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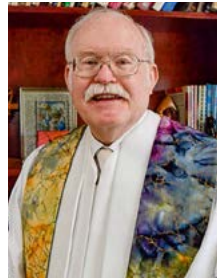
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*From the Heart of Pastor Jay*

## THROUGH THE EYES OF VISITORS

Bill Plitt visited many churches in his year as Moderator of National Capital Presbytery. He was a guest in our worship in February and brought along his harmonicas. He played harmonica as well as worshipped with us. What a wonderful way to worship God together!

He wrote a delightful letter after his visit, and I would like to share it with you.

"What a wonderful day with you and Mary Beth at Gaithersburg yesterday. In spite of the rain and ice outside, the spirit of God was alive and well inside. I was moved by your graciousness and the welcoming spirit in the room. The room was filled with not just the sounds of worship, but a loving spirit of Christ Jesus in the hearts and minds spoken there in many voices."

Another visitor, Wynne Roose, who is the leader of the Community Bible Study, writes:

"I would like to thank Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church for your hospitality for our Leaders Council. The church staff has been so gracious to us each Tuesday morning. The pleasant and comfortable facilities have been a blessing to our leaders and our children.


Know that the ministry of GPC is often in our prayers. We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with you in the service of the LORD. We hope to continue that relationship in years to come."


We are grateful to God that our ministries touch so many lives.

Shalom,  
*The Rev. Dr. D. Jay Losher*  
Interim Senior Pastor  
[jloser@gpchurch.org](mailto:jloser@gpchurch.org)

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# MUSIC NOTES | SOLI DEO GLORIA

Dear Pastors Jay & Mary Beth, fellow staff, and faithful GPC members:

It is with a heavy heart that I write my last letter to you as your Assistant Director of Music & Worship Arts here at Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church. Sunday, August 12, will be my last day with you, and as I reflect back on our time together my heart is filled with gratitude and appreciation for the Christian love and admiration that you have shown me on a weekly basis.

The decision to leave you at this time was not an easy one to come to, as I am tremendously grateful for the time that I have spent here. However, as I prepare to embark in Organ Doctoral studies at Peabody Conservatory, I believe that it will be best for me to relinquish my duties at GPC to focus on this next phase of my journey.

It has been a great privilege to work collaboratively with the legendary Teresa McCoy these past 2-1/2 years, assisting with the Chancel Choir, the Intergenerational Ringers, and the various iterations of Praise Bands that we are blessed with, not to mention the Canterbury Ringers, the children’s choirs, and the International Ensemble. We are truly blessed with diverse and vibrant music at GPC and it has been a uniquely fulfilling experience for me to be able to work with someone as skilled and experienced as Teresa. It amazes me how well our skill sets complement one another and her generous, collaborative spirit has made this an experience that I will always cherish.

I have greatly appreciated the opportunity to lead worship from the organ bench each Sunday morning. The love and appreciation that I have felt from every member of this congregation has uplifted my spirits and has, in many ways, rekindled my passion and love for the organ, and has reminded me of the Kingdom impact that I can have when I use the gifts I have been given. I will be forever grateful for my time here.

I wish each one of you the very best of success, both personally and corporately, as you continue to minister to the people of the Gaithersburg community, and I thank you very much for allowing me the opportunity to serve here at GPC.

*“Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”*

—Hebrews 13:20–21

In Christ,  
**Paul Byssainthe, Jr.**  
Assistant Director of Music and Worship Arts



The Summertime Praise Band singing at the 9:30 worship service, July 2018



Mother’s Day, May 2018



“Heart Songs” Workshop, September 2016

## FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR PAUL

Sunday, August 12 | 12:00 Noon | Fellowship Hall

As Paul departs GPC to pursue a PhD in Organ Performance at the Peabody Conservatory of The Johns Hopkins University, he will be honored with a farewell reception. Because Lindsay Hall (including the kitchen) is closed, the reception will be held in Fellowship Hall. Please bring nut-free cookies or savory snacks (in your own dishes) and help us celebrate Paul’s ministry of worship excellence and wish him well in his new journey!



# CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG FAMILIES' MINISTRY

Thank you to all of our wonderful adult and teen volunteers who helped with Vacation Bible School in July!

## SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 11:00

- **August 19** – Last day of One-Room Schoolhouse in Fellowship Hall.
- **August 26** – Take your parents to church and participate in the last Mystery Box of the summer. *No Sunday School.*
- **September 2** – Labor Day Weekend – Take your parents to church. *No Sunday School.*
- **September 9** – First day of 2018–2019 Sunday School



## WEDNESDAY PM (FOURTHNIGHT)

**FourthNight activities will resume on Wednesday, September 12, at 7:00 p.m.**

- Kids Clubhouse
- Adult Small Group will continue to read *Raising White Kids: Bringing up Children in a Racially Unjust America* by Jennifer Harvey.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

- **Join the GPC Family Book Club!** As a follow-up activity to the Narnia-themed Families Retreat in June, adults, parents, children, and youth have been reading two chapters of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* each week at home and then discussing devotional questions. In September, the group will begin reading *Prince Caspian*, the second book in the Narnia series by C. S. Lewis. All GPC members and friends are cordially invited to join the GPC Family Book Club by contacting Carolyn Hayes, either now or in September, to receive the devotional questions for your family.
- **Friday, September 21, 6:30 p.m.** – Movie night for *Prince Caspian*
- **Saturday, September 22, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** – Prince Caspian/Narnia event in Lindsay Hall
- **Children and Young Families Committee Meeting** – (to be scheduled) – Carolyn's office

*Carolyn Hayes*

Director of Children and Young Families  
[chayes@gpchurch.org](mailto:chayes@gpchurch.org)



Children enjoying Vacation Bible School, July 9–13

## NEWS FROM GPP&K!

The start of a new school year is right around the corner for GPP&K! Our amazing staff is gearing up for another exciting, fun-filled year in our 3-year-old and 4-year-old preschool classes, as well as our state-approved Kindergarten class. We are still enrolling students for the 2018–2019 school year! If you know of any families looking for a wonderful program, tell them about GPP&K! We can be reached in the school office at (301) 977-5787, or by email at [schooloffice@gppk.com](mailto:schooloffice@gppk.com). For more information about the school, please visit [gppk.com](http://gppk.com). Classes start after Labor Day!

*Amy Smith*  
GPP&K Director



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# MEET OUR NEW CHURCH OFFICERS!

At the Congregational Meeting held Sunday, July 15, 2018, the following Elders, Deacons, and Trustee were elected to serve, starting in January 2019.

## ELDERS



### CINDY CENAME

I grew up in a small town near Pittsburgh. My father was in the Air Force, so we moved a lot. We lived in Pennsylvania, Florida, France, North Dakota, and Maryland, and by the end of high school I had attended nine different schools. For most of my youth, including the time in France, I was active in Girl Scouts and church youth groups. My confirmation took place in France. We moved to Montgomery County when I was in high school and I attended what is now the Rockville United Church.

Following graduation from Gettysburg College, I taught math and physics in Montgomery and Frederick Counties for several years. I then began a career in information technology with the federal government and completed a Master's degree in computer systems management. I retired from NIH after 40+ years.

My husband, son, and I live in Derwood. I appreciate GPC's spirit of inclusion and caring and will do my best to contribute to GPC's mission and to help others feel welcome here.



### VIVIAN CHEFOR

Born in Bamenda, Cameroon, I am the eldest of six siblings. I was baptized in a Presbyterian Church as a young child and educated in Cameroon. In 1997, I immigrated to the US. I earned a Bachelor of Nursing degree and dual Master's degrees in science and public health from the University of Maryland, Baltimore. I am a registered nurse and currently work for Kaiser Permanente as a Clinical Operations Manager for Endoscopy/Outpatient Surgery at the Capitol Hill Medical Center. My children, Worthy and Handy Cho, are both college graduates. I joined GPC in 2012 and currently represent our congregation on the committee board of Gaithersburg Help.



### THEODORE EDWARD FARRAND

I grew up in State College, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Penn State University, as did my parents and four siblings. I earned a BS degree in food service management and have been involved in food service since graduation. I managed restaurants in Pittsburgh and Chicago before joining Cini•Little International, Inc., a consulting firm, in 1981, which specializes in designing food service facilities (kitchens) and doing management consulting for all types of commercial facilities. In fact, I helped design the GPC kitchen off Lindsay Hall that we enjoy today. I am Director of our Management Advisory Services and also served a 5-year term as president of the firm. I'm now moving into semi-retirement, which will become full retirement this fall.

