

GRAPEVINE

June 22, 2011

Parson to Person

Who Needs A Vacation?

As the summer months approach, the following speak volumes to those preparing for vacations:

• No one needs a vacation so much as the person who has just had one. ~Elbert Hubbard

• The alternative to a vacation is to stay home and tip every third person you see. ~Author Unknown

• Those that say *you can't take it with you* never saw a car packed for a vacation trip. ~Author Unknown

• A vacation is a period of travel and relaxation when you take twice the clothes and half the money you need. ~Author Unknown

Another thing to be said for vacations is that not a single one of us would ever send someone else on our vacation. It doesn't work that way. You can't have a neighbor go on your vacation then come home to tell you how great a time you had.

Another place that line of thought won't work is in our faith growth. If we want to grow in faith, then we need to make time in our personal lives. So, as you prepare for your vacation, whether it's a trip to see family or day trips from your home base or a week at home working on home repairs, don't forget to pack into your travel itinerary time spent communing with God.

Lastly, when you find yourself in some other locale this summer, as you settle into your room, consider opening the directory of local attractions and look for a house of worship in the area you might attend some Sunday you are away.
God's Peace,

Lou

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Summer Worship Schedule Starts July 3!

9:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship

Don't forget we move into our Summer Worship Schedule beginning July 3rd and return to our regular schedule on Sunday, September 4th.

Happy Birthday to...

July 1

Kathy Dudash
Dennis Meckley
Erin Stephens

July 2

Grayson Hubble
Will Kiefer
Chris Landauer
Pamela Poe

July 3

Gary Esterly
Richard Hoffman
Laina Nevins
John Shuss
Pam VanHoutte
Brandi Watson

July 4

Benjy Conover
Gerry Dettloff
Dawn Rathgeber
Jessica Stone

July 5

Kyele Bridel
Michael Kulkusky
Joan Miller
Jonathan Williams

July 6

Betty Forbeck

July 7

Leo McGuire

July 8

Harrison Crow
Brett Ecker
Melissa Weigle

July 9

Elwood Hoffman
Jay Sixeas

July 10

Stephanie Gladfelter
Mary Ann Johnson

July 11

Robert Lewis
Deb Soliday

July 12

Garrett Kolmer
Joan Pore

July 13

Zane Graff
Joan Grimm
Gail Hull

Cindy Hunt

Ellen Raggets

July 14

Marlyn Burdge
Ron Lamb
Carol Merwede

July 15

Adam Hunt
Audrey Jahn
Bradley Kime
James Newman
Tara Reyka

July 16

Susan Sanders
Brandy Williams

July 17

Anne Simpson
Grant Sanders
Adalyn Smarsh
Adair Toddes

July 18

Dennis Dillman
Fred Guinn
Karen Rohrbaugh
Kevin Schmitz

July 19

Kim Landauer
Carson Pennings

July 20

Richard Beamer
Tessa Beauchat
Robert Deitch
Herb Laughman
Alexander Nyiri
Dale Smith

July 21

Adelyn Hieber
Sarah Lambert
Ashlyn Sowell

July 22

Daniel Hoffman

July 23

Nancy Coombs
Kris Daniels
Phyllis Dowd
Daniel Murray

July 24

Ann Settle

July 25

Patrick Sullivan

July 26

Elizabeth Burke
Rich Fuller
Vann Hinton
Sarah James
Melany LaRochelle

July 27

Nancy Ball

July 28

Darrin Catts
Doris Elledge
Sherry Grim

July 29

Carol Heiser
Bonnie Laughman
Peter North

July 29

Braden Unger
Jonelle Warcup

July 30

Savannah Kareha

July 31

Alva Ecker
Drew Hoover
Linda Paul
William Steinour
Jean Sumser
Liam Tindall



THANK YOU:

Thanks to whoever gave a \$20 donation for Bible School through the church offering. I appreciate your support of our children and our VBS program.

Phyllis

Thank you to all the people who made meals and sent cards for the birth of our son, Devin.

Melanie & Vishaal Kansagra

Condolences:

Our thoughts and prayers are with:
Hattie Ketterman on the recent death of her sister.
Dave Conklin on the recent death of his father.
Chris Armstrong on the recent death of her mother.
Heather Burgess on the recent death of her father.

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 July is Sue Pizzuto at 677-8912.



From July 1 to August 26

Penny Messinger,
GPC's Administrative

Assistant, is on
"summer hours"

which are:

Mon. - Thurs.

8:00 a.m. to

3:00 p.m.


& off on Fridays.

Upcoming Events:

July Music Schedule

July 3	10:30 a.m.	Bonnie Wright
July 10	10:30 a.m.	Amy Hieber
July 17	10:30 a.m.	Rachel Parmentier Bonnie O'Dell
July 24	10:30 a.m.	Larry Bullis Classic Trombones
July 31	10:30 a.m.	Rachel Parmentier

NOTE: The monthly Cancer Support Group **WILL NOT** meet over the summer. They will resume on Monday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m.

 **VBS is right around the corner!**

Vacation Bible School will be held next week from June 27–30. Thank you to all the GPC members who have donated food items, ties, cereal boxes, pennies, and so many other supplies for our craft projects. Thank you to everyone, adults and teens, who have volunteered to be VBS leaders. We have 111 children signed up and we are ready to go! Can't wait!

Blessings,
Phyllis

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.

New Mission Project: "Calendar of Giving"

For our new GPC mission project, we will be collecting items each month for a local mission. During July, items listed below can be brought to a marked container in Fellowship Hall. They will then be donated to the Meals & More Summer Program.

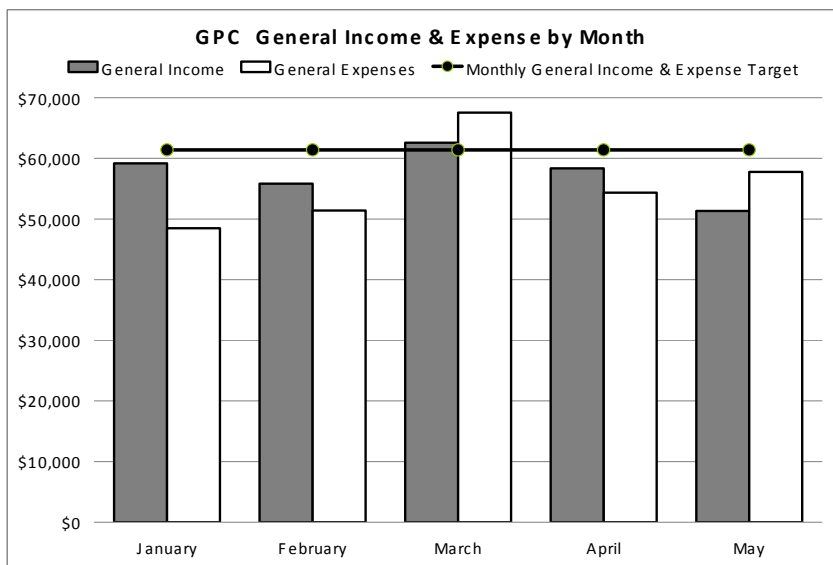
July Donation: School Supplies . backpacks, pencils, pens, scissors, crayons, notebooks, notebook paper, glue sticks, colored pencils.

The Meals & More Summer Program makes a huge difference in the lives of children who are abused, neglected, homeless, and hungry here in our community. This program offers a safe environment which provides good nutrition, education, self-esteem building, spiritual development, and athletics. Their activities include computer instruction, reading, career exploration, arts and crafts, films, sign language, Spanish, and healthy competitions. There is a major emphasis on teaching respect for others, proper manners, drug and alcohol education, and conflict resolution. Meals and More+ operates for nine weeks in the summer months, Monday through Friday, from 10am to 2pm.

Mexico Update

We are collecting reading glasses (not prescription!) in the box in Fellowship Hall. They can be purchased inexpensively at area drugstores or the Dollar Store. All strengths needed, but especially 1.25 - 2.0. Be sure the strength is marked. They will be distributed to folks in the village of Chocolá who need them!

Thank You!



Through the end of May, we've completed approximately 42% of the year and have realized 40% of our annual budgeted income and distributed 39% of our annual budgeted expenses, including 27% of our annual Missions budget.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED of Gettysburg and Adams County welcomes all church women to the June meeting at 12:00 noon on **Wednesday, July 6, 2011** in the **Gettysburg Foursquare Gospel Church** at 328 W. Middle Street. This month's luncheon (\$2) coordinators will be the ladies from St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. Following dessert the speaker will be Rev. Cindy Orweiler from Hanover Foursquare Gospel Church. Newcomers are always welcome. no reservations needed. Make new friends and fellowship with other local church ladies in ecumenical harmony. Parking is available behind the church. For more info, contact Rachel at 334-3415.

