

# Gettysburg Presbyterian Church

## GRAPEVINE

Recently, our family braved the cool night air as we took up residence on the corner of Baltimore and High Streets. It was, of course, the ever eventful and always anticipated annual Halloween Parade. Together with many locals, we stood and watched as floats, bands and costumed marchers passed by. Together we witnessed the interaction of children as those passers-by tossed candy handfuls their way. Maybe you were there? Maybe you marched in the parade? Maybe you remember a day when you too marched in or watched a Halloween parade unfold?

That parade reminds me of a grandfather's story, as he too stood and watched a parade:

*My 8 year old grandson and 6-year-old granddaughter were delighted, for they knew that parades meant lots of candy. A couple next to us had two daughters who were 10 and 11. I heard the family devising strategies to capitalize on the candy toss. The object is to get as much candy for yourself as you can. The father told his girls, "You have to be aggressive. You can't just stand and wait."*

*As expected, candy was tossed from cars, trucks and floats; chaos ensued with kids diving after the candy, filling their hands as fast as they could and hastily throwing the pieces into their plastic bags. Greedily, the kids grasped their bags of prizes. But then a new spirit appeared. I don't know when it began or who started it, but I noticed my grandson giving pieces of candy that he picked up to kids he didn't know, kids who hadn't been so fortunate. Instead of competition, a spirit of cooperation emerged among the children. Even the 'older girls, whose aggression had been so well coached, began to make sure that every kid received something sugary.*

What those children learned that day is exactly the kind of culture to which Christ calls us: a spirit of sharing. In the church we call it stewardship or the sharing of gifts, which God has entrusted to our care, with those in need. The practices of good stewardship are countercultural, yet they have the capacity to be highly contagious. We can learn a lot from those generous children in this grandfather's story.

So, as we ponder the meaning of stewardship, may we remember that little boy, our gracious God, and those familiar words of Scripture:

*"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*

May we have cheerful hearts as we give back to God with gratitude and thanksgiving for all God has given to us.

**November 10, 2010**

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## 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

The stewardship team shares this story about grateful giving with you, as told by a member of the GPC congregation.

In 2006, our granddaughter was 19 years old and was attending William & Mary College in Williamsburg, Virginia. She received a grant of \$3,000 for a study involving children. She elected to travel to Ghana, Africa, Kpando Region, to work in the Missahoe Orphanage for two months. This was far into the jungle area. Her first 24 hours were spent observing many children...how little they had and what she could do to help. It was obvious to Diana that the orphanage had no electricity and no running water or sanitary facilities. The orphanage is very poor, and Diana found out that the immediate task for her was to contact someone in the neighboring village to see what the cost would be to have electricity and water hooked up to the school. It was obvious that there would be a need for more money to accomplish her goals. She contacted her parents who started spreading the word through their church groups, friends and family who could help. It didn't take long to raise another \$4,000.

We took a strong position in our giving because of our granddaughter's plea for help. Much JOY was felt because of the knowledge that the money we sent was used to help the children.

We were blessed in numerous ways by giving. We have established friendship with two local ladies who actually run the orphanage...we've also been communicating with the children of the orphanage. We receive pictures of the children and consider them as our adopted grandchildren. They send us thank you cards. IT WARMS OUR HEARTS!

Barb and Ralph Eriksen

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### CONDOLENCES:

Thoughts & prayers are with:  
Wayne English on the recent death of his father.  
Ron Dettloff on the death of his sister.

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### NEED A RIDE?

If you are having trouble attending church services and/or church functions due to not having transportation, let the Deacons help you. We are only a phone call away. The transportation Deacon for November is Sheryl Suplee 337-3267.



