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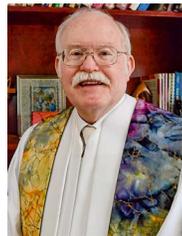
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From the Heart of Pastor Jay

STEWARDSHIP

In this stewardship season, I am reminded of an article by Jack Haberer, editor of *The Presbyterian Outlook*, in which he applied Kohlberg's six stages of moral development to stewardship. Which is your main reason for giving?

I: Some people give in order to **avoid punishment**, and Malachi reinforces that: "Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, "How are we robbing you?" In your tithes and offerings! You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me — the whole nation of you!" (Malachi 3:8-9)

II: Some people give in order to **gain a tangible benefit**, as Jesus promises: "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." (Luke 6:38)

III: Some give in order to **gain social acceptance**, and Paul warns of the alternative. Regarding financial matters, he says, "Take note of those who do not obey what we say in this letter; have nothing to do with them, so that they may be ashamed." (II Thessalonians 3:14)

IV: Some give in order to **obey authorities**, thereby maintaining law and order, as Jesus both scolds for its selective application and commands toward complete obedience: "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint, dill, and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. It is these you ought to have practiced without neglecting the others." (Matthew 23:23)

V: Some give in order to **fulfill community norms and covenants**, as was exemplified by the early post-Pentecost believers who set an unprecedented (and seldom emulated) standard for community life: "All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need." (Acts 2:44-45; see also Acts 4:32-37).

VI: Some give in order to **follow universal ethical principles**, as modeled in the parable of the generous Samaritan. (Luke 10:25-37).

To see Haberer's article, go to <https://pres-outlook.org/2009/08/stages-of-stewardship-development>.

Shalom,
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MUSIC NOTES | A LOT TO SING ABOUT

“Around midnight, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening.” —Acts 16:25

Of all the faiths and religions in the world, it’s pretty clear that Christians have the best music. Marty Goetz, who is a Messianic Jewish songwriter, says that as a young Jewish boy, he envied Christians for their music. While he was observing Hanukkah with solemn songs in minor keys, Christians were celebrating Christmas with uplifting, dynamic songs like “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” and “Joy to the World.”

It’s a good thing, though, that our faith and our witness are not rated on the basis of our music. Some of us would be in big trouble if our heavenly reward was dependent on how much we sing in church! Thankfully, our faith is recognized on the basis of what we believe, whom we believe in, and how we demonstrate that belief through service to others. Christians are encouraged to sing a lot in the Bible because we have a lot to sing about!

When we praise God in all the seasons of our lives, even in the midst of trials or suffering, the larger world takes notice. Nonbelievers will pay more attention. Case in point: Paul and Silas were thrown into a dungeon for preaching the gospel. They had been beaten and their feet were in stocks, but Acts 16:25 says, “Around midnight, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening.” They didn’t have anything joyful to sing about at that moment. I can’t imagine that their singing sounded all that good. They weren’t singing to show off what beautiful voices they had. But I wonder what those other prisoners thought about these guys singing in the middle of the night? It’s likely that they recognized something different about Paul and Silas. Something other-worldly. Something extraordinary.

Worship music is not for our entertainment. The vocalists and instrumentalists in church are not playing for their own amazement or glory. If they’re doing it right, they’re trying to lead others in worship. And you never know who’s listening. The congregation is every church’s largest choir, and maybe your enthusiastic singing could inspire someone else.

Some of you may say, “Me? I don’t have a great voice.” That’s okay. You aren’t performing for anyone. When you sing in worship, you are singing for an audience of one: **God**. Is God pleased with your musical offerings?

Hey, let’s get practicing! Christmas is coming – wouldn’t you like to join a choir and sing:

“Glooo-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-ria! In excelsis Deo!” (That’s Latin for “God is a-a-a-a-a-wesome, dude!”)

Soli Deo gloria!

Teresa Violet McCoy

Director of Music and Worship Arts

TERESA MCCOY WILL BE LEAVING GPC

The Session of Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church has, with deep regret, received the resignation of Teresa McCoy, our gifted and much appreciated Director of Music. Teresa has served GPC with great skill and devotion and will be missed beyond words. The date for a reception and time to say our goodbyes will be announced later.



CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG FAMILIES' MINISTRY

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 11:00

- **October 7, 14, and 28 – Children's Sunday School** – Children begin in the Sanctuary with their families. Following the *Time with Children*, children are escorted to the following classrooms:

Pre-K through 2nd Grade – Rooms 30/31

October 7 – Jesus in the Temple
October 14 – Jesus is Baptized
October 28 – Jesus is Tempted

3rd through 5th Grade – Rooms 32/33

October 7 – The Ten Bridesmaids
October 14 – The Wicked Tenants
October 28 – The Unmerciful Servant

- **October 21 – Children's Sabbath Sunday** – Children will lead worship at 9:30 AND 11:00. We hope that all children will be involved as lay leaders, ushers, or in music. **No Sunday School at 11:00.**

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- **Join the GPC Narnia Book Club!** Since September 23, adults, parents, children, and youth have been reading two chapters of *Prince Caspian* by C. S. Lewis each week and then discussing devotional questions at home. All GPC members and friends are invited to join this book club by contacting Carolyn Hayes to receive the devotional questions for your family.
- **Sunday, October 7, 12:30 p.m. – Children and Young Families Committee Meeting** – Carolyn's office



WEDNESDAY PM (FOURTHNIGHT)

Following dinner in Lindsay Hall from **6:15 to 7:00 p.m., activities continue (except for October 10).**

- **Kids Club** meets from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Rooms 30/31. Note: Because the youth programs run until 8:30 p.m., Kids Club may stay open until 8:30.
- **The Adult Small Group** continues to read Jennifer Harvey's book *Raising White Kids: Bringing up Children in a Racially Unjust America* and plans to finish this study on October 24. If you are interested in participating, let Carolyn know so that she can order a book for you.
- **Off-Campus Event: Family Fun Night at Sky Zone – October 10, 6:00–8:00 p.m.**

Carolyn Hayes

Director of Children and Young Families
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OCTOBER IS OUTSTANDING AT GPP&K!

Fall is in full effect in our Preschool and Kindergarten hallways! Classes are celebrating the season with art and cooking projects starring APPLES! Students will enjoy apple taste testing as well as several apple recipes! Our pop-up pumpkin patch will showcase the bounty of harvest and each student will "pick" a pumpkin to take home. We also welcome fathers for our "Donuts for Dads" program, as well as a firefighter, who will teach our children about the importance of fire prevention.

For information about school openings or tours, please visit our website at www.gppk.com or call the school office at (301) 977-5787. You can also visit our Facebook page to see current photos of our school happenings!

Wishing you all a festive and fun fall!

In His Love,
Amy Smith
GPP&K Director



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ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN OCTOBER

As disciples of Christ at GPC, we are called to grow in our faith and knowledge of God. The Adult Education program offers a range of opportunities to learn, discuss, and share in a small group atmosphere. Some highlights this month include:

Sunday Mornings – Room 205, Room 206, or Carolyn Hayes' Office

8:00 Two Christian Classics | Liz Holdridge

This class will be reading and discussing “The Practice of the Presence of God” by Brother Lawrence (1605–1691), followed by “The Imitation of Christ” by Thomas à Kempis (1379–1471). These writings have a very long history of aiding Christians in their faith walk.

9:30 The Bible as a Whole: Romans | Sue Farrand, Stuart Hayes

This ongoing course, working its way through the Bible, is now in the book of Romans, Paul’s letter to the church in Rome. The class will begin in the midst of its study and lively discussion of Chapter 5, and discussion will include the life of the early church, discipleship, and the meaning for us today.

9:30 The Present Word: God’s World and God’s People | John Coburn

This fall quarter PC(USA) study of Genesis shows God as Creator, Sustainer, Judge, and Redeemer, and it explores how God continues to co-labor with humanity in reconciling and re-creating order in all things.

