

GRAPEVINE

February 1, 2012

The Work of Christmas Begins

Sometimes it can feel as though Christmas comes and goes with tidal wave force. We build up to the day and it's over faster than an Olympic athlete setting a world record. Shortly thereafter, the guests leave and the clean-up ensues. We wade through piles of presents; we launder bed spreads and linens; we fold up pull-out sofas; and we store air mattresses in plastic totes until the next wave of holiday visitors arrive.

All the while we reminisce about time spent with family and friends. A smile may even appear as we remember a new favorite memory we made this Christmas. But before we know it Christmas is gone and we have moved on to the next thing. Hopefully Christmas sticks around our homes longer than the cookie trays and Chex party mixes.

This reminds me of Howard Thurman's words:

"When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with the flocks,
then the work of Christmas begins:

to find the lost,
to heal those broken in spirit,
to feed the hungry,
to release the oppressed,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among all peoples,
to make a little music with the heart

And to radiate the Light of Christ,
every day, in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say.
Then the work of Christmas begins."

As we enter 2012, may we begin the work of Christmas by reflecting on this birth which can change our lives and this world. May we enter 2012 remembering we are wrapped in God's love and Christ's grace and in the power of the Holy Spirit. May this message empower us as we seek to be people who "radiate the Light of Christ, every day, in every way."

Amen.

Lou

Inside:

- Lenten Small Group Sign-Up Begins Feb. 5
- Young Adult Fellowship Outing
- Ash Wednesday Service
- 2012 Mission Trip Information
- PW Church-Wide Gathering
- Variety Show Sign-up

Upcoming Events:

February Music Schedule

Feb. 5	8:15 11:00	Early Choir Adult Choir
Feb. 12	8:15 11:00	Early Choir Adult Choir
Feb. 19	8:15 11:00	Early Choir Adult Choir
Feb. 22	7:30	Adult Choir
Feb. 26	8:15 11:00	Chapel Bell Choir Chapel Choir Intergenerational Bell Choir Youth Choir

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

February

February 5	3:00 - 5:00	Souper Bowl Flag Football Game @ St. Francis Xavier
February 12	5:30 - 7:30	Variety Show
February 19	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship
February 26	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship

*Bring 3 cans of soup or \$5.00 for the Soup Kitchen

MidSHIP Schedule

February

February 5	3:00 - 5:00	*Souper Bowl Flag Football Game @ St. Francis Xavier
February 11	10:00 - 12:00	Candy Making
February 12	5:30 - 7:30	Variety Show
February 19	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship / Games
February 26	5:30 - 7:00	Fellowship / Games

*Bring 3 cans of soup or \$5.00 for the Soup Kitchen

“Trip to the Holy Land” by Pastor Dave on February 5

This Sunday, February 5, at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Pastor Dave will offer a Sunday School class on his trip to the Holy Land in 2010. All are invited to join us in the MacAskill Room.

REMINDER:

Kindergarten - Grade 1 Parents

This coming Sunday, February 5, and next Sunday, February 12, Nancy Cook and I will be leading a class for parents and children in K–Grade 1. Come join us downstairs by the stage at 9:30 a.m. as we learn about “The Ten Commandments” together!

Blessings, Phyllis

Coming Soon!

2012 Lenten Study

Small Groups

Get to know others better while strengthening your faith and learning new things.

Sign-ups will begin February 5th in Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to learn more about leading or co-leading a small group, please contact Linda Thompson at 817-0212 or ltthomp999@gmail.com.

Young at Heart – February 9th at 12:00 Noon

Our February get-together will be a covered dish luncheon on **Thursday, February 9th at 12:00 noon**. After the meal, entertainment will be provided by members of our church choir and flute trio. Come join us for this very special presentation. All are welcome; if you are not on a regular call list and would like to attend please bring a covered dish of your choosing and your own place setting and join us for this wonderful time of fellowship.

If you have any questions please contact Pam or Dick Wisor at 359-8896 or email us at pwisor@hotmail.com.

Young Adult Fellowship Outing

Snow Tubing @Ski Liberty!

Enjoy all the fun of zooming down the hill and relax on the moving carpet as it conveys you and your tube back to the top!



Saturday, Feb. 11 at 3:30 P.M (meet at Ski Liberty)*

Tubing from 4:00 - 6:00; \$28/person for the 2 hours

Please RSVP by calling Linda Thompson

at 817-0212 or by e-mail at ltthomp999@gmail.com

*car pooling available from the church lot

What is Per Capita?

