

GRAPEVINE

Parson to Person

November 10, 2011

For All the Saints

November 1st was *All Saints Day*, which is when we remember the people who have influenced our lives and who now reside in God's Heavenly Kingdom. Like a stone tossed into a calm lake which sends ripples to the shore's edge, these people have intersected our lives and left an imprint on us.

Each year a few of the same names come to my mind ó Great Aunt Laura, my mother's aunt who was a calming presence whenever we visited and Mike Sanford, an adult leader at the Christian summer youth event known as Trinity Youth Conference which I attended in my high school years.

Every year our church family remembers in worship those who have died since last *All Saints Day* by reading their names as part of the pastoral prayer. Here is a portion of this year's prayer:

God of History and God of Hope, You have given us great examples of faith and commitment. We thank you for the witness of our mothers and fathers; our brothers and sisters in faith, both past and present.

We thank you for Mary, the first to proclaim the Good News of your resurrection and for Peter's witness, the one upon whom you founded your church. We thank you for the sacrificial love of those who have served the sick, healed the wounded, fed the hungry and tended to the dying. We praise you for the acts of grace and mercy you accomplished through people like: Clara Barton, founder of the Red Cross and Mother Teresa, whose order still cares for the dying in India.

We thank you as well this day for the lives of our beloved friends and family from this congregation who have died since last All Saints Day. We are thankful for all in them that was good and kind and faithful, the grace which you showed them and the grace they showed us. We remember this All Saints Day:

Nancy Schuler
Susie Snyder
Sam McHenry
Lyle Rishell
Mary Ruth Thomas
Bob Ditchburn
Don Saunders
Myrt Watson
Pat Hickey
Ruth Sullivan
Charlie Morris

We are hopefully reminded of the joy we will inherit in the life to come and we put our faith in the promises of Scripture that these brothers and sisters in Christ have heard the Master say to each of them, "Well done my good and faithful servant..." You alone, O God, are the one who can turn death into life and for that we are thankful. Amen.

God's Peace,
Lou

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THANK OFFERING

Each year, the Thank Offering travels the world, meeting needs all over. In 2011, 26 projects (14 in the United States and 12 international) will receive funding to expand their work. Your past gift to the 2010 Thank Offering will provide health care for women and children, build a safe residence for high school girls, educate people with physical challenges, improve food and water supplies and allow women increased economic opportunities. Thank Offering envelopes are enclosed in this newsletter,. Your generosity to the 2011 Thank Offering will support similarly impressive programs in the future.

THANK YOU:

Thanks for "Date Night"

Last Saturday 80 church members and their spouses attended our "Date Night" with Mark Cable. It was a wonderful evening of music, laughter, candlelight, and a delicious dessert buffet as we re-affirmed our commitment to our marriages and our faith in God. Special thanks go to Bob Remaley, head of our Family Ministry Team, who arranged for Mark Cable to entertain us for the evening and also was in charge of sign-up and set-up; Chrissy Ely who created the "GPC Café"; Scott McPherson who spent much time setting up and taking down; Kay Knox who decorated the tables and arranged the dessert buffet; Marion Lambert, Libby Crowe, and the middle schoolers who provided childcare, and the many participants who provided desserts, munchies, and veggie trays. Thanks to all for making this evening a success!

RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

RESULTS

There are so many people that make it possible for us to have a successful Rummage & Bake Sale, from the guys who help set up to the sorters, pricers, bakers and the list goes on. To you all—**THANK YOU!**

Here are the figures for the sale:

Rummage sale	\$2,539.20
Bake Sale	<u>281.94</u>
Total	\$2,821.14

Thank you to the Wescott Family

On November 20th at the 11:00 service, the Adult Choir will be presenting the anthem, *Great Is The Lord Almighty! With Jesus Shall Reign*, in memory of Jan Piper. The anthem was purchased by the Wescott Family. Jan was a member of the Adult Choir at GPC for 50+ years!

