

Calendar of Coming Events

January

10	9:15AM	Alpha Short Stack resumes
11	7:45PM	Sr. High Bible Study
12	7AM	Men's Bible Study
	9:15AM	Women's Bible Study
13	12 NOON	GVPC & The GLOBE
15	6PM	G3YG
16	7:30PM	Session Meeting
17	9:15AM	Alpha Short Stack
	7:30PM	Women's Book Club – Kathy Anderson's House
18	10AM	Missionary Society Meeting

SESSION – Moderator – Rev. Dan Stewart; Clerk – Craig Erickson; Christian Ed: Kerstin Lang, CH, Barb Wray; Church Life: Paul Welle, CH, Ted Wray; Corp. Affairs: Ted Wray, CH, Alan Papson; James Palmer; Missions: Brian Gilbert, CH, Ken Garrison; Nominating: Millie Montgomery, CH, Paul Welle; Personnel: Barb Wray, CH, Alan Papson; Worship: Mark Montgomery, CH, Millie Montgomery; Preschool: Ken Garrison, CH, Jack Farrell

DEACONS Moderator – Gwen McDonald
Aid to Congregation: Debbie Fanus
Class of 2012: Gwen McDonald, Eileen Jenkins, Carol Jones, Debbie Fanus
Class of 2013: Janet Medrow, Sharon Harmon, Linda Pittounicos, Myrtle Higgins
Class of 2014: Marcia Papson, Lauren Palmer, Rhonda Schuck, Linda White

TRUSTEES – Property Committee: Steve Smoker, Ch, Bob Wert, Jim Engelman, Allan Soldwisch, Phil Jones; Cemetery Committee: Dale Sanville, Ch, Kyle Elken, Alan Papson; Finance Committee: James Palmer, Ch, (Elder) Kyle Elken, Bob Wert; Endowment: Alan Papson, (Elder); Insurance & Key Control: Allan Soldwisch; Counting: Allan Soldwisch; Nominating Committee: Phil Jones; Secretary: Donna Levan

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“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

Director of Music

Christopher N. Starr

Church Secretary

Karen E. Bittenbender

Director of Equipping Ministries

James R. Shackleton

Organist

Sharon S. Smoker

Sexton

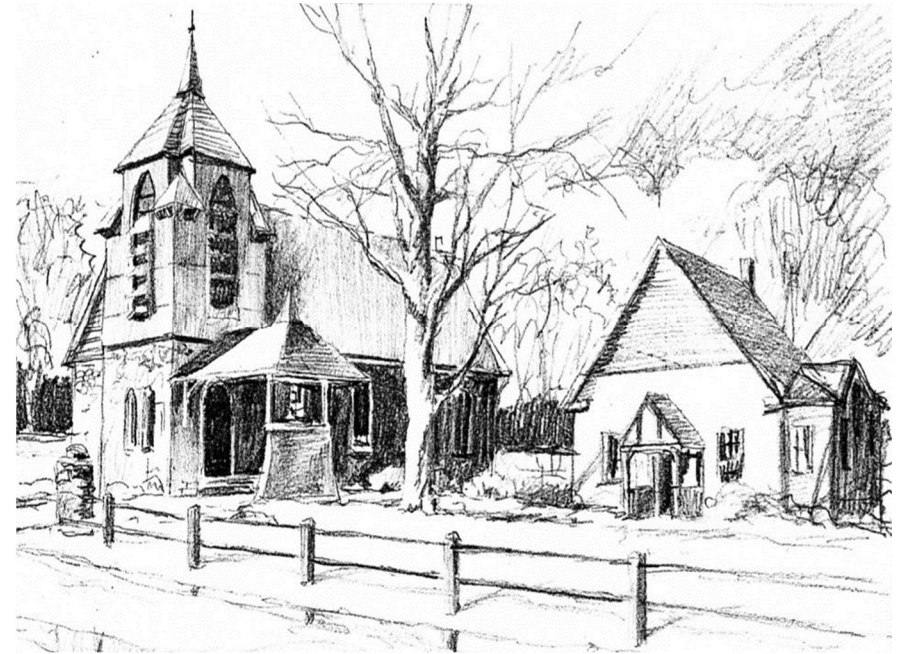
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The Great Valley Presbyterian Church

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January 8, 2012

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

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
January 8, 2012
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

PRELUDE "Larghetto" Giordani

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING HYMN "We Three Kings of Orient Are" #116

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Gal. 4:4-7)

Leader: But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

People: Because we are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."

All: So we are no longer slaves, but sons; and since we are sons, God has made us also heirs.

*VOICES IN PRAISE "Offering" (see screen)
(Prayer cards will be collected during the last song.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" Wood

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

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 9:1-6 (p. 671)

NEW TESTAMENT Matthew 2:1-12 (p. 934) Ken Garrison
Children in 1st-5th grade are dismissed to Children's Church at this time.

SERMON "The Wonder of It All" Rev. Stewart
"When they saw the star, they were overjoyed." (Matthew 2:10, NIV)

WE CELEBRATE AT GOD'S TABLE

*COMMUNION HYMN "Jesus, Messiah" (see screen)

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from your truth and from your holy will. We have failed in love, forgotten to be just, and have turned from your wisdom. Forgive us our sin and restore us to your ways, for the sake of your Son, our only Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*HYMN "All Praise to Him Who Reigns Above" #85

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" arr. Martin

*Those who are able may stand

*Our Greeters this morning are Jennings and Harriet Bunch.
Our Deacons on call for assistance and aid in January are*

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.

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

If you know of SPECIAL NEEDS, CONCERNS, OR ILLNESSES among our church family, call the office (610-644-1995). You may leave a message on our answering machine. Thank you for bearing one another's burdens.