In your box of envelopes, there is an envelope designated for per capita giving. This money is divided between General Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery to cover a wide variety of expenses. For example, our congregation used the per capita-funded matching and referral system when we were seeking a new pastor. The per capita amount is **\$22.58** this year.

We encourage you to use the special envelope to pay your per capita expense so we don't need to take it out of our operating budget. Thank you!

THE BOOK OF REVELATION: Prophecy of Doom or Message of Hope?

Leader: DR. CHARLES (BUZ) MYERS

March 4 - April 1

9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in MacAskill Room

Dr. Charles (Buz) Myers, Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at Gettysburg College, returns to GPC to lead this new series on Revelation. The Book of Revelation has always been a source of controversy. No book of the New Testament has received either such ready acceptance or such resolute rejection. Some Christians devote all of their study time to Revelation; others perceive Revelation as an obscure writing that in fact reveals nothing.

For all Christians, however, the Book of Revelation is a source of confusion and misunderstanding. Even the title causes confusion, for this book, which contains a series of revelations and visions, takes its title from the first phrase of the work: "The Revelation" (in the singular). And this is only the beginning of the confusion! The fantastic imagery and the mythological language so characteristic of Revelation are constant causes of misunderstanding and misinterpretation.

In five Sunday morning sessions we will consider what is surely the most confounding and most controversial book in the New Testament. What is the central message of this widely read, oftentimes misread, and too often unread book? Is that message one that should cause anxiety in the present and fear about the future, or does the Book of Revelation offer a message of hope and encouragement? Come and find out as we study together under the leadership of Buz Myers. The sessions are as follows:

Sunday, March 4, 2012: **"The Alpha and Omega: It's Greek to Me"** (Rev. 1-3)

Sunday, March 11, 2012: **"On the Lamb"** (Rev. 4 - 9)

Sunday, March 18, 2012: **"The Lady, the Beasts, and the Lamb"** (Rev. 10:1 - 15:4)

Sunday, March 25, 2012: **"Bowled Over in Babylon"** (Rev 15:5 - 19:10)

Sunday, April 1, 2012: **"No More Tears"** (Rev. 19:11 - 22:21)

Interested in participating in one of our mission trips?
Now is the time to contact the mission trip leaders for more information and to register your interest!

2012 MISSION TRIPS

South Carolina – We do home building with Sea Island Habitat for Humanity.

April 15 ó 21, 2012

Cost: \$135.00

Contact: Lee & Bev Weber ó 337-2194

High School Workcamp ó Clinton, TN - We do basic home repair for needy families in Appalachia together with hundreds of other teens.

June 15 - 23, 2012

Cost: \$300.00 (Confidential financial assistance is available.)

Contact: Lou Nyiri ó 334-1235, ext. 4

Mexico - Yucatan peninsula ó We do home or church construction (unskilled), a Vacation Bible School, and an eye-glasses ministry.

July 16 ó 23, 2012

Cost: \$700 - \$800.00 (approx.)

Contact: David Wright ó 334-1235, ext. 3

South Dakota Indian Reservation - We do basic home repair, nutrition classes, hold a festival, and distribute clothing to Native Americans.

July 19 ó 29, 2012

Cost: \$500.00

Leaders: Phyllis Dowd & Penny Messinger ó 334-1235

*The Honduras trip has been cancelled for this summer because of security concerns there.
Please pray for Honduras and our Christian brothers and sisters.

Presbyterian Women **Church-wide gathering**

July 18—22, 2012

Orlando, Florida

Registration \$440 by May 15

Scholarship money available from PW GPC, PW Carlisle Presbytery and PW Churchwide CT.

For application or information contact Sarah Lambert 334-4667.

PW CIRCLES

Elizabeth Circle

Monday, Feb. 20, 1:00 p.m.

Paideia House, First Floor

Hostess: Hilda Oussoren

Study Leader: Lucille Myers

Lessons 6: Matthew 5:8;

Psalm 24; Psalm 51: 1-12

Mary Martha Circle

Monday, Feb. 20, 7:00 p.m.

Hostess: Bonnie Wright

58 Friendship Lane

Gettysburg, PA

398-2411

Co-Hostess: Sherry Farkas

Study Leader: Nancy Cook

Lesson 5: Matthew 5:7; Luke 10: 25-37

Esther Circle

Thursday, Feb. 16, 9:30 a.m.

