

GRAPEVINE

June 30, 2010

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in harmony. (Ps. 133:1)

Just over a year ago, I began serving as your pastor. I'm sure all of us were a little anxious to see how this would work! I have really enjoyed my first year with you, and I hope it has been beneficial to the church as well. One of the things I have appreciated most this year is the harmonious spirit which has characterized this congregation- well, most of the time! This is truly a gift from God and it is one of the most attractive qualities of our church. It speaks of the spiritual maturity of this congregation.

I urge you to continue to do those things that keep harmony and peace here. Work hard to truly listen to others. Refuse to pass along gossip or negative comments. Go directly to others when you have a problem with them. Pray for others with whom you have a disagreement.

May God continue to give us a Spirit of harmony here at GPC!

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Happy Birthday to...

July 1

Kathy Dudash
Dennis Meckley
Erin Stephens

July 2

Grayson Hubble
Will Kiefer
Chris Landauer
Pamela Poe

July 3

Gary Esterly
Richard Hoffman
Laina Nevins
John Shuss
Pam VanHoutte
Brandi Watson

July 4

Benjy Conover
Gerry Dettloff
Dawn Rathgeber
Jessica Stone

July 5

Kyele Bridel
Michael Kulkusky
Joan Miller

July 6

Betty Forbeck
Rebecca Wells

July 7

Leo McGuire

July 8

Harrison Crow
Brett Ecker
Melissa Weigle

July 9

Elwood Hoffman
Jay Sixeas

July 10

Emily Bankert
Stephanie Gladfelter
Mary Ann Johnson

July 11

Robert Lewis
Deb Soliday

July 12

Garrett Kolmer
Joan Pore

July 13

Zane Graff
Joan Grimm
Gail Hull
Cindy Hunt

July 14

Marlyn Burdge
Ron Lamb
Carol Merwede

July 15

Adam Hunt
Audrey Jahn
Bradley Kime
James Newman
Tara Reyka

July 16

Brandy Cecil
Susan Sanders

July 17

Anne Simpson
Grant Sanders
Adalyn Smarsh
Adair Toddes

July 18

Dennis Dillman
Fred Guinn
Karen Rohrbaugh
Kevin Schmitz

July 19

Kim Landauer
Carson Pennings
Jewelya Remaley

July 20

Richard Beamer
Tessa Beauchat
Robert Deitch
Herb Laughman
Alexander Nyiri
Dale Smith

July 21

Adelyn Hieber
Sarah Lambert
Ashlyn Sowell

July 22

Daniel Hoffman

July 23

Nancy Coombs
Kris Daniels
Phyllis Dowd
Daniel Murray

July 24

Ann Settle

July 25

Sam McHenry
Patrick Sullivan

July 26

Elizabeth Burke
Rich Fuller
Vann Hinton

Sarah James
Melany LaRochelle

July 27

Nancy Ball

July 28

Darrin Catts
Doris Elledge
Sherry Grim
Carol Heiser
Bonnie Laughman
Peter North

July 29

Braden Unger
Jonelle Warcup

July 30

Savannah Kareha

July 31

Alva Ecker
Drew Hoover
Linda Paul
William Steinour
Jean Sumser
Liam Tindall



THANK YOU:

Thank You

Our GPC Small Group Ministry wants to thank Rev. Chuck Teague for his teaching and leadership in the Sunday evening Word by Word Bible Study. Be watching for details of when this wonderful group will resume in September.

Thank you Chuck!!

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU!

We want to thank Steve Kinsey for his service to the ministry of Contemporary Worship. Steve has been the unsung hero behind the scenes each Sunday at Contemporary Worship as he faithfully operates the Powerpoint programs, and troubleshoots our media and sound needs. Steve has spent countless hours each Saturday setting up equipment and arrives at the church bright and early each Sunday to make sure everything runs smoothly with our audio/visual needs.

