

# GRAPEVINE

March 16, 2011

On March 22, our Presbytery will meet to vote on a number of issues recommended by the General Assembly that met last summer. They include a new "Form of Government" (a substantial re-write of part of our Book of Order), a new confession to be added to our Book of Confessions (The Belhar Confession), and about a dozen changes to our Book of Order, including one that would change our ordination standards in a way that would allow individual Presbyteries to choose whether or not to call gay and lesbian people to ordained ministry. These changes will be enacted only if a majority of presbyteries approve them. (And even if the changes are approved, they could be changed by the next General Assembly!)

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In October of 2010, our Session elected 3 commissioners for this presbytery meeting (Bill Fitzpatrick, Susan Kolmer, and Jean LeGros). They have been studying the issues since then, attending webinars, seminars, and reading various articles. These are complex matters, requiring those voting to balance biblical & theological concerns, polity issues, as well as the potential impact of these changes on the church. Commissioners are bound only by their consciences. Sessions and churches may not direct them to vote in a particular way. However, you are welcome to make your views known to them and to your pastors, who will also be voting. Please pray for all of us who are called to this difficult task as we seek God's guidance.

## 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:

*Thank you to all who helped with our 2010 Photo Directory! As the coordinator of the Directory, I was just notified that our directory was selected as a finalist in the "Best of the Best" directory contest at Lifetouch. They "recognize outstanding directory design in both the US and Canada". Our photo book was awarded Honorary Mention and will be spotlighted on their website. Our cover and activity pages will also be reprinted for their representatives to use as examples to inspire other organizations. (No family sections will be shown as they respect the privacy of our families.)*

*Soon you will see new blue tri-fold brochures in the pews. Thank you all for taking the time to have your photos taken. Because of the number of families that were photographed these were free to us. We thank our very own Kyle Clark who spent many hours putting this brochure together.*

*In Christian Fellowship,  
Kathy Wark*

Our family would like to thank the congregation and our pastors for the care and loving support we received following the death of Mary Ann's mother, Marie ðNanaö Kittinger. What a warm feeling to know that our Church Family was there with us during our time of grief, holding us up in their thoughts and prayers. We have known all along that our Church family is a very close-knit family but the phone calls, e-mails and many, many cards that we received just reiterated that fact to us. May God bless all of you.

Bob and Mary Ann Remaley  
TJ & Megan  
Becca & Tedd  
Jason, Denise & Jewelya

### *An Afternoon of Music Thank You*



What a fun time we had!

On Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, we had a variety of performers for *An Afternoon of Music*. Mary Lou Seamens was the emcee for our show. Scott McPherson was the stage manager. A big thank you goes to them and to the following performers: Carrie Trax, Carson Pennings, Beth Jones, Jean LeGros, Laura Pennings, Rachel Parmentier, Chloe Pennings, Dave and Bonnie Wright, Braden Unger, Erin Heeschen, Alex Heeschen, Michael Heeschen, Jim Heeschen, Tyler Kint, Bethany Kolmer, Libby Crowe, Larry Bullis, Linda MacAskill and Scott Hartwig. A thank you also to Barry Wareham for "anything else that needed to be done". Please join us the next time!

**Upcoming Events:**

**February & March  
Music Schedule**

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

**HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP**

**March/April**

March 20	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Workcamp Brunch
March 27	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Fellowship
April 3	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Fellowship
April 10	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Fellowship
April 17	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Fellowship

**MidSHIP Schedule**

**March/April**

March 20	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Work on Banner
March 27	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Fellowship/Games
April 3	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Fellowship/Games
April 10	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Digital Scavenger Hunt
April 17	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Fellowship/Games

**Lenten Breakfasts  
Continue Wednesdays**

**ATTENTION**

Middle & High School Youth



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

EVERY Wednesday  
morning  
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!***

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P W May Banquet  
 Tuesday, May 3  
 6:00 p.m.  
Ticket Sales  
 April 3, 10 and 17th  
 in Fellowship Hall  
 between worship services.  
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**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED** of Gettysburg and Adams County will meet at noon on **Wednesday, April 6, 2011** in the **Gettysburg Foursquare Gospel Church** at 328 Middle Street. The hour-long meeting begins with a (\$2) light lunch coordinated this month by the ladies from Christ Lutheran Church. During dessert, our guest speaker will be Steve Niebler from the Office of Aging. Come hear some helpful updates for yourself or to share with someone you know. Newcomers are always welcome . no reservations needed. Ladies able to remain following the meeting will assemble Easter baskets for the residents at Green Acres, a longtime annual gift for the community. Anyone who missed last month's World Day of Prayer service will still be able to contribute at the April meeting. Parking is available behind the church. For more info, contact Rachel at 334-3415. Inclement weather policy: if Gettysburg schools are closed, the meeting will be cancelled.





