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PASTOR’S COLUMN

REV. DR. ROBERT COOK *Interim Pastor*

Fear Not!

For five years, I lived in Fearnot. – Yes, there is a place called Fearnot, Pennsylvania. Our home was on a hill overlooking a valley, with mountains to the south and the north in southwestern Schuylkill County. It was a very beautiful spot.

The story I was told when I first moved there to pastor St. Peter’s Church (*in Fearnot. I also served St. Mark’s Church, in nearby Spring Glen and Trinity Church near Dalmatia, Pa.*) is that when the community was founded around the time of the Civil War, the residents proposed to name their village, “Uniontown.” But this was rejected by the Postal Service as there were already many towns in Pennsylvania named Uniontown. They submitted several more names for their village but each was rejected by the Postal Service for one reason or another.

Months before, they had organized a Bible study group in a nearby carpenter’s shop, with the idea this would be organized into a church. So, they held a meeting there, with the shop owner, Jacob Schwalm, presiding. Several other town names were considered, but no one felt any fit their village. They were quite frustrated by this point. Jacob Schwalm stood up and spoke to the gathering. He said, “Fear not! We will pray for wisdom and God will provide the right name.”

No one recorded who said it, but one stood up and said, *CONTINUE ON PAGE 3*

INVITING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY
TO CELEBRATE WITH US

HOLY WEEK 2026



April 2

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Combined Worship Service with
Grace United Church of Christ

HELD AT GPC

Communion 7:00 pm

April 5

EASTER SUNDAY

Resurrection of the LORD

Join the GPC Youth Group for our annual

Sunrise Worship Service 7:30 am

followed by Breakfast hosted by Special Events

Worship Service with Communion 10:00 am

followed by Easter Egg Hunt hosted by Christian Ed



WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US!

LIVESTREAM AT visitGPCpa.org

"Fear not is in the Bible many times. I think we should name this place, "Fearnot!" And the name stuck. So, I lived in a very biblical place for five good years.

The phrase "***Fear not!***," and "***Do not fear,***" and also, "***Do not be afraid,***" appear in scripture in both testaments, perhaps as many as 150 times. Love is in our spiritual DNA; fear isn't. The Bible tells us over and over again to not be afraid. This message is not in doubt. God tells us to fear nothing and no one except for him. We are not to live in fear.

We need to hear that word in these present times. Yes, there are so many changes happening so fast all around us. But we are not to fear whatever change, wind or weather may come. Here is a small sampling of those verses:

1. Genesis 15:1 – After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: 'Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.'
2. Exodus 14:13 – Moses answered the people, 'Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again.'
3. Deuteronomy 1:17 – Do not show partiality in judging; hear both small and great alike. Do not be afraid of anyone, for judgment belongs to God.
4. Joshua 1:9 – 'Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.'
5. II Kings 1:15 – The angel of the Lord said to Elijah, 'Go down with him; do not be afraid of him.' So, Elijah got up and went down with him to the king.
6. Psalm 23:4 – Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me.

7. Psalm 27:1 – The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid?
8. Matthew 14:27 – But Jesus immediately said to them: 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.'
9. John 14:1 – Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither be afraid...

Each of these verses and so many others invite us to put our trust in God come what may. Jesus used the phrase, "fear not (KJV) or do not fear, or also Do not be afraid, some 20 different times in the Gospels. The Bible reminds us that God is with us in Christ. God promises to never leave us or abandon us. This is encouraging when we are tempted to give in to our fears.

We do not face our fears alone. God created us and he knows each specific fear we have. He created our inmost being and knit us together in our mother's womb (Psalm 139:13), which includes every tiny cell and every stitch of our personality. God says to his prophet in Jeremiah 1:5, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you."

Because God created us, God not only knows our fears, but also the situations which may cause us fear. And yet, we know God never leaves us to face those fears alone if we have put our faith in Jesus Christ. We can take comfort in the fact that God is with us always. And "if God is for us, who can be against us" (Romans 8:31).

It is helpful to read these verses regularly. They are just waiting for us to discover them—or rediscover them! It is the God of all creation who is with us, and will strengthen us by his Spirit. In God's perfect way, God knows exactly what we need for every situation. In every situation, God will be our strength.

I may not live in Fearnot, Pennsylvania anymore; but with faith and trust, I don't live in fear at all.

– Pastor Robert Cook

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

RACHEAL MARCONI BOWMAN Moderator

KERI PAPA Acting Director

COLLEEN SEIDEL Youth Group Leader

**Our next committee meeting is
on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 6:30 pm**

Come join us to help build our Christian Education programs which include Sunday School, Youth Group, Bible Studies, Faithful Families events and Community Camp.

THANK YOU!

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated to our Souper Bowl of Caring! Every can, every dollar, and every act of kindness made a difference. Your compassion and teamwork truly show what our community is all about.

Community Camp

We are currently planning our Community Camp! As we prepare decorations and supplies, please check the flyers posted around the church for our Amazon wish list. Thank you for helping make this event special.

Check out this link [GPC Wish List](#) or use the QR code on the next page.

Sunday School - WE NEED YOU!

We will NOT have Sunday School on Easter Sunday. We will be providing "busy bags" for children during the Service. We welcome all

families to join us for the egg hunt following the Worship Service!

