

# Happy Birthday Paul!



Celebrating Paul Parker's 80th birthday and many accomplishments,  
President of Music Publishers Inc. and private instructor.

Come help us celebrate Paul Parker's gift of music and many accomplishments at  
a public reception next Sunday  
**Sunday, January 15th, 2012,**  
**Following 9:30 am service (10:30am),**  
Gretna United Methodist Church.

Friends and family are welcome to attend.  
Come listen as he shares his gift of music at our worship service at 9:30.

*Would you like to purchase your own CD featuring Paul's music? More CDs are  
available.*

## Our Mission:

Gretna United Methodist Church is a community of Christian faith  
*where God's family grows together* through

- Genuine connection,
- Inspiring Worship,
- Meaningful Service, and
- Christ-Centered Education and Activities

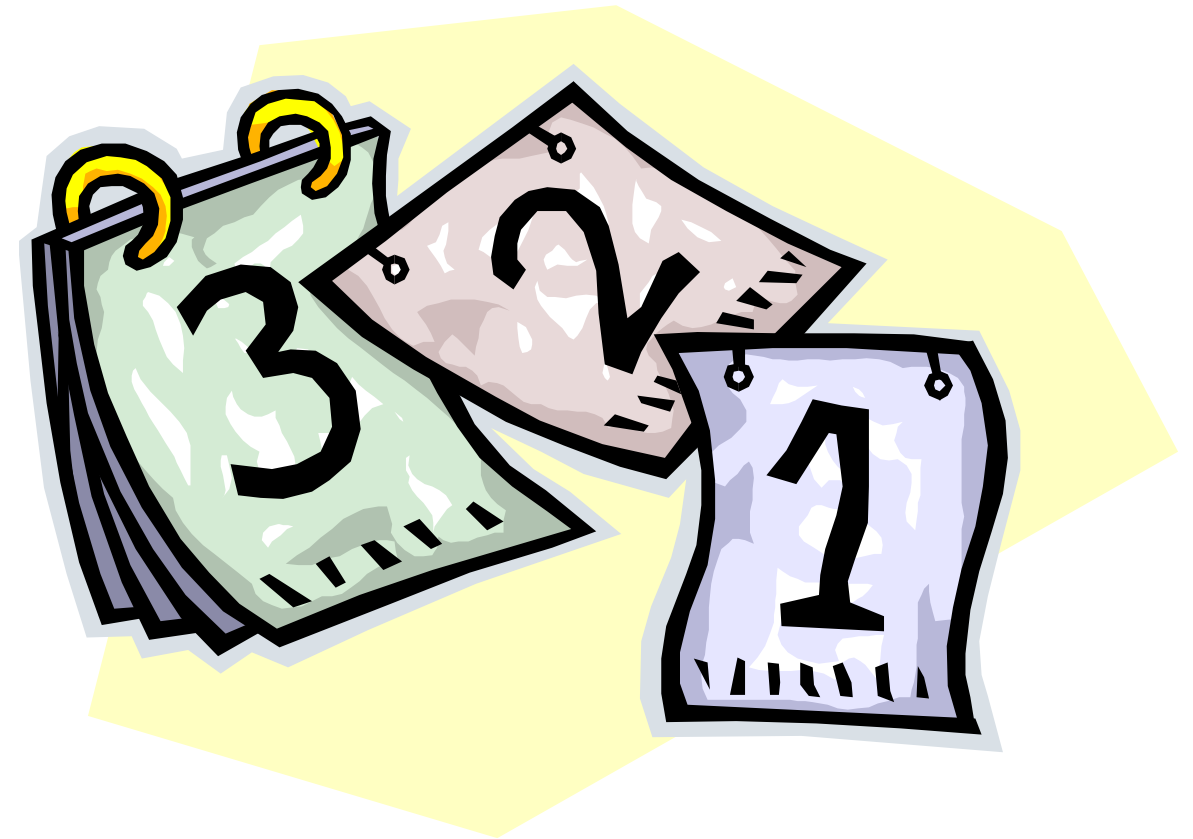
# GREटना UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Where God's Family Grows Together