9:30 The Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis | Carolyn Hayes

For C. S. Lewis fans (or interested newcomers to this most noteworthy Christian author of the 20th century): This book contains a series of letters from a senior demon to his young apprentice, regarding the proper way to entice a person (a “patient”) away from the “enemy” (God). It is delightfully quick, entertaining, and sometimes painfully insightful.

11:00 “What It Means to be a Presbyterian” | Carolyn Hayes

Do you ever wonder what Presbyterians believe, or how these beliefs were formed? Donald McKim’s book *Theology for Presbyterians* could provide some answers to these important questions.

FourthNight Classes and Conversations – Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. – Library, Fellowship Hall, or Lindsay Hall

October 3, 17, and 24 Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America by Jennifer Harvey | Carolyn Hayes

This study group will continue discussing the challenge of raising white children in an increasingly complex world of diversity, who understand and appreciate their heritage as well as that of others and who are empowered to be anti-racists.

October 3 Yoga and Spirituality | Sandy Menzies

The gentle physical exercise of yoga connects with God-centered spiritual practices and reflection. All are welcome, regardless of physical abilities or prior experience in yoga.

October 10 Conversation: Talking with our Adult Kids About Faith | Norm Gordon & Steve Olin

“I so wish that I could just have a quiet conversation with my son (daughter) about Christian faith, but . . . why is this so hard and frustrating? What am I doing wrong?” Or maybe your conversations are rich, rewarding, and inspiring! Let’s share our experiences, questions, insights, and perhaps begin a dialogue of mutual support.

October 17 Presentation/Conversation: Homelessness in MoCo: Challenges (including panhandling) and Resources | Christine Hong, Interfaith Works

What are truly effective ways of sharing the love of Christ with individuals who are homeless and marginalized in Montgomery County? Come hear Interfaith Works’ Director of Homeless Services and join the conversation!

2nd Friday Book Club – October 12, 7:30 p.m., Spencer Hall

White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide by Carol Anderson | Cindy Cename

This group meets once a month and will be discussing Chapter 4.

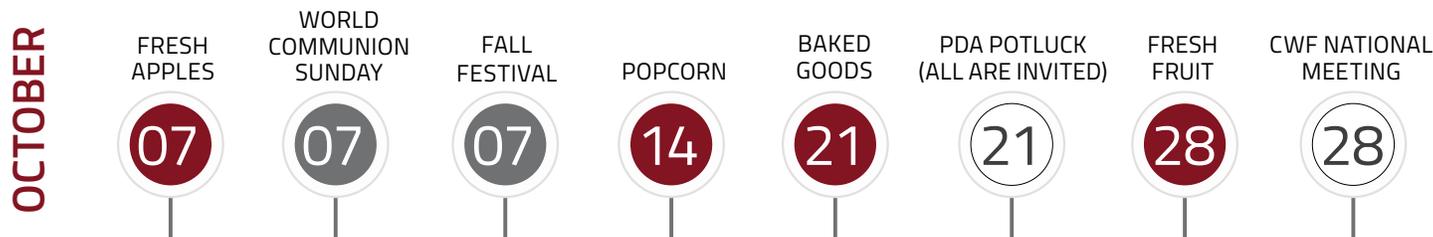


MORE BLESSINGS | *From the Congregational Life Ministry*

As a church family, we strive to get to know each other and our visitors better. Sunday Coffee Fellowship provides additional opportunities for interactions among the worshippers between the different morning church services. Coffee Fellowship will be held weekly starting at 9:00 (between the 8:00 and 9:30 services) and starting at 10:30 (between the 9:30 and 11:00 services). Please join in this opportunity to meet and greet new and long-time church friends.

With the support and generous contributions of the Angel Network, the Congregational Life Ministry coordinates a variety of activities and events. To join the Angel Network, please contact Shari McCann at shari.mccann@yahoo.com.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OCTOBER



KEY ● Weekly Coffee Fellowship ● Ministry of the Week ● Receptions ● Seasonal Events ○ Special Recognition



FOURTHNIGHT DINNERS & ACTIVITIES HAVE RESUMED!