We are thankful to all who stepped in to serve our children in the Sunday School room or Nursery. We need more volunteers to step up to make Sunday School available to children each week. We average around 8-10 kids a week. We have a ready-to-go curriculum available- some even have word-for-word scripts for what to say. Please consider volunteering once a month or every other month. See Keri or Racheal if you are willing to serve your church in this way. Below are the links to get your clearances if you don't already have them. [You can sign up online here.](#)

****If we do not have two unrelated adults each week to serve in the classroom, Sunday School class will be canceled and children will need to stay in the Sanctuary with their parents.****

Links to Clearances

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/KeepKidsSafe/Clearances/Pages/PA-Child-Abuse-History-Clearance.aspx>

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/KeepKidsSafe/Clearances/Pages/Criminal-Background-Check.as>

UPCOMING CE EVENTS

Easter Sunday - Youth Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m. and Egg Hunt following 10:00 am Worship Service.

GREENCASTLE-ANTRIM FOOD PANTRY

NOTE CHANGE DUE
TO THE HOLIDAY

Thursday, April 9 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Wednesday, April 8 & 15 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

CURRENT FOOD NEEDS

CEREAL · PASTA SAUCE IN CANS OR PLASTIC · FRUIT OR APPLE SAUCE
RICE MIXES · PASTA MIXES · POTATO MIXES · BAKED BEANS · VEGETABLE OIL

Any non-perishable food items are greatly appreciated. Please contact us at 717-597-8333 ext. 2 or gafoodpantry@gmail.com to schedule a time to drop off the food donations

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE FOOD PANTRY!



Become Involved!

There are many other ways you can become involved with our Rainforest Falls Community Camp.



PRAY!!

Please pray for all of our planning efforts, and many hours of preparation behind the scenes.

Pray for the volunteers and staff that will be leading these precious children to a deeper walk with Jesus.

Most importantly, pray for the kids that will enter our church June 15-19.



VOLUNTEER!

Volunteer!

There are many areas of Community Camp that we will need your help! We will also need many hands prior to Community Camp week to help decorate/set up.

Donate!

We are collecting brown packing paper.

See our Amazon wishlist for more ways to donate.





"Proverbs 22:9 "The generous themselves will be blessed, for they share their food with the poor."

In March, the Youth Group worked with Barb and Paul Grane to pack items for the Food Pantry. The youth learned about how the pantry operates, what rules the pantry has to follow (check those expiration dates!), who qualifies for food assistance and how they can volunteer with the pantry in the future. The group broke into teams to tackle different tasks and everyone worked diligently to get the job done. A big Thank You to the Granes for their interest in working with the youth!

Be sure to check out the Youth Group billboard in the education wing for upcoming info, photos and our Youth Spotlight. We're always looking for volunteers to help with meetings on Sundays. Contact Colleen at gpc.youth17225@gmail.com if you're interested in helping, have any questions, or know any youth who might be interested in coming.

YOUTH GROUP News

BOARD OF DEACONS

DEBRA MILLER, BEN HERRMANN *Co-moderators*

The Board of Deacons met February 19, 2026, at 5:30pm in the Parlor. The March meeting will be held March 26, 2026, at 5:30pm.

We prayerfully reflect on these highlights from this past month:

- Connecting with those in our care cells by word, cards, and deeds.
- Diligence of our prayer ministry.
- Mailing grief materials that may offer comfort to families during their time of bereavement.
- Presenting Chancel flowers to the grandparents of baby Briggs Walck who was baptized Sunday, March 1, 2026. On Sunday, March 15, 2026, a rosebud was placed in the sanctuary to announce the birth of Violet Grace Phillips born January 17, 2026. Jane Everetts is Violet's great grandmother.

- Deacons, Care Cell #2, hosted Coffee and Fellowship, March 8, 2026.
- Deacons are praying for our 2026 Nominating Committee. We are asking prayers to empower those who have the gifts to accept the call to serve through leadership and care.
- Deacons 2025 Annual Report was completed by the due date, February 20, 2026.
- Easter cards which include GPC Holy Week schedule are being mailed in March.

We look forward to serving by:

- Offering home Communion to our shut-ins. Deacons will be coordinating with Pastor Cook.
- Hosting Coffee and Fellowship in April.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 5:30pm.

We encourage you to contact your Deacon to share your thoughts, concerns, and ways we can serve you as well as reporting any change of address, phone numbers, and email addresses. We ask for your prayers as we serve GPC.

CLERK'S REPORT

JENNIFER ROBERTSON *Clerk of Session*

GREENCASTLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH REGULAR SESSION MEETING

February 12, 2026 at 6:30 pm. in the Social Room

The meeting was opened with the lighting of the candle.

RULING ELDERS PRESENT: Mary Ann Ackerman, Anne Larew, JoAnne Lewis, Carole Malin, Dee Patton, Phil Pearce, Jenn Robertson

ABSENT: Racheal Marconi Bowman

Clerk: Jenn Robertson

The **Moderator** was Pastor Robert Cook.

Ruling Elder Mary Ann Ackerman offered a devotion and a prayer.

The Session welcomed Elder Craig Welterlen to the meeting.

Clerk's Report: ACTION: Approved minutes of January 15, 2026 Regular Session Meeting and February 10, 2026 Special Called Session Meeting (Anne Larew abstained).

