

GRAPEVINE

Parson to Person

October 12, 2011

Trick-or-Treat

As Halloween approaches, I found interesting the following *candy* statistics from an October 2010 article:

- 1 19 million ó the number of pounds of Reese's Peanut Butter Cups made in October (about as heavy as the Eiffel Tower)
- 1 9 billion ó the number of pieces of candy corn produced in 2010 (enough to circle the moon nearly four times)
- 1 7.2 billion ó the number of Smarties in kids' trick-or-treat bags (there are 15 Smarties per roll)
- 1 \$2 billion ó the amount we were projected to spend on Halloween candy in 2010
- 1 68% ó the percentage of adults who admit to sneaking some of their kids' Halloween candy
- 1 #1 Kids' favorite treat? ó No surprise here: It's chocolate.

Inside:

- **Stewardship**
- **"Date Night" with Mark Cable**
- **Kids Club**
- **New Knitting Group**
- **Young Adult Fellowship Outing**

Recently, our Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) published the following statistics on the status of children to recognize the Decade of the Child (2001-2011):

- Ø Over 14 million ó the number of children in the United States who are poor (the majority live in working families)
- Ø Over 12 million ó the number of children in the United States who are threatened with the risk of inadequate food and hunger (one in every six children under the age of five face hunger)
- Ø Over 8 million ó the number of children in the United States who are uninsured (almost six million children are eligible though not enrolled for coverage under Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program [CHIP])
- Ø 2.6 billion ó the estimated number of people, including thousands of children, who live without access to improved sanitation (women and female children in these areas spend over 10 million person years carrying water from remote sources each year & as many as 21 million children are living without a safe water source within a 15-minute walk of their homes)
- Ø 75% ó the percentage of children who die from causes related to malnutrition (in 2009 about 8.1 million children born alive died before their fifth birthday ó most of these children lived in developing countries and died from a disease or combination of diseases that could have easily been prevented or treated)
- Ø #1 thing we can do for these children? ó No surprise here: Respond.

How do we respond? ó With prayer & action.

- ü Commit to pray for these children every time you go shopping this month and see those bags of Halloween candy.
- ü Commit to pray for the work of the church's Peacemaking Team as we seek to find ways that God calls us to respond to startling statistics such as these in tangible, life-giving ways.
- ü If you've not already done so, please contribute to the Peacemaking Offering, some of which goes to help meet the needs of children right here in Adams County.
- ü If you're moved to discover the places God is calling us to meet needs like those listed above, then contact elder, Bob McQuaide (our Peacemaking Team Chair) or Rev. Lou Nyiri through the church office (334-1235).

Peace,

Happy Birthday to...

October 1

Kyleigh Grim
Will Matthews

October 2

Barbara Ebaugh
Nancy Saunders
Seth Snyder

October 3

Briannah Rohrbaugh

October 4

Barbara Angstadt
Elizabeth Fitzpatrick
Karen Lamb

October 5

Emery Weisenborn

October 6

Jim McCoy
Scott Nevins

October 7

Laura Davis
Linda Larson
Ralph Siefken

October 9

Tamara Doehring
Lucas Elledge

October 10

Anne Gallon
John Smarsh
Suzanne Steinour

October 11

Greg Beegle
Chrissy Ely
Brendan McQuaide

October 12

Rachel Pierson
Jonathan Patrono

October 13

Carolyn Hoffman
Chloe Pennings

October 15

Caden LaRochelle

October 16

Susan Aldinger
Wayne English

October 19

Whit Coombs
Matt McCracken
Brody Wagner

October 20

Archie Graff
John Harman
Christopher Lewis
Tony Poe
Gwen Scofield
Chadd Weikert

October 21

Catherine Stabler

October 22

Adam Boyer
Dave Conklin
Brandon Gladfelter
Mike Gladfelter
Mark Keller

October 23

Aiden Weisenborn

October 24

Larry Bullis

October 25

Emily Clark
Molly Clark
Amy Hieber
Laurie Lewis
Nell Matthews
Michelle Suarez
Heather Tschop

October 26

Barry Bower
Frannie King

October 27

William Johnson
Ronald Weigle

October 29

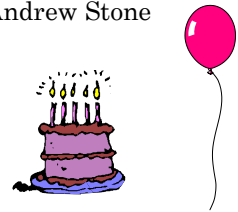
Mary Camlin

October 30

Jean Thomas
Peyton Unger

October 31

Jocelyn Kareha
Terri Stephens
Andrew Stone



Session Update

At its meeting on Oct. 2, the Sessionõ

- ♦ Approved an asking budget for 2012 of \$750,442. This represents an increase of 1.8% over the 2011 budget, but an increase of 4.6% over what we actually project to receive in 2011.
- ♦ Called a congregation meeting for Sunday, Nov. 20 at 10:45AM for the purpose of electing church officers.

