

GRAPEVINE

June 1, 2011

New Summer Worship Schedule for July & August!

One of my responsibilities as your pastor is to look at the big picture with regard to GPC's ministry. Last summer I sensed that several of our worship services at 8:15 and 9:30 struggled due to low attendance. Singing in particular was labored, especially with no choir support at 8:15. There were eleven services below 100 in attendance, with five below 80. I found that total weekly worship attendance averaged 115 *less* than during April and May. With a sanctuary capacity of around 300 (excluding the balcony), 8:15 and 9:30 services were consistently falling below the 50-60% of capacity level (120-175) needed to sustain a vibrant service, according to church management experts. When attendance falls below those numbers it can convey a sense of failure and be demoralizing. I became convinced that we simply do not have enough worship attendance in the summer to support three worship services.

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- People/Things still needed for VBS
- An Afternoon of Bowling for Young Adults
- Calendar of Giving
- Wear Red On Pentecost Sunday, June 12

I proposed the following summer schedule to the Worship and Music Committee and the Contemporary Worship Committee. Both committees, as well as the staff, supported it. Session had substantial discussion on the matter, considering several other alternatives, but approved the following schedule for July and August:

9:00AM	Contemporary Worship
10:30AM	Traditional Worship

This should give us two well-attended services that I believe will provide a better worship experience for those who attend. Such services will also make a much better impression on those who are "church shopping" during the summer. This kind of summer schedule change is common in many churches in the summer. In fact, it has been done previously here at GPC!

I realize this change may be hard for some of you, but we encourage you to give the new summer schedule a try. It may give you a chance to meet some GPC members who usually worship at a different hour during the school year! We'll see how it works this summer to guide our thinking for next summer. We'll return to our regular three-service schedule on Sept. 4.

Vacation Bible School — June 27 - 30

“Fire, Frogs, and the Fantastic Journey”

Vacation Bible School this year will be held on

Monday, June 27 - Thursday, June 30 - 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

VBS is open to children ages 3-6 Grade 5 (completed). Registration deadline is June 15.

Fee will be \$5.00/child or \$10.00/family. Below you will find a list of personnel and supplies needed. Please take a look and find out how you can be a part of our program.

Call Phyllis at 334-1235 when you know the answer!!

PERSONNEL—WE STILL NEED LOTS OF HELP!!!

4 Preschool Leaders

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

9 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 or Cardboard boxes	Squeegee ó plastic ones to wipe windows or shower walls	Drinking straws
Tacky glue	Large cheap paper plates	Boxes of Rice Krispies
Cardstock (white)	Large Googlie eyes	Marshmallows
Ziti noodles	Nature stamps	White icing
Gold spray paint	Framing matt boards	Old round cake pans, plastic plant saucers, or throw away pie tins
Colored modeling clay (self-hardening)	(all colors) 8 x 10 size	Seaglass
Brown, green, red construction Paper	Old men's ties - any style (or young men's old ties!)	Marbles
Aluminum Foil	Tempera paint (any color)	Pennies
Paint stir sticks	Bubble solution	Quick-Crete Concrete mix (white/light color-if possible)
Wooden skewers	Small polished stones/gems	Old large plastic tarp

Can we borrow 2 “Tailgate Tents”?



Upcoming Events:

**June
Music Schedule**

June 5	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
June 12	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir Flute Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
June 19	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
June 26	8:15 a.m.	Leo McGuire
	11:00 a.m.	Leo McGuire

Attention Young Adults
(under 35)

Join us for an afternoon of bowling at Gilly's Bowl and Grille, Saturday, June 18th from 3:00 - 5:00 PM. We will bowl and fellowship and make some plans for future gatherings. Please RSVP to Susan and Brandon Guiher at guiherbs@yahoo.com or 624-2462 for more information and to reserve your spot!



New Arrival



Congratulations to Melanie & Vishaal Kansagra on the birth of their son, Devin on May 12,

Children's Church in July & August

As most of you know from the front page of this newsletter, there will be 2 worship services each Sunday in July & August. Contemporary at 9:00 and Traditional at 10:30 a.m. There will be nursery and a Children's Program offered at both services. Children will come to worship with their parents and then exit at a designated time early in the service. Children can be picked up in the downstairs classroom following the service.