Steve will be taking a well-deserved break from operating powerpoint at Contemporary Worship, but he will still be helping out in many other ways in all areas of our church's growing technological needs.

If you see Steve, tell him THANK YOU!

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

The GPC church family is thankful to God for the many volunteers who help make the Contemporary Worship Service happen each week! Through the creative power of the Holy Spirit and the loving dedication of all involved, the CW Service continues to grow and provide inspirational opportunities for connecting to God's Word through music, prayer, scripture, sermons, visual arts and media.

Each Sunday morning, a talented group of volunteer musicians leads the Contemporary Worship Service in song! These individuals practice for several hours each Wednesday evening and again early on Sunday mornings before that Contemporary Service begins at 9:30 a.m. We thank God for their dedication and faithfulness. If you see a Contemporary Music Team member please thank them for all they do in sharing their gifts with the G.P.C. church family. Members of the 2008-2009 Contemporary Music Team: **Dave and Pat Conklin, Beth and Scott Christopher, Linda Thompson, Michelle Lofgren, Leo McGuire, Bill Fitzpatrick, Bruce Rowland, Pat and Rob Lewis, & Grant Sanders**

Thank you to the members of the **TECH TEAM: Steve Kinsey, Bill Fitzpatrick, Vann Hinton, Brian May, Megan Pilarcek and Mike Brubaker.**

Thank you to our USHERS AND GREETERS coordinated by **Doug and Betty Forbeck.**

Thank you to our COMMUNION PREP Team coordinated by **Carol Merwede.**

Thank you to our LITURGISTS who help lead worship coordinated by **Johnna Sanders.**

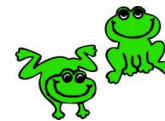
Thank you to **Paulette Brabender** for her gifts of banners and artwork!

Thank you to **Penny Messinger** for compiling announcements and to **Bill Lewis** for creating beautiful announcement loops for projection prior to each service.

WE ARE THANKFUL TO GOD FOR EACH OF YOU!



GPC packed with children celebrating “God’s Wonderful World, In the Beginning...”



During the week of June 21-24, we had 107 children, 34 teen aides, and 62 adults gathered in our church to learn about and celebrate God’s creation. Through drama, songs, lessons, crafts, snacks, and special guests from ZooAmerica, Strawberry Hill Nature Center, Waste Management (the Recycling Robot), and Land of Little Horses, we learned the Biblical story of creation and ways that we can take care of the part of this earth entrusted to us here in PA. The children spent 50 minutes each morning in “The Garden,” where adults and teens helped them with crafts celebrating the beauty of nature.

For our mission project, the children brought in dog and cat food to donate to the Adams County SPCA. Over 110 lbs of food was collected! On Thursday afternoon, 24 kids grades 3-5, seven adults, and 12 teenagers gathered for a pizza lunch, then spent the afternoon at the Catoctin Game Preserve and Zoo. It was muggy, but great fun!

It would be an incredibly long list if we attempted to name all of the adults and teens who made this program possible, but special thanks should go to Paulette Brabender, who made the banners at the entrance to “The Garden” and the backdrop for the morning dramas, Kathy Dudash, who once again planned the crafts, Jen Beegle, who planned and created the morning dramas with the teens, Nancy Cook, who taught the creation, conservation, and recycling lessons each day, Laura Oswald, who taught scripture, Lori McNair, who led the preschool group, Joan Pore, who sewed 107 bags for the kids to collect “God’s treasures” in, Bruce Rowland, who led the praise singing twice each day, and Ned Brownley and crew, who built “toad abodes” with the kids. Bill Tindall created a beautiful mountain glen in the middle of Fellowship Hall, complete with trees, a stream and pool (with goldfishes and crayfish!) Wendy Brubaker was kept incredibly busy finalizing the craft projects, working with each individual craft volunteer, keeping track of supplies, and taking pictures to document the entire VBS.