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• We would like to thank all of our friends at GPC for the many cards we received for our anniversary.

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• Elwood and Lillian Hoffman

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CONDOLENCES:

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Patrick Sullivan on the recent death of his wife, Ruth.

Judy Morris on the recent death of her husband, Charlie.

Upcoming Events:

October Music Schedule

Oct. 16	8:15 a.m.	Chapel Bell Choir Chapel Choir Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Primary Choir Adult Choir
Oct. 23	8:15 a.m.	Youth Bell Choir Katelyn Gormley Youth Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Bell Choir
Oct. 30	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

October

October 16	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Dinner & Fellowship
October 19	5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	High School "12"
October 23	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Dinner & Fellowship
October 26	5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	High School "12"
October 30	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Halloween Party

MidSHIP Schedule

October

October 16	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Dinner & Fellowship
October 19	2:30 - 4:30 p.m.	MidSHIP Small Group
October 23	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Dinner & Fellowship
October 26	2:30 - 4:30 p.m.	MidSHIP Small Group
October 30	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Halloween Party

New Sunday School Series

Rev. Dr. Lou Hammann is presenting a new series entitled "Unconventional Religions" during the Sundays in October at 9:30 a.m. in the MacSkill Room. Come join us as we examine Mormonism, Christian Science, and other sects in the U.S.

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.

"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.

"Calendar of Giving"

For the month of:

October

We will be collecting: cat & dog food,
pet toys and cat & dog treats
for **SPCA**

Please put your donations in the
blue bin in Fellowship Hall

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.



Kids Club for Children in Kindergarten - Grade 2 October 20 - November 17



Kids Club is a time of fun, friendship, Bible stories, scripture activities, crafts, and games under the leadership of Pam Rowland. We will offer two identical programs for our Fall series, "The Symbols of Our Faith". These programs will be held every Thursday from October 20 - November 17, one from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. and the other from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.. Both programs are for children in Kindergarten - Grade 2 and will be held downstairs in the Sunday School Area.

Registration forms have been mailed out. If your child is interested in Kids Club and you did not receive a registration form, please call Phyllis in the church office (334-1235, ext. 5) or pick one up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. There is no fee and the program is open to any child in Kindergarten - Grade 2 who is interested. We ask that you **register your child by October 16th at the latest.** We hope your child can join us for this church activity for younger members.

— Blessings, Phyllis



CALLING
ALL
KNITTERS

OR CROCHETERS:

The weather is getting cooler so it's time to pull out the yarn and get to work. We will meet upstairs in the sewing room at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 3.

All skill levels are welcome. If you've ever wanted to learn, now is the time.

For questions or more information please contact Bev Weber at 337-2194.

See you there!!

Visioning & Planning Task Force Report

to the Congregation

Thursday, November 3
at 7:00 p.m.
in the MacAskill Room

Come and learn where we believe God is leading us as a church over the next 3 65 years.

Burden Bears



This is a request for help with finishing the bundles of loveö, the Burden Bears, that we make to provide to Hospice patients, Hospital Imaging Dept. for children, Adamö County Children & Youth Services, Childrenö Advocacy Center, Survivors, Adams Co. Cancer Center, etc. We are meeting Mondays, November 7 and December 5 in the upstairs classroom from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., or any time you can spare in that time slot. We need people who would stuff or bag the completed bears to be ready for distribution.

We thank you for supporting this mission over the years, since April 2004. We just need some extra help at this time and would appreciate any time you can serve with us at these 2 workshops. Please call Joan Pore 337-1718 or email her at joartpore@gmail.com if you can help.

Thank you so very much.



Spotlight on Missions Krislund Scholarships

In support of the youth of our church we help to send youth to Camp Krislund also named öChristö Landö for a week in central Pennsylvania. There are many activities to do there like rope courses, swimming, and climbing walls, but the main focus is learning about their faith. Each child receives \$75.00 to help off-set the cost and this year there were 17 youth that we helped to go to our presbyteryö church camp.

Grief Support Series Begins October 30th

We will once again offer our four-week grief support group entitled: "Dealing with Grief and Loss: Hope in the Midst of Pain." The group will be led by Charlotte Winsheimer and Anne Gallon, two of our Stephen Ministry Leaders. We will meet on Sunday evenings from October 30th through November 20th in the Crane Library from 7:00-8:00 p.m. The group is open to anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one and who would be interested in exploring their experience further with others in the same situation.

If you have any questions or wish to sign up for the group, please contact Lou Nyiri in the church office at 334-1235, ext. 4 or gpclou@embarqmail.com.

