

GRAPEVINE

September 8, 2010

Last Tuesday I spent several hours at the hearing of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board which is considering the possibility of a casino coming to Gettysburg. (I spoke against it.) I was pleased to see a good number of GPC members at that hearing! Several of them spoke to the board. Presbyterians have always believed that there is a public dimension to our faith. Presbyterians were involved in the American Revolution. Presbyterians were active in abolishing slavery. Presbyterians were active in Prohibition, the Civil Rights movement, and the anti-war movement during the Viet Nam conflict. Presbyterians believe that advocating for the common good is part of what it means to be a Presbyterian.

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But what happens when we disagree about what constitutes the common good? What do we do about our deep divides over issues like abortion, capital punishment, immigration policy, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and homosexuality? Later this month I will begin a class entitled, "From Confrontation to Conversation: A Course in Christian Ethics." We'll look at some of these "hot button" issues and also look more deeply at HOW Christians make ethical and moral decisions about complex matters. I hope you can join us on six Mondays beginning Sept. 27 from 7-8:15PM (note date change). You can sign up for the class in Fellowship Hall after worship. It's what we Presbyterians do!

Pastor Dave

Phyllis Starts Work!

We are thrilled to report that our DCE, Phyllis Dowd, began working part-time on Sept. 1! Libby Crowe will continue to work part-time with Phyllis for the next few months while Phyllis gets back into the swing of things. We will celebrate Phyllis's return on Sunday, Sept. 26 with receptions after each worship service. Welcome back, Phyllis, and thanks be to God for your healing!

THANK YOU:

Summer is a time when many efforts are directed to projects and tasks to get ready for the program year. This summer was no exception. While some results are obvious, such as the walkway into Pi House, others are less obvious, but equally as important. While Steve Reinheimer and Scott McPherson were the lead people, the efforts and contributions of others also made things happen. Thanks go to Ross Brownley, Steve Redding, Bill Fitzpatrick, Steve Kinsey, Lucy Breighner, Allen Duncan, Lee Weber, Gary Morrison and all the Staff and Congregation Members who adjusted their activity and schedules to accommodate the needs.

The Property Committee thanks all and appreciates the contributions of all.

Dear GPC Family,

I want to thank you for the outpouring of care and concern since my cancer diagnosis. Thank you so much for your continued prayers and thoughtfulness, including all the visits, emails, cards and meals. Although there is more treatment ahead of me, I am blessed to have had great progress in battling this cancer in the first 6 months since my diagnosis.

I have no doubt that the support of this church family has helped greatly. My family and I are grateful to be a part of an amazing church family & we are blessed to have a caring and wonderful Lord.

Love,
Susie Snyder

Visioning and Long-Range Planning Team Update

Our Visioning and Planning team has met four times so far. Members of the team are: Ann Cowden, Allen Duncan, Steve Kareha, Gail Hull, Brian May, Dennis Meckley, Linda Thompson, and Pastor Dave. Their task is to discern where God is leading GPC over the next few years. They have started by exploring the biblical mission of the church as well as our Book of Order. Soon they'll begin exploring needs in our community. Feel free to contact any team members with your ideas!

Condolences:

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Nancy Cook on the recent death of her father.

Eve Small on the death of her cousin.

Undergraduate Student Care Packages



Gone but not forgotten. School has started. Our college students may not be here at church, but we want them to know that they are still very much in our thoughts and prayers. We can do this through our College Care Packages. If you have a college student that you would like to receive one, just fill out the following form and return it to the church office or contact Bev Weber. (bandlweber@aol.com) Final responses are due by Oct 24 for an early November delivery.

Thank you advance for your help.

Return the following information to Bev by Oct. 24th.

Name of Student _____

Postal Mail Address of Student _____

Email Address of Student _____

Food Allergies of Student _____

Parent's Name & Phone Contact: _____

NEW !! Sunday School at 11:00 a.m.!!