January 8, 2012

Baptism of the Lord

9:30 am service



**A NEW YOU for a NEW YEAR**

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# CELEBRATING THE LIFE, MINISTRY, AND RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting	<i>Please sign attendance card</i>
*Opening Chorus: Thou Art Worthy	<i>FWS pg. 2041</i>
*Call to Worship	<i>Printed on opposite page</i>
*Hymn: Morning Has Broken	<i>UMH pg. 145</i>
*Prayer	<i>Printed on opposite page</i>
*Gloria Patri	
Children's Message/Prayer	
Hymn: Open My Eyes, That I May See	<i>UMH pg. 454</i>
Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer (on screen)	
Offering	
Offertory	
*Doxology – Give Thanks (With a Grateful Heart)	<i>TFWS pg. 2036</i>
*Prayer of Thanksgiving	
Special Music: Joyful Noise Handbells	<i>Adagio by Mozart</i>
Old Testament Reading	<i>Numbers 13:17-20,27-28,30-31</i>
Hymn: Open Our Eyes, Lord	<i>TFWS pg. 2086</i>
*Gospel	<i>Mark 1:4-11</i>
Message: What You See Is What You Get	
*Closing Hymn: Be Thou My Vision	<i>UMH pg. 451</i>
*Benediction	
*Musical Benediction: As a Fire Is Meant for Burning, v.1 and 2	<i>TFWS pg. 2237</i>
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*Please stand if you are able	

## Call to Worship adapted from the Book of Worship 310

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts.

**Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil.**

Eternal Power, be our Support.

**Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.**

Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us.

**Eternal Love, hold us in the palm of your hand.**

Lead us so that with all our heart and mind and soul and strength we would seek your face, O Lord.

**By your infinite mercy, bring us into your holy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## Prayer Traditional prayer from Pakistan

O Creator and mighty God,

You have promised strength for the weak,

Rest for the laborers, light for the way,

Grace for the trials, help from above,

Unfailing sympathy, undying love.

O Creator and mighty God,

Help us to continue in your promise. Amen.

## Helping in the Service Today:

Ministers: The Congregation

Pastor: Janice Japp

Ushers: Dwight & Caryn Siebler

Greeters: James & Cheryl Withers

Acolytes: Patrick Osborn & Nolan Epps

Childcare: Janna Giles

Organist: Paul Parker

Sound Tech: Michael Ray

Comp. Pres: Nathan Ray

Hosp. Set-Up: Jackie Siebels

Visitor Follow-up: Jeff Spilinek & Tom Walsh

Fellowship Hosts: January– Last Names Beginning with  
I, J, K, L & Senior High Youth



*UMH = United Methodist Hymnal*

*TFWS = The Faith We Sing Hymnal*

**This month's rotation: Miracles- Jesus Heals Man Let Down Through Roof  
Meet in the sanctuary at the time the bell rings.  
The Shepherds will take your children to their correct classes.**

**Memory Verse: Serve one another in love ~Galatians 5:13**

**January 8<sup>th</sup> Schedule: Rotation Sunday School (grades K-5):**

GRADE	PLACE	SHEPHERDS
Kindergarten & 1 <sup>st</sup> grade	HolyWord Theater	Cindy Walsh
2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	Garden of Eatin'	Charlotte VerMaas
3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> grades	Creation Station	Ron & Nan Spier

This month's Rotation teachers are:

Creation Station (Science): Melody Cejka  
Garden of Eatin' Angie Rosenboom & Jamie Hamm  
HolyWord Theater: Doug Osborn

Thank you to all our teachers & volunteers! To volunteer, contact Marcy Miles at 402-740-0152.

Janna Giles is in the Toy Zone (our nursery in the Education hallway) during the Sunday school hour to provide care for children aged 2 and under.

**Preschoolers** - Meet in the Cross Training Room right next to the Toy Zone Nursery room with Jacy Lee, Kara Johnson, and Lenny VerMaas as teachers.