To the men who set up the lovely wooded area, to the leaders of each group, to the ladies in the kitchen who prepared and served snacks, to the teens who went from drama to leadership roles to crafters without missing a beat each day, to those of you in the congregation who donated time, needed items, money, and moral support, we say “THANK YOU!!” Thank you for caring so much about your church family and for loving these kids enough to get involved in the VBS effort. And THANK YOU Phyllis for inspiring everyone to work together in your absence and keep the tradition of a wonderful GPC Vacation Bible School going strong this year. Your Thursday afternoon visit meant the world to all of us! It was a wonderful week!

Blessings,
Libby Crowe and Pam Rowland

JULY DATES TO REMEMBER

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| | July 4 | Mexico Mission Commissioning |
| | July 5 | OFFICE CLOSED |
| | July 6 | Mexico Mission Team Leaves |
| | July 6 | 9:30 a.m. Sewing Workshop |
| | | 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision |
| | July 7 | 12:00 p.m. Men's Interfaith Luncheon |
| | July 11 | Honduras Report |
| | | South Dakota Commissioning |
| | | Christian Education Team Mtg. |
| | July 12, 19, & 26 | 9:30 a.m. Burden Bears Workshop |
| | July 12 | 7:00 p.m. Cancer Support Group |
| | July 13 | 7:30 a.m. Habitat Board Meeting |
| | | Mexico Mission Team Returns |
| | July 15 | 6:00 a.m. South Dakota Mission Team Leaves |
| | July 18 | Workcamp Report |
| | | 8:00 a.m. GPC leads Amphitheater Worship |
| | July 19 | 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee |
| | July 20 | 7:00 p.m. Personnel & Administration |
| | | 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision |
| | July 22 | 12:00 p.m. Newsletter Deadline |
| | July 25 | Mexico Report |
| | | 9:00 p.m. S. Dakota Mission Team Returns |

Church Parking Lot **C L O S E D** on July 14

Again this year, Wal-Mart is providing a tractor-trailer to take all of the clothing, toys, linens, etc. that you have donated to the Lakota reservation in S. Dakota. Our packing day is Wednesday, July 14. In order to accommodate the tractor-trailer that day, the church parking lot will be closed to all vehicles (except the staff). Thank you for understanding, and thank you for giving so generously to this mission project.

ASK ME

You may have seen the Evangelism Team members on Sundays wearing nametags saying "ASK ME". What's going on? This is part of an effort to make GPC a more welcoming place for guests and anyone looking for more information.

Each Sunday, church guests have questions about classes, services and ministries. Many times, they just can't find where they're going!

So our team will take time between worship services to greet those around them and answer questions.

How can you help?

First, be a welcoming presence. If you don't know someone, introduce yourself.

Second, take a few minutes to look for and greet guests. Look around for a person or couple standing alone in Fellowship Hall. Remember first impressions are often lasting ones.

Third, consider joining our team. You don't need to know everything about the church. A willingness to welcome and help others is the only requirement.

GPC Tech Team Needs You!

We are looking for volunteers to help with our growing technical and media needs in all areas of our church programs! We will train you and provide lots of coffee. If you might be interested and want more information please contact Rev. Lou Nyiri 334-1235, ext. 4 or gpcclou@embarqmail.com.

Help Us On Sundays

We've noticed an increasing amount of congestion in the walk-through area of Fellowship Hall before and after worship services. This may present a hazard to those who have difficulty walking. Whenever possible, please move into the Fellowship Hall for conversations. Thanks!



What Do Stephen Ministers Do?

Stephen Ministers are members of GPC who have gone through 50 hours of training to provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to people who are facing a crisis or simply going through a difficult time. Your Stephen Minister will meet with you once a week for around an hour to listen to you, care for you, pray with and for you, and provide emotional and spiritual encouragement. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. 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 gpcclou@embarqmail.com). Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life.

Congratulations to Ken & Pat Hickey
who will celebrate their
50th wedding anniversary
on July 30th.