## Mexico Update

Dates: July 19-26

Cost: \$725.00

(Scholarships are available)

We'll 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.

**On Sunday, March 27, Sal and Joan Chandon will present a program on our mission trip to Mexico at 9:30 a.m. in the MacAskill Room. Come join us as we discuss why mission trips are important and hear from the Chandons about their family's experience on GPC's first mission trip to Mexico.**

## PW Rummage and Bake Sale

**April 29 & 30**

Please call Kathy Kircher 357-1175 or Sheryl Suplee 337-3267 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, April 29, 8:30 to 5:00, Sat. April 30, 8:30 to noon.** Lunch will be served on Friday.

**Drop-offs: Monday, April 25,** put everything in the corner next to the main outside entrance in Fellowship Hall.

Deadline for drop-offs is Thursday, April 28 by noon.

**Marking and sorting** will take place Tuesday 1:00–5:00 p.m. and Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

**Baked goods:** Drop off by 8 AM Friday or the night before if frozen.

**Plants:** May drop off Tues., but be sure they are moist.

**Clean-up: Saturday, April 30 noon until complete.**

**Volunteers are needed!!!** The more help, the faster and easier big projects get done.

Please call Kathy or Sheryl if you can help.

**Thank you for your support of this worthwhile PW Project. SEE YOU AT THE SALE!!!!**



## Hershey Park Tickets

Thinking of going to Hershey Park this summer? Want to buy tickets at a cheaper rate? We've got the answer for you! You can order and buy tickets through the church group rate. These tickets can be used ANY DAY of the 2011 season. The rates are as follows:

\$29.50 for ages 9-54 (regular rate is \$53.95)

\$25.00 for ages 3-8 (regular rate is \$32.95)

\$25.00 for ages 55+ (regular rate is \$32.95)

You may order these tickets by signing up in Fellowship Hall on March 27, April 3, April 10, FINAL DATE TO SIGN UP & PAY FOR THESE TICKETS IS SUNDAY, APRIL 17th. Please make checks out to %Gettysburg Presbyterian Church.+ There will be no refunds for tickets not used. You do not have to be a church member to participate. Thanks!!



# Spotlight on Missions – Haiti

We support “Source of Life Ministries” run by Jacques Merine. The vision of this ministry is to rescue the most impoverished children in Haiti, most of whom are orphans, by educating, training, and equipping them with life-skills necessary to build hope and a better future. The mission maintains a “safe house” for the children to live in and a school for educating them in a Christian-based environment. These structures were recently destroyed by an earthquake and the mission is currently building a new safe house and school on land they were able to acquire outside of Port-au-Prince. Our church will provide \$3000 this year to help with the building and provide food and education for the children.



## 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.

## A Gathering of Christian Writers

A Christian writers workshop will be held 9 am until Noon, Saturday, March 26th, at Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church (Knoxlyn Road and Rte. 116). Published and unpublished authors are welcome to attend. Local author and international speaker, Wanda Gallimore will be the presenter. Refreshments will be served, and a \$5 per person donation is requested to cover expenses. This will be a great time to build relationships with others who have been called to write for God in any genre and market. RSVP at 642-5332.

## Easter Flowers

Honor your loved ones with the beauty of flowers at Easter. This year we offer you a choice of three flowers: lilies, tulips, and hyacinths. Please fill out the information below and return this form with your check (**payable to Gettysburg Presbyterian Church**) to:

Myrt Watson  
95 Twin Lakes Dr.  
Gettysburg, PA 17325



Any flowers not picked up by Monday, April 25 at noon will be taken to shut-ins.

**DEADLINE FOR ORDER IS APRIL 10.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lily \$10.00 (4-6 blooms)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tulips \$10.00 (8 bulbs)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinth \$10.00 (4 bulbs)

**In Memory of / In Honor of** (circle one)  
*(please print clearly)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

Will pick up \_\_\_\_\_  
Deliver to shut-ins \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 received 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 (Harper, 2002/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 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.)



## A Great Way You Can Help a Hurting Friend!

Do you have a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative who has suffered a loss or is going through a difficult time? Here's a great way you can help them—tell them about our Stephen Ministry! Stephen Ministers are members of GPC who have received special training to provide high quality, confidential care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. (Males are matched with males, and females are matched with females.) The caring relationship lasts for as long as the person needs care. It's free, and it's a powerful way you can help a hurting friend. To find out more, or if you or someone you know could benefit from receiving the gift of a Stephen Minister, contact Rev. Lou Nyiri at the church office at 334-1235, ext. 4 or [gpclou@embarqmail.com](mailto:gpclou@embarqmail.com).

