

Gettysburg Presbyterian Church

GRAPEVINE

May 26, 2010

Are You Excited?

I am excited to introduce 12 people in our church family who are *behind the scenes* people making things happen by making sure Christ's ministry of caring compassion is carried out in this congregation and community!

I am excited to introduce and invite you to be part of something really, really big here at GPC!!

I am excited to introduce you to a new way of doing things around here!!!

Are you excited yet? I hope you are because it's what Jesus talked about in John 13:35 when he told his disciples at the Last Supper. (This includes us 21st century disciples.) probably

*"A new command I give you: Love one another.
As I have loved you so you should love one another."*

By now, I hope you're asking yourself, *what are you talking about and how can I be a part of it?*

The twelve people I want you to know better and appreciate more are your Deacons. One of the privileges I have as one of your Pastors is working with these 12 committed disciples who take the call of Christ very seriously to care for those around them. This group of people regularly visit members of our church in the hospital, nursing homes or recovering at home; organize and/or deliver meals to members during home rehabilitation; provide rides to and from medical visits or church functions; and care for other needs as they arise. In addition to all this, they also find the ushers for the 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. worship services.

Your current deacons are Ann Cook, Sherry Farkas, Beth Fitzpatrick, Cheryl Gochenauer, Jeff Hieber, Kathy Kircher, Brandy Mosser, Linda Paul, Susan Pizzuto, Ralph Siefken, Sheryl Suplee, and Lee Weber. If you don't know who they are, please check out the photo board in fellowship hall located on the wall facing the sanctuary just above the DVD stand. While the faces on this board change yearly, the commitment of this group to carry out Christ's compassionate ministry never wanes. That is why I am making June National Celebrate & Thank Your Deacons Month. Check out the board then thank a deacon for what they do.

These twelve people can't do this ministry all by themselves so they need your help too. The Deacons have been prayerfully discerning how they might enhance and improve their response time so as to more promptly meet the needs of our congregation and community. The Deacons will soon begin implementing measures in an effort to better position themselves to more efficiently and effectively meet needs as they arise. This new ministry design will take the following form:

We will have 12 Deacon-Led Ministry Teams. Each team will have 12-15 persons and each person will commit to being part of this team for a one year term of service. Each team will work under the guidance of their Deacon Leader to meet needs as they arise.

Teams will be assigned in the following manner: As needs become known, a deacon team will be mobilized into action and the next team will be alerted that they are on-call for the next need when it arises. While the on-call team will not know when they will get a call to serve, they at least can get ready by coordinating calendars with their Deacon Leader.

Deacon Leaders will be in touch with care recipients to learn of their needs and assign tasks to their Ministry Team Members.

For this to work, it requires participation from our whole church family. In order to not burn anyone out, we need 180 *different* names from our church family to volunteer to be a part of one of these ministry teams. We ask that you prayerfully consider being part of one of our Deacon Ministry Teams. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information respond to Rev. Lou Nyiri through the church office (717-334-1235, ext. 4); via email (gpclou@embarqmail.com) or return the form below:

Deacon Ministry Teams ATTN: Rev. Lou Nyiri

_____ I want to help out with the Deacon Ministry Teams.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

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. Registration forms 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 four-crowes@embarqmail.com to volunteer.

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

PERSONNEL: WE STILL NEED HELP!!

4 volunteers to help with woodcraft

15 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

SUPPLIES NEEDED

(can be brought to the office now)

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



MAY WE BORROW?

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



Young at Heart - our June get-together will be on **Thursday, June 10th at 12:00 Noon** at the pavilion at Homewood at Plum Creek in Hanover. The address is 615 Morning Glory Drive, just follow the signs after that (the 3rd entrance into Homewood off Westminster). There are a variety of games – badminton, horseshoes, bocce ball, etc – available for the more energetic or comfortable chairs for those that would rather relax under the trees. As a special treat a couple of our members will share some of their life experiences with us.

It will be in the form of a picnic with everything provided including place settings. The cost will be covered by existing funds from our treasury. This will also be our final meeting before taking a summer break – meetings will resume again September 9th.

We will carpool from the church and if there is enough interest, we will take the church van for those who would prefer not to drive. Meet in the church parking lot at 11:00 AM, leaving the church by 11:15 AM and returning no later than 3:00 PM.

All are welcome. If you are not on a regular call list but would like to attend please contact Pam or Dick Wisor **on or before June 4th** at 359-8896 or email us at pwisor@hotmail.com.

Cancer: A Metaphor for What it Means

to be Human – A public lecture by Dr. Ann Milliken Pederson, will be given on Wednesday, June 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Valentine Hall Auditorium on the Seminary campus. All are welcome. Pederson is professor of religion at Augustana College, with particular emphasis in religion and medical sciences. See the poster on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board for more information.



