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*"Everyday...is the day the Lord has made—
Rejoice! and be glad in it!"*

August 2010

The Pastor's Pew

Dear Church Family,

This summer we completed one of the finest Vacation Bible Schools in my 35 years of VBS. There were incredible and extraordinary settings, remarkable lessons, creative crafts, innovative teaching of symbols, great music (and, of course, recreation). My personal thanks to the directors and their many helpers of this tremendous experience. These people gave an amazing amount of time and energy. And I appreciate those who attended the Adult Class. Meanwhile, our youth have been traveling to Bluestone, a Mission Trip in Cincinnati, and also Presbyterian Triennium.

These are great days, with the church celebrating its 91st birthday on June 22; and your pastor celebrating his 35th summer as a member of staff or as Head of Staff in Presbyterian churches. Remarkably, as we move through the summer, our church finances are stable, though the economic situation in the valley remains a struggle for many. But this note is not about that!

This note is about **thanksgiving** for a loving God who sent His Son to be our Savior. This is about my joy to know you, and to know that you are committed to Bible Study and spiritual growth. This is about thanksgiving for special friendships and our mission in Jesus Christ.

And this letter is a **call to prayer**. Pray for your church and attend when you are able. You see, some incorrectly believe that the church takes the summer off. But, no, there are many key upcoming events. "Where two or three are gathered in my name," says the Lord, "there I will be, also." And so that makes every event significant.

See you soon.

*We give thanks to God to those who placed
flowers in the sanctuary for our July
Sunday mornings*



Sandy Melton placed flowers in the sanctuary to the glory of God, and in honor of her husband, **John**, on the occasion of his birthday

Gary & Paula McGrew placed flowers in the sanctuary to the glory of God, and in honor of their daughter, **Amy**, recipient of the Donald Blasch Award, an annual, prestigious recognition in the Orientation and Mobility field.

Paula McGrew placed flowers in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in esteemed honor of the 30th anniversary of the Pastor's Ordination (July 13, 1980). 2010 marks the 35th year that the Pastor has served as a member of staff or as Head of Staff in Presbyterian Churches

Chris & Kim Cobb placed flowers in the sanctuary to the glory of God, and in honor of their daughter, **Lindsey**, and in celebration of her 9th birthday



Furniture Ministry Pick Up Schedule

Saturday, August 7
Saturday, August 21

Call the church office at 744-2333
to arrange to have your items picked up

Thank You! To all the Vacation Bible School leaders and helpers who made this week such an enjoyable and meaningful event!



Tina Amburgey
Judy Anderson
Marchetia Bailey
Nancy Bennett
Doug Calderwood
Lisa Calderwood
Chris Cobb
Shawn Hawkins
Nick Kirby
Amy Little
Dave Long
Mallory Long
Zack Long
Judy Lowe
Bill Miller
Marsha Miller
Greg Smith
Susan Smith
Laura Wright

Maggie Cobb
Alexis Hamilton
JR Hamilton
Sarah Miller
Amanda Nelson
Collin Nelson
Jaclyn Smith

Special Thanks

Kim Cobb *Director of the Dig*
Wendy Nelson *Director of the Dig*
Mark Nelson *Head Archeologist*
Dotty Calderwood *Master Artisan*
Noreita Shamblin
Egyptian Benefactor
Lora Hayes, *Master Chef*
Malissa Smith *Master Chef*

Our world-renowned archeologist has accomplished his mission!

He thanks you all for your help!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The power of a simple gift to a child living in poverty, war torn countries, and orphanages or living on the streets is amazing. You can provide that simple gift by filling a shoebox with toys, books, stuffed animals, toiletries, etc. and letting that child know, someone cares and putting a big smile on their face. We have a lot of shoeboxes to fill, and you can help by buying gifts, paying for the postage, filling a shoebox yourself, or giving money for someone to do the shopping.

Since the month of November is so busy, we will start collecting donations for the shoeboxes in August. There will be a box for donations located in the Mizpah Room marked **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**.

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love.