## 2010 Christmas Fair on December 5

It's Christmas Fair time once again! The 25th Annual Christmas Fair will be held on Sunday, December 5, from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. There will be games and prizes for children and adults, a light supper, craft tables, baked goods, and coffee for sale. Bring your whole family to enjoy this kick-off to the Christmas season. Do your Christmas shopping at the Fair where money raised will benefit six projects listed below. You will also be able to shop at the Fair on Sunday mornings, December 5, 12 & 19. **Specific wish lists will be available in the next newsletter, so that you can purchase an item in honor of someone on your holiday list.**



1. **MISSION: HONDURAS 2011** Each summer our congregation sponsors a medical/dental mission team of our church members headed by Dr. Brad Hoch, Dr. Tom Soliday and Dr. Lee Flinner to Honduras. Next summer our members will join with others from around the country to provide health care and health education to over 7,000 adults and children in San Luis de Santa Barbara, Honduras. Through your contribution you can help provide medicine, dental care, vitamins, etc. to the Honduran people.
2. **MEXICO PROJECT 2011** Next summer Pastor Dave will lead a group to work with Accion Ministry in the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico. We'll live and work in a village where we'll do a construction project on a church or home, run a Vacation Bible School, and give out glasses to those in need. There are also opportunities to fellowship and worship with our Mexican brothers and sisters. Your donation will help to buy construction materials for our project!
3. **LAKOTA INDIAN PROJECT** in Cherry Creek, South Dakota. Last summer 36 GPC members and friends traveled to the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation. There they renovated Indian homes, installed 34 smoke detectors and fire extinguishers, built handicap ramps, hosted a potluck dinner and pow-wow for local residents, donated diabetic equipment, offered 3 nutrition classes and provided a Festival with free food, clothing, games and prizes for 450 residents of the reservation. Your contribution can buy needed supplies to help this extremely poor community.
4. **SEA ISLAND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** Habitat for Humanity is an international Christian organization in which volunteers build homes for low-income families. These families then provide their own labor and can purchase homes with no-interest mortgages. Fifteen members of our congregation travel to Johns Island, South Carolina every April to participate in various building projects.
5. **HEIFER INTERNATIONAL** Our Christmas Fair first began to support HPI in 1986, a self-help program which sends livestock to needy families in the U.S. and around the world. These families become self-sufficient through training and gifts of livestock to help them become responsible for their own food needs. Farmers who receive animals must commit to pass on the first born off-spring of that animal to a neighbor in need.
6. **ADAMS COUNTY WORKCAMP 2011** Four hundred teens from all over the country will come to Adams County from June 26 to July 2 to repair homes of the elderly, widowed, and those who are unable to fix up their own homes. The teens will be working on 60 sites in Adams County. Two of our church members, Bill Faloon & Steve Redding, will serve as Worksite Coordinator and Troubleshooter.

Come to the Christmas Fair to buy "gifts that will keep on giving" to people in need throughout the coming year. If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Dowd in the church office 334-1235 ext. 5 or [gpcdce@embarqmail.com](mailto:gpcdce@embarqmail.com). See you on December 5 !!

**Upcoming Events:**

**November Music Schedule**

Nov. 14	8:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Early Choir Adult Choir
Nov. 21	8:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Deb Litten and Jordan Williams Youth Bell Choir Youth Choir
Nov. 28	8:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Early Choir Adult Choir

**HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP**

**November**

November 14	5:30—8:00 p.m.	Hayride @ DeNoma's House
November 21	5:30—7:00 p.m.	Game & Discussion
November 28	NO SHIP	Thanksgiving Break

**MidSHIP Schedule**

**November**

November 14	5:30—8:00 p.m.	Hayride *
November 21	5:30—7:00 p.m.	Fellowship/Games
November 28	NO MidSHIP	Thanksgiving Break

\*Leave the church at 5:30 p.m. and return at 8:00 p.m. or meet group at DeNoma's house.

**Sunday Morning Coffee Hour - November & December**

We want our Sunday morning coffee hour to be more enjoyable and we need your help. We are hoping to fill the Sundays in November and December. We need 2 people to make 3-dozen ~~g~~oodies+or provide some healthy alternative to share at each of our coffee fellowship times. It's simple: you decide if you will provide for the 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. time; you make 3 dozen of something delicious; you bring it with you on Sunday morning and place it on the table in Fellowship Hall across from the coffee urns (by 9:00 a.m. for the first time slot or 10:30 a.m. for the second). Wouldn't you love to share your famous cookies, coffee cake, some other favorite you make; carrots, cheese or fruit, with the rest of your church family? If you can help, return the form below.

**(Return to Rev. Nyiri by offering plate; "snail mail" or email: [gpclou@embarqmail.com](mailto:gpclou@embarqmail.com))**

Yes, I will help by providing 3 dozen of something for the coffee fellowship on Sunday morning.