Church Roll through January 31, 2026 is 134. Worship attendance on February 1, 2026 was 81 with Communion celebrated by 77 and 37 joining via Livestream.

ACTION: Approved Clerk's Report.

Financial Report	Amended DEC 2025	JAN 2026
Beginning Balance	\$31,339.12	\$32,972.96
Receipts	\$33,015.32*	\$27,695.38
Disbursements	\$31,381.48	\$24,737.16
Ending Balance	\$32,972.96	\$35,931.18

ACTION. Approved the Amended December 2025 and January 2026 Financial Reports.

Virtual Motions: AFFIRMED THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS: ACTIONS: Approved Rev. Soctt Bowerman as Pulpit Supply for Sunday, February 8, 2026. Approved closing the church building on Sunday, January 25 and Monday, January 26 due to impending weather emergency in order to allow snow removal crew to clear parking lots and sidewalks.

Christian Education: ACTIONS: Approved the purchase of T-shirts for Community Day Camp not to exceed \$800.00.

Finance: ACTION: Accepted, with regret, the resignation of JoAnne Lewis, Ruling Elder for Finance from the Session effective Feb. 28, 2026.

Outreach: ACTION: Approved the use of the Social Room on July 10 and 11, 2026, for the Annual Yard Sale (in coordination with Greencastle Sidewalk Sale Days) with the sale of all donations to support the Matthew Anderson Scholarship Fund.

Property and Maintenance: ACTION: Approved an unbudgeted expenditure of up to \$8,300 to complete the mitigation process for the critical incident that occurred on January 31, 2026.

Pastor's Report: Continuing to officiate funerals, held the first Safety/Security Meeting with more members being sought.

Old Business: ACTIONS: Approved Kristin Blank's transfer of membership to St. John's Lutheran Church, Beaufort, SC. Approved the Amended 2025 Annual Statistical Report. Approved requesting a review of GPC's Finances by the Finance Committee.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Pastor Bob and with The Lord's Prayer in unison at 8:20 pm.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

February marked the unexpected resignation from Session of the Elder for finance. In response, two days later, on February 14, GPC called together and refreshed the church Finance Committee which had been established in a 2022 charter. It's a simple organization designed to provide support and guidance to Session. The committee "is comprised of members of the GPC congregation with an interest in and/or expertise in the areas of accounting and finance, and one member of Session." Current members are Brian Keck, Jeff Shank, Craig Welterlen and Ed Wine, along with Investment Manager Fred Young; the current committee includes Ruling Elder Jenn Robertson as the "one member of Session". It is that link to Session through which the committee provides oversight. Importantly, per the charter, "all decision-making authority resides with Session." Chairmanship of the Committee is expected to rotate among members; Craig Welterlen is currently Chair of the Committee.

The Finance Committee met on February 14 primarily to confirm its relationship to Session going forth; on February 22, Session met to "establish clear lines of fiduciary relationship and responsibility following the resignation of the Finance Elder". Session approved "a current Ruling Elder assumes additional duties by joining the Finance Committee (the 'one member of session' per the charter)..... the Finance Committee assumes duties currently known as Elder for Finance". The committee therefore operates through its direct relationship to Session.

The Committee met again on March 2. Focus of the Committee became bringing bookkeeping for 2025 to a close, publishing a 2026 budget, updating investment activity since June, confirming cash accounts, bringing accounting up-to-date through February and forward, and, finally, ensuring Session approvals for staff compensation. This was facilitated through a combination of individuals: a Bookkeeper hired in November on a

temporary basis, interface with office staff, the assistance of Debbie Young, close participation by the Clerk of Session and members of the Finance Committee, especially Brian Keck as liaison to a contract Bookkeeper. The results are reflected in the Annual Report which will be presented to the congregation in April.

As a last step in this recovery process, Session approved a Memorandum of Understanding regarding accounting services provided between GPC and Bookkeeper to regularize responsibilities going forward. Session in March approved 2026 staff compensation to include payment of arrears.

GREENCASCADE-ANTRIM CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 9:30 am
Greencastle Evangelical Lutheran Church

"God's Faithfulness – Through Life's Ups and Downs"

Speaker: Pam and Phil Risser
Music: Barry Stottlemeyer

Come hear Pam & Phil share their life story about the challenges of being farmers, parents, and children of God. In a life that can be hard, but serving a God who is always good. They have five children and 13 grandchildren. After serving in Guatemala with Mennonite Central Committee for three years, they settle in Greencastle and operated a dairy farm for 37 years. Retiring three years ago, they are now overseeing a beef herd and figuring out what retirement looks like. They worship at Cedar Grove Mennonite Church where they are involved in leading worship.

