

GRAPEVINE

August 17, 2011

Parson to Person

Morning by Morning...New Mercies I See

The summer is drawing to a close. Last chance vacations and back-to-school clothes shopping dates are being transcribed to personal calendars. Gardens bring forth their harvest for dinner tables and cookouts. Soon summer nights of catching fireflies or catching up with good friends will be a thing of the past.

With the end of summer coming ever closer, I am reminded how the end of the growing season is also nearing. As faithful people, I am also reminded of the God who hopes we never stop growing. Every day we are shown new insights into God's gracious, redeeming love. May we never stop looking for these indicators along the way.

As summer draws to a close, I close this note with a prayer written by Jan Ammon, Minister of the Chapel at Princeton Theological Seminary. May these words be a comfort and blessing to us all.

*“Gracious God,
morning by morning
we are reassured of your faithfulness.
Your hand of grace gathers the stones
that weigh down our souls.
You use these stones to build garden walls
within which seeds of love and hope may be sown.
May the gardens of our lives and our churches thrive
and bear fruit for a hungry and hurting world.
May we be like trees where birds can nest,
youth can climb, and those who are weary or worn
can find restful shade.
Remind us, O God,
that gardens go through seasons,
but no season lasts a lifetime.
There is always the promise of a new day
As we see morning by morning.
In Jesus’ precious name we pray, Amen.”*

Peace,
Lou

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Happy Birthday to...

September 1

Dottie Fleckner
Conor Wagner

September 3

William Faloon
Warren Walle

September 4

Mary Crouthamel
Terry Manning

September 5

Kaylee Sites
Meredith Bergen

September 6

Gayle Kelch
Jim Raggets

September 7

Nick Telenson
Lisa Gormley

September 8

Lisamarie Marks
Rachael Jones

September 9

Rachel Landauer
George Lomas

September 10

Marian Schultz
Lou Nyiri

September 9

Mike Brubaker
Tanya Hall

September 10

Georgia Kuhn
Joanne Getty

September 11

Timothy Johnson
Lucille Myers

September 12

Ron Dettloff
Nancy Esterly

September 13

Donna Newman
Candace Veon-Nyiri

September 14

Jenifer Wagner
Linda Miller

September 15

Shaely Stabler
Brittany Stone

September 16

Anne Kern
Linda Raymond

September 17

Zachary Shoemaker

September 15

Emily Beamer
Ross Brownley
Montford Illick
Roslyn Parkhurst

September 16

Adam Smarsh
Bonnie Wright

September 17

Kelly Jones
Ross Myers

September 18

Cindy Burnsteel
Brianna Hieber

September 19

Tyler Kint
Kate Moyer

September 20

Nancy Cook
Gray Daniels

September 21

Justin Lewis
Robert Tomassini

September 22

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Jodi Dillman

September 20

Lois Edwards
Owen Freas

September 21

Shawn Graff
Sarah Hoffman

September 22

Rick James
Amber Skoczen

September 23

Sally Banks
Pat Conklin

September 24

Liz Conover
Ryan Kime

September 25

Eleanor Rice
Jennifer Unger

September 26

Hunter Flagg
Roy Thomas

September 27

Neal Weaver
Barbara Forrest

September 28

Robert Smith
Nancy Ward

September 29

Tim Bollinger
Karen Golanoski

September 30

Alexa Wilhelm

September 26

Trish Jeffrey
Rachel Parmentier

September 27

Fumbani Chibaka
Henry Oswald

September 28

Norman Paul
Sam Banks

September 29

Justin Beegle
Sharon Kuntzman

September 30

Jean Sixeas
Chris Carbaugh

September 1

Will Mosser
Katie Shoemaker

September 2

Roger Clowes
Neal Garverick

September 3

Kay Heggan
Blake Pierson

Stephen Swartzbaugh



THANK YOU:

While the Contemporary Music Team took a well-deserved rest during the months of July and August, the Contemporary Service was blessed with the musical talents of many other people in our congregation. This is a special THANK YOU to those people, most of whom had not performed in front of the congregation before, and all of whom rose to the occasion beautifully!

