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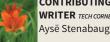
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I'M EXCITED TO TRANSITION from assistant/sports content coordinator to content coordinator for Gettysburg Neighbors! I've been a part of this community for most of my life, retired from Adams Electric Cooperative after 25 years of service and raised my son, Matthew Doran, right here in Gettysburg.

This month, we've got some awesome stuff lined up for you. We're shining a spotlight on 3 amazing volunteers from the Barlow Fire Department. Check out our pet corner where we've got an adorable cat up for adoption. Plus, we have 2 featured athletes and a coach in the sports section that you won't want to miss.

I encourage all of you to get involved and contribute to your local magazine. Nominate your neighbors or even yourself to be our featured family or recommend amazing athletes in our community for articles. We love showcasing residents from all walks of life, whether they're new or have been here forever and athletes of all abilities. It's the people like you who make Gettysburg such an awesome place to live, work, and raise a family, and what makes Gettysburg Neighbors so special.

If you're part of a club, social group, or charity organization that's all about having fun or giving back, we want to hear from you too. Share your experiences, photos, and/or invite others to join in on the fun. Our calendar of events listings are free and we'll include as many as we can. You can also share your kids' accomplishments and school events that your family is involved in.

Don't forget about our pet corner! We want to introduce your adorable pets to the Gettysburg community, and we'll even be highlighting some furry friends who are looking for their forever homes. Whether you've got a cat, dog, amphibian, or any other type of pet, we want to hear what makes them special to you.

I look forward to providing a magazine that is a true reflection of our amazing community. Get involved, share your stories, and let's make Gettysburg Neighbors the best it can be!







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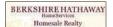


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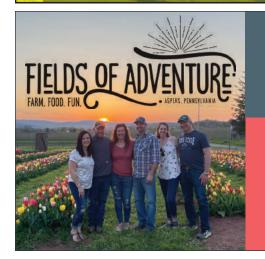
n honor of Saint Patty's Day here is my recipe for a DIY version of McDonald's Shamrock Shake. What I love most about this is the ability to adjust the amount of peppermint for my children's sake!

- Vanilla Ice Cream (about 2 cups)
- 1/2 cup of heavy cream
- 1/2 teaspoon of peppermint extract (feel free to add more to taste!)
- Drops of green food coloring to desired color (I use
- Whipped cream for topping
- · Maraschino Cherry for topping

In a blender combine the ice cream, heavy cream, peppermint, and food coloring. **I would add small amounts of peppermint and adjust to taste, the peppermint can become overpowering quickly!**

Pour into a glass and add the whipped cream and cherries.





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Power Greens Soup: **A Crock Pot** Recipe By Jill Rickle

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 medium diced green pepper
- · 1 small onion diced

Add to crock pot:

- 32 oz. reduced sodium beef broth
- · 3 cups tomato juice
- 12 oz. fresh or frozen riced cauliflower
- 10 oz. fresh super power shredded mix(shredded brussel sprouts, cabbage, kohlrabi, broccoli, carrots & kale) broccoli slaw OR shredded cabbage
- · 1 bay leaf
- 1 tsp. thyme
- 1½ tsp. ground cinnamon
- · 1 tbsp. chili powder
- · 2 tsp. garlic powder

Cook on low for 4-6 hours or until vegetables are tender. Brown ground beef with onion and green pepper. Drain. Serve sprinkled with Parmesan cheese, if desired Place in crockpot. Enjoy!



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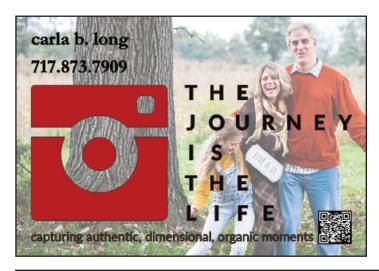
ADAMS COUNTY OFFICE FOR AGING VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Submitted by Linda Thompson, Community Services Director



he Adams County Office for Aging, Inc. (ACOFA) is hosting knowledgeable volunteers who will prepare and file federal, state and local tax returns for adults 60 and over with low to moderate levels of income. The program is being offered again under the umbrella of the United Way of Adams County's VITATCE program.

VITA stands for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and TCE stands for Tax Counseling for the Elderly – ACOFA's program hosted by the United Way of Adams County. VITA also serves



Spanish-speaking individuals at Manos Unidas in Gettysburg. The ACOFA office at 318 W. Middle Street in Gettysburg will serve as the site for people age 60 plus.

Taxpayers MUST make an appointment and bring all tax documents to ACOFA on the appointment date. Appointments will be scheduled on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from Feb. 6 through April 10 th . Please call ACOFA at 717-334-9296 or 1-800-548-3240 to schedule an appointment. Appointment slots are limited and will fill quickly. If you have investments and are waiting for documents, please schedule an appointment for late March or early April to make sure you have everything you need. If you are under age 60 and fall within the income eligibility threshold (less than \$60,000 per year), please call the United Way to schedule your appointment at 717-334-5809. If you are seeking services in Spanish, please contact Manos Unidas at 717- 334-1498.

Please bring a copy of last year's return and check to be sure you have received all the needed forms and documents - Federal, State, Local and Property Tax Rebate. In addition, please bring:

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- 2. Social security card OR social security number on a W-2 or 1099 for all names (including dependents) listed on the return.
- 3. If filing a joint return, BOTH spouses should be present unless unable to travel.
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By Timothy O'Brien

ust a light dusting, that's what I heard him say, his predictions were usually accurate, unfortunately not that day! The storm traveled up from the states below, riding the jet stream out of the Gulf of Mexico.

As my wife prepared a pot of my favorite brew, I peered out the window just dreading what I needed to do. Realizing it was time to get off my keister. I gallantly suited up to battle this Nor'easter.

From my foyer's view I quietly reflected on the sights and sounds of this winter's blast. The wind was rumbling as the snow punished the glass. The broom and shovel were my weapons of choice. I opened the door to the howling wind of my opponent's voice.

My face was immediately struck with an arctic blow, coupled with a buckshot of frozen snow. I cleared the porch a little bit, just enough for my old rocker to fit. Although physically fit, I needed to sit a bit.

I heard the neighbor crying because his blower was out of gas. Kids were cheering because they canceled class. People were talking about the updated forecast, and how the accumulation compared to the blizzards from the past. Car wheels were spinning ridiculously fast, two wheel drive couldn't handle the task.

The tires were moving but the car wouldn't go, he was racing his engine for ten minutes or so, one tire was smoking and the tail pipe had a cherry red glow, I couldn't believe this knucklehead didn't know, he wasn't moving without a tow!

Drifting snow made it difficult to find the original pathway. I finally got the porch cleared to the entrance way. At this pace I wouldn't be done till the end of the day. As I proceeded down, I was determined to reclaim my pristine ground. The brutal wind sounded like a medieval battle cry, it cut like a dagger across my right eye. I lowered my head and let out a sigh. My vision was blurred with tears frozen dry.

Shoveling and shoveling my wall was over five feet high. I thought I was spry for an older guy, until my feet and hands turned bitter cold, and my lower extremities felt arthritic and old. I shouted. I hope this is the last, it'll probably be June before we see the grass. I leaned on my shovel for a moment to rest, our street looked like a beautiful mess.

My wife enticed me in with a warm smile and a cup of hot joe. Man it felt good to get out of the snow! I took refuge in my recliner along with a pill for the pain, while wishing for this crap to turn to rain!

Our local meteorologist is predicting a fast moving clipper by the weekend. He claims the weather satellite shows a rather weak blend, and perhaps a new trend. A mixture of light rain and sleet, that probably won't even stick to the concrete.

I gotta bad feeling we'll wake up to a heavy snow and gale force winds a gusting! Looks like another light dusting. •



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Barlow Fire Company BY JILL RICKLE PHOTOS BY CARLA B. LONG

hrough their shared experiences, volunteer firefighters form unbreakable bonds, relying on each other like true family. Firefighting requires specialized skills, intensive training, and an unselfish commitment to community service. However, their commitment to volunteer firefighting often means sacrificing precious time with their loved ones.

Barlow Fire Department, Station 22, in Adams County, is led by 3 chiefs who bring an impressive amount of experience, knowledge and commitment as they serve their neighbors and community; Chief Eric Hubbard, Deputy Chief James Turner and Assistant Chief Joe Robinson.

Eric is a 33-year volunteer and a 3rd-generation volunteer fireman. His daughter, Madeline, 24, is following in his footsteps and volunteers as a support member of Barlow Fire Department. Eric's Dad, grandfather, and 2 great uncles were all active volunteer firefighters and his mother was a ladies auxiliary member. Eric, a Mount Joy Township resident, is married to his wife of 12 years, Jen, and together they have a 4-year old daughter. The Hubbard's have a 4 year old black lab and 6 month old rescued German shepherd-pitbull mix. Eric enjoys spending time with his family and occasionally golf in his free time.

As the Fire Chief, Eric is the lead commanding officer on Barlow's emergency calls but his responsibilities extend far beyond responding to calls. He oversees all of the operational side of the company including vehicle, apparatus and equipment maintenance; scheduling training for the company members; completing required paperwork; fielding phone calls; attending meetings; and more for the operation of the company.

Eric has worked at Comcast for 27 years as a construction specialist yet still finds time to spend an average of 20-25 hours per week at his volunteer fire chief 'job.' Along with the other chiefs, Eric mentioned, "I couldn't volunteer without the support of my wife (Jen) and the understanding of my family. They make it possible for me to answer the call when my neighbors and community need assistance."



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Chief Eric Hubbard



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Eric recalled a memorable land rescue, "It was a multiple agency call at Devil's Den. That area can be particularly challenging and looking back, it was a difficult situation with a positive outcome. Unfortunately, not all calls end that way."

Deputy Chief James Turner ("Turner") joined the fire department 30 years ago as a way to serve and give back to the community he calls home. His father was a volunteer firefighter so deciding to volunteer at the fire company was a logical choice. A service advisor at Gene Latta Ford, Turner has 2 daughters, ages 13 and 16. In his spare time, he enjoys camping with his family, especially over Halloween.

As the deputy chief, Turner is second in command at Barlow Fire Department and the commanding officer on Barlow's calls if the chief isn't there. In addition to the calls, Turner mentioned, "We attend numerous meetings weekly and monthly; oversee monthly duty nights where all vehicles, apparatus and equipment is thoroughly checked and tested; and I assist Eric in the operation of the fire company."

Turner finds his biggest challenge balancing family, work and volunteering but knows he's responding to help people, often, "In someone's worst moment. They are frequently our neighbors and friends, and we're there to help. There are times it's very challenging because you know the people/person, but also gratifying to help."

Assistant Fire Chief Joe Robinson is also a 3rd generation firefighter. A lifelong Gettysburg resident, Joe, a sales analyst for UNFI, and his wife of 33 years, Jenni, have 2 children and 3 grandchildren. Their son, Jared, is a volunteer firefighter with United Hook & Ladder and their daughter, Jenna, belongs to Barlow Fire Company, helping to maintain the company's website.

Growing up around the Gettysburg Fire Department where his father and uncle were members, it only seemed natural to Joe that he volunteer within fire departments also. As Joe transitioned into his Assistant Chief position, he took to heart an important piece of advice he received from a mentor, "Congratulations...and always remember that your first and foremost responsibility is that everyone on the call goes home safely."

As the Assistant Fire Chief, Joe is the officer in charge on Barlow's calls if the Chief or Deputy Chief are not on the call and added, "I also spend time over the weekend looking for and applying for grant money for Barlow. The actual calls can last hours, like fighting a fire, or sometimes shorter medical assist calls, but it all requires additional time and work when we get back to the station."

Among the most common calls Barlow receives are traffic incidents and Joe recalled one, saying, "Often, you go on a traffic accident call and help someone in an unfortunate situation and never see them again or even know the outcome. There was a particularly bad accident I responded to and the male patient was flown to York Hospital. Several months later, while working at the fire company's carnival, a lady walked up to me and asked me if I was Joe Robinson. After replying yes, the woman asked if she could give me a hug, explaining, her husband was the patient from that accident. The doctors told her that had it not been for my actions at the scene, her husband probably wouldn't have survived. It's those moments that make the hard work and time away from my family worth it."

Eric and Joe jointly explained, "Volunteering and being in a line officer position includes varying amounts of post-call time, including overseeing clean-up and completing the required paperwork. Some after call work is much more detailed than others, but it's all time consuming. It's often the behind-the-scenes requirements that need the most attention. Training, fundraising, certifications, and paperwork all require a time commitment." Turner agreed that it's more than responding to calls, "Finding a balance between work, family and volunteering can be challenging, especially when you accept a line officer position on a volunteer-basis."

Interestingly, all 3 chiefs agree on the biggest challenges and changes facing not only Barlow but most all volunteer departments, "The decline in active, certified members and the struggle to recruit and retain certified members," was how Eric explained it. In their 90+ years combined years of volunteering, the Barlow fire chiefs have seen vast improvements in the equipment, the apparatus



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From L to R: James Turner with his daughters; Eric's daughter sporting her Company #22 hat; The Robinson Family; The Hubbard Family

and especially the safety equipment available which makes their jobs easier; however, they all revert back to the need for certified volunteers to answer the calls. Their equipment and apparatus need certified firefighters to operate them. Eric emphasized, "There is a role for everybody to volunteer at the fire department!"

In closing, I asked all 3 Chiefs what they'd wish for the future of Barlow Fire Department. All three agreed and said, "Manpower and funding. Firefighting training is not easy and there's a significant time commitment to become and stay certified but the rewards are far-reaching. As a firefighter you not only gain a new 'family' but have the opportunity to selflessly help your community, often at a time when they need it most!" Joe paused, then added, "Truthfully, we all feel it's most importantly the on-going safety and prosperity for each of our members. Everyone going home safely after a call is something money can't replace so that's definitely the on-going hope for Barlow Fire Department!" •





Left: Jared Robinson with his father, Assistant Chief Joe Robinson. Abové: **Barlow Fire Department training**

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Internet Access & Wi-Fi What you need to know!

By Aysë Stenabaugh

here are a few aspects to internet access that are helpful to understand.

You need the internet as a service, supplied by an internet service provider such as Comcast or Brightspeed. Next, you'll need network equipment which includes at least a modem, which may or may not be provided by your Internet Service provider (ISP). Lastly, you have the equipment/devices that you are connecting to the internet, such as wired or wireless devices like computers, cell phones, tablets and/or televisions.

It can be helpful to know how all of this works together especially if you encounter a problem and don't know where to start. Without an ISP, you can still connect your devices to one another, however, you won't be able to connect to the World Wide Web, access websites or perform internet-dependent tasks such as checking your email. In our local area, Comcast and BrightSpeed (formerly Centurylink) are the most common home internet providers though they are not the only options.

When choosing an internet provider, you first need to research which providers are available in your area. Once you know what is available, you can compare the prices of the different plans as well as the internet speeds that are being offered. Some internet providers will require you to commit to a contract or a certain period of service length to quality for special pricing.

Once you choose an ISP, you typically have the option to rent their equipment or purchase your own. Most internet providers charge a rental fee for equipment, so it is important to decide ahead of time which option is right for you. If you decide to purchase and supply your own equipment, you will pay more up front costs but save on monthly fees in the long term. If you buy your own equipment you will have more options available to you which may be important to you if you are planning to utilize special features (this won't apply to most users). If you purchase your own equipment you will also want to ensure that your device is compatible with both your service provider and that it supports the speeds that your plan provides.

Internet access doesn't automatically mean you will have access to wifi. Most internet modems have built-in wifi support, but some provide wired access only. Many modems that provide wifi don't have very strong antennas. If you find that the wireless internet signal is weak, you can upgrade your equipment or connect either a router or a repeater to extend wireless access.



Modern modems and routers may support multiple network bands including 2.4 GHz, 5 GHz, and wifi 6. Your modem or router and the equipment that you are connecting to the internet need to have support for your network band. Older devices won't have support for wifi 6 and many devices such as smart devices still require 2.4 GHz networks. This may be in part because despite supporting lower network speeds, the range and ability to penetrate walls is the greatest with a 2.4 GHz network.

So, what can you do if you are experiencing a problem with your network or wifi access? First, keep in mind that network or wifi access does not automatically mean that you have internet access. To troubleshoot your issue you should first restart your modem by disconnecting power to the modem, waiting 30 seconds, and reconnecting power. Your modem can take up to 5 minutes to reboot. If you still don't have internet access, test other devices to see if one of your devices is not connected or all of them. If you only have one device to test with or if none of your devices are functioning on the internet, you may be experiencing an internet outage or equipment failure. If you are experiencing issues with only one device it may be your device that is having a hardware or software conflict. Always be very cautious when troubleshooting internet issues and when you know your device is working on other networks. •





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This boy is as sweet as they come, loves to cuddle, play, and just be with you. He does seem to have sensitivity to preservatives in any type of cat food other than freeze dried raw. He is doing great on this diet, but would need to stay on that diet most likely for life. He would love to have another cat

companion, but due to his special diet and that he likes to pick on his food all day it may be tricky to pair him up with another cat.

He recently had a dental cleaning and is ready for his new home. You can make arrangements to come and meet him by contacting Diane at 516-351-7594. A vet reference is required. Diane has been rescuing cats for numerous years and is in the process of setting up her new charitable foundation, "All For The Love Of Cats." ●

All for the love of cats' main focus is on TNR (trap, neuter, return) in addition to providing food for the caregivers of small cat colonies. Occasionally, they will remove friendly, very young, very old or very ill cats from the colony to socialize them and hopefully give them a better life as a house cat. They also will have a sanctuary set up for cats that are no longer able to be colony cats due to age, disabilities or illnesses that need constant treatment and with the extra care can continue living happy lives. Currently, serving limited areas in and around Gettysburg and New Oxford, if they are able to recruit more volunteers and have the funding, they'd like to expand their locations.





Where's Casper

BY JAKE SCHULTZ



Each month Casper will be hidden somewhere here in *Gettysburg Neighbors* magazine. You need to find her!

Who is Casper? Casper is the friendly Bichon of the Schultz family. Casper loves people, loves cuddling, loves pizza crust, duck jerky and playing fetch.

The randomly chosen winner can choose a \$25 Gift Card to one of our local participating business sponsors.

Good luck!!

Email your answers to Dawn at: dtittsworth@bestversionmedia.com

*We will only be accepting answers until March 27th.

Congratulations

to December's winner, **Richard Klunk!**Casper could be found on page 11!

Handprint Easter Lilies

Easter falls on March 31st this year!!

For anyone who didn't know, Easter Lilies are toxic to cats. As much as I love them, I love my cats more! My girls and I decided to make our own this year using our handprints. Please see my directions below for a cheap, fun filled craft!

Materials:

· Colored paper

- Scissors
- · Some kind of writing implement
- Tape
- Green pipe cleaners

Instructions:

- 1. Trace your child's hand several times on a sheet of paper
- 2. Cut out the handprints
- 3. Curl the finger to make the petals of the lilies
- 4. Roll the entire handprint so the palm is in a cone shape. Use tape to secure.
- 5. Use two handprints to make one flower by stacking them on top of each other.
- 6. Feed the green pipe cleaner through to make the stem.
- 7. Place in a vase or container and enjoy!









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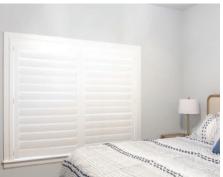
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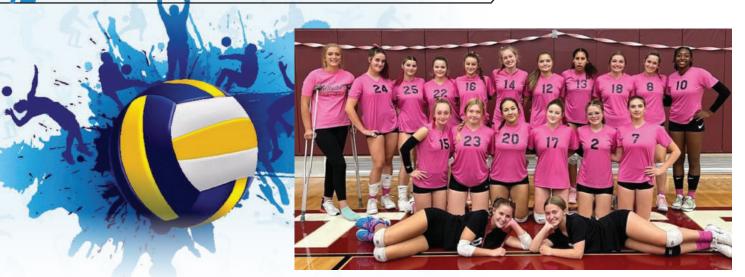






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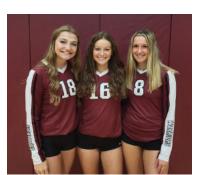


Inspiring GASD's Volleyball Leadership: Emily Holtzople and Coach Kaitlin Reichart By Jill Rickle

eet Gettysburg Area School District's Volleyball Co-Captain and Junior Emily Holtzople who "loves the sport of volleyball," and the GASD Warrior Volleyball Coach Kaitlin Reichart.

Unlike many other high school athletes, Emily said, "Playing college ball has never been something I have dreamed of doing. My goal with my sports/athletics has always been to advance my leadership skills and to become a more well rounded person. I believe that team sports bring out the strengths and weaknesses of everyone and they are a great way to see what you're good at and what you need to work on. Team sports build character and allow for you to reflect on yourself mentally and physically. I believe sports have made me who I am and my goal is to constantly push myself to become better while playing and while I'm not playing." Being a member of a team has taught her that not everything is in her control, "It has helped me learn to roll with the punches and to figure things out as I go. This will help me in the future adapt to whatever I am faced with and it will help me to quickly think on my feet."

Coach Kaitlin closely echoed Emily's feelings about the advantages of being part of a team and how it helps prepare players for the future,



Left to right: Emily Holtzople #18; Maya Brainard #16; Mackenzie Kibler #8

"This will be my third year coaching Gettysburg volleyball. I came in late summer of 2022 due to the former coaching moving on to another position. The first year we had 9 seniors, it was a learning curve for everyone as the former coach is someone they worked with for many years. The 2023 season we had no seniors and worked on building the team atmosphere. We utilized a program Champions 101 that focused on not only becoming

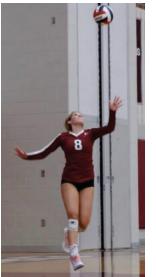
a better athlete, but also a better person over all on and off the court. We finished 18th in AAA, keeping us out of District playoffs."

Emily feels the biggest challenge in volleyball is staying positive, "Volleyball is a mental game where if you get down on yourself then it brings the whole team down. I think overall I am good at blocking out mistakes and moving past them, but there are some situations where I really have to push myself to stay positive and remind myself of the

next ball mentality." Coach Kaitlin agreed that in addition to staying positive, her squad needs "to be committed players every play of every game and not a player when they want to be."

The Warriors' girls volleyball team has 3 co-captains. Kaitlin spoke of what each brings to the team and why they are a great combination to lead the team, "Team Captain's for the season for 2023 were Emily Holtzople, Maya Brainard and Mackenize Kibler (all juniors). Emily is positive and upbeat. Mackenize is a team player in the way she works at getting the team pumped before games and during the game. Maya is a leader on the court as a setter and sets the tone in being focused and ready to play. All three of them together provide an encompassing power in bringing a team together which can be difficult to do." Emily finds herself, "going out on the volleyball court and forgetting everything else in the world. At that moment, all I care about is volleyball and playing the best that I can and I love it. It's a constant mental game of giving it my all and nothing beats the feeling of coming out of a tough game with a win!"

Emily amusingly uses a particular piece of advice she learned from a previous coach, "The best advice I have received from a coach was from my softball coach my freshman year of High School, Marci Boblits. She told the team after we made a mistake to "flush it." Many coaches have said this in different ways through the years with



phrases like "let it go," "move on," or "get over it" but the phrase "flush it" has just stuck. In life there will be things that happen that are out of our control and don't go our way and this quote reminds me that we just have to let it go. There is no use spending time stuck on things that we can't fix so I have slowly learned to "flush it."

Emily plays as a middle blocker, so when playing volleyball games, her coaches are constantly telling her where to strategically put the ball, especially tipping the ball, "During the beginning of the season I would listen to them and understand where to put the ball, but as soon as I would get back out on the court it's like I forgot everything we talked about

and without realizing it, I would put it to the same spot again. I knew this needed to stop so I began to repeat in my head constantly through the play where I would put the ball once I got it. Instead of just playing in the moment, I was thinking one step ahead. This was when I finally was able to put it in the correct spot. By the end of the season, my choices in spots weren't perfect, but I was switching up shots way more and was putting the ball in the places the coaches wanted. There is a lot I still need to work on in preparation for next season, but I have learned how to think one step ahead and that is a huge accomplishment!"

Speaking of accomplishments, Coach Kaitlin commented on some of the other players' recognitions including, "Setter Maya Brainard had 320 assists on the season; Libero India Mitchell 202 digs on the season, Mava Brainard also received Mid-Penn Conference (MPC) All Star second team and Sydney DeFoe received honorable mention for MPC all star." Along with assistant coaches, Alexis Stouffer and Alexis Tomassini, the coaches are all, "helping the team be consistent across the board: practice, games and life plus looking forward to the upcoming season."

In her free time, Emily, "loves to ride horses and hang out with my friends. I have 7 people in my family so I enjoy spending time with them, especially my 3 year old sister. I am also highly involved in my church and enjoy spending time with my church family." She credits her parents for the best advice she was ever given, "My parents told me to live my life to the point that I look back and have no regrets. This has played a role in shaping me as a person. From the sports I play to the time that I am just having fun, my goal is to look back on my life when I am old and know that I lived it to the fullest. I am so blessed for the amazing opportunity to play the sport that I love in a town that I love with people I love surrounding me. God has blessed me beyond all measures!" •





ealthy Kids Running Series (HKRS) is a five (5) week running program starting April 7th for kids pre-kindergarten through 8th grade. High school students can participate in a 2 mile race. Each HKRS series takes place once a week and offers age appropriate running events including the 50 and 75 yard dashes, 1/4 mile, 1/2 mile or 1 mile run. Kids will earn points for each race they complete based on their finish.

The \$50.00 registration fee covers the entire five (5) weeks of the series which includes race bibs for each week, a runner shirt, a finisher medal and any sponsor giveaways. Registration is nonrefundable and non-transferrable. Single day race registration, opening one hour prior to the start of each race. The \$20 registration fee covers one single race to be run on the day of registration, race bib, and a runner shirt while supplies last. All single day registrations should be completed onsite at the race location. Single day racers will have the option to upgrade to the full series.

All participants receive a medal on Week 5! Trophies will be awarded to the overall top finishers in each of the divisions listed below (broken out by boys and girls respectively):

Pre-K 50 Yard Dash 4th & 5th Grade Pre-K 75 Yard Dash 6th to 8th Grade Kindergarten & 1st Grade High School 2nd & 3rd Grade

Volunteer opportunities available for one or all of the races. High school and college students - HKRS will sign for service hours or provide letters of reference. Many sponsorship opportunities are available. If you own a business or know someone who does, this is a great way to achieve community business recognition with participants and their families.

> For more information, visit runsignup.com or email gettysburgpa@healthykidsrs.org. •



Team Adams Special Olympics



By Jill Rickle



eet Carole Ann Bollinger, the 2020 Pennsylvania Special Olympics' Female Athlete of the Year. In addition to her favorite sport, swimming, she currently participates in bowling, swimming, pickleball, and powerlifting. In the past, she's joined teammates playing basketball, tennis, volleyball, and floor hockey as well as roller skating and kayaking.

Carole Ann hopes to one day make it to the Special Olympics USA Games & World Games. She conscientiously saves her paid time off from work so she is able to participate in the Special Olympics' competitions.

As part of the reason she enjoys her time swimming, Carole Ann mentioned, "I have had some problems with my feet in the past, and being in the water helps my feet feel good." She appreciates that Coach Gerry helped her with her freestyle stroke. Carole Ann tries not to stress and to have fun when practicing and competing.

Carole Ann likes to play video games in her free time and added, "I'm a big Star Wars fan. I volunteer at the Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum with my Dad." Her Mother, Dorothy, is very active with Team Adams' programs as well, serving as a pickleball coach, volunteer coordinator, and co-manager.

In closing, Carole Ann said, "I discovered that I'm better at individual sports because team sports distract me. As an athlete leader, sometimes I help with Opening Ceremonies at our competitions. I love Special Olympics!" ●

Team Adams is always looking for volunteers and support! Contact them at volunteersoac@gmail.com or 717-334-2729 Photo courtesy of Brianna Richelle Photography



GYSC's Coach Gavin Shiels Leading GYSC's Force Team in EDP Play

By Jill Rickle

eet Gettysburg Youth Soccer Club's (GYSC) U-13 boys
Force team and their coach/trainer Gavin Shiels. The team,
formed in 2019, worked its way up through CPYSL (Central
Penn Youth Soccer League) and now plays in the EDP league
(Elite Development Program). Braden Kunkel, Brayden Lush,
Oliver Hopkinson, and Simon Keenan are 4 current players that
have been with the team since the beginning.

Some of the player's shared their thoughts on the almost 5 years of playing together and Coach Gavin:

Oliver - "Soccer has been a big part of my life since I was 7 and it's really cool that I've become friends with my teammates and still play with some of the original team. Gavin helps us be better technical players but also keeps things fun."

Brayden - "I've learned that if you show up to practices, do your best at those practices, success will come. Gavin is honest. He has high expectations that push us to be the best we can be."

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A special after-hours program on the historic Gettysburg Cyclorama.

For the program schedule and ticket reservations, call **717-334-2436** or visit **GettysburgFoundation.org**.



Simon - "Gavin is a really great coach! He helps make us better by pushing us to and past our current skill levels. I like working with him because he is really positive and he is a very good player too. I like getting to watch him play with the Bobcats!"

Coach Gavin Shiels has been coaching approximately 10 years. He started coaching at his home in Ireland when he was 17 years old and said, "I've played soccer my whole life. I played with my local team Bandon AFC up until I decided to move to the United States to play and study in college when I was 20 years old. I have coached at the youth and collegiate level. I now play with the Maryland Bobcats," a professional team which competes within the National Independent Soccer Association in the third division of U.S. Soccer.

Effort is an important component of both Gavin's coaching and playing, "Without any or not much effort in training, it will be very difficult to have success. The boys have consistently been putting in the effort at training, and it shows on game day and throughout the season. Another key factor of the boy's success has been communication. It has taken time, but the boys have improved in their communication with one another and it helps out on the field when they are playing."

Speaking of his coaching experiences, Gavin commented, "Honestly, there isn't one exact most memorable moment for me. Every day we train and play games are proud moments for me because the effort I see put in from the boys all year round is fantastic. Seeing them enjoy the game of soccer, and also improve week by week makes me proud. I am very lucky to have the pleasure of coaching this group of people. During a league game down in Rockville, MD, the Force was down 1-0 at half time, and I don't believe we had one shot that first half. The only joy we really had was a couple of fast breaks so that was our plan for the second half. We conceded a couple of minutes into the second half, so now we are down 2-0. It could have been very easy to lose confidence and give up but as a team we stuck with the game plan and the boys came back and won the game 3-2 with some brilliant pressure and counter attacking play. It was amazing to see their resilience and determination to not give up and win this game. I was very proud of them!"

Losses are generally inevitable and Gavin mentioned, "I would say that it's not all about winning. Playing soccer my whole life, I wanted to win every game I played in, and the ones I lost I'd be devastated and it wasn't good enough. Going into coaching, I still wanted to win every game and thought the kids should want that







same feeling and nothing else mattered. I realized how important it was that kids enjoy playing, and that they are improving their abilities and learning. This is much more valuable. Now, even after a disappointing loss, I try to be as positive as I can. I like to talk about what we did well on the day, and what areas we can improve in. I like to mention how in sport, anything can happen and even on your best day, you might be beaten. And on your worst day, you still might win the game. It's why we play the sport and always come back for more, even after defeat."

This past season, Gavin spoke very often about "accountability" with his team. He shared how important it was that every player take accountability for their roles and responsibilities. As the season progressed, he definitely saw improvements in this area and felt it was excellent to see. Helping the boys transition into middle school soccer, he knows they absolutely love playing soccer, they listen well, are always willing to learn and work hard. He has no doubt they will be an asset to the middle school team.

As some of the Force players move, Gavin's "hope is that the players I have coached, enjoyed it and feel as if they improved as a soccer player. I am not worried about winning records and trophies. When I think back to when I played U13, what stands out to me is the good friends I made and still have to this day and my coaches who made it enjoyable for us. I have no idea what our record was that season, and I've come to learn it doesn't matter." He added, "One piece of advice I would give to younger players is to enjoy every moment you play and create memories with teammates and friends that you'll remember forever!" •

Gettysburg Youth Soccer Club (GYSC) provides soccer training and playing opportunities for both boys and girls in the Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and surrounding areas of south central Pennsylvania. GYSC operates with a volunteer parent force. Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Team Managers, Committee and Board of Directors are mostly all parents of our players. gettysburgyouthsoccer.org





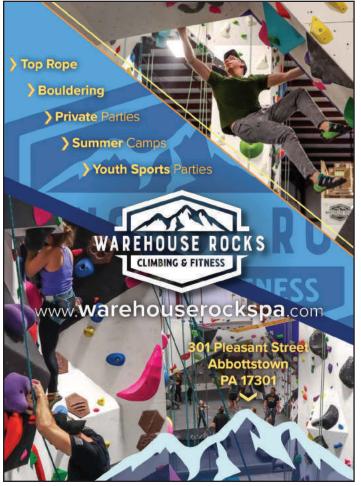


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Time: 5:00 PM

www.sfxpccw.org or www.stfxcc.org

Sat., March 16

Kids Indoor Easter Parade @The Markets at Hanover, 1649 Broadway, Hanover, PA 17331

Join the Easter Bunny for a parade. Dress up however you'd like, including mini-floats (size limited). Registered participants get a free pass to The Fun Zone for this day. Time: Register by 10:30 AM at JJ's. Parade at 11:00 AM Facebook event

Sat., March 16 & Sun., March 17

Maple Syrup Festival

@Cunningham Falls State Park, 14039 Catoctin Hollow Rd., Thurmont, MD 21788 Hosted by the Friends of Cunningham Falls State Park and Gambrill State Park, this annual event highlights the history of maple syrup. The event includes opportunities to see maple syrup demonstrations, purchase delicious breakfast items with locally-made maple syrup, and more.

Time:10:00 AM Cost: \$5.00 visitfrederick.org

Sat., March 16 & April 13

An Evening with the Painting @Gettysburg National Military Park Museum & Visitor Center, 1195 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg, PA 17325

Experience An Evening with the Painting for an exclusive, close-up look at the historic painting, with a presentation combining history, art and preservation. Licensed Battlefield Guide, author and historian Chris Brenneman will present the unique behind-the-scenes program.

Time: 5:00 PM Cost: \$30.00

gettysburgfoundation.org

Sun., March 17 or April 15 **Summer Camp Open House** @Nawakwa, 1033 Nawakwa Rd., Biglerville, PA 17307

Take a tour of camp with members of the summer staff and see what camp is all about. As a bonus, every new camper receives a \$10 gift certificate for the camp store. RSVP required.

Time: 2:00 PM lutherancamping.org

Tues.. March 19

Margaritas & Minis Workshop @Gettysburg Board & Brush, 100 Buford Ave., Ste. E. Gettysburg, PA 17325

Pressed for time? Join a mini-sign workshop. All the materials and instructions provided. Create a beautiful piece for your home or for a gift. Preregistration is required. This is a BYOB & 21+ event. Additional workshops and dates available on the website.

Time: 6:30 PM Cost: \$40.00 boardandbrush.com

Wed., March 20, Tues., April 2 & other dates **Red Cross Blood Donation** @locations vary by date

Emergency blood shortage. Give the gift of life - blood donors are urgently needed now to help ensure patients at hospitals across the country continue to receive critical medical care. March 20th at The Outlet Shoppes at Gettysburg. Appointment times start at 10:30 AM. April 2nd, Gettysburg College's student union building, appointment times begin at 1:00 PM.

Time: see description redcrossblood.org

Thurs., March 21

Needle Felt Workshop

@Quarry Critters Alpaca Ranch, 580 Basehoar Rd., Littlestown, PA 17340 Needle Felting is like painting with wool. Each color and each poke of the needle creates characteristics and detail in your

project. Pick from a variety of kits that includes directions, needles, surface, and wool fibers to create the project. Each kit will make 1 sculpture. Julie will help you make the figure you choose. Other classes & dates on the website.

Time: 11:00 AM Cost: \$30.00

quarrycrittersalpacas.com

Thurs., March 21

Photography Workshop: Close Up Artistry @The Adams County Arts Council, 125 S. Washington St., Gettysburg, PA 17325

In this two hour workshop you will receive dynamic instruction on techniques to enhance your close-up photography. You will experience live shooting demonstrations, creative tips, and opportunities for questions and answers. Topics will include reverse freelensing, layering, dramatic light, shooting through, diptychs and double exposures with bonus editing tips.

Time: 6:00 PM Cost: starts at \$25.00 adamsarts.org

Fri., March 22

17th Annual Purse Auction @Gettysburg Hotel, 1 Lincoln Square, Gettysburg, PA 17325

A Woman's Purse Auction, benefiting United Way of Adams County. Enjoy the garden style party, which includes dinner, raffles, door prizes and a live & silent auction. Ticket deadline is March 10th.

Time: 5:00 PM doors open Cost: \$45.00

Facebook event

Sat., March 23

Annual Easter Egg Hunt @Gettysburg Rec Park, 545 Long Ln., Gettysburg, PA 17325

Head to the fireman's pavilion, the Easter Bunny will be visiting while enjoying agespecific hunts for thousands of colorful eggs, special golden prize eggs, food vendors, a DJ and more.

Time: first age group starts at 9:00 AM Facebook event

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Sat., March 23

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@New Oxford Senior High School, 130 Berlin Rd., New Oxford, PA 17350

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Time: 7:00 PM Cost: Free lyricband.org

Saturday, March 23 & April 13

College Choir Spring Concert & Choral Concert

@Christ Chapel, 325 N. Washington St., Gettysburg, PA 17325

On March 23rd, enjoy the college's Spring choir concert and on April 13th, listen to the college's choral concert. Tickets available at the events only. Cash or check. No credit cards.

Time: 8:00 PM

Cost: \$5.00 for adults. Free for children

18 and under engage.gettysburg.edu

Sun., March 24

Kids Easter Egg Hunt @The Adams County Fish & Game, 955 Jack Rd., Orrtanna, PA 17353

Children of members aged 11 and under can have some fun and hunt for eggs.

Time: 12:00 PM Cost: Free allevents.in

Tues., March 26 & Thurs., March 28

Easter Workshops

@East Berlin Area Community Center, 405 North Ave., East Berlin, PA 17316

On the 26th, make a festive, long-lasting Easter flower arrangement with Butterfly Blooms and on the 28th join Beehive Cookie Company to learn different sugar cookie decorating techniques.

Time: 6:00 PM

Cost: \$50.00 and \$45.00, respectively ebacc.org

Fri., March 29

SAVES Spring Event @SAVES, 5865 Hanover Road, Hanover, PA 17331

Spring flowers, baked goods, filled basket raffles, breakfast sandwiches plus lunch including crab cakes, fish, macaroni & cheese and more. For further information, call 717-353-3682.

Time: 8:00 AM Cost: Free to attend company29.org

Fri., March 29 & Sat., March 30

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny @Fields of Adventure, 64 Tree Ln., Aspers, PA 17304

Buffet breakfast, photos with the Easter Bunny and an egg hunt perfect for the whole family. Farm fun attractions, baby animals, tulips and homemade treats. Time: Reserves seatings at 9:00, 10:00 or 11:00 AM

Facebook event

Fri., April 5

Ken Burns: Lessons from Lincoln @Gettysburg Area High School, 1130 Old Harrisburg Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325

Join the Adams County Historical Society for scenes from multiple Ken Burns films that show how Lincoln has been central to the American story for more than 160 years. This event features a live conversation with Ken Burns. Other programs and dates available on the website.

Time: 7:00 PM Cost: start at \$30.00 gettysburgfilmfestival.org

Fri., April 5 & 12

Symphony Orchestra & Wind **Symphony Concerts** @Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg, PA 17325

On the 5th, the symphony orchestra plays and on the 12th, enjoy the wind symphony. Time: 8:00 PM

Cost: \$5.00 for adults, free for children 18 and under. Tickets available online or at the

gettysburgmajestic.org

Sat., April 6

BBQ Chicken Dinner

@Southeastern Adams Volunteer Emergency Services (SAVES), 5865 Hanover Rd, Hanover, PA 17331

Drive-thru only dinner includes ½ chicken, baked potato, applesauce, roll and butter, drink (soda or water) and benefits SAVES Apparatus Replacement Capital Campaign. Time: 11:00 AM

Cost \$10.00 prior to April 6, 2024, \$12:00 the day of the event

Call SAVES @717-637-9621 for advance tickets

Sat., April 6

Brews for Brains

@Public House at The Markets, 1649 Broadway, Hanover, PA 17331

Enjoy music by Emily's Toybox while supporting the National Brain Tumor Society. Time: 5:00 PM marketsathanover.com

Sat., April 6

Jazz Combo

The Attic - Gettysburg College West Building, 350 Pavilion Dr., Gettysburg, PA 17325

Enjoy the college's jazz combo in an informal setting.

Time: 8:00 PM





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Sun., April,7

Buck Ridge Burn Trail 5K & Half-Marathon

@Pine Grove Furnace State Park. 1100 Pine Grove Rd., Gardners, PA 17324

Event will send you out into the woods of the Michaux State Forest to test your trail grit on one of two challenging courses. What better way to shake out those winter legs than to leap over logs and splash through April creeks? Come run in the woods and feed your soul. Time: 9:00 AM

buckridgeburn.com

Fri., April 12 & Sat., April 13

25th History Meets the Arts Show & Sale @Gettysburg Fire Company Community Room, 35 N. Stratton St., Gettysburg PA 17325

Presented by Lord Nelson's Gallery, over 20 historical artists in person covering mainly 18th and 19th century period life and events including paintings, art prints and sculpture; 18th century accouterments including powder horns and scrimshaw, hand forged knives, painted canvas floorcloths and more; working demonstrations; and artist and author signings.

Time: 10:00 AM

Cost: Free

historymeetsthearts.com or call 717-334-7950

Fri., April 12 - Sun., April 14

Disney's Aladdin, Jr. @Delone Catholic High School, 140 South

Oxford Ave., McSherrystown, PA 17344 The Arts at Delone Catholic presents a magical night filled with enchanting performances and timeless music. Time: 7:00 PM on Fri. & Sat.; 2:00 PM on

Cost: \$10.00 general admission onthestage.tickets

Sat., April 13

Kids Fish Day 2024

@York Adams Game & Fish, 413 Country Club Rd., Abbottstown, PA 17301

The YAGF five-acre pond will be stocked with

fifty tagged trout. Largest catches will be eligible for prizes. Children must be 15 years or younger to participate. No fishing license needed for children. Limit three fish per angler. Participants are welcome to use the fish cleaning table and keep their trout. Food for purchase inside the Indoor Archery Range. Time: 7:30 AM

Cost: Free

yorkadamsgameandfish.com

Sat., April 13

Mister Ed's 8th Annual Bunny Party & **Easter Egg Hunts**

@Mister Ed's Elephant Museum, 6019 Chambersburg Rd., Orrtanna, PA 17353

There will be two hunts with a combined total of more than 10,000 candy and prize-filled eggs. In addition to the Egg Hunt, the Easter Bunny will be hopping around for photos with his friends from the Adams County Library System, Elmo and the Cookie Monster.

Time: 10:00 AM

Cost: Free - registration required

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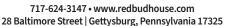
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arlow Volunteer Fire Company located south of Gettysburg, on the Taneytown Road, and just two miles north of the Mason-Dixon line, was established in 1931. The fire department is an all-volunteer fire department with a mission of incident prevention and to protect those in need. Whether responding to medical emergencies, fires, accidents, rescues, events involving hazardous materials, etc., Barlow has vowed to be there for their community in any time of crisis since day one. Barlow does not stand alone. Their mission also includes other charitable acts for the preservation of life and protection of property in surrounding municipalities through mutual aid agreements.

Company #22 has a total of 120 members, of which approximately 30 are active. According to Barlow Fire Chief, Eric Hubbard, "In 2023 we responded to 235 calls

including mutual-aid service to 29 different municipalities including Maryland. Active members are required to have general state certified classes in structural firefighting, vehicle rescue, and hazard materials to respond on calls. Many of our members have a lot of other training in specific areas in addition to their general training."

Barlow holds several fundraising activities throughout the year and attends several public service events throughout the year to promote fire prevention. New members are always welcome and the department offers volunteer opportunities other than responding to calls. Additional information, events, and volunteer information is available on their Facebook page, online at barlowfireco.com, or by calling 717-334-1717. If you have an emergency, dial 9-1-1. •



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Gettysburg Foursquare Church

328 W Middle St Gettysburg, PA 17325 717-334-5410 www.gbfoursquare.com

Trinity United Church of Christ

60 E. High Street Gettysburg, PA 17325 717-334-7266 www.gettysburgtrinityucc.org

Lighthouse Baptist Church

80 Apple Avenue Gettysburg, PA 17325 717-334-6983 www.lighthousebaptistgettysburg.org

Unitarian Universalist Church

136 S Stratton Street Gettysburg, PA 17325 717-334-2920 www.uugettysburg.org

Memorial Baptist Church SBC

1096 Biglerville Road Gettysburg, PA 17325 717-334-2898 www.memorialbaptistpa.org

Prince-Peace Episcopal Church

20 W High Street Gettysburg, PA 17325 717-334-6463 www.prince-of-peace-gettysburg.diocpa.org

Gettysburg Church of the Nazarene

1110 Fairfield Road Gettysburg, PA 17325 717-334-3209 www.gettysnaz.org

First Baptist Church

1015 Chambersburg Road Gettysburg, PA 17325 717-334-2564 www.fbcgettysburg.net

Living Hope Presbyterian Church

155 Early Avenue Gettysburg, PA 17325 717-334-7157 www.livinghopegettysburg.com

Christ Lutheran Church

30 Chambersburg Street Gettysburg, PA 17325 717-334-5212 www.christgettysburg.org

Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church

25 W High Street Gettysburg, PA 17325 717-334-3919 www.stfxcc.org

St. James Lutheran Church

109 York Street Gettysburg, PA 17325 717-334-2012 www.stjamesgettysburg.com

Gettysburg Presbyterian Church

208 Baltimore Street Gettysburg, PA 17325 717-334-1235 www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org

Gettysburg United Methodist Church

30 West High Street Gettysburg, PA 17325 717- 334-3032 www.gettysburgumc.org

United Lutheran Seminary

61 Seminary Ridge Gettysburg, PA 17325 717-338-3000 www.unitedlutheranseminary.edu

Bethel Mennonite Church

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Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church

1865 Knoxlyn Road Gettysburg, PA 17325 717-642-5332 www.lmcpc.org

Gettysburg Church of the Brethren

1710 Biglerville Road Gettysburg, PA 17325 717-334-5066 www.gettysburgcob.org

Gettysburg Orthodox Christian Mission

1871 Gettysburg Village Drive Gettysburg, PA 17325 717-219-3785 www.gettysburgoca.com

Gettysburg Seventh-day **Adventist Church**

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Gettysburg Baptist Church

95 Fairview Road Gettysburg, PA 17325 717-337-1160 www.gbcchurch.com

Swift Run Foursquare Church

225 New Chester Road New Oxford, PA 17350 717-624-1070 www.swiftrunchurch.com

Gettysburg Quaker Meeting

Glatfelter Lodge Gettysburg College Gettysburg, PA 17325 717-624-7272 www.bym-rsf.org Search: Gettysburg Quaker Meeting

St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church

1095 Church Road Orrtanna. PA 17353 717-677-8012 www.stignatiusofloyola.org

Freedom Valley Church

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