Sue and I were married in Illinois in 1983 and moved to Gaithersburg soon afterwards. Our daughter, Ashley, grew up at GPC and now lives in Frederick with her husband, Ian Oland, and their 17-month-old son, Ethan.

I am a lifelong Presbyterian, and GPC has been our church home since 1984. I have sung in the Chancel Choir since joining GPC, and led our Men's Fellowship Breakfast group for almost as long. I served one term as Elder and also a term as Trustee. When Ashley was in the youth group, I accompanied a youth mission trip to New York and several field trips.

We are blessed to have such a diverse membership and effective outreach to missions locally and internationally. I love the Lord and my GPC family, and would be honored to serve on session a second time.





## JEAN KABANGU

(Bio not available.)

and as part of a youth group, I helped distribute Christian literature and copies of the New Testament in our native language.

I graduated from a Catholic high school in Pakistan, and completed my Bachelor's in psychology from Punjab University, Pakistan. I taught algebra, Urdu, and music in Pakistan for 5 years. I started my professional career in the US as a research assistant but later changed it to Information Technology. I am a senior Systems Administrator at Walker & Dunlop.

I love spending time with my family. Ulfat Masih and I were married in 1997 and came to the US in February 1999. We have two daughters (Yerusa, 18, and Ashley, 15) and a son (Matthew, 20 months).

I've been a member of GPC since 1999 and have been involved in various activities, including serving as an Elder (Class of 2013), being a member of the PNC for Ted Wright, and serving on the GPP&K School Board for 2 years. I also served at church picnics and children's worship services, and assisted with children's Sunday school, including assisting with setting up their computers.

I come from a very religious Christian family and believe strongly in the Bible and Jesus Christ and his teachings. I believe that it is important for a Christian to follow the correct doctrine and be practical. Although my family and I have suffered from health and financial issues, our faith in the Lord Jesus has grown even stronger and we gladly share this testimony that He never deserted us. I hope that my diversity of experiences will be of service to GPC's session. It is my desire and priority as a member that we would seek to discern God's vision and direction for GPC.



## JOHANNA MOLLER

I was born in Richmond, Virginia. After finishing medical school in the Netherlands in 1983, I moved to New York to do brain research. From 1984 until 2002, I worked at National Institutes of Health in Bethesda.

I started attending services at GPC regularly in 1989, and shortly thereafter became a Stephen Minister and president of the singles group. I joined GPC in 1991.

I met my husband, Robert Newton, at GPC and we got married in 1994. We have participated in many activities at GPC and were children's Sunday School teachers for a number of years. Our children, Robert and Anna, were baptized at GPC, attended GPP&K, and participated in the children's music, Sunday School, and youth programs. Anna is currently one of our Youth Interns.

I served as an Elder twice (2003–2005 and 2012–2014) and was on the Personnel Committee (2010–2011). I'm honored to be asked again to be involved in the church as an Elder. Even after living in Bethesda for over 24 years, we very much feel that we belong at GPC.



## ARFAN SANDHU

I was born in Pakistan, raised as a Christian, and throughout my childhood was deeply involved in church activities. My family lived near a Presbyterian seminary and we always had close friendships with its lecturers, professors, pastors, and students. Attending Sunday school regularly has played a

vital role in my Christian education and faith. During college, I was actively involved with youth evangelical fellowships,



## CHARLES TCHIMOU

Originally from the Ivory Coast, I have attended GPC since 1999 and became a member of GPC in May 2015 at the urging of my wife, Elder Irene Fru, whom I married at GPC in December 2015.

I am currently a member of the Strategic Planning and Stewardship Committees. I am humbled to be considered worthy to serve as an Elder, and with God's help will serve with humility and dedication. I pray that God our Father, who called me to serve GPC in this capacity, will equip me, work in me, and act through me to fulfill the Good Purpose of His calling.