Thanks to Abby Fernandes (singing and flute), Alex Heeschen (singing and guitar), Andrea Crowe (PowerPoint), Becky Wareham (okay, so she's a pro!), Becky Strevig, Brittany Stone, Carly Hinton (singing and congas), Carrie Trax, Christian Swartzbaugh, Pastor Dave, Drew May, Drew Stone, Emily Stone, Emma Bahm (singing and guitar), Emma Freeman, Grant Sanders (singing, guitar and bass), Jess Stone, Jim Heeschen, Joanna Suarez, Jordan Williams, Katie Shoemaker, Libby Crowe, Linda Thompson, Matt Suarez (singing and clarinet), Michael Heeschen (singing and drums), Michaela Cushing-Daniels, Nicole Bridel, Olivia Cowden, Rachel Doehring, Steve Kareha, and Sydney Tomassini (singing and flute.)

Special thanks to Bonnie Wright, who coordinated all the music and directed the choir each week, and to Bill Fitzpatrick, who set up, tore down, played guitar, and did whatever else needed to be done. And thanks to the congregation, who learned new songs each week and kept us uplifted by singing

To All of the Participants of the South Carolina Habitat Mission; Youth Fellowship Work Camp Ministry; Honduras Medical Mission Trip; Mexico Mission Trip and the South Dakota Mission Trip:
Your Church family wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of the many participants who go on the various mission trips. We feel truly blessed to have so many members of our congregation who give of their time to go on these mission trips to help others. We know that as you are working on these trips – whether repairing and/or building homes, working alongside physicians, running a Bible School, etc., God is there with you every step of the way. Our Church certainly shares the love of Christ in so many different ways and to each of you, God is saying: Well done, good and faithful servant!
Thank you,

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.



Upcoming Events:

August & September Music Schedule

August 21	10:30 a.m.	Linda MacAskill
August 28	10:30 a.m.	Hannah Zorn Brass Quintet
Sept. 4	10:30 a.m.	Bonnie O'Dell
Sept. 11	8:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Early Choir Adult Choir
Sept. 18	8:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Early Choir Adult Choir
Sept. 25	8:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Early Choir Adult Choir

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

September - October

September 11	1:00 p.m.	KICK OFF DAY & All Church Picnic
September 17		Uprise Festival in Shippensburg (More Information to follow)
September 18	5:30 - 7:00p.m.	Kick-Off Picnics
September 25	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Parent/Youth Info Night
October 2	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
October 9	12:15 - 3:00	Lunch & Bowling

MidSHIP Schedule

September - October

September 11	1:00 p.m.	KICK OFF DAY & All Church Picnic
September 17		Uprise Festival in Shippensburg (More Information to follow)
September 18	5:30 - 7:00p.m.	Kick-Off Picnics
September 25	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Parent/Youth Info Night
October 2	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
October 9	12:15 - 3:00	Lunch & Bowling



NEW ARRIVALS:

Ethan Jose Mora, son of Antonio Mora and Lacey Anderson, and grandson of Jeff & Susan Anderson born on June 18.

Emri Nikole Snyder, daughter of Lance & Anna Snyder, and granddaughter of Larry & Deb Snyder born on June 29.

Cadi Jane McMaster, daughter of Steven & Carrie McMaster, granddaughter of Eric Maitland and great granddaughter of Helen Maitland, born on June 30.

Hayden Marshall Conkling, son of Ryan & Amy Conkling, and grandson of Lee & Bev Weber born on July 5.

William "Liam" Joseph Mosser V, son of Will and Brandy Mosser, and grandson of Dan Snyder born on August 6.

Parent's Prayer As School Begins

(written by Leslie Snyder)

Oh, God. How I love my kids. Thank you for allowing me to be their parent. As the school days approach, I entrust them into your hands. You are everywhere and I thank You that You are where I cannot be. You are in their classroom, in the school hallways, are in the heart of my child. Today, I ask for Your presence to surround our school, the buses, and the sidewalks our children will walk. Give teachers and school leaders wisdom and patience. Protect my children's minds, bodies and souls from any harm and may we trust that You are always with them. Amen.

Heads Up!

All Sunday School classes begin on Sunday, September 11 at 9:30 a.m.

Information on all classes, teachers, and locations will be in the next newsletter.



Feel the Warmth

Sometimes it takes more than a parka or a blanket to keep another person warm. Sometimes it takes the presence of a caring Christian friend.