SUMMER CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP UNPLUGGED

During the months of July and August, Contemporary Worship will turn down the amps while still tuning into the Spirit! Join us at 9:30 in the sanctuary for a refreshing time of creative worship, prayer and praise. We have several guest musicians scheduled to lead us in song! We will also be taking a break from technology and powerpoint and we will follow a simple, relaxed order of worship. We will look forward to seeing you each week!

“LET THE PEOPLE PRAISE OUR GOD”!
follow a simple, relaxed order of worship.
We will look forward to seeing you each week!

Visioning and Long-Range Planning Team

Our Visioning and Long-Range Planning Team is beginning their work of discerning where God is leading us in the next 3-5 years as a congregation. Please keep them in your prayers! Teams members are: Ann Cowden, Allen Duncan, Gail Hull, Steve Kahara, Brian May, Dennis Meckley, Linda Thompson, and Pastor Dave.

BETHEL BIBLE COURSE

A terrific opportunity for a comprehensive study of the Bible is available to you this fall during the Sunday School hour. The Bethel Bible Study begins on September 12. The Bethel Course offers three seven-week studies on the Old Testament in the 2010-2011 church program year followed by three seven-week studies in the New Testament for 2011-2012. Because this course involves a study of the Bible, you will be required to do reading at home each week. We ask that you commit to a year with the group when you register for the Bethel Course. About 320 GPCers have taken this course over the years.

The following testimonial by Mary Flinner speaks to the spiritual and practical value of the Bethel course:

Reading is one of my favorite pastimes, but when my husband Lee asked me to take the Bethel class with him, I was worried because I usually concentrate on the NY Times bestsellers. Nevertheless, I agreed to give it a try. Even though the Bible can be difficult to read at times, there is something in it for everyone—war, romance, philosophy, history, biography, etc.

I had previously tried to read the Bible on my own, but found it too confusing. With Bethel, it was so much easier because a lesson accompanies each chapter and the class discussions help to clarify questions. My favorite lesson was “Jesus the Man”. The course definitely strengthened my faith. Even more rewarding than the reading, however, was getting to know my fellow classmates. What a terrific group of people! The Bible may not be on the N.Y. Times bestseller list, but it is certainly one of the most interesting and widely read books ever written.

For more information, contact Libby Crowe at 334-1235, ext. 5 or sign up for Bethel using the tear off below.

Bethel Bible Course

____ Yes I / we want to enroll in the Bethel Course beginning on September 12th.

I understand that the first Bethel series will be held Sundays at 9:30 a.m. from September 12 - October 24.

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

July Music Schedule

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| July 4 | Judy Morris and Rachel Parmentier |
| July 11 | Linda MacAskill and Christian Swartzbaugh |
| July 18 | Bethany Kolmer and Nick Telenson |
| July 25 | Susan Burton and Larry Bullis |

Mexico Mission Trip Update

Mexico Team Leaves July 6.



Please keep our Mexico team members in your prayers as they leave for the small village of Mexil, Yucatan, Mexico. They will be helping to build houses, running a Vacation Bible School, distributing glasses to those who need them, as well as worshiping and fellowshiping with our Mexican brothers and sisters in Christ. They will return on July 13. Team members are: Sharon Baker, Mike Brubaker, Bruce Canaga, Christine Canaga, Alexandra Chandon, Joan Chandon, Sal Chandon, Ron Hankey, Debra Meckley, Andy Miner, John Morgan, Marna Morgan, Doug Rhodes, Drew Stone, Jess Stone, Julio Suarez, Amy Wenninger, and Dave Wright. If you would like to send a note to anyone going on the trip, drop it by the church office by Monday, July 5, and we will hand carry it with us. No packages- just small notes!!

Wed report in worship about our trip on July 25, and give a more detailed presentation during the 9:30AM hour on Aug. 1 in the MacAskill Room.