- No reservation necessary
- Free-will offering accepted
- Lunch optional

***All are welcome to attend
and bring a friend!***

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Celebrating the Baptism of

Briggs Walck, son of

Sean & Jordan Walck

and big brother Carter

Grandparents Tim & Lisa Walck

and Jason & Jessica Smith



Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Happy Birthday

Greeta Smith

From your GPC Church Family



Easter Flowers in Loving Memory of



Gannon Stauch

by Phil & Deborah Pearce (*purple tulip*)

Trudy Jones

by Phil & Deborah Pearce (*purple tulip*)

Pete "Pappy" Peterson

(96 years old this year) lovingly missed
by Scott, Candace, & Rhia (*blue hyacinth*)

Carolyn "Grandma" Rutherford

(96 years old this year) lovingly missed
by Candace, Scott, & Rhia (*yellow tulip*)

Tony Tartaglia

by Kim Tartaglia (*daffodil*)

My parents

by Kim Tartaglia (*yellow tulip, pink tulip*)

Our parents

by Craig & Judy Welterlen (*yellow daisy*)

Our families

Craig & Judy Welterlen (*pink daisy*)

Carl & Peg Strausner

by Lu Ann Hager (*daffodil*)

Brooks & Evelyn Goshorn

by Dan & Dee Patton (*pink daisy*)

Charles & Lois Patton

by Dan & Dee Patton (*purple tulip*)

John & Tillie Wine

by Ed & Debbie Wine (*yellow tulip*)

Joe & Leona Cain

by Ed & Debbie Wine (*purple tulip*)

Our parents, George & Betty Sucke and George & Janice Davison

by Al & Becky Sucke (*daffodil*)

Kenneth Dunster

by Nancylee Moore (*blue hyacinth*)

Beatrice Dunster

by Nancylee Moore (*pink hyacinth*)

Ken Dunster, Jr.

by Nancylee Moore (*white hyacinth*)

Hazel Morton

by The Herrmanns (*yellow daisy*)

Sydney Barnes

by The Herrmanns (*two orange daisies*)

Tom & Josephine Stouffer

by Jeff & Marg Stouffer (*pink daisy*)

Don & Treva Luck

by Jeff & Marg Stouffer (*pink daisy*)

My wife, Melissa Wills

by Steven Wills (*lily*)

Robert & Dixie Davis

by Terry & Lynn Davis (*daffodil*)

Shirley Cook

by Terry & Lynn Davis (*blue hyacinth*)

David & Maggie Rinehart

by Bob & Karol Keller (*yellow daisy*)

Gene, Marie & Philip Larew

by Al & Barbara Larew Adams (*orange daisy*)

My parents, Jack & Olive Irwin

by Enid & Laszlo Madaras (*lily*)

Arthur & Mary Long

by Carole Malin & David Rutherford (*purple tulip*)

Michael S. Austin

by Virginia & Tony Vallillo (*yellow daisy*)

Carl Park

by Virginia & Tony Vallillo (*white hyacinth*)

Our parents

by George & Pamela Price (*yellow tulip*)

Easter Flowers in Honor of



**Our families, our health,
and spring!**

by Candace & Scott (*daffodil*)

This church

Craig & Judy Welterlen (*orange daisy*)

Don & Helen Hager

by Lu Ann Hager (*blue hyacinth*)

Bob & Karol Keller

by Lu Ann Hager (*yellow tulip*)

Dot Wilson

by Lu Ann Hager (*pink tulip*)

The GPC Music Ministry

by Susan & Richard Bell (*pink daisy*)

**Laiken Smith, Reagan Smith, & Aubrey
Smith**

by Albert & Debra Miller (three blue hyacinths)

Madeline Miller

by Albert & Debra Miller (*blue hyacinth*)

Aiden Miller

by Albert & Debra Miller (*pink hyacinth*)

Patti Divelbiss

by Dr. J. Fred & Dottie Davison (*pink tulip*)

Joyce Hopkins

by Dr. J. Fred & Dottie Davison (*purple tulip*)

Barbar Lange

by Dr. J. Fred & Dottie Davison (*pink tulip*)

Barry Leap

by Dr. J. Fred & Dottie Davison (*blue hyacinth*)

Liam Papa

by Dr. J. Fred & Dottie Davison (*blue hyacinth*)

Zakary Reynolds

by Dr. J. Fred & Dottie Davison (*pink daisy*)

Brenda Slick

by Dr. J. Fred & Dottie Davison
(*pink daisy*)

Greg Strine

by Dr. J. Fred & Dottie Davison
(*pink tulip*)

Trevor Timmons

by Dr. J. Fred & Dottie Davison (*purple tulip*)

Dorthalee Wilson

by Dr. J. Fred & Dottie Davison (*pink tulip*)

My mom's caregivers

by Rebecca Wertime (*three pink daisies*)

My spouse, Jerry Thompson

by Sue Thompson (*yellow daisy*)

Bryan Larew

by Al & Barbara Larew Adams (*orange daisy*)

**Our children, Molli & husband, Richard
and Jason & wife, Dana**

by Mark & Patti Divelbiss (*yellow daisy*)

Our grandchildren,

Jackson, Ellie, Conner, & Calvin

by Mark & Patti Divelbiss (*orange daisy*)

Candace & Scott

by Carole & David (*yellow tulip*)

Rhiannon

by Grammy & Granddaddy (*pink tulip*)

Our children

by George & Pamela Price (*purple tulip*)

Our grandchildren

by George & Pamela Price (*purple tulip*)

SPECIAL EVENTS

DEE PATTON *Moderator*

The Special Events committee consisting of Becky Sucke, Deb Miller, Dee Patton, Kim Morrison and Sue Thompson and the help of Susie Myers will be working hard to bring the congregation a wonderful breakfast of casseroles, fruit, juice, and yogurt directly after the Sunrise Service on April 5. Later, we will be planning Lemonade on the Lawn during the months of June, July, and August

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

MARY ANN ACKERMAN *Moderator*

The Congregational Nominating Committee has approved the following slate:

— ELDERS —

DOTTIE DAVISON

Class of 2027

I was raised in Philadelphia as a Baptist, but have embraced Presbyterianism for decades. My husband, J. Fred Davison, and I were married at The National Presbyterian Church (NPC) in Washington, DC, over 50 years ago. We have two married sons and two adult grandchildren, all living in Virginia.

