

# Pres-Bits Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

The other day I finally got around to watching the movie "American Sniper." It may surprise many people that it took so long for me to see it. I am a big movie fan, and a big fan of well done and thoughtful war movies in particular. "American Sniper" was nominated for multiple Oscars. It was also the highest grossing film released in 2014 (the film was released in New York and Los Angeles on Christmas Day 2014 in order to qualify for the Academy Awards). So, what took me so long to see it?

Well, to be honest, I was very hesitant to see it. The movie has been polarizing to many people along political lines. Conservatives have embraced and lauded the film for its depiction of a "real life hero" (Chris Kyle) who defended his country with amazing distinction. Progressives, on the other hand, blasted the film for misrepresenting aspects of Kyle's life and personality. Some were even vocal in their criticisms of snipers in general (fighting the war and killing the opposition from a relative safe distance). As a political moderate, I often feel pulled between the two spectrums and a feeling of "being manipulated" to sympathize with one political ideology creates resentment within me.

However, with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July looming, I decided to give the film a shot and tried hard to keep an open mind. What I discovered about the film is something I have heard few people talking about: the grief written on Kyle's face between tours. Chris Kyle is played by the actor Bradley Cooper. Cooper plays Kyle with a very subtle sense of doubt and insecurity beneath his bravado. When his character is asked about his feelings after being credited with killing 160 people during his four tours of duty, Kyle responds "I'm willing to meet my Creator and answer for every shot that I took." However, you can see the doubt in his eyes and you have seen the behavior he displays when he is at home with his family. Kyle is haunted by his actions, suffers from PTSD, and tries his best to keep up appearances.

This is a wonderful glimpse into the human, and ultimately the Christian, condition. For all of our confidence in being forgiven children of God, doubt and fear are often times our companions. No one likes to talk about doubt, instead we celebrate our "Assurance of Pardon." However, not acknowledging our own doubts and fears and insecurities can be just as unhealthy as a soldier trying to suppress his conscience after war.

If you have doubt, if you have painful memories, if you have insecurities, God will not condemn you. God wants to reassure you that it will be okay. Doubt does not equal “unbelief” just as honest acknowledgement of moral conundrums faced during war does not mean “unpatriotic.” We are very blessed to serve a God willing to listen to our pain, to sooth our worries, and walk beside of us, come what may.

Blessings on your journey,  
Pastor Pat

### *Our Church Mission Statement*

*Jesus Christ calls us to:*

- *Enliven our spiritual lives by experiencing God among us,*
- *Grow in love for one another as children of God,*
- *Invite all to share in our fellowship,*
- *Demonstrate God’s love through service to others.*



### July Office Hours

The office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. except Friday, July 3. The office will be closed that day in honor of Independence Day.

### Current Elders

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## **Worship Assignments for July:**

### **Sound Tech:**

7/5/2015            Allen Vogt  
7/12/2015          David Brunworth  
7/19/2015          Joe Hagan  
7/26/2015          Bill Kellermann

**Worship Leader:**     Joy Kopp

### **Greeters**

1. Whip Schultz & Nancy Klingert
2. Tim & Gerry Urban
3. Don & Jenny Scheibe
4. Allen Vogt & Karla Becker

### **Ushers**

Shirley Coulter & Mauri Truesdell  
Richard & Barbara Duemler  
Luther Bierbaum & Barb Hagan  
Laura Evans & Jane Bugele

## **The Lord's Supper**

The sacrament of Communion will be served on Sunday, July 5.

## **Boiler Fund**

As of the end of June, \$31,791.74 has been donated for the boiler. All contributions for the boiler fund received now are deposited into the savings account.

## **All-Church Potluck**

There will be no pot luck in July. Next pot luck will be Wednesday, August 12, 2015.

## **Faith-Based Support Group – THE REFUGE**

There will be no Refuge meeting in July. Next meeting is Thursday, August 13 at 7 p.m..

## **Vacation**

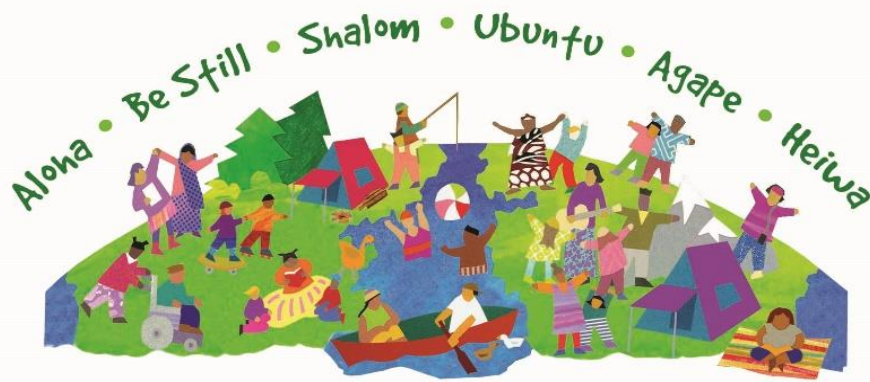
Pastor Pat will be on vacation this month from Thursday July 9<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday July 22<sup>nd</sup>. He will return to the office on Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> in time for the Rummage Sale and Camp Peace. If you have a pastoral emergency while Pastor Pat is on vacation, please contact our Parish Associate, Rev. Jocelyn VanBuskirk.

