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My Cup Runneth Over

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Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me," and have they ever! We are truly overrunning with children, babies, and parents at GSPC. I am so overjoyed by all of the faces, new and familiar, that I see at church each week, that I cannot wait until the next Sunday morning when I get to see everyone again. It has truly been so magical to have everyone at choir, Sunday school, Worship, and Wee Worship. I hope everyone else in the congregation has felt the feeling of joy in the heart and soul from our overrunning cup.

Children's ministry has come into full action with our programs and changes. The Children's and Cherub Choirs are enjoying their new rehearsal time at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Terry and Mrs. Wanda are working hard to teach Christmas music in the fall so that the children will be ready for our Christmas Program in December. What a joyful noise they are making.

Sunday school, which now begins at 10:00 a.m. and concludes at 10:45 a.m., is definitely in full swing. Our fantastic teachers are busy getting to know the children, teaching the lessons, and really having a blast! I am so blessed to have such wonderful people in place to teach our children at GSPC.

One of our changes this year has been converting Children's Church to a program called Wee Worship. This program mimics Worship but in a manner for children. The key elements of Worship are included, such as hymns, prayers, scripture, stories, and time for the children to focus on their mission project and monthly memory. The children will learn the same scripture and story that the congregation heard about. My hope

is that the children and their families will be able to connect on the story they heard that day through conversation and questions.

The children are continuing to learn about the Dimmock family and their mission in Lesotho. Each Sunday we focus on a new element of mission, such as questions about missionaries, awareness about their specific missions, and why we raise money for their missions. As we enter our time of Stewardship, this is a wonderful way to teach them about time and talents.

Along with our already exciting crowd of people, we have been blessed with more babies. Congratulations to our families on their new babies. Moreover, with more babies there are more Baptisms. Thank you to everyone for welcoming our children back into Worship for Margaret's Baptism this past Sunday. It was a joyful sight to see our children flood up the stairs, into the sanctuary, and back to their families. However, the best of all was the beautiful sacrament they were able to witness and be a part of - a Baptism of one of our babies - and to watch Margaret Otts become "Margaret, child of the covenant." We are all a part of the family of God - the church family - all pieces of the puzzle. It was amazing to see all of our pieces come together on Sunday.

Make sure to look for all of our programs coming this year. On October 17, we will have Trunk-or-Treat from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the Church parking lot. Please sign-up with Amanda Murray to have a decorated car trunk for the trick-or-treaters that day.

- Amanda

Membership

Pastor's Luncheon for Potential New Members

A Pastor's Luncheon will be hosted on Sunday, October 18, for those who have expressed interest in membership and/or any who are seeking to discover more about Government Street Presbyterian Church. Those who are interested are asked to meet in Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 a.m. service. GSPC members are encouraged to share the news of this opportunity with friends, family, classmates and co-workers. Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 14 to Rev. Ryan Jensen at 434-9329 or ryan@gspcmobile.org.

Presbyterian Women

October Circle Meetings

Circle #	Date/Time	Location
1	Mon., Oct. 12, 10:30 a.m.	Hattie Ogburn's home
5	Thurs., Oct. 8, 6:30 p.m.	Laura Jensen's home
6	Wed., Oct. 14, 10:30 a.m.	Martha Tissington's home
7	Thurs., Oct. 15, 10:30 a.m.	Parlor
8	Tues., Oct. 13, Noon	True Restaurant

Worship

Lectionary Readings for October 4:

Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Ps. 26; Heb. 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

Volunteers this Sunday, October 4

Greeters:	Bligh Jones and Betty Harris
Usher Captain:	Don Carlisle
Sunday Assistants:	John Otts and Elizabeth Boone
Sanctuary Preparer:	Harriett Felis
Nursery Assistant:	Beth Majure
Wee Worship Leaders:	Shelley and Ed Bennett
Office Assistant:	Nancy Bentley
Prayer Chain Contacts:	Charlotte Crockett, 478-1003/591-7902 Dibber Lutz, 473-7582/433-5756

About October 4th World Communion Sunday and the Peacemaking Offering

Every year our congregation joins Christians around the world in celebrating World Communion Sunday. Born in a time of international unrest as nations were about to enter another world war, World Communion Sunday's central focus is the Lord's Supper instituted by Christ and its unifying message for all who partake of it. We are one in Christ Jesus and not to be separated by the nations, ethnic groups or denominations we belong to, or for any other reason.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) also marks the day by a call to peacemaking, urging us to be followers of the Prince of Peace. One concrete way that we do that is by receiving the Peacemaking

Offering. Through this special offering, we work together with others in our presbytery, our synod and nationally through the General Assembly's Peacemaking Program to learn and live out the ways of peace.



The Peacemaking Offering invites each congregation to promote peace within the congregation and within the community. For that reason, our church will retain 25 percent of the Offering we receive, and

we will decide how best to put this money to work. Another 25 percent goes to our presbytery or synod, and the remaining 50 percent goes to the General Assembly for peacemaking involvement throughout the world.

