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From the Heart of Pastor Mary Beth

MANY BLESSINGS

Welcome back! I hope that you had a chance this summer to rest and enjoy fellowship with your friends and family. Maybe you travelled to some exotic place or read a good book by the seaside.

Perhaps you climbed a mountain or lounged by the pool. If you continued to work throughout the season, I hope that you enjoyed the lighter traffic patterns. Whatever you did over the summer, I hope that it helped to restore your soul.

Guess what? We are extending that relaxed feeling with a **church picnic at Bohrer Park on Sunday, September 9, at 4:00 p.m.** Congregational Life Ministry will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages, and desserts. There is **no cost** for the picnic, but we ask you to bring your favorite vegetable or side dish to share.

See your church friends, meet new people, play a game, take a walk, and enjoy the beauty of God's creation. I would love to see you there!

Ask me about a volunteer position with Gaithersburg HELP. Our local food pantry seeks an individual, or a team of 3 to 4 people, to pick up a weekly food order at a local grocery store and deliver it to the HELP food pantry. The driver should have a vehicle with a large cargo space. Training is available. If you can help on a weekly basis, or be a part of a team that provides this coverage, please speak to Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence.

Many Blessings,
Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence
Associate Pastor
mlawrence@gpchurch.org

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MUSIC NOTES

SINGING WITH LOVE: A CHORAL
LOOK AT 1 CORINTHIANS 13

The following is adapted from a piece by Rebecca King in *The Church Musician* magazine.

If I sing as a choir of human beings or angels but have not love, I am a noisy gong or clanging cymbal. And if I have the understanding of all anthems; recognize all accelerandos, diminuendos, and fortississimos; and sing all notes on key so as to make a perfect sound but have not love, I am nothing. If I give up all my air and deplete that which is in my diaphragm but have not love, I gain no sound.

Singing with love is patient and kind. It is not outsinging the one next to you, or boasting about your high notes. It is not thinking, "Well, at least I sing better than the guy next to me!" Singing with love does not insist on singing the old songs and refusing to sing the new songs. It does not mean being irritable or resentful when the director calls extra rehearsals. We do not rejoice at wrong notes, but rejoice in the right.

Singing with love bears with your brother's monotone voice, believes all of your choral director's teachings, hopes that all anthems bless the congregation, and endures all sour notes. Singing with love never ends. As for sharps and flats, they will pass away; as for key changes, they will cease; as for stage fright, it will pass away. Our musical knowledge is imperfect, and our ability to follow the director is imperfect; but when we stand as a choir in heaven, the perfect will come and the imperfect will pass away.

When I was a child, I sang like a child, I thought practices were long and boring, I reasoned hopelessly for Mom to let me skip rehearsal. But when I became an accomplished chorister, I gave up childish singing.

For now we hear through a microphone faintly. Face to face with Jesus, our voices will rise in majesty and with dignity. Then I'll know my part; then I shall sing in perfect harmony, understanding fully. So, perfect pitch, steady rhythm, proper dynamics abide, these three; but the greatest of these is singing with love.

FALL IS A GREAT TIME TO JOIN A CHOIR OR HANDBELL GROUP! We're all starting over right now. Speak to me about your situation—I'm sure that we can find a path to your participation.

Soli Deo gloria!

Teresa Violet McCoy

Director of Music and Worship Arts

MORE BLESSINGS

In anticipation of cool air flowing and our wonderful kitchen re-opening before long, we invite you to participate in and support our fellowship opportunities.

- GPC's **FourthNight dinners and programs** are scheduled to resume on Wednesday, September 12. Our talented chef, Peter Leopard, prepares delicious dinners, and we are organizing teams to help with shopping, preparing, serving, and clean-up. This is our fourth year!
- We would like to celebrate the return of Sunday morning coffee fellowship with a **Cookie Sunday!** Be thinking about your favorite nut-free cookie that you'd like to share on this joyous occasion!
- We particularly need **helpers for the coffee fellowship following the 11:00 worship services**, especially on September 16, October 7 and 14, and into November and December.

To discuss ways that you might like to help,
contact Shari McCann at 240-426-2729 or shari.mccann@yahoo.com.



CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG FAMILIES' MINISTRY

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 11:00

- **September 2** – Labor Day Weekend – Take your parents to church. *No Sunday School.*
- **September 9** – **First day of 2018–2019 Sunday School** – Children begin in the Sanctuary with their families. Following the *Time with Children*, they will be dismissed to the following classrooms:
 - o Pre-K through 2nd Graders – Rooms 30–31
 - o 3rd through 5th Graders – Rooms 32–33
- **October 21** – **Children's Sabbath Sunday** – Children will lead worship at **9:30 AND 11:00**. They will be involved as lay leaders, ushers, or with music. *No Sunday School at 11:00.*

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- **Join the GPC Family Book Club!** 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. On September 23, 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 this group. Contact Carolyn Hayes to receive the devotional questions for your family.
- **Sunday, September 9, 4:00–7:00 p.m.** – **Churchwide Picnic at Bohrer Park**
- **Friday, September 21, 6:30 p.m.** – Movie night for *Prince Caspian*. Similar to the June event, we will play games and engage in activities and crafts based on Narnia and Prince Caspian. This event is for people of all ages who enjoy the wit and wisdom of C. S. Lewis.
- **Saturday, September 22, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** – Prince Caspian/Narnia event in Lindsay Hall
- **Sunday, September 30, following the 11:00 Outflow Service** – Everyone will participate in activities for our community, both in the church and out in the community.
Note: Registration will begin at the Churchwide Picnic and continue online and between services in Lindsay Hall.
- **Sunday, October 7, 12:30 p.m.** – **Children and Young Families Committee Meeting** – Carolyn's office



WEDNESDAY PM (FOURTHNIGHT)

FourthNight resumes on Wednesday, September 12, with dinner at 6:15 p.m. in Lindsay Hall.

- **Kids Clubhouse** meets from 7:00–8:00 p.m. in Rooms 30–31. Note: Because the youth programs run until 8:30 p.m., Kids Clubhouse may stay open until 8:30 if there are enough adult volunteers.
- **The Adult Small Group** continues to read Jennifer Harvey's book *Raising White Kids: Bringing up Children in a Racially Unjust America*. We will review the Introduction and Chapter 1 for newcomers during the first meeting and then finish this study on October 24. If you are interested in participating, let Carolyn know so that she can order a book for you.
- **October 10, 6:00–8:00 p.m.** – **Family Fun Night** at Sky Zone

Carolyn Hayes

Director of Children and Young Families
chayes@gpchurch.org

SEPTEMBER SMILES AT GPP&K!

We are back in full swing and looking forward to a fantastic year with our preschoolers and kindergarteners! The school is sparkling and prepped for our new crop of children as we kick off our 43rd year serving the community!

If you know someone looking for a wonderful school for their 3-, 4-, and 5-year-olds, let them know that there are still spots available. Look us up on Facebook or online at www.gppk.com. If you have questions or would like to schedule a school tour, please call our office at 301-977-5787.

Amy Smith
GPP&K Director



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YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS' MINISTRY

2018–2019 THEME

Our theme for this school year is **ROOTED**, based on Colossians 2:7, "Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness." We will focus on being rooted in friendships, in service, in Scripture, and in taking the next steps on our faith journey. Our fall teaching series will start September 16, and will focus on being rooted in Scripture. We will spend 10 weeks walking through the Bible in a creative way.



Mark your calendars for our Fall Youth Retreats. Our **Middle School Retreat** will be held **October 5–6** and our **High School Retreat** will be held **October 26–28**. For more information, contact Carrie Larsen, or register for the retreat through parent emails.

2019 SENIORS

Calling all 2019 Graduating Seniors! We want to help you transition smoothly into college life. Starting in September, gatherings just for MoCo 2019 graduating seniors will be held monthly at different churches. **Next Level** seeks to help students gain some experience with the BIG transition. Monthly topics will cover a wide range of college preparatory issues; explorations will include dating, partying, Kingdom-living, finding an on-campus ministry, finding a local church, finances, time management, syllabus interpretation, communication with professors, dealing with roommates, and sharing your faith, to name a few. And we've found that students looking at a gap year or the like have found it to be very beneficial as well! The groups will be heavily discussion based, with participating youth pastors taking turns facilitating gatherings. Our hope is that your emerging adult will build healthy relationships with other local believing seniors, so that they might have a larger pool of friends at home when they return on breaks. **Next Level will launch on Thursday, September 13, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Greenridge Baptist Church.** There is no charge to attend. If you have questions or need a ride, contact Carrie Larsen.



SCREENS, SCREENS EVERYWHERE!