Stephen Ministers share the warmth of God's love with those who need it most: the lonely, the depressed, the grieving. Is God calling you to reach out to those who are hurting? Consider serving as 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.

Adult Sunday School Class

September 11, 2011

What happened in the 400 silent years between Malachi and Matthew? Was anything written? It seems like the New Testament begins with a whole different set of characters. No longer Israelites, but now Jews? Where did the Pharisees and Sadducees come from? And why Herod and Pilate? And what of the Dead Sea Scrolls? Inquiring minds want to know! Geopolitical dynamics and a disruption of religious practices had enormous consequences for the Hebrew people in the four centuries prior to Jesus. Questions will be answered in a special Sunday School class to be held September 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the MacAskill Room downstairs (accessible by elevator from the Fellowship Hall). Our teacher will be the Rev. Dr. Charles Teague, known to his friends at GPC as Chuck.



Spotlight on Missions

Spotlight on Missions Historic Church Walking Tours

These tours started eight years ago and annually draw between 400 and 500 visitors. Eight downtown Gettysburg churches open their doors on Wednesday evenings during the summer months. Each church has volunteers who perform short vignettes and give talks about the church's history and involvement as a hospital during and after the Battle of Gettysburg. The cost for visitors is \$5.00 for adults. Ticket proceeds pay for insurance, advertising costs and membership at the Gettysburg Visitor Bureau. GPC donates \$100.00 per year to help with these expenses.

Youth Club Starts September 14th!

Youth Club is our after-school program for children in Grades 3-5, held every Wednesday during the school year. The program includes snack, Bible activities and small groups, free time, Bible games and other games, and dinner. Singing and handbell choirs follow dinner for those who are interested. The regular program runs from 3:15 - 5:45 p.m. and extends to 6:45 p.m. for those interested in the music opportunities.

Youth Club is a program of fun, faith, food and fellowship. It is also an opportunity for children to participate in a less-formal church setting.

If you have any questions or would like to enroll your child, contact Phyllis Dowd 334-1235, ext. 5 or gpcdce@embarqmail.com. We welcome all children in this fun, high-energy program!

Adult Nursery Helpers Needed

Each Sunday we need an adult volunteer in the church nursery during the 8:15 a.m. worship service to help the teen assigned for that week. We are looking for 6 adults to serve in that capacity on a rotating basis. In other words, you would be helping out once every 6 weeks. We also need one youth or adult to help in the nursery at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday.

Sign-up for both of these will be held in Fellowship Hall from August 21 - Sept. 11.

Remember the promise you made at all those baptisms? The one about helping to raise God's children? Now is your chance to make good on that promise! You pick the dates and enjoy the opportunity to get to know our littlest members!

"Calendar of Giving"

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.

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 at the window of the kitchen in Fellowship Hall.

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

Condolences:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the following:

- Andy Miner on the recent death of his father.
- Nancy Saunders on the recent death of her husband, Don.
- Peggy Ditchburn on the recent death of her husband, Bob.
- Ken Hickey and family on the recent death of Pat.

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.

Bethel Bible Course: New Testament

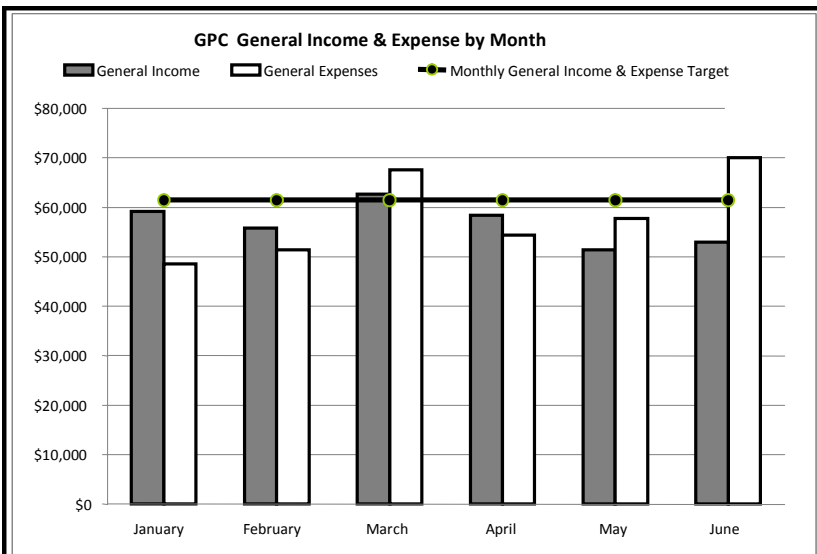
_____ Yes, I / we want to enroll in the Bethel Course
beginning on September 11th.

