

GRAPEVINE

August 31, 2011

Parson to Person

“Make a Joyful Noise”

In Colossians 3:16, Paul urges us, *with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.* Christians have included singing in their worship ever since. On Aug. 14 & 21 church members had the opportunity to tell us their five favorite hymns in a survey. The results were very interesting. Over 136 *different* songs were cited! They ranged from old classics to gospel songs to contemporary hymns to praise music. Quite a few don't even appear in our hymnal!

As a worship planner, this survey reminds me how challenging it is to select congregational music for people who have such widely varied tastes in music!

We sang a number of your favorites in worship on Aug. 28, and we'll try to include more of them in upcoming worship services. Here are the GPC top ten:

How Great Thou Art!
In the Garden
Here I Am, Lord
Amazing Grace
The Old Rugged Cross
Holy, Holy, Holy
I Danced in the Morning
Great is Thy Faithfulness
This is My Father's World
What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Thanks to God for the gift of music!

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THANK YOU:

Thank you, Lee Ann!
You may have noticed the new flags in our sanctuary. Lee Ann Larson noticed that our previous flags were getting a little worn-looking, so she provided the new ones for us, including stands. Also, instead of the Christian flag, we now have a Presbyterian (USA) flag. Our GPC family will enjoy these gifts for many years to come.

(The American Flag donated by President Eisenhower can now be seen in Eisenhower Lounge.)

The Early and Adult Choirs took a much deserved vacation this summer. While the choir members had R&R, some members of our congregation shared with us the gifts that God has given to them. We thank Leo McGuire, Rachel Parmentier, Amy Hieber, Linda MacAskill, Christian Swartzbaugh, Tammi Swartzbaugh, Larry Bullis, Bonnie Wright, Laura Pennings, Jean LeGros, Deb Siefken, Beth Jones, Classic Four Trombones, Bonnie O'Dell, Kyleigh Grim, Jordan Williams, Rebecca Strevig, Katie Shoemaker and Drew May.



Gifted to Care

Spiritual gifts are gifts to give away. God gives them to us, and we use them to serve others. How are you using your gifts right now? Are you looking for a new way to use them? If your spiritual gifts include one or more of the following

--faith, mercy, teaching the faith, or encouragement, consider Stephen Ministry, our congregation's one-to-one caregiving ministry. This may be just what you've been looking for! 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.

The Video Ministry

Video service is provided by Steve Kinsey and Bill Fitzpatrick every Sunday throughout the year. Worship services may be watched regularly in the library (the "Mommy Room"). They may also be viewed in the MacAskill Room or Fellowship Hall, as required. Services are recorded on DVD's and VHS tapes for check-out in Fellowship Hall. Additionally, copies (at the rate of 250/year) are provided to the Deacons for distribution to those folks who are ill or home-bound and can't make it to worship services. Audio is extracted from those recordings and provided for use on the GPC web site for listening over the internet.

Upon timely, advanced request by sponsors, the recording of special services or events may also be provided. Distribution of special recordings is made at the discretion of the event sponsor. All of the above services are provided at no cost.



NEW ARRIVALS:

Cora Grace Thompson,
daughter of Ben & Ashleigh
Thompson and granddaughter
of Ed & Linda Thompson,

born on August 17, 2011.



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 September is Bonnie Wright (398-2411).

Session Update

At its stated meeting on Aug. 28, the Session

- Unanimously approved the report and recommendations of the Visioning and Long Range Planning Task Force. We will be sharing that report with the congregation soon.
- Heard a report on Lou's first doctoral course!

Sunday School Classes Begin September 11

Sunday School classes start on Sunday, September 11. There is something for everyone. If you have any questions, contact Phyllis Dowd at the church office (334-1235 ext. 5). We look forward to seeing you on the 11th!!

Children (9:15 - 10:30 a.m.)

<u>Class</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Teachers</u>
Childcare (ages 0-2)	Church Nursery	Nichol Fake & Andrea Crowe
Preschool (ages 3 & 4)	Preschool Room (next to nursery)	Sonja Brown, Meghan Moroz & Leah Bernier
Kindergarten & Grade 1	Lower Sunday School Wing	Sarah Foster, Cindy Burnsteel, Geof & Beth Weisenborn
(**Primary Choir for children ages 3 - Grade 2 will meet on the "Confetti" rug from 10:30 - 10:45 a.m. each week.)		
Grades 2 & 3	Lower Sunday School Wing	Dan & Alva Ecker & Susan Kint
Grades 4 & 5	Lower Sunday School Wing	Marion Lambert
Grade 6 - 8	Paideia House	Al Moyer, Deb Litten, David & Melany LaRochelle

Youth (9:30 - 10:30 a.m.)

Grades 9 - 12 (including Grade 10 Confirmation Class)	Youth Room (top floor)	Lou Nyiri & High School Youth Advisors
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ADULT CLASSES - (9:30 - 10:30 a.m.)

