

GRAPEVINE

GPC SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

2011 LENTEN SMALL GROUPS

Gospeled Lives: Encounters with Jesus

by John Indermark

Now is your chance to be a part of an exciting opportunity for spiritual growth and fellowship!

Using Indermark's book, our annual Lenten Small Groups will get-to-know several New Testament people who heard Jesus speak about their lives. From the book's jacket cover, "*Christ's call leads to a continually unfolding story for each of us. In this book we read about the response of people to Jesus' presence in their lives. Some responded with joy and gratitude; some ignored or rejected his word to them. Gospeled Lives are lives that have encountered Jesus Christ. An encounter with the living Christ demands a response.*" The stories found in this book will be the basis of our six-week study which will include scripture, exploration of the biblical witness, prayer, and a call for each of us to encounter Jesus during the season of Lent.

Groups will meet weekly during the six weeks of Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 9th. Groups will meet in homes, at the church and at local restaurants. You will be contacted by your group leader about the exact starting date and location. Each session will run approximately 75 minutes and will include fellowship, informal discussion, and a time of prayer. Please call Linda Thompson, Elder for Small Group Ministry at 817-0212 or Rev. Lou Nyiri at 334-1235, ext. 4 if you have any questions. Cost of the book is \$12.00. (This book was made available in Kindle eBook edition November 2008.)

February 2, 2011

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Deadline to sign-up is Sunday, February 27th

===== 2011 Lenten Small Group Sign-Up =====
(Please mark 1st & 2nd preference – Locations to be announced)

- _____ Sunday Brown-Bag Lunch (at GPC)
- _____ Tuesday morning . 7:15 a.m. Breakfast
- _____ Tuesday morning . 10:00 a.m.
- _____ Tuesday Lunch
- _____ Tuesday Evening . 7:00 p.m.
- _____ Wednesday Brown-Bag Lunch
- _____ Wednesday Evening . 7:00 p.m.
- _____ Thursday Evening . 7:00 p.m.
- _____ Friday Lunch Group (McSherrystown)



NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

Cost of book is \$12.

New Members



Barry & Suzanne Bower
134 St. Michael's Way
Hanover, PA 17331
632-9806

John Horner
20 Horner Rd.
Gettysburg, PA 17325
334-8916

Rebecca Stabler
726 Pine Run Rd.
Abbottstown, PA 17301
624-2252

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

THANK YOU:

Dick and I thank and send our sincere appreciation to Pastor Lou for his concern during the time our daughter, Diana Snell, was in John Hopkins Hospital having another difficult operation. We also thank all those who kept Diana in their prayers for her healing process will now be in the hands of our Lord.

Richard & Marlyn Burdge

Budget Update
The Session was able to narrow the \$80,000 budget gap by doing the following:

- An additional \$15,000 in pledges
- Reevaluating the 2010 missions budget to determine \$27,500 in items that could remain unpaid or partially paid
 - oGettysburg College CCO
 - oGettysburg College Ministry
 - oSouth Dakota Mission Trip
 - oHonduras Dental Mission
 - oHonduras Medical Mission
 - oCarpenter's Gift
 - oSouth Carolina Habitat for Humanity
- Eliminating nearly \$30,000 from the 2011 budgeted expenses, primarily in
 - oStaff contingency
 - oUtilities
 - oMissions
 - oProgramming

Session Update
At a special meeting on Jan. 23, the Session

- Received four new members
- Approved a budget of \$736,824 for 2011

In case of inclement weather...

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



Condolences:

Our thoughts and prayers are with Bunny Toddes on the recent death of her brother.

Upcoming Events:

February

Music Schedule

Feb. 6	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
Feb. 13	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
Feb. 20	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
Feb. 27	8:15 a.m.	Youth Bell Choir Youth Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Chapel Bell Choir Chapel Choir

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

January/February

February 6	3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	*SouperBowl Game
February 13	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Fellowship
February 20	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Fellowship
February 27	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Fellowship

* Bring 3 cans of soup to be donated to the Gettysburg Soup Kitchen

MidSHIP Schedule

January/February

February 6	3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	*SouperBowl Game
February 13	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Fellowship/Games
February 20	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Fellowship/Games
February 27	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Fellowship/Games

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Financial Presentation
On February 13

Come join us for a financial presentation entitled *%Life Changes Always Affect Your Budget.* It will be held on Sunday, February 13 at 9:30 a.m. in the MacAskill Room.