## **Memorial Service for Don VanBuskirk**

Saturday, August 1, 2015 at 1 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church of Washington.

## **“Camp Peace” Registration Open!**

Registration is open for our “Camp Peace” summer program for children and youth. If you wish to register your child, you can download a registration form from the “Camp Peace” page on our web-site: [www.presbywashmo.org](http://www.presbywashmo.org) or call the church office. “Camp Peace” is open for all students entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall. Older youth can participate as volunteers. This is a FREE program of the church. Spread the word! Invite your extended family and the kids of your neighbors, coworkers, and friends! The registration deadline is Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.



# "Camp Peace"

**coming soon to the Presbyterian Church of Washington!!!**

*Mound Ridge Camp is partnering with the Presbyterian Church of Washington to bring a FREE "Camp Experience" to Children and Youth*

**Who:** Youth grades 1-5

What: Fun and exciting worship, recreation, nature, art, energizers, camp fire, team building exercises, an overnight campout - fun, fun, fun!

**When:** July 27-31, 2015  
8:00am until 2:00pm on M-W,  
Overnight Camp on Th,  
Closing Service 8-9am on F

**Where:** Presbyterian Church of Washington  
4834 South Point Road  
Washington, MO 63090

How to Register: download registration form from [www.presbywashmo.org](http://www.presbywashmo.org) and mail to above address by Monday, 7/20 or call 636-239-3178

**Guaranteed spots to the 1<sup>st</sup> 75 registered children!**

### **Camp Experience Donations and Volunteers**

We are now accepting food donations for Camp Peace. Please consult the “Camp Peace” bulletin board outside the sanctuary to see what items are needed. There will be three phases of items that need to be donated. The first phase of donations (non-perishable items) are due Sunday, July 5th. The second phase of donations (frozen and further non-perishables) will begin on July 5th and will be due July 19th. The third phase (perishable) will be due the day before “Camp Peace” begins, July 26th. Food donations will help ensure this program can be free to the public. We are also seeking volunteers to help prepare meals. We will provide breakfast and lunch every day as well as snacks. If you would like to volunteer for a day or for a single meal, please let Vivian Marshall or Pastor Pat know.

### **Food Pantry Item of Month**

You may have heard that the shelves at Loving Hearts Outreach are running low. In an effort to revitalize our sense of mission to this organization, we will be collecting a specific item for the food pantry each month. July’s food pantry item is **Canned Meats**. All through the month of July, you are encouraged to bring canned meats and place them in the donation box for Loving Hearts in the hallway. Thank you for your generosity!

### **Coming Soon! New Church Pictorial Directory**

Your Church Life Committee is making plans for a pictorial directory to be done this fall. There will be an organizational information meeting Monday, August 10th at 3:00 p.m. Lifetouch representative Michael Dust will be present. You are encouraged to attend this meeting if you are willing to volunteer for a few hours as a host during the photography days on October 8th-10th.



## **The 1940's Radio Hour**

**Directed by John Anglin**

**Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m.**

It's December 21, 1942, in a tiny New York Radio station that's about to broadcast it's musical variety hour for a live studio audience – and the cast is ready to entertain!

Featuring classic big-band songs like “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy” and delightful ballads like “How About You?” The 1940's Radio Hour evokes a classic bygone era with delightful songs and laugh out loud humor

**Please contact Judy Bierbaum at 636-432-1293 if you would like tickets or a ride to the performance. Tickets are \$10 each.**

## **New Members Reception**

We will be receiving new members during worship on Sunday, July 26, 2015.

## **2015 Per Capita**

If you haven't already done so, it isn't too late to pay your portion of the 2015 church per capita tax. The amount this year is \$30.29 per person. Please note "per capita" on your check memo and envelope. There is an envelope in your packet of envelopes marked specifically for the per capita purpose.

## **Schnucks eScrip Cards**

If you are a Schnucks shopper, there is an easy way you can support our youth group. Every time you shop and swipe your card, Schnucks will contribute up to 3% of your purchases to our church for benefit of the youth group. Cards are available in the church office in a basket on top of the wooden mailboxes. Pick one up today and support the youth!

## **Breakfast at the Riverfront**

The Church Life Committee is bringing back our warm weather activity many enjoyed last summer. Bring a breakfast from home or grab a fast food breakfast and join us at the Rennick Riverfront Pavilion to enjoy eating and visiting together. It is a very pleasant, peaceful place to relax with a cup of coffee and enjoy watching the river. Picnic tables with benches are there but you might prefer to bring a lawn chair from home. People mostly arrived between 8:30 and 9:30. We will gather again on Tuesday, July 14th. Arrive any time that works for you.



