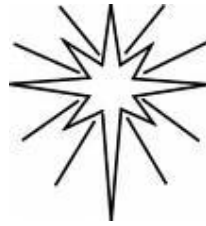


Gettysburg Presbyterian Church

GRAPEVINE

December 7, 2011



For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government
will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

And

Happy New Year 2012

From the
Gettysburg Presbyterian Church Staff

Happy Birthday to...



January 1

Joe Dowd
Barb Fair
Doug Forbeck
Kate Matthews
Kay McClain
Johnna Sanders

January 2

Scott Christopher
Mella DeNoma
Janet Dewar
Madison Meyer
Tammy Smarsh
Ann Williams

January 3

Ellen Arnold
Olivia Hall
Sandra Irwin

January 4

Trenton Fake
Brody Gipe
Christian Swartzbaugh
Ethan Walker

January 5

Matthew Harvey
Donna Heebner

January 6

Don Scofield
January 7
Matthew Landauer
Jane Neely
Dick Peterson
Caleb Unger
Marilyn Weary

January 8

James Bergen
Ally Ecker
Barbara Finfrock

January 9

Alex Yakencheck

January 10

Vicki Fuller
Paul Landauer
Stacy Miller
Pamela Musselman
Alden Reese

January 11

Jack Miller
Natalie Oswald

January 12

Lois Gregor

January 13

Wayne Kump
Joshua Poorman

January 15

Katrina Fuller
Joan Kinsey
Pam Rowland
Caroline Wintode

January 16

Alexander Cowden
Olivia Cowden
Emily Jane DeNoma
Cheryl Kulkusky
David Landis
Lee Ann Larson
Callie Sheppard
Audrey Trax

January 17

Noah Bahm
Ken Brown
Alexandra Chandon
Allen Duncan
James Getty
MacDonald Heebner
Mike Hosterman
Alex Telenson

January 18

Michael King
Patricia Lewis
William Reaver
January 19
Brian Fitzgerald
Paul Wilson

January 20

Doris Corbin
Jacob Durboraw
John Gregor
Sharon Martin
Mary Miner
Deb Slothour

January 21

Bob Daniels
Debra Meckley

January 22

Tony Gipe
Zachary Reisinger

January 23

Tom Kolmer
Sandra Reed

January 24

Betsy Clowes
Gina Xenos

January 25

Christopher Kiefer
Erin Weigle
Mary Weigle

January 26

Dianne Albin
Margaret Sarnoff
Mary Smith

January 27

Dave Boyer
Callie Fennimore
Barb Sanders-Hartwig
Nate Hoylman
Kay Knox
Viola Miller

January 28

Jack Oyler
Jordan Thompson

January 29

Jacob Bridel
Kyle Clark
Donald Stabler
Bev Weber

January 31

Dave Delacruz
Jordan Soliday
Tracey Stone
Becky Wareham



Many of our staff will be on vacation during the week after Christmas. For pastoral care needs December 28 through January 1, please contact Rev. Harry Winsheimer 334-6675.

We wish to convey our thanks and appreciation to our church family for all the prayer support, kind words and cards we received during our son-in-law, Gene Churchel's, illness and passing. We felt such love & concern and feel blessed to worship with such caring pastors and congregation.
God Bless You All,
Herb & Bonnie Laughman