Eisenhower Lounge at GPC

Study Leader: Sue Kolmer

Lessons 6: Matthew 5:8;

Psalm 24; Psalm 51: 1-12



All-Church Pot-Luck Dinner & Variety Show

- When:** Sunday, February 12, 2012
- Time:** 5:30 to 7:30PM (Dinner 5:30 & Variety Show 6:30)
- Who:** Anyone desiring to fellowship with other church members
Anyone wishing to share their talent with the church family
Anyone who enjoys watching the talent of this church family
- What:** Singing, juggling, joke-telling, drama, skits, etc, etc, etc,
- What to Bring:** Last Name A-I please bring a Main Dish to feed 8-10
Last Name J-R please bring a Salad/Vegetable/Side to feed 8-10
Last Name S-Z please bring a Dessert to feed 8-10
Table Setting for your party.
- Deadline to Register:** February 5th



How to sign and act up: Complete and return the form below to Rev. Lou Nyiri in the church office.

- Space is limited to 10 acts with 3-5 minutes per act, so sign up early.
- You are responsible to make arrangements for your own accompanist.

The design for this fellowship event is to showcase a wide variety of talent from as many of our members as possible. We hope you will join us!!!!

Fellowship Team will provide drink and cups as well as coordinate set up/clean up of the night event.

Please pre-register using the form below & let us know what last name you fit into so we have enough seats, drinks and food items available.

All-Church Pot-Luck Dinner & Variety Show

_____ Yes, I will be at the pot-luck dinner and will provide a (circle one) Main Dish / Salad- Vegetable-Side / Dessert to feed 8-10.

There will be a total of _____ in my party.

Sign me up for the variety show too!

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Type of act (singing, humorous, serious, signing to a song): _____

Length of act (3-5 minutes maximum): _____

Needs (#microphones, # chairs, etc.): _____

(Return by February 5, 2012 to Rev. Lou Nyiri in church office or email gpclou@embarqmail.com put "Church Variety Night" on subject line.)

Exploring
Membership Class
Sunday, March 11,
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, March 11. 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.

“GOSPEL TEMPERAMENTS”

Sunday, Feb. 26 - 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Saturday, March 3 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

There are four Gospels, divinely inspired accounts of the life and ministry of Jesus, and also there are four basic temperaments in all of humanity. Could it be that these two principals are reflections of one abiding truth?

On February 26 we will have the opportunity to be introduced to the groundbreaking perspective that God has indeed designed people in four different ways, apart from genetics and ancestry. Your family is likely to have members who approach life with varying perspectives. And that is certainly true of your church family. How may we better work together? What distinctive contribution might we each offer?

Kickoff classes will be offered Sunday morning, February 26, at both the 9:30 am and 11:00 hours in the MacAskill Room. There will be a follow-up retreat on Saturday, March 3- also free of charge- to enable you to better understand this fascinating reality.

Please pre-register in Fellowship Hall. Come join us!

A VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM YOUR MISSION COMMITTEE - PLEASE READ

GPC has always prided itself on its mission program and defined itself as a mission-going church. It is known in the community for its participation continuously over many years in several of our short-term missions. However, the last year we were fully able to fund all of our budgeted mission programs was 2008. In 2009, budget shortfall only allowed us to fund 86% of missions; in 2010, only 75% was covered and in 2011, we could only fund 68% of our mission programs. You will note that we have been able to cover progressively less each year for the last 3 years.

Those which were not able to be covered in 2011 and the amount by which they were short were: Honduras \$2000, Mexico \$2500, S. Carolina \$2500, Synod \$1000, Presbytery \$11,000, Moores (Japan) \$2000, Wrights (Honduras) \$2000, and M. Bennett (Kenya) \$2000.

Although the giving for the year 2011 was at an all-time high, the budget was out of line for the giving and there was a shortfall of \$37,000 which fell on missions. In meeting our church budget, the bills get paid first and then discretionary spending, including charitable giving, occurs with what is left. Unfortunately, whether it should or not, mission falls in the charitable giving category and suffers when there is not enough money.

The finance committee has revised the budget for 2012 and requested that the mission committee cut our budget by \$20,000. To accomplish this, we have decided to reduce Honduras medical from \$16,000 to \$3,000, and Honduras dental from \$8000 to \$3000 since they will not be going on the mission in 2012. (We left some money in the budget for them to pay ongoing bills without depleting the money they might need to start in 2013). We also declined to add another new international missionary as we had planned to do since it does not seem appropriate to expand missions when we are forced to cut the budget.

Our congregation must make some choices. Our church budget was out of line because it was heavy on both programs and missions. If the church decides that it wishes to continue both aspects of church involvement at the current level, then obviously our giving must increase again significantly. Otherwise, missions or programs will have to be reduced.