My name: \_\_\_\_\_

My phone # and/or email: \_\_\_\_\_

My preferred time slot is :            9:00 - 9:30 a.m.                            10:30 - 11:00 a.m.            (circle one)

Yes, I would be willing to be contacted for more than one Sunday if you are in a bind.

## Buz Myers Series:

### The Epistle to the Romans A Study of the Apostle Paul's Gospel of Grace

9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Written in AD 56, at the height of his apostolic career, the Apostle Paul's Epistle to the Romans is the longest and most systematic Pauline writing preserved in the New Testament and, many feel, the single most influential writing in Christendom. However, many 21<sup>st</sup> century Christians have not studied this epistle. Why? One obvious reason is that Paul's writings are never easy reading, and Romans is no exception. To remedy this situation, you are cordially invited to take a five-week guided tour of Paul's epistle to the Romans conducted by the Rev. Dr. Charles (Buz) Myers, an ordained Presbyterian minister who serves as Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at Gettysburg College. Each Sunday morning we will consider questions such as: What is the role of **faith** in the life of the believer? Why should **love** abound in the community of faith? What is Christian **hope**, and what are its implications for present existence? These and other questions will be considered in the following sessions:

- Session II: Sunday, **November 14, 2010** "The Human Dilemma and the Divine Solution"  
[A Study of Romans, chapters 1-4]
- Session III: Sunday, **November 21, 2010** "Christian Existence Now and Then: Free from Wrath, Sin, the Law, and Death" [A Study of Romans, chapters 5-8]
- Session IV: Sunday, **November 28, 2010** "Has the Word of God Failed?: The Faithfulness of God in the Face of Human Faithlessness"  
[A Study of Romans, chapters 9-11]
- Session V: Sunday, **December 5, 2010** "The Human Response to What God Has Done, Is Doing, and Will Do" [A Study of Romans, chapters 12-16]

All are welcome to come and participate in this series. Please bring a Bible and an open mind.  
You will be glad you did!

### Communion Preparation Class November 15

Our annual Communion Preparation Class for children in Grades 4 and above will be held on Monday, November 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the MacAskill Room. This class, led by Rev. Lou Nyiri and Phyllis Dowd, will prepare these children/youth to receive communion in worship. Please contact Phyllis at 334-1235, ext. 5 or [gpcdce@embarqmail.com](mailto:gpcdce@embarqmail.com) to enroll your child.

### "What the Good Book says."

We are offering monthly Bible studies on various issues of Christian belief and living. These thematic studies will be held on the first Sunday of each month for one hour beginning at 6:00 pm. Bring your favorite translation of Scripture as we gather downstairs in the MacAskill Room. This is not a gab session to express opinions, but a sincere group endeavor to let the Word of God speak to us. You may wish to initiate your own study in advance, or simply explore relevant passages presented that evening. Our teacher is the Rev. Dr. Charles Teague, a retired pastor and military chaplain. If you have thoughts on subjects we may want to consider this year, please speak to Chuck.



### College Care Packages



Let's reach out to our GPC College students and show them that they are still in our prayers if not in our pews! On Sunday November 7th and 14th, you may pick up the name of one of our college students, along with all the information that you will need to send them a little package of goodies. There will be a special table set up in Fellowship Hall after each of the services, with a member of the Welcome and Outreach Team to answer any question that you may have.



## Mission Bright Star

On **Sunday, November 21st** you will have an opportunity to participate in our church's annual Mission Bright Star program. Mission Bright Star is a ministry in which members of our congregation purchase gifts for children whose father or mother is a resident in the Adams County Correctional Facility during the holiday season. Our church has been involved with this local ministry since 1993.

Details regarding participation in Mission Bright Star will be announced during the church services on November 21st. Sign-up for the program will occur immediately after each service in Fellowship Hall. As in the past, your willingness to share the love and compassion of Christ with others is greatly appreciated. Contact Bruce & Pam Rowland at 642-8802 if you have any questions. Thank You.

## THANK OFFERING

Thank Offering envelopes are enclosed in this newsletter. Please check out our Presbyterian Women's poster in Fellowship Hall, which describes the Thank Offering's 2010 grant recipients around the world.