Bible Point: Jesus can do anything.

Bible Verse: *I can do everything thru Christ who gives me strength. ~adapted from Philippians 4:13*

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**Sunday School classes are also offered for our middle school and senior high youth and adults at 10:45**

**Senior High** meet in their room on the opposite side of the fellowship hall from the sanctuary. Jeff & Shirley Boyer lead this class with our youth.

**6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade** students meet next to senior high with Renee Spilinek as their leader.

**8<sup>th</sup> grade** students will begin a special Confirmation series on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

**8:30 am - The Life Change Bible class (adults)** meets in the library.

**10:45 am - The Seekers class (adults)** meets in the library. The Seekers will begin an new study on "Journey to Discipleship"

## Gretna United Methodist Church

*We welcome everyone to the worship service and extend a warm welcome to all visitors. If you are visiting, we thank you for being our guest! Please join us after the service in the Fellowship Hall directly across from the sanctuary. We want to get to know you.*

*Please fill out the Attendance Card and place it in the offering plate after the prayers of the people and the Lord's prayer. Member or visitor, we like to know you were here.*

### Joys and Concerns

*Prayers:*

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**Prayer is powerful!!**--You are invited to be included in the prayer chain of the Gretna United Methodist Church. We all have witnessed the power of prayer. If you would like to be a part of this ongoing prayer chain, call Jan Spurgeon at 332-3088. We also have an email only part of the prayer group. You can be on both the phone and email lists or just one. If you want to be a part of the email group, send your email address to Jan Spurgeon at [djspurg@cox.net](mailto:djspurg@cox.net). Also if you have a concern or joy or know of someone who does, please share this with the prayer chain. Just call Jan Spurgeon at 332-3088, the church office at 332-3213, Ardis Enstrom 332-3854 or you can email Jan at the above address. We are looking forward to adding you to our prayer chain.  
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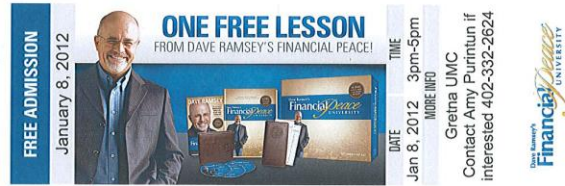
### **A.E.D. has arrived!**

The Memorial committee has purchased an A.E.D. (automated external defibrillator) for our church. This is like the ones used in schools and businesses. It is simple to use by almost anyone, as it talks you through each step. We will have a training session on its use, for anyone interested, so that you will feel confident to use it, if it is ever necessary. This demonstration will be held on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, following church service, during the fellowship time and Sunday School hour. Then we will all pray we never have a need to use it.  
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### **Pointsettias**

If you ordered a pointsettia(s) please pick up your flower(s). Leftover pointsettisa will be donated. Thank you.

## Small Groups and Studies



**STOP WORRYING ABOUT MONEY!!** More than one million families have attended *Financial Peace University* with amazing results. On average, these families paid off \$5,300 in debt and saved \$2,700 in just the first 90 days! Stop worrying about money, and start your journey to Financial Peace today. Gretna United Methodist Church will be offering FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY **beginning TODAY!** We will be meeting on Sunday afternoons from 3PM to 5PM. The class meets for 13 weeks, and the membership kit fee is \$109. (GREAT GIFT FOR SOMEONE YOU LOVE!!) In 13 action-packed lessons, you'll learn how to beat debt, build wealth, find bargains, invest for the future, give like never before, and much more! This information will change your life. Once you are a member, you have lifetime access to all the class material. Childcare will be offered, but those needing childcare need to let us know. Please contact Michael Ray or Amy Purintun for more information about this class.

**Come today for 1 free session-no obligation to continue.**

And, if you are a graduate of FPU, or if you simply feel generous, and would like to help with scholarships for interested students, please contact Pastor Janice.

**James Bible Study**...begins January 11<sup>th</sup>, all women are invited to attend this 8 week session. Contact Amy Purintun with questions. Wednesdays, 9am-11am.



