

Calendar of Coming Events

February

- 7 6 PM Youth Group (at homes, not at church)
8 7 PM Troop 573
7:30 PM Worship Com. Mtg.
7:30 PM Church Life & Outreach Com. Mtg.
9 7 PM Preschool Mtg.
11 7 AM Men's Bible Study
9:15 AM Women's Bible Study
7:30 PM Christian Ed. Mtg.
12 9:15 AM Mom's in Touch
12 Noon GVPC & the GLOBE
13 9 AM CPR Training – Fellowship Hall
14 8:30 AM Missions Mtg.
4:15 PM Pioneer Club
4:30 PM DASH
6 PM Youth Group
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SESSION - Moderator - Rev. Daniel R. Stewart Clerk – Craig E. Erickson
Worship: Mark Montgomery, Ch., Millie Montgomery; Christian Ed: Kerstin Lang,
Ch., Mike Trope; Personnel: Barb Wray, Ch., Alan Papson; Corp Affairs: Ted Wray,
Ch., Alan Papson, Mike Trope; Church Life: Jim Faunce, Ch., Paul Welle, Ted Wray;
Missions: Brian Gilbert, Ch., Ken Garrison; Nominating: Millie Montgomery, Ch.,
Jonathan Schuck; Preschool: Jonathan Schuck, Ch., Ken Garrison

DEACONS Moderator – Gwen McDonald Aid to Worship: Carol Jones
Aid to Congregation: Debbie Fanus Aid to Community: Eileen Jenkins
Class of 2011 – Rick Constable, Dale Garrison, Lauren Palmer, Marie Raws
Class of 2012 – Gwen McDonald, Eileen Jenkins, Carol Jones, Debbie Fanus
Class of 2013 – Janet Medrow, Sharon Harmon, Linda Pittounicos, Myrtle Higgins

TRUSTEES – *Property Committee: Bill Anderson, Don Dunkerton, Steve Smoker, Bob Wert;*
Finance Committee: Bob Wert, Ward Higgins, Alan Papson

Cemetery Committee: Liane Davis, James Palmer, Linda Barbour

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“As an historic church, we exist to glorify God

by enabling all people to become fully devoted followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We prayerfully strive, through the Holy Spirit, to fulfill our purpose
by worship, Biblical teaching, service, fellowship,
and active involvement in world evangelization.”

Pastor

Rev. Daniel R. Stewart

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James R. Shackleton

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Herbert E. Balian

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Sharon S. Smoker

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The Great Valley Presbyterian Church

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February 7, 2010

*We are a member congregation
of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church*

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
February 7, 2010 11 AM
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP (Please fill out the "Fellowship" clipboard)
PRELUDE "Arioso" Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "The Gospel Song"

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP 1 Peter 2:23

Leader: He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree

People: So that we might die to sins and live for righteousness;

Leader: By his wounds you have been healed.

People: We were like sheep going astray, but now we have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.

*VOICES IN PRAISE "The Glories of Calvary"
"Alas and Did My Savior Bleed" HYMN#145

(BE SEATED) "O, the Deep, Deep, Love"

(Prayer cards will be gathered during the last verse.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY "Would I Have Joined the Crowd" Averde

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" #556

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 15:1-5 (pg. 533)

NEW TESTAMENT 1 Thess. 4:1-12 (pg. 1147) Dave Pustai
(Children grades 1-5 are dismissed for Children's Church following Scripture reading)

SERMON "Living to Please God" Rev. Stewart
For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. (1 Thess.4:7 NIV)

WE CELEBRATE AT GOD'S TABLE

*COMMUNION HYMN "There Is a Redeemer"

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*HYMN#252 "I Hear the Savior Say"

*BENEDICTION (Please be seated following the BENEDICTION)

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Depart in Peace"

*POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" K a r g - E l e r t

*Those who are able may stand

Our Greeters this morning are
the Porter family.

Our Deacons on call for assistance and aid in February are
Dale Garrison (610-647-3581) & Sharon Harmon (610-933-0177)

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE THIS DAY! It is a joy and a privilege to be here with you, praising our God. May you sense his presence in the worship and fellowship of this church today.

IF YOU KNOW of special needs, concerns, or illnesses among our church family, please inform the office at 610-644-1995. You may leave a message on our answering machine. Thank you for bearing one another's burdens.

PRAYER MINISTRY — In your pew you will find a yellow card you can use for a prayer request or item of praise. When you have finished writing, pass it to the center aisle and the prayer leader will collect it during the hymn. This will be read during the pastor's prayer. If you prefer your request to remain private, place the yellow card in the box in the Prayer Room after the service. Prayer leaders are available to pray with you following the service. Today's prayer leader is Karen Erickson.

Many thanks for your prayers for the Morley's October and December trips to India and for your support of the Lord's amazingly productive evangelical and wholistic medical missionary work through the David Henry family in central India.
Robert & Shirley Ann Morley

JOIN US IN THE CHAPEL after the service for coffee fellowship time.