Session Update

At its meeting on June 12, the Session...

- watched a video on cultural changes that affect efforts at reaching out to unchurched people and discussed it.
- learned that the Finance Committee is not recommending the establishment of a contingency fund at this time. They are awaiting the work of the Visioning and Planning Task Force.
- read and discussed a number of proposals from the Property Committee regarding the use of our parking lot.
- elected Bob Remaley, Linda Thompson, and Mary Weigle as commissioners to the June 28 Presbytery meeting.
- approved hiring Dennis Dillman to cover for Rev. Harry G. Winshemer doing pastoral care from July 24-Sept. 19 while Harry is away.
- invited Dennis Dillman to preach on July 31.

Survivors

Many of you have heard that Survivors, an organization here in Gettysburg which serves abused women and children, is having difficulty meeting expenses until the funding starts again in September. They need contributions in order to keep the victims of abuse from having to go back into the abusive situations they came out of.

The Peace-making Committee sent them over \$800.00 from our Peace-making offering, and the Mission Committee sent \$500.00 and will send more in August. Thank you for your generosity in making these gifts possible. They also need gift cards for Giant and Wal-Mart for the residents during the summer months. If anyone is willing to get a gift card, please bring it to the church office and Barb Ebaugh will see that Survivors gets them.

USED CLOTHING NEEDED FOR SOUTH DAKOTA (Deadline July 7th)



We have many donated clothes for S. Dakota, thanks to your generosity. But since Wal-mart is again donating a truck to take all our items to the Indian reservation, 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 South Dakota. Deadline for donations is July 7th.

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

Church Parking Lot **C L O S E D** on July 13

Again this year, Wal-Mart is providing a tractor-trailer to take all of the clothing, toys, linens, etc. that you have donated to the Lakota reservation in S. Dakota. Our packing day is Wednesday, July 13. In order to accommodate the tractor-trailer that day, the church parking lot will be closed to all vehicles (except the staff). Thank you for understanding, and thank you for giving so generously to this mission project.

<u>JULY DATES TO REMEMBER</u>		
July 4		OFFICE CLOSED
July 5	8:30 a.m.	Sewing Workshop
	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Supervision
July 6	12:00 p.m.	Men's Interfaith Luncheon
	5:30 p.m.	Historic Church Walking Tour
July 7	6:30 p.m.	Christian Education Team
July 9	6:00 p.m.	"10 Great Dates"
July 10		South Dakota & Mexico Mission Commissioning
	12:15 p.m.	Property Committee
	5:00 p.m.	Session
July 11, 18, & 25	8:30 a.m.	Burden Bears Workshop
July 12	7:30 a.m.	Habitat Board Meeting
July 13		PARKING LOT CLOSED
July 14	6:00 a.m.	South Dakota Mission Team Leaves
July 17		Honduras Mission Team Report
July 19		Mexico Mission Team Leaves
	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Supervision
July 20	5:30 p.m.	Historic Church Walking Tour
July 21	12:00 p.m.	Newsletter Deadline
July 24	9:00 p.m.	South Dakota Mission Team Returns
July 26		Mexico Mission Team Returns



Spotlight on Missions Fruitbelt Farmworker Christian Ministry

Our outreach funding supports the FFCM (Fruitbelt Farmworker Christian Ministry), an outreach program which ministers to the spiritual and social needs of migrant and seasonal farm workers, witnessing to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in cooperation with area churches.

Each year several thousand farm workers return to this region to harvest our valuable fruit crops in season. FFCM attempts to demonstrate God's love to these sojourners, who are often separated from their homes, families, culture, and spiritual roots. All of them need the nurture of a Christian community. FFCM is supported entirely by local churches, organizations, businesses and individuals who support the ministry through their prayers, finances, and in various other ways such as: church ADOPT-A-CAMP; visits to migrants with the Director or Chaplain; provide health kits; or give financial support.

Additional offers of support may be directed to Pastor Rod Runyan, Executive Director, P.O. Box 486, Biglerville, PA 17307, by phone to (717) 486-3291 or by e-mail to farmworker@comcast.net.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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

July 2011

GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Contemporary Worship @ 9:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship @ 10:30 a.m.

7/3	David & Jonathan - 1 Samuel 18-20
7/10	David & Saul - 1 Samuel 24
7/17	David & Goliath - 1 Samuel 18-20 Honduras Mission Team Report
7/24	David & Bathsheba - 2 Samuel 11
7/31	Dennis Dillman Preaches