

# GRAPEVINE

July 27, 2011

## Parson to Person

As I write this, one of our mission teams is on its way to South Dakota and I'm preparing to lead a team to Mexico next week. Teams have already returned from successful work in Tennessee (Workcamp), South Carolina, and Honduras. There's even a nice article in today's paper about the South Dakota project! But these trips require a tremendous amount of time, energy, and money. So why do we do them?

In his epistle, James writes, *“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress.”* (James 1:27a) Part of our calling as Christians is to help people with the practical, tangible concerns of living. In addition, we find these parting words of Jesus, *“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.”* (Matt. 28:19-20a) In addition to addressing social needs, we are to tell others the good news that God is redeeming the world through Jesus Christ.

Mission trips are one way to fulfill these twin mandates of Christians. But not everyone can go on a mission trip! So, I encourage you to look for ways to care for hurting people and share the Good News right here at home! You can do that work through the church or on your own. And we'll be offering a course this Fall to help you become more comfortable in sharing the Good News with others. Let's keep the spirit of mission trips going all year long!

*Dave*

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# Happy Birthday to...

**August 1**  
 Marjorie Benson  
 Brody Fake  
 Judith Morris  
**August 2**  
 Tyler Grim  
 John Warcup  
**August 3**  
 Soo Reber  
 Jim Whitney  
**August 4**  
 Ken Ball  
**August 5**  
 Pam Fake  
 Erica Hoover  
 Rebekah Small  
 Kyle Smarsh  
**August 6**  
 Emily Delacruz  
 Phil Hunt  
 Nicholas Shpak  
 Carolyn Warcup  
**August 7**  
 Aaron Brownley  
 John Kuhn  
 Carolyn Westfall



**August 8**  
 Jordan Garrett  
**August 9**  
 Wayne Conover  
 Ron Knutson  
 Stephanie Rathgeber  
**August 11**  
 Emma Bahm  
 Ronald Clark  
**August 12**  
 Alan Moyer  
**August 13**  
 Elizabeth Fake  
 James McCracken  
**August 14**  
 Joan Chandon  
 Grant Doehring  
 Margaret Doehring  
 Sam Doehring  
 Chuckie Marks  
**August 15**  
 Elsie Dillman  
 Dan Ecker  
 Megan Gochenauer  
 Scott Hartwig  
 Jennifer Tindall

**August 16**  
 Greg Gipe  
**August 17**  
 Patty Ann Welles  
**August 18**  
 Ron Jones  
 Lois Kime  
 Matt Mowrey  
**August 19**  
 Ned Brownley  
 Gabriel Contreras  
 Dolores France  
**August 20**  
 Amanda Daniels  
**August 21**  
 Beverley Bigham  
 Charles Fatzinger  
 Richard Garverick  
 Mark Grim  
 John Peterson  
 Samantha Sites  
 Yancy Unger  
**August 22**  
 Patricia Smith

**August 23**  
 Ann Cowden  
 Niles Grimm  
 Betsy Illick  
 Scott Keller  
 Marilyn McQuaide  
**August 24**  
 Kathleen Faloon  
 Patricia Hickey  
 Ralph Nucelli  
 Beth Smith  
 Cheryl Wagner  
 Travis Whitney  
**August 25**  
 Marie Duncan  
 Jane Gwyn  
 John Horner  
**August 26**  
 Harry Small  
 Samuel Tomassini  
**August 27**  
 Lionel Wells

**August 28**  
 Eliza Dreves  
 Les Heggan  
 Evan Snyder  
 Sean Snyder  
 Connor Weikert  
**August 29**  
 Emma Adams  
 Dylan McQuaide  
 Randy Parmentier  
 Ken VanHoutte  
**August 30**  
 Naomi Peirce  
 Deborah Wolf  
**August 31**  
 Betty Brownley  
 Alisa Carbaugh  
 Cody Kiefer  
 Scott Snyder



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## THANK YOU:

### Lucy, We Couldn't Have Done It Without YOU!!

Now that we have returned from a wonderful and very successful trip to the Cheyenne River Reservation in South Dakota, we are mindful of all the work done by each member of our team before and during our week there. However, one member of our group spent hours, and hours, & HOURS sorting clothes and many other items prior to our departure, and that was Lucy Breighner. First, Lucy sorted everything in the shack until that was full and then set up shop in Paideia House and sorted and bagged until Paideia House was FULL! She continued her work until everything else was sorted and put on the Wal-Mart truck.