Young at Heart

Our June get-together will be on **Thursday, June 9th at 12:00 Noon** at the pavilion at Homewood at Plum Creek in Hanover. The address is 615 Morning Glory Drive, just follow the signs after that (the 3rd entrance into Homewood off Westminster). As a special treat a couple of our members will share some of their life experiences with us.

It will be in the form of a picnic with everything provided including place settings. The cost will be covered by existing funds from our treasury. This will also be our final meeting before taking a summer break & meetings will resume again September 8th.

We will carpool from the church and if there is enough interest we will take the church van for those who would prefer not to drive. Meet in the church parking lot at 11:00 AM leaving the church by 11:15 AM and returning no later than 3:00 PM.

All are welcome. If you are not on a regular call list but would like to attend please contact Pam or Dick Wisor **on or before Sunday, June 5th** at 359-8896 or email us at pwisor@hotmail.com.

New Mission Project: "Calendar of Giving"

In keeping with the GPC Stewardship Campaign Theme for 2011, "The Joy of Giving", we are introducing a new opportunity for members to provide support to numerous local organizations. Called the **"Calendar of Giving"**, this new program identifies local organizations that are in need of smaller donations. Together as a congregation, our individual donations of pens, pencils, backpacks, household items, etc. will have a large impact for our local community. Each month we will be collecting specific items for an identified organization. We are asking that all donations be new and unused. Boxes will be available each Sunday in Fellowship Hall for you to drop off any donations that you may have. For storage purposes, we ask that you bring in only the items requested for the specific month. The calendar is being provided so you are aware of the donation schedule. Brochures will be available in Fellowship Hall which will include a calendar for the donation requests for the remainder of 2011, as well as an overview of the organizations supported through this program. Thank you for your support of this new mission project at Gettysburg Presbyterian Church.

Calendar of Giving – June Donation

In June, GPC will be collecting items for Tender Care Pregnancy Centers. Specifically, we are asking for donations of baby supplies including New hooded baby towels; Good Start Formula; Diapers size 4, 5 & 6; New Spring & Summer outfits; Baby wipes, wash and lotion; Diaper Cream.

These centers provide a safe, non-judgmental environment where individuals can come to sort out their pregnancy-related emotions, fears and options in hope of a positive choice. Services provided include: Encouragement & Support from a personal caregiver, "LC+New Mom" Parenting Program; Maternity clothing from the boutique; Referrals for adoption, medical care, insurance, food, housing and public assistance; Mom's Support Group and Emergency Diapers and Formula.

Thanks -
Ann Cowden and Bob Remaley, Coordinators



USED CLOTHING NEEDED FOR SOUTH DAKOTA

(Deadline July 7th)

We have many donated clothes for S. Dakota, thanks to your generosity. But we just found out that Wal-mart is again donating a truck to take all our items to the Indian reservation, so we can take lots more!!

Please bring in used clothing of all shapes and sizes. We do ask that the clothes be washed, stain-free, with no tears. We can also use shoes, purses, and prom dresses.

Bring them to the inside corner of Fellowship Hall - marked for S. Dakota. Deadline for donations is July 7th.

Thanks again for all your support and participation for this very important mission of our church.

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)



Spotlight on Missions Adams County Rescue Mission

Adams Rescue Mission was founded in 1972 to serve the homeless and needy in our area. They can house 33 men in their shelter on York Rd. Mission staff works with the men, sharing the gospel and helping them improve life skills so they can find and keep employment. The facility for families on Chambersburg St. was damaged in the fire at the Civil War Chapel. They are renovating that property and hoping to build an additional one next door.

Many of you know of the Mission through its extensive recycling program which helps support the work. Our pastors know of the mission because we often refer people to its shelter who come to us seeking help. We thank you for your giving to GPC, which helps to support this important local mission.

Please Wear Red!

Sunday, June 12, is Pentecost Sunday when we celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church.



Red is the traditional color of Pentecost, so we are asking church members to consider wearing red that day. If you don't own any red clothing, please come to church anyway!

Don't Forget!