We will cover challenges that people face when a major (or minor) life change occurs, including Birth of a Child; Retirement; Loss of a Job; Illness or Serious Injuries; Death of a Spouse or Partner; Divorce or Separation.

We will cover the following subjects: Budgeting; Maintaining Bank Accounts, Financial Scams, and Identity Theft.

This very important program is for all ages. If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis in the church office (334-1235, ext. 5).

Hope to see you there!

Lenten Breakfasts 2011
Begin Wednesday, March 9th



ATTENTION
Middle & High School Youth

Wednesday Mornings
from 6:45 to 7:10 a.m.

EVERY Wednesday morning from
March 9th through April 20th

Plan to attend these breakfasts and short devotion before school.

Rides will be available to the Gettysburg High School. Middle School Students will walk down the alley to the school.

You don't want to miss this culinary delight!



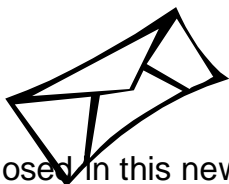
Spotlight on Missions

The Wrights are the first Presbyterian co-workers to serve with the Presbyterian Church in Honduras. We have picked them to replace one of the retiring missionaries that are supported by our Presbytery. Since we already have a presence in Honduras in the medical area, we felt the Wrights church-planting work would dovetail well with our ongoing mission there. The Wrights provide leadership and theological training and promote self-sufficiency. The church in Honduras consists of 20 churches within a 60 mile radius of the capital city, Tegucigalpa. Many of the members are so enthusiastic that they meet 4 days a week.

The Wrights have an extensive church background: Ashley spent 4 years in childrens' ministry in Cincinnati, Ohio and before that as a youth minister in N.C. She has also been a librarian at Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta, a high-school biology teacher and a customer service rep. She has a B.A. in art and literature and a M.Div. from Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta. Mark spent 2 years in Germany and Austria and speaks fluent German. He served 5 years as pastor of a church in Cincinnati and 2 ½ years as pastor in N.C. He holds a B.A. degree in religion from Davidson College, N.C. and has 3 Master's degrees: one in teaching high school, one in German language and literature, and a M.Div. from Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta.

Mark and Ashley have 3 sons: Ethan 13, Elliot 9, and Gabriel 7. If you want to read more about their mission or about them, you can do so at www.pcusa.org/missionconnections.profiles.wrightm.htm.

CELEBRATION GIVING



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, speakers and entertainers for Women's Sunday and 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.

Young at Heart

Our February get-together will be a covered dish luncheon on **Thursday, February 10th at 12:00 noon.**

After the meal, several talented members of our church choir and flute choir will entertain us with some inspiring love songs.

All are welcome, if you are not on a regular call list and would like to attend please bring a covered dish of your choosing and your own place setting and join us for this wonderful time of fellowship.

If you have any questions please contact Pam or Dick Wisor at 359-8896 or email us at pwisor@hotmail.com.

**Upcoming Date
of Importance!**



**AN AFTERNOON
OF MUSIC**

Mark your calendars now! We will be presenting An Afternoon of Music on February 27th. If you would like to participate in this performance please call Becky Wareham at 359-7623 or email her at bbwareham@embarqmail.com. Please share your talent with the congregation at GPC!

Join Cub Scouts



Who: You and your son
(grade 1 through 4)

What: Cub Scout Pack 73

When: Tuesdays, Feb. 8, 15 & 22
6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

Where: Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$15.00 per participant
(confidential financial aid available)

Questions: Contact the Nyiris at
lucan615@embarqmail.com

HELP Needed for Coffee Hour

We are in need of a few very reliable people who would be willing to help out on a rotating basis cleaning up the coffee pots after the last Sunday morning coffee hour in fellowship hall. It only takes about a half hour and can be done anytime after the 11:00 AM service begins, or immediately after that service ends. Please contact Cindi Knouse-Fellowship elder (528-8993) or Lou by phone, e-mail (gpclou@embarqmail.com), or fill out the info sheet below and drop in the offering plate or mail to the church as soon as possible. Your help is MUCH APPRECIATED!

Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

_____ Yes, I will help with cleaning the coffee pots, etc. on Sunday mornings.

Preferred Sunday of the month: 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ 4th _____

Dinners for Seven or Eight

The goal of these dinners is to provide church members the opportunity to enjoy fellowship with other members at three casual, adult-only dining experiences. If getting to know eighteen to twenty-four church members in this type of setting sounds appealing to you, then Dinners for Seven or Eight is for you.

