

GRAPEVINE

May 11, 2011

Honoring Mothers and Fathers

It's that time of year when we devote special days to honoring our parents. I've been thinking about my own parents and the role they played in developing my faith. Dad was active in our church, serving on the Trustee board for many years. He also made sure we got to church faithfully, several times each week! Mom sang in the choir at times, taught Sunday School, and was part of a prayer group. We had family devotions periodically, and often talked about the sermon on Sundays as well as other issues that had spiritual or moral dimensions. My parents undoubtedly had a profound role in shaping my faith and the faith of my brother and sister. The faith of my grandparents also always impressed me.

How are you doing in shaping the faith of your children and grandchildren? Certainly, making it a priority to get them to worship, Sunday school, youth and kids clubs, youth group and other activities is important. So are bedtime and mealtime prayers. But do you ever talk with them about your own faith? Do you take advantage of opportunities to thank God for something good that happens, or to ask God's help during difficult times? Do they know that your faith factors into such things as how you spend your money, your politics, and what you believe is important in having a good life?

So, honor your parents these months! But also look for ways to be the kind of parents and grandparents whom the next generation will honor because you helped to shape their faith!

Dave

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Vacation Bible School — June 27 - 30

"Fire, Frogs, and the Fantastic Journey!" will be our theme for Vacation Bible School this year, as we explore 5 Biblical stories from the birth of Moses to the receiving of the 10 Commandments. The program is open to all children ages 3 through Grade 5 (completed). It will be held on June 27 - 30 from 9:00 a.m. —12:15 p.m.. Registration deadline is June 15. Registration forms are included in this newsletter. Fee will be \$5.00/child or \$10.00/family. Below you will find a list of personnel and supplies needed. Contact Phyllis at 334-1235, ext. 5 or gpcdce@embarqmail.com, when you know how you can be part of our program. Thanks for all your help.



PERSONNEL—WE NEED LOTS OF HELP!!!

4 Preschool Leaders

Scripture Leader

Bible Story Leader

10 Group Leaders - 2 group leaders accompany each group of elementary children throughout the morning

20 Volunteers needed for "Moses Land" - help children complete a craft or water experiment for 1 hour each morning

Snack Leader

Snack Preparer and Helpers

Childcare (for leaders' children)

Drama Participants (non-speaking) - middle & high school

Teen Aides (completed Grade 6 or older)



Supplies Needed:

Large empty cereal boxes

Colored yarn (heavy gauge)

Tacky glue

Pony beads

Cardstock (white)

Long penne noodles

(not with angled bottoms)

Gold spray paint

Colored modeling clay

(self-hardening)

Brown, green, red construction paper

White (not gel) shaving cream

Wooden skewers

Flat baking pans

Squeegee – plastic ones to wipe windows or shower walls

Food coloring (primary colors)

Large cheap paper plates

Large Googlie eyes

Nature stamps

Black stamp pads

Framing matt boards (all colors) 8 x 10 size

6 x 6" squares of thin wood

Small tiles

Small/tiny rubber bands for hair braiding

Old men's ties - any style (or young men's old ties!)

Drinking straws

Boxes of Rice Krispies

Marshmallows

White icing

Small polished stones/gems for stepping stones

Marbles

Sea glass

Rolls of plastic wrap (not press and seal)

Old round cake pans, plastic plant saucers, or throw away pie tins

Upcoming Events:

May Music Schedule

May 15	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
May 22	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Bell Choir
		Adult Choir
May 29	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

May

May 22	5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Year-End Picnic @ Lake Heritage
May 18 & 25	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	High School Twelve Wednesday evenings

MidSHIP Schedule

May

May 22	5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Year-End Picnic @ Lake Heritage
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UPDATE on Habitat for Humanity BLITZ BUILD

Habitat for Humanity is experiencing weather related delays in preparation of the blitz build. The schedule for the blitz build has been changed to **June 9, 10 and 11** and the following week of **June 16, 17 and 18**. Any questions contact Dennis Meckley @ 337-0777



Adult Sunday School Class

Begins on June 5th

This summer (June 5 - Aug. 28) we will be offering an adult Sunday School class based on the book of James. This class entitled "Walking the Talk" will be held at 9:30 a.m. downstairs in the MacAskill Room and will be taught by Andy Miner and Chuck Teague. You do not have to sign up for this Sunday school class; just come whenever time allows and enter into the interesting discussion!



The United Way of Adams County is looking for donations of single, toddler and/or bunk beds for low income families in need. If you can help, call Vickie Corbett at 717-334-5809 or email her at Vickieuwac@centurylink.net.

HARRISBURG SENATORS GAME on JUNE 23: You're Invited!