Why have Sunday School at 11:00 a.m.? Don't we already have Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.? Yes, that's true - but many of our members prefer the Contemporary Worship Service which coincides with our traditional Sunday School hour. We think Christian education is so important for all ages that we want to make sure everyone has the opportunity to study the Bible with others.

So below is our schedule for 11:00 a.m. Sunday School this fall. Please come and check it out. It will add another dimension to your Sunday morning at GPC.

Class

- * Ages 2 & 3
- * Ages 4 - Grade 1
- * Grades 2 - 5

Location

- Preschool Room
- Lower Sunday School Wing
- Lower Sunday School Wing

(*These will be combined with the Children's Church programs traditionally offered at this time.)

Class

Grades 6 - Adult

Location

MacAskill Room

SCOUTING THE DIVINE - Explore how ancient livelihoods illuminate meaningful Christian truths that apply to life today. This is a six-week DVD study based on the book "Scouting The Divine". Copies will be available for purchase.

With the addition of 11:00 Sunday School, your whole family can worship together at 9:30 a.m. and go to individual classes at 11:00. Or your children can go to the traditional Sunday School while you attend Contemporary Worship at 9:30 and then all of you go to Sunday School at 11:00. (The curriculum for the children's Sunday School at 11:00 is different from 9:30.)

This is a new concept for GPC, so we hope you'll give it a try. Then give us your feedback. We need your ideas on how this program can effectively enrich our faith community and our individual lives as Christians.

ô The Christian Education Team

Six Choices for Adult Sunday School this Fall!

Adults at GPC have three options for Sunday School this fall and, for the first time, two possible times to attend class.

- Due to popular demand, "The Wired Word" class will resume at 9:30 a.m. in the upstairs Calvin House front classroom. This class relates current events to relevant Scripture passages and encourages group dialogue on how the verses covered each week relate to everyday life.
- A six-week series based on the book Scouting the Divine will be held in the MacAskill room at 9:30 a.m. and again at 11:00 a.m. This series sheds light on the ancient world of the bible and professions like shepherding and beekeeping, and what we can learn from these professions today.
- The first year of the Bethel Series will be held in the upstairs third-floor classroom at 9:30 a.m.
- Men's and Women's Bible classes will continue to be held in the library and first-floor Paideia House at 9:30 a.m.
- A discussion class for Young Married couples will continue to be held in Eisenhower Lounge at 9:30 a.m.

RUMMAGE SALE

Please start saving things

for the Rummage Sale!

OCTOBER 15th & 16th

Drop off begins

Monday, October 11th.



***** LAST REMINDER *****

RALLY DAY—CHURCH PICNIC & PIG ROAST THIS SUNDAY, 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'll learn about all we offer here and, more important, all God is doing here @ GPC.

All-Church Picnic & Pig Roast is THIS SUNDAY from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Ag Center on Old Harrisburg Rd. If your last name begins with the letter A - J bring a dessert to share, if it begins with the letter K - Z bring a salad or side dish. If you're coming to the picnic contact Rev. Lou Nyiri in the church office at 334-1235 or gpclou@embarqmail.com with the number in your party and what you are bringing, so we have enough food.

Together we will be kicking off the Church year with fellowship, food and fun games!! Bring a friend while you're at it!!!

September Music Schedule

Sept. 12	8:15	Early Choir
	11:00	Adult Choir
Sept. 19	8:15	Early Choir
	11:00	Adult Choir
Sept. 26	8:15	Sue Lindsay and Bonnie Wright
	11:00	Youth Choir Youth Bell Choir

The Early and Adult Choirs took a much deserved vacation this summer. While the choir members had R&R, some members of our congregation shared with us the gifts that God has given them. We thank Leo McGuire, Judy Morris, Rachel Parmentier, Amy Heiber, Linda MacAskill, Christian Swartzbaugh, Tammi Swartzbaugh, Bethany Kolmer, Nick Telen-son, Larry Bullis, Bonnie Wright, Laura Pennings, Hannah Zorn, Beth Jones, Jean LeGros, Kyleigh Grim, Barry Wareham, Carrie Trax and Amy Hieber for giving of their talents.