Smartphones, tablets, laptops, TVs, and more. How much is too much? Is there a way to approach the screens in our teens' lives with balance, healthy boundaries, and appropriate caution? How do we approach this in a way that recognizes the differences among individual teens? How does my relationship with screens affect how my teens interact with theirs? Let's discuss it together! Parents of children and youth are invited to join our MoCo countywide Parent Symposium, which will meet quarterly. The first meeting will be held on **October 20 from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.** in GPC's Spencer Hall.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

(Please see weekly parent emails for further event details.)

- **Sunday, September 9, 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**
Back At It Breakfast, Sunday Morning Youth Thing KICK-OFF
- **Sunday, September 9, 4:00 p.m.**
All-Church Picnic & Family Games
- **Wednesday, September 12, 7:00–8:30 p.m.**
Wednesday Night Youth Thing KICK-OFF
- **Thursday, September 13, 6:30–8:30 p.m.**
Next Level Senior Gathering
- **Wednesday, September 26, 6:30–9:00 p.m.**
Corn Maze & Bonfire Night
- **Sunday, September 30, 12:30–5:00 p.m.**
Outflow Service Project

On The Journey ∞, *Carrie Larsen*
Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries
(562) 777-5364 (mobile)





VIPS RETREAT

Friday, October 12 | 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Lindsay Hall

VIPS will host a retreat led by Rev. Lyman M. Smith, Captain, CHC, US Navy, Retired, whose present position is Director, Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel. The theme of this retreat is *Rejoicing in God's Abiding Presence*. During the retreat, Rev. Smith will guide us through Bible study of various individuals in scripture whose experiences demonstrate the power of God's presence, followed by activities to encourage and inspire us to feel God's presence in our own lives.

The retreat, which is open to everyone, will begin with gathering and breakfast snacks. The \$20 cost for the day will include the morning session, lunch, and the afternoon session. Reservations will be accepted on two Sundays (September 23 and 30), and at the VIPS meeting on Thursday, October 4.

For additional information or if you have questions about VIPS and its activities, please contact Nancy Sanders at 301-963-1357.



GPC CHURCHWIDE PICNIC

Sunday, September 9 | 4:00 p.m.
Bohrer Park in Gaithersburg

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

If you have suggestions or questions, please contact Shari McCann at shari.mccann@yahoo.com.



COOKING TOGETHER FOR THE MCCH MEN'S SHELTER!

Fridays, September 28 and October 26 | 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the GPC kitchen

We will cook delicious, hot breakfasts to be delivered to shelter residents for enjoyment over the weekend!
No experience necessary!

IMPORTANT: PLEASE RSVP so we know how many helpers to plan for. Go to kind-works.org/news/new-project-help-cook-hot-weekend-breakfasts-mens-shelter to sign up, or contact Denise Schleckser at dschleckser@verizon.net.





VERY IMPORTANT PRESBYTERIAN SENIORS {VIPS}

Thursday, September 6 | 11:30 a.m. | Fellowship Hall | *An Introduction to Renaissance Faires*

Norman Cary, who has participated in Renaissance Faires for the past 20 years, will use photos to illustrate his many experiences as a patron; a tuba player; and, most frequently, an instructor of military history, in order to give us a better appreciation of these popular events. The meeting will begin at 12:00 noon, with lunch to follow at 12:30. Norm's program will conclude the day.

This meeting is scheduled to be held in Fellowship Hall rather than Lindsay Hall, with a shared sub and salads lunch. As always, attendees are welcome to bring their own bagged lunches. If you have questions or are attending VIPS for the first time, contact Nancy Sanders at 301-963-1357.



BUTTERFLY ALERT: One of the butterflies that VIPS released at GPC last September 7 arrived at its Mexican destination on February 11 of this year! Dick Arnold, our speaker and butterfly expert, was excited to receive the confirmation certificate! We hope to have Dick as our guest in the near future so that he can share the certificate with us!



GPC EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP Monday, September 10 7:00 p.m. | Room 202

Are you **unemployed, about to be unemployed, underemployed, or seeking a career change?** If so, attend this meeting of our group, which provides a supportive Christian environment where 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.

Beginning this fall, the ESG will meet on the second Monday of each month to avoid having meeting dates fall near Thanksgiving or on Christmas Day. Although the ESG will meet only once a month, you may contact Clara Pratt at pratt6901@comcast.net during the off weeks with questions about your job search or for information about the group. You may also visit www.gpchurch.org/adult-activities, which now contains information about resources to aid in your job search.

