

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*
Week of October 6, 2019

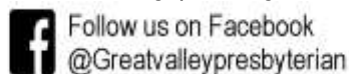
Sun 6	6:00pm	G3 Youth Group
Mon 7	9:30am	ToolBelt Team
	7:00pm	Preschool Committee Meeting
	7:00pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Wed 9	7:30pm	Christian Education Committee Meeting
Thurs 10	7:00am	Men's Bible Study
	9:15am	Women's Bible Study
	6:45pm	twenty – Dinner and Bible Study for Young Adults
	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sat 12	8:45am	Good Works Work Day (Phoenixville)
	9:00am	Great Valley Prayer
Sun 13	9:00am	Christian Education Hour
	10:00am	Corporate Worship
	11:15am	Haiti 2020 Informational Meeting (Library)

* 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.

STAFF

Pastor	Keith Fink
Director of Ministries	Jim Shackleton
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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.



Great Valley is a member congregation
 of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019

The Way We Could Be

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude	Prayer for Peace – Demorest
Welcome and Announcements	
Call to Worship	
Song	Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him – #4
Responsive Reading	from Psalm 150
Song	Revelation Song
Confession of Sin	
Unison Affirmation of Forgiveness	Acts 10:43
Song	Gloria Patri – #558
Prayers of the People	
Offertory	Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
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	Jeremiah 31:31-34 – Bob Irvine
Message	Rev. Keith Fink
Receiving the Word with Meekness	
James 1:19-21	
Song	Blessed Redeemer

WE CELEBRATE AT GOD'S TABLE

Sacrament of Communion

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

Song	"Man of Sorrows," What a Name – #136
Benediction	
Postlude	Hark! Ten Thousand Voices – Mansfield

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: Lynne Shackleton.

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

Jr. Church (*1st - 4th graders*) in the Library of the Children's Wing. 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: Peggy Gould.

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

Greeters – Today's greeter is Glenn Anderson.

Flowers – The flowers this morning are given by Bruce and Lynn Vessey in memory of all emergency service providers who have lost their lives in the line of service.

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 Karen Erickson 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 feel free to 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

Good Works

October 12

Please consider volunteering with the Good Works team next Saturday from 8:45am to 3:30pm. The team is hoping to finish their current projects at a Phoenixville home that has many needs. You will have the opportunity to learn new skills while helping a neighbor have a warmer, safer and drier home.

Consider inviting a friend, co-worker, or teenage son or daughter to join you. Lunch will be provided! Contact Brian Gilbert with questions and for directions to the work site.

Missionary Society

October 16

This month, Missionary Society welcomes Liz Loeffler to speak about her unique relationship with Entrust through Greater Europe Mission (GEM).

Entrust began 40 years ago as a multi-mission effort providing comprehensive training for pastors and church leaders who were denied training by antagonistic communist governments. The model of training adopted was small group facilitated, interactive learning. Liz's mission is with Entrust's Women-to-Women Ministry Training. For the past 30 years, Liz has traveled to many countries to equip women to serve in shepherd roles.

Join us Wednesday, October 16; devotions and a brief business meeting begin at 10:30am, with Liz's message at 11:00, followed by lunch at noon. See Paul or Susan Toms with any questions.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

October 19

The deacons are organizing *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* for Saturday, October 19th; it is a great chance to get to know other members of the Great Valley community with a time of food and fellowship. The "Hosts" will contact their "Guests" to bring an item to dinner, but the catch is they will not tell who else is coming! You can either sign up to host or be a guest on the clipboards in your pew or at gvpres.org/sign-up; contact Sharon Harmon or Jackie Welle with questions.

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 on Tuesday, October 22 at 7:30pm at the home of Kathy Anderson in West Chester. Questions? Contact Carol Jones.

Thanks!

Irene and Jim Lackman want to thank Great Valley for all your loving support. We are grateful for your continuous prayers, your cards, and your flowers. We are blessed. Thank you!

Philadelphia Homeless Run Update

As winter approaches, the PHR team is seeking food donations for the remainder of 2019. The team specifically requests large 49oz cans of tuna, peanut butter or cheese crackers, and hard candies, which can be purchased in bulk at Costco or BJ's. Place your donations in the PHR basket in Dickerson Hall. Your generosity will go a long way in helping us engage with the homeless population in Philadelphia as we show the love of Christ through our words and deeds.

Life Chain

Today

Today is the day for Life Chain! By participating in this event, you may be an instrument in helping to save a baby's life. Participants will stand peacefully and in a spirit of prayer from 2:30 to 3:00pm, uniting with thousands of families and individuals throughout the nation. Sign distribution will begin at 2:15pm in the parking lot in front of the Paoli CVS (near the intersection of 30 and 252). You are invited to take part in witnessing to our belief in the sanctity of human life

Financial Report

September 2019

Contributions to Great Valley's general fund in September totaled \$46,829, which was lower than expected given there were 5 Sundays in September. However, our income is still \$14,316 over budget year-to-date. As we start the 4th quarter there will be many opportunities to be good stewards of the time, talent and treasure that God has blessed us with. May we be responsive to the Spirit's leading individually and corporately.

Unified Budget Operations/Ministries	September	Year-to-Date
Budget Target*	\$ 53,600	\$ 452,250**
Actual Contributions	46,829	466,566
Over/(Under) Budget	\$ (6,771)	\$ 14,316

*Based upon historical giving patterns

**Represents 67.5% of the \$670,000 budget target for 2019

Election Materials

Voter registration applications, along with absentee ballots, are available in Dickerson Hall. The Absentee ballot application form can also be downloaded from votespa.com/applyabsentee. Please contact Donna Faunce with questions.

Haiti 2020

February 14th to February 21st, 2020

This note is an **invitation to you** to consider our next visit to our sister churches in Haiti!

Through Reciprocal Ministries Incorporated (RMI, facilitator of the sister church program), Great Valley is continuing its relationship with our Cance District churches in southwestern Haiti, which goes back to the early 1980's. Following our trip in January of 2019, we are now putting together a follow-up team for February 2020 to continue the growth and direction of this church-to-church reciprocal relationship.

We continue to underscore 'education' as our long term emphasis. Many of you support the [Hope for Kidz](#) program that provides school costs (not just education, but clothes, daily lunch, and more ... we are sponsoring 121 children in 2019) for children in this district. In that light, our efforts in February 2020 have the advantage of having school in session while we're there. During this trip, we are considering:

- Meeting with RMI and leaders of the six schools to learn about needs for future consideration of GVPC support.
- Being a part of the beginning of a new school building at a Cance District Satellite School in Barthe. GVPC is supporting the construction of this six classroom building (the old school was destroyed in a hurricane mid 2010's), beginning with a new foundation that will be underway during our visit. We hope to have the opportunity to look in on other schools as well.
- Distributing food boxes, goats, or water filters throughout the communities that we visit as a blessing relating to sister church relationship.
- Putting faces to our Hope for Kidz students ... getting fresh pictures of our sponsored children, delivering and receiving notes, or simply making a 'presence' connection.

Any two or three of these efforts would tie together nicely, particularly in getting a more thorough idea of how we would further support these churches and schools, and how we might tailor an education plan for the long term (including subsequent visits). Here in Southeastern Pennsylvania, we live in an area that prizes education. Now we get an opportunity to further a Christ-centered education to our brothers and sisters in a drastically different culture.

Consider joining us for an informational meeting next Sunday after our worship service in the library (October 13 at 11:15am). We'll talk financials, details of preparation (including monthly meetings), and answer many questions. There is much to share!

The deadline to sign up to be a part of the team is **Sunday, November 3rd.**

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.

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

Lynn Newhouse, Novo, serving missionaries based in Southeast Asia – Lynn and husband TK left the US on September 3rd to begin an extended trip to Southeast Asia. TK's goal was to explore ways he can re-engage in the area, and Lynn led the Journey Deeper Network in Phnom Penh. Lynn was excited that six of the nine facilitators were Korean and that they planned to have a separate track for Korean speakers. This "kick-off" retreat sets the scene for all others that follow, introducing important concepts and establishing strong interactive small groups.

Pray that this training will continue to impact the learners long after the event is over. Pray also for Lynn's work as she develops internet coaching sessions; this is being done specifically for three couples in the Middle East. You may read Lynn's entire letter posted on the board in Dickerson Hall or read her bio by visiting the Missions page at gvpres.org.

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. 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.