**YOUNG AT HEART
OCTOBER 14th 2010**

Young at Heart - In October we will be traveling to the Allenberry Playhouse in Boiling Springs for a lunch buffet and a play entitled "Over the River and Through the Woods," a comedy that explores family relationships between grandparents and grandchildren. The cost of lunch and the show including tax and gratuities will be \$49 per person. We will carpool from the church using the church van and cars as needed, meeting at the church at 10:15 AM and leaving no later than 10:30. The lunch buffet will begin at 11:30 AM and the show starts at 1:00 PM. Since we have to book this in advance, we ask that those interested in attending please mail a check to Dick Wisor at 7 Preserve Drive, Littlestown, PA 17340, arriving no later than **September 27th**. Checks should be made payable to Gettysburg Presbyterian Church. Any questions can be directed to Dick Wisor at 717-359-8896.

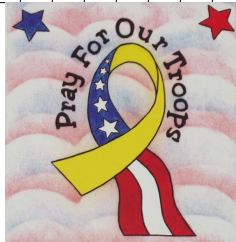
NURSERY NEWS

Some reminders that will help our nursery run more smoothly:

1. We urge **ALL** parents to take a pager when you drop your child off in the nursery. Even if your child is a regular attendee, there may be other circumstances that cause your child to need you on a particular day.
2. Keep your pager in a visible place next to you in the sanctuary.
3. Please answer your pager promptly.
4. Remember to bring your pager back when you pick up your child. Then the pager won't be buzzing in your car!

Blessings,
Phyllis

Military Personnel Prayer Board



You may have noticed the Military Personnel Prayer Board in our Fellowship Hall (right above the Sunday morning coffee service table). The names and faces on this board change to reflect those loved ones within our church family who are called into active duty so that we can remember them in our personal prayers. If you've not yet seen the display, stop by some Sunday morning and reflect on the names and faces you see there. Each name and face is special to someone in this congregation. When you leave, make a conscious choice to commit to pray for the persons listed on that board.

The current list of names we know who have been deployed are: Aaron Conklin (we rejoice that Aaron has returned stateside and his current tour of duty is over), Andrew Keller, Jared Kern, Anthony LaRochelle, Tammy Schwartz, Andrew Weigle and Stephanie Willenbrock.

If there is a name we are missing from this list, please get a name and photo to Rev. Lou Nyiri. His email is gpclou@embarqmail.com or you can mail this information to him in the church office (208 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg, PA 17325).

Youth Club Starts September 15th!

Youth Club is our after-school program for children in Grades 3-5, held every Wednesday during the school year. The program includes snack, Bible activities and small groups, free time, Bible games and other games, and dinner. Singing and handbell choirs follow dinner for those who are interested. The regular program runs from 3:15 - 5:45 p.m. and extends to 6:45 p.m. for those interested in the music opportunities.

Youth Club is a program of fun, faith, food and fellowship. It is also an opportunity for children to participate in a less-formal church setting.

If you have any questions or would like to enroll your child, contact Phyllis Dowd 334-1235, ext. 5 or gpcdce@embarqmail.com. We welcome all children in this fun, high-energy program.

NEW YORK CITY DAY BUS TRIP

Sponsored by the Fellowship Team



WHEN:	Saturday, November 27, 2010
TIME:	5:30 a.m. leave from the church parking lot 7:00 p.m. leave New York City for Gettysburg
COST:	\$40.00 per person
SIGN-UP:	Call the church office to reserve your spot
CONTACT PERSON:	Rev. Lou Nyiri - 334-1235, ext. 4

Spend the day on your own. See a show, shop, visit museums or see the sights!
We only have room for 47 people, so sign up soon!