# DEACONS



## EMMA AFOR AGWIE CHUNGA

I was born in Mbengwi, Cameroon, into a Christian family, and attended a Presbyterian elementary school, Comprehensive Secondary School (CSS), and Government High School (GHS), all in Mbengwi. I was trained as a teacher at the Government Teachers Training College, Bamenda, and the University of Yaoundé 1, Cameroon. After teaching in Cameroon for a number of years, my family had an opportunity to travel to the US. I graduated from Strayer University with a Master's degree in educational management, and currently work as a security officer at the Department of Energy in Germantown.

I was baptized into the Presbyterian church and was involved with a Presbyterian Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF) in Mbengwi. Later, from 1990 until 2004, I was a member of Presbyterian churches in Cameroon. In June 2010, I became a member of GPC.

As the holy hand of the Lord has chosen me to be a Deacon, I have no option but to do His will.



## JOYCE DEPPE

I grew up in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, where I grew to love the Lord. I graduated from Bethlehem Business College and attended the University of Maryland. My interest in the health care field led me to Chestnut Lodge Hospital, where I worked for 14 years, first as the Director of Medical Records and later the Director of Patient Accounts. I also worked for Montgomery Hospice for 8 years. I have two married daughters and one grandson, who is an Assistant State's Attorney in Florida.

GPC has been my church home for many years. As part of my spiritual journey, I have served on many committees and participated in numerous activities. Christian fellowship and friendship have brought added blessings. My faith has deepened and my trust has grown, and I am encouraged and inspired when I hear the word of the Lord proclaimed on Sunday mornings. By His power I hope to serve as a Deacon to His honor and glory.



## KOFI AMOA KUMI

I was born in Ghana in 1953 and am the youngest of 10 children. My father was a Presbyterian minister and was stationed in different cities and towns in Ghana when I was growing up. In 1975, I moved to the US to continue my education, and I became a US citizen in 1992. My wife, Jayne, and I have three children, ages 24, 11, and 9. I obtained my undergraduate and graduate education in the US and am currently a senior scientific reviewer for the Food and Drug Administration.

I grew up as a Presbyterian but have attended both Presbyterian and contemporary churches to the glory of and in service to the Lord. I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior when I was in high school in Ghana, and have tried, by the grace and mercy of God, to be of service to the Lord in whatever capacity I can according to His direction. I have been blessed and enjoyed tremendously participating in the SOME (So Others May Eat) outreach program at GPC. I feel honored to be nominated and selected as a Deacon at GPC and look forward, with God's help, to doing my utmost to execute my responsibilities to the glory of God.

