

GRAPEVINE

April 28, 2010

In worship we celebrate God's great love in many and varied ways. One way we recall God's love for us is through the waters of Baptism. In April our church family had the privilege of celebrating this Sacrament three times. In May we have more baptisms scheduled. Baptism is a sign & seal of the covenant between God & God's children. As a pastor, I am often asked by families what do Presbyterians believe about Baptism. So, here are some key understandings about the Sacrament of Baptism in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.):

- We baptize with water because Jesus was baptized in water by John the Baptist.
- Baptism is a sign of God's love for us and a seal (or mark) upon us that we are included in God's family of faith.
- We baptize infants, children, youth and adults.
- Baptism is an affirmation of God's love for us, which God gives to us without our knowing or agreeing to it. This gift from God is not dependent on our knowledge or love of God.
- Baptism takes place within a service of worship with the community of faith.
- A minister, the person being baptized, the family and the church community are all participants in a baptismal service.
- A person is baptized "in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit."
- A person needs to be baptized only once in his or her life. This mark of God's love can never be revoked or worn out.
- Baptism calls for decision at every step of one's life as one grows and matures in Christ.

It is good to be reminded of these understandings of Baptism. Each time we observe and participate in a Baptism as a family of faith we are reminded of our own Baptism and how we too have been claimed as God's children. Baptism affirms the gift of God's grace and is present to us before we were born. Before we are able to say, "I love you," God loves us.

See what love the Father has for us that we too should be called children of God, and so we are!

May you remember and give thanks this day that you are a beloved child of God.

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JUBILATE TO PRESENT SPRING CONCERT AT GPC

After the disappointment of canceling the Christmas concert in December, the Jubilate Choral Ensemble is going to rise to the occasion and present its Spring concert on Sunday, May 2, at 4:00 PM in the sanctuary. Among the works to be performed are five movements of the Requiem by Maurice Durufle, four motets in memory of Durufle written by Lithuanian composer Vytautas Miskinis, and the poetry of William Blake, Songs of Innocence, set to the music of Syracuse University professor Earl George.

The group is comprised of singers from Gettysburg, Hanover, York and Harrisburg. One of our own, George Marguglio, is the President of the ensemble and has been singing tenor with them since 1996.

Eric R. Riley is the new Artistic Director of Jubilate! Mr. Riley is the Director of Music and Organist at Market Square Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg. Mr. Riley came to Market Square Church after fourteen years at the First United Methodist Church in Cleveland, Ohio.

There is no admission charge for this concert, however, a free-will offering will be taken.

George extends a warm invitation to the entire congregation to come and enjoy some quality choral music! We are pretty sure there will be no snowstorm for this event!

SEXTON

The Gettysburg Presbyterian Church is accepting applications for a part-time Sexton (custodian) (32 hours per week). A candidate must be able to understand written and verbal instructions, have knowledge of public property housekeeping duties and equipment use, perform light maintenance repairs, and interact with all individuals in a positive and professional manner. A criminal background check will be required.

For confidential consideration, applications are available in the church office located at 208 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg, or submit a resume to: Chairman, Personnel & Administration Committee, Gettysburg Presbyterian Church, 208 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg, PA 17325. The closing date for applications is April 30, 2010.

Sunday School Class Celebrates Seder

On Sunday, April 18th, the fourth and fifth-grade Sunday School class and their parents celebrated a Christian Seder with their teachers, Marion Lambert and Karen Breighner, aided by Libby Crowe and Sarah Lambert. The class has been learning about other religions this year, and the Seder was a way to learn more about Judaism, Jesus' religion, and to share in the traditional meal that was Jesus' last supper. Special thanks to Marion Lambert, who spent lots of time in preparation. It was beautiful!

THANK YOU:

Many, many thanks to all those who invested their time, energy, and creativity in making Saturday, April 17 so special.

The Presbyterian Women at the Gathering were very appreciative. Their comments: "delicious food," "It was wonderful!," "very good hosts," "very comfortable," "lunch was excellent," "We greatly appreciate all the efforts," "terrific," "We were greeted in the parking lot!," "The host church was amazing!"

I was deeply touched by the enthusiasm and excitement as we approached the day.

All went very well; thanks to all of you.

Charlotte Winsheimer

Thank you for the prayers, cards, phone calls and words of comfort I received following the death of my father.

Many Blessings,
Carol Geist

I would like to thank Pastor Dave for his visit and his and Candace's phone calls. Also for the many who sent cards and have held me up in their prayers. I feel very blessed that I am a member of such a loving and caring church. So with God's help and your prayers, I am getting better every day. Thank you and God Bless You.

Myrt Watson.

I would like to thank Scott McPherson for his help in getting the music office in order. He moved furniture, fixed items and generally was very helpful to complete the project.

Thanks, Scott!!

— Becky Wareham

Happy Birthday to...



May 1

Margaret Curtis
Victoria Harvey
Jane Howe
Joann Karchner
Isaac Myers

May 2

Erin Heeschen
Diane Hoy
Breelyn Snyder

May 4

Katherine Manning
Katherine Rice
Marlene Tindall

May 5

Luke Flinner
Tom Kuhn
Trevor Meckley
Michael Reyka
Kasey Smarsh
Michael Soliday

May 6

Benjamin Angstadt
Paul Miller

May 7

Judy Beamer
Kenneth Fair
Andy Farkas
Lance Lewis
Jed Smith
Shaye Whiteman
Lawrence Wolf

May 8

Tracy Angstadt
Lillian Hoffman
Nicole Weikert
Alex Witt

May 9

Joshua Paul
Kelly Smarsh
Dawn Bohner
Marjorie McCartney
Thomas Smarsh

May 11

Brian May
Clay Whitlock

May 12

Rick Arnold
Emma Dillman
Lauren Freeman
Jacob Kump
Alison Moyer

May 13

Todd Durboraw
Jean Huskin
Nonie Kennell

May 14

Molly Banks
Bryn Beauchat
Matthew Knouse

May 15

Sheila Howes
Heather Miller
Jacob Thompson

May 18

Beth Weisenborn
Sean Zorn

May 19

Harrison Stewart

May 20

Tim Baker
Ralph Eriksen
Ellen Piacentine
Sydney Tomassini
Geof Weisenborn

May 21

Amy Dreves
Paul Ketterman
Diane Weikert

May 22

John Golanoski
Jackie Hiller
Jack Soliday
Natalie Tschop
Jake Wilhelm

May 23

Mary Louise Felix
Leo Ward

May 24

Lori Bridel
Kevin Ecker
Corena Harman
Joseph Jones
Carrie Kauffmann

May 25

Tim Flag
Louise Garverick
Larry Musselman
Sarah Skoczen

May 26

Devin Miller

May 27

Karen Eskildsen
Emily Stone

May 28

Brian Stabler

May 29

Judy Inskip
Edward McCartney

May 30

Jim Heeschen
Charles Morris
Linnette Murray

May 31

Jerry Althoff
Daniel Crowe
Dennis Dowd
Beatrice Harness
Brandon Hiller
Zachary Slaybaugh



Mexico Mission Trip Update

Please pray for our 18 participants as we begin our training on Sunday, May 2. Several group members are taking Spanish classes in preparation for our ministry in the tiny village of Mexil, Yucatan!



World Vision's 30-Hour Famine Fundraiser a Success

Twenty-one Mid-Ship youth, four high school helpers, and two adults spent 24 hours together at the church on April 23 and 24th. Besides survivor type games that replicated conditions in Ethiopia, we spent lots of time playing air hockey, capture the flag and sardines, watching movies and a live band, drinking lots of juice and Gatorade, and praying for victims of preventable hunger and disease throughout the world. At 6:00 on Saturday, we broke fast with pizza and ice cream! Thanks to Alex, Michael, and Jim Heeschen, who brought their band equipment (and two other band members) and played for us both days. Thanks also to Allan Kawala, Zach Beegle, Andrea Crowe, Emily DeNoma, and Sean Ecker, who helped as advisors. Special congratulations and thanks to Sydney Tomassini, who was our biggest individual fundraiser for the World Vision effort.

GPC WORK DAY

May 15

Meet in Fellowship Hall 8:30 a.m.

There will be tasks sheets and an opportunity to sign up in Fellowship Hall on May 2 & 9 to help out on the Work Day.

National Day of Prayer - May 6

Our sanctuary will be open from noon to 1PM for any who would like to come and pray during that time. There is a prayer breakfast at Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church at 8AM. Rev. Chuck Teague will be speaking!

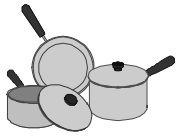


Faithful Journey Book Group will meet on May 23 at 12:15-1:00 pm to discuss "When Joy Came to Stay" a novel by Karen Kingsbury. Bring a lunch if you wish. Coffee and dessert will be provided. Copies of the book are available for \$12.00. See Candace Nyiri if you have any questions. All are invited!

ITEMS NEEDED FOR SOUTH DAKOTA

Preparations are underway for our South Dakota Mission Trip from July 15—25 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:

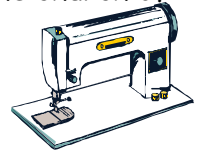


Sheets or Sheet Sets
Box Fans
Jar Candles
Baby Food Grinders
Sewing Machines (new or nearly new & portable)

Towels
Flashlights
Tool Sets
Tire Repair Kits



New Pot & Pan Sets
Dish Sets
Sleeping Bags
5lb. ABC Fire Extinguisher



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

Moms and Friends Bible Study

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

10:00-11:00a.m.

in the church library.



**Join us for coffee, tea and sharing.
Contact Rev. Candace Veon-Nyiri
lucan615@embarqmail.com if you need
childcare or have any questions.**

JOIN US FOR PRAYER!

**Mid-Week Prayer Circle will meet on
Tuesdays at 11:30 am in the sanctuary.**

Come and pray for the needs of our church family and our world. We will use the Stephen's ministry publication: *Cries of Faith, Songs of Hope: Prayers for the Times of our Life* as a resource, along with lectionary readings. Please come when you are able. Our first meeting will be Tuesday May 4th. Led by Revs. Candace and Lou Nyiri. Join us in the sanctuary for this informal, reflective time of sharing.

The seventh season of Historic Church Walking Tours will begin with the West Tour on Wednesday evening, June 9th at 6:00 and 6:30pm in front of our church. We invite you and your guests to attend the tours, which will be held from June 9 through August 25. We alternate the two tours on Wed. nights. Our church is part of the East tour along with Trinity UCC, Methodist and St. James Lutheran. The West tour consists of: Prince of Peace Episcopal, St. Francis Xavier, St. Paul's AME Zion and Christ Lutheran.

Tickets go on sale at 5:30pm in front of our church. Tours run from 1 ½ hrs. to 2 hours in length. Visitors enter each church for a 20-minute program that tells the church's role during and after America's most significant Civil War battle. The cost of each tour is \$5.00, children 12 and under are free.

Come and be entertained and educated - help support this all-volunteer, non-profit mission. For more information, visit www.historicchurchwalkingtours.org or call Dan Ebaugh, 334-9013 or Joan Pore, 337-1718.

HELP REQUESTED

The Historic Church Walking Tour groups are escorted from church-to-church by volunteers. We would like to have more people on our guide list. You would lead the group of 25 or fewer visitors from one church to the other. We need two friendly, caring people for each group, and two groups go out each Wed. evening. You will be welcomed, with opened arms, to attend the Guide Meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, May 19 at 7:00pm in the Eisenhower Lounge. Please call Joan Pore, 337-1718 if you would be interested in becoming a vital part of this mission.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 RUMMAGE SALE 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
2 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. Youth Club Fifth Grade Event 12:00 p.m. Youth Choirs 12:00 p.m. Mexico Training 4:00 p.m. Jubilate Concert 5:30 p.m. SHIP & MidSHIP Year-End Picnic @ Lake Heritage 6:00 p.m. Word by Word 6:30 p.m. South Dakota Meeting	3 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 2:00 p.m. Facility Use Mtg. 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Mission & Interpretation	4 9:30 a.m. Sewing Workshop 5:00 p.m. JMJ Spanish 6:00 p.m. "May Banquet" 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training (MacAskill Rm)	5 12 Noon Men's Interfaith Lunch 1:00 p.m. Weekly Cancer Group 5:30 p.m. High School "12" 6:00 p.m. Cont. Music Practice 6:00 p.m. Evangelism team 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	6 National Day of Prayer 12:00 p.m. Newsletter Deadline 12:00 p.m. Sanctuary open for prayer 1:00 p.m. Christian Ed. 6:30 p.m. Worship & Music 7:15 p.m. Adult Bell Choir	7 8:30 a.m. Kindermusik 9:00 a.m. Walking Sm. Group	8
9 MOTHER'S DAY 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 12:00 p.m. Youth Choirs	10 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Cancer Support Group	11 7:30 a.m. Habitat Board Mtg. 10:00 a.m. Mom's Club 5:00 p.m. JMJ Spanish 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training (MacAskill Rm) 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Leaders	12 5:30 p.m. High School "12" 6:00 p.m. Cont. Music Practice 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir 7:00 p.m. Comtemporary Worship Ministry Team Mtg.	13 10:00 a.m. Young @ Heart tour of Mason Dixon Dairy Farm 7:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship 7:15 p.m. Adult Bell Choir	14 8:30 a.m. Kindermusik 9:00 a.m. Walking Sm. Group	15 8:30 a.m. GPC WORK DAY
16 VBS Registration Begins 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 12:00 p.m. Congregational Mtg. 12:00 p.m. Youth Choirs 12:15 p.m. Deacons Mtg. 12:15 p.m. Property Committee 5:00 p.m. Session	17 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 1:30 p.m. Elizabeth Circle 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:30 p.m. Mary Martha Circle	18 5:00 p.m. JMJ Spanish 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision (Eisenhower Lounge) 7:00 p.m. HCWT Guide Mtg.	19 9:00 a.m. Kindermusik 5:30 p.m. High School "12" 6:00 p.m. Cont. Music Practice 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir 7:30 p.m. Stewardship Team	20 12:00 Noon Newsletter Deadline 9:30 a.m. Esther Circle 6:15 p.m. Gastric Bypass Support Grp. 7:15 p.m. Adult Bell Choir	21 9:00 a.m. Walking Sm. Group	22
23 PENTECOST Celebrate Newborns Confirmation-Commissioning 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 12:00 p.m. Mexico Training 12:15 p.m. Faithful Journey Book Group	24 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	25 5:00 p.m. JMJ Spanish	26 9:00 a.m. Kindermusik 5:30 p.m. High School "12" 6:00 p.m. Cont. Music Practice 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	27	28 9:00 a.m. Walking Sm. Group	29 Photos taken 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
30 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 9:30 a.m. Last day of Sunday School	31 (OFFICE CLOSED)	---- P O R T R A I T S T A K E N F O R P I C T O R I A L D I R E C T O R Y ----				
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, May 6, 2010**

May 2010

GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Services @ 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.
Contemporary Service @ 9:30 a.m.

New Sermon Series:

- 5/2 Dealing with Difficult Feelings: *Fear*
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
- 5/9 Dealing with Difficult Feelings: *Worry*
Mother's Day
- 5/16 Dealing with Difficult Feelings: *Depression & Sadness*
- 5/23 Dealing with Difficult Feelings: *Jealousy*
- 5/30 Dealing with Difficult Feelings: *Guilt*

"Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, Rejoice!" — Phil. 4:4