

## Gettysburg Presbyterian Church

# GRAPEVINE

March 2, 2011

You are invited to be part of an excellent fellowship and mission related opportunity here at GPC. On March 20th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the Fellowship Hall will become a place to connect with other members and friends - as well as a chance to enjoy a wonderful breakfast meal. It is the annual High School Workcamp Brunch and our youth group's **ONLY** fundraiser for their summer mission trip. I invite you as well to bring a friend with you to worship that Sunday too. The brunch gives you a good reason to introduce your friend to your church family along with supporting a great cause in the high school mission trip. Your servers at the brunch will be youth and adults who are planning to attend this summer's mission trip. Read below for information regarding the meal times, prices and how to reserve your seat. As always, we thank you in advance for your support and we ask your prayers for this summer's mission trip.

God's Peace,

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## High School Workcamp Brunch is March 20<sup>th</sup>

- What:** Food, Fellowship and Fundraiser for high school workcamp  
**When:** Sunday, March 20, 2011  
**Where:** Fellowship Hall  
**Time:** 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. (**After 1st Service & Before 2nd Worship Service**)  
10:00 to 11:00 a.m. (**After 2nd Service & Before 3<sup>rd</sup> Worship Service**)  
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon (**After Sunday School**)  
12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m. (**After 3<sup>rd</sup> Worship Service**)  
**Cost:** \$9.00 (13 years and older) \$6.00 (12 years and younger)  
**Why:** To raise money to off-set the cost per student to go on this year's workcamp to

### **Anderson County, TN from June 17–25, 2011**

The brunch is catered by the Dobbin House and features: egg-bake; waffles; bacon; potatoes; fruit and cheese tray; muffins; with orange juice, coffee, tea, and water to drink. To reserve a seat at the Brunch for one of the times above you **must** purchase a ticket in fellowship hall Sunday mornings, throughout the week in the church office, or email Rev. Nyiri at [gpclou@embarqmail.com](mailto:gpclou@embarqmail.com) (put %Workcamp Brunch+in subject line). **Please Note: If you reserve a seat at the brunch we will need to collect the price of the ticket even if you have to miss the brunch.** If you cannot attend the brunch and would like to support Workcamp 2011, contact Rev. Nyiri in the church office. This is the high school workcamp's **only** fundraiser and your generous support helps send students to serve God in Anderson County, TN. You have supported us generously in past years and we thank you in advance for this year's support.

## CHANGES TO GRAPEVINE

You may have noticed the newsletter has a new look to it. We are now printing the outside cover in orange to highlight the newsletter in your mailbox. The inside pages are now printed on white. We are doing this for stewardship purposes. By printing the newsletter in this way, we save the church approximately \$400 per year.

One other way we can save money on newsletters is to have them sent to you electronically. The way this works is that you will receive an email from the church office with a link to the current newsletter. You are then free to read on-line or print it out at home. This



might also be helpful for members who do not receive the newsletter in a timely fashion. If you are willing to receive your newsletter on-line, please let Penny know in the church office 334-1235 or email her at [info@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:info@gettysburgpresbyterian.org).


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### THANK YOU:

Once again I want to say "Thank You" to my wonderful church family for all the prayers, phone calls, visits and cards I received during and after my recent time in the hospital. Special thanks to the Burden Bear Group for coming to my home and having a party on my birthday.

— Faye Johns


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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 March is Ron Jones 359-4221.



Every year we are so grateful for all the contributions from church members for our South Dakota Mission trip. However, we have an overabundance of stuffed toys for next summer. As cute as all those little animals and creatures are, we cannot accept any more for our 2011 trip. Thanks so much for all your donations and interest in this mission.



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Our thoughts & prayers are with:  
Rick Arnold and his family on the recent death of his mother.

### Condolences:

## Upcoming Events:

### February & March Music Schedule

March 6	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
March 9	7:30 p.m.	Flute Choir Adult Choir
March 13	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Primary Choir Adult Choir
March 20	8:15 a.m.	Flute Choir Women's Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Flute Choir Women's Choir
March 27	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir

### Congregational Meeting

Session has called a Congregational meeting for Sunday, March 6 in the sanctuary immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to eliminate the part-time Designated Pastor position. See the last Grapevine for details. Additional information can be found in the narthex and Fellowship Hall.