Join us on October 4 to celebrate World Communion Sunday and to commit ourselves to working for the unity of the church and the peace of Christ. Come ready to give generously to the Peacemaking Offering

Communion on World Communion Sunday

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is extended to all who have been baptized, remembering that access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance and love. In preparing to receive Christ in this Sacrament, the believer is to confess sin and brokenness, to seek reconciliation with God and neighbor and to trust in Jesus Christ for cleansing and renewal.

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Congregational Life

2009 Fall Forums

Agnes Tennenbaum Featured Speaker at October 8 Lunch Forum

Holocaust and Auschwitz death camp survivor Agnes Tennenbaum is the featured speaker for the October 8 Fall Lunch Forum. Mrs. Tennenbaum is a popular speaker along the Gulf Coast and was one of twenty people profiled in the recent touring exhibit *Darkness into Life: Alabama Holocaust Survivors Through Photography and Art*, hosted in January 2009 at the Mobile Museum of Art.

The forum will be held between Noon and 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Lunch is served from 12-12:30 p.m. Admission is free. Lunch is \$5. No reservation required. Free parking in GSPC's lot.

Upcoming 2009 Fall Forum Series Lineup

Agnes Tennenbaum, Holocaust Survivor – October 8

John Sledge, Architectural Historian and Author – October 15

Joel Erdmann, USA Athletic Director – October 22

David Randel, Mobile Bay Convention and Visitors Bureau – October 29

Dr. Leon Van Dyke, Chairman, Department of Dramatic Arts at the USA – November 5

Kate Johnson, Associate Executive Director, Volunteer Mobile – November 12

David Perry, Special Counsel to the Governor on Federal Stimulus Issues – November 19

Member Events and News

Officer Candidates for Oct. 18 Election

Candidates for Elder and Deacon will be presented during the October 4 Worship service. Brief "bios" of each will be printed in the Bulletin and in next week's newsletter.

New Work Procedure

In order to use our church Sextons' time as effectively as possible, we ask that anyone requesting Ben or Pettway's assistance please complete a work order (forms are available in the church office) and submit it to Linda Killilea or Laura Seymour. Ben works full-time as Sexton and Pettway works 3 hours per day as

Assistant Sexton. This will help us to channel work requests more efficiently to these hard working men! Thank you.

Newest GSPC Cherub

Congratulations to Charlie and Meg Brown and big sister Mary Brown on the September 23rd birth of the newest family member, Douglas Sims Brown. Sims weighed in at 7 lbs. 2 oz. The proud grandparents are David and Jeanie Lindsey.

New Christ-centered Pre-School Opens Oct. 1

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church on Cottage Hill Road opens its new pre-school for 3 and 4 year olds on October 1. School hours are 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, from September through May. The curriculum is play-based, age-appropriate with an emphasis on Bible stories, verse, songs and prayers in everyday activities. GSPC members are invited to consider placing their children in this new ministry. You can obtain additional information by visiting St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool and/or by calling 661-2929 or by going to: <http://www.stpaulsmobile.org>. The Website has more detail and a downloadable brochure in PDF format. A print copy of the brochure is available for review on the bulletin board in the GPSC office.

Christian Education

Youth, do **not** forget to sign-up for the
5 Rivers Kayaking Outing
on **October 18th**

with Rev. Ryan Jensen and Rev. Kathryn Threadgill.
Sign-up Sheet in Kathryn's office.

Deadline for sign-ups is **October 11th**

Sorry, because we need an exact number, we cannot accept sign-ups after October 11th

Music and Fine Arts

- **Cherub Choir** Sun., Oct. 4 9:30 a.m.
- **Children's Choir** Sun., Oct. 4 9:30 a.m.
- **GMBACS** Tues., Oct. 6 7:00 p.m.
- **Sacred Tones** Wed., Oct. 7 6:00 p.m.
- **Sanctuary Choir** Wed., Oct. 7 7:30 p.m.

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Children's Ministries by Amanda Murray, Director of Children's Ministries

- **Children's and Cherub Choirs** rehearse at 9:30 a.m. The Cherub Choir (ages 3 thru Kindergarten) will meet in the Market Place Room with Mrs. Wanda and the Children's Choir (1st grade thru 5th grade) will be in the Tent Room with Mr. Terry. Please be on time for practice so that we can maximize our time together.
- **Sunday School** begins at 10:00 a.m.
- **Children at the Lord's Table** class participants (2nd graders) will take their first communion and receive a special gift this Sunday, October 4th, during Worship. If you are a member of that class, please meet Mrs. Amanda in the Tent Room at 10:45 a.m.
- **Trunk or Treat** is scheduled for October 17th at 1:00 p.m. in the GSPC parking lot.
Mark your calendars!
- Family Devotional: October
 - Scripture: Psalms 24
 - Prayer: The Green Prayer
 - Song: *This Is My Father's World*
- **Making Time For God: Our GSPC family devotional book.** Each week look in the newsletter for our question of the week related to a devotional from the same week in *Making Time For God*. I hope you enjoy exploring the answers with your family and also with your church family.

Question of the Week: Why is it important to tell the truth?