Join your GPC friends and family for a mid-week meal, program, and fellowship! On Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m., the 4N kitchen team, led by Chef and GPC friend Peter Leopard, serves a wonderful dinner for \$6/adult and \$3/child, with a \$20/family maximum. Programs for adults, youth, and children are offered following dinner.

If you have questions about the dinners, or would like to participate with the kitchen crew on a weekly, monthly, or occasional basis, contact Shari McCann at shari.mccann@yahoo.com.

GPC EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP Monday, October 8 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.

JOBS NEEDED – CAN YOU HELP? – Several members of our group need your help in identifying leads for attractive opportunities:

- Dedicated worker desires to leverage master's degree and additional education/experience in the fields of gerontology, domestic violence, and non-profits to contribute to community awareness about older adult abuse and related issues.
- Candidate with 15+ years of experience in systems/network administration and corporate/government sales is looking for a role at a mid to large organization as a systems administrator, Windows or active directory administrator, or sales engineer.
- Experienced biochemist and molecular biologist currently seeks a research associate or associate scientist position in a clinical, academic, government, or industry lab.

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

The next meeting will be November 12.



VERY IMPORTANT PRESBYTERIAN SENIORS {VIPS}

Thursday, October 4 | 11:30 a.m. | Fellowship Hall | *The Pastoral Nominating Committee – Its Process and Updates*

This jam-packed meeting will feature a presentation by Pastoral Nominating Committee members Carole Tukes and Bob Wasik. Their program will provide an opportunity to learn more about the committee's organization, the steps involved in their tasks, and any current updates.

In addition, to help us prepare for our upcoming October 12 retreat at GPC, "Rejoicing in God's Abiding Presence," the Drama Team of Betty Cowen, Doug Green, Francie Whitlock, and Don Woodward will present "The Prince Came Near." The skit, an allegory, will help us recognize that "To be loved by Christ, we must allow ourselves to be loved." This meeting will be the final opportunity to make a reservation for the retreat.

VIPS will also enthusiastically celebrate the gifts and talents of Teresa! She has been such a vital and supportive part of our group during her time at GPC, and we look forward to expressing our appreciation in a variety of ways!

The meeting will start at noon, and lunch will follow at 12:30 p.m. Attendees are welcome to bring their own lunch or may participate in the shared lunch of pulled pork sandwiches and side dishes. The program and activities will conclude the day.

If you are attending VIPS for the first time or have questions, contact Nancy Sanders at (301) 963-1357.

The next meeting will be November 1.



CRAFT GROUP

Sunday, October 7 | 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.

NEW PROJECTS: It's time to start knitting hats and scarves for three local elementary schools!

The next meeting will be November 4.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

BREAKFAST Saturday, October 6
8:00 a.m. | Lindsay Hall

Whitney Myers, former GPC member and Praise Team director, will present his new website, ScriptureWay.com, and the stories behind the hymns "Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord" and "There Is a Balm in Gilead." A light continental breakfast will be served. Reservations are not necessary. Contact Ted Farrand at tfarrand@comcast.net.

The next meeting will be November 3.



2ND FRIDAY BOOK CLUB

Friday, October 12 | 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 Cename, cennamlee@gmail.com or (240) 498-6330.

The next meeting will be November 9.



CHURCH LIBRARY NOTES

by Linda Hastings

GPC member Geni Wixson has given our library several series of Guideposts books in memory of her mother, Virginia Messmore Seidle. Thank you, Geni, for your very generous gift. A few of the series titles are:

- *Mysteries of Silver Peak.* In a tiny town in the Colorado Mountains, Sadie Speers runs an antiques store and solves mysteries.
- *Secrets of Mary's Bookshop.* Mary Fisher retires to Cape Cod and opens a bookshop.
- *Secrets of the Blue Hill Library.* An inherited old house becomes a library and a home to a young widow, Anne Gibson.
- *Sugarcreek Amish Mysteries.* Cheryl Cooper adjusts to life in an Amish community in Ohio.