While in the DC area, I was the domestic and international representative for The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. As a family, we were members of NPC where I served as a Deacon, a Trustee, and a second grade Sunday School teacher.

In 1999, Fred and I moved to California so that he could complete his doctoral work at UCLA. During that time, we were asked to create graduate programs in worship, theology, and the arts at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena. The programs were such a success that we remained at the Seminary for 15 years.

Upon returning to the Davison family homestead in Chambersburg in 2014, we changed our affiliate membership at Greencastle Presbyterian Church to active status. Shortly thereafter, I was called to serve as the Worship Chair, and remained in that position for 6 years. Currently, I am actively involved in the weekly



1 Mary Ann Ackerman

2 Jane Everetts

2 Gabe Gates

6 Ed Wine

7 **Randy & Susan Miller (47)**

8 Dottie Davison

8 Anne Larew

12 **Tony & Polly Coulter (40)**

12 Ashley Widder

14 Liam Papa

18 Deb Shank

19 Julie Craig

19 Rick McClain

20 David Lindecamp

21 **Paul & Barbara Grane (53)**

21 Evelyn Lindecamp

21 **Dan & Dee Patton (36)**

22 Tylar Nitzke

23 Polly Coulter

23 Amber Kerstetter

23 Bonnie Speaks

24 Kay Barnhart

24 Morgan Johnson

26 **Mark & Margaret Metz (34)**

26 David Rutherford

27 George Price

29 Kaylee Papa

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



prayer group while Fred serves as the Director of Music Ministries.

I feel immeasurably blessed to have the freedom to worship--and to have such a special place as the Greencastle Presbyterian Church to do so.

BEN HERRMANN

Class of 2029

In 2001, shortly after Erin and I were married, we decided to become members at Greencastle Presbyterian Church. It was clear from the outset that this congregation valued education and service. I was quickly invited to participate in the technology committee where I have been serving ever since. Our 3 children have been baptized, participated in and served as counselors for Community Camp at GPC before becoming members themselves. I have served as Elder, moderator of the nominating committee and most recently as a Deacon. Part of the service we value is the mission work we have contributed toward in Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia as well as the Chambersburg Project. I look forward to where this next phase of service takes us.

JIM PAPA

Class of 2029

In January 2016, Jim transferred from his Presbyterian Church in New York State. He was ordained as an Elder at GPC in April 2018 and this will be his 3rd term as Elder at GPC, making it his 6th term overall.

Jim and his wife, Keri, live in Greencastle with their three children: Kaylee, who is a Junior pursuing a dual major in Equestrian Studies and Media Communications at Emory & Henry University in Emory, VA; Brady who will graduate from Greencastle-Antrim High School in June; and Liam, a 7th grader at Greencastle-Antrim Middle School.

GEORGE PRICE

Class of 2029

George grew up in Central Pennsylvania and is a graduate of Penn State University. His career was in commercial insurance and risk management. He retired in 2009 and in 2015 he and his wife of

twenty five years, Pamela, moved to Ocean View, Delaware. In 2022 they moved to Hagerstown, Maryland. He has been a member of the Presbyterian Church for over twenty five years, including serving as an Elder in the Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown, Pennsylvania. He's an honorably discharged Air Force veteran of the Vietnam era. He and Pamela currently live in Hagerstown. Hobbies include traveling, cooking and reading. He's proud parent of Jennifer, an adult daughter residing in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and has four stepsons, Adam, Andy, Jeremy and Joshua, living in Pennsylvania, Colorado and Idaho.

JENNIFER TURNER ROBERTSON

Class of 2027

I became a member of GPC in March, 2015. I've served as a Deacon, member of the Worship Committee, the Prayer Circle, the Outreach Committee and as your Clerk of Session since June, 2021.

I'm not a native Pennsylvanian, however, have deep Chester County roots from my paternal family. I have a strong Cornish heritage as my mother and family were from the West Penwith area of Cornwall, most recently the town of Penzance (think Pirates, Poldark, Daphne du Maurier, Rosamunde Pilcher, Bronte Family). The first third of my life was spent in the Kensington community in Maryland, the second third in the Harrisonburg, Virginia community and now in Greencastle.

I also serve the Greencastle-Antrim Christian Women's Fellowship as Co-Leader. As a retiree and widow, I enjoy keeping up with my sorority sisters, former business associates and friends from James Madison University. I also enjoy travel with friends. I have a cat who adopted me a number of years ago, "Ori", short for "Orinoco" (from The Wombles of Wimbledon Common). And, yes, there's a story surrounding the name.

DEBBIE YOUNG

Class of 2028

Greetings! I have been a member of GPC since 1995. I have served as both an elder and a deacon. In addition, I served as the church's finance manager for 13 years. I have served on the following

committees: Mission and Outreach, Special Events, Stewardship, and Budget and Finance.

Please pray for our leaders and with God's help, we shall continue to be a blessing to our community and beyond.