In order to make appropriate plans we do ask that you sign up in advance by October 24th.

**How to Share
Your Faith Class
Mondays, Oct. 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'll look at the basic gospel message, barriers to sharing faith, and possibilities for faith-sharing that fit your personality and temperament.

2 FUNDRAISER OPPORTUNITIES

#1: Lend A Hand

We are excited to team up with Hoss's Steak and Sea House to raise money for a very worthy cause.

Please consider visiting the Hoss's location(s) listed below on **10/23/2011** to aid us in raising money to benefit Lend A Hand.

Print this and present it on **10/23/2011** at Hoss's in **Gettysburg, Carlisle, Anville, Chambersburg, Enola, Hanover, Hummelstown, or Mechanicsburg**. Hoss's will then donate 20% of your total check paid to **Lend A Hand**.

***New this year: If your group raises \$1200 or more in sales, Hoss's will donate 25%! This applies to single day, single store events only.**

Group #13347

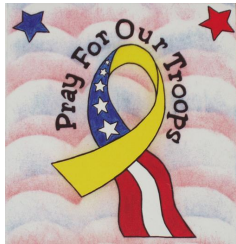
Please print and present this when ordering. Voucher distribution is prohibited on Hoss's property.



#2: Meals & More

The Meals and More Program at Prince of Peace Episcopal Church embraces and nurtures homeless, abused, and hungry children during the summer months by providing an opportunity to attend a summer camp. Children from the Homeless Shelter, Survivors Shelter, Circles of Support, Soup Kitchen, and children of incarcerated parents are invited to participate at no charge. The program will run from mid-June to mid-August, Monday through Friday from 10am to 2pm. The children receive two meals, enrichment activities, spiritual enhancement, trips to the library, drama lessons, music, self-esteem building exercises, and field trips.

A fundraiser event for the 2012 summer program will be held on **Tuesday, November 1** at Hoss's Restaurant on York Rd.. If you eat at Hoss's anytime between noon and 8PM on Tuesday, November 1, twenty percent of your tab will be donated toward the Meals and More Program. You will need a ticket, which should be presented at the time you order your meal. If your whole family would like to eat at Hoss's, you only need one ticket, provided the meals are all on one tab. Please contact Penny in the church office 334-1235 or Pam Rowland at 642-8802 if you would like to have a ticket, or if you would like more information about Meals and More.



Military Personnel Prayer Board

You may have noticed the Military Personnel Prayer Board in our Fellowship Hall. The names and faces on this board change to reflect those loved ones within our church family who are called into active duty so that we can remember them in our personal prayers. If you've not yet seen the display, stop by some Sunday morning and reflect on the names and faces you see there. Each name and face is special to someone in this congregation. When you leave, make a conscious choice to commit to pray for the persons listed on that board.

The current list of names we know who have been deployed are: Justin Churchel, Ryan Daniel, Jason Hartwig, (we rejoice that Ryan and Jason have returned stateside and their current tour of duty is over), Edward Miner, Justin Papalia, Jimmy Petronio, and Katie (Forney) Petronio.

If there is a name we are missing from this list, please get a name and photo to Rev. Lou Nyiri. His email is gpclou@embarqmail.com or you can mail this information to him in the church office (208 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg, PA 17325).

Young Adult Fellowship October Outing!



Frisbee Golf at Codorus State Park
Saturday, October 22 at 1:30 PM

Bring discs (frisbees) and friends!

To RSVP and for directions and more information, contact Linda Thompson at 817-0212 or lthomp999@gmail.com



"Gettysburg Addresses Lincoln"

Our church will host the annual "Gettysburg Addresses Lincoln" program at 4:00 pm on Saturday, November 19. All are invited and the event is free. If you have a Civil War era outfit, please wear it and help to welcome guests. The last two years it has been a standing-room-only crowd! This year our speaker will be Dr. Gabor Boritt, author of The Gettysburg Gospel and a renowned Lincoln scholar.


Spanish Immersion class is being offered for children ages 3-5, accompanied by an adult. The children will learn to hear, sing and speak in Spanish by using their senses. This is a terrific opportunity to learn Spanish along with your child.

This class will be held here at the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church on Tuesday nights from 5:30 - 6:00pm. Class begins Oct. 18th. For more information call Gina at 677-8792, e-mail at jmjspanishinstructor@hotmail.com or visit her at <http://vamosamigitos.blogspot.com/>

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 **Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, October 20, 2011**

October 2011

GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Contemporary Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

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| 10/16 | %On the Red Carpet+ |
| 10/23 | %Grace+
(Prayers for Healing & Wholeness) |
| 10/30 | %Traveling Light+ |