There will be a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING on Sunday, Nov. 21** following the 11:00 a.m. service to elect elders, deacons, and Nominating Committee members for the coming year. The nominees are:

### **ELDER**

Bob McQuaide (class of 2012)  
Ashlyn Sowell (class of 2013)

### **DEACON**

Dottie Heflin (class of 2013)  
Ron Jones (class of 2013)  
John Tschop (class of 2012)  
Dick Wisor (class of 2013)  
Bonnie Wright (class of 2013)

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Roger Clowes (class of 2013)  
Carolyn Hankey (class of 2013)  
George Marguglio (class of 2013)

## Last Chance to Bring Children's Stewardship Toys

As part of our fall stewardship campaign, we are asking the children of our church to share (donate) one of their own treasures. This could be a toy, game, book, puzzle, etc. and must be in **VERY GOOD** condition. We do not want parents to buy a new item. We want the children to truly share something that is theirs. Our South Dakota mission team will deliver these "treasures" to the Indian children on the Cheyenne River Lakota Reservation next summer.

Please have your child bring their toy to church this Sunday, November 14 (or Nov. 21). They can either bring it up during the Children's Message or place it in the marked container in Fellowship Hall. Thanks for your help in this special project.

Blessings, Phyllis

## "Gettysburg Addresses Lincoln."

Once again GPC will host an event at **4:00 pm on Dedication Day, November 19**. On that very afternoon

in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln came to our church for a patriotic rally. This year we will hear from our own Jim Getty on "My Life as Abraham Lincoln."



For a third of a century, Jim has been doing living history in the role of our 16<sup>th</sup> President, speaking before countless groups not only here in Gettysburg but around the nation. His portrayal is masterful and inspiring. On this occasion Jim will for once step out of his historic persona and speak about the responses and questions he has had from school children, senior citizens, inter-

### Extra Crafts for the Christmas Fair

Do you have any crafts you would be willing to donate for sale at the Christmas Fair on Sunday, December 5? If you make crafts to sell this time of year, perhaps you have some extras you would be willing to give. If you like to make crafts in your spare time, perhaps you could make some just for the Fair. All proceeds from items sold at the craft tables will go to the mission projects. (You can choose the specific project for the proceeds from your crafts.) Contact Phyllis Dowd at 334-1235, ext. 5, or gpcdce@embarqmail.com if you have any questions. Please bring crafts to Fellowship Hall **BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, AT THE LATEST.**

### Young at Heart Wednesday, November 17, 2010

For our November meeting we will be joining the youth of the church at 4:45 to share in a Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings and a time of fellowship with the young people. Our group will be providing side dishes for the dinner. You may be called by someone from the food committee and asked to bring a dish if needed. If you don't get called and would like to attend just come - no RSVP is necessary. Everyone is welcome to attend. It is not necessary to be a regular attendee at YAH. If there are any questions please contact Pam and Dick Wisor at 717-359-8896.

## Poinsettias

Help us decorate the sanctuary at Christmas by ordering a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone. The flowers will be used in the sanctuary from December 12<sup>th</sup> through December 24<sup>th</sup>. You may pick up your plant(s) following the evening worship on the 24<sup>th</sup> or before noon on December 28<sup>th</sup>. The church office will be closed Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup>. Those not picked up by noon on the 28<sup>th</sup> will be delivered to shut-ins. The 5-6 bloom 6 1/2" pot will cost \$8.50.

Please fill in the following form and send it with your check made payable to Gettysburg Presbyterian Church to:

Mary Lou Seamens  
169 Hunters Trail  
Gettysburg, PA. 17325

Orders MUST be in by Sunday, December 5th.  
We cannot accept orders after that date—No extensions.

