

# Pres-Bits Newsletter

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Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her:  
“Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.” – Proverbs 31:28-29

Dear Friends,

On June 24, 2010, Karen’s beloved mother, Carol, passed away from this life into the next. Karen and I had been married less than two years. On March 17, 2013, my mother, Bonnie, died in a Minnesota hospital room.

I must confess that I hold some resentment that I never got to know my mother-in-law very well since she died so soon after our marriage. And, I lament the fact that Karen never got a chance to really get to know my mother due to the physical distance between us and her untimely death as well. But, I try to let go of resentments and trust that God will take care of Karen and me and sooth our grief. And, to this point in time, God has been by our side, helping us move forward while giving us chances to cherish past memories of our mothers. Things have gotten better. Our level of grief has been reduced.

But, the truth remains, nothing can replace “Mom.”

I am not trying to complain and say “take pity on me, please.” I am only stating that there is something intensely special about a mother. Even that word, “special,” seems so inadequate to describe the intimate relationship with mothers and their children. Mothers are blessings beyond measure.

Some of you still have your mothers with you. Some of you have experienced the pain of losing a mother. Some of you are married to mothers. Some of you are mothers to children near and far. Some of you are mothers who have experienced the horrific loss of a child. Some of you have never experienced the role of a mother. But, all of us have been somehow blessed by our mothers.

Unfortunately, some of you may not have a strong relationship with your mother, or with the memory of your mother. If that is the case for you, that is a lamentable situation. Good and Godly mothers are immeasurable blessings. When mothers are not blessings to their children, it is hard to imagine a more sorrowful condition.

Mothers are worthy of our praise and our gratitude. This Mother's Day, give thanks for your mother. Whether she is living down the street, or states away, alive or passed on, try saying these words from the 31<sup>st</sup> Proverb to her through your speech or through your prayers, "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."

Happy Mother's Day to all!  
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.*

### May Office Hours

The church office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. except Monday, May 30 when the office will be closed in celebration Memorial Day.



### Current Elders

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### The Lord's Supper

The sacrament of Communion will be served on Sunday, May 1.

### Communion Assignments for May:

Preparer: Tim Urban

Servers: Jamie Tucker, David Brunworth, Kathy Froning, Karen Ladd

## **Worship Assignments for May:**

### **Sound Tech:**

5/1/2016 Allen Vogt  
5/8/2016 Ian McCracken  
5/15/2016 Joe Hagan  
5/22/2016 Tom Ellenberger  
5/29/2016 Tim Urban

**Worship Leader:** Laura Lawson

### **Ushers**

Jean Weekley & Kay Hucke  
Roland Schwarzen & June Gellhausen  
Luther Bierbaum & Barb Hagan  
Laura Evans & Jane Bugele  
Jamie & Olivia Tucker

### **Greeters**

Becky Vogt & Nancy Klingert  
Tim & Gerry Urban  
Don & Jenny Scheibe  
Allen Vogt & Karla Becker  
Danielle Tucker & Dan Greer

## **Easter Egg Hunt Pics**



## **Book Sale Thanks!**

Our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Book Sale was held this past April 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, and we had a record amount of items (15,000+!) and a record sale of \$1730! We also tithed 10% of that sale amount to the YMCA Literacy Council along with \$14.05 in our collection bucket for them. AND we donated 96 boxes of books to eight area organizations!! This is not only a fundraiser but a great mission project as well. So, a big THANK YOU to EVERYONE that helped in any capacity as we really needed it and very much appreciated it! Gretchen Farrell, Kathy Froning and Karen Ladd, Co-Chairpersons

## **Friendship Day**

Church Women United will hold its annual May Friendship Day Tuesday, May 3 at Zion United Church of Christ, 115 S. Washington St. in Union. It will begin with a Friendship Brunch at 9:30 a.m. Ladies of Zion will be the hosts. The theme, "Finding Grace at the Table," will be presented by Ms. Gina Gruhn Leeker, a violin and piano teacher. She will speak on her experiences with growing healthy food and the hospitality which food promises, as well as how music enriches a life of grace. All church women and men are invited to attend.



## All-Church Potluck

The next pot luck will be May 11 at 5:30 p.m. with spaghetti as main dish. The special speaker will be Sandy Crider from Loving Hearts Outreach. Please sign up! Come for the meal! Stay for the mission!