— DEACONS —

SHEILA GATES

Class of 2029

Hi, my name is Sheila Gates and I am coming onboard as a first time Deacon. In the past, I have served two terms (six years) as an Elder.

My husband, Gabe and I, moved to Greencastle in August of 2004 from Columbia, SC. He transferred to Hagerstown with Mack Truck. We both were born and raised in Lancaster, SC. We have two children. Our son, Zach is an officer in the USMC. He is married to Rebecca Parsons and they have four children, Addyson, Karryngton, Zayne and Evie, ages 12 to 8. Our daughter, Randall lives in Greencastle and has a daughter, Eleanor, who will soon be 8 years old. My background is in education, ranging from Early Childhood Education to Higher Education Leadership. I retired from Kaplan University after serving in senior management as the Registrar for the Maryland campuses.

Gabe and I found our church home/family at GPC not too long after moving to the area. We love spending as much time as possible with our grandchildren. We also like to travel. I look forward to serving as a Deacon and helping/serving you and your needs in anyway possible.

KELLY KERSTETTER

Class of 2027

I've been a member of GPC for the past 27 years. I am happy to continue serving on the Board of Deacons. I have previously served as an Elder and spent many years teaching Sunday School and helping with Youth Group. I play in the bell choir and am heading up the Ladies Night Out group. My husband, Matt and I have been married for 38 years. We have two daughters and a 5-month-old grandson, Tucker. I am a Medical Laboratory Technician at Chambersburg Hospital.

BEVERLY LEAP

Class of 2029

I grew up in a small community in Bedford County Pa, in the village of New Enterprise, where I attended the New Enterprise Church of the Brethren. I was also baptized there, I served as a Deacon there as well. This is also the church that Barry and I were married. I enjoy arts and crafts, and sewing. I also like baking and cooking. Barry enjoys eating all that I bake and cook. When I have time I also enjoy reading a good book.

SUE THOMPSON

Class of 2029

Hi! I am Sue Thompson. I found my church family here at Greencastle Presbyterian Church the summer of 2024 at Summer Camp with my grandson. That fall I officially became a member and quickly felt the acceptance and love from so many of Christ family here. My husband Jerry and I have been together since 1977, married 45 years. We have been blessed with 2 daughters, 3 grandsons and 1 granddaughter. One of my greatest joys is spending time, making memories with my family! I worked in the medical field most of my life, gratefully I was able to retire early and enjoying it! I really appreciate having the time now to participate in Church activities and serve on different committees. Last year I enjoyed helping with summer camp for the first time. What precious memories watching the children learn and grow that week. In the last year I took on the challenge of Moderator for Greencastle Presbyterian Women. No one could replace our beloved Jan Eppleman. So thankful for the grace I've been shown by the faithful ladies in our group as I learn from them. I now have been asked to join the Board Of Deacons. To say I am very excited and humbled is an understatement! I am looking forward to serving and learning more about my Church Family and the lessons God has in store for me.



Members of the Nominating Committee:

— MEMBERS AT LARGE —

ALBERT MILLER

3rd year on committee

I grew up near Fairfield, VA, attended Virginia Tech and graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering. After marrying Debra, we moved to Hagerstown where we've raised three children. We were members of The Presbyterian Church in Hagerstown where I was an ordained Elder and later were members of Covenant Presbyterian Church. We moved to Greencastle in 2006 and joined GPC in 2022. Also in 2022, I was elected as a Councilperson for the Borough of Greencastle. I am pleased to serve as a member-at-large on the Nominating Committee.

SUE BELL

3rd year on committee

I became a GPC member when I moved to Greencastle in 1987. I have had the privilege of serving as an elementary Sunday School teacher, coordinator of the Women of Faith Women's group, a volunteer Parish Nurse for 30 years and also as a Deacon. I have already served several terms as a member of the nominating committee and look forward to continuing to serve in this capacity.

DEBBIE PEARCE

1st year on committee

I am a wife and mother of six with several grandchildren. I taught high school German for a few years, then decided to go back to school for my RN. I currently work as a NP in Maryland. We joined GPC a couple of years ago.

LU ANN HAGER

1st year on committee

I was born and raised in Greencastle, Pennsylvania and attended GPC throughout my childhood. A few of my childhood years were spent living in Conway, SC, where I completed confirmation classes and joined the Kingston Presbyterian Church in 1975. Upon moving back to

Greencastle, my membership was then transferred to GPC. Due to unfortunate circumstances, I left my membership at GPC become dormant. I re-joined GPC in April 2025. Re-joining GPC has had a very positive impact on my life. I currently serve on the Worship Committee, participate in the Prayer Group and the Presbyterian Women's Group. I am actively involved in the Food Pantry, which I find to be very gratifying.

I received my Bachelor's Degree in Business and Economics with a concentration in Management from Wilson College. Prior to my retirement in December 2020, I worked for 36 years at the Naval Support Activity in Mechanicsburg, PA, spending 35 years of my career working for the Naval Reactors Nuclear Material Support Group.

I have been married to my husband Curtis for 40 years. We were married in 1985 at GPC. I look forward to my upcoming years at GPC, and with the wonderful church family that I have found.

Save-the-date

May 16 at 1:00 p.m.

Tea Party Social

Theme: "It takes a village."