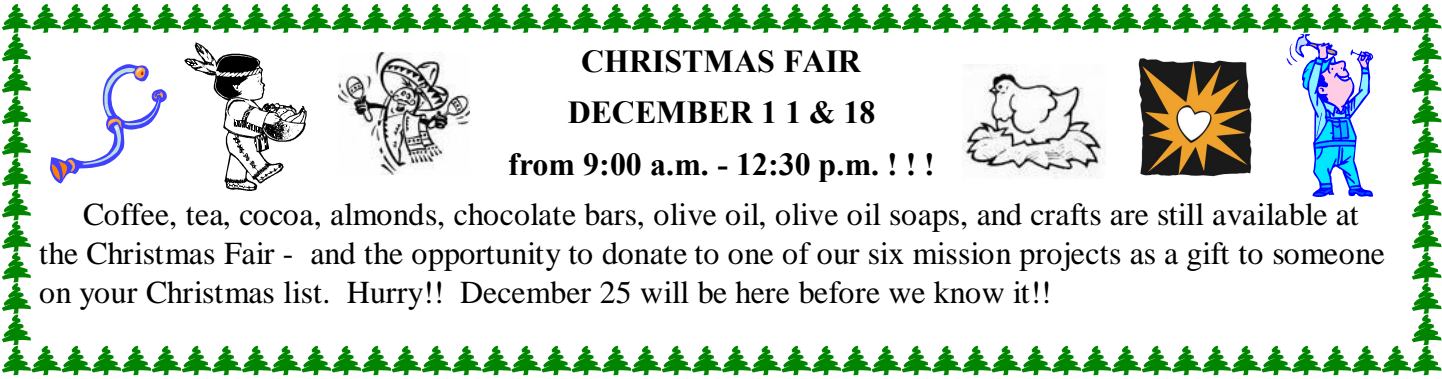
A BIG THANK YOU to Paulette Brabender and all the people that helped her decorate the church so beautifully: Larry Bullis, Andrea Crowe, Libby Crowe, Allen Duncan, Lois Gregor, Susan Kolmer, Sharon Kuntzman, Scott McPherson, Gary Morrison, Steve Reinheimer, Pam Rowland, and Lee Weber.

Door Hangers
Now is the perfect time to invite our friends and neighbors to share Christmas with us at GPC. Welcome and Outreach will make it very easy to do. We are preparing invitations in the form of door hangers. Just walk around your neighborhood and hang them on doorknobs or newspaper hooks. Look in Fellowship Hall and pick up some for your neighborhood.

Our heartfelt thanks to Montford & Betsy Illick for the beautiful Christmas trees in the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. We are all enjoying them!

2012 Chancel Flowers
The new calendar is available on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall to sign up for the Chancel flowers in 2012.





CHRISTMAS FAIR
DECEMBER 11 & 18
from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. !!!



Coffee, tea, cocoa, almonds, chocolate bars, olive oil, olive oil soaps, and crafts are still available at the Christmas Fair - and the opportunity to donate to one of our six mission projects as a gift to someone on your Christmas list. Hurry!! December 25 will be here before we know it!!

**SHIP and Mid-Ship
 Christmas Parties**



The SHIP and Mid-Ship Christmas Dinner and silly gift exchanges will be held on December 18th from 5:30 to 7:00. Please bring a funny gift to exchange (something you already have or something you buy for less than \$5). All SHIP and Mid-Ship kids (and families) are also invited to sign up to go caroling afterwards with other church members. If your SHIP or Mid-Ship youth would like to stay for caroling but would need a ride home afterward, please call Libby at the church office, 334-1235, ext. 7.

**Gettysburg Presbyterian Church
 High School FellowSHIP
 Christmas Open House**

Who: SHIP Alumni, Advisors, Current Senior High Youth & Friends
 When: December 21, 2011 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM
 Where: Lou, Candace and Alex's House,
 19 East High Street, Gettysburg
 Why: To relax, reconnect with old & new friends and enjoy some of Lou's famous Cheese Dip!

**White Christmas Dreams
Tinted Blue**

The expectation that holidays are joyful times with families gathered around the Christmas tree is embedded in our culture and tradition. However, the reality for many people is that many variables can impinge on what might otherwise be a joyous season. Family strife, loss and grief, personal finances, and economic concerns can cause some to feel less than joyful and out-of-step during the holidays. If you find yourself resonating with any of this, then please call the church office to speak with a pastor about our care-giving ministry (334-1235). Please check out the display of literature in Fellowship Hall for more information and helpful aides. You might also consider coming to the "Light in the Midst of Darkness" worship service on December 18th (see article on page 6 for details on this service).

