to Adams County Charities at Christmas.

Thank you, and remember PW activities are open to ALL women in our church. Please join us.

Special Guests

Ruth & Daniel Castro to Speak on October 25th

On Sunday, October 25th at all three worship services, we will have the pleasure of hearing a brief mission moment from Ruth and Daniel Castro. In 2009, CURE Honduras opened the 1st and only non-profit hospital specializing in pediatric orthopedics in Honduras. Since the hospital opened they have seen close to 2,600 patients, performed a little over 200 operations and walked alongside 55 people who have expressed their faith in God as a result of this ministry. Ruth & Daniel are ministers and the Honduran hosts every summer for our medical/dental missionaries through CURE International.

The Castros will also be available in Fellowship Hall following each worship service to answer any questions and greet well wishers.

Older is Better.... A Unique Way to Make a Gift to GPC!

Did you know that if you are over 70 ½ **and** you own an IRA, you can transfer up to \$100,000 tax-free directly to charitable organizations?

Whether or not you itemize deductions on your tax return, if you are an eligible IRA owner, you can direct that a distribution from your account go **directly** to Gettysburg Presbyterian Church (or other charity) . The contribution counts toward your minimum distribution but **the amount isn't added to your taxable income.**

There are several details regarding this method of gifting that you should know:

1. The transfer must be made **directly** to the charity from your account.
2. Each IRA provider has a particular protocol to follow in order to make the gift so it is important to contact the provider well ahead of time.
3. In order to get credit for 2009 you should plan to complete the transfer by Dec. 1 to insure that all requirements are met.
4. Above all, **contact your CPA or financial advisor first to see if this way of supporting our Mission is right for you.**

Submitted by Ellen Arnold,
GPC Finance Committee member

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 soundbooth 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).

Upcoming Events:

October Music Schedule

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 14	5:30—7:00 p.m.	The Twelve Begins
October 18	12:00—3:30 p.m.	Roller Skating - bring about \$8 to cover lunch, transportation and rentals BRING A FRIEND
October 25	5:30—7:00 p.m.	Game & Discussion

MidSHIP Schedule

October

October 14	3:00—4:30 p.m.	Small Group
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 \$8.00 to cover costs.



Let's Read!

Faithful Journey Book Group

Wow! Did you know that on Oct. 4, 20 people gathered for lunch and discussion of the best selling book The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch. It was a wonderful discussion about childhood dreams, living with a positive attitude, leaving a lasting legacy and what that might mean for us as people of faith. We hope you will join us for our next discussion on Saturday, November 14th when we look together at:

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

By C.S. Lewis

9:00 a.m. in MacAskill Room
Continental Breakfast provided.

***This is an intergenerational discussion! Our discussion will be led by Johnna, Larry, Grant and Emma Sanders.

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

Copies of the book are available for \$6.00.

AND on FRIDAY NOV 20th at 6:45 p.m. we will show the movie version of

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe in our sanctuary.

Invite your friends and neighbors to see this film!

Love Middle Schoolers?

Do you love group games, great discussions, and funny, active, intelligent middle school kids? If so, you are a very special person indeed and we might have a place for you. The Mid-SHIP group for this year could still use some advisors. If you are interested in learning more about this group and what being a Mid-SHIP advisor would entail, please contact Libby Crowe at 359-9719 or fourcrowes@embarqmail.com.

We are redecorating the new Youth Room!

Do you have any gently-used furniture that you would like to donate to the new Youth Room on the top floor of the church? We would love to add a big old dining room table and assorted mismatched dining room chairs, as well as comfy arm chairs, bean-bag chairs, big pillows, and area rugs. If you have any of these items that you are ready to donate, please contact Libby Crowe at 359-9719 or fourcrowes@embarqmail.com.

CARPENTERS GIFT PROJECT

Members of the church take time off work to go South Carolina, South Dakota, and Honduras. Consider taking a vacation day or two and helping a needy family right here in Adams County.

Carpenters gift coordinators have set aside November 2nd through November 6th to help a family in our community who has a need for a handicap ramp. All pre-building work will be done indoors so we can work regardless of the weather.

Those of you who have indicated your willingness to help or others that might be interested in this ministry please check your schedule for these dates and get back to Dick Wisor at 359-8896 or pwisor@hotmail.com.

Condolences:

Our thoughts and prayers are with Doug Parkhurst on the recent death of his brother.

The Word-word by word!

A weekly informal Bible study for everyone continues 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. in the MacAskill Room.

Leader - Rev. Chuck Teague

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 is 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 Winzheimer, one of our Stephen Ministers, and Phyllis Dowd. We will meet on Sunday evenings from Nov. 1 through Nov. 22 in the church 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.

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 was 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.

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**Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, October 22, 2009**

GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Services - 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.
Contemporary Service - 9:30 a.m.

- 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*