Keep an eye open
for more information

*Look forward to
sharing and counting
our blessings.*



OUTREACH / MISSION

MARY ANN ACKERMAN *Moderator*

POLLY COULTER *Mission Committee Chair*

As we are so thankful for what Jesus gave for us and the blessing of the Easter season, your Mission team wanted to focus on the impact we make in helping children and families in our area. Thank you for your faithful donations each year to NETwork Ministries and the Chambersburg Project.

NETwork Ministries: Annual Donation – \$500



NETwork Ministries is an urban youth ministry in Chambersburg, PA, dedicated to empowering local youth with spiritual growth, life skills, and community engagement.

Location and Contact

419 Hollywell Ave, Chambersburg, PA 17201

Monday to Friday: 2:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

717-264-4640

network-ministries.org

Secondary Address (Garden & Market): 10

Redwood St, Chambersburg, PA

Monday to Friday: 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Closed on weekends for regular operations

Mission and Programs

NETwork Ministries focuses on:

- Urban Youth Engagement: Serving children, teens, and families in downtown Chambersburg.
- Spiritual Development: Sharing Christ's love and fostering spiritual growth.

- Education and Life Skills: Programs to enhance academic achievement, leadership, and life management.
- Arts and Enrichment: Music, performance, art activities, and community events such as seasonal showcases and banquets
- Community Gardens & Markets: Opportunities for children and neighborhood adults to participate in gardening and community-focused projects

Community Impact

- Hundreds of youth are positively impacted annually through programs that offer safe, supportive environments and alternatives for at-risk or underserved children.
- NETwork Ministries is entirely funded by donations, fundraisers, and grants, with events like annual banquets, Christmas showcases, and partnerships with local organizations like Chambers' Apothecary to match gifts
- ★ Rating: 5.0/5.0 from community reviews, reflecting strong local support and positive impact on youth

Additional Information

- Personnel: The organization employs approximately 20+ staff or volunteers. Key roles include educational, arts, and executive leadership
- Financials & Support: Funded primarily through grants, contributions, and fundraising activities, supporting a wide range of youth programs and community initiatives
- Events & Opportunities: NETwork Ministries hosts annual fundraising banquets, volunteer opportunities, holiday showcases, and ongoing youth-focused programs, fostering engagement with the local community

This organization provides a holistic approach to youth development in Chambersburg, combining spiritual guidance, academic support, and community involvement, making it a valued nonprofit hub for families and children in the region.

Chambersburg Project: Annual Donation- \$ 500



July 5-10, 2026

The Chambersburg Project Youth Missions Trip is a week-long local missions trip held each July. During the week, youth from area churches renovate and repair homes for residents of Franklin County who are unable to make the repairs themselves due to physical limitations or financial circumstances. The youth spend the week at a local facility/school, sleeping overnight in supervised "dorms", and are served full breakfast, packed lunch and dinner daily, with snacks available during evening activities and program times. The teens work during the day throughout Franklin County

and in the evening, they join together for devotions, guest speakers, and praise and worship. Each year an evening is scheduled at an aquatic center, pool or lake. Transportation is provided by use of donated church vans and volunteers.

The Chambersburg Project leadership provides direction and guidance. The leadership teams consist of adult volunteers serving on a Board of Directors and as Project Team leaders.

P.O. Box 1318, Chambersburg, PA 17201

Email: thechambersburgproject@gmail.com

717-261-0045

chambersburgproject.com

GENERAL INFORMATION

- 501(c)3 Non-profit
- Started in 1998
- 20+ Churches have been involved
- Governed by a 9-person Board of Directors

2021 Participants

2019 Participants

PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE

CAROLE MALIN *Moderator*

Water, water everywhere!

At approximately 7:00 p.m. on a very cold Saturday, January 31st, David Lindecamp received notification that an alert from the TelePlus system had activated an alarm in Zone 6 at GPC. David notified Carole Malin, Brian Rice and David Rutherford, who arrived at the church at 7:20 p.m. The four individuals entered the building 7:25 p.m. and quickly observed water dripping from the Youth Room ceiling. Further investigation determined that the water was coming from the first floor Educational Wing.

The Youth Room was flooded and water was spreading on the Food Pantry floors. David L., Brian R. and David R. Went to the Educational Wing where they discovered a busted water pipe from the Boiler Room Munchkin Heating System. The TelePlus system also sent an alert to the Rescue Hose Company No. 1 and several firemen

arrived to assure that there was no fire. Three volunteers and Fred Davidson arrived and by 10:00 p.m. water was mopped up. Furniture in the Youth Room was moved. Eberly Plumbing arrived, checked the Boiler Room, dismantled the heating unit in the Woosley Room, restored the heat in the building and a decision was made to hold Sunday church service as planned.

Two professional cleaning companies were contacted to evaluate the possible damage that had occurred. The Property & Maintenance Committee met and reviewed the two proposals and decided that the committee would organize a team of local workers to do the necessary repairs. Fred Davison is coordinating the project. Repairs and painting to the Woosley, Edwards, and Youth Rooms including the ceiling and Food Pantry area are underway. TelePlus has reset the alarm system. Premier HVAC company has completed a walk-through with Carole Malin, David Rutherford, and Ryan Hock, Custodian. Jack Layton and Sons will be checking electrical systems at GPC.

Thanks to all for your support and prayers.