Haiti Mission Trips

Several week-long ecumenical trips to Haiti have been scheduled between now and Nov. 2. Some trips include construction work, others are medical and dental. For more information, go to the Presbytery website (www.carlislepy.org), click on "home" and then on "Ecumenical Haiti Relief Effort" in the white sections.

Lend-a-Hand Sponsors Mission Trips to Nashville (flood relief) Trips will take place July 11-17 and Aug. 8-14. Go to www.lendahand.org for more information.

From now through August 27 Penny Messinger, GPC's Administrative Assistant, is on "summer hours" which are: Mon. - Thurs. 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. & off on Fridays.

SUMMER GATHERING FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN CARLISLE PRESBYTERY

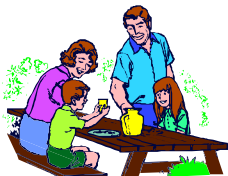
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Harrisburg PA

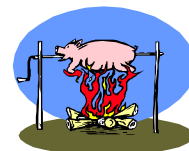
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| 9:30 - 11 AM | Registration, Business Meeting, Sharing Report of Synod Gathering |
| 11 AM | Heaven and Hope in Revelation - The 2010-2011 Bible Study in Horizons |
| Noon | Light Lunch |
| 1 PM | Horizons skit and Bring an apron and enjoy a time of fellowship and reflection with "Grandma's Apron" |

Contact Charlotte Winsheimer (334-334-6675) for a ride or directions.

Ladies, take a 1-hour break to meet with some longtime friends and make some new friends with other ladies in ecumenical fellowship at the next monthly meeting of **Church Women United** on **Wed, July 7, 2010** at noon at the Gettysburg United Methodist Church on West High Street. The meeting begins with a (\$2) light lunch followed by this month's guest speaker, Terry Guberman from Comfort Keepers who will update us on services, safety, and alert devices available for remaining safely at home. Newcomers are always welcome . no reservations needed. (Park behind church in non-numbered spaces.) For further info, contact Rachel at 334-3415.



**RALLY DAY
CHURCH PICNIC & PIG ROAST
SEPTEMBER 12, 2010**



Plan to stop by Fellowship Hall before or after you worship and check out the displays of the many ministries and missions of this church. RALLY DAY is a great chance to learn more about **your** church family, meet new people, and enjoy our kickoff to a new year of activities and service in Jesus' name. It's also a good time to introduce a friend you know who is looking for a church family so that they can learn about all we offer here and, more important, all God is doing here @ GPC.

Our annual ALL CHURCH PICNIC & PIG ROAST will be held at the Ag Center pavilion on Old Harrisburg Road (across from the Weis Market & HACC Campus) from 1:00 . 3:00 pm.

Together we will be kicking off the Church year with fellowship, food and fun games!!

Bring a friend while you are at it!!!

**Last name beginning with A – J bring a dessert
Last name beginning with K – Z bring a salad or side dish**

*(In order to have enough food, the Fellowship Team respectfully requests
your dish be large enough to serve 8 – 12 people.)*

Bring your own complete place setting(s) and serving utensil for your dish.

Let us know the number in your party attending by contacting Rev Nyiri at 334-1235 ext 4, gpclou@embarqmail.com, or use the tear off form below.

**ALL CHURCH PICNIC & PIG ROAST
Sunday, September 12, 2010; 1 – 3 pm**

Name _____

I will be at the picnic on Sunday, September 12 at the Ag Center. There will be _____ in my party.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

 **Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, July 22, 2010**

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| July 2010 | |
| GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE | |
| Traditional Services @ 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. | |
| Contemporary Service @ 9:30 a.m. | |
| 7/4 | God and Country (Jer. 29, Phil. 3) |
| 7/11 | God's Covenant with Abraham (Gen. 12) |
| | Honduras Mission Report |
| 7/18 | High School Workcamp Report |
| 7/25 | Abraham's Deal with God (Gen. 18) |
| | Mexico Mission Report |
| 8/1 | God Will Provide a Lamb (Gen. 22) |