Attn: Women's Retreat Participants

Remember our Women's Retreat last April? Remember the sun catchers we made? Well, they recently arrived in my office after being completed by Teresa Gard. So if you made one, come pick it up anytime. Thanks! - Phyllis

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 November is Sherry Farkas, 642-1552.

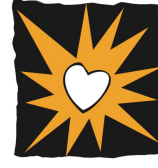


Ready, Set, Minister

Riding a bike. Using a new computer program. Ironing a shirt. Training is important whenever anyone learns a new skill. Training is important in Stephen Ministry too. Before Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers begin their work, they go through a lot of training. When they start their official ministry, they're ready. A new training class for Stephen Ministries is beginning 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.

2011 Christmas Fair on December 4

It's Christmas Fair time once again! The 26th Annual Christmas Fair will be held on Sunday, December 4, from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. There will be games and prizes for children and adults, a light supper, craft tables, baked goods, and coffee for sale. Bring your whole family to enjoy this kick-off to the Christmas season. Do your Christmas shopping at the Fair where money raised will benefit seven projects listed below. You will also be able to shop at the Fair on Sunday mornings, December 4, 11 & 18. **Specific wish lists will be available in the next newsletter, so that you can purchase an item in honor of someone on your holiday list.**



1. **MISSION: HONDURAS 2012** Each summer our congregation sponsors a medical/dental mission team of our church members headed by Dr. Brad Hoch, Dr. Tom Soliday and Dr. Lee Flinner to Honduras. Next summer our members will join with others from around the country to provide health care and health education to over 7,000 adults and children in Trinidad, Santa Barbara in Honduras. Through your contribution you can help provide medicine, dental care, vitamins, etc. to the Honduran people.
2. **MEXICO PROJECT 2012** Next summer Pastor Dave will lead a group to work with Accion Ministry in the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico. They'll live and work in a village where they'll do a construction project on a church or home, run a Vacation Bible School, and give out glasses to those in need. There are also opportunities to fellowship and worship with our Mexican brothers and sisters. Your donation will help to buy construction materials for our project!
3. **LAKOTA INDIAN PROJECT** in Takini, South Dakota. Last summer 38 GPC members and friends traveled to the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation. There they renovated Indian homes, built handicap ramps, installed windows and doors, hosted a potluck dinner and pow-wow for local residents, donated diabetic equipment, offered 3 sewing classes and provided a Festival with free food, clothing, games and prizes for 350 residents of the reservation. Your contribution can buy needed supplies to help this extremely poor community.
4. **SEA ISLAND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** Habitat for Humanity is an international Christian organization in which volunteers build homes for low-income families. These families then provide their own labor and can purchase homes with no-interest mortgages. Members of our congregation travel to Johns Island, South Carolina every April to participate in various building projects.
5. **HEIFER INTERNATIONAL** Our Christmas Fair first began in 1986 to support Heifer International, a self-help program which sends livestock to needy families in the U.S. and around the world. These families become self-sufficient through training and gifts of livestock to help them become responsible for their own food needs. Farmers who receive animals must commit to pass on the first born off-spring of that animal to a neighbor in need.
6. **FAITH IN ACTION** Volunteers for Faith in Action provide basic services to Adams County's older and disabled adults whose needs go unmet due to lack of family, friends or funds. Services provided include transportation, grocery shopping, visiting, telephone reassurance, yard work, light housework, respite care, minor home repairs...AND MORE! Volunteers come from area churches and provide services without charge.
7. Our last project is available only on December 4. It supports the **FRUITBELT FARMWORKERS CHRISTIAN MINISTRY** which is a program of the PA Council of Churches. Holiday Fruit Gift Boxes containing fresh and canned fruit items from local orchards, will be available for \$40.00 (if you pick it up at the church) or \$60.00 (if you want it shipped anywhere in the US - **bring the address with you.**) For each gift box purchased, \$15 will be used to purchase educational equipment and supplies for the migrant ministry. These boxes can only be purchased on the morning or evening of Sunday, December 4.