I understand that the first Bethel series will be held
Sundays at 9:30 a.m. from September 11 - October 23.

NAME _____

PHONE # _____

EMAIL _____



Through the first 6 months of 2011 we have realized 47% of budgeted income and distributed 49% of budgeted expenses. June expenses included \$21,500 in distributions for missions projects including the Honduras Medical/Dental Mission and High School Workcamp. GPC traditionally experiences a decrease in giving during the summer months. However, our expenses don't take a summer vacation! Please continue your faithful giving throughout the year.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support of Gettysburg Presbyterian Church through your pledges, gifts and tithes. With your help we are able to be disciples of Christ and to reach out to those in need. Recently we hosted 115 children for Vacation Bible School, we have had several educational classes for children, youth and adults, and we have sent 5 missions trips around the country and world in 2011. Your gift helps to do everything from turning on the lights and air conditioning, to providing supplies for classes, and beautiful music for worship, not to mention supporting our wonderful staff.

One gentle reminder – even though you may go on vacation this summer, the church does not. We need your financial support through these busy months. Many thanks and thanks to God who gives us all these blessings that we may use them in His name!

A church member recently gave us a needlepoint kit of Gettysburg Presbyterian Church. She had bought it years ago and never got around to stitching it.

So if you are interested, contact Phyllis in the church office. It is FREE to the highest bidder. First come, first served!

By the way, if you want to see what it will look like when finished, come check out the one in the church office made by Margaret Curtis. We enjoy it here every day!

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED of Gettysburg and Adams County welcomes all church women to the meeting **Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 12:00 noon** in the **Gettysburg Foursquare Gospel Church** at 328 W. Middle Street. This month's luncheon (\$2) will be coordinated by the ladies from Gettysburg Presbyterian Church. Following dessert, Bruce Deatrick from the local Rescue Mission will be the speaker. Newcomers are always welcome to join in this ecumenical fellowship. No reservations needed. Parking available behind the church. For more info, contact Rachel at 334-3415.



KICK OFF SUNDAY CHURCH PICNIC & PIG ROAST SEPTEMBER 11, 2011



Plan to stop by Fellowship Hall before or after you worship and check out the displays of the many ministries and missions of this church. KICK OFF SUNDAY is a great chance to learn more about **your** church family, meet new people, and enjoy our kickoff to a new year of activities and service in Jesusname. It's also a good time to introduce a friend you know who is looking for a church home so that they can learn about all we offer here and, more important, all God is doing here @ GPC.

Our annual ALL CHURCH PICNIC & PIG ROAST will be held at the Ag Center pavilion on Old Harrisburg Road (across from the Weis Market & HACC Campus) from 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

Together we will be kicking off the Church year with fellowship, food and fun games!!

Bring a friend while you're at it!!!

Last name beginning with A – G bring a dessert
Last name beginning with H – Z bring a salad or side dish

*(In order to have enough food, the Fellowship Team respectfully requests **your dish be large enough to serve 12 people.**)*

Bring your own complete place setting(s) and serving utensil for your dish.

Let us know the number in your party attending by contacting Rev Nyiri at 334-1235 ext 4, gpclou@embarqmail.com, or use the tear off form below by **September 5.**

ALL CHURCH PICNIC & PIG ROAST
Sunday, September 11, 2011; 1 – 3 pm

Name _____

I will be at the picnic on Sunday, September 11 at the Ag Center. There will be _____ in my party.

The Fellowship Team invites you to be part of an exciting opportunity on September 11, 2011. The goal of **KICK OFF SUNDAY** is to build excitement and enthusiasm for our 2011-2012 programmatic, education and service opportunities to all to God's glory. It's also a great day to bring someone you know who might be looking for a church home.

The following will happen in Fellowship Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.:

• Ministry Team & Church Groups will have displays and representatives on hand to answer questions

Kick Off Sunday is a great opportunity to invite a friend to worship as our new programmatic year kicks off that Sunday with the start of Sunday morning Christian Education classes.