Thank you, Lucy, from all of us and from the Indians who benefited from your hard work.

THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS THAT HELPED WITH THE ADAMS COUNTY WORK CAMP DURING SET UP WEEK AND CAMP WEEK. WE HAD 500 CAMPERs AND WORKED ON 53 HOMES IN THE AREA. YOUR EFFORTS MADE THE CAMP A HUGE SUCCESS.

BILL FALOON  
 WORK-SITE DIRECTOR

I appreciate the thoughtfulness and would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers during the loss of my mother.

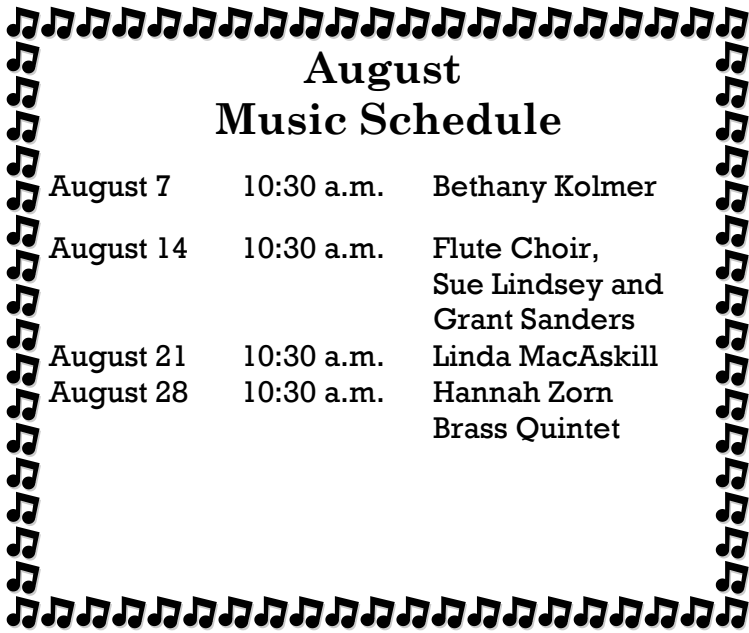
Kelly Jones

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## Condolences:

Our thoughts and prayers are with:  
 Pat Lowe on the recent death of her mother.  
 Dick Watson and Family on the recent death of Myrt.

## Upcoming Events:



### August Music Schedule

August 7	10:30 a.m.	Bethany Kolmer
August 14	10:30 a.m.	Flute Choir, Sue Lindsey and Grant Sanders
August 21	10:30 a.m.	Linda MacAskill
August 28	10:30 a.m.	Hannah Zorn Brass Quintet

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

## “Calendar of Giving Update”

The Calendar of Giving is a new opportunity for our congregation to support numerous local organizations. Through this program, we identify local organizations that are in need of smaller donations. Each month, we will be collecting specific items for the identified organization.

In June, the selected organization was Tender Care Pregnancy Center. Thank you GPC members for all your contributions to this organization. Together as a congregation, we collected the following:  
47 Articles of Clothing (outfits, t-shirts, socks etc); 8 containers of formula/rice; 25 Baby Care items (lotion, baby wash, shampoo etc.); 13 Towels/Washcloths; 7 Bibs; 21 containers of Baby Wipes; and over 600 Diapers! Tender Care Pregnancy Center was very appreciative of these donations and the generosity of our congregation.

For the month of August we will be collecting household supplies to support Operation Move Out, a program sponsored by the Adams County Independent Living Program.

BLUE brochures containing detailed information on the Calendar of Giving program, the selected organizations, and the specific donation requests are available on the window of the kitchen in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you again for making the first month of the Calendar of Giving a success.



## Stephen Ministers Care

When was the last time someone really listened to you? We're talking about that undistracted, full attention kind of listening. That's one of the ways Stephen Ministers care for others. We need more Stephen

Ministers to care for those who are making that long journey through the valley of a life crisis. Will you consider serving in this way? 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.

## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

of Gettysburg and Adams County

welcomes all church women to the August meeting at 12:00 noon on **Wednesday, August 3, 2011** in the **Gettysburg Foursquare Gospel Church** at 328 W. Middle Street. This month's luncheon (\$2) coordinators will be the members at large. Following dessert the speaker will be Rev. Judith Guasch. Newcomers are always welcome to make new friends in our ecumenical fellowship. No reservations needed. Parking available behind the church. For more info, contact Rachel at 334-3415.

