

GRAPEVINE

Parson to Person

Sept. 14, 2011

Let there be Peace on earth...

The following quote has been attributed to Mother Teresa, "If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other." Her words capture the heartbeat which sustains the work of peacemakers. As Christians, we long for a more just and peaceful world – where the worth of every person is valued, where greed no longer rules and hunger no longer exists, where bullets and bombs no longer devastate. Each of us who follow Christ can be seed planters of peace. Each of us can prayerfully seek God's guidance to have "eyes to see and ears to hear and hearts to follow" what it is God would have us see and hear and do.

One such way we can follow God's lead is by supporting the annual Peacemaking Offering which will be received on September 25, 2011.

2011 Peacemaking Offering

"A harvest of justice is sown in peace..." (James 3:18)

Our goal is to raise \$7,000.00 in order to send \$1,000.00 to each of the following local ministries:

Soup Kitchen – serving over 1,000 meals a month;

Survivors Inc. – helping women and families break free from the domestic violence cycle and sexual assault;

Homeless Shelter – helped over 3,000 people develop life plans since they began housing guests in 1991;

Food Pantry – serving over 1,100 people per month in the Gettysburg area & over 2,200 throughout all Adams County;

Meals-n-More – summer outreach of the Soup Kitchen serving our younger community members by offering a meal and spiritual formation.

Presbyterian Church (USA)'s global peacemaking effort.

Anything above the \$7,000.00 will be used locally for unforeseen needs which arise throughout the year.

\$7,000.00 seems like a lot...it breaks down though to \$10.00 per member (over a 30 day period that is about 33-cents a day). Our challenge is to give up two fast food meals over the next 30 days and give the money to the Peacemaking offering as together we look forward to God's bountiful harvest.

Between now and September 25th, prayerfully consider how you might support this offering, then return the enclosed Peacemaking Envelope in worship on 9/25.

Peace,

Lou

Inside:

- Young Adult Fellowship
- PW Rummage Sale
- Exploring Membership Class
- Communion Preparation Class
- Gettysburg Soup Kitchen

THANK YOUS:

David and I would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers and expressions of support after the recent death of my mom. It means so much to be a part of a caring Christian community. We have felt lifted up during this sad time.

God Bless you all,
Bonnie Wright

Thank you for the rose celebrating the birth of my granddaughter on Aug. 7, 2011, Ashlynn Nicole Brannan. As she grows, please keep her and her parents in your prayers, that she will grow up to someday serve God. Also, she has some health issues facing her. Pray for her healing.

Thank you,
Marty Fitzgerald

**Thank you
to the Remaleys**

Every year for Kick-Off Sunday, Bob & Mary Ann Remaley take on the responsibility of ordering, picking up, and distributing donuts to all of the children and youth Sunday School classes. Thanks to them we have an extra reason to celebrate that day! So our hats are off to the Remaley family and could you please do that every week?!

Thanks, Carole and Jen

Carole Simon & Jen Kareha, our Sunday School Co-Superintendents, recently spent many, many hours preparing all the rooms for Sunday School, as well as cleaning out the supply room and closets. Please give them your thanks when you see them!

**Congratulations to Elwood & Lillian Hoffman
who will celebrate their
70th wedding anniversary
on Oct. 4, 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).

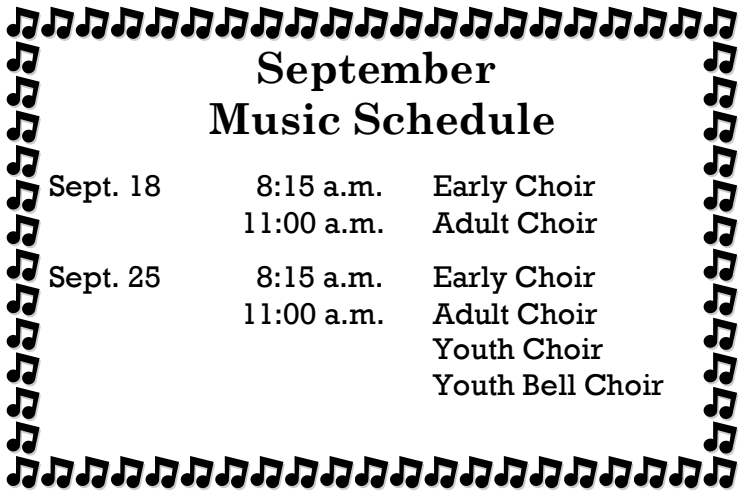
Get Together



Some activities are better done alone, like brushing your teeth or playing solitaire. Some activities are better and more satisfying when you work with others. Stephen Ministry is one of those get-it-done-together ministries. Stephen Ministers meet regularly with another person to provide care. They also meet with other Stephen Ministers to support and

encourage one another. Stephen Leaders provide training and supervision. When Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers work together, God accomplishes wonderful things! Is God calling you to get together with this team? A new training class for Stephen Ministers will begin in January 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.

