

# GRAPEVINE

April 13, 2011

## The Time is Right!

There are times during each year that have the potential to touch us in deep, significant ways. Holy Week, the time between Palm Sunday and Easter, is one such time. Maybe you haven't been in church for a while. Maybe you've been here, but have been in a spiritually dry time. Maybe you are facing a serious challenge in your life right now. Take advantage of this time and see what God can do in you!

### Inside:

- Nursery Help Needed for Easter Morning
- Holy Week Schedule
- Exploring Membership Class
- Youth Sports Day @ Gettysburg College

### **Palm Sunday** (April 17)

Services at 8:15, 9:30, and 11AM. Opportunity to participate in the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, which assists people all around the world!

### **Maundy Thursday** (April 21)

7:30PM - Learn about the origins of the Lord's Supper, celebrate the sacrament, sing the songs of Holy Week.

### **Good Friday** (April 22)

12:00PM - Community Good Friday Service at the United Methodist Church - 30 W. High St.

### **Easter Sunday** (April 24)

Sunrise service at 6:30AM at the Peace Light led by Libby Crowe and our Praise Team, with Rev. Nyiri preaching.

8:15 & 11:00 Vibrant traditional services celebrating Jesus' resurrection and relating it to our own lives.

9:30 Joyful Contemporary service celebrating the resurrection in creative ways and relating it to our own lives.

The Time is Right!



**Upcoming Events:**

**April  
Music Schedule**

April 17	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Chapel Choir
		Adult Choir
April 21	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
April 24	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Brass Quintet
		Adult Choir
		Adult Bell Choir

**HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP**

**April**

April 17	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Fellowship
April 24	NO SHIP	EASTER

**MidSHIP Schedule**

**April**

April 17	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Fellowship/Games
April 24	NO Mid-SHIP	EASTER

**Help Needed in the Nursery  
At Three Services on Easter**

Easter Sunday, April 24, is fast approaching! Worship services will be held here at the church at 8:15, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. We need a total of six volunteers (two for each service that morning). Please contact Phyllis at 334-1235, ext. 5 or [gpcdce@embarqmail.com](mailto:gpcdce@embarqmail.com) if you can spare one hour to care for our littlest church members so their parents can worship on Easter.

There will be  
**NO** Sunday School  
classes on Easter  
Sunday, April 24.

Children's programs will be offered at all 3 services on Easter, following the exit from worship.

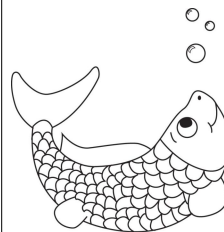
Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday, May 1.

**VBS Leaders Needed!!**

Vacation Bible School will be held on June 27-30 this year and we need help!!

If you can be a planning leader for pre-school, snack, scripture, games, drama, or Bible activities, please let me know as soon as possible. We have already begun our planning. I know that you - **yes, you** - have lots of great ideas and enthusiasm for our children's ministry here at GPC. This may be just the opportunity you've been looking for. Let me know at 334-1235, ext. 5 or [gpcdce@embarqmail.com](mailto:gpcdce@embarqmail.com). THANKS!

— Blessings, Phyllis



Don't Forget to  
Bring Your  
Fish Boxes  
Back This  
Sunday, April 17!



## Easter Continental Breakfast

Your Deacons invite you to the annual all-church  
Easter Continental Breakfast buffet  
on Easter Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Serving times will be 9-9:30 AM and 10:30-11:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.  
The menu will include an assortment of homemade dessert breads,  
fruit, cheeses, coffee, tea, juice and milk.

We hope you will join us for fellowship before or after the worship service  
you choose to attend as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, April 17

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

#### **Palm Sunday**

Traditional Worship

Contemporary Worship

#### Thursday, April 21

7:30 p.m.

#### **Maundy Thursday**

Worship Service - We  
will reflect on this  
special day and celebrate  
the Lord's Supper  
together.

#### Friday, April 22

12:00 p.m.

#### **Good Friday**

Community Service at  
United Methodist Church

#### Sunday, April 24

6:30 a.m.

#### **Easter**

Contemporary Worship  
Service at the Peace  
Light on the Battlefield

8:15 a.m.

Traditional Worship

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

9:30 a.m.

Contemporary Worship

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

11:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship

## GETTYSBURG COMMUNITY Good Friday Service

**FRIDAY, APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup> - 12:00 Noon**

Service at  
**Gettysburg United Methodist Church**  
**30 West High Street**

*(Parking lot is in back of the church.)*

717-334-3032

**JOIN US!**





## One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

We will be receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Palm Sunday, April 17.

### Sharing resources, changing lives

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future.

### Where does the money go?

The [Presbyterian Hunger Program](#) receives 36 percent of undesignated One Great Hour of Sharing gifts, while the [Self-Development of People](#) and [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#) each receive 32 percent.

## 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 a.m. 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!!!**



## **LAST CHANCE FOR 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, **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 - LEND A HAND

## A Mission of the Presbytery of Carlisle

There are many places that have suffered through natural disasters and Lend A Hand has been there to lend a hand. In the last six years they've been to many areas in need of assistance. Many trips were made to Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast. More recently they have been going to Oakville, Iowa and Nashville Tenn. to provide help to flood victims. The levy on the Iowa River was breeched in June of 2008 and flooded the town of Oakville. In June of this year will be the last trip there, as the project is going to be completed and a celebration is being planned. The dates for that trip are June 12-20.

