

# GRAPEVINE

May 12, 2010

## Angels Unaware

*Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.* (Hebrews 13:2)

A few weeks ago one of our members noticed a woman he didn't recognize looking at the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall and writing some things down. He went over and introduced himself and discovered that she was new to the area and looking for a church. He talked a little about his experience with our church and invited her to return. He then let me know of this conversation and I followed up with her. I don't know what the end of that story will be yet.

However, this experience reminded me of the importance of the time-tested Christian virtue of hospitality. We seek to make guests feel welcome in our midst, recognizing that they are as valuable to our Lord as our longest-tenured member. We show hospitality when we see a new face in the parking lot and offer to walk into church with them, showing them where things are. And when we choose to sit with somebody new in worship or in a class. When we introduce a new person to other people in Fellowship Hall. When we guide them to the Welcome Center in Fellowship Hall where they can learn more about our congregation.

Summer is a time when many people are checking out churches in our area. Let's be sure to show them the hospitality of our Lord when they come! You never know who that newcomer may be!

*Dave*

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NEWSLETTER COLLATING TEAM

**Are You Interested?**

You receive this newsletter every couple of weeks because a team of willing workers get together to collate, label, and get them ready for you. We also collate and staple the annual reports and church directories, along with an occasional special mailing. Most of the women (but men are welcome!) rotate responsibility for this, so it is not a must do every time. We share lots of stories, many laughs, and go to breakfast together once a year. It is a fun thing to do, and we could use a couple more persons on the roster. If you are interested in helping out, please call Marie Duncan at 717-334-5157.

Thanks so much!

**2010 BIBLE-A-THON**



Fourteen children in our church in grades K-5 successfully memorized 50 (in grades K-2) or 100 (in grades 3-5) questions and answers from the Bible during the 2010 Bible-A-Thon. They were awarded certificates of achievement and celebrated with pizza and ice-cream sundaes on March 25, 2010. Please stop at the bulletin board outside the MacAskill Room to see pictures of the kids with their achievement certificates, then congratulate the participants when you see them!

**SESSION UPDATE**

At its stated meeting of April 11, 2010, the Session...

- Voted to endorse T.J. Remaley as an Inquirer, taking him under care of Session as he explores a call to ordained ministry. T.J. will begin studies at Union Seminary (Richmond) in the Fall.
- Approved June 6 for the next Exploring Membership Class
- Restored and transferred Tanya Heinemann to King's Grant Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach, VA

Discussed future possibilities for Christian Education staff support during Phyllis' absence.

At a called meeting on April 28, the Session voted to hire Libby Crowe as a part-time (20 hours/week), temporary Director of Christian Education until Phyllis is able to return to work. Please give Libby your full support during this interim time!

We also wanted to report that we are sending \$5000 to Haiti earthquake relief. About \$3200 of that was received in special gifts and \$1800 came from our Mission Trust Fund. Thank you for your generosity!

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**THANK YOU:**

Mission of Mercy Project

Every month a mobile clinic comes to Gettysburg to provide medical care to indigent people. The local churches take turns making bag lunches for the patients who sometimes wait for long periods of time for their turn to be seen. On April 28, some of the members of the mission team at GPC provided the lunches for this month's clinic. Many thanks to Ken Elledge, Tom Piper, Lee Weber, Lynne Orner, and Barb Ebaugh for purchasing or collecting food, putting together the lunch bags, and delivering them to the clinic site. Thanks also to Giant Food for a gift certificate for food, to McDonalds for donating mustard and mayo, and to Hollabaugh Bros. for apples. We will be doing this mission project again when our church is called on and would appreciate anyone who is willing to volunteer a small amount of time to help. Watch for the next announcement in the bulletin or Grapevine.

The Mission Committee

# Vacation Bible School—June 21 - 24

"God's Wonderful World, In the Beginning..." will be our theme for Vacation Bible School this year. The program is open to all children ages 3 to Grade 5 (completed). It will be held on June 21-24 from 9:00 a.m.—12:15 p.m. Registration will be held from May 16 - June 6. Fee will be \$5.00 /child or \$10.00 /family. (See registration forms included in this newsletter, or may be obtained from the bulletin boards or through the church office.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!** Below you will find a list of personnel and supplies needed. Please take a look and find out how you can be part of our program. Contact Libby Crowe at 334-1235, ext. 5 or [fourcrows@embarqmail.com](mailto:fourcrows@embarqmail.com) to volunteer.

Thanks in advance for helping to make this VBS another great program for our children!  
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### PERSONNEL NEEDED

- 4 volunteers to help with food (1 day each)
- 4 volunteers to help with woodcraft



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

25 Volunteers needed for "The Garden" - help children complete a craft or scientific experiment for 1 hour each morning

Teen Aides (completed Grade 6 and older)

Drama Participants (non-speaking) - middle, high school & adult

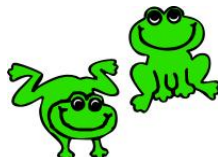
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### SUPPLIES NEEDED

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| Landscape picture of PA (Old calendars)            | Flower seeds (any kind)      | Shells                |
| Coffee Filters (100)                               | Large non-hinged clothespins | Pebbles               |
| Small terra cotta flower pots (100)                | Sticks (small twigs)         | Floral wire           |
| Toilet paper or paper towel tubes                  | Wire coat hangers            | Foam trays            |
| Small plants to plant (veggie or flowers)          | Potting soil                 | Bird seed             |
| 2-liter plastic soda bottles, any color            | Peanut Butter                | Feathers              |
| Beans and seeds                                    | Fast-blooming flower bulbs   | Tin cans              |
| Cardboard (small pieces)                           | Newspaper strips             | Bottle caps, any size |
| Aluminum foil pieces                               | Small plastic drink bottles  | Twisty ties           |
| Cereal boxes, granola boxes etc. (collapsed)       | ½ gallon milk jugs (plastic) |                       |
| Bed sheets: any size, light blue or white          | ½ pound deli containers      |                       |
| Seeds: sunflower, squash, apple, pumpkin and melon |                              |                       |

### MAY WE BORROW?

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|--|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Kneeling pads                                  | Artificial flowers | Self-contained fountains |
| Large plants                                   | 2 Trellises        | Garden Benches           |
| Rubber stamps with a nature theme & stamp pads |                    |                          |



**Learn about  
Presbyterian Missions!**

Rev. Mark Englund-Krieger,  
our Presbytery Executive,  
will be leading a class about  
Presbyterian missions on  
Sunday, May 16 at 9:30AM  
in the McAskill Room.  
Come, meet Mark, and learn!



**HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS  
RECOGNITION SUNDAY  
May 30, 2010**

Recently we sent a postcard to our list of high school seniors regarding the upcoming recognition on Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. To make sure we're not missing anybody we need your help. If your 12<sup>th</sup> grader didn't receive a post card, please contact Rev. Lou Nyiri in the church office with the following information:

- Your child's full name
- Their plans after graduation
- A Senior Picture of your child
- Which service he/she will be attending on May 30<sup>th</sup> (8:15, 9:30, or 11:00 AM).

Please email this information to Rev. Lou Nyiri at [gpclou@embarqmail.com](mailto:gpclou@embarqmail.com) or drop off in the church office, **no later than May 24<sup>th</sup>**.

We will have the seniors come down front during worship to be recognized and celebrate the milestone of graduation! Plus, we have a gift for each graduate and a reception will be held after each service.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED  
Annual Potluck Picnic**


Wed., June 2, 2010 at 12:00 noon at Gettysburg United Methodist Church on West High Street. Hotdogs provided. Bring your favorite picnic dish (hot or cold) OR dessert to share and come prepared for a fun hour of ecumenical fellowship and some (indoor) picnic activities with other women from churches in the Gettysburg area. Newcomers always welcome. Bring a friend . no reservations needed! Info contact: Rachel @ 334-3415.

**Exploring Membership** – If you are interested in learning more about GPC, plan to attend the Exploring Membership Class on June 6, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. You will have a chance to learn more about Presbyterians and opportunities for spiritual nurture and service here at GPC, and to meet our staff. Following the class, you may meet the Session and join the church if you so desire. Childcare is available. Call the church office to register (334-1235).



**When “Pull Yourself Together”  
Doesn’t Work!**

You’ve heard it time and time again: “Pull yourself together...Cheer up... Tough it out...it’s not that bad.” Perhaps people have said it to you. Or perhaps you keep saying it to yourself. But it hasn’t helped. You are still hurting. Things are coming apart, not coming together. Here’s the good news: You don’t have to go through your struggles alone. Help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers who will walk with you, listen to you, and provide confidential one-to-one care as you search through the pieces and find what is truly in your heart. To find out more about Stephen Ministry, or if you or someone you know would benefit from receiving a Stephen Minister, contact Rev. Lou Nyiri through the church office (334-1235, ext. 4 or [gpclou@embarqmail.com](mailto:gpclou@embarqmail.com))

 **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!

## May Music Schedule

May 16	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
May 23	8:15 a.m.	Youth Bell Choir Youth Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Bell Choir
May 30	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir

## Please Wear Red!



Sunday, May 23, is Pentecost Sunday when we celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church. Red is the traditional color of Pentecost, so we are asking church members to consider wearing red that day. If you don't own any red clothing, please come to church anyway!

### CONDOLENCES:

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jean Huskin, Lynn & Allison Peterson and David & Alden Reese on the recent death of John Huskin.

### 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:

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|---|--|------------------|----------------------------|---|
|  | Sheets or Sheet Sets                           | Towels           | New Pot & Pan Sets         |  |
|   | Box Fans                                       | Flashlights      | Dish Sets                  |   |
|   | Jar Candles                                    | Tool Sets        | Sleeping Bags              |   |
|   | Baby Food Grinders                             | Tire Repair Kits | 5lb. ABC Fire Extinguisher |   |
|   | Sewing Machines (new or nearly new & portable) |                  |                            |   |
|   | New Teen Toys                                  |                  |                            |   |

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

## FAITH & FITNESS Spring Walking Small Group



Our Spring Walking Small Group will begin Friday, May 7th and run for 4 weeks on May 14th, 21st and 28th. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for a brief devotion and then a 2-mile walk on the battlefield. All are welcome and you can walk at your own pace! Why not invite a friend? Contact Candace Nyiri at 337-2939 if you would like to join us!

**WE WILL WALK IN THE LIGHT OF YOUR PRESENCE, O LORD! Psalm 89:15b**

### 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. This group is led by Revs. Candace and Lou Nyiri. Join us in the sanctuary for this informal, reflective time of sharing.

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**Next Newsletter Deadline:  
Noon, Thursday, May 20, 2010**

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**GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

New Sermon Series:

- 5/16 Dealing with Difficult Feelings: *Depression & Sadness*
- 5/23 Dealing with Difficult Feelings: *Jealousy*  
Day of Pentecost! Confirmation Class Received
- 5/30 Dealing with Difficult Feelings: *Guilt*  
High School Senior Recognition Sunday

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