Kick Off Sunday has proven itself to be an excellent opportunity for fellowship and a great way to generate enthusiasm within the congregation about what we are doing here at GPC in response to God's grace. So plan to be a part from the start!

If one of the ministry teams or groups you work with in our church would like to have a table in Fellowship Hall, then complete the form below and return it to Rev. Lou Nyiri by September 7th.

GPC September 11, 2011

Kick Off Sunday & Ministry Team Fair

(Return this form to Rev. Lou Nyiri in the church office via mail, offering plate or email gpclou@embarqmail.com NO LATER than September 7, 2011)

_____ We need 1/2 of an 8-foot table (4'X4')

_____ We need 1 whole 8-foot table (4'X8') at the September 11, 2011 Kick Off Sunday & Ministry Team Fair from 9:00 to 12:00 pm for the following:

Group Name: _____

Group Contact: _____

Group Contact Phone: _____ (Best time to call: 3-5pm / 5-7pm / 7-9pm)

Group Contact Email: _____

Will you need to an electrical outlet for your display? YES / NO


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 6:30 p.m. Worship & Music 6:30 p.m. Christian Ed.	2	3 11:00 a.m. Historic Church Walking Tour
4 Communion Sunday	5 (OFFICE CLOSED) LABOR DAY	6 8:30 a.m. Sewing Wrkshp 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision	7 10:00 a.m. Moms & Friends 12:00 p.m. Men's Interfaith 5:30 p.m. Cont. Music Practice 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	8 12 Noon Newsletter Deadline 12 noon Young @ Heart 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:15 p.m. Adult Bell Choir	9 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. Set up for Kick Off Sunday	10 6:00 p.m. "10 Great Dates"
11 KICK OFF SUNDAY & BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY Bibles Presented to Second Graders 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 12:00 p.m. Youth Choir & Youth Bell Choir 1:00 p.m. All-Church Picnic	12 1:30 p.m. PW Coordinating Team 5:45 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:00 p.m. Hist Group Walking Tour Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Cancer Support	13 7:30 a.m. Habitat Board	14 3:00 p.m. MidSHIP Small Grp 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:30 p.m. Cont. Music Practice 5:45 p.m. Chapel Choir 6:15 p.m. Chapel Bells 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir 7:00 p.m. Health Care for All 7:30 p.m. Stewardship Team	15 9:30 a.m. - Mom's Board 9:30 a.m. Esther Circle 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:15 p.m. Gastric Bypass Support Grp. 7:15 p.m. Adult Bell Choir	16	17 MidSHIP & SHIP "Uprise Festival" in Shippensburg
18 Commissiong C.E. Leaders 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 12:15 p.m. Deacons Mtg. 12:15 p.m. Property Committee 4:00 p.m. Youth Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir 5:00 p.m. Session Meeting 5:30 p.m. SHIP/MidShip Kick Off Picnics	19 1:00 p.m. Elizabeth Circle 5:45 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:30 p.m. Mary Martha Cir.	20 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision	21 3:00 p.m. MidSHIP Small Grp 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:30 p.m. Cont. Music Practice 5:45 p.m. Chapel Choir 6:15 p.m. Chapel Bells 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	22 12 Noon Newsletter Deadline 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:30 p.m. Communion Prep. 7:15 p.m. Adult Bell Choir	23	24
25 Peacemaking Offering Commissioning Musicians 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 4:00 p.m. Youth Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir 5:30 p.m. MidSHIP & SHIP Youth/Parent Information Night	26 5:45 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Historic Church Walking Tour Appreciation Reception	27 12:00 noon PW Fall Salad Luncheon	28 3:00 p.m. MidSHIP Small Grp 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:30 p.m. Cont. Music Practice 5:45 p.m. Chapel Choir 6:15 p.m. Chapel Bells 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	29 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:15 p.m. Adult Bell Choir	30	

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 **Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, August 25, 2011**

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

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| 8/21 | Mexico Mission Report
Mark 2: 1-12 % Jesus Multi-Tasks+ |
| 8/28 | South Dakota Mission Report
Hymn Sing! |
| 9/4 | Why Do We Need Church? |
| 9/11 | Reflections on 9/11 |