

Calendar of Coming Events

September

- 5 End of summer worship hours
- 9 7 AM Men's Bible Study
7 PM Preschool Open House
7:30 PM Choir practice resumes
- 10 12 Noon GVPC & the Globe
- 12 Fall Worship Hours Begin
9:30 AM Sunday School
11 AM Worship Service
4:30 PM Youth Group kick-off Wilson Park
- 13 7:30 PM Church Life & Outreach Com. Mtg.
- 14 7:30 PM Trustee Mtg.
7:30 PM Christian Ed. Mtg.
- 15 10 AM Missionary Society Mtg.

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: 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, Allan Soldwisch, Kyle Elken
Cemetery Committee: James Palmer, Donna Levan

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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.”

<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Director of Equipping Ministries</i>
Rev. Daniel R. Stewart	James R. Shackleton
<i>Director of Music Ministry</i>	<i>Organist</i>
Christopher N. Starr	Sharon S. Smoker
<i>Church Secretary</i>	<i>Sexton</i>
Karen E. Bittenbender	Steven M. Leach

Director of the Preschool in the Valley
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The Great Valley Presbyterian Church

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September 5, 2010

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

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
September 5, 2010 10AM
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

PRELUDE "A Quiet Alleluia" Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS Inter-Varsity Ken Garrison

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 63:1-4

Leader: O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

People: I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.

Leader: Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

People: I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

*VOICES IN PRAISE "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross/Wonderful Cross"
"Glories of Calvary" (see screen)

(Prayer cards will be collected during the last song.)
(Kids 1st-5th grade are dismissed to Summer Sunday School)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY "Grace Unmeasured" (see screen)

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

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 1:26-31 (p. 2)

NEW TESTAMENT John 6:53-69 (p. 1035) Bill Riggs

SERMON "Back to the Basics" Rev. Stewart

"Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life." (John 6:68, NIV)

WE CELEBRATE AT GOD'S TABLE

*COMMUNION HYMN "There Is a Redeemer" (see screen)

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*HYMN#278 "Amazing Grace"

*BENEDICTION (Please be seated following the BENEDICTION)

*POSTLUDE "God Will Take Care of You" arr. Robin McGee

*Those who are able may stand

Our Greeters this morning are Donni Lynn & Lois Fogg.

Our Deacons on call for assistance and aid in September are
Sharon Harmon (610-933-0177) & Carol Jones (610-696-0436)

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.

300TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SERVICE - 2010 has been a year of celebration as we have reflected on God's goodness to Great Valley for three centuries. Sunday, September 19th will be a special time to gather and celebrate the continuity of a congregation that has worshipped our living Lord for so many years. A time of recognition by special guests begins at 10:45AM in the Sanctuary, followed by the regular service of worship. Our speaker for this historical event is the Rev. Dr. David F. Wells, Distinguished Senior Research Professor at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Wenham, MA. A fellowship lunch will follow the service; so please sign up for the lunch using the bulletin insert.

The Christian Education Committee needs volunteers to help with child care during the worship. Consider volunteering once or twice in the next 6 months, and you will help out our Great Valley families tremendously! E-mail or call Kerstin Lang - mail@kerstinlang.com, 610-935-3633.

Directory Update: our new Director of Music Ministry, Chris Starr, and his wife Vicky reside at 218 Benner Road, Royersford, PA 19468 (484-686-7940)

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

The flowers this morning are given by Bill and Kathy Anderson
to remember Kathy's father, Ralph Hunt, a great family man and patriot.

MISSION NEWS

Missionary Society, Wednesday, September 15, 10AM in the Chapel – For 300 years, God has been using the ministry of Great Valley to bring people to Himself. One evangelistic outreach in the 1950's was the Upper Main Line Evangelistic Association Tent Meeting, a yearly week-long crusade held in a large canvas tent in Frazer. Our September speaker, Howard Rudolph, came to know the Lord through that Tent Crusade nearly 50 years ago! Old timers will remember Howard and Doris, who attended Great Valley and were mentored by Bart and Peg Hargreaves. Howard attended Philadelphia College of the Bible at night while working for the phone company by day, and after completing his studies, became the part-time pastor of Green Hill Chapel. Rev. Rudolph is now a Volunteer Senior Associate with ACTS International, whose mission is to evangelize the unreached, edify believers, and establish local churches in Asia, which has more than 55% of the world's population and the most "Unreached People Groups." (An Unreached People Group is an ethnic group with less than 2% evangelical Christians.) ACTS provides Biblical training to indigenous Christians to enable them to reach their own people. All are welcome, and lunch is provided after the program. Babysitting is available by calling Deb Fanus (610-933-3321).

