

GRAPEVINE

Parson to Person

October 26, 2011

'Tis the Season

“Lights! Worship! Action!” That’s our Stewardship theme this Fall. As I have been thinking about stewardship, I recalled something I read in a devotional book I use by Eugene Peterson. Reflecting on Psalm 5, Peterson states, “Sacrifice isn’t something we do for God, but simply setting out the stuff of life for him to do something with. On the altar the sacrificial offering is changed into what is pleasing and acceptable to God. In the act of offering we give up ownership and control, and watch to see what God will do with it.”

I like that. It resonates with the “Worship” part of our theme. Worship involves offering our whole selves to God to do with as God sees fit, trusting that God is good and will use whatever we offer in the best way possible. As you reflect on the stewardship of your life this season, I invite you to be generous, entrusting the gifts of time, talent, and treasure to the Lord, and watching to see what God will do with it!

Dave

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★ **REMINDER:** ★

★ Daylight Savings time ★

★ ends on Nov. 6th! ★

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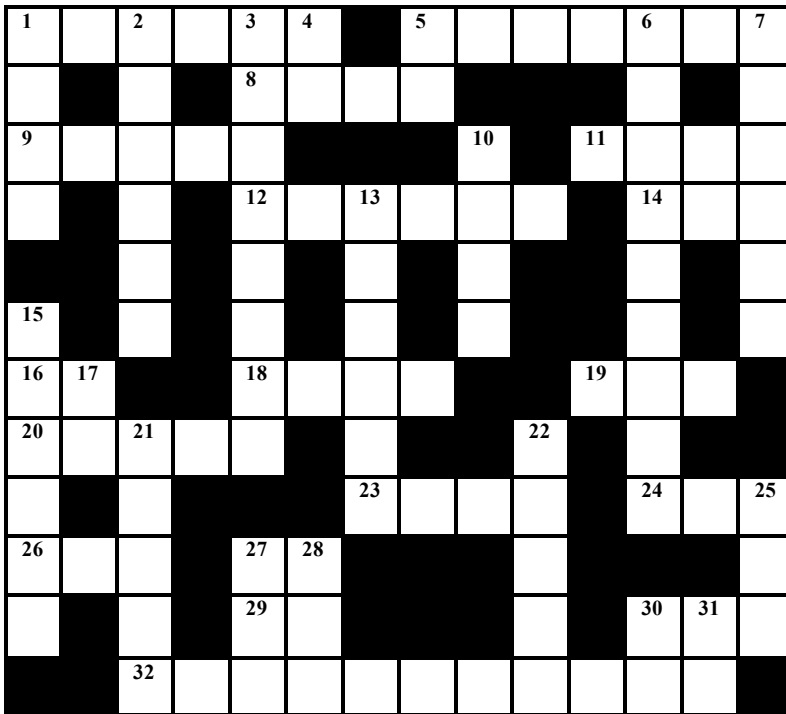


★ Be sure to turn your clocks ★

★ back Nov. 5th ★

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PUZZLING ABOUT STEWARDSHIP



Children's Stewardship Project

Each year at this time we ask the children of our church to participate in a Stewardship Project. Stewardship means sharing our time, our talents, and our "treasures" with others.

Our project this year coincides with our new GPC mission called "Calendar of Giving". So we are asking each child to bring in one or more items for Emergency Meal Supplies for the Office of Aging. Items include: peanut butter, pull top cans of soup, crackers, individual fruit servings, individual cookie packs, individual cereal boxes, other nonperishable, single serve items.

Please have your child bring their item(s) to church on either **November 6 or 13**. They may place them in the designated blue bin in Fellowship Hall. Thanks for helping our children to understand the true meaning of Stewardship.

Blessings, Christian Education Team

ACROSS:

1. 1st word in stewardship theme
5. 2nd word in stewardship theme
8. Each of us has a vital ____ to play
9. Another word for film
11. High school show-choir TV series
12. 3rd word in stewardship theme
14. Give as you are ____ to give
16. Adams Co. remedy: ____ apple a day keeps the doctor away.
18. Film winds around one of these
19. óí for ____ loves a cheerful giver.ö 2 Cor. 9:7
20. This is often made in Hollywood
23. One of the things we give as offering
24. Room where TV would once have been
26. öLet us ____ this race with perseveranceí ö
27. 1981 Oscar nominee: ö__ Golden Pondö
29. Yes, I can, instead of ____ I can't.
30. ö__ on the full armor of Godö Eph. 6:11
32. Wise use of what God gives us

DOWN:

1. What Pastor Dave doesn't ride to work in
 2. öExcel in the art of ____...ö 2 Cor. 8:7
 3. One of the things we give as offering
 4. We are ____ excited about serving God!
 5. ö__ give Thee but Thine own.ö (hymn)
 6. Movie-making capital
 7. Promise
 10. Led by the ____ Spirit
 13. One of the things we give as offering
 15. Point & shoot with this
 17. Yes, I'dl trust, instead of ____, I'dl doubt
 21. GPC newsletters (abbreviated form)
 22. ö____ Loves Meö (children's song)
 25. Peter's job equipment (as well as a boat)
 27. ö__ In The Spiritö (song)
 28. ____ is the time for all good mení
 30. 3.14159265
 31. 2009 animated Oscar nominee: ö__ö
- (answer key on page 5 of this newsletter)

Lights! Worship! Action!

*Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name.
Bring an offering and come before him;
worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.
1 Chronicles 16:29*

Stewardship is an act of worship.

While we typically talk more about stewardship during this season, it is important to keep the relationship between worship and stewardship in proper perspective. Worship is more than music, scripture and message, and stewardship is more than making a pledge to a stewardship campaign and more than simply talking about meeting the church's financial needs or supporting the missions and ministries of the church. In worship we hear the Word of God proclaimed through scripture and message and experience His grace. In response, we sing, praise, pray and present our gifts. We demonstrate our faithfulness in responding to God's grace by returning a portion of our time, talents and treasures. Stewardship is not just a part of worship; it is worship.

As we worship together, please keep our stewardship campaign in your prayers and think about the important part you play.

Bill Sterrett, Stewardship Committee

Upcoming Events:

November Music Schedule

Oct. 30	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
Nov. 6	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
Nov. 13	8:15 a.m.	Adult Bell Choir Katherine Burke
	11:00 a.m.	Youth Bell Choir Youth Choir
Nov. 20	8:15 a.m.	Flute Choir Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Flute Choir Adult Choir
Nov. 27	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

November

October 30	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Halloween Party
November 6	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Dinner & Fellowship
November 13	5:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Dinner & Fellowship
November 20	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	HAYRIDE
November 27	NO SHIP	Thanksgiving Break

MidSHIP Schedule

November

October 30	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Halloween Party
November 2	2:30 - 4:30 p.m.	MidSHIP Small Group
November 6	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Fellowship & Games
November 9	2:30 - 4:30 p.m.	MidSHIP Small Group
November 13	5:30 - 8:00 p.m.	HAYRIDE
November 16	2:30 - 4:30 p.m.	MidSHIP Small Group
November 20	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Fellowship & Games
November 27	NO SHIP	Thanksgiving Break

Sunday School Series

Nov. 6 - 20

Dennis Dillman, a GPC member who graduated from the Lutheran Seminary, will lead a new Sunday School series entitled "Grace Upon Grace".

This class based on the opening chapters of the Gospel of John, will be held in the MacAskill Room on Sundays, November 6, 13, and 20, beginning at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to attend.

"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:

November

We will be collecting Emergency Meal Supplies for the **Office of Aging**: peanut butter, pull top cans of soup, crackers, individual fruit servings, individual cookie packs, individual cereal boxes, other non-perishable, single serve items.

Please put your donations in the blue bin in Fellowship Hall.

The Session has called a congregational meeting for **Sunday, Nov. 20 at 10:45AM** in the sanctuary, for the purpose of electing church officers. Please plan to attend!



Learn, Grow, and Serve by Becoming a Stephen Minister

Do you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening? If so, please prayerfully consider becoming a Stephen Minister. GPC will be training another class of Stephen Ministers beginning in January 2012. Stephen Ministers provide emotional and spiritual support and care to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness. To find out more about becoming a Stephen Minister or how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, contact Rev. Lou Nyiri at 334-1235, ext. 4.

Young at Heart

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2011 @ 4:45 p.m.

For our November meeting we will be joining the youth of the church at **4:45 pm** to share in a Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings and a time of fellowship with the young people. Our group will be providing side dishes for the dinner. You may be called by someone from the food committee and asked to bring a dish if needed. If you don't get called and would like to attend just come - no RSVP is necessary. Everyone is welcome, it is not necessary to be a regular attendee at YAH. If there are any questions, please contact Pam or Dick Wisor at 359-8896.

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 Youth Room
(3rd floor)

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

(Answers to Crossword Puzzle on pg. 3)

ACROSS:

- 1. Lights
- 5. Worship
- 8. Role
- 9. Movie
- 11. Glee
- 12. Action
- 14. Led
- 16. An
- 18. Reel
- 19. God
- 20. Movie
- 23. Time
- 24. Den
- 26. Run
- 27. On
- 29. No
- 30. Put
- 32. Stewardship

DOWN:

- 1. Limo
- 2. Giving
- 3. Treasure
- 4. So
- 5. We
- 6. Hollywood
- 7. Pledge
- 10. Holy
- 13. Talent
- 15. Camera
- 17. No
- 21. Vines
- 22. Jesus
- 25. Net
- 27. One
- 28. Now
- 30. Pi
- 31. Up



