

GRAPEVINE

October 6, 2010

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear.
Stories I ask him to tell me if he were here
Scenes by the wayside, Tales by the sea
Stories of Jesus, Tell them to me.
(William Parker 1885)

As a young child sitting in the pew during Sunday worship with my mother and brothers, I knew the hymn written above by heart. And when the organist blasted the tune and the congregation sang the words, this signaled the time that I could run to the front of the red carpeted chancel for the Children's Sermon. I was eager to get a front row seat in anticipation of the Bible stories that would be told—stories about Noah and the Ark, and Moses in the bulrushes—stories about the Wisemen, the 12 Disciples, and Jesus and the children.

After telling the story, the person giving the message would in some way connect the Bible story to us by reminding us that the stories of the Bible were promises of God's presence in our everyday lives. In those moments we were taught that The Message of all the stories in the Bible was about God's love that will never let us go.

As an adult, I still love to hear the stories of the Bible and I love to tell and share those stories with others. It is my joy to think about creative ways we might tell the Gospel in worship and proclaim the love of God in Christ to a hurting world. Stories can be told not just with words but with images and music, and especially by the way we live our lives.

In the next few weeks as I finish up my official duties as one of your associate pastors, I want to thank you all for opportunities you have given me to see the Gospel modeled in your lives. Thank you for your faithfulness to God. May we remember that nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. May we remember that all our stories connect us together as the Body of Christ. May we all continue to tell the stories of Jesus with imagination and love!

Faithfully yours,

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New Members

Elizabeth Bergen
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Gettysburg, PA 17325
Children: Meredith & James
487-4505

Chris & Jennifer Fernandes
939 Boyds School Rd.
Gettysburg, PA 17325
Children: Abigail, Isabella, & Henry
549-3678

Scott & Sarah Foster
1023 Burnside Dr.
Gettysburg, PA 17325
Children: Kegan & Mackenzie
334-6524

Allan Kawala
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Gettysburg, PA 17325
253-8737



Jim & Ellen Raggets
120 Drummond Lane
Hanover, PA 17331
634-5861

Please detach the above section and put it in your current Church Directory.

THANK YOU:

Thanks for my Warm Reception & Homecoming!

My family and I have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of support by our church family following my accident last February. Added to that was a wonderful reception on September 26 in Fellowship Hall. Thanks to Cindi Knouse and Carolyn Durboraw for decorations, punch, coordinating, serving, and clean-up at the reception and thanks to Susan Kolmer for ordering those wonderful cakes!

I will never forget what each member of this church has done for me and my family. Thank you for all your prayers, your encouragement, your cards, your food, your gifts, and your support in so many different ways. You lifted me up with your prayers and welcomed me home to GPC with open arms. What a wonderful faith community!

Love, Phyllis

Thank you to the "Retirees" and the Newcomers

A very special thank you goes to Ann Cowden and Ande Flagg who have completed their term as Co-Sunday School Superintendents. We appreciate their faithful commitment and service.

And welcome to Carole Simon & Jen Kareha who are serving as our new Co-Sunday School Superintendents. Thanks also to Heather Tschop who prepares our Sunday School class signs each year.

All of these servants are a blessing to us and more importantly to GPC!
 Gratefully,
 Phyllis



SPECIAL THANKS to Paulette and Tom Brabender for our beautiful new banner rack. Tom designed and built the rack that now stores Paulette's original hand-painted banners for Contemporary Worship.



Thank you to Bill Lewis for his great work in creating power point announcement loops for Contemporary Worship over the past two years!

Thanks, Wendy!

Did you notice that someone has been sprucing up our bulletin boards? That person is Wendy Brubaker. Thanks, Wendy, for your display of Sunday School class pictures in Fellowship Hall and new bulletin board displays outside and inside the nursery. We look forward to more new displays in the future!

The new Photo Directory has arrived!

Anyone who has their photo in the directory receives a free directory. If you have not picked up your 2010 Photo Directory please stop by Fellowship Hall between services and look for the directory with your name on it.

Thank you for helping us make this a successful publication. How wonderful to now be able to identify those with whom we worship. As an added bonus, because of your participation, Life Touch donated \$246 to our local soup kitchen and food pantry through their Feed the Need promotion. Thank you for helping to make this happen. We had 249 families participate. This was an outstanding turnout. We exceeded their expectation and our percent of families photographed was much higher than the national average. One more indication of the commitment of GPC members and friends.