OCTOBER 2018 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3  FOURTHNIGHT DINNER AND ACTIVITIES 6:15 PM	4 VIPS 11:30 AM	5	6 MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST 8:00 AM
7 REV. DR. D. JAY LOSHER PREACHING World Communion CRAFT GROUP 12:15 PM	8 EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP 7:00 PM	9	10  FOURTHNIGHT DINNER AND ACTIVITIES FAMILY FUN NIGHT 6:00 PM Sky Zone	11	12 2ND FRIDAY BOOK CLUB 7:30 PM	13
14 REV. DR. D. JAY LOSHER PREACHING Commitment Sunday	15	16	17  FOURTHNIGHT DINNER AND ACTIVITIES	18	19	20
21 REV. DR. D. JAY LOSHER PREACHING Children's Sabbath Sunday PDA POTLUCK (Churchwide Event)	22	23	24  FOURTHNIGHT DINNER AND ACTIVITIES	25	26 COOKING FOR MCCH 11:00 AM	27
28 REV. MARY BETH LAWRENCE PREACHING CWF National Meeting	29	30	31  FOURTHNIGHT DINNER AND ACTIVITIES			



PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Grace and peace from the PNC. Committee members Bob Wasik, Mary Spencer, Carole Johnson-Tukes, Annette Ward, Andy Polack, Yaw Obeng, Jeff Hildebrant, and Kris Maldarelli have been working through more than 70 Pastor Information Forms (PIFs), the pastor equivalent of a résumé. We've listened to and watched sermons, and have also searched websites to find out as much as we can about our candidates. We have started our phone interviews and are still receiving PIFs. Please continue to keep the PNC in your prayers for God to guide us in this search.

—Kris Maldarelli



ARE YOU LOOKING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR LOCAL REFUGEES? Here are two ways that you can help!



Join KindWorks in their monthly apartment set-ups for legal refugee families. To receive notices and to donate furniture, household goods, and supplies, and/or to help on the day of set-up, contact Alexa Abdelatey at aabdelatey@earthlink.net.



National Capital
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Our National Capital Presbytery recently formed a Refugee Ministry Network, and GPC is a charter member. We are searching for a few individuals to serve as liaisons to attend (infrequent) meetings, communicate developments to our GPC community, and help with activities as you are available. Contact Denise Schleckser at dschleckser@verizon.net and go to www.nationalcapitalmission.org/refugee-network to learn more.

SCHOOLS IN OUR COMMUNITY

The back-to-school rush has passed and GPC's involvement at Summit Hall Elementary School is starting up also. A new development is that our Community Engagement group plans to expand our assistance to include Rosemont Elementary School too. The Linkages needs are similar and we can provide many of the same resources to them.

The distribution of coats collected during our annual Christmas coat drive as well as Giving Tree items (detergent, toiletries, diapers, etc.) will be divided between the two schools.

Volunteers in the classroom are appreciated at SHES. Also, there has been a request to start a crochet group to help teach this skill to mothers of children at both schools. If you are interested in helping, contact Barbara Clark or me.

A new need for SHES is morning snacks for 2nd Graders, whose lunch hour now begins at 1:30 p.m. As the population of a school grows, the strain to provide lunch in the cafeteria to every class in a timely manner increases. Although Montgomery County used to provide snacks twice a week, that program has been cut. Individually wrapped cookies, crackers, or non-refrigerated applesauce to feed 20 children would make some children very happy. A large jar of animal crackers or something similar could also be distributed by the teachers.

Ongoing requests include laundry detergent, diapers, toiletries, feminine products, and grocery gift cards. Gift cards should be given directly to a GPC staff person or me, other items can be placed in the large plastic bin under the mailboxes in Building 4 near the church office.

I get all the thanks for what we as a congregation do to reach out to some of the less fortunate newcomers to our schools. Special thanks go from me to Carolyn Hayes, who helped me with the backpack distribution at SHES, and to Betty Pearce, who has devoted many hours to organizing toiletries for the children.

—Marilyn Morrison
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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 Sunday, September 30, and at the VIPS meeting on Thursday, October 4.