<u>MacAskill Room Class</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Teachers</u>
Sept. 11 & 18 ðIntertestamental Periodð	MacAskill Room	Rev. Chuck Teague
Oct. 2 - 23 ðUnconventional Religionsð	MacAskill Room	Prof. Lou Hammann

BETHEL BIBLE STUDY Third-floor Classroom Bob Bigham, Carol Heiser

This is a 1-year study of the New Testament (from Sept. ð March). Cost is \$40 for study materials. Scholarships are available. Pre-registration is required. Contact Phyllis @ 334-1235, ext. 5.

YOUNG MARRIEDS Eisenhower Lounge Steve & Jen Kareha
This group for young married couples (with or without small children) is continuing a series entitled ðPassionate Partnershipsð.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS Crane Library Ron Hankey

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS Paideia House (downstairs) Group Leadership

These 2 classes will explore the books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon and Matthew.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Dr. Charles ðBuzð Myers, a Presbyterian minister who heads the religion department at Gettysburg College, will return to GPC from March 4 - April 1, 2012 for a 5-week series on the book of Revelation.

Upcoming Events:

September Music Schedule

Sept. 4	11:00 a.m.	Bonnie O'Dell
Sept. 11	8:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Early Choir Adult Choir Flute 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 Youth Choir Youth Bell 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 - 7:00 p.m.	Kick-Off Picnics
September 25	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Parent/Youth Info Night
October 2	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Dinner & Fellowship
October 9	12:15 - 3:00 p.m.	Lunch & Bowling

Change in Sunday School Schedule

The Sunday School classes for ages 3 - Grade 8 will be held from 9:15 - 10:30 a.m. this year. Why the extra 15 minutes? What's happening from 9:15 - 9:30? Beginning Sept. 18, these classes will be going to the Contemporary Service for 15 minutes, so the children and youth can learn those wonderful songs. The classes will sit together in the front pews and then leave the Contemporary service at the "Greeting Time" to return to their classrooms for their regular lesson. Thanks for getting up a little bit earlier!

MidSHIP Schedule

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Adult Sunday School Classes Offered in MacAskil Room

September 11

Silent Years? A special class will be held at **9:30 a.m.** on Sunday morning, **September 11**, to consider a subject most students of the Bible find quite puzzling. What happened during the 400 so-called "silent years" between Malachi and Matthew? Far from being inconsequential, these centuries proved to be some of the most turbulent imaginable for the Jews. Israel was strategically and frighteningly located at a crossroad of world empires. Successively they came under the rule of Assyria, Babylonia, Persia, Greece, Egypt, Syria, and Rome. And for a brief period there was the upsurge of rebellion and with it freedom. Find out more as Chuck Teague, a retired senior pastor, opens the doors of history for our better understanding of Biblical times. We'll meet in the MacAskil Room downstairs.

September 18

An Odd Cast of Characters. Who are these people? Where did they come from? When you open the pages of the New Testament you find yourself confronted with Pharisees, Sadducees, Herodians, Zealots, and Romans. And the Children of Israel now call themselves "Jews." And what of the Essenes, who two millennia later became renowned for their Dead Sea Scrolls? And who are the "terrorists" that may include Judas Iscariot and Barabbas? On Sunday morning, **September 18**, the Rev. Dr. Charles Teague will explore a strange new world which once was the familiar home of Abraham, Jacob, and David. Our one-hour class will be held at **9:30 a.m.** in the MacAskil Room downstairs.

Communion Preparation Class on September 22

Our annual Communion Preparation Class for children in Grades 4 and older will be held on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the MacAskill Room. This class, led by Pastor Dave and Phyllis Dowd, will prepare these children/youth to receive communion in worship. Please contact Phyllis at 334-1235, ext. 5 or gpcdce@embarqmail.com to enroll your child.

NURSERY NEWS

Some reminders that will help our nursery run more smoothly:

1. We urge **ALL** parents to take a pager when you drop your child off in the nursery. Even if your child is a regular attendee, there may be other circumstances that cause your child to need you on a particular day.
2. Keep your pager in a visible place next to you in the sanctuary.
3. Please answer your pager promptly.
4. Remember to bring your pager back when you pick up your child. Then the pager won't be buzzing in your car!

Blessings,
Phyllis



KIDS CLUB

Kids Club, our program for children ages K - Grade 2, will be held this fall on Thursdays from October 20 - Nov. 17. Two identical programs from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. will be offered each week. Registration forms will be mailed later in September.



Spotlight on Missions Adams County Habitat for Humanity

Organized in 1987, Adams County Habitat is affiliated with Habitat for Humanity International. The local chapter's mission is to provide affordable housing to low-income Adams County families. This is done by keeping costs as low as possible by: (1.) using volunteer labor in the building of the houses, and (2.) receiving gifts-in-kind materials and other building items from local as well as national companies. Families that are selected for one of Habitat's houses must be residents of Adams County for at least one year, meet Adams County guidelines for a low-income working family, and have a good credit report. Adams Co. Habitat provides home ownership mentoring to the selected family. The family gets an interest-free mortgage and must pay all the other expenses of owning a home. GPC donates \$5500 yearly to this mission.

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.

Registration forms need to be returned to the church office by Sunday, Sept. 4.

If you have any questions or need a registration form, contact Phyllis Dowd 334-1235, ext. 5 or gpcdce@embarqmail.com. We welcome all children in this fun, high-energy program!