The mission committee is concerned that we may not be able to restore the money to the Honduras mission in 2013 without cutting our pledges to other mission programs. We need your prayerful consideration of where this congregation wants its money spent and whether you, personally, might be able to increase your pledge for 2012.

The mission of the church is ministering to others. Do we really want to curtail that?

Yours in Christ,
Barbara Ebaugh, Elder and Mission Chairperson

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>FEBRUARY</h1>			1 12 Noon Men's Inter. Lunch. 2:30 p.m. MidSHIP Sm. Grp. 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:45 p.m. Chapel Choir 6:00 p.m Cont. Music Prac. 6:15 p.m. Chapel Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	2 6:30 p.m. Worship & Music 6:30 p.m. Christian Education 7:15 p.m. Adult Bell Choir	3	4 11:00 a.m. Rachael Wolf's funeral @ Monahan's reception @ GPC to follow interment
			5 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. Youth Bell Choir 1:00 p.m. Youth Choir 1:45 p.m. Flute Choir 3:00 p.m. SHIP & MidSHIP "Souper Bowl" @ St. Francis Xavier Center	6 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 5:45 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Mission & Interpretation	7 7:30 a.m. Habitat Board 5:00 p.m. JMJ Spanish 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Leaders 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision	8 12:30 p.m. Homeschool Volleyball 2:30 p.m. MidSHIP Sm. Grp. 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:45 p.m. Chapel Choir 6:00 p.m Cont. Music Prac. 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 7:00 p.m. Small Group Leaders
12 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. Youth Choir 12:15 p.m. Deacons 12:15 p.m. Property Committee 4:00 p.m. Session 5:30 p.m. SHIP / MidSHIP 5:30 p.m. Variety Night	13 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 5:45 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Cancer Support Group	14 5:00 p.m. JMJ Spanish 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts	15 12:30 p.m. Homeschool Volleyball 2:30 p.m. MidSHIP Sm. Grp. 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:45 p.m. Chapel Choir 6:00 p.m Cont. Music Prac. 6:15 p.m. Chapel Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir	16 9:30 a.m. Esther Circle 12:30 p.m. Homeschool Volleyball 6:15 p.m. Gastric Bypass Support Group 7:15 p.m. Adult & Youth Bell Choirs	17	18
19 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) 5:30 p.m. SHIP / MidSHIP	20 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 1:00 p.m. Elizabeth Circle 7:30 p.m. Mary Martha Circle PRESIDENT'S DAY	21 9:30 a.m. Moms Board 5:00 p.m. JMJ Spanish 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision	22 ASH WEDNESDAY 6:45 a.m. Middle & H. S. Lenten Breakfast 12:30 p.m. Homeschool Volleyball 2:30 p.m. MidSHIP Sm. Grp. 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:45 p.m. Chapel Choir 6:00 p.m Cont. Music Prac. 6:15 p.m. Chapel Bell Choir 7:00 p.m Adult Choir 7:30 p.m. Worship Service	23 12:00 NOON Newsletter Deadline 7:15 p.m. Adult & Youth Bell Choirs	24	25 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. "Thinking Day" for Girl Scouts
26 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 1:00 p.m. Youth Choir 5:30 p.m. SHIP / MidSHIP	27 8:30 a.m. Burden Bear Workshop 5:45 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Personnel & Administration	28 5:00 p.m. JMJ Spanish 6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Blue/Gold Banquet	29 LEAP DAY!! 6:45 a.m. Middle & H. S. Lenten Breakfast 12 Noon Men's Inter. Lunch. 2:30 p.m. MidSHIP Sm. Grp. 3:15 p.m. Youth Club 5:45 p.m. Chapel Choir 6:00 p.m Cont. Music Prac. 6:15 p.m. Chapel Bell Choir 7:00 p.m Adult Choir	<h1>2012</h1>		

Gettysburg Presbyterian Church
208 Baltimore Street
Gettysburg, PA 17325
Office: (717) 334-1235
Fax: (717) 334-0666
www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Gettysburg, PA 17325
Permit No. 198

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, February 9, 2012**

February 2012
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

- 2/5 Tough Questions: How Could a Good God Allow Suffering?
Table or Booth?
Lord's Supper
- 2/12 Tough Questions: Can you believe in the Bible and evolution?
- 2/19 Tough Questions: Other people seem to know God's
Will for their lives. Why don't I?
Service of Healing & Wholeness
- 2/22 Ash Wednesday Worship Service (7:30 p.m.)
- 2/26 Seven Deadly Sins: Pride