There are 2 trips scheduled to go to Nashville, TN April 10-16 and May 12-20. To find out more about Lend A Hand go to their website [lendahand.net](http://lendahand.net).

Here are a few things that the volunteers are expected to do along with their labor of love.

- \*Listen to their stories.
- \*To console
- \*To join in prayer
- \*To encourage
- \*To aid in the healing process
- \*To do Justice, to love mercy...
- \*And ...to walk humbly with God.



### 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 April is John Tschop 338-9079.

Prince of Peace, Christ Lutheran and Gettysburg United Methodist Church are working together to resettle some refugees from Burma (Myanmar).

### The Refugee Resettlement Committee is sponsoring an Afternoon Tea on April 30<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, at the Church of the Brethren.

The menu includes: Egg salad and Watercress sandwiches, Cream Cheese and Basil with Tomatoes sandwiches, Scones with jam and cream, and assorted cakes and pastries. The cost is \$15.00 per person and all proceeds go to benefit the resettlement ministry. Please join us for a lovely afternoon. For tickets contact Jill Lowe (443-540-3528).

### Mexico Update

We've got 15-17 participants for our July 19-26 mission trip to the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico where we'll do construction, run a VBS, give away eye-glasses, and fellowship with our Mexican brothers & sisters. Talk to Pastor Dave right away if you're interested!



**This Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>** from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. a youth sports day will be held on Clark Field at Gettysburg College for all students from Pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This event is sponsored by the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and the Center for Public Service at Gettysburg College.

All the kids are invited to come participate in sports related games including Frisbee Golf, a soccer shootout, and football punt and pass competitions. At the end they can trade in tickets for prizes. There will be student athletes speaking to the kids about living a healthy life, the importance of staying in school and what sports have done for them. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Block at [blocla01@gettysburg.edu](mailto:blocla01@gettysburg.edu).

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**CONDOLENCES:**

Our thoughts & prayers are with:  
Kay McClain on the recent death of her brother.  
Karen Breighner on the recent death of her father.  
David LaRochelle on the recent death of his father.



ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

**MAY BANQUET**

**TUESDAY, MAY 3rd, @ 6:00 p.m.**  
Fellowship Hall

**Ticket price \$10. Friends, food, and music  
by the Gettysburg High School Show Choir !**

**LAST DAY FOR TICKET SALES IS APRIL 17**  
in Fellowship Hall between worship services.

Sponsored by Presbyterian Women  
Catered by: Jane's Market Catering

**Exploring Membership Class**

**Sunday, May 1: 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

If you are interested in learning more about GPC, plan to attend the Exploring Membership Class on Sunday afternoon, May 1. Following a lunch together, you'll have a chance to learn more about Presbyterians and opportunities for spiritual nurture and service here at GPC, and to meet our staff. Following the class, Session will meet to receive new members at 4:00 p.m. Childcare is available. Call the church office (334-1235) if you are planning to attend.



**Meals & More Program**

The Meals and More Board Members are planning an exciting program for this summer. There will be an overall theme of caring for the environment and cultivating organic gardens. Trips to organic farms are being scheduled as well as other activities which include drama, music, art, athletics, sign language, cooking, reading, and journaling. Thanks to all the children and their parents in Kids Club for the wonderful donation of 11 backpacks and numerous school supplies. Your gifts are very much appreciated. The proceeds from the fundraiser at Hoss's Restaurant gave the Meals and More Program \$300.75. The next fundraiser will be a yard sale in the Twin Oaks neighborhood at 119 Rodes Ave. on Saturday, May 14, beginning at 8am. If you would like to donate items, please call Pam Rowland at 642-8802 or Nancy Forgan at 334-0510.

REMINDER:  
  
**Sewing Workshop**  
meets the first Tuesday  
of each month at 8:30 a.m.  
  
The women in the Sewing  
Workshop make lap quilts  
which are donated to various  
organizations. If you are inter-  
ested in joining the group and  
being a part of this worthwhile  
ministry, please contact Faye  
Johns at 334-1023 . Also, if  
you have a sewing machine in  
good condition that you would  
be willing to donate to the Sew-  
ing Workshop, give Faye a call.

**Attention All Summer Mission Trip Participants  
(Honduras, Workcamp, Mexico, and South Dakota)**

Don't forget our meeting on  
Sunday, May 15  
from 12:00 - 12:45 p.m.



**The Importance of Prayer  
Praying Right Now**

"So we fasted and petitioned our God about this, and he answered our prayer" (Ezra 8:23).

Finding Stephen Ministers is the next step for our congregation's Stephen Ministry. Right now we are praying for the individuals God is calling to serve as caregivers. Please include this need in your prayers. God answers our prayers because he is faithful. A new training class for Stephen Ministries will take place at our church October & November 2011 and January & February 2012. If you or someone you know could use a Stephen Minister or if you are interested in learning more about becoming a Stephen Minister, contact Rev. Lou Nyiri at (717) 334-1235, ext. 4.

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Palm Sunday  
April 17th, 2011

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**Next Newsletter Deadline:  
Noon, Thursday, April 21, 2011**

**APRIL 2011**

**GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Traditional Services @ 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.  
Contemporary Service @ 9:30 a.m.

- 4/17 Palm Sunday - Practices of Disciples: Worship Weekly  
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
- 4/21 Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30 p.m.
- 4/24 Easter  
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service @ the Peace Light  
8:15 & 11:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship Services  
9:30 a.m. - Contemporary Worship