## Temporary Staffing Update

Until our Visioning & Planning Task Force finishes their work, we will keep our current "temporary" staffing arrangement to cover the work previously done by Candace:

**Rev. Harry Winsheimer:**

Pastoral care (up to 8 hours/week)

**Libby Crowe:**

Contemporary Worship Director  
(15 hours/week)

**Mike Brubaker:**

Contemporary Worship-Technical Support  
(8 hours/week)

## GPC Supports the Meals & More Program

**The Meals and More Program** at Prince of Peace Episcopal Church embraces and nurtures homeless, abused, and hungry children during the summer months by providing an opportunity to attend a summer camp. Children from the Homeless Shelter, Survivors Shelter, Circles of Support, Soup Kitchen, and children of incarcerated parents are invited to participate at no charge. The program will run from mid-June to mid-August, Monday through Friday from 10am to 2pm. The children receive two meals, enrichment activities, spiritual enhancement, trips to the library, drama lessons, music, self-esteem building exercises, and field trips.

Several fundraisers are being planned, the first of which is a community day/night at Hoss's Restaurant. If you eat at Hoss's anytime between noon and 8PM on Thursday, April 7th, twenty percent of your tab will be donated toward the Meals and More Program. You will need a ticket, which should be presented at the time you order your meal. If your whole family would like to eat at Hoss's, you only need one ticket provided the meals are all on one tab. Please contact Penny in the church office 334-1235 or Pam Rowland at 642-8802 if you would like to have a ticket, or if you would like more information about Meals and More.

## Gettysburg College Gospel Choir

The Gettysburg Gospel Choir will present a concert in our sanctuary on **Sunday, April 10, at 2:00**. The choir is directed by Leroy A. Smith, a junior music education major at Gettysburg College. The program will consist of an explanation of their project and the presentation of their music. Here is an explanation from Mr. Smith:

*The Gettysburg Gospel Choir has a philanthropy and research project we are doing this semester called "Shoutin for a Reason." We strongly believe that shoutin brings people together no matter their differences. This program aims to raise cultural awareness and un-silence the Gettysburg communities through the power of gospel music. Shoutin is a state in which one is possessed by the Holy Spirit and is inspired to make positive changes in his or her life. In the sacred and secular realms, we aim to inform all people to shout through their community because it encourages positive changes within our society. Still honing our unity today in our neighborhoods is what we believe. Thus, GGC will continue our goal, but it takes all of us to speak up as WE!!!!!!*

**Please join us for the concert!**

## 2011 Lenten Small Groups

**Please keep our Small Groups in prayer!**

84 people are participating in our 6-week Lenten Small Group study of John Indermark's book Gospelized lives: Encounters with Jesus. 9 groups are meeting at various times throughout the week. Group leaders are Larry Bullis, Ken & Diane Hoy, Cindi Knouse, Terry Manning, Dennis Meckley, Andy & Mary Miner, Lou Nyiri, Patti Schwartz, Dave & Bonnie Wright.

If you would like to read the book we are studying together, extra copies are available in the church office for \$12.00. Contact Rev. Nyiri today to reserve your copy (334-1235, ext. 4).

**Presbyterian Women  
in the Presbytery of Carlisle**

### **SPRING GATHERING**

Saturday, April 9, 2011  
Newville, PA

First United Presbyterian Church

9:30 a.m.	Morning Program Devotions, Business Meeting and Part I: God's Gift of Diversity, led by Jackie Caleb and Nancy Andress
Noon	Light lunch served
1:00 p.m.	God's Gift of Diversity: Part II led by Jackie Caleb and Nancy Andress

**Please come and bring a friend!**

Call Charlotte Winsheimer (334-6675) or Sarah  
Lambert (334-4667) for a ride.

**Come Explore God's  
Wonderful World  
with Presbyterian Women of**

**The Synod of the Trinity**

**June 10, & 11, 2011**

Country Cupboard,  
Lewisburg, PA

**Registration Deadline—May 13**

Single \$195; Double \$140; Triple \$115 (includes  
breakfast and lunch on Sat.)

Registration, medical and emergency forms are  
available from  
Amy Stewart (677-8426).

PW Carlisle Presbytery has ten (10) \$25.00 scholar-  
ships available for any woman attending a Synod  
Gathering for the first time.

Application for a scholarship is due to Charlotte Win-  
sheimer, 57 Winding Dr., Gettysburg, PA 17325. Dead-  
line for scholarship application is April 1.


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

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 **Next Newsletter Deadline:  
Noon, Thursday, March 24, 2011**

MARCH/APRIL 2011

GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Services @ 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

Contemporary Service @ 9:30 a.m.

- 3/20 Women's Sunday
- 3/27 Practices for Disciples: Witness Boldly
- 4/3 Practices for Disciples: Live Faithfully
- 4/10 Practices for Disciples: Serve Creatively