CRAFT GROUP

Sunday, September 9 | 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.

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, September 16
8:00 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

Michael Virts will speak about Civil War history as it relates to Gaithersburg in particular and Montgomery County, Maryland, in general. He is retired and now lives in Falmouth, Virginia, but grew up in Montgomery County. Descended from Civil War soldiers from both sides of the conflict, he is an active member of both the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Sons of Confederate Veterans. A light continental breakfast will be served. Reservations are not necessary. Contact Ted Farrand at tfarrand@comcast.net.



2ND FRIDAY BOOK CLUB

Friday, September 14 | 7:30 p.m. | Spencer Hall

We will discuss Chapter 4 in *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 or (240) 498-6330.



CHURCH LIBRARY NOTES

by Linda Hastings

September's display features these books and many more by and about C. S. Lewis.

- *C. S. Lewis, A Dramatic Life*, by William Griffin.
- *C. S. Lewis: Images of his World*, by Douglas Gilbert. His life in words and pictures.
- *Chronicles of Narnia*. His series for children, starting with "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe."
- *Companion to Narnia*, by Paul Ford. Complete guide to themes, characters, and events.
- *The Great Divorce*. A fantastic bus ride from hell to heaven.
- *Mere Christianity*. Originally three radio talks.
- *Screwtape Letters*. Letters to Wormwood, a novice demon.
- *Surprised by Joy*. His autobiography.



SEPTEMBER 2018 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST 8:00 AM
2 REV. DR. D. JAY LOSHER PREACHING Communion	3 LABOR DAY (GPC OFFICES CLOSED)	4	5	6 VIPS 11:30 AM	7	8
9 REV. DR. D. JAY LOSHER PREACHING CRAFT GROUP 12:15 PM CHURCHWIDE PICNIC 4:00 PM Bohrer Park	10 EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP 7:00 PM	11	12  FOURTHNIGHT DINNER AND ACTIVITIES RESUME 6:15 PM	13 NEXT LEVEL SENIOR GATHERING 6:30 PM Greenridge Baptist Church	14 2ND FRIDAY BOOK CLUB 7:30 PM	15
16 REV. MARY BETH LAWRENCE PREACHING MISSION TRIP MEETING 12:15 PM	17	18	19  FOURTHNIGHT DINNER AND ACTIVITIES 6:15 PM	20	21 MOVIE NIGHT (PRINCE CASPIAN) 6:30 PM	22 PRINCE CASPIAN/ NARNIA EVENT 10:00 AM
23 REV. DR. D. JAY LOSHER PREACHING	24	25	26  FOURTHNIGHT DINNER AND ACTIVITIES 6:15 PM	27	28 COOKING FOR MCCH 11:00 AM	29 INTERFAITH WORKS CENTER SERVICE PROJECT 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
30 REV. DR. D. JAY LOSHER PREACHING OUTFLOW SUNDAY 12:30–5:00 PM						



GPC FALL MISSION TRIP UPDATE! GAITHERSBURG & CUMBERLAND

October 20–24

Homecoming to Gaithersburg this October will be combined with a work trip to Cumberland, Maryland, which is about 2 hours from Gaithersburg! All volunteers from the first trip in 2006 to New Orleans through the last trip to Gatlinburg this spring and anyone who would like to be part of this trip are invited to celebrate the last 13 years of GPC mission trips. We have revised our original plans to work in Gaithersburg, and NAILS, a mission program to repair and improve homes in Cumberland, is thrilled that our numerous and skilled folks are coming! We will stay at the First Presbyterian Church in Cumberland. Here is the tentative schedule:

Saturday, October 20

- **Out-of-towners arrive in Gaithersburg** and meet their host families.
- **Dinner** at Buca di Beppo, 122 Kentlands Boulevard, Gaithersburg, for all former and current volunteers.

Sunday, October 21

- **Worship** – Blue shirt Sunday (wear your shirts to worship services).
- **Potluck luncheon** open to all at GPC, not just volunteers. We will give thanks to God for allowing us to be part of the PDA mission, recognize those with long faithful service to this project, and welcome anyone new who will participate in this workweek.
- **Drive to Cumberland** in the afternoon.
- **Dinner** at the First Presbyterian Church, 11 Washington Street, Cumberland.