## Circle of Friends

The Circle of Friends group will only meet once in May, on the 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m., due to the Friendship Brunch On Tuesday, May 3 at Zion United Church of Christ at 9:30 a.m. – Jocelyn VanBuskirk



## May Warblers

Warblers will meet on Wednesday, May 18 instead of the last Wednesday of the month. We would love to have more voices come. The only requirement is to make a “joyful noise.” Call Anna Mae Boehmer for more information at 239-3344 or call 314-691-0473.

## 2016 Presbyterian Youth Triennium

This summer, a handful of our youth will be travelling to Purdue University in Indiana, along with nearly 100 other Presbyterian youth from the St Louis area, for the 2016 Presbyterian Youth Triennium! Every three years, our denomination hosts a gathering of thousands of Presbyterian high school youth from around the nation, Canada and beyond for worship, small groups, leadership training, and healthy recreation. Triennium will be held this year from July 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be some upcoming fundraisers to help our youth afford the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, so please be on the lookout. The following students are registered to attend Triennium: Katie Farrell, Miles McCracken, Olivia & Danielle Tucker, Alex Johnson and Haylee Struckhoff

## Food Pantry Items of Month

The shelves at Loving Hearts Outreach are still running low. In an effort to revitalize our sense of mission to this organization, we will be collecting specific items for the food pantry each month. May's items are **Canned Fruits, Cereals, and Soups**. All through the month of May, you are encouraged to bring these items and place them in the donation box for Loving Hearts. They can also use canned vegetables, canned meats, and cake mixes – basically anything non-perishable. Empty egg cartons can also be used. Thank you for your generosity!

## Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday is the day we celebrate the birth of the Christian Church. This day commemorates the gift of the Holy Spirit to the apostles so that they could witness across all borders of language, nationality and race. This year, Pentecost falls on May 15<sup>th</sup> (which is also the day we will confirm our Confirmation Class). If you plan to be in worship that day, try to remember to wear red, orange or yellow (“fire” colors that symbolize the Holy Spirit).

## **Celebration of Aging Honoree - Jenny Scheibe**

The Presbytery of Giddings Lovejoy will honor one older person from each congregation to recognize their faithfulness and loyalty in service to their Church. Our honoree this year is Jenny Scheibe. She will be honored at a service and luncheon to be held May 4th at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church in Ballwin. Let Jenny know how blessed we are to have her in our church family when you see her!

## **Confirmation Class Update**

The 2016 Confirmation Class of the Presbyterian Church of Washington have completed their class work and have written their Statements of Faith. They have had 12 full classes, two worship field trips (Catholic and Jewish), memorized The Lord's Prayer and Apostles' Creed and participated in youth group activities, mission projects and helped lead worship. On, Monday night, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the class will meet with the Session to present their Statements to the Elders. They will then be examined for full membership at PCW. On Sunday morning, May 15<sup>th</sup> (Pentecost Sunday), during worship, the class will be recognized, their baptismal vows confirmed, and their membership officially recognized. The Christian Education Committee will be hosting the Fellowship Table that morning. This will be a very special worship service, so please make every effort to attend. The 2016 Confirmation Class members are Matt Benedict, Alex Johnson, Haylee Struckhoff, Danielle Tucker and Olivia Tucker.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Bibles**

Each year, the Christian Education Committee presents a Bible to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students. This year, Hazel Hedrick will receive her very own Bible on behalf of her Sunday School teachers (Jamie Tucker and Gerry Urban). She will receive her Bible during the Children's Time on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> (Mother's Day). Congratulations Hazel!

## **Grad Recognition**

On Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, during worship, two very special young adults will be recognized and congratulated: Paige Carpenter and Miles McCracken. Paige and Miles will be graduating from Washington High School this month. They have both been active in the life of the church over the years and we want to wish them both well in their future endeavors. We thank God for blessing us with their presence in the life of this church! The Christian Education Committee will have a special fellowship time for Paige and Miles following worship. Graduation Commencement will be at the High School on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

## **Harvest Table**

Our upcoming Harvest Table supper event is on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, so be on the lookout around July 1<sup>st</sup> for some information about this meal we prepare and serve for our community friends at St. Peter's UCC church. This is always a wonderful volunteer opportunity as it is very organized and fun! Any questions? See Gretchen Farrell.