## Session Update

### At its meeting on July 10, the Session...

- Heard the report of the Visioning and Planning Task Force. The task force has worked over a year on this report. Session will act on its recommendations at its next meeting and it will be presented to the congregation at a later date.
- Offered to host a presbytery meeting in 2012.
- Supported the Property Committee's work in better managing our parking lot.

Approved the transfer of Ellen Piacentine to 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church in Cape May, NJ, and the transfer of Erica Wareham to Knox Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, OH.

We ask your prayers for Patricia Hickey who is experiencing declining health in her four-year battle with cancer. Her activities are presently limited mostly to home and is very thankful for God's grace and your best wishes which you may send by card or e-mail. (from the Hickey family)



## Spotlight on Missions Adams County Homeless Shelter

As GPCers, one of our local missions we support is the Adams County Homeless Shelter. The shelter got a new home in April 2010, the old Columbia Gas building here in town. The shelter is home to 20 adults and 20 children, with a maximum capacity of 45 people. Residents may stay at the shelter for a maximum of six months. While working closely with SCCAP, persons living at the shelter are assigned a case worker. The shelter offers GED classes, help with job placement and lessons in financial stability. Their goal is to help those in need and get them back on their feet as soon as possible. We all know that God doesn't give us anything we can't handle but please keep the individuals and families at the shelter in your prayers as they are going through a transition in their lives.

## It Truly Was A "Fantastic Journey"

"Fire, Frogs, and the Fantastic Journey" was our theme as 115 children and 60 teens and adults gathered for Vacation Bible School last month. Through drama, games, scripture pyramids, snacks, Bible stories, singing, and of course many wonderful crafts, we all experienced the story of Moses from birth through receiving of the Ten Commandments. We also had a special presentation from ZooAmerica on "Desert Habitat", a guest speaker on Egypt and special water activities.

I express my gratitude to the following leaders who planned and led our program:

### Elementary

Wendy Brubaker - crafts  
 Wendy Brubaker - photographer  
 Jen Beegle - drama  
 Libby Crowe - games  
 Pam Rowland - water activities  
 Marion Lambert - scripture  
 Susan Kolmer - snack activities  
 Marlene Tindall - snack preparation  
 Bonnie O'Dell - snack purchasing  
 Deb Litten - Bible stories  
 Tony Angelini - Bible stories  
 Amy Stewart - 5-yr-olds  
 Lori May - 5-yr-olds  
 Ned Brownley - carpentry  
 Deb Litten - singing  
 Libby Crowe - singing  
 Tony Angelini - singing

### Preschool

Lori McNair - Coordinator  
 Jodi Dillman  
 Carrie Trax  
 Dana Keefer

### Overall Leaders

Wendy Brubaker  
 Phyllis Dowd  
 Libby Crowe  
 Pam Rowland  
 Lori McNair

### Group Leaders

Tracy Boyer  
 Betty Brownley  
 Brian Fitzgerald  
 Tony Angelini  
 Tammi Swartzbaugh

Thank you also to the following:

All of the craft leaders in Moses Land,  
 Kitchen volunteers  
 Teen aides  
 Chrissy Ely - "Crossing the Red Sea" mural  
 Paulette Brabender - scenery in sanctuary & Fellowship Hall  
 Nancy Cook & Ann Cook - name tags  
 The GPC congregation for continued support and prayers

A very special thank you goes to Wendy Brubaker. Wendy "magically" produced 23 crafts to go along with our theme. The crafts were spectacular. Thanks, Wendy and good luck topping this next year!!



## Can you find the cross?

Somewhere outside, on our church property, there is a new cross!

This past spring at the conclusion of our Women's Retreat, we talked about how we are vessels of God's love, broken vessels who are made whole through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.

We then smashed 2 small pots with a hammer and signed our names on each of the broken pieces.

Back at the church, Charlie Behre made a cross frame for our broken pieces, Kathy Dudash arranged and cemented the pieces into the frame and Steve Reinheimer and Scott McPherson found a very special place to hang the cross outside.

This now serves as a constant reminder that through the cross, and only through the cross, are we a whole and forgiven people.