Our Stephen Ministers Are Ready to Care for You!

Stephen Ministers are members of GPC who have been through extensive training and provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are experiencing a difficult time. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with you, and provide weekly support for you as long as your need persists. 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). Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life.

THANK YOU:

**Bible-A-Thon
Thank You!**



The Christian Education Committee wants to thank Wendy Brubaker and Amy Hieber for all their work in making this year's Bible-A-Thon a success. Without any experience or training, Wendy and Amy stepped in for Phyllis and totally ran with the program. They did a wonderful job, from getting the questions out to the children, to providing those who succeeded with a memorable lunch and prizes, including wooden crosses from Bethlehem! (Thanks, Pastor Dave!) And thanks again, Wendy and Amy. You were totally awesome.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT

Many people have quietly stepped in to ensure that all of Phyllis's duties are covered while she is recovering. The Christian Education Committee wants to thank the following individuals for going above and beyond to make our many programs run so successfully all year: Amy Deitch and Wendy Beauchat who ran Youth Club, and their helpers Melanie Keller (kitchen), Della Pierson (kitchen), Penny Breighner (kitchen) and Gina Plamann (kitchen); and to Bob Remaley who got everyone the Hershey Park tickets they wanted this year.

The following folks won't necessarily be taking a break from helping out CE during the summer, so CE would like to recognize and thank them for their ongoing help: Kay Heggan for overseeing Children's Church; Chrissy Ely for overseeing the worship bags and her team of Penny Breighner and Deb Litten; and Pastor Wright for running the Children's Message ministry.

RUMMAGE SALE FINALE

Special thanks to all of you who donated, baked, planted, sorted, marked, helped during sale days, and cleaned up Saturday afternoon. It is truly amazing how, with the help of volunteers, the rummage and bake sale can come together in just three short days. Many hands make light work! **THANK YOU!**

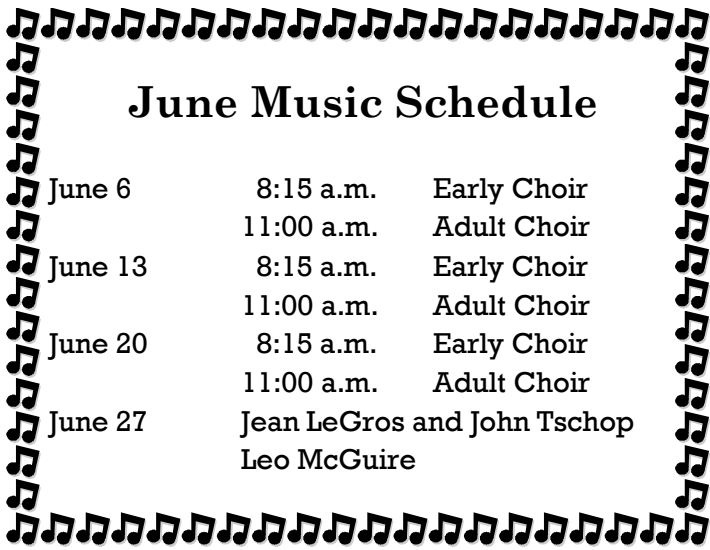
Our net sales were:

Rummage sale	\$2,021.20
Bake Sale	143.00
Total	<u>\$2,164.20</u>

To our wonderful GPC family,

It is hard to put into words my/our gratitude for all of your positive thoughts and prayers. I have been at home since Thursday, May 6th almost a month after my serious bicycle accident. My recovery has been very good and I expect that to continue, and to fully regain wholeness. Each one of your many, many cards, calls and offers of support cause me to pause humbly. We thank the Lord and thank you so very much.

Mac (& Donna and children)



June Music Schedule

June 6	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
June 13	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
June 20	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
June 27	Jean LeGros and John Tschop Leo McGuire	

PW CIRCLES

Elizabeth Circle

Monday, June 14 @ 12:00 p.m.
(DATE CHANGE)

Hostess: Joan Pore
755 McClellan Dr.
Gettysburg, PA
Please bring a sandwich

Mary Martha Circle

Monday, June 21 @ 6:00 p.m.

Hostess: Nancy Cook
565 Goldenville Rd.
Gettysburg, PA
Pot luck supper

Ester Circle

Thursday, June 17 @ 11:30

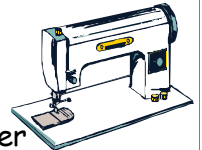
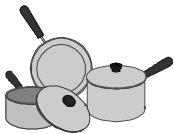
Hostess: Barbara Finfrock
251 Meadowbrook Lane
Gettysburg, PA
Picnic lunch

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)



We will be offering an adult Sunday School class based on the book of Hosea this Summer, beginning June 13th. It will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the MacAskill room downstairs and will be taught by Andy Miner and Chuck Teague. The name of the book that we will use for this class is Hosea: God's Persistent Love, which is a Lifeguard Bible Study by Dale and Sandy Larsen. You do not have to sign up for this Sunday school class, just come whenever time allows and enter into the interesting discussion!