Penn State Mont Alto Chorale

~ A Concert Invitation ~

Echoes of Freedom: 250 Years in Song

*A choral concert that traces a journey – from the birth of a nation
to the heartbeat of today – reflecting the dreams, struggles,
hope and courage that defines us.*

6 p.m. Thursday, April 9th

Life Center at Menno Haven Retirement Community

7 p.m. Tuesday, April 28th

General Studies Auditorium, Penn State Mont Alto

**Attendees will enjoy complimentary Penn State Berkey Creamy Ice Cream after the concert*

Concerts are free & open to the public.



June Marshall health concerns
Patti Sechrist health concerns (*Marcie Tinninis*)
Alan Shope health concerns
Tim Walck health concerns
Mindy Grosh health concerns (*Dick & Donna Grosh's daughter-in-law*)
Michael Paylor complications from leg amputation (*cousin of Weslie Johnson*)
Kathy Kendall health concerns (*Weslie Johnson*)
Dan Patton health concerns
Bethany Yeager missionary work in South America (*Scott Peterson & Candace Rutherford*)
Penny Mohler battling ovarian cancer (*Nancylee Moore*)
Cathy Thomas health concerns (*Beth Taylor's mother / submitted by Sheila Gates*)
Sue Lum, recovering from broken kneecap (*Fred Davison's sister*)
Frank & Tracey Toston health concerns (*Scott Peterson*)
Sally Snyder health concerns
Chelsea White diagnosed with breast cancer, mother of young twins (*Emily Johnson*)
Lynne Leap moderate dementia (*Barry Leap's mother*)
Gail Guyton diagnosed with brain tumor (*Diane Mills*)
Marvin & Nancy Rice health concerns (*Linda Thomas*)
David Myers health concerns (*Sue Myers*)
Kenny Reed cancer diagnosis
Todd Smith health concerns (*Marcie & Chuck Tinninis*)
John Stanton brain cancer (*co-worker of Scott Peterson*)
Leslie Moose (*Patsy Lee*)
Donna Bingaman health concerns (*Margery Benson*)
Emmie White health concerns (*Jan Eppleman*)
Terri Brust health concerns (*Deb Shank*)

GOOD AND GRACIOUS GOD,
 WE SURRENDER ALL WORRIES AND
 CONCERNS TO YOU,
 KNOWING THAT WE ARE
 YOUR BELOVED CHILDREN.
 OUR FAITH COMPELS THAT WE REST
 IN YOUR INFINITE MERCIES.

Helen Taulbee health concerns (*Polly Coulter's sister*)
Bonnie Speaks health concerns
Cindy Widder health concerns (*Cindy Marconi*)
Donna & Sarah Stillwagon health concerns [*Barry Leap's family*]
Carla Vickers cancer/mastectomy (*Barry & Beverly Leap*)
Kevin Taulbee health concerns (*Polly Coulter's nephew*)
Brandon Fisher health concerns
Cora Crider health concerns
Kim Tartaglia knee replacement
Bill Heacox health concerns (*Brian Rice*)
Dave Wilson health concerns
Amanda Lain
PJ & Rebecca Wertime health concerns
Steve Miller health concerns
Jullie Miller health concerns
Frank Custis health concerns
Tinninis / Seidel family health concerns

Remember in prayer the families of:

Robert "Bob" Brust

who passed away on March 10

Elwood "Woody" Eby

who passed away on March 26

May they rest in the peace and comfort
 of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This prayer list reflects our love and support for our church family and friends. Please submit or review names on the list to balance healing requests with general community/member prayers. Thank you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2026

Wed April 1 Wednesday of Holy Week

Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am
Bell Choir 6:00pm
Chancel Choir 7:00pm
Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

Thur April 2 Maundy Thursday

Lenten Bible Study 10:00am
A Shared Worship Service 7:00pm with Communion
with Grace United Church of Christ held at GPC

Fri April 3 Good Friday

Sat April 4 Great Vigil of Easter

Sun April 5

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunrise Service 7:30am followed by Breakfast
Worship 10:00am with Communion
followed by Easter Egg Hunt
1st Sunday Food Drive
One Great Hour of Sharing

Tue April 7

CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30pm

Wed April 8

Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry 9:00am
Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am
Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

Thur April 9

PRESBYTERIAN WOMENS GROUP 1:00pm
SESSION MEETING 5:30pm
Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry 6:00pm

Sun April 12

Worship 10:00am followed by Coffee Fellowship
Annual Congregational Meeting

Tue April 14

MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30pm

Wed April 15

Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry 9:00am
Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am
Bell Choir 6:00pm
Chancel Choir 7:00pm
Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

Thur April 16

DEACONS MEETING 6:30pm

Sat April 18

PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE MEETING 11:00am

Sun April 19

Worship 10:00am followed by Coffee Fellowship
Dementia Caregivers 2:00pm
Youth Group 5:30pm

Wed April 22 Earth Day

Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am
Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm
Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

Sun April 26

Worship 10:00am followed by Coffee Fellowship
Youth Group 5:30pm

Wed April 29

Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am
Bell Choir 6:00pm
Chancel Choir 7:00pm
Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

Our GPC family,
It is truly a blessing to be a part of such a caring, kind, supportive, and loving church family. I want to thank you, GPC, for all the prayers, cards and food I received during my recovery from surgery.

Tony and I just wanted to let you know we really appreciate each and everyone of our GPC family members.
God's Blessing to you all,
Polly & Tony Coulter

Thank You