There will be
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL classes on
 Sunday, Dec. 25 or Jan. 1.

All classes will resume on
 Sunday, January 8, 2012.



**HELP FOR
CHRISTMAS EVE!!!**

We need volunteers for the church nursery on Christmas Eve. If you can help at the 4:00, 5:30, 7:00 or 8:30 p.m. services please contact Phyllis in the church office at 334-1235, ext. 5 or gpcdce@embarqmail.com

ô Thanks!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING Sunday, Dec. 18



Join your church family members of all ages for an evening of Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 18th. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. and return to the church by 8:00 p.m. for hot chocolate and cookies.

Beginning this Sunday, a sign-up list will be available in Fellowship Hall, following each worship service.

Please join us for this evening of fun, fellowship, and... caroling!

For more information, please contact Amy Hieber at 338-0624 or Phyllis Dowd at 334-1235, ext. 5.

Contemporary Worship Service Advent Schedule

Please join us at 9:25 Sunday mornings during Advent for a less-traditional approach to celebrating the coming of our Lord. If you enjoy singing Christmas carols and hymns, old and new, to the accompaniment of guitars, harmonicas, flutes, and drums, if you enjoy video clips and dramas, if you enjoy worshipping with people of all ages, we welcome you to our service.

Christmas Eve Contemporary Service will be held at 5:30 p.m. on December 24th, but please arrive for a special musical prelude at 5:15 p.m.

Christmas Pageant on December 11



Our Christmas pageant will be presented on Sunday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Two angels will narrate the play, as teens and children together act out the story of the birth of Jesus. The Primary Choir will sing one song, and the Chapel Choir will sing carols throughout. The program ends with the traditional nativity scene. The evening will also include carol singing by the congregation and potluck dessert. So come join us on December 11, bring your favorite snack/dessert to share, and take a break from the holiday rush.



Spotlight on Missions The Thailand Orphanage at Prachakittsuk Church

The Thailand Orphanage is run by Dr. Sirirat Pusurinkham. Gettysburg Presbyterian Church sends about \$2,000.00 each year to the orphanage from the estate of Freda Meyerhoffer. It was built on land that the Church of Christ in Thailand Foundation owns.

The orphanage is located near Laos and Burma. At the present time, there are 25 children in residence. They are children whose parents have died of HIV/AIDS and other tragedies. Many of the children, before coming to the orphanage, were at risk of being sold into prostitution, child labor or abused in other ways. Prostitution in Thailand involves 800,000 children under the age of 16 bought and sold for a profit that exceeds that of the drug trade, weapon sales, lotteries or sports gambling.

The children live in two homes, one for boys and one for girls. Their activities include going to school, doing chores, such as laundry and cleaning the house, playing badminton and football, going to church, singing and dancing. The children love to draw and color, which is encouraged as a form of therapy to help cope with the pain of having lost both parents.

Each day, the children find healing and hope in the orphanage. They are surrounded by a supportive community that helps look after them, in addition to their house mother, big sisters and other volunteers. The children continue to grow spiritually and emotionally as a result of love and support.

Upcoming Events:

December / January Music Schedule

Dec. 11	8:15 a.m.	Youth Choir Youth Bell Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Primary Choir Adult Bell Choir
Dec. 18	8:15 a.m.	Adult Choir Cantata
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir Cantata
Dec. 24	4:00 p.m.	Women's Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Chapel Choir Chapel Bell Choir
	8:30 p.m.	Brass Quintet Adult Choir Kyleigh Grim Nick Telenson
Dec. 25	10:00 a.m.	George Marguglio
Jan. 1	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
Jan. 8	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
Jan. 15	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
Jan. 22	8:15 a.m.	Adult Bell Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Youth Choir Youth Bell Choir
Jan. 29	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