Nursery Help Needed

In order to best serve our children as well as to protect them, GPC can no longer rely solely on the services of our youth to run our nursery. While these young people have been very loyal and loving to our youngest members, new policies which we are implementing necessitate having at least one adult in the nursery as well.

Specifically, we need volunteers for the 8:15 and 11 AM services.

8:15 service - We need 4 more adults to sign up. We hope to have enough people signed up so that the most you'd be helping out is once every 6 weeks.

11:00 service - We need 1 person (from grade 6 to adult) to help for 1 or more Sundays this fall.

We'll still have teens in the nursery, so if you're older and concerned about having to bend over, get down on your knees or pick up little children, relax! You can have the teen do all of that, while you rock a warm, snuggly baby in the rocking chair.

Sign up in Fellowship Hall or call Phyllis in the church office. Share the fun! Bring a friend, bring your spouse, and get to know some of the great youth and darling babies of our wonderful church family!

"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:

September

We will be collecting Office Supplies: reams of paper, Post-It notes, pens, pencils, file folders, tablets, craft supplies, washable paints, paintbrushes, crayons, glue, colored markers & construction paper for

MANOS UNIDAS,
a Hispanic-American Center.

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:

Dennis Meckley on the recent death of his mother.

June Wescott on the recent death of her mother.

Josie Brownley on the recent death of her brother-in-law.

Bonnie Wright on the recent death of her mother.

You are invited!

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to be a part of the Youth Choir and/or Youth Bell Choir.

Our 1st get-together will be on September 11th at Noon for the Youth Vocal and Bell Choirs

If you have questions, you may contact Becky Wareham at bbwareham@embarqmail.com
Let me know if you plan to attend so that I can have music for you.

Exploring Membership Class
Sunday, Oct. 2, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

If you are interested in learning more about GPC, plan to attend the Exploring Membership Class on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 2. Following a lunch together, you'll have a chance to learn more about Presbyterians and opportunities for spiritual nurture and service here at GPC, and to meet our staff. Following the class, Session will meet to receive new members at 4:00 p.m. Childcare is available. Call the church office (334-1235) if you are planning to attend.

Young Adult Fellowship and Games Gathering!

Friday, September 23

from 7:00 - 9:00 PM
in Fellowship Hall

To get better acquainted and discuss future monthly fellowship event ideas.

Feel free to bring a snack to share.

We hope to have child care available

Please call Linda Thompson (817-0212)

YOUNG AT HEART
SEPT. 8, 2011

Our first meeting will be a covered dish luncheon starting at 12:00 Noon in Fellowship Hall. Following the meal there will a presentation by Diana Thomas on the history of the USO – why it was started and how it supports military personnel to this day. Diana is one of the owners of the Home Front General Store in Gettysburg.

All are welcome. If you are not on a regular call list and would like to attend, bring a covered dish of your choosing and your own place setting and join us for this wonderful time of fellowship. If there are any questions please contact Pam or Dick Wisor at 717-359-8896.

PW CIRCLES

Elizabeth Circle

Monday, Sept. 19, 1:00 p.m.
Paideia House, First Floor
Hostess: Helen Stabler
Study Leader: Joan Pore

Mary Martha Circle

Monday, Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m.
Hostess: Dorie Elledge
3564 Old Harrisburg Rd.
Gettysburg, PA
334-1617
Study Leader: Bev Weber

Esther Circle

Thursday, Sept. 15, 9:30 a.m.
Eisenhower Lounge at GPC
Study Leader: Janet Dewar

ALL CIRCLES: Lesson 1, Confessing the Beatitudes
Matthew 5:3; Luke 6:20, 24

Ladies - Help us celebrate International Women's Day
at our annual

Fall Salad Luncheon on
Tues, Sept. 27 at 12:00 p.m.

Our speaker, Mary Furlong, will be sharing her extensive experience

and years of mission service here in Adams County
and abroad.

Please bring a salad to share. Coffee and tea will be

The Presbytery is coordinating

a medical team to Haiti
from Oct. 22-29, 2011.

They are in need of a OB/GYN
physician, two CRNAs, and a PHAR.

In addition they need a plumber to
help connect the new autoclave and an
electrician who can work with genera-
tors.

For details, contact Dr. John Judson,
717-877-0871.

Lend-a-Hand, a mission of our
presbytery, is helping two families in
the Harrisburg area who experienced
flooding in early August.

They will install insulation and dry-
wall and paint the affected areas of
their homes.

Volunteers are needed beginning
Sept. 20 on every Tuesday and Thurs-
day until the work is completed.

Please contact Bill Charron at
WRCharron@yahoo.com for more in-
formation.

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 Deatruck 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 ó 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. ó 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 òinvite a friend to worshipö 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 ½ 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

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 **Next Newsletter Deadline:**
Noon, Thursday, September 8, 2011

September 2011	
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE	
Traditional Worship @ 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.	
Contemporary Worship @ 9:30 a.m.	
9/4	Why Do We Need Church?
9/11	Reflections on 9/11
9/18	Spiritual Growth & Maturity: 2 measures