# TRUSTEE



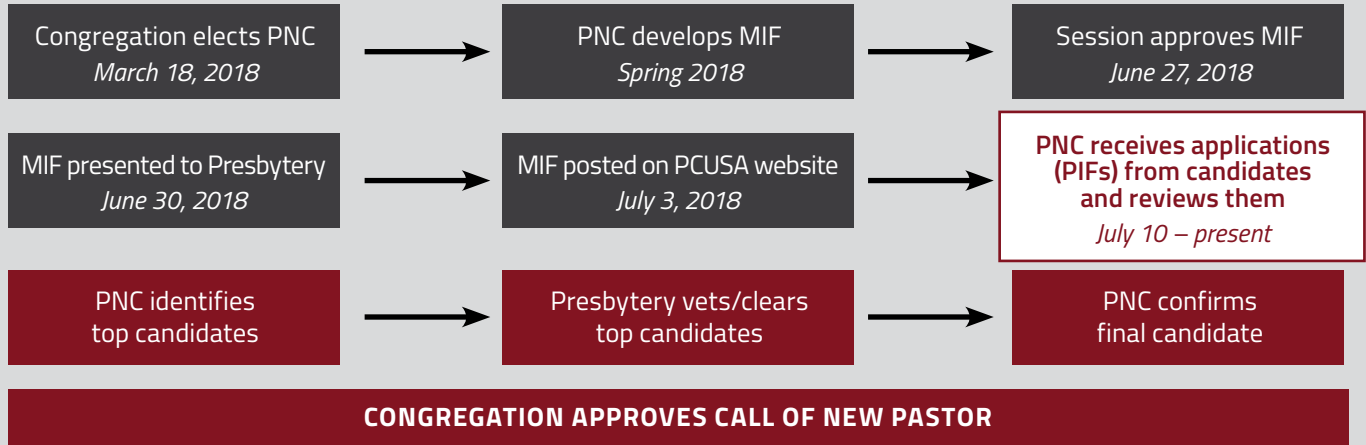
## NANCY SANDERS

I grew up on a farm in southern Illinois, where my family belonged to the United Church of Christ. I'm a retired MCPS teacher, and have two children and six grandchildren. I joined GPC in 1992, and am presently the facilitator of our seniors group, VIPS (Very Important Presbyterian Seniors); a member of the Congregational Life Ministry; and a volunteer at The Lord's Table. Previously, I served on the First Impressions Ministry, Strategic Planning's 2014 Mission Study, InTouch Ministry, Steering Committee for the Construction of Building 4, Stewardship Committee, and Nominating Committee, and was Parish Secretary for the Parish System and co-facilitator of the Divorce Support Group. I am thankful for God's presence in my life and for all the people that God has placed in my life who comfort, support, guide, and inspire me as I strive to strengthen my focus on God's love, joy, and peace.



# UPDATE FROM THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC)

Grace and peace from the PNC. During April, May, and June, the committee reviewed the results of the CAT and the focus groups, interviewed the staff who did not participate in focus groups, and wrote the ministry information form (MIF). The MIF includes demographic and other information about our congregation as well as the answers to five questions describing our congregation, our mission, and the type of pastor that we are searching for. It is available at <https://www.thepresbytery.org/calls-jobs?jobtype=3>. As of July 30, we had received 43 applications, many of them from the Church Leadership Connection (CLC), the PCUSA's matching program. All applicants will be reviewed. We ask that you continue to pray for the search for our new pastor. The timeline of the search process is shown below.



## GPC FALL MISSION TRIP — GAITHERSBURG, MD October 20–24

Homecoming to Gaithersburg! All volunteers from our first trip in 2006 to New Orleans through the last trip to Gatlinburg and anyone who would like to be part of this trip are invited to celebrate 13 years of GPC mission trips. Here is the tentative schedule for the week:

- **Saturday, October 20** – Out-of-towners arrive in Gaithersburg and meet their host families.
- **Sunday, October 21** – Worship Service/Potluck Luncheon – Blue shirt Sunday – wear your shirt to the worship services. The potluck luncheon is open to all. This will be a time to give thanks to God for allowing us to be part of the PDA mission work, to recognize those with long and faithful service to this project, and to welcome anyone new who would like to be part of this work week.
- **Sunday, October 21** – Dinner at GPC for workers.
- **Monday, October 22 – Wednesday, October 24** – Work together on a building project in Montgomery County (details to follow).
- **Monday, October 22 & Tuesday, October 23** – Dinner at GPC for workers.
- **Wednesday, October 24** – Dinner at Buca di Beppo for all former and current volunteers. Plans for the Spring 2019 trip will be discussed.

To be part of the team and/or to offer to host guests, contact Mary and Bob Wasik, [marywasik2000@yahoo.com](mailto:marywasik2000@yahoo.com) or 301-519-9416.



## SAVE THE DATE! GPC CHURCHWIDE PICNIC

Sunday, September 9  
4:00 p.m.

Bohrer Park in Gaithersburg

Join in the food, fellowship, and family fun! Games will begin at 4:00 p.m. and dinner will start at 5:00 p.m. Congregational Life will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and beverages. Please bring a dish to share with approximately 10–12 people.

If you have suggestions or questions, please contact Shari McCann at [shari.mccann@yahoo.com](mailto:shari.mccann@yahoo.com).



# VERY IMPORTANT PRESBYTERIAN SENIORS {VIPS}

VIPS will not meet in August. The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 6.



## GPC EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday, August 21  
7:00 p.m. | Room 202



Are you **unemployed, about to be unemployed, underemployed, or seeking a career change**? If so, attend a meeting of our group that provides a supportive Christian environment in which you can network as you continue your search for an attractive opportunity. Meetings are free, open to the community, and typically last about an hour.

*Sometimes the job that you are looking for may not be the one the Lord has in mind for you, so remain open-minded about all opportunities that come your way and be prayerful about all offers.*

Although the ESG meets only once a month, you may contact Clara Pratt at [pratt6901@comcast.net](mailto:pratt6901@comcast.net) during the off weeks with any questions about your job search or for more information about the group.