The newly formed "**BOOMER PLUS**" group will meet next Sunday, January 15, 2012 at 5:30pm for a soup supper and table games evening. If you are interested in joining please contact Carol Doolittle at 402-332-4145 or nanadoo3@gmail.com. We will need an approximate number for food.

**The Upper Room daily devotional** guides for January/February now are available to you by the bulletin board near the narthex.

## Calendar of Events - Weeks of January 1, 201 thru January 31, 2012

|                           |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun (8 <sup>th</sup> )    | 10:45am<br>3:00pm-5:00pm                                         | Sunday School Resumes<br>8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Session<br>Financial Peace University                                                                                       |
| Mon (9 <sup>th</sup> )    | 7:00pm                                                           | Joyful Noise Handbell Practice                                                                                                                                                          |
| Wed (11 <sup>th</sup> )   | 9am-11am<br>11:15-12:15<br>5:45pm<br>6:30pm<br>7:30pm            | Women's Bible Study<br>Prayer Time-everyone is Welcome<br>Generations Handbell Choir practice<br>Team 4:12 and SWAT- Pizza and lesson<br>Choir Practice                                 |
| Thurs (12 <sup>th</sup> ) | 7:00pm                                                           | SPRC meeting                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Fri (13 <sup>th</sup> )   | 5:30pm-8:00pm                                                    | Library program                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Sat (14 <sup>th</sup> )   | 12:00pm-5:00pm                                                   | Fellowship hall used by Marcia Whitmore                                                                                                                                                 |
| Sun (15 <sup>th</sup> )   | 8:30am<br>10:45am<br>3:00pm-5:00pm<br>5:30pm                     | Team 4:12 Breakfast<br>8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Session<br>Financial Peace University<br>Boomers Plus group                                                                   |
| Mon(16 <sup>th</sup> )    | All Day<br>7:00pm<br>8:00pm                                      | Office Closed in observance of holiday<br>Finance Committee Meeting<br>Ad Council Meeting                                                                                               |
| Tues(17 <sup>th</sup> )   | All Day                                                          | Pastor out at Clergy Meeting                                                                                                                                                            |
| Wed (18 <sup>th</sup> )   | All Day<br>9am-11am<br>11:15-12:15<br>5:45pm<br>6:30pm<br>7:30pm | Pastor out at Clergy Meeting<br>Women's Bible Study<br>Prayer Time-everyone is Welcome<br>Generations Handbell Choir practice<br>Team 4:12 and SWAT- Pizza and lesson<br>Choir Practice |
| Thurs (19 <sup>th</sup> ) | All Day                                                          | Pastor out at Clergy Meeting                                                                                                                                                            |
| Fri (20 <sup>th</sup> )   | All Day                                                          | Pastor out at Clergy Meeting                                                                                                                                                            |
| Sun (22 <sup>nd</sup> )   | 9:30am<br>10:45am<br>3:00pm-5:00pm                               | Historical Speaker- Cherrie Beam-Clarke<br>8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Session<br>Financial Peace University                                                                     |
| Mon (23 <sup>rd</sup> )   | 7:00pm                                                           | Joyful Noise Handbell Practice                                                                                                                                                          |
| Wed (25 <sup>th</sup> )   | 9am-11am<br>11:15-12:15<br>5:45pm<br>6:30pm<br>7:30pm            | Women's Bible Study<br>Prayer Time-everyone is Welcome<br>Generations Handbell Choir practice<br>Team 4:12 and SWAT- Pizza and lesson<br>Choir Practice                                 |
| Sun(29 <sup>th</sup> )    | 9:30am<br>10:45am<br>3:00pm-5:00pm<br>4:00pm-7:00pm              | Praise Band-UNK<br>8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Session<br>Financial Peace University<br>District Workshops                                                                       |
| Mon(30 <sup>th</sup> )    | 7:00pm                                                           | Joyful Noise Handbell Practice                                                                                                                                                          |