If you fill a box yourself, please include a Christmas card, and tell the child a little bit about yourself, which will make it special. (When YOU receive a gift, there's a card with it) It makes the gift so much more personal, and the child loves receiving the card.

The following is a list of the items needed:

- Cars, trucks, soft balls, stuffed animals, legos, baby dolls
- Socks, caps, t-shirts, hairbrush, combs
- Coloring books, crayons, notepads, story books
- Yo-yo's, hackey-sacks, action figures, puzzles
- Purses, barrettes, jewelry, wallets
- Journals, pens, pencils, calculators
- Tooth brushes, tooth paste, soap, wash clothes,

During WOW in November, the shoeboxes will be filled and ready for delivery to our drop-off church in Marmet.

Music Notes!

Mark Hornbaker, our choir director, is offering free voice classes to members of the congregation. Have you ever dreamed of being able to SING? Most people have that innate longing to sing like a bird. Fulfill your dream by attending group voice lessons at First Presbyterian on three Monday evenings in our sanctuary (Aug. 2, 9, 16).

The cost? It's free. You can't lose.



If you are interested, please call Dr. Hornbaker (550-8832). He would like you to attend ALL three lessons. If you will be out of town on vacation for one of the classes, please attend the other two lessons. But, be prepared to come to the class ready to sing as a soloist! Everyone will be encouraged to sing a hymn (or a song of your choice) as a soloist at each session. For those who feel ready to publicly perform, there will be a recital on Thursday, August 19, at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.

Mark has his doctorate in Voice Performance and Pedagogy from the University of Iowa and teaches regular voice classes throughout the year. If you like it you can sign up for the fall session. . You will get an idea of what it takes to TRAIN YOUR VOICE! Remember, if you can speak, you can sing.

Choir Practice for the First Presbyterian Church begins on August 25, 7:00 pm, in the Choir Room. New folk are always welcome. Come and make a joyful noise.



**Youth Mission Trip Team
Cincinnati, Ohio**

Maggie Cobb
J.R. Hamilton
Mallory Long

Sarah Miller
Collin Nelson
Amanda Nelson
Jaelyn Smith

Lisa Calderwood & Dave Long, Leaders



**The 2010 Presbyterian Triennium Delegates
Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana**

Maggie Cobb
Bailey Johnson
Bryce Johnson

Amanda Nelson
Collin Nelson
Jaelyn Smith

Lisa Calderwood, Counselor Worker

AUGUST HIGHLIGHT HAPPENINGS

Sun	1st	10:55 am	Sacrament of Holy Communion
Tue	3rd	7:00 pm	Committee Night
Thu	5th	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Worship Committee PW Council Meeting
Tue	10th	7:30 pm	Circle of Love
Thu	12th	12:00 pm	Circle of Faith
Tue	17th	7:00 pm	Session
Fri	20th	6:00 pm	Choir Picnic at Ellen Bush's home
Sun	22nd	12:05 pm	"Beans & Cornbread" Lunch for All
Sun	29th	10:55 am 12:00 pm	Hymn Sing Ice Cream Social for All

Choir Picnic Aug 20th



You are warmly invited to make a joyful noise unto the Lord and join the new choir season. No previous experience necessary, just a genuine joy of music. If you love to sing in the shower, then you qualify.

The choir season kicks off with a picnic on Friday, August 20, at 6:00 pm at the home of Ellen Bush (310 Monroe Street) with spouses, children, bell ringers, and worship committee members invited, too.



- July 1 Carl Heidenreich
July 3 Noah Kennedy
John Melton
July 8 Bess Connolly
July 9 Sarabeth Wickert
July 10 Stephen B. Smith
July 11 Drew McIlwain
July 13 Malissa Smith
July 14 Gary McGrew
Merrell McIlwain
July 15 John Neubert
July 16 Julie Smith
July 19 Jan Smith Cole
July 24 Lindsey Cobb
Mitchell Wedge
July 27 Chris Bailey
- Aug 1 Marilyn Smith
Aug 2 Collin Nelson
Aug 9 Jessica Poe
Aug 13 Carole Faulkes
Aug 15 Amanda Nelson
Aug 16 Mary Patteson
Aug 20 Cathy Johnson
Aug 21 Betsy Greer
Aug 25 Madison Wedge
Ronald Wedge
Aug 27 David Hoffman
Aug 28 Bruce Jeffries
Jack Shamblin



**Sunday
August 29**

**Sixth Annual
Old-Fashioned
HymnSing
Worship Service
10:55 am**

Please Invite a Friend!