Thank you to the committee: Kathy Dudash, Bev Weber, Sheryl Suplee and also to Candace Veon-Nyiri for so many of the photos.

CONDOLENCES:

Our thoughts and prayers are with Lynn Weary on the death of her husband and Bette Fissel on the death of her son-in-law.

Stewardship Campaign - "The Joy of Giving"

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind,
not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver. - 2 Corinthians 9:7

On October 17 we will introduce this year's stewardship campaign. The theme is "The Joy of Giving." (Many of the cooks in the congregation may see some visual similarities to The Joy of Cooking cookbook!) We will explore our personal relationships with God that make it a joy to give our time, talents and treasure in our active commitment to GPC's mission.

Our congregation's stewardship is and always has been important in carrying out our church's ministries and mission. Our stewardship is also important because it will support the proposed 2011 budget that Session is preparing. More details about that will be sent to you later this month.

Over the weeks leading up to Pledge Sunday on November 14th, everyone will have the opportunity to take part in the recipe for Joyful Giving. We hope you will read the stewardship messages in the bulletin and Grapevine, hear the weekly minutes for stewardship and reflect on the new banner in the sanctuary.

As one member of the GPC family told in a joyful giving story, "In many of our ministries at GPC (workday, vacation Bible school, Habitat for Humanity, choir, Black's Graveyard maintenance), a need arose but also an opportunity to serve. In each there is a joy of giving to others in an effort to walk humbly with God. It is one thing to say I believe but quite another to follow through in our daily lives."

God loves a cheerful giver! We look forward to sharing this message with you in the coming weeks.

With gratitude,

The Stewardship Team: Chrissy Ely, Sherry Farkas, Jeff Hieber, Jean LeGros, Peter North and Frank Pizzuto

Celebration



Enclosed in this newsletter is a Celebration Giving envelope.

While the Thank Offering supports worldwide causes, the Celebration Giving offering is local, and supports our church's Presbyterian Women's group and our events. The Rummage and Bake sales do fund a good part of this, but we also depend on your generous "Celebration Giving" for such things as food and supplies for the May Banquet, Spring Tea, Fall Luncheon, Women's Sunday speakers and entertainers for other events. We also send annual gifts to Adams County Charities at Christmas.

Thank you, and remember PW activities are open to ALL women in our church. Please join us.

PW Fall Gathering in Carlisle Presbytery

Lower Path Valley
Presbyterian Church
Fannettsburg, PA

- 9:00 a.m. Registration
 - 9:30 a.m. Business Meeting, Time of Sharing
 - 11:00 a.m. Morning Program
Veeda Javid, Executive Director of Presbyterian Education Board will speak on her challenges working in Pakistan
 - Noon Light Lunch provided
 - 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Program
Joy Temple Ray, our Synod of the Trinity representative on the USA Mission Experience will speak on her experience in South Dakota
 - 2:00 p.m. Closing
- Call Charlotte Winsheimer (334-6675) or Sarah Lambert (334-4667) for a ride or directions.

PW CIRCLES

Elizabeth Circle

Monday, October 18, 1:00 p.m.
Paideia House, 1st floor, front room
Hostess & Study Leader: Joan Pore
Lesson 2: Revelation Chapters 2 & 3

Mary Martha Circle

Monday, October 18, 7:30 p.m.
Hostess: Carolyn Hankey
205 Tiffany Lane
Gettysburg, PA 17325
334-6108
Study Leader: Bev Weber
Lesson 2: Revelation Chapters 2 & 3

Esther Circle

Thursday, October 21, 9:30 a.m.
Eisenhower Lounge at GPC
Study Leader: Charlotte Winsheimer
Lesson 2: Revelation Chapters 2 & 3



Upcoming Events:

October Music Schedule

Oct. 10	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
Oct. 17	8:15 a.m.	Chapel Bell Choir Chapel Choir Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
Oct. 24	8:15 a.m.	Adult Bell Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Youth Choir Youth Bell Choir
Oct. 31	8:15 a.m.	Flute Choir Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Flute Choir Adult Choir

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

September - October

October 10	5:30-7:00 p.m.	Fellowship
October 17	5:30-7:00 p.m.	Fellowship
October 24	5:30-7:00 p.m.	Car Chase
October 31	5:30-7:00 p.m.	Halloween Party

MidSHIP Schedule

September - October

October 10	5:30-7:00 p.m.	Fellowship/Games
October 17	5:30-7:00 p.m.	Bowling *
October 24	5:30-7:00 p.m.	Fellowship/Games
October 31	5:30-7:00 p.m.	Halloween Party

*Bring \$6 to cover costs. Meet at the church and return to the church at 7:00 p.m.