"Seek Peace & Pursue It" 2010 Peacemaking Offering

Actively and intentionally this year's peacemaking offering will "Seek Peace & Pursue It". We will be supporting five missions involved in peacemaking efforts through this year's offering. We hope to send at least \$800.00 to each of the following ministries:

- **Soup Kitchen** - serving over 1,000 meals a month locally to those who are hungry.
- **Survivors Inc.** - local shelter and support for those experiencing domestic violence cycle or sexual assault.
- **South Central Community Action Programs**
 - **Homeless Shelter** - Begun in 1991, this ministry has helped over 3,000 people develop plans for living outside of the shelter once their stay in the shelter is over.
 - **Food Pantry** - Serving 1,100 people per month in Gettysburg and over 2,200 per month throughout all of the Adams County pantries.
- **Meals-n-More** - a summer outreach of the Soup Kitchen which seeks to serve some of our younger community members by offering a meal and spiritual formation.

In addition to the above, we will forward a portion of the offering to the Presbyterian Church (USA) to support the larger effort of peacemaking throughout the world.

If every member gives \$5.00 (over a 30 day period, that's 17 cents a day) we will meet this year's goal of \$4,000.00. Prayerfully consider how you will support these ministries this year. **Use the envelope included** in this newsletter and return it on Sept. 26th when we will receive the 2010 Peacemaking Offering.

Presbyterian Women Fall Salad Luncheon

Sept. 28th @ 12:00 p.m.

The PW Fall Salad Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, September 28th at noon in Fellowship Hall. Ladies, bring your favorite salad (Serving 8) and we'll furnish everything else. Our speaker will be Tim Smith, LBG, who will describe the townpeople's perspective during the battle. He will also highlight our church's important role. There will be a sign-up sheet on Rally Day at the PW table. All women of the church are cordially invited to attend.



Faithful Journey Book Group

The Faithful Journey Book Group's next selection is Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life by B. Kingsolver. Discussion date is Sunday, September 26th at 12:15 p.m. in the MacAskill Room. Our leaders will be dietician Eleanor Pella and GPC member Janet Dewar. Books are available for \$13.00 in the church office.

EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP

Next Exploring Membership Class will be held on Sunday afternoon Sept. 19. Contact the church office to register (334-1235).

You are invited!

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to be a part of the Youth Choir and/or Youth Bell Choir.

Our 1st get-together will be on September 12th at Noon for the Youth Vocal and Bell Choirs

If you have questions, you may contact Becky at bbwareham@embarqmail.com

Let me know if you plan to attend so that I can have music for you.



**Kids Club for Children in Kindergarten - Grade 2
October 5 - November 2**




Kids Club is a time of fun, friendship, Bible stories, scripture activities, crafts, and games under the leadership of Pam Rowland. We will offer two identical programs for our Fall series, "The Adventures of Paul". These programs will be held every Tuesday from October 5 - November 2, one from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. and the other from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.. Both programs are for children in Kindergarten - Grade 2 and will be held downstairs in the Sunday School Area.

Registration forms will be mailed out later this week. If your child is interested in Kids Club and you do not receive a registration form, please call Phyllis in the church office (334-1235, ext. 5) or pick one up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. There is no fee and the program is open to any child in Kindergarten - Grade 2 who is interested, but we do need to know who is coming. Hope your child can join us for this church activity for younger members.

— Blessings, Phyllis

SHIP and Mid-Ship for September

September 12	9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Sunday School Begins & Rally Day	
	1:00-3:00 p.m.	All Church Picnic and Pig Roast at Ag Center. No evening SHIP or mid-Ship	
September 19	5:30-6:30 p.m.	SHIP/Mid-Ship Registration and Information Night. Come in, bring your parents, and make Ice Cream Sundaes!!	
September 26	4:00 -8:00p.m.	SHIP & Mid-Ship Parent & Youth Night - "Straight Talk for Parents & Youth - Warning Signs of Depression & Suicide"	
(Registration requested for this event - call Rev. Nyiri @ 334-1235 with name & number attending this educational afternoon)			
October 3	5:30-7:00 p.m.	SHIP/Mid-Ship Picnics (More info. at the 9/19 Registration Night)	