### PW Sunday

In recognition of Presbyterian Women's Sunday, we will have a Women's Choir. We will practice at 9:00 a.m. on March 6th and 7:40 a.m. on March 20. If you would be interested in singing in this choir for the morning services on Sunday, March 20, contact Becky Wareham at [bbwareham@embarqmail.com](mailto:bbwareham@embarqmail.com) or 359-7623.

### HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

#### March

March 6	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Fellowship
March 13	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Fellowship
March 20	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Workcamp Brunch
March 27	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Fellowship

### MidSHIP Schedule

#### March

March 6	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Digital Scavenger Hunt
March 11 - 12	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Overnight @ Libby Crowe's home
March 20	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Work on Banner
March 27	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Fellowship/Games

### **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**

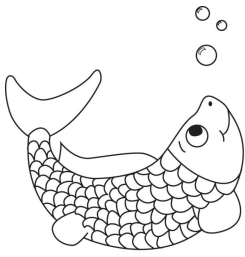
Plan to attend these breakfasts and  
short devotion before school.

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!***



### Those Fish Boxes Are Here Again!



On Sunday, March 6, all of the children in ages 3-8 Grade 8 Sunday School will receive fish boxes and corresponding calendars for the One Great Hour of Sharing. If your child will not be here this Sunday, make sure they get one the following Sunday or see Phyllis ASAP.

Remember to fill your fish box each day according to the directions on the calendar. Bring the box back on Palm Sunday, April 17.

### “10 Great Dates”



#### REMINDER:

2<sup>nd</sup> Great Date

Saturday, March 5 @ 6:00 p.m.  
in the MacAskill Room



### SAVE THE DATE

Please start saving things for the

### RUMMAGE SALE

APRIL 29 & 30

Drop off begins  
Monday, April 25

### Mexico Update



Dates: July 19-26  
Cost: \$725.00  
(Scholarships are available)

We will do some construction (unskilled!), run a Vacation Bible School, give away reading and prescription glasses, fellowship & worship with our Mexican brothers and sisters, and do a little sightseeing. Application and information forms are available in Fellowship Hall and the narthex. Forms are due on March 27.

### Young Men’s Lenten Small Group

We will begin meeting on  
Tuesday, March 15  
from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Contact Pastor Dave (334-1235)  
by March 6th  
if you plan  
to participate!

### “Moral Dilemmas Which Faced the Citizens of Gettysburg After the Battle.”

Sunday March 6

Tim Smith, a historian with the Adams County Historical Society, will present a talk on “Moral Dilemmas Which Faced the Citizens of Gettysburg After the Battle.” This will be held from 9:30 ó 10:30 a.m. in the MacAskill Room. All are welcome to join us this coming Sunday.



## Spotlight on Missions - South Dakota

### Our South Dakota Mission Team Serves the Poorest County in the United States

There are many poor areas in the U.S., yet recently an article by the Associated Press labeled Ziebach County, South Dakota as the poorest county in our entire country. Many of us at GPC knew this already, because this area has been the destination of our church's S. Dakota mission trip every summer since 2000.

Below are some excerpts from the article:

*"In the barren grasslands of Ziebach County, there's almost nothing harder to find in winter than a job. This is America's poorest county, where more than 60 percent of people live at or below the poverty line - a county with 2,500 residents, most of them Cheyenne River Sioux Indians living on a reservation. In the coldest months of the year, when seasonal construction work disappears and the South Dakota prairie freezes, unemployment among the Sioux can hit 90 percent.*

*"The Cheyenne River Indian Reservation, created in 1889, consists almost entirely of agricultural land in Ziebach and neighboring Dewey County. It has no casino and no oil reserves or available natural resources. Poverty has loomed over this land for generations. Repeated attempts to create jobs have run into stubborn obstacles: the isolated location, the area's crumbling infrastructure, a poorly trained population and a tribe that struggles to work with businesses or attract investors. Most towns in Ziebach County are just clusters of homes between cattle ranches. Families live in dilapidated houses or run-down trailers. Multicolored patches of siding show where repairs were made as cheaply as possible."* - These are the homes that our church's mission team works on each summer; these are the people we serve.

Thank you for your continued support of this mission. This is just a glimpse of why we go to this area of our country and do what we can. You can look at the entire article at: [http://www.comcast.net/articles/finance/20110213/US.America\\_s.Poorest.County/](http://www.comcast.net/articles/finance/20110213/US.America_s.Poorest.County/) or there are copies of the newspaper article available on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or in the church office.