**“Defining Your Value to Hiring Managers and Recruiters – An Essential for All” – Saturday, August 18**  
Career Confidence, a business education organization, is offering this free seminar in Rockville. For more information, go to [career-confidence.org](http://career-confidence.org). If you attend the seminar, please let Clara know what you learned so that she can share the information with others.



## CRAFT GROUP

Sunday, August 5 | 12:15 p.m. | Rooms 30–31

Bring your lunch and come join the fun as we sew, crochet, and knit. Come start or finish projects! If you have a special project in mind, would like a materials list, or have questions, contact Barbara Clark at 240-988-9572 or [bellbarb@yahoo.com](mailto:bellbarb@yahoo.com).

There are ongoing needs for small knitted/crocheted animals for the Jewish Social Service Agency and prayer shawls for Holy Cross Hospital in Germantown. Barbara has patterns for both projects.



## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**BREAKFAST** Saturday, August 4  
8:00 a.m.

Our last summer meeting will be held at The Airport Café in the Gaithersburg Airpark. Come for breakfast and fellowship, and watch the airplanes take off and land. (Attendees pay for their own breakfasts.)



## 2ND FRIDAY BOOK CLUB

Friday, August 10 | 7:30 p.m. | Spencer Hall

We will discuss Chapter 3, dealing with discrimination in education, in our current book, *White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide* by Carol Anderson. Come join us and bring a friend, even if you haven't started the book or are unable to make all meetings. For information about the group, contact Cindy Cennamlee, [cennamlee@gmail.com](mailto:cennamlee@gmail.com) or (240) 498-6330.



## CHURCH LIBRARY NOTES

by Linda Hastings

This month's display features personal reflections on faith and life.

- *Cloister Walk*, by Kathleen Norris. A married Protestant woman is drawn to the ancient practice of monasticism.
- *Genesee Diary*, by Henry Nouwen. Seven months in a Trappist monastery.
- *Grace (Eventually)*, by Anne Lamott. A personal exploration of the faith and grace all around us.
- *Jesus: A Pilgrimage*, by James Martin, SJ. A travelogue and memoir of his spiritual retreat to the Holy Land.
- *Longing for Home, Recollections and Reflections*, by Frederick Buechner. The presence of God in the everyday moments of life.
- *Penguins and Golden Calves*, by Madeleine L'Engle. Her trip to Antarctica at age 74.





# AUGUST 2018 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST 8:00 AM (At The Airport Café)
5 ELDER TREVOR AGARD PREACHING Communion CRAFT GROUP 12:15 PM	6	7	8	9	10 2ND FRIDAY BOOK CLUB 7:30 PM	11
12 REV. DR. D. JAY LOSHER PREACHING FAREWELL RECEPTION HONORING PAUL BYSSAINTHE, JR. 12:00 Noon	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 REV. DR. D. JAY LOSHER PREACHING	20	21 EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP 7:00 PM	22	23	24	25
26 REV. DR. D. JAY LOSHER PREACHING	27	28	29	30	31	

## WHY DO WE GIVE?

The practical answer is that we give to support our church. Recently, we faced a very large expense to replace major portions of the air conditioner for Lindsay Hall and church offices. Fortunately, your gifts have allowed GPC to set aside funds in a Capital Maintenance Reserve to cover such costs, so that GPC can afford to fix things when they break and maintain our place of worship and the building spaces we need to carry out our mission. Your gifts ensure that we will continue to have a place to worship together and make space available to the community as we offer the use of our buildings to such programs as GPP&K, the Mizo Church, Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts, AA, the Montgomery Philharmonic, the Red Cross Blood Drive, and others as well.

We also give to support programs locally and globally. Our giving does a lot of good for those less fortunate than we are. Recently, GPC gave \$10,000 to support a program in Togo. GPC also gives to Presbytery to support national and international programs through PCUSA.

We give not only to fulfill God's directives, but also to fulfill our own needs to worship our Lord and Savior. Our giving is a part of that worship.

*"...Whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*—2 Corinthians 9:6-7

—*John Slavcoff*  
Stewardship Chair



## WE'VE MOVED!

Please note this new information  
in your church directory.