TEN LARGE PRINT BIBLES are available for use in the sanctuary. If you want to use one of these NIV Bibles during the morning worship service, please check with the Deacon on duty.

ANTHEM "Would I Have Joined the Crowd?" Averde

If, on the day the colt was loosed, That day so soft and fair,
When the road was paved with flow'rs, Oh, if I had been there,
Would I have joined the crowd?

Had Jesus' eyes have looked into mine, those eyes that saw through all,
Could I have held my eyes on His, would His have made mine fall?
Would I have left the crowd?

He rides through history, ah yes, He rides again to reign,
The flowers scatter in the dust, He rides through my domain,
Should I not join the crowd?

The flowers this morning are given by Jack and Barbara Duncan
in celebration of Barbara's mother's, Marguerite Rafine, 81st birthday.

GVPC and Haiti Relief - Great Valley supports Haitian relief through RMI (Reciprocal Ministries International), a Christian organization which helps churches from the USA establish sister-church relationships with evangelical churches in Haiti for the benefit of both congregations. In 1987, we began partnering with the church in Cance, about 90 miles south of Port-au-Prince. We've made several trips to visit and to serve our dear Christian brothers and sisters in a variety of ways: funding a well, constructing the church roof and benches, providing Bibles, songbooks, sports equipment and musical instruments (including a banjo from Gary Fairbairn!). In 2008, our team delivered a sound system so their overflow crowds could hear and participate in worship services. Through "Hope for Kidz," an outgrowth of the sister-church program, Great Valley families provide tuition, uniforms, shoes, books and medical checkups to over 100 children who could not otherwise afford it, enabling them to attend the Christian school nearby.

RMI is working with relief agencies to help earthquake victims and their families, as hundreds of thousands of refugees flood the countryside fleeing the devastation and lack of basic needs in Port-au-Prince. They descend on family, friends, and churches with nothing but the clothes on their backs and maybe a few personal items they could carry in a bundle on their head.

Les Cayes, where RMI is headquartered, is feeling the crush. Refugees who had been part of a MEBSH church in Port (the Haitian church association RMI has partnered with for 30+ years) are flocking to the MEBSH churches in the area as they have nowhere else to go. The hospitals there, including the 2 mission hospitals, are overwhelmed by the injured. A Sister Church medical team on the ground right now has been helping as much as they can with the overwhelming need at the mission hospital.

RMI is UNIQUELY positioned to help these refugees. With their extensive base of operations, their on-site staff, their network of community contacts in the south of Haiti, and their Sister Churches and many friends, **THEY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

Their strategy is to minister to the masses of refugees pouring into southern Haiti by providing:

- Medical supplies and short term medical teams to help in the hospitals.
- Food and basic necessities for the refugees
- Short-term housing as possible
- Spiritual encouragement and witness

Please pray for the people of Haiti and give as you are able so we can help our Haitian brothers and sisters. Thank you!

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Missionary Society, Wednesday, Feb. 17, 10AM in the Chapel. Come see pictures of Kenya, taken when Arnold and Donna Reinikka and Louise Cartularo were part of a team doing evangelical and medical missions there in November. You will fall in love with the beautiful people of this tropical African county! Arnie will just be back from Ethiopia and will share his impressions of that trip, but the main presentation will be on the Kenyan trip. Bring a sandwich to share and join us for lunch. Babysitting is available by calling Deb Fanus (610-933-3321). Hope to see you there.

Women's Retreat: Ladies, as you fill your 2010 calendars, reserve the week-end of April 30-May 1 for the Great Valley Women's Retreat. Notice it is not the first Friday in May since all weekend retreats at The Traber Center were shifted due to a later Labor Day this year. Make plans now to attend!

Please help Burmese refugees! Acme is running a promotion through April 1, 2010 – for each \$10 you spend you get a sticker which can be redeemed for cookware. If you shop at Acme, please collect stickers and give them to the Zans to provide cookware for Burmese refugees in NJ. It won't cost you anything, and it will greatly benefit the refugees. So ask for the stickers!

2010 Camp Work Program (CWP) – This year's CWP is open to children and youth from 1st –12th grades. Parent information letters and registration forms are available in Dickerson Hall. Contact Rhonda or Jonathan Schuck (610-722-0619) with any questions. Please register by March 14. We look forward to partnering with you and your children as part of this fun and character-building program!

Contributions for Haiti Relief - In January the congregation contributed \$13,153 for Haiti relief. We are sending a check for this amount to RMI (Reciprocal Ministries International) immediately for the many needs associated with the earthquake and RMI's sister churches.

If you have contributed to Haiti earthquake relief, you should know that a new law allows you to deduct such contributions on your 2009 tax return instead of your 2010 return. (Contributions must be made before March 1, 2010.) In preparing your 2009 tax return, you may treat such contributions as if they had been made on December 31, 2009. Great Valley will continue to record all such contributions as of the date received (Calendar year 2010), and they will appear in your 2010 year-end Statement of Giving, regardless of whether you claim them on your 2009 or 2010 tax return.