December

December 11	12:00—3:00	Fellowship: Christmas Tree deliveries
December 18	5:30 - 7:00	Christmas Dinner & Silly gift exchange
December 25	NO SHIP	Christmas Break
January 1	NO SHIP	Christmas Break
January 8	5:30 - 7:00	New Year's Visits

MidSHIP Schedule

December

December 11	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship & Games
December 18	5:30 - 7:00	Christmas Dinner & Silly gift exchange
December 25	NO Mid-SHIP	Christmas Break
January 1	NO Mid-SHIP	Christmas Break
January 8	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship & Games



At the Top

If you're looking for the best lay care-giving ministry available for today's church, look no further. Stephen Ministry is the tops, and we can prove it! Our congregation is committed to providing quality Christian care to those who are hurting by equipping people to serve as Stephen Ministers. Find out more about what Stephen Ministry has to offer. A new training class for Stephen Ministries will begin 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. Your involvement will only make it better!

BIRTHDAY PARTY for JESUS!!

Held during the 4:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve.



For children ages 2ô Grade 2, a special òBirthday Party for Jesusö will be held during the 4:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. The party will include songs, the

Christmas story, crafts, cupcakes for Jesus, and a special gift bag for each child.

Children will begin the service with their families in the sanctuary and exit shortly thereafter. All children ages 2ô Grade 2 are welcome to attend this meaningful celebration.

**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.

**Wanted: Advocates for the
Silent Partner in GPC Ministry**

The Silent Partner in the GPC Ministry consists of the Buildings, Parking Lot and Equipment & Supplies in the GPC Ministry. This \$6 million Silent Partner provides the space, light, heat, comfort and opportunity for touching the lives of at least 500 people week in, week out. The care, cleaning, maintenance, set-up, scheduling, insuring of, and planning for, this Silent Partner are some of the tasks of the Property Committee.

The Property Committee is asking for 9 congregation members to ògive voice toö the following pieces of this Silent Partner Ministry:

- A. Sanctuary & Lower Sunday School Classroom areas
- B. 3-story Sunday School Building
- C. Calvin House & Fellowship Hall
- D. Parking Lot & Grounds
- E. Paideia House & Manse
- F. Snow & Ice Removal on Sidewalks
- G. Spring & Fall Work Day Facilitation
- H. Building Exteriors
- I. Emergency Action Plan & Church Facility Safety Program

What does ògive voice toö mean? It depends on the item. If you have an interest in one, or more, ask a Property Committee member: Bill Sterrett, Ross Brownley, Niles Grimm, Don Scofield, Lucy Breighner, Steve Redding, Steve Reinheimer, or Ralph Lambert. If you are also interested in being part of this Property Committee Ministry, please contact Ralph Lambert about joining us, 334-4667.

Dr. Karen Pinto to return to GPC

January 8th

Karen Pinto, a professor from the History Department at Gettysburg College, will be here to lead an adult Sunday School class on January 8th. She will be lecturing on a book that she has just written which concerns the Islamic world, traditions, and maps during the Medieval period. Previously, Dr. Pinto took us through the entire history of Islam in two days, which was quite a feat! We hope you'll be able to come enjoy Dr. Pinto's knowledge and wit on January 8th at 9:30 in the

PW CIRCLES

Elizabeth Circle

Monday, Dec. 19, 12:00 NOON

Lunch with Lucy

Paideia House, First Floor



Mary Martha Circle

Monday, Dec. 19, 7:00 p.m.

Hostess: Bonnie Wright

58 Friendship Lane

Gettysburg, PA

398-2411

Bring \$15 gift to exchange

Esther Circle

Thursday, Dec. 15, 9:30 a.m.

Eisenhower Lounge at GPC

Study Leader: Rachel Parmentier

Lesson 4: Matt. 5:6, Luke 6:21a,

25a, Psalm 107: 1-9

Lunch to follow (11:30 a.m.) at
Café St. Amand



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ADVENT 2011

December 11- Third Sunday of Advent

8:15 and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

7:00 p.m. "Christmas Pageant"

(Please bring a snack / dessert to share)

December 18-Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:15 and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

4:00 p.m. Light in the Midst of Darkness: A Worship Service for Those Who Find Celebrating Difficult

7:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling - All Ages Welcome!!

December 24- Christmas Eve Services

4:00p.m. Traditional Worship and

Birthday Party for Jesus (ages 2-Grade 2)

**5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship – Contemporary Music Team
(With a Musical Prelude at 5:15 p.m.)**

7:00 p.m. Family Worship – Children's Vocal and Bell Choirs

8:30 p.m. Traditional Worship- Adult Vocal Choir, Brass

Candle-lighting and Carol singing at all services.

Nursery care provided at each service.

December 25- Christmas Service

10:00a.m. Blended Worship

Come and Celebrate the Season with Joy and Hope!



Ski RETREAT at Camelback Ski Resort, Tannersville, PA

High School Fellowship (9th-12th)

January 28th from 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Details and prices to follow.

To pre-register for this event contact
Rev. Lou Nyiri
with name and number in your group at
717-334-1235, ext. 4 or
gpclou@embarqmail.com.

BURDEN BEAR WORKSHOP

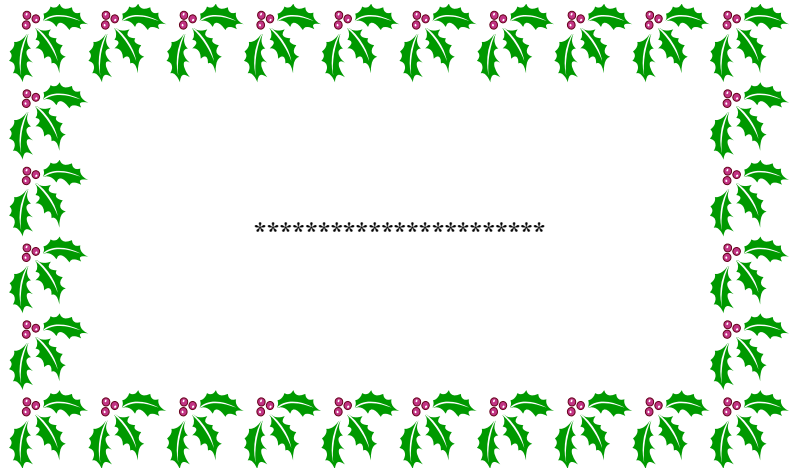
The Burden Bear Workshop is gearing up to produce more bundles of love. We need your help at the workshop December 19th. The more the merrier. We are now preparing bears to send to the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey. They keep a closet of things for the families of patients to select for their child when they are leaving to go back home. They also keep a basket of these objects for the siblings of the patients to select from while they are at the House; they need something to hold on to as well. Any time you can share with us in the upstairs classroom from 8:30 - 11:30 on Dec. 19, we'll appreciate your joining us for as long a time as you can. Thanks to all for supporting us in this endeavor. If you have any questions please contact the church office, 334-1235.
—The Burden Bear Ladies



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**Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, December 29, 2011**

**December 2011
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Traditional Worship @ 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.
Contemporary Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

- 12/11 Finding Joy in the Midst of Disappointment+
3rd Sunday of Advent
- 12/18 Love+- 4th Sunday of Advent
Rutter's Gloria+- Cantata by Adult Choir
- 12/24 4:00 p.m.- Traditional Worship Service
Birthday Party for Jesus
5:30 p.m. - Contemporary Worship Service
7:00 p.m. - Family Worship Service
8:30 p.m. - Traditional Worship Service
- 12/25 10:00 a.m. Blended Worship Service
The Gift That Changed My Life+
- 1/1/12 NEW YEAR'S DAY - Normal Worship Schedule
(No Sunday School)