Upcoming Events:



**September
Music Schedule**

Sept. 18	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
Sept. 25	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
		Youth Choir
		Youth Bell Choir

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

September - October

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

How to Share Your Faith Class

Mondays, Oct. 3,10,17, & 24 at 7PM

Many Presbyterians are uncomfortable sharing their faith with others, even though it is one of the basic tasks given to followers of Jesus. This class, led by Pastor Dave, will help you progress toward greater comfort in faith-sharing. We will look at the basic gospel message, barriers to sharing faith, and possibilities for faith-sharing that fit your personality and temperament.

Sign-up will be held from September 18 - October 2 in Fellowship Hall, or you may contact Phyllis in the church office at 334-1235, ext. 5 or gpcdce@embarqmail.com.

MidSHIP Schedule

September - October

September 17		Uprise Festival in Shippensburg (More Information to follow)
September 18	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Kick-Off Picnics
September 21	2:30 - 4:30 p.m.	MidSHIP Small Group
September 25	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Parent/Youth Info Night
September 28	2:30 - 4:30 p.m.	MidSHIP Small Group
October 2	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Dinner & Fellowship
October 5	2:30 - 4:30 p.m.	MidSHIP Small Group
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 meeting in their rooms at 9:15 and then 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!

Movie "Courageous"

The new movie "Courageous", will be coming to theaters starting Sept. 30. This is the story of 4 police officers who are struggling with their hopes, their fears, their faith and their fathering. This movie was created and produced by the same company as "Fireproof" and "Facing the Giants."

Gateway Theaters is offering a special ticket price for members of local churches. Instead of the usual \$8.50 cost, the tickets for "Courageous" will be only \$6.00. If you are interested, please contact Phyllis at 334-1235, ext. 5 or gpcdce@embarqmail.com.

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.

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.



PW Rummage and Bake Sale - October 14 & 15

Please call Kathy Kircher 357-1175 to volunteer to help with the sale. We will need brown bags. Please no toxic substances or items that require special handling for disposal. **Bring only items that work, are clean and in good condition.**

Rummage and plant sale: Friday, Oct. 14, 8:30 to 5:00, Sat. Oct. 15, 8:30 to noon.
Lunch will be served on Friday.

Drop-offs: Monday, Oct. 10, put everything in the corner next to the main outside entrance in Fellowship Hall. Deadline for drop-offs is Thursday, Oct. 13 by noon.

Marking and sorting will take place Tuesday—Thursday 8:30 a.m. —5:00 p.m.

Baked goods: Drop off by 8 a.m. Friday or the night before if frozen.

Plants: May drop off Mon. or Tues., but be sure they are moist. Wed. and Thurs. is the best time to bring them.

Clean-up: Saturday Oct. 15 noon until complete.

Volunteers are needed!!! The more help, the faster and easier big projects get done. Please call Kathy if you can help.



Thank you for your support of this worthwhile PW Project. SEE YOU AT THE SALE!!!!

Spotlight on Missions

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Gettysburg Presbyterian has been supporting Tomas Ramirez ministry in Honduras for many years. Don Tomas goes to the mission sites with us and gives a talk to everyone who comes to the clinic. His talks are called Total Health: How to prevent diseases, care for your family plus Pastoral Care and exposition of the Bible. He has been doing this for 15 years. He participates in three programs a year including the one GPC sponsors. The rest of the year Tomas farms. If you assume 5,000 people / year and multiply x 15 years, Don Tomas has talked to 75,000 people. A large ministry indeed! Thank you for your support.

Dr. Lee Flinger

Nursery Sign-Up

Thanks to all of you who have signed up to help in the church nursery. Our little ones appreciate it!

What do we still need? Three more people willing to be part of a 6-week rotation in the 8:15 a.m. nursery. In other words, you will help the staff teen once every six weeks. If you regularly attend the Contemporary Service, how about coming in earlier once in a while? Or if you normally attend the 8:15 service, you could change it up periodically and go to the Contemporary service. We do have options! Contact Phyllis at 334-1235, ext. 5 or gpcdce@embarqmail.com. Thanks!