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### Christmas Poinsettias 2010

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

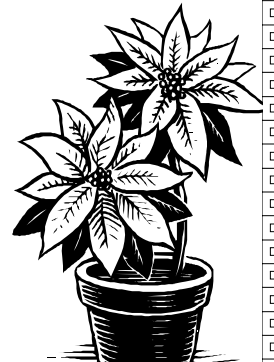
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In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

# of plants you will pick up \_\_\_\_\_

# of plants to be delivered to shut-ins \_\_\_\_\_



**Light in the Midst of Darkness:  
A Worship Service for Those Who  
Find Celebrating Difficult**

Sunday, December 19, 2010  
4:00PM Sanctuary



For many of us, Christmas is a bittersweet time of year. It is a time for remembering both persons and events that have been a part of our lives in the past, but that are now changed or gone. This is the time of year with the longest nights, so we offer a quiet, meditative worship service that makes time for remembering, sharing our hurting places with God, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ.

Join us on Sunday, December 19 at 4:00 p.m., for a candle-lit time of music, scripture, stories, silent reflection and prayer.

**Can You Spare Two Cans of Pie Filling?**

If you could help us help the Soup Kitchen by providing 2 cans of pie filling, we would be most appreciative. We have a need for pie filling to help one of our members bake pies for the Soup Kitchen. So, if you can help, please drop 2 cans of the same pie filling off in Rev. Lou Nyiri's office. Deadline to drop it off is November 24th.

**REFUGEE EMPLOYMENT.** Three churches in Gettysburg are sponsoring resettlement of two refugee families who fled Myanmar/Burma. Arrangements for the first family are well underway. However, we need to find employment for the husband and wife of the second family, which includes a twenty month old baby boy. They are living in "Peace House," the former Catholic rectory behind Prince of Peace Episcopal Church. From a commute standpoint, jobs not too far from the downtown area would be ideal. The parents are in their early twenties, and both will start English-as-a-Second-Language promptly. The husband has experience as "a lorry (truck) repairman." Previous refugees from Burma have worked in food service and proven to be excellent workers. Anyone who has knowledge of potential job opportunities is asked to contact Peter Scott, 337-0343 or [Pscott40@comcast.net](mailto:Pscott40@comcast.net).

**2011 South Carolina Mission Trip**

The 2011 South Carolina Mission Trip is scheduled for April 10 through April 16, 2011. It is necessary to schedule the trip earlier in April than usual due to the late April dates of Palm Sunday and Easter in 2011. The week of April 10<sup>th</sup> is the only week in early April that is open for Sea Island Habitat for Humanity. There will be an organizational meeting held in January 2011 to finalize our plans for the trip. Further information about this meeting will be announced closer to January. Anyone who is interested in going on the trip or who would like more information may contact Lee and Bev Weber (717) 337-2194 or Jim Biggar (717) 337-2102.

**Wednesday, November 24, 7:00 pm**

The Gettysburg Ministerium

invites everyone to a

**Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service on  
Wednesday, November 24 at 7:00 pm,**

at Gettysburg Church of the Brethren,  
1710 Biglerville Rd., Gettysburg.

Plate offerings (cash and coin) will be given to the Gettysburg Ministerium Fund to help those in need in our community. Individual church offering envelopes will be returned to each respective church.

Let us join together in worship!  
As Christ has blessed us with the riches of His life, so we are called to give ourselves freely to all in need.

### **In case of inclement weather...**

It's hard to believe, but it's that time again. In case of inclement weather, here's what you can do to find out about any change in plans at the church:

- We will try to notify everyone by email who has signed up for our congregational notification system.
- You can call the church office (334-1235, ext. 2) and listen for updated information.
- You can check the church website for updates.
- You can check the following radio and TV stations. In some cases our information will only show up on the station website.

WGAL TV (News 8)- WGAL.com

ABC27 TV- abc27.com

WGTY (107.7) and WGET (1320) radio- wgty.com and wget.com



### **Visioning and Planning Team**

Our Visioning & Planning Team has met seven 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 are currently exploring the needs of the community, particularly how our church could address those needs. Feel free to contact any team members with your ideas!

### **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](mailto:tjremaley@gmail.com). If you signed up, but haven't received an email yet, please let us know.

#### **Congregational Notification System**

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Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Next Newsletter Deadline:  
Noon, Thursday, November 18, 2010**

November 2010	
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE	
Traditional Services @ 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.	
Contemporary Service @ 9:30 a.m.	
11/14	Sharing Your Faith - Pledge Sunday
11/21	Thanksgivers Sunday - Phyllis Dowd and family will share
11/28	%Christmas is for Children!+- 1st Sunday of Advent