All church members and friends are invited to a Harrisburg Senators Baseball game on Thursday, June 23. We will depart at 5:00 p.m. from the church parking lot (game starts at 7:00 p.m.) and will carpool to the Stadium. You can either pack food to eat on the way or buy supper at the park.

Cost for the game ticket is \$6/person. You can sign up from May 15 - June 5 on Sundays in Fellowship Hall or by calling Phyllis Dowd at 334-1235 ext. 5. Come join us on City Island for a fun, summer evening with your church family!

Reception for Christian Education Leaders on June 5th

In the past we have honored the leaders of our Christian Education program by providing a Teacher Appreciation Breakfast at the Dobbin House. This year, in the interest of Stewardship and the economy, we instead will be providing an appreciation reception at the church on Sunday, June 5. The reception will be held throughout the morning and will give each of us the opportunity to thank these members of our congregation who have faithfully led our children, teens, and adults in the many Christian Education programs. So come to worship on June 5 and keep your eyes open for all those people wearing corsages. Then please give them your personal thank-you for all they do.

Middle East Series DVDs Available

Due to requests from several church members, we taped the last 3 lectures by Rev. Dr. Bill Harter in his Middle East series. We have a DVD of Week #2 (April 10), an audiotape of Week #3 (April 17), and a DVD of Week #4 (May 1). If you are interested in borrowing any of these, please contact Phyllis in the church office (334-1235, ext. 5).

Also, we had purchased 2 resource books entitled The Crisis of Islam: Holy War and Unholy Terror and What Went Wrong? The Crisis between Islam and Modernity in the Middle East, both by Bernard Lewis. If you borrowed one or both of these books, please return them to Phyllis so we can put them in the church library. Thanks.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR SOUTH DAKOTA

Preparations are underway for our South Dakota Mission Trip from July 14 - 24 and the excitement is building. Thank you to all for the contributions made so far.

We are still in need of some very important items which we give out as prizes at the Festival. If you can donate any of the following "new or nearly new" items, please bring them to the church office:



Sheets or Sheet Sets

Box Fans

Tire Repair Kits

Fabric (cotton or silk)

Backpacks

Sewing Machines (new or nearly new & portable)

Towels

Dish Sets

Sleeping Bags

Sewing Notions

School Supplies

Blankets

Tool Sets

Flashlights

Jar Candles



Thanks for all your prayers and support as we return to the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation this summer.

— Penny Messinger (334-1235)



Lend A Hand News

This time our response is needed in the tornado stricken area of Tupelo, Okolona and Smithville, Miss. (which had a direct hit of an EF5 tornado). These towns are all located in the northeast corner of the state near the Alabama border. The area was ravaged by a series of tornadoes on April 28, that

destroyed more than 200 homes and 20 businesses in Smithville alone, with major damage to other small towns in the area like Okolona, Algoma, Oxford and Ripley. Search and recovery efforts are now underway. In approximately two weeks, the area will be opened to clean-up efforts.

June 18-25 A Lend A Hand team of 8 volunteers will be sent to the area. A second trip has been set for **July 16-23**. The work will be as demanding (labor intensive, strong constitution required) as D'Iberville (for those of you, who participated in the first response trips to that area). Temperatures are expected to be in the 90's with high humidity.

The teams will stay at the First Presbyterian Church of Tupelo. Since the groups will travel by van, the cost will be \$175.00. **Interested volunteers, please contact the LAH office at 731-8888.** (Please note that because of the extreme working conditions, LAH will be matching volunteers skills and capabilities with the perceived needs of the clean-up effort.)

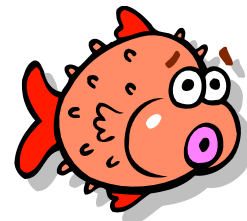


Ever Thought about Becoming a Stephen Minister?

GPC will be training another class of Stephen Ministers beginning in October 2011. Stephen Ministers work alongside our pastors to care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness.

If you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening, please begin to prayerfully consider whether you might want to be part of this exciting ministry. A new training class for Stephen Ministers 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.

FISH BOXES WERE FULL



Congratulations to all the children and families who filled up those fish boxes for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.


There was a total of \$179.75 in quarters, \$54.74 in dimes, \$33.00 in nickels, \$51.39 in pennies, \$1.00 in half dollars, and 20 dollar bills for **a grand total of \$339.88.**

Special thanks to each child who participated and to Bill & Kathy Faloon who counted all those coins ... by machine.

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 **Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, May 26, 2011**

May 2011

GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Contemporary Service @ 9:30 a.m.

- 5/15 Should Christians Celebrate When an Enemy Is Killed?
- 5/22 Write it on a Rock (Job 19)
- 5/29 Welcome Confirmands!
- 6/5 How to Know You're Going to Heaven
- 6/12 Jonah Part 1
- 6/19 Jonah Part 2