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



D48 REMINDER

Oops!!! Did you forget to sign up for *Dinners for Eight*? Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to get to know members and friends of GPC. You still have a few days in which to sign up for four gatherings between November 2018 and June 2019. You may sign up as a single, a couple, or a substitute by contacting Clara Pratt at pratt6901@comcast.net.

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.

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

 instagram.com/gpchurch_moco  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.



COOKING TOGETHER FOR THE MCCH MEN'S SHELTER!

Fridays, October 26 and November 16 | 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.



GPC MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN INTERFAITH 5K

The 3rd Annual Montgomery County Interfaith 5K was held on Monday, September 3. The race was organized to demonstrate that people of different faiths *can* get along, cooperate, and promote healthy activities while teaching tolerance through exposure and friendship. The race is scheduled on Labor Day Monday to honor and respect the different faiths: Jewish, Christian, and Islamic. At this wonderful event, you have an opportunity to meet people of other faiths and find out about their religion, their history, and their beliefs.



As runners approached the finish line, people cheered and encouraged them. Each of us ran, yet we were not alone. This race is similar to one's faith journey: many people are around you, some run with you, and others are with you for only a short time.

As I stood next to a man and cheered, I introduced myself and asked him how he had decided to attend this race. He said that he had searched for a Labor Day race and this was the one that he selected. Then he told me how friendly and nice everyone was. All I could think was, "This is the purpose of this race—to bring people together, grow friendships, and support one another on our journeys."



GPC's 13-member team ran, supported one another, and had fun. We started the race with a prayer, and then ran 5 kilometers (3.2 miles) with 230 of our closest friends. It was wonderful greeting people along the trail, encouraging one another, and sweating (well maybe not the sweating).

Although we were a small group, three team members placed among the top two finishers in their respective age groups: **Eugene Choi** placed first in males aged 13–15, **Norm Gordon** placed first in males aged 50–59, and **David Allsopp** placed second in males aged 60–98. When you see these runners, be sure to congratulate them!

—**Sandy Menzies**
Group Organizer



CONGRATULATIONS! "I DO"

Sarah Byrd & Brian Roynestad, Jr. were married on September 22 at Rocklands Farm in Poolesville. She is a Pre-K teacher with The Goddard School in Gaithersburg and he is a client support coordinator with Pleasant's Construction in Clarksburg. Sarah is the daughter of Carl and Becky Byrd, and the granddaughter of Harold Curtis.



REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR PERSONAL 2019 STEWARDSHIP PACKET IN THE NARTHEX!

*If you find an error in your name or address,
please indicate the correction on your
Estimate of Giving card when you return it.*

COMMITMENT SUNDAY — SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

Estimate of Giving cards will be received and consecrated at all three morning worship services.





WELCOME TO THE WORLD!

Congratulations

to the proud grandparents and uncle,
Tom, Betsey, and Andrew Bahls,
and the proud parents,
Scott and Lauren Bahls,
of

JACOB ROBERT BAHLS

born September 13, 2018



CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

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

Doris Bostian

(mother of former member Sandy Bostian)

on her death in Gaithersburg, MD,
September 12, 2018



THANK YOU

to Barbara Clark & the Craft Group

Dear Barbara and fellow crafters,

Thank you so much for knitting such lovely items for our hospice patients! Also, the no-sew fleece blanket is equally great. They are beautiful and so well done. Thank you for giving us your time and talents. A few patients are going to be very lucky to receive them. Thank you again!

In gratitude,
Carrie and JSSA Hospice



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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.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT

August 2018

	2018 YTD	% OF BUDGET
INCOME		
Worship offering	\$584,252	59%
Rent	\$30,802	64%
Other Income	\$6,051	44%
Total	\$621,105	59%
EXPENSE		
NCP Membership	\$29,454	98%
Human Resources	\$413,169	66%
Buildings & Grounds	\$165,465	76%
Office & Administration	\$28,196	47%
Community Engagement....	\$62,748	64%
Equipping Disciples	\$12,165	49%
Vital Worship	\$2,922	37%
Congregational Life	\$4,177	42%
Total	\$718,295	67%
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To request a complete financial summary,
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STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY – October 14 (see p. 10)



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