Monday, October 22 – Wednesday, October 24

- **Work together on a building project** in Cumberland (details to be provided later).

Wednesday, October 24

- Some people may want to head home on Wednesday after we finish working. Others may want to eat dinner out together in Cumberland and spend another night there. Plans for the Spring 2019 mission trip will be discussed during dinner.

Cost: \$50/person for participation with NAILS; \$10/day for food (3 days); no charge to stay overnight at the church; freewill offering for church potluck on Sunday night; dinner at Buca di Beppo on Saturday night (details coming soon).

Contacts: To be part of the team and/or to offer to host guests on Saturday night, contact one of the following people:

- **Mary & Bob Wasik**, 301-519-9426 or marywasik2000@yahoo.com (until September 8)
- **Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence**, 301-948-9418 or mlawrence@gpchurch.org
- **Lucille Baur**, 301-340-2488 or Lucille.Baur@gmail.com
(Lucille will be handling communications during September while the Wasiks are away; if necessary, please leave her a voicemail message.)



Gatlinburg, TN, April 2018



Gatlinburg, TN, October 2017



Charleston, SC, September 2016

MISSION TRIP MEETING

Sunday, September 16

12:15 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

For those planning to go on the GPC mission trip to Cumberland in October, there will be a meeting to discuss details. Bring your checks for the trip (made payable to GPC), completed liability forms, and money for the group dinner at Buca di Beppo on October 20.



GPC IS GROWING ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

GPC has had a Facebook page for a while but is now on Instagram and Twitter as well. The links are provided below so that you can find/follow/like the pages. All of the icons and links are on the website.

 [instagram.com/gpchurch_moco](https://www.instagram.com/gpchurch_moco)

 [facebook.com/GaithersburgPresbyterianChurch](https://www.facebook.com/GaithersburgPresbyterianChurch)

 twitter.com/GPChurch_Moco

Carrie will be heading up her own youth posts but everyone else can support GPC's social media presence by sending Jenna photos directly via email or text to 330-432-6977 from their smartphones.

If you have questions, contact her at jobermiller@gpchurch.org.



CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER

In 2009, a group of 20 lead pastors in the Denver area gathered to think, dream, and pray about how the churches might join forces to serve the community. We invited the local mayor, Bob Frie, to join us, and asked him a simple question: "How can we as churches best work together to serve our city?"

The ensuing discussion revealed a laundry list of social problems similar to what many cities face: at-risk kids, areas with dilapidated housing, child hunger, drug and alcohol abuse, loneliness, elderly shut-ins with no one to look in on them. The list went on and on.

Then the mayor said something that inspired our joint-church movement: "The majority of the issues that our community is facing would be eliminated or drastically reduced *if we could just figure out a way to become a community of great neighbors.*" (*The Art of Neighboring*, Jay Pathak & Dave Runyon, pp. 18–19)

Out of this discussion came a book and then a movement catching on even now in churches around the country, which spring from one honest question:

"What if Jesus meant that we should love our actual neighbors? Like the folks next door?"

What would that actually look like on YOUR street?"

Norm Gordon is a Bridge Leader serving as a GPC Missionary in Central Montgomery County among the unchurched. For more information, contact him at ngordon0522@gmail.com.



WHAT IS D48?

D48 is a recipe for a divine experience:

- *Date and time*
- *2 hosts with entrée*
- *6 guests hungry for Christian fellowship and good food*
- *1 appetizer*
- *1 of the following: salad, vegetable, or bread*
- *Lots of desserts*

Add all ingredients in any size home and blend thoroughly. Serve leisurely.

The Dinners for Eight (D48) program is a wonderful way for members and friends of GPC to get to know one another better. During the month of September, you can sign up for this year's Dinners for Eight—as a single, a couple, or a substitute—on the poster in Lindsay Hall or by contacting Clara Pratt at 301-840-2212 or pratt6901@comcast.net. You will be scheduled for four gatherings between November and June. As a *host* for one dinner, you will coordinate the dinner and provide the entrée in your home. As a *guest* for three other dinners, you will be asked to take one item to someone else's home.

To be in sync with GPC's vision, D48 desires to represent a global, caring community of faith. We need your participation to become more multicultural and more intergenerational.



STEWARDSHIP, AGAIN???