Good Works – is a Christian nonprofit organization which exists to improve living conditions for low-income families in Chester County. Here is an opportunity to work with a homeowner to share Christ's love by making their home "warmer, safer and drier." Please volunteer for Sept. 11 or Oct. 10 or for future schedule workdays.

- *Skills required:* patience and a willingness to work with other GVPC members to do repairs.
- We also appreciate volunteer(s) to make lunch for homeowner and volunteers on the work Saturdays.
- *Time:* second Saturday of the month from 8:30AM– 3:30PM. There are indoor and outdoor projects to be done.
- *Location:* West Chester area—I will provide details of where to meet.
- *Details:* For questions, call coordinator Brian Gilbert (610-324-1196-cell) or email briantgilbert@gmail.com.
- *Sign up:* Give me your name, phone number and email address.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Missions Celebration 2010 – Rev. Dana Smith, former Director of CE and Youth, will preach at the 11AM worship service on Sunday, Sept. 26. Dana and members of his church, along with our youth, were part of the team who ministered to French teens at Champfleuri this past summer. The Champfleuri team will give a report on their mission trip at 6PM, complete with breathtaking photos and incredible stories of God's provision and His enabling power in the lives of these young believers. Coffee and dessert will follow. You won't want to miss either of these inspiring missions events!

Choir is coming! Choir is coming! beginning Thursday, Sept. 9th, 7:30PM. Join the choir and GVPC's new Director of Music Ministry Christopher Starr as they open a new and exciting season of worship and song.

Chancel choir members - Join us on Sept. 11th at 6PM at Paul and Jackie Welle's home (1297 Grove Road, West Chester) for food, fellowship and an opportunity to meet our new music director, Chris Starr, and his wife, Vicki. Please RSVP to Ken Garrison (610-647-3581 or run1mile@verizon.net) by Sept. 7th so we know how many to expect.

The Alpha Marriage Course is Coming – Have you often thought it would be great to spend more quality time with your spouse? Great Valley can help you achieve that goal if you are willing to commit Thursday evenings for 7 weeks to attend the Marriage Course. Tentative at first, GVPC graduates of the course this past spring had this to say:

"We would highly recommend it to others";

"It was a perfect environment – music, candles, dessert was a great package";

"After 20+ years of marriage I learned important new things about myself and my husband. I would heartily recommend it".

The course starts September 30th. The \$25 per couple registration fee is due September 15th. Please indicate your desire to participate either by calling Barb or Ted Wray (610 647-2795) or by putting a note in their Session mailbox outside the church office. This just may be one of the best decisions you make in 2010!

A big THANK YOU! from Keely and baby Raelyn Norman to all those who played a part in the wonderful baby shower. It is such a blessing to be part of a congregation which is so loving and generous. I'm only sorry I can't thank each one of you personally, and I know Raelyn would be only to glad to give you her best and biggest smile as her way of saying "Thanks!" Our address is: Kevin and Keely Norman, Km 5.6 Route D'Azemmour, Dar Bouazza, Casablanca, 20220 Morocco (North Africa)

Financial report – Here are our contribution figures for August and year-to-date.

	<u>August</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
<u>Operations/Ministries</u>		
Budget*	\$44,730	\$325,900**
Actual Contributions	\$41,548	\$314,226

* Based upon historical giving patterns

** 51% of our 2010 budget of \$638,995. [We are able to budget only 51% of our annual budget through August because we anticipate a foundation Gift of \$75,000 in December which will account for 12% of our annual budget. The above figures also do not include transfers from the cemetery and preschool.]