The goal of this fellowship event is to have the meal be the context for fellowship. We have learned in previous years that the job of the host can be burdensome to coordinate four different calendars. In some cases, the coordination of calendars was so difficult that some groups were not able to meet. In an attempt to relieve this pressure, we have re-designed the dinners this year by choosing the night for the meals. Our hope is this will allow people to sign up now and immediately reserve the night on their calendars. This also means participants can sign up for one, two or all three months based on their calendars.

Our goal is for 25 dinners to occur each month. This means we need a minimum of 100 singles or couples to sign up. After sign ups are over (February 27, 2011 is deadline to register) a schedule will be made which designates one person to host. The host prepares the main course, provides the drink and informs the other members in their group so they will bring an appropriate side dish (side dishes are assigned to each participant on the schedule - vegetable, salad or dessert).

Sometimes we have more participants than hosts, so if you desire you may request to host more than one dinner. You may also choose to be a substitute who is called if a regular participant runs into an unforeseen calendar problem and cannot attend a particular month's meal. As a substitute you will then bring the meal portion of the individual or couple you are replacing (ie. salad, vegetable or dessert).

The dates chosen for 2011 are the third Fridays of each month: March 18, April 15 and May 20.

Remember these dinners are to be casual and adults-only. Use the form below to sign up.

*******Dinners for Seven or Eight Registration Form*******

(DEADLINE to register is February 27, 2011)

ATTENTION: Rev. Lou Nyiri

_____ Yes, I will be a REGULAR part of Dinners for Seven or Eight

Circle date(s) you wish to participate: March 18 / April 15 / May 20

_____ Yes, I will be a SUBSTITUTE part of Dinners for Seven or Eight

Name(s): _____

Street Address (where dinner will be held if hosting): _____

Town: _____ Phone #: _____ Best Time to Call: _____

Email: _____ I check email regularly: Yes / No

Wish to Host: Yes / No

Put a %+ by the month you would most like to host, %2+ by your second choice, %3+ by your third choice.

If you are willing to host more than one meal place a %+ by the months you are willing to host:

March 18 _____ April 15 _____ May 20 _____

PW CIRCLES

Elizabeth Circle

Monday, February 21, 1:00 p.m.
 Paideia House, 1st floor, front
 Hostesses: Jean Holder
 Lesson 6: Revelation 12

Mary Martha Circle

Monday, February 21, 7:30 p.m.
 Hostess: Kathy Wark
 87 Twin Lakes Dr.
 Gettysburg, PA
 334-5800
 Study Leader: Bunny Toddes
 Lesson 5 - Revelation 7 - 8:5

Esther Circle

Thursday, February 17, 9:30 a.m.
 Eisenhower Lounge at GPC
 Study Leader: Beth Fitzpatrick
 Lesson 6: Revelation 12



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 February is Kathy Kircher 357-1175.

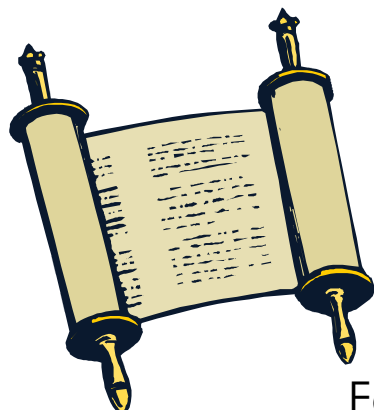


Mark your calendar!!

April 1– 2
Women's Retreat

June 27—30
Vacation Bible School

Adult Sunday School Classes On Judaism to be held February 20 & 27



Professor Stephen Stern will teach adult Sunday School classes on February 20 and 27. The classes will be held in the MacSkill Room at 9:30 a.m. and will focus on the Torah and the Talmud, the written texts of Judaism. Stephen Jay Stern is a Gettysburg College's first Assistant Professor of Judaic Studies. He chairs the Jewish Studies Committee and serves as Hillel advisor. His research interests include the Hebrew Bible and Talmudic commentary, modern Jewish thought, and Holocaust Jewish thought. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Oregon.

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**Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, February 10, 2011**

FEBRUARY 2011	
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE	
Traditional Services @ 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.	
Contemporary Service @ 9:30 a.m.	
2/6	Jeremiah Series: The Sovereignty of God
2/13	Jeremiah Series: Is There Any Hope?
2/20	Jeremiah Series: Written on the Heart