*“Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already.” —C. S. Lewis, **Mere Christianity***

Stewardship, in general, refers to the management and safekeeping of assets. In church life, it usually is associated with an annual fundraising campaign, when members are asked to give their time, treasure, and talent, with the emphasis on monetary treasure. I have always dreaded this time of year—I felt that everyone was looking at me as though I had dollar signs around my neck. It was like a pick-pocket walking beside me for several weeks, nipping at my wallet, trying to gain access to its contents. The thought of being asked, again, for money to support church programs was something that I wanted to avoid. Yes, time and talent is talked about, but to paraphrase a movie line, it’s “Where’s the money?”

Stewardship is really “shareship.” As C. S. Lewis stated in the above quote, everything is God’s. We talk about God’s gifts, but they are not really gifts; they are treasures that he has shared with us and loaned to us for our life here on earth. We are caretakers of these “gifts” and should treasure them. It is only in sharing them, however, that we truly are stewards of these resources and that they become meaningful and powerful. Gifting is the transfer of one thing to another, after which time we no longer know what has happened to that gift nor take any responsibility for it. Sharing is an act of involving donor and the recipient in a relationship. That is what God did when He provided these treasures to us. He has established a relationship with us and, together, we are to use them in a sharing relationship with others in celebration of our love for God. Our treasures are to be returned to God in service and support of others.

Sharing God’s gifts is not confined to a church Sanctuary or the offering plate. It is reaching out to others, recognizing what God has gifted us with and uplifting others in a variety of ways, including contributing money to the church. That sharing of yourself and your God-given gifts with others is stewardship/shareship. You are giving joy, support, love, and light to another individual in witness of God’s sharing His gifts and sacrifices with you. Stewardship/shareship is an everyday act of devotion and, in service to God through it, you are extending His kingdom and singing His praises. Do not miss an opportunity to glorify the Lord and be a blessing to the world.

Bill Brehm, a friend who plays piano and writes hymns in his spare time, composed one titled “Everything.” Some of the lyrics are – “Ev’rything, ev’rything all that I own; Ev’rything, ev’rything, all that I am; Ev’rything, ev’rything, all that I love.” That is what God has given us. Bill Brehm and C. S. Lewis are correct – everything comes to us from God. Why would we not want to share that with others joyously, generously, and with gratitude for His love?

— **Sharon Mastroni**
Stewardship Committee



2019 STEWARDSHIP PACKET

Don't forget to pick up your envelope September 9, 16, or 23 in the Narthex!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Richard Ingraham and Mary Boone were married on August 5 at GPC. Richard is a scientific review officer with The National Institutes of Health and chair of GPC's Equipping Disciples Ministry. Mary is a software product manager with OpenText.



Sunday Coffee Fellowship is suspended until further notice.



WELCOME TO THE WORLD!

Congratulations

to the proud grandparents,
Jay and Susan Losher,
and the proud parents,
Ann L. and Matt Groner,
of

LIAM LEWIS GRONER

born July 27, 2018

FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT

July 2018

	2018 YTD	% OF BUDGET
INCOME		
Worship offering	\$526,863	53%
Rent	\$28,265	59%
Other Income	\$6,048	44%
Total	\$561,176	53%
EXPENSE		
NCP Membership	\$0	0%
Human Resources	\$361,226	57%
Buildings & Grounds	\$150,324	69%
Office & Administration	\$25,957	44%
Community Engagement....	\$54,608	56%
Equipping Disciples	\$10,708	43%
Vital Worship	\$2,864	36%
Congregational Life	\$3,886	39%
Total	\$609,573	57%
NET.....	-\$48,397	

To request a complete financial summary,
email accountingmanager@gpchurch.org.



CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

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

Marion Dexter Plumb

(former GPC member)

on her death in Mexico, NY, July 22, 2018

Mary Ann LeGassie

(widow of Roger LeGassie)

on her death in Gaithersburg, MD, July 26, 2018

Glen Bolin

*(father of Melanie Peterson and
father-in-law of Jason Peterson)*

on his death in Frederick, MD, August 21, 2018

GPC MEDIA POLICY

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church (GPC) uses print and digital media of church life in communications materials to share the ministry of GPC with our congregation and community at large. GPC reserves the right to use any media taken at any activity sponsored by GPC, without the express written consent of those individuals included within the media. GPC may use any such media in publications, social media, and any website.

SUBMISSIONS

If you would like to share a family milestone, please submit material electronically to 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