The following is an advertisement by Rev. Lou Nyiri for an upcoming parent-youth event to be held in our church:

Str8 Tlk 4 Xtian yth
(Straight Talk for Christian Youth...and Their Parents)

As a child, I remember my grandfather doing something peculiar whenever he heard a noise coming from his car that sounded out of the ordinary - he would turn the volume up on the radio until he could no longer hear the noise. I guess, in his mind, *if he didn't hear the problem, then there was no problem.* Many people live their lives this way - ignoring potentially life-threatening things because they simply choose *not to hear the warning signs.*

According to their Spring 2009 "Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Survey" the Center for Disease Control discovered the following information with regard to Teen Depression and Suicide:

26.1% of students, grade 9-12, felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for 2 or more weeks in a row that they stopped doing some usual activities (during the previous 12 months before the survey).

13.8% of students seriously considered suicide in the previous 12 months

10.9% of students made a suicide plan in the previous 12 months

6.3% of students made one or more suicide attempts in the previous 12 months

1.9% of students made at least one suicide attempt in the previous 12 months that required medical attention

A quick Google search on "teenage depression and suicide statistics" resulted in the following:

About 5 percent of teens are suffering from major depression at any one time

Many teens with depression (higher than 30 percent) also develop a substance abuse problem.

Untreated depression is the number one cause of suicide, the third leading cause of death among teenagers.

90 percent of suicide victims suffer from a mental illness, and suffering from depression can make a teenager as much as 12 times more likely to attempt suicide.

Less than 33 percent of teens with depression get help, yet 80 percent of teens with depression can be successfully treated if they seek help from a doctor or therapist, and many local health clinics offer free or discounted treatment for teens with depression.

The reality of depression and suicide is so vital and alarming to our children's well-being, to our families and our society that we cannot ignore the conversation anymore. With that in mind, I invite our middle and high school youth and their parents to put September 26th from 4-8PM on your family calendar and attend the **Str8 tlk 4 Xtian yth** (Straight Talk for Christian Youth *and their parents*) here at GPC. Parents and youth will meet together and separately in order to become better prepared both as families and friends to respond should they learn of someone they know who is wrestling with depression and/or suicidal thoughts.

Dinner will be provided so we need an accurate attendance list prior to the event. Call or email me how many from your family will be participating in this event. **Please register by September 19th.** My contact information is as follows: gpclou@embarqmail.com or 717-334-1235, ext. 4.

PW CIRCLES

Elizabeth Circle

Monday, September 20, 1:00 p.m.

Paideia House, 1st floor, front

Study Leader: Sarah Lambert

Lesson 1: Revelation 1



Mary Martha Circle

Monday, September 20, 7:30 p.m.

Hostess: Bonnie Wright

58 Friendship Lane

Gettysburg, PA

398-2411

Study Leader: Bev Weber

Lesson 1: Revelation 1

Esther Circle

Thursday, September 16, 9:30 a.m.

Eisenhower Lounge at GPC

Study Leader: Rachel Parmentier

Lesson 1: Revelation 1

Lunch 11:30 at Café St. Amand

Be Part of Our New Congregational Notification System!

We are putting together a system to notify the congregation of major prayer concerns as well as emergency announcements by email. If you would like to be part of this system, fill out and tear off the paper below, put your email on the list in Fellowship Hall, or email it to T.J. Remaley at tjremaley@gmail.com. If you signed up, but haven't received an email yet, please let us know.


Congregational Notification System

Name: _____ Email address: _____

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 **Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, September 16, 2010**

September 2010
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Traditional Services @ 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.
Contemporary Service @ 9:30 a.m.

9/12 ~~%~~ Radical Way of Being Church+(1 Cor. 12)
9/19 Prayer: An Introduction (Fall sermon series on the Lord's Prayer begins)
9/26 Lord's Prayer: God as Father (Matthew 6:9)

“Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name!”