Spotlight on Missions Good News Prison Ministry


The Adams County Prison Chaplain mission receives no tax dollars from the county— it is totally donor funded. Its mission is to “provide life changing ministry to the incarcerated, thus enabling them to re-enter the community as transformed citizens”. To date 3,000 inmates have received spiritual counseling and 7,500 received Bibles and spiritual books. Forty-two volunteers work with the program providing 25 Bible studies and five ongoing church services. GPC provided this mission with \$2,500 in 2011.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>2011</h1>		1 All Saints Day 5:00 p.m. JMJ Spanish 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Mtg. Supervision Election Day	2 10:00 a.m. Moms & Friends 10:00 a.m. Fruitbelt Farmworkers Christian Ministry Leaders 12:00 p.m. Men's Inter. Lunch 2:30 p.m. MidSHIP Sm. Group 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:30 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 5:45 p.m. Chapel Choir 6:15 p.m. Chapel Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	3 12:00 p.m. Newsletter Deadline 3:30 p.m. Kids Club 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:00 p.m. Kids Club 6:30 p.m. Worship & Music 7:00 p.m. Visioning & Planning Report 7:15 p.m. Adult Bell Choir	4 10:15 a.m. Flute Choir	5 7:00 p.m. "DATE NIGHT" with Mark Cable turn clocks back one hour
	6 Stewardship Sunday 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 9:15 a.m. Sunday School (ages 3 - Grade 8) 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Grades 9-12 & Adult) 4:00 p.m. Youth Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir 5:30 p.m. MidSHIP & SHIP 7:00 p.m. Grief Support Group	7 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 1:30 p.m. PWCT 5:45 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:30 p.m. Mission & Interpretation	8 7:30 a.m. Habitat Board Mtg. 5:00 p.m. JMJ Spanish 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Leader Mtg.	9 12:30 p.m. Homeschool Volleyball 2:30 p.m. MidSHIP Sm. Group 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:30 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 5:45 p.m. Chapel Choir 6:00 p.m. Welcome & Outreach 6:15 p.m. Chapel Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir 7:00 p.m. Cont. Ministry Team	10 12:30 Boy Scouts Arrive 3:30 p.m. Kids Club 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:00 p.m. Kids Club 7:15 p.m. Adult Bell Choir	11 Veteran's Day Boy Scouts overnight
13 Pledge Sunday 9:15 a.m. Sunday School (ages 3 - Grade 8) 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Grades 9-12 & Adult) 12:00 p.m. Youth Bell Choir 12:15 p.m. Deacons Mtg. 12:15 p.m. Property Committee 1:00 p.m. Youth Choir 5:00 p.m. Session 5:30 p.m. MidSHIP Hayride 5:30 p.m. SHIP 7:00 p.m. Grief Support Group	14 5:45 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Cancer Support	15 5:00 p.m. JMJ Spanish 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Mtg. Supervision	16 8:00 a.m. Ministerium Mtg. 2:30 p.m. MidSHIP Sm. Group 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 4:45 p.m. Young @ Heart & Youth Club Thanksgiving Dinner 5:30 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 5:45 p.m. Chapel Choir 6:15 p.m. Chapel Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	17 12:00 p.m. Newsletter Deadline 9:30 a.m. Esther Circle 3:30 p.m. Kids Club 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:00 p.m. Kids Club 6:15 p.m. Gastric Bypass Support Group 7:15 p.m. Adult Bell Choir	18 10:15 a.m. Flute Choir	19 4:00 p.m. Lincoln Dedication Service
20 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 9:15 a.m. Sunday School (ages 3 - Grade 8) 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Grades 9-12 & Adult) 10:45 a.m. Congregational Meeting 4:00 p.m. Youth Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir 5:30 p.m. SHIP Hayride 5:30 p.m. MidSHIP 7:00 p.m. Grief Support Group	21 9:30 a.m. Moms Board 1:00 p.m. Elizabeth Circle 5:45 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:30 p.m. Mary Martha Circle	22 5:00 p.m. JMJ Spanish 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:30 p.m. Personnel & Admin.	23 12:30 p.m. Homeschool Volleyball 5:30 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service 7:00 p.m. Health Care for All	24 OFFICE CLOSED THANKSGIVING	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26
27 First Sunday of Advent 7:40 a.m. Early Choir 9:15 a.m. Sunday School (ages 3 - Grade 8) 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Grades 9-12 & Adult) 12:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Leaders No SHIP or MidSHIP	28 5:45 p.m. Girl Scouts	29 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts	30 2:30 p.m. MidSHIP Sm. Group 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:30 p.m. Cont. Music Prac. 5:45 p.m. Chapel Choir 6:15 p.m. Chapel Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. H.S. SHIP Leaders 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	<h1>November</h1>		

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

 **Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, November 3, 2011**

November 2011

GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Contemporary Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

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| 10/30 | %Traveling Light+ |
| 11/6 | %Stewardship+and Communion |
| 11/13 | Pledge Sunday |
| 11/20 | Thanksgivers Sunday |
| 11/27 | %Hope+- 1st Sunday of Advent
Darlene Kline is preaching |