All Your Favorites

**Standing on the Promises
He Leadeth Me
He Touched Me
Victory in Jesus
Sweet Hour of Prayer
I Come to the Garden**

and so much more . . .

No Will? Big Problem

Doug, a thirty-five year old man, suffered terrible injuries due to an automobile accident. Rushed to the hospital, he was unconscious with severe head trauma. The doctors evaluated his medical condition, and assessed they had several options, including a high-risk, low-success surgery. The doctors then turned to the family for direction. Because Doug did not have a Living Will, no one knew his personal opinions about extraordinary measures and life-prolonging machines.

EVERY PERSON should have a Living Will. It not only benefits the patient, of all ages, but greatly reduces the horrific anguish of the family as they grapple with serious questions and decisions.

EVERY PERSON should have a Will. Following a loss, families can unravel and often descend into shocking fights and brawls that no one could have ever imagined. Residue of hard feelings from those family battles last a lifetime. A Will makes the wishes of person clear, including any gifts to the church or a favorite charity. Without a will, the family will experience prolonged red tape, extended time delays, and perhaps court hearings, in order to disburse the worldly goods.

First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston will host a seminar in September on the important documents that every family should have. There will be an explanation for each document. There will be time for questions. There will be sample documents, should you wish to fill one out. This information is also helpful if you have aging parents and need to share it with them.

Simple Will
Durable Power of Attorney

Living Will
Medical Power of Attorney

Presbyterian Women's Highlights 2009

These highlights show that Presbyterian Women contribute to many benevolences and mission projects. We are continually getting smaller and need to recruit more women in our church to participate in these programs. If you feel you can participate in any way, please let one of us know.

- \$ 25 Church Family Mission Fund
- \$ 25 Sojourners
- \$ 25 Hike for Hunger
- \$ 25 Manna Meals
- \$ 25 Ringing of the Bells for Heart & Hand
- \$ 75 Presbytery Mission Project
- \$ 75 Synod Mission Project
- \$120 Gifts for Missionaries
- \$150 Davis Stuart
- \$100 Heart & Hand
- \$100 Child Development Center
- \$100 Christmas Gifts for Shut-ins
- \$100 Oscar Fudge Memorial Youth Camp Fund

In 2009 we transferred money in the Oscar Fudge Memorial Youth Camp Fund to be used for the repair and maintenance of our cabin at Bluestone. The PW has budgeted \$100 for the camp fund for several years but will now give that amount to the Bluestone fund each year.

The PW hosted bereavement dinners or receptions for several families of deceased church members.

A baby shower was held at our picnic in June and all items were donated to Heart & Hand.

Mission projects during the Christmas season included: the Mitten Tree, Stocking Stuffers, and 18 large gift bags were filled with miscellaneous items and then delivered to the girls at Davis Stuart. We decided to ring bells for Heart & Hand once again. We were glad we did as it was successful, with \$499.29 collected.

A total of 20 goodie baskets were delivered to shut-ins and musical cards were sent to those out of town.



Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering

September 25, 2010

Registration/Coffee 9 am

Convene 10 am

Adjourn 2 pm

Lunch \$8.00

First Presbyterian Church, Clarksburg

Do Not Miss This One! August 22

Beans and Cornbread Luncheon for all!

Mark Miller from Bluestone Camp will be here with us. During the lunch, we will have some Bluestone camp music.

There is no cost for the meal but donations will be received to benefit our cabin at Bluestone. We continue to work on the cabin. A new roof adorns the place. Heaters will be installed this fall. Updated sinks and showers are planned. And in August a painting crew will work on the outside.

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