Come to the Christmas Fair to buy "gifts that will keep on giving" to people in need throughout the coming year. If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Dowd in the church office 334-1235 ext. 5 or gpcdce@embarqmail.com. See you on December 4 ! !

**Baked Goods Needed for the
Christmas Fair !!**

All types of baked goods are needed for the Christmas Fair on Sunday, December 4. These items will be used for bake sale, dinner desserts, and as prizes for the adult games. The baked goods can be placed in the church kitchen by Sunday morning, Dec. 4. Please mark -BAKE SALE on them. The Mission and Interpretation Team thanks you for your time and effort!

Extra Crafts for the Christmas Fair

Do you have any crafts you would be willing to donate for sale at the Christmas Fair on Sunday, December 4? If you make crafts to sell this time of year, perhaps you have some extras you would be willing to give. If you like to make crafts in your spare time, perhaps you could make some just for the Fair. All proceeds from items sold at the craft tables will go to the mission projects. Contact Phyllis Dowd at 334-1235, ext. 5, or gpcdce@embarqmail.com if you have any questions. Please bring crafts to Fellowship Hall **BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, OR THE MORNING OF SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 AT THE LATEST. THANKS!**

Donations needed for the games at the Christmas Fair

- Glassware, mugs, tea cups, bowls, etc. for the Penny Pitch (bring to Phyllis's office by Dec. 2)
- 120 tootsie roll pops or holiday pops (for the lollipop tree)

Please call Phyllis (334-1235, ext. 5) if you can help with any of these items.

ô Thanks!

**COFFEE, TEA, COCOA, AND MUCH MORE
FOR SALE AT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR ON DEC. 4!**



This year we will again be selling coffee, cocoa, and tea at the Fair. 12-oz. packages of 7 different kinds of coffee, 4 types of tea, and 12-oz. cans of organic hot cocoa & spicy hot cocoa mix will be available through the Presbyterian Coffee Project/Interfaith Coffee Program. Also for sale will be 5 kinds of chocolate bars, organic roasted almonds, and organic sweetened cranberries. These items are available through a program called Equal Exchange which provides fair trade opportunities through worker-based co-ops with small scale farmers.

Lights! Worship! Action!

With our Stewardship campaign this year we have discussed preparing and setting the stage (Lights), and about Offering Ourselves (Worship), and now it is time to take Action!

James 2:17 tells us that *faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by Action, is dead*. In fact there are many biblical references about putting our faith into action. From 1 Samuel to Romans and, Galatians, to James and John, the Bible tells us how to live a life in Christ.

It is not enough to be good hearers of the word. We need to be good doers and put our faith in action. Thankfully, ours is a congregation that provides abundant opportunities to be ðactive in our faithö. Consider serving on a ministry team, teach a Sunday school class, join a choir, and go on a mission trip. These are all great ways to put our faith in action.

Our recent Visioning and Planning Report urges us to:

Study Regularly
Pray Daily
Witness Boldly
Live Faithfully
Serve Passionately
Worship Weekly

Please give prayerful consideration of how your stewardship of Gettysburg Presbyterian Church can impact you and your family, our congregation and community and even the world.

ô Pete North, Stewardship Committee

Please remember that **Pledge Sunday is November 13**. Bring your pledge card to church that Sunday, or drop it by the church office. Remember that our asking budget for 2012 is \$750,422. Your pledge helps the staff and elders to plan for the year and to be good stewards of our money and other resources. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of your commitment for next year."

Sunday School Series - Nov. 13 & 20

Dennis Dillman, a GPC member who graduated from the Lutheran Seminary, is currently leading a new Sunday School series entitled ðGrace Upon Graceö.

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



Spotlight on Missions

Spotlight on Missions Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Our church supports the Fellowship of Christian Athletes whose mission is ðTo present to athletes and coaches, and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the churchö.