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Poolesville, MD 20837-2110

## PHIL AND EVI MELBERG ATTEND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PCUSA

In June, Phil and Evi attended the 223rd General Assembly of the PCUSA in St. Louis, Missouri. Phil is president of the National Association of Presbyterian Scouters and was an Exhibitor and a registered Observer. Evi was a registered Observer and served as a Process Observer for four committees.

Evi thought it was a wonderful experience to observe the PCUSA in action, with over 2,000 people in attendance!

At the Plenary Session on June 20, Phil was awarded the Celtic Cross from the National Association of Presbyterian Scouters and the PCUSA by Brian Frick, Associate for Camp and Conference Ministries at Presbyterian Mission Agency, PCUSA. The Celtic Cross recognizes adult leaders who have served God, Church, and Scouting with distinction.

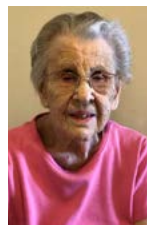


On Sunday, they worshipped at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church. Its pastor, Rev. Erin Counihan, is the daughter of GPC member Maxine Counihan Aldridge and a former GPC member too.

Left to right, with Phil: Brian Frick and the Co-Moderators of the General Assembly (Rev. Cindy Kohlmann; Ruling Elder Vilmarie Cintron-Oliveri; and Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, Jr., the Stated Clerk of the PCUSA)



## BELATED HAPPY BIRTHDAY #99, LUCILE!



GPC member Mildred Lucile Rawcliffe celebrated her 99th birthday on **June 3!** After moving to the Diamond Apartments at Asbury (where she still lives) in 2002, she attended GPC for several years. Lucile has 3 children, including daughter Linda Carricaburu; 6 grandchildren; and, with the birth of Hattie in May, 15 great-grandchildren! Born in Georgia in 1919, she moved north to Maryland in the early 1950s and worked as an Administrative Assistant at the CIA. Her hobbies have included gardening and quilting, and she enjoys playing dominoes and doing crossword puzzles.





**Sunday Coffee Fellowship is suspended until further notice.**



## CARING CONCERNS

Dear GPC friends,

Thank you so much for the many thoughtful and kind expressions of sympathy after my dear husband's death. My family and I were so grateful for all the beautiful greeting cards with loving remembrances of Gordon, and the wonderful luncheon reception in Lindsay Hall after the memorial service.

We feel greatly blessed to have such loving, giving, and faithful friends at GPC.

With a thankful heart,  
*Janet Johnson*

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT

June 2018

	2018 YTD	% OF BUDGET
<b>INCOME</b>		
Worship offering .....	\$446,621	45%
Rent .....	\$25,935	54%
Other Income .....	\$6,008	44%
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$478,564</b>	<b>46%</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
NCP Membership .....	\$0	0%
Human Resources .....	\$307,865	49%
Buildings & Grounds .....	\$113,111	52%
Office & Administration .....	\$21,741	37%
Community Engagement....	\$43,260	44%
Equipping Disciples .....	\$9,411	38%
Vital Worship .....	\$2,651	33%
Congregational Life .....	\$3,804	38%
Session.....	\$97	
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$501,940</b>	<b>47%</b>
<b>NET.....</b>	<b>-\$23,375</b>	

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## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

The sympathy of our congregation is extended to the friends and family of

**Vivian Sharon Crespo**

*(sister of Marge Leach)*

on her death in Elgin, OK, June 10, 2018

**Ed Abercrombie**

*(brother of Clara Pratt and brother-in-law of Michael Pratt)*

on his death in Knoxville, TN, July 6, 2018

**Randy Lyon**

*(husband of Cathy Lyon)*

on his death in Mt. Airy, MD, July 11, 2018



## GPC MEDIA POLICY

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## SUBMISSIONS

If you would like to share a family milestone, please submit material electronically to [jobermiller@gpchurch.org](mailto:jobermiller@gpchurch.org) on or before the 15th of each month.



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## OUR VISION AND MISSION

GPC is called by God to be: A global, caring community of faith, centered in Jesus Christ, training people to share His life everywhere we go.

Our top three priorities are:

- To worship the Lord with heart, soul, mind and strength
- To engage our neighbors in central Montgomery County
- To equip each generation for Christian discipleship