## **RUMMAGE SALE**

The Rummage Sale is July 24 and 25. The end of July is fast approaching along with our annual Rummage Sale. It takes many hours to organize each area and prepare for the sale. That preparation begins with each of you going through your closets, drawers, storage areas and kitchens. All of those things that have been sitting unused can be removed and donated. If you have pieces of furniture that need to go – WE NEED THEM!

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| Sunday, July 12   | Initial setup after worship – we need everyone to help remove items from the sheds and place on tables in the Fellowship Hall. |
| Friday, July 24   | Sale is 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Volunteers, please wear yellow church shirts and park at the rear next to shed.                  |
| Saturday, July 25 | Sale is 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.   |
| Sunday, July 26   | After worship we need help from everyone boxing items & cleaning the Fellowship Hall.  |

## Harvest Table THANKS!

Thank you so much to all the fourteen church family and friends that helped serve a delicious meal to 67 guests at the June 20<sup>th</sup> Harvest Table. We proudly wore our Presbyterian aprons! Our Youth Group made 22 dozen cookies (!! ) for that evening's dessert and they went over very well.

Thank you to all that donated salad items and to the great cooks that made the potato casserole. It's always a wonderful time serving others in this awesome mission!

## July Birthdays



7-2	Alex Benedict	7-22	Dorothy Mutert
7-10	Robert Lukes	7-28	Mary Lais
7-16	Kaci Conley	7-29	Connie Conrad
7-17	Adam Bugele	7-31	Paige Carpenter
7-18	Michael Becker		

## Prayer for Life (PFL) meets Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m.

Prayer can be the glue that holds individuals, couples, ministry teams, families, and churches together and the fuel that makes them soar. It is the means by which we can all engage in ministry to each other. Join us on Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m. We study and learn a variety of prayer methods, both as individuals and as a group, to connect people and their needs to God.



**Loving Hearts Outreach** There is an urgent need to replenish the mission's supply of foods. Shelves are almost empty. They can use canned vegetables, pastas, canned meats, cereal and cake mixes – basically anything non-perishable. Empty egg cartons can also be used. Please bring items and place them in the box in the Narthex and Jean Van Der Kamp will deliver them to Loving Hearts.



## **Bridge**

Please join us on Fridays from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. to play Bridge. Everyone is welcome to come and play. Bring your friends.



## **Creative Hands Group**

The group meets every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. except the third Wednesday of each month. The quilt frame is set up and quilting has begun! For information, please call Barbara Duemler.



### MEMBERS WITH CONTINUING NEEDS

Heather Miller, Barbara Pierce, Whip Schultz, Don & Connie Conrad, Karla Becker, Janet Aaron, Roni Fowler, Scott McCracken, Laura Fenner, John Anglin, Jenny Scheibe, Kaci Conley, Lisa Conrad, Family of Don VanBuskirk, Jim Watson.

GRANDVIEW: Christine Lewis

VICTORIAN PLACE: Beth Saunders

SOUTH POINTE: Joan Schultz, Elsie & Jack Truesdell, Elaine Dodson, George Peters

CEDAR CREST: June Kleberger, Glenda Nagel, Dorothy Mutert

### FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH REQUESTING PRAYERS:

Vicky Vogel (sister of Karla Becker)

Cindy Demitroff (friend of Paul & Lya Struckhoff)

Jim Lebreton (friend of Barbara Schofield)

Jordon Creason (friend of Nancy Nolting)

Anna Roetheli (friend of the church)

Doug Holtmeier (friend of Karla & Mike Becker)

Laura Leigh Rhoades (daughter of Laura Evans)

Rose Pitman (friend of Elsie Truesdell)

Dixie Kottwitz (friend of the Bierbaums)

Jeff Pierce (son of Barbara Pierce, brother of Janet Aaron)

Macy Lynn Crecielus (friend of Sam & Boots Bonney)

Joan Archer (friend of Barbara Schofield)

Phil Colter (friend of Mauri Truesdell)

Rick Kresse (father-in-law of Mauri Truesdell's daughter)

Becky Lunsford (friend of Lya Struckhoff)

Sarah McGurthy & family (daughter of Ollie & Virginia Whyte)

Mary Bray Wheeler (friend of Barbara Duemler)

Larry Bernardoni (friend of Tim Culp)

Geri Waller (Gail Taubel's sister)

Ardis Harnagel (friend of Karen Ladd)

Paula Pursley (grandmother of Hailey Joyce)

Patti Mathews (sister-in-law of Joe & Barb Hagan)

Harmon Wright (husband of Helen Wright)

Taylor Bierbaum (grandson of Judy & Luther)

Dottie Shelton (sister of Shirley Coulter)

Debbie Stone (daughter of Jack & Elsie Truesdell)

Jacqueline Brown (daughter of Pam & Roland Schwarzen)

LeRoy Riechers (cousin of Karla Becker)

Holly Stoltz-Smith (friend of Presbyterian Church)

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please call the office if you would like to add someone to the prayer list. Also please notify the office if you have made a prayer request for someone who should be removed from the list.