The Gettysburg High School Huddle meets Fridays, 7:00 AM at the High School. Coach Bair is the huddle coach. On average 15-20 youth attend the meetings. These feature a devotion led by a student and a time of prayer for each other, the school, and that they be empowered as Christian disciples/examples to their peers.

Since FCA came into existence in 1954, the local church has been a vital teammate. FCA is interdenominational, its focus always on the person of Jesus Christ, thus it helps the church reach athletes with the gospel. The FCA ministry attempts to meet people where they are in their spiritual journey and, through the appropriate message and methods, move them toward commitment to Christ and spiritual growth. They approach their mission through the local ðhuddleö, summer camps, athletic camps and sports camps. They are supported by adult volunteer leaders who may belong to an Adult chapter.

We encourage the youth of our church to participate in a ðhuddleö with fellow students, a group committed to growing spiritually, reaching out to others both in word and deed, and where their participation is encouraged.

Upcoming Events:

November Music Schedule

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 Barb Heeschen & Becky Wareham
Nov. 27	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

November

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

MidSHIP Schedule

November

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

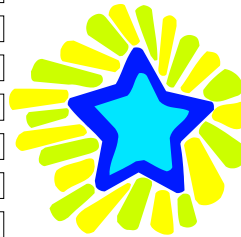
The Session has called a congregational meeting for **Sunday, Nov. 20 at 10:45AM** in the sanctuary, for the purpose of electing church officers. Please plan to attend!

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.

Mission Bright Star



On **Sunday, November 20th** you will have an opportunity to participate in our church's annual Mission Bright Star program. Mission Bright Star is a ministry in which members of our congregation purchase gifts for children whose father or mother is a resident in the Adams County Correctional Facility during the Christmas season.

Details regarding participation in Mission Bright Star will be announced during the church services on November 20th. The sign-up for the program will occur immediately after each service in Fellowship Hall. As in the past, your willingness to share the love and compassion of Christ with others is greatly appreciated. Thank You.

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 sometime in November. 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

Advent Sunday School Series

The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem

Our own Rev. Paul Wilson, will lead this 4-week DVD Advent series in the MacAskill Room beginning Sunday, Nov. 27 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Each week the class will take an in-depth look at one of the main characters of the Christmas Story through scripture, discussion, and DVD. All are invited to

Advent's Angels

In the Women's Bible Class we will be offering an Advent series entitled "Advent's Angels" beginning Sunday, Nov. 27 at 9:30 a.m. in the downstairs front room of Paideia House. (Enter through the back door.) Topics will include "The Angel in the Garden: Adam and Eve"; "The Angel in the Temple: Zechariah and Elizabeth"; "The Angel in Nazareth and Beyond: Mary & Joseph"; and "The Angels in Bethlehem: The Shepherds."

This class is open to all women and Lucy serves baked goods each week!

Advent Devotions Available

Beginning November 20, Advent Meditation booklets will be available in Fellowship Hall. The meditations entitled "The Lord Is Near" were written by Henri J.M. Nouwen, one of the most innovative and influential spiritual writers of the past century. Feel free to stop by the table and pick one up or contact Phyllis in the church office at 334-1235, ext. 5 or gpcdce@embarqmail.com. There is no charge.

Family Night Movie Night!

Come see "Toy Story 3"

on **Friday November 18th**

at 6:30 in the Sanctuary

\$2 per person or \$5 per family

Sponsored by the High School Fellowship

All proceeds benefit the Missions Ministry



"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.

“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.

Light in the Midst of Darkness: A Worship Service for Those Who Find Celebrating Difficult



Sunday, December 18, 2011
4:00PM Sanctuary

For many of us, Christmas is a bittersweet time of year. It is a time for remembering both persons and events that have been a part of our lives in the past, but that are now changed or gone. This is the time of year with the longest nights, so we offer a quiet, meditative worship service that makes time for remembering, sharing our hurting places with God, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ.

Join us on Sunday, December 18 at 4:00 p.m., for a candle-lit time of music, scripture, stories, silent reflection and prayer.