Young at Heart October 13, 2011 –

In October we will be traveling to the Allenberry Playhouse in Boiling Springs for a lunch buffet and a play entitled "I Do, I Do". This romantic musical follows a married couple through 50 years of marriage. The cost of lunch and the show including tax and gratuities will be \$51 per person. We will carpool from the church using the church van and cars as needed, meeting at the church at 10:15 AM and leaving no later than 10:30. The lunch buffet will begin at 11:30 AM and the show starts at 1:00 PM. Since we have to book this in advance we ask that those interested in attending please mail a check to Dick Wisor at 7 Preserve Drive, Littlestown, PA 17340 arriving no later than **Tuesday, October 4th**. Checks should be made payable to Gettysburg Presbyterian Church. Any questions can be directed to Dick Wisor at 717-359-8896.



Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen

Many thanks to the volunteers who provided food for both the Soup Kitchen and the Meals 'n More program over the past four months. Bev Weber, Jim and Donna Newman, Suzanne Steinour, Beth Jones, Janet Lightner, Lori McNair, Bob Remaley, Gail Hull, Jean Sumser, Georgia Kuhn, Sharon Kuntzman, Nancy Cook, Heather Tschop, Gerry Detloff, Bette Fissel, Pam Wisor and Helen Maitland all willingly cooked in the heat and made larger than normal portions during the months that teenagers do not have access to school lunch programs and the Meals 'n More program is in session. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering for this very needed service, contact Mary Smith at mjsmith2@aol.com or 968-4602.

Nursery Care on Sunday Mornings

Nursery care for ages 0 - 2 is offered each Sunday morning from 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon. We have regular paid staff, supplemented by volunteers. The Staff include:

7:30 - 8:15 a.m.	Cheryl & Megan Gochenauer
8:15 - 9:15 a.m.	Garrett Kolmer Bronte Fennimore
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Andrea Crowe Nichol Fake Becky Strevig Rachel Pierson
10:45 - 12:00 p.m.	Nichol Fake

So bring your little ones to our beautiful, sunny, decorated nursery!

Blessings,
Phyllis

"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 **NEW** 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.

Young Adult Fellowship and Games Gathering!

Friday, September 23

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 childcare available –

Please call Linda Thompson (817-0212)
for more information.

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.

Sunday School Teachers for ages 3 - Grade 5

Just a reminder for the Sunday School teachers in all children's classes. Rev. Patrick Wilson will be here on Monday, Sept. 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the MacAskill Room to discuss the new Buzz curriculum and answer any questions we have.

See you then!

Undergraduate Student Care Packages



Gone but not forgotten. School has started. Our college students may not be here at church, but we want them to know that they are still very much in our thoughts and prayers. We can do this through our College Care Packages. If you have a college student that you would like to receive one, just fill out the following form and return it to the church office or contact Bev Weber. (bandlweber@aol.com) Final responses are due by Oct 24 for an early November delivery.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Return the following information to Bev by Oct. 12th.

Name of Student _____

Postal Mail Address of Student _____

Email Address of Student _____

Food Allergies of Student _____

Parent's Name & Phone Contact: _____

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

Visioning and Long-Range Planning Task Force Report

After over a year of work, our Visioning and Long-Range Planning Task Force recently concluded their work. They presented their report to the Session in July, and on Aug. 28 the Session approved their report and recommendations. We would like to share this report with you! Here's how:

- The written report is available in Fellowship Hall and in the narthex.
- The Task Force will present the report and answer questions on Sunday, Sept. 25 at 9:30 and 11AM in the Fellowship Hall.

The Task Force plans to do one other presentation on a weeknight later this fall for those who cannot attend on Sept. 25.

Come and see where we believe God is leading us in our future together!

New Sunday School Series from Oct. 2 - 23

Rev. Dr. Lou Hammann will be presenting a new series entitled "Unconventional Religions" during the Sundays in October at 9:30 a.m. in the MacAskill Room. Come join us as we examine Mormonism and other sects in the U.S. who call themselves Christian to see if their claims are true.

Lou Hammann taught at Gettysburg College for half a century. Early in his career he also coached the College soccer team. Later he was instrumental in starting the local Youth Soccer Program. Lou has also been involved locally in many civic activities; currently he participates in the programs of the local Democracy for America. He was born in Baltimore and grew up there working in a variety of jobs. He has also traveled to Japan, Taiwan, Pakistan, Nicaragua, Mexico and throughout Europe and the United States. He is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, and a member of Hundredfold Farm Community.

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 **Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, September 22, 2011**

September 2011

GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Worship @ 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

Contemporary Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

- 9/18 %Spiritual Growth & Maturity: 2 measures+
 Commissioning of Christian Education Leaders
- 9/25 %The Serious Business of the Church is Joy+
 Peacemaking Offering
 Commissioning of Musicians
- 10/2 %Homosexuality and the Church I - Using the Bible+
- 10/9 %Homosexuality and the Church II - Dealing with Division+