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**Friends of Emmaus**

**A DAY OF SPECIAL TRIBUTE & CELEBRATION OF 45 YEARS**

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Festival**

**Sun., May 15<sup>th</sup> 12:00 – 5:00**

**“Ole Time Country Family Picnic”**

**QUILT AUCTION - 3:00 P.M.  
BEAUTIFUL HANDMADE QUILTS**

**Featuring: Residents' Crafts – Homemade Ice Cream**

**Green Thumb/Plants – Fresh Squeezed Lemonade – Books**

**Outdoor Picnic Food – Entertainment – Big Flea Market**

Roasted Chicken, ¼ lb Chuckburger, Homemade German Potato Salad, Homemade Pie & More

**Accessible Parking  
Shuttle Service**

**Held on campus of  
Emmaus Homes, Inc.  
11900 Emmaus Dr. (Hwy D)  
Marthasville, MO 63357  
For more information – 636-561-7747**

**For Quilt info go to:  
[breheauction.com](http://breheauction.com)**

**Plan on attending the Friends of Emmaus SPRING FESTIVAL PICNIC after  
our church's Confirmation Sunday, May 15.**

**Picnic food inside/outside until 5:00 p.m.**

**Quilts on display: 12:00 p.m.**

**Quilt Auction: 3:00 p.m. prompt**

**More info? Sharon Fenner 239-7579**

## Presby Script Program

**SCRIP TODAY!!!** The Scrip Coordinators have ordered ahead on some of the most popular scrip cards. These scrip cards are available TODAY at the Scrip Table outside the sanctuary so that you may purchase one or more cards to use where you have decided to go to lunch today or for your use at other times. This is a new feature that we are offering for a short time. If it turns out to be as popular as we anticipate, then we will continue to offer the **CARDS TODAY** feature on future Sundays.

We have cards for sale to use at Bob Evans, Pasta House, Steak N Shake, Panera Bread (St. Louis Bread Co.). So if you plan to go out to lunch today and haven't yet bought your Scrip cards to use and at the same time benefit our church, stop by the Scrip Table and buy some cards as you go out today!

P.S. Regular orders for Scrip are also being taken as usual.

## Wish List

The WISH LIST has been updated and is now available on the small table outside the Sanctuary for you to take and review at your leisure. The WISH LIST shows all the items already purchased with church member gifts up to now along with the \$35,000 Boiler replacement last year. It has been a real blessing to the church needs and programs to receive all these special gifts not able to be in the budget this time. The WISH LIST itemizes the remaining wishes submitted by various committees of the church. Anyone wanting to purchase an item can do so by sending a check to Carol in the church office and she will handle getting the item(s). Partial gifts are welcome on some of the items and we will deposit the money in an escrow awaiting the balance to be contributed by others. Thank you all for your support of this WISH LIST. It has made a big impact on the needs of the church and enhancement of its programs.



## Change for Chickens

Are your pockets jingling with lots of extra change? Is your wallet or change purse too bulky? Then drop a few coins into the collection jar for the Change for Chickens and see how far those pennies, nickels, dimes or quarters will go. This program gives hope and help to underprivileged people and really educates them and their families with life sustaining skills. Any big or little coins will be much appreciated. PLUS, we have collected OVER \$200 so far! That's enough to buy about 300 chicks! Thank you for your help. The Mission Committee

## May Birthdays



5-2	Paula Obermark	5-13	Miles McCracken
5-3	Louis Brunworth	5-14	Melissa Joyce
5-3	Barbara Duemler	5-14	Haylee Struckhoff
5-6	Laura Evans	5-17	Scott McCracken
5-7	Martin Brunworth	5-17	Paul Struckhoff
5-8	Laura Lawson	5-22	Jeffrey Pierce
5-9	Tom Ellenberger	5-23	Jane Stelzner
5-12	Lucas Struckhoff	5-26	Olivia Tucker
5-12	Logan Struckhoff		



## Youth Group

We are having a great time with our Youth Group this year! In April, we worked on our Youth Sunday service both meeting times, video-taping our sermon message and practicing our parts. Many thanks to Laura Conley for directing the entire Youth Sunday service and putting it all together for and with the kids! In May, we will have our meetings on May 4<sup>th</sup> and plan, as of now, to have an End-of-Year Party on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. We're planning on some fundraisers soon for our Triennium trip, so watch for that info in the next month. We continue to meet on our regular schedule of meetings with the first and third Wednesday nights in the Church Youth Group room (Room #10), the first room to the right off of the Fellowship Hall. The first Wednesday of the month we usually do a mission project and on the third Wednesday, we usually have a fun activity(always a surprise!). All Youth from 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades are welcome to come have some fun, snacks, a short Bible Lesson and a great time to be with other Christian Youth. Any questions? Just ask any of the YG sponsors: Laura Conley, Gretchen Farrell and Ian McCracken.

## Camp Peace Returns!

Parents and Grandparents, