

THE GUMC MONTHLY VISION

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CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION May 2nd, 2010

"Fellowship of Faith" – a shared Holy Communion Celebration of St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church and Gettysburg UMC will take place at 9:00 AM at St. Paul's A.M.E. Zion Church. Our Holy Communion Celebration in the Gettysburg UMC sanctuary will take place on **May 9th at 10:30 AM. Come! Invite a friend!**

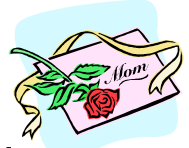
STILL TIME TO JOIN OUR GUMC PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl ministry got off to a great start with nine attending. There is a wide variety of interests in knitting, crocheting or quilting – all skills of which can be used to make a variety of creations for use for children or adults. The next gathering will be on Monday, May 3rd from 1:00 - 3:00 at the home of Dottie Cairns (457 Old Mill Rd.) and it will primarily be a workshop for making fleece taggies for infants or young children. *Dottie Cairns*

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Mom's Night with her Kids and Grand Kids



Thursday, May 6th, 6:30 PM
**Gettysburg U.M.C. Fellowship Hall
And Trinitarian Classroom**

Moms, Children, and Grand Children (any and all ages) are invited to enjoy an evening of "Food and Fellowship" in recognition of **Mom's Night Out**. Yes, it's a new way here at Gettysburg U.M.C. to celebrate...

- 1) **National Family Week...** May 3rd - 9th,
- 2) **National Day of Prayer...** May 6th, and of course,
- 3) **Mother's Day...** May 9th.

Here's what is in store for everyone:

***6:00 – 6:30 PM- Time of Gathering and Light Refreshments**

***6:30 - 7:30 PM—Buffet Dinner**

**Chicken Supreme*

**Baked Sweet Potatoes Delight*

**Vegetable Medley*

**Bread/Rolls*

**Dessert Extravaganza*

**Beverage*

7:30 PM—Brief "Time of Sharing" in Sanctuary

\$8.00 - Teens and Adults \$5.00 – K - 6th grade
Pre-school and Younger - Free

*Tickets available through the Church Office (334-3032) and on Sunday mornings between/after Sunday School and Worship.

Ticket Deadline: Wednesday, May 5th at Noon.

YOUNG ADULT GATHERINGS

Looking for a place to hang out, check in, connect, and experience God? It all just started on April 18th at 9:00 AM in our Hospitality Room. For one hour, young adults (You can define the "age" of a young adult.) will be doing all of the above. Numerous young persons, gathering several Sundays ago, decided that this would be a great way to get started into a new ministry here at Gettysburg UMC. Please join the group this Sunday, or henceforth, as the group will be connecting each Sunday at the same time and in the same location. For more information, please contact Megan and David Tolar, Young Adult Ministry Leaders at 717-253-3851.



Summer is just around the corner. If you would like to share your musical talent with the congregation for one of the 11 summer Sundays, please sign up for a Sunday that you would like to share. The sign-up sheet is located outside the music room.
Thanks in advance. Debbie Henning

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Except for May 16th, we have **no one** signed up for helping in the nursery. Without volunteers, we can not provide the service, since by law we must have two adults helping. Please contact Amy Smith at 717-787-1, if you would like to volunteer or sign up on the calendar outside of the nursery.



Our Christian Circle...Is continuing to move these days from person to person and family to family! It's a way of celebrating our life together as a church family!

Here's a reminder of the "family path" that our two Christian Circles have taken since January 2010.

Circle One: Beth and Gerry Hoffman
Geesaman Family
Lois Mae Ferrence
Krishan Family
Lloyd and Joyce Dye
Jan and bob Berkey
Gloria and Charles Swingler
Trudy Smyth
Patty and Paul Griiffith
Bill and Judy Woolston
Faye and Ed Krantz
Millie and Bill Ryder
Barbara and Tony Buenger

Circle Two: Genny Reaver
Ginger Riley
Donati-Leach Family
Chuck and Rochelle Lutz
Jane and Tim Sorber



"RED" FOR PENTECOST ... Calls for "Red" Geraniums on Sunday, May 23rd

Can a season that "proclaims the fire of the Holy Spirit" have any color but "Red" to represent it? Of course, it can't, and that's exactly why we **are inviting you once again this season** (back by popular demand) **to bring a red geranium to church on PENTECOST SUNDAY, May 23rd.** "Alive in the Spirit," as we are, it is appropriate that our church building be "surrounded in red." Your red geranium will be planted outside our lovely edifice, and undoubtedly, it, as others, will provide a bright spot for the Gettysburg world to see. As you bring your geranium, please note that you may place it in the church hallway area. Each will be offered up to God in prayer and praise on May 23rd. and then planted thereafter. Thank you!

CALLING ALL 2009 GRADUATES ... June 6th

It's that time of the year! Graduation celebrations are everywhere, including our own Gettysburg UMC. It is with great pleasure that we extend "**Congratulations**" to our many graduates, especially on **Sunday, June 6th, at 10:30 AM**, when we will celebrate **Graduate Recognition Sunday.** — Here's where we need your help! Please help us identify ALL GRADUATES (High Scholl, College, and Graduate School), as we do not want to miss anyone. Please call the church office (334-3032) with the **graduate's name, school, and degree, where appropriate.** Thank you.



SOUP KITCHEN ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to those contributors who gave their culinary gifts and made casseroles for the 3rd Thursday of **April's Soup Kitchen.** These volunteers include: **Genny White, Judy Nett, Millie Ryder, Maxine Ball and Carmen Arrington.**

If you would like to participate in one of our **3rd Tues. "Soup Kitchen Casserole Days,"** please contact our coordinator, Genny Reaver, at 642-8803. For the **5th Mon.,** contact Phyllis Carbaugh at 334-1954.

We have many openings for our Sunday Worship Ministry this month and throughout the summer. Please sign-up to be a Sunday greeter, worship leader or to sponsor the bulletin and altar flowers on the bulletin board outside the church office.
Bulletins are \$19/week and flowers are \$25 for two altar flowers or other arrangements. Flowers are billed directly from Flower Boutique.
Did you know, our flowers are sponsored and paid by the church if we do not have a sponsored member?
If you have sponsored flowers, you are welcome to take them home after the service

**May Mission Can
Is for the Annual Conference Funds**

STOVES FOR HAITI...an Update



We are pleased to announce that to date our Easter contributions to purchase **Cooking Stoves for Haiti** total **43!** What a marvelous response! Thank you for your generosity.

For those who have not had a chance to make a contribution, please note that you are still welcome to do so. Please use any envelope marked accordingly, "Easter Offering/Stoves for Haiti." Thanks again!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Every Sunday evening -6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

MS Walk – On Sunday April 18th 14 youth and 4 adults walked in the Multiple Sclerosis Walk at the Gettysburg Rec. Park. It was windy and cool but we had a good time. We were able to donate \$500 (of which \$373 was collected at the conclusion of that Sunday's worship service) to support research to find a cure. Considering we only decided a month ago to walk, we are grateful for the support we received from the congregation. Thank you to everyone for your generosity!

Creation fest 2010

18 Youth members and 3 adults are gearing up to attend the Creation festival at the Agape Farm in Mt. Union PA beginning June 30 and ending July 3rd. This annual event attracts tens of thousands of youth from across the country who attend "to be changed, restored, encouraged to serve the Lord and make a difference in this world." Some of the hottest bands in Christian music will be entertaining on the main stage each night. If you would like to learn more about this event, please visit their website www.creationfest.com. This is another first for our youth group and we are excited and anxious to see and hear what it is all about!

Mission Can Provides Support "Near and Far"

Each month our "Mission Can" (located by the portrait of Christ) offers the chance for us personally and collectively to "go an extra mile." The offering that you place there supports mission and ministry within our church, community, region, and the world.

During **May 2010** our Mission Committee is pleased to indicate that the Mission Can Contributions will be

designated for **three special ministries that will be emphasized via offerings at the Central PA Annual Conference, June 4th and 5th at Messiah College, Grantham, PA.** These include: **1) Cup of Water Fund**, which provides assistance to United Methodists in Central PA, who find themselves in an economic crisis; **2) Mission Central**, the outreach ministry of the Central PA. Conference that is located in Mechanicsburg, PA; and **3) Nets Against Malaria**, a ministry of providing mosquito nets as a means of preventing malaria. Larry and Betsy Speer, and Pastor Jay will be "carrying" our offerings to Annual Conference on our behalf. **Thank you for the anticipation of your generosity!**

The GUMC book club is reading "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls. Discussion will be Tuesday, May 18th at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

Welcome to Gettysburg U.M. Church...



Welcome
Our New
Members

Please welcome our newest member- **Helen Matney**, who joined our congregation on Sunday, April 18th. Helen transferred her membership from St. Stephen UMC in Troy, MO. Please add Helen's address to your directory- 136 N. Stratton St. Apt #5 Gettysburg, 717-398-2185.

From time to time, persons inquire about **church membership** within the Gettysburg Church family. There are several ways that membership can take place:

* **Letter of Transfer:** Persons currently belong to another congregation nearby or in another community, etc. The desire to transfer membership is activated by having our church office (334-3032) request a "letter of transfer" from the other congregation (United Methodist, Lutheran, etc.).

* **Profession of Faith:** Persons who have never joined a congregation are invited to receive membership by expressing their faith in Jesus Christ. Our hymnal has a brief order of worship for this celebration. The profession of faith may take place during the service or privately. ---For persons who have not been baptized, the Sacrament of Baptism is the means of union with the church.

* **Reaffirmation of Faith:** Persons whose membership in another congregation has lapsed may be united with the church by a brief reaffirmation of faith. This may take place in worship or privately.

* **Associate Membership:** Persons who have their United Methodist Church membership in another congregation (and seek to retain it) may become an "associate member" in the Gettysburg Church family. What next? If you are a person who has been

prayerfully considering union with our congregation, we say **"thank you"** for your prayer! On **Sunday, May 23rd (Pentecost)**, we will be receiving members into the congregation at the 10:30 AM worship hour. As a means of informal greeting and getting acquainted, Pastor Jay and our Membership Committee under Sue Ressler's leadership are inviting interested persons to share at 9:00 AM in Pastor Jay's office on either/both **Sundays, May 16th and 23rd**. For further information, you are welcome to call Pastor Jay at 321-3149. Welcome!

which is effective through May 14th. If you can or can not attend, you are welcome to secure a **brochure**, which describes the conference, all the options, and the costs. These are available in our church office.

Please note that Pastor Jay is also prayerfully considering participation in the Aldersgate Conference. Let us come together and discern what this invitation to ministry may mean for any and all of us!

Question: What is the 40th Day of Eater?
Answer: May 13th- Ascension Day
"Celebrate Christ Being Lifted Up!" (Acts 1:6-11)

Celebrate
CHRISTIAN FAMILY Week
May 3rd – 9th, 2010
"Include God's Spirit in all that you are and do as a Family!"



**GETTYSBURG AREA MEN'S
 INTERFAITH LUNCHEON**
 Wednesday, May 5th at Noon
 Gettysburg Presbyterian Church
All men are welcome!

**Aldersgate '10
 Moments of the Holy Spirit**

Change-A-Life...Home for Children Support

Transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit, United Methodists from across the nation have gathered for 32 years to celebrate **"Aldersgate."** (As many may remember, John Wesley's life changing moment took place in the small London chapel of Aldersgate on May 24th. In that moment, he experienced the presence and movement of the Holy Spirit, personalizing the gift of Jesus Christ in his life.)

What are you doing with your pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters? If they are just "getting in the way," there's a significant future for them, and it begins right now!


Aldersgate Renewal Ministries shapes "Aldersgate" each year by engaging spirit-filled UMC pastors and laity, who lead vital worship, prayer, and learning. This 2010 year is no exception, as exciting opportunities of sharing are planned for the **Aldersgate '10 Conference, July 14-18th in Charleston, WV.**

In our worship celebration **ton April 25th**, our youth invited us to join with other United Methodists across Central PA in a **"Change-A-Life"** campaign in support of our **Mechanicsburg Home for Children**, Collection containers, appropriate for all that "change"- dimes, quarters, etc., will be made available by the youth to our children during the children's message and afterwards to all adults (See "The Change-A-Life" container display for yours.) Our goal is to collect "change" between now and May 23rd, Pentecost Sunday, when the containers will be consecrated.

Currently, Charlotte Moore and her daughter, Diane, are planning to participate in this significant gathering. As a result, they are also inviting others from our congregation to consider the trip to Charleston. There are a variety of ways to be involved! -- You can attend a pre-conference gathering on July 14th and 15th PLUS the conference, July 15th and 16th (3:30 PM). You may attend only the conference, or you can be a "One-Day Participant" on Friday or Saturday.

Thanks for the anticipation of your "Change -A-Life" gift!

As a means of orienting persons to this ministry, Pastor Jay and Charlotte Moore invite you to share in an **"informational gathering"** that will take place at the church on **Sunday, May 2nd after worship.** (We are moving with dispatch, so as to utilize the 15% discount


 Women's Fellowship
CHURCH WOMEN UNITED will meet
Wednesday, May 5th, 2010 at noontime with a luncheon and speaker at GUMC

Mark this Date...
Vacation Bible School



The theme of this year's VBS is **"Galactic Blast: A Cosmic Adventure Praising God!"** VBS will be held the week of **August 1st -5th from 6-8:30 pm** each evening. VBS is for children ages 4 through 5th grade. Galactic Blast will take kids on an adventure to a different Bible story each night with children engaging in songs, crafts, a science lab, recreation time and refreshments at the "Astro Bistro." A sign-up sheet for volunteers is on the Youth bulletin board outside the church office.

Around Our Community News

***FRESH AIR FUND FOR CHILDREN...** Are you looking for a way to turn your faith into action? Share a week of your summer with a child and reap the rich rewards of a new-found friendship and adventure. As a host of a Fresh Air fund child, you will help a child experience the freedom of playing outdoors and the simple pleasures of life in our community. Fresh Air children are 6 – 12 years from New York City. Hosts can pick the gender and age of their invited child. Hosts can be single or married, with or without children. For more information, go to www.freshair.org or **contact Laura Geesaman, 334-1138** or Kathleen Heidecker at kheidecker@hotmail.com.

***BUTTERFLY RELEASE ON June 6th...** The Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) of Hanover and Spring Grove Hospice is sponsoring a Live Butterfly Release in memory of and in honor of your loved ones on Sunday, **June 6th at 2 PM** at Hope Baptist Church, 6450 Hope Way in Hanover. You do not need to be present to have a butterfly released for your memory.

The release will be preceded by a brief celebration of life service honoring all of those being remembered with the purchase of a Painted Lady Butterfly. Butterflies can be purchased for \$25 each by calling VNA at 637-1227. Butterfly requests must be received by May 10th. For more information, see our church bulletin board.

***SAVE THE DATE -YOUTH EVENT! ...** The Behavioral Health Task Force (Healthy Adams County) is collaborating with the Ministerium to sponsor a Youth Event (to be named) on **Sunday, September 26, 4-8 pm**. The intent is to address depression, suicide prevention, and other self-destructive behaviors in an informal setting. Middle and High School youth (and their friends) will be provided with basic information on warning signs, where to go for help, and how to help a friend. This is a response by the Task Force to a request to address the increase of these incidents in Adams County. A parallel group for parents will meet at the same time. More information will be announced.

may celebrations



BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 - Lea Winter | Bobbi Wood |
| 3- Doug Gross | |
| 5- Bill Magaha | |
| 6- Norma Reale | |
| 9- Beth Hoffman | Caroline Krishan |
| 10- Weston Donati-Leach | Bill White |
| 12- Melanie Henning | Bob Kiehl |
| 14- Tim Gross | |
| 16- Colin Eyler | Kevin Shevchuk |
| 18- Austin Nace | Larry Henning |
| 19- Connie Thompson | Rachael Ambrose |
| 20- Tom Marlowe | Madison White |
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| 21- Lauren Nace | |
| 22- Ginger Riley | Jake Wilhelm |
| 26- Jackson Tolar | |
| 28- Glenn Simpson | Robin McCarthy |
| 29- Ed Krantz | |
| 31- Katie Krishan | |

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

- 2- Brian and Lori Ambrose
- 3- Jan & Bob Berkey
Michele & Lee Thompson
- 5- Linda and Fred Myers
- 12- Peggy and Don Mallorej
- 15- Pam and Mike Boller
- 18- Conrad and Tammy Lytle
- 19- Luann and Larry Light
- 29- Greg and Lisa Deaner

PLEASE jot down your birthday and/or birthday of you or your family on a note and drop it in my mailbox. This way I can add your name in our celebration list.



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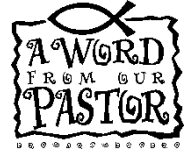
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Our Church Staff...Serving with You in Ministry

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| <i>Rev. Jay E. Zimmerman</i> | <i>Pastor</i> |
| <i>Kelly DeCampo</i> | <i>Organist</i> |
| <i>Debbie Henning</i> | <i>Music Director</i> |
| <i>Fred Myers</i> | <i>Treasurer</i> |
| <i>Lauren Nace</i> | <i>Director of Spiritual Formation</i> |
| <i>Amy Smith</i> | <i>Child Care Provider</i> |
| <i>Juan Sierra</i> | <i>Custodian</i> |
| <i>Michele Thompson</i> | <i>Administrative Assistant</i> |

Seen Christ?



Dear Gettysburg Church Family and Friends,

Have you seen Christ today? Has his resurrected presence come to one of your senses?

"O Lord, open our eyes that we may see you. Open our ears that we may hear you. Open our hands that we may touch you." (This prayer may sound familiar to many of you, especially the young people of our congregation, as it is our "almost-every-Sunday" prayer.)

***Christ is among us!** He is risen, and He is evermore making this presence known throughout creation!
---- Why? ---- John's Gospel proclaims the reason this way:*

***"Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name."** John 20:30-31*

*Quite simply, our Christian proclamation is not only the resurrection of Jesus Christ as a historical event, but also as an on-going spiritual reality. God's intention is that such "an experience of Christ's presence" will bring **responses of faith** in our "coming and going," our decisions, our attitudes, our actions, our life together. Such "**post resurrection appearances**" invite us to believe anew each day that "**Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**" In so believing, we experience "**life in his name.**"*

*The completion of God's intention has become manifest through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Yet, at the same time, we have a part to play. --- As the prayer suggests, we must prayerfully **seek the vitality of our senses** in order to experience Christ among us. --- Our Easter season, yet before us, is a time for stirring our awareness to this vitality.*

May each of us willfully open ourselves up to God's divine appearance! Our God Is "Here and Now!"

In Christ's Ministry,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jay E. Zimmerman, Pastor".

Jay E. Zimmerman, pastor



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