

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*
Week of October 20, 2019

Sun 20	6:00pm	G3 Youth Group
Mon 21	7:30pm	Session Meeting
Tues 22	7:30pm	Book Club (Andersons')
Thurs 24	9:15am	Women's Bible Study
	7:00pm	G3 Senior High Bible Study (Chapel)
	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sat 26	9:00am	Great Valley Prayer
Sun 27	9:00am	Christian Education Hour
	10:00am	Corporate Worship

* There are a variety of weekly Life Groups that meet in individuals' homes. Pick up a spreadsheet in Dickerson Hall or check out our website for more info.



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.

STAFF

Pastor	Keith Fink
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019

The Way We Could Be

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude	Aria on "Jewels" – arr. Wood
Welcome and Announcements	
Reception of New Members	
Call to Worship	
Song	Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah – #419
Responsive Reading	Psalms 67:1-3
Song	How Great Is Our God
Confession of Sin	
Unison Affirmation of Forgiveness	Acts 10:43
Song	Before the Throne of God Above
Prayers of the People	
Offertory	Praise Ye!
Doxology	Praise God from Whom All Blessings – #556
Prayer of Thanksgiving	

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Song (children dismissed)	Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God
Old Testament	Isaiah 58:6-12 – Dan Herbst
Message	Rev. Keith Fink
Being Religious with Purity	
James 1:26-27	

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

Song	Come, All Christians, Be Committed – #497
Sending Pastor Keith	
Benediction	
Postlude	All Creatures of Our God and King – arr. Smith

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

It is a joy and a privilege to gather together to praise our God. May you sense His presence here today in worship and fellowship (Heb. 10:25).

Families – Please see the cards in the pew racks for an explanation of family worship at GVPC. Children are welcome to stay with you during the worship service or participate in the following ministries:

Infant Care (*up to 18 months*) in the Nursery. Today's caregiver: Frabu Hitzelberger.

Rompers Church (*18 mos. – K*) in Room 1 of the Children's Wing. Today's leader: Sally Farrell.

Jr. Church (*1st - 4th graders*) in the Library. Children are dismissed from the service during the song before the Scripture reading. A parent or older sibling should pick them up after the service. Today's leader: Jim Shackleton.

5th- 8th graders stay in the service today.

Greeters – Today's greeters are Brian & Julie Turner.

Flowers – The flowers this morning are given by Helen Lee Potter to the glory of God.

Public and Private Prayer – 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 second song. If you prefer your request to be private, please meet Bob Wert in the Prayer Room following the service.

Deacons on Call – In October, our deacons Sharon Harmon and Jackie Welle are on call for assistance.

Following the Service – Please join us in the chapel after the service for Coffee Fellowship.

Bearing One Another's Burdens (Gal. 6:2) – If you have or know of special needs, concerns, or illnesses among our church family, please call the church office at 610-644-1995.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

New Members

October 13 and 20

Last Sunday and today we welcome the following new members of Great Valley:

Meggan Arnold	Patty Heron
Steve Heron	Craig Jones
Tammy Jones	Ginny Landoll
Henry Landoll	Daniel Mayk
Sandra Lee Redmond Peters	Deborah Regester
Kathryn Schaul	Bob Scott
Roxanna (Roxy) Scott	Scott Traeger

Book Club

October 22

All are welcome to the October meeting of Great Valley Book Club, where we will discuss *We Were the Lucky Ones* by Georgia Hunter. Inspired by the incredible true story of one Jewish family separated at the start of World War II, determined to survive—and to reunite—*We Were the Lucky Ones* is a tribute to the triumph of hope and love against all odds.

Book Club meets this Tuesday, October 22 at 7:30pm at the home of Kathy Anderson. Questions? Contact Carol Jones.

Christmas Cantata Rehearsals

Thursdays at 7:30pm

You are invited to join the GVPC Chancel Choir in our 2019 Christmas Cantata, *What Child?*, which will be presented during the December 15 worship service. Rehearsals are held each Thursday at 7:30pm. Consider a short term commitment to this enthusiastic and welcoming ensemble. If you are interested in singing, please contact Chris Starr.

Philadelphia Homeless Run Fall Fundraiser

Fall decorative arrangements for your home, created by Irene Zan, are now available for purchase in the Chapel. All proceeds will go to funding special needs of Philadelphia Homeless Run (PHR). Enjoy decorating for fall while helping to serve Philadelphia's homeless. Thank you so much for your support!

Can We Help?

The challenges we experience throughout the many stages of life sometimes necessitate the help of professional counselors. Great Valley Presbyterian Church 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, contact Barbara Wray, Great Valley's coordinator.

New Kitchen Committee

If you enjoy cooking, cleaning or organizing, have catering experience, or are just looking for an opportunity to serve, we would welcome you to volunteer as part of Great Valley's new kitchen committee. The church has a fully licensed commercial kitchen downstairs and a small kitchen off the Chapel, which this committee intends to oversee, use, clean and supply. The committee's schedule will be flexible and, as needed, meet four to six times a year. Please indicate your interest on the clipboard in your pew or by contacting Gwen McDonald.

Heard from the Mission Field

Jeff and Lynne Jude, Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Mlysia— When Jeff and Lynne got their ten year visa, they saw it as a strong confirmation that God wanted them to stay in Mlysia. Jeff no longer has to be a tent maker, so he can choose where he wants to live. After much thought and prayer, the family has made plans to return to the area where they served from 2008 – 2011. At this point in their kids' development, they need relationships with other expatriate kids like themselves; an American school environment with other third culture kids would be better for them as they hit their teen/high school years (presently 2 teens now and counting)! Their move is slated for December.

Please pray for this move – for suitable housing, for all the kids to be accepted into the International School in August 2020, and for Lynne as she homeschools in the interim, focusing on the dyslexia curriculum. Pray also for a prayer gathering in November. A venue has been obtained, speakers lined up, and some gifted worship leaders have committed to attend. Ask the Lord for at least 50 attendees and for powerful and effective times of prayer.

MC19: Missions Conference 2019

November 16-17

Mark your calendar for the annual Great Valley Missions Conference (MC19) on Saturday, November 16 and Sunday, November 17. The focus this year is the Evangelical Presbyterian Church's **Engage 2025** disciple-making movement among an unengaged Muslim population. On Saturday night (11/16), Great Valley will host "Mission Possible," a church family event featuring a Jeopardy-style game with food and desserts. On Sunday morning, World Outreach Missionary Rob Antonucci will present during the Christian Education hour. To learn more about the events (and prepare yourself for Jeopardy!), look for "Fun Facts" on the clipboards in your pews throughout October.

Getting to Know Great Valley

November 3 & 10

11:30am - 1:00pm

Are you wondering about the community of believers called Great Valley? Do you have questions about who we are, what we believe, and how we do ministry? Perhaps you are wondering how to become a member. *Getting to Know Great Valley* is for people with questions. It is also the most common path people take to join Great Valley.

This year we are offering a two-part class. Each class will be 1 ½ hours in length. The classes will be led by Pastor Keith but will also include other members of the congregation. A light lunch will be provided.

We believe it is important that all who become a part of this congregation have some basic common information about what we believe and how we function as a congregation. Being a part of this class does not commit anyone to becoming a member of this congregation but it does give people an opportunity to hear what Jesus is doing in this place.

Yes, I/We would like to participate in the Getting to Know Great Valley Class.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____