In honor of Veterans Day November 11

NEEDED:

Honor guard members for the local veterans Organizations, to serve at veterans' funerals.

If you are interested please contact one of the following individuals:

Hal Camlin—359-0637

Charles “Chuck” Caldwell—334-6737

Allen Duncan—334-5157

The above are members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

DID YOU KNOW?

There are 14 veterans in Black's Graveyard, 12 from the Revolutionary War and 2 from the War of 1812.

TAPS

Day is done...Gone the sun...From the lakes from the hills...From the sky...All is well...Safely rest. God is nighí

Fading light...Dims the sight...And a star gems the sky...Gleaming bright...From afar...Drawing nigh falls the nighí

Thanks and praise...For our days...Neath the sun...Neath the stars...Neath the sky...As we go...This we know...God is nigh...

Veteran to Veteran

When a Veteran leaves the job and retires to a better life, many are jealous, some are pleased, and others, who may have already retired, wonder if he knows what he is leaving behind, because we already know.

1. We know, for example, that after a lifetime of camaraderie that few experience, it will remain as a longing for those past times.
2. We know in the Military life there is a fellowship which lasts long after the uniforms are hung up in the back of the closet.
3. We know even if he throws them away, they will be on him with every step and breath that remains in his life. We also know how the very bearing of the man speaks of what he was and in his heart still is.

These are the burdens of the job. You will still look at people suspiciously, still see what others do not see or choose to ignore and always will look at the rest of the Military world with a respect for what they do; only grown in a lifetime of knowing.

So what I wish for you is that you never forget for one moment that you are still a member of the greatest fraternity the world has ever known.

From one Veteran to another, it's an honor to be in your company. Thank you for your service to our country and defending the freedoms we enjoy.

Written by George Schryer

PW CIRCLES

Elizabeth Circle

Monday, Nov. 21, 1:00 p.m.
Paideia House, First Floor
Study Leader: Jean Holder

Mary Martha Circle

Monday, Nov. 21, 7:00 p.m.
Hostess: Bev Weber
67 Cedarfield Dr.
Gettysburg, PA
337-2194
Facilitator: Jean LeGros

Esther Circle

Thursday, Nov. 17, 9:30 a.m.
Eisenhower Lounge at GPC
Study Leader: Charlotte Winsheimer



ALL GROUPS - LESSON 3: Matthew 5:5 and Psalm 37

Bake Sale - November 20

Always wanted to help out with Mission Trips but have never had the time? Here is your chance to help the High School FellowSHIP Youth Group raise money for the Missions Ministry. Buy from the bake sale on November 20th in Fellowship Hall, and all the proceeds will go to the Missions Ministry. The bake sale will take place after early and late services. Support a worthy cause and enjoy some delicious treats!

Poinsettias

Help us decorate the sanctuary at Christmas by ordering a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone. The flowers will be used in the sanctuary from December 11th through December 24th. You may pick up your plant (s) following evening worship on the 24th or before noon on December 28th. The church office will be closed Monday & Tuesday, December 26th & 27th. Those not picked up by noon on the 28th will be delivered to shut-ins. The 5-6 bloom 6 1/2" pot will cost \$9.00.

Please fill in the following form and send it with your check made payable to Gettysburg Presbyterian Church to:

**Mary Lou Seamens
169 Hunters Trail
Gettysburg, PA. 17325**

Orders MUST be in by Sunday, December 4th.
We cannot accept orders after that date—No extensions.

Christmas Poinsettias 2011

Given by: _____

Phone #: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

of plants you will pick up _____

of plants to be delivered to shut-ins _____



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 **Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, November 17, 2011**

November 2011

GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Contemporary Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

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| 11/13 | %Defining Moments+
(Pledge Sunday) |
| 11/20 | Thanksgivers Sunday |
| 11/27 | %Hope+- 1st Sunday of Advent
Darlene Kline is preaching |