New Adult Sunday School class "Walking the Talk", begins this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the MacAskill Room. Be There!!

Do It All in Jesus' Name



Stephen Ministers bring distinctively Christian care to those in need. They use both words and deeds to express Christ's care for others--listening and comforting, calling on the training they have received and employing the tools of faith. If this job description fits your personal goals for ministry, consider becoming a Stephen Minister. 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.

RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

RESULTS

There are so many people that make it possible for us to have a successful Rummage & Bake Sale, from the guys who help set up to the sorters, pricers, bakers and the list goes on. To you all—**THANK YOU!**

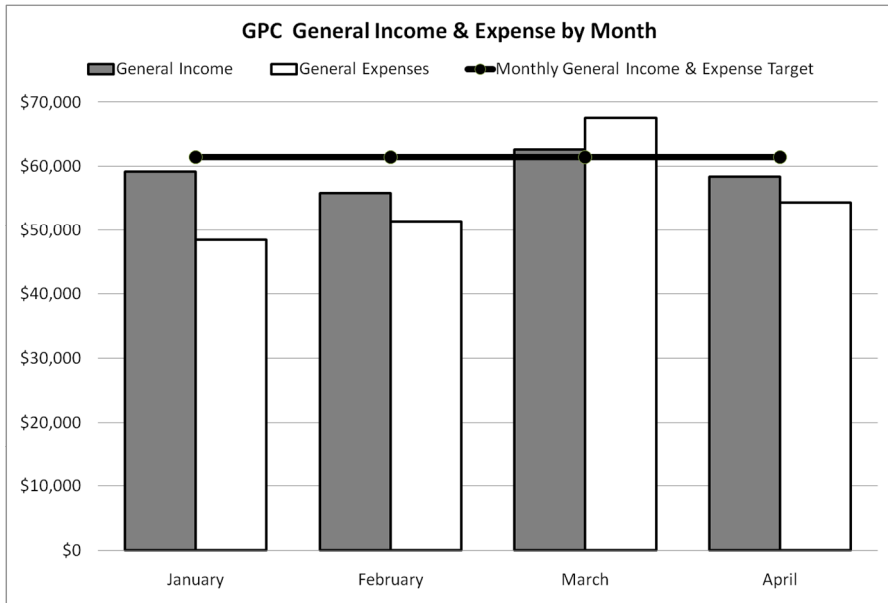
Here are the figures for the sale:

Rummage sale	\$2,481.75
Bake Sale	<u>234.45</u>
Total	\$2,716.20

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 June is Jeff Hieber at 338-0624.



Through the end of April we have completed 33% of the year and realized approximately 33% of budgeted general income and 31% of budgeted general expenses. Your faithful support of GPC's mission is appreciated.

Help Needed!

The Audio-Visual team would like to train more people to show PowerPoint during the Contemporary Service on Sunday mornings. No previous experience is required- you do not need to be a "techie" to learn to do this, just willing to help out occasionally when our regular PowerPoint operators need a week off.

Please contact Libby Crowe at church (334-1235, ext. 7) or home (359-9719) for more information.

Session Update

At its meeting on May 1, the Session...

- Approved a "Calendar of Giving" proposal from Mission and Interpretation
- Dealt with several requests for building usage

At its meeting on May 22, the Session...

- Examined and received 8 confirmands into membership. They are: Abby Fernandes, Jordan Garrett, Megan Gochenauer, Kathryn Hardman, Cody Kiefer, Ryan Kime, Mason Little, Sam Tomassini.
- Approved a new summer worship schedule for July and August

Mexico Mission Trip Update (July 19-26)

We held our first meeting on May 22. Next training meeting will be Sunday, June 5 after the 11AM worship service.



We will be staying in the village of Chocola, Yucatan about an hour outside of Merida. We'll be building block homes, running a VBS and our glasses ministry. Chocola is the village where Oscar Dorantes, Director of Accion, serves as a pastor!

Meeting About Amendment 10-A

You may have heard that a majority of the Presbyteries voted to approve Amendment 10-A, which removes the national prohibition against sexually active gays and lesbians serving in ordained ministry. These decisions will now be made on a local presbytery and congregational level.

Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church (1865 Knoxlyn Rd., Gettysburg) is holding an open meeting on Wed., June 15th at 7PM for local Presbyterians to answer questions such as:

- What does 10A mean, and what doesn't it mean?
- How can we focus on God's mission for our church in this world, without allowing 10A to be a distraction?

HARRISBURG SENATORS GAME on JUNE 23

Last Chance to Sign Up!



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. This Sunday, June 5 is the last day to sign up either 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!



Foosball Table?

Our Foosball Table (located at the end of Fellowship Hall) has experienced normal "wear & tear" over the past several years and will soon be beyond repair. If you have a foosball table you would be willing to donate to the church, please call Phyllis at 334-1235, ext. 5 Thanks!

PW CIRCLES

Elizabeth Circle

Monday, June 13, 12:00 NOON

(Note: Change of date)

The Pore House
755 McClellan Dr.
Gettysburg, PA
337-1718
Please take a sandwich.

Mary Martha Circle

Monday, June 27, 6:00 p.m.

(Note: Change of date & time)

Nancy Cook
465 Goldenville Rd.
Gettysburg, PA
337-1454
Pot Luck Supper

Esther Circle

Thursday, June 16, 11:00 a.m.

Eisenhower Lounge at GPC
Lunch at Café Saint-Amand



Reception for Christian Education Leaders

This Sunday, 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 this 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 carnations. Then please give them your personal thank-you for all they do.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>June 2011</h1>			1 9:15 a.m. John Joyce tour 11:00 -2:30 Adams County Decision Making Group 12:15 p.m. Men's Interfaith 5:30 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	2 6:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir Bell Cleaning & Pot Luck 6:30 p.m. Worship & Music 6:30 p.m. Christian Ed.	3	4 6:00 p.m. "10 Great Dates"
5 Senior Recognition Reception for C. E. Leaders 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 12:00 p.m. Mexico Mission Training	6 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	7 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision (MacAskill Rm)	8 5:30 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 6:00 p.m. Welcome & Outreach 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir 7:30 p.m. Gettysburg High School Baccalaureate	9 12:00 p.m. Young @ Heart picnic @ Homewood at Plum Creek	10 (Rehearsal & Back-up Site for Josh Gallon's Wedding)	11
12 PENTECOST Honduras Commissioning Recognition of Newborns 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 12:15 p.m. Deacons Mtg. 12:15 p.m. Property Comm. 5:00 p.m. Session Meeting	13 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 12:00 p.m. Elizabeth Circle 7:00 p.m. Cancer Support Group	14 7:30 a.m. Habitat Board Mtg.	15 Historic Church Walking Tour - G'burg Festival 5:30 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir 7:00 p.m. Honduras Packing Party 7:00 p.m. Stewardship	16 12:00 Noon Newsletter Deadline 6:15 p.m. Gastric Bypass Support Grp. (HR) 7:00 p.m. High School Workcamp Packing Party 7:00 p.m. VBS Leaders (Eisenhower Lounge)	17 Youth Workcamp leaves -----	18 3:00 p.m. Afternoon of Bowling for Young Adults Honduras Mission Trip Leaves
19 7:40 a.m. Early Choir	20 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop	21 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Leaders 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision (MacAskill Rm) 7:30 p.m. Personnel & Administration	22 11:30 a.m. Admin. Assist. Luncheon 5:30 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 5:30 p.m. Historic Church Walking Tour 7:00 p.m. Healthcare 4 All	23 5:00 p.m. Harrisburg Senators Baseball Game	24	25 Youth Workcamp Returns
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26 12:00 p.m. Mexico Mission Training 5:00 p.m. S. Dakota Picnic @ the Rowland's	27 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 6:00 p.m. Mary Martha Circle V A C A T I O N	28 Honduras Team Returns	29 5:30 p.m. Cont. Music Prac.	30 B I B L E S C H O O L		

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

 **Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, June 16, 2011**

June 2011	
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE	
Traditional Services @ 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.	
Contemporary Service @ 9:30 a.m.	
6/5	How to Know You're Going to Heaven
6/12	Jonah, Part 1
6/19	Jonah, Part 2