## 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 August is Beth Fitzpatrick at 334-4960

### BETHEL BIBLE COURSE: NEW TESTAMENT

A terrific opportunity for a comprehensive study of the New Testament is available to you this fall during the Sunday School hour. The Bethel Bible Course offers three seven-week studies on the New Testament from September, 2011 - March, 2012. Even if you did not participate in the study of the Old Testament last year, you are invited to join the class of the New Testament. Because this course involves a study of the Bible, you will be required to do reading at home each week. We ask that you commit to the year with the group when you register for the Bethel Course. About 320 GPCers have taken this course over the years.

The following testimonial by Mary Flinner speaks to the spiritual and practical value of the Bethel course:

*Reading is one of my favorite pastimes, but when my husband Lee asked me to take the Bethel class with him, I was worried because I usually concentrate on the NY Times bestsellers. Nevertheless, I agreed to give it a try. Even though the Bible can be difficult to read at times, there is something in it for everyone—war, romance, philosophy, history, biography, etc.*

*I had previously tried to read the Bible on my own, but found it too confusing. With Bethel, it was so much easier because a lesson accompanies each chapter and the class discussions help to clarify questions. My favorite lesson was "Jesus the Man". The course definitely strengthened my faith. Even more rewarding than the reading, however, was getting to know my fellow classmates. What a terrific group of people! The Bible may not be on the N.Y. Times bestseller list, but it is certainly one of the most interesting and widely read books ever written.*

For more information, contact Phyllis Dowd at 334-1235, ext. 5 or  
sign up for Bethel using the tear off below.

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### Bethel Bible Course: New Testament

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes I/ we want to enroll in the Bethel Course beginning on September 11th.  
I understand that the first Bethel series will be held Sundays at 9:30 a.m. from  
September 11 - October 23.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 1:30 p.m. PW Coordinating Team 7:00 p.m. Mission & Interpretation	<b>2</b> 8:30 Sewing Workshop 6:30 p.m. Small Group 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision (MacAskill)	<b>3</b> 12 p.m. Men's Inter. Lunch. 5:30 p.m. Historic Church Walking Tour 7:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal (sanct.)	<b>4</b> 6:30 p.m. Worship & Music 6:30 p.m. Christian Education	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 2:00 p.m. Wedding 6:00 p.m. - "10 Great Dates"
<b>7</b> Workcamp Report	<b>8</b> 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 6:30 p.m. Becky in Sanct.	<b>9</b> 7:30 a.m. Habitat Board	<b>10</b> 7:00 p.m. Health Care For All 7:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal (sanct.)	<b>11</b> 12:00 NOON <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 6:30 p.m. Small Group	<b>12</b> 9:15 a.m. Flute Choir	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 12:15 p.m. Property Com.	<b>15</b> 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 5 - 7 p.m. JMJ Spanish  <b>FELLOWSHIP HALL FLOOR BEING DONE</b>	<b>16</b> 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision (MacAskill) 5 - 7 p.m. JMJ Spanish	<b>17</b> 5:30 p.m. Historic Church Walking Tour 5 - 7 p.m. JMJ Spanish 7:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal (sanct.)	<b>18</b> 5 - 7 p.m. JMJ Spanish 6:15 p.m. Gastoric bypass Support grp. (MR)	<b>19</b> 5 - 7 p.m. JMJ Spanish	<b>20</b> 5 - 7 p.m. JMJ Spanish
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop	<b>23</b> 7:30 p.m. Personnel & Administration	<b>24</b> 6:00 p.m. Welcome & Outreach 7:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal (sanct.)	<b>25</b> 12:00 NOON <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>26</b> Rehearsal	<b>27</b> <b>Wedding</b>  5:30 p.m. S. Dakota Picnic @ Rowlands
<b>28</b> S. Dakota Report 5:00 p.m. Session Mtg.	<b>29</b> 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b> 5:30 p.m. Historic Church Walking Tour 7:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal (sanct.) 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	<h1>August 2011</h1>		

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**Next Newsletter Deadline:**  
**Noon, Thursday, August 11, 2011**

**August 2011**  
**GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**  
Contemporary Worship @ 9:00 a.m.  
Traditional Worship @ 10:30 a.m.

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| 8/7  | Workcamp Report<br>Communion Sunday |
| 8/21 | Mexico Mission Report               |
| 8/28 | South Dakota Mission Report         |