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 12 people, so sign up soon!

Kenya Missionaries

Ben and Emily Okello, missionaries we support in Kenya, Africa, will be in the area from Nov. 3-13. We have homes to host them through Nov. 10, but would like to find another host for Nov. 10-12.

This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know and encourage our missionaries! Please contact Don Scofield at 632-5227.

Looking Ahead to Mexico



We are in the process of choosing dates for our Mexico 2011 trip. If you are interested in participating in this year's trip, please let Pastor Dave know of your interest and also any dates you would not be available next summer. We do not need a commitment from you at this time. You can contact Pastor Dave at 334-1235, ext. 3 or gpcpastordave@embarqmail.com.

Grief Support Series Begins October 31st

We will once again offer our four-week grief support group entitled: "Dealing with Grief and Loss: Hope in the Midst of Pain." The group will be lead by Charlotte Winsheimer, Anne Gallon and Lou Nyiri, three of our Stephen Ministry Leaders. We will meet on Sunday evenings from October 31st through November 21st in the Crane Library from 7-8:00 p.m. The group is open to anyone who has experienced death or loss of a spouse or loved one and who would be interested in exploring their experience further with others in the same situation.

If you have any questions or wish to sign up for the group, please contact Lou Nyiri at 334-1235, ext. 4 or gpclou@embarqmail.com.

PW Rummage and Bake Sale October 15 & 16

Please call Kathy Kircher 357-1175 to volunteer to help with the sale. We will need brown bags. Please no toxic substances or items that require special handling for disposal. **Bring only items that work, are clean and in good condition.**

Rummage and plant sale: Friday, Oct. 15, 8:30 to 5:00, Sat. Oct. 16, 8:30 to noon. Lunch will be served on Friday.

Drop-offs: Monday, Oct. 11, put everything in the corner next to the main outside entrance in Fellowship Hall. **Deadline for drop-offs is Thursday, Oct. 14 by noon.**

Marking and sorting will take place Tuesday—Thursday 8:30 a.m. —5:00 p.m.

Baked goods: Drop off by 8 a.m. Friday or the night before if frozen.

Plants: May drop off Mon. or Tues., but be sure they are moist. Wed. and Thurs. is the best time to bring them.

Clean-up: Saturday Oct. 16 noon until complete.

Volunteers are needed!!! The more help, the faster and easier big projects get done. Please call Kathy if you can help.

Thank you for your support of this worthwhile PW Project.



SEE YOU AT THE SALE!!!!

Attention all Parents of Middle School & High School Students!

A new group is forming for any that might be interested in meeting for dinner while your youth are at Mid-Ship/Ship. Simply drop your youth at the church and come join us for dinner at a local restaurant and a time of fellowship to discuss any topics that might be of interest to the group. Specifically, we may discuss issues related to raising our pre-teens & teenagers, issues they might be facing in the schools, articles that are of interest, or any other topic that the group chooses. Libby has offered us curriculum if desired.

While you do not need to RSVP, it would be helpful to have some idea of who is attending so that a large enough table can be reserved for the group. So, if you know for certain that you will be attending, please let me know. If Sunday evening comes and you would like to join us please do so

You will find us at the following restaurants for the first few weeks.

October 10 ó Thai Classic
October 17 ó Lincoln Diner

If you have any questions, please call Ann Cowden at 338-9377.

Undergraduate Student Care Packages



If you have a college student that you would like to receive a College Care Package, please 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 in 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: _____

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**Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, October 21, 2010**

October 2010	
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE	
Traditional Services @ 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.	
Contemporary Service @ 9:30 a.m.	
10/10	Prayer: Getting Your Prayers Answered (Matthew 6:11)
10/17	Prayer: Confession (Matthew 6:12)
10/24	%Real Worldö Real Church+ Rev. Candace Veon-Nyiri Preaching
10/31	Prayer: Deliverance (Matthew 6:13)