PRAYER MINISTRY – The yellow cards in the pew racks are for praise or prayer requests to be read during the prayers of the people. Fill one out and pass it to the center aisle for the prayer leader to collect during the hymn. If you prefer your request to be private, take the yellow card to the Prayer Room following the service, where prayer leaders are available to pray with you. Today's prayer leader is Lois Fogg.

CAN WE HELP? The challenges we experience throughout the many stages of life sometimes necessitate the help of professional counselors. GVPC has a partnership with Kairos Counseling Services to address such needs. Funds are available, if needed, to help cover the costs of these services. For more information or answers to questions you may have about this resource, call Barbara Wray (610) 647-2795, GV's coordinator. All inquiries are kept confidential.

JR. CHURCH – Thanks to today's leaders, Mike and Aline Woodard. Next week's leaders are Ted and Barb Wray.

If you would like a LARGE PRINT BIBLE to use during the worship service, please contact the Deacon on duty.

*The flowers this morning are given by given
by the Thomas and Rambo families
in memory of their parents, Abraham and Florence Rambo
and grandparents, Filmore and Susan Slaymaker,
and sister-in-law, Carol Rambo.*

Book Haven Book Reviews –Visit the Book Haven and find a book just right for your spiritual journey!! God has blessed GVPC with a wonderful library; these books can bless your life and encourage you to good works!

90 Minutes in Heaven by Don Piper with Cecil Murphy—A Baptist pastor's life was forever changed after he died in a car wreck, experienced life in heaven for 90 minutes and then returned to his earthly body when another pastor prayed for him. Don Piper endured 34 surgeries and is now disabled yet still can say, "As long as I'm here on earth, God still has a purpose for me. Knowing that fact enables me to endure the pain and cope with my physical disabilities."

Don would have chosen to stay in heaven but the Lord had another plan. The book tells how Don's family was drawn closer through this difficult ordeal, and how God has used Don to give hope and comfort to those who live with intense pain. The Bible says God's grace is sufficient for us for His strength is made perfect in weakness; Don's story shows God's grace given to individuals who trust Him in the midst of pain, even though they don't know the reasons for a life changing tragedy.

This book will equip you to come alongside those who are suffering as well as open your heart to the hope we have as believers. It may also open doors for conversations with unbelievers about the reality of heaven.

Breaking Free by Beth Moore — Jesus came to give us abundant life. Are you living in it? Beth will lead you to break free from all that prevents you from enjoying the 5 benefits of being a child of God: knowing and believing Him, glorifying Him, being satisfied in Him, experiencing His peace and enjoying His presence. This is the believer's inheritance, his birthright in Christ.

Beth lived for years in bondage to her past and has experienced freedom in Christ, so she is passionate about believers living in the joy of the Lord! Jesus declared (citing Isaiah 61:1-4) that He came to bind up the broken-hearted, to open the eyes of the blind, and to proclaim liberty to the captives. 2 Cor. 3:17 says "Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is Liberty." Living by the Law is impossible and leads to bondage and disappointment. Christ fulfilled the Law; living by His indwelling Spirit liberates us and brings glory to God!

Beth's desire is for us to grow in grace and in the knowledge of HIM. She believes the Holy Spirit has been given to show us the things that are freely given to us by God. Are you tired of living a mediocre Christian life? You were meant for more. Do you want contagious joy? Christ wants that for you too! Do you want to fall in love with Jesus again? Then you will want to read this book!

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Women's Bible Study meets Thursdays (except the first one of each month) from 9:15–10:45AM. On Jan. 12th the group will begin a study of the Old Testament book of Judges, and ALL are welcome! If you are looking for a small group fellowship, please join us.

Deacon's meetings are now the fourth Tuesday of each month. January's meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 7PM.

Valley Forge area Cottage Prayer, Fri., Jan. 13, 7:30PM at Sanville's.

Women's Book Club, Tuesday, Jan. 17th, 7:30PM, at Kathy Anderson's, 1219 Waterford Rd., West Chester. The selection is, *Life Is So Good: One Man's Extraordinary Journey through the 20th Century and How He Learned to Read at Age 98* by George Dawson and Richard Glaubman. Dawson, a 103-year-old slave's grandson who learned to read at age 98, reflects on his life and offers valuable lessons in living. From segregation and civil rights to the wars, presidents, and defining moments of the last century, Dawson's assessment of those times inspires readers with the message that has sustained him through it all: "Life is so good. I do believe it's getting better."

Celebrate the New Year with us by learning more about what God is doing in the world. Missionary Society meets the third Wednesday of each month (except July and August) and features speakers who will inspire you to grow in your faith. This month we are hosting three of our own, Beverly Peck and Arnold and Donna Reinikka, who will share about the work of Kako Retreat Center (Alaska), from their mission trip there last summer. Join us at 10AM in the Chapel for this multimedia presentation. Lunch follows at noon. Child care is available; call Deb Fanus (610-933-3321).

LORD'S PANTRY: collection date is January 22, 2012. City Gate needs small paper plates, napkins, plastic tableware, and cups. Coffee and ice tea, as well as pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned items such as tuna, vegetables and fruit, and pancake mix and syrup are also needed. You have been so faithful in providing for this mission in Coatesville – thank you for sharing with the less-fortunate. Items may be left in the baskets in Dickerson Hall.

Every life has value, has purpose, has a name given by God. The prophet Isaiah tells us that God so values our lives that he calls us from the womb (Isaiah 49:1). Sanctity of Human Life Sunday 2012 will be celebrated on Sunday, January 22nd. Plan to join other believers for the Chester County March for Life sponsored by the Chester County Pro-life Coalition; see details on their website www.chescopro-life.org.