Session Update...

At its stated meeting on May 16, the Session

- Heard their faith statements and received 9 confirmands into membership!
- Heard updates from the following task forces: Facility Use Policy, Sound System Issues, Custodian Search Team, Visioning and Planning Team Selection.
- Approved a joint proposal from the Worship and Mission & Interpretation Committees that we do mission team reports differently this year. This summer, mission team reports will be accompanied by the reading of the Scripture and a sermon. This will result in slightly shorter reports (and sermons) on those weeks. Mission teams are also encouraged to look for other opportunities in which to share their work with the congregation. We will re-evaluate this way of doing mission reports after the summer. Let us know what you think!
- Approved hiring TJ Remaley to create a congregational notification system (by email) which will be used for pastoral care issues as well as changes of schedule.

Congratulations to
Jean LeGros
for receiving her
Master of Arts degree
in Religious Studies
(with honors)
on May 14, 2010
from Lutheran
Theological Seminary!

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).

The Presbytery of Carlisle is seeking part-time regional Associates for Congregations.

The main role of this job is to help congregations connect with other nearby congregations and with the Presbytery. More information can be found at:

http://www.carlislepc.org/new_carlisle_website/completed%20pages/regional_associates.html.

Welcome Steve!

At a called meeting on May 23, the Session voted to hire Stephen Reinheimer as our new custodian! Steve began work on May 26. Steve and his wife, Linda, have been married almost 28 years. They live in Aspers and have five children and two grandchildren. Steve enjoys playing and following baseball. (He is a long-suffering Red Sox fan.) Please do all you can to make Steve feel welcome in his new job, and look for ways to assist him in his work!

Thanks!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9:30 a.m. Sewing Workshop 10:00 a.m. Mom & Friends 11:30 a.m. Prayer Group 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision (MacAskill Rm)	2 9:00 a.m. Kindermusik 12:15 p.m. Men's Interfaith 1:00 p.m. Weekly Cancer grp. 5:30 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir 7:30 p.m. Stewardship	3 12:00 Noon Newsletter Deadline	4	5 10:30 a.m. - Open Sanctuary
6 Honduras Commissioning 12:15 p.m. Exploring Membership Class 5:00 p.m. Session Mtg.	7 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	8 7:30 a.m. Habitat Board Mtg. 11:30 a.m. Prayer Group 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Leaders 7:00 p.m. VBS Leaders Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Gettysburg High School Baccalaureate	9 9:00 a.m. Kindermusik 5:30 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir 7:00 p.m. Honduras Packing Party	10 12:00 p.m. Young @ Heart picnic @ Homewood at Plum Creek 7:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship 7:00 p.m. High School Workcamp Packing Party	11 Youth Workcamp leaves -----	12 10:30 a.m. - Open Sanctuary Honduras Mission Trip Leaves
13 New Member Reception 9:30 a.m. Christian Ed. 12:00 p.m. Mexico Training 12:15 p.m. Deacons Mtg. 12:15 p.m. Property Comm. 6:30 p.m. S. Dakota Meeting	14 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 7:00 p.m. Cancer Support (Group)	15 10:15 a.m. Mom's Club 11:30 a.m. Prayer Group 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision (MacAskill Rm)	16 9:00 a.m. Kindermusik 5:30 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Picnic	17 9:30 a.m. Esther Circle 6:15 p.m. Gastric Bypass Support Grp. (HR)	18	19 10:30 a.m. - Open Sanctuary Youth Workcamp Returns
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20 VBS Set up ----- H O N D U R A S -----	21 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 1:00 p.m. Elizabeth Circle 7:30 p.m. Mary Martha Circle	22 11:30 a.m. Prayer Group 7:30 p.m. Personnel & Administration	23 5:30 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. Honduras Team Returns	24 12:00 Noon Newsletter Deadline	25	26 10:30 a.m. - Open Sanctuary
V A C A T I O N B I B L E S C H O O L						
27 12:00 p.m. Mexico Training	28 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop	29 11:30 a.m. Prayer Group	30 5:30 p.m. Cont. Music Prac.			

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, June 3, 2010**

May/June 2010

GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

- 5/30 Dealing with Difficult Feelings: *Guilt*
High School Senior Recognition Sunday
- 6/6 Creation (Genesis 1 & 2)
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
- 6/13 Identity of Humanity (Genesis 3)
- 6/20 Noah: God's Plan Will Not Be Thwarted (Genesis 6-9)
Father's Day

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to God! (Colossians 3:16)