## Young At Heart

Our March get-together will be our annual pizza luncheon on **Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon** at the church. After lunch, Art Kennell, a member of our church will share some stories about his friendship with President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

A donation will be taken to cover the cost of the pizza and salad. All are welcome to attend. To be sure that enough food is prepared, if you are not on a regular call list but would like to attend, please contact Pam or Dick Wisor at 359-8896 or email us at [pwisor@hotmail.com](mailto:pwisor@hotmail.com) by **Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**.

## PW CIRCLES

### Elizabeth Circle

**Monday, March 21, 1:00 p.m.**

Paideia House, 1st floor, front

Hostess: Hilda Oussoren

Lesson 7: Revelation 13, 15-16,19



### Mary Martha Circle

**Monday, March 21, 7:30 p.m.**

Hostess: Dorie Elledge

3564 Old Harrisburg Rd.

Gettysburg, PA

334-1617

Study Leader: Bev Weber

Lesson 6 - Revelation 12

### Esther Circle

**Thursday, March 17, 9:30 a.m.**

Eisenhower Lounge at GPC

Study Leader: Sue Kolmer

Lesson 7: Revelation 13, 15-16,19

## New Sunday School Series from April 3—May 1

### “The Search for Peace in the Middle East: A Quest for Authentic Pluralism”

Rev. Bill Harter will be leading a 4-week Sunday School series beginning April 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the MacAskill Room. Rev. Harter is a graduate of Williams College, then got his Master of Arts at Harvard, and his Masters of Divinity at Union Theological Seminary in NYC. He later got his PhD from Union, in New Testament studies with an emphasis on the origins of Christianity and Judaism. Rev. Harter lived and studied in Jerusalem for a year, plus he has been to the Middle East 40+ times. He is currently Pastor Emeritus of Falling Spring Presbyterian Church.

Session One - April 3: “The Sweep of Empires and the Current Mosaic”

Session Two - April 10: “Jews and Christians: Two Religions ‘Joined at the Hip’ Together”

Session Three - April 17: “The Varied Faces of Islam”

Session Four - May 1: “The Promise and the Threat: Transcending Triumphalism”

Suggested Readings: Bernard Lewis, What Went Wrong? The Clash Between Islam and Modernity in the Middle East (Harper2002/paper)  
Bernard Lewis, The Crisis of Islam: Holy War and Unholy Terror (Random House, 2003/paper)

## SOFTBALL TEAM

In order to field a team in the church softball league we need the following:

1. A Coach/Coordinator - If we don't get someone to do this we will NOT be able to field a team.

Rev. Lou Nyiri is unable to be coach this summer so this role is crucial.

The Coach will: attend League meeting in March or April, coordinate make-ups, ensure equipment is at games, make line ups for each game...AND make certain team members conduct themselves with Christian integrity and good sportsmanship... or appoint another to do so in their absence.

2. At least 9 players for games - games are 1 day/week on either a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday. Players must agree to conduct themselves with Christian integrity and play with good sportsmanship, as well as being at every game when they are in town, and will inform team captain when away so substitute players can be contacted.

All skill levels are encouraged to play. Registration fee of \$5.00/player requested.

To talk more about any of these items (especially item #1) call Rev. Lou Nyiri in the church office (334-1235, ext. 4).

To sign up to play, call, email or return the tear off below to Rev. Lou Nyiri by **MARCH 31, 2011**.

**Return by MARCH 31, 2011**

Softball Registration

Yes, I will be a REGULAR player on the 2011 team

Yes, I will be a SUBSTITUTE player on the 2011 team

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_



Yes, I agree to conduct myself with Christian integrity and play with good sportsmanship on the 2011 GPC Softball Team. (It is mandatory you agree to this in order to play.)


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**One  
great hour  
of sharing**  
Palm Sunday  
April 17th, 2011

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

MARCH 2011	
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE	
Traditional Services @ 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.	
Contemporary Service @ 9:30 a.m.	
3/6	Becoming a Disciple: Pray Daily
3/9	Ash Wednesday Service (7:30 p.m.)
3/13	Becoming a Disciple: Study Regularly
3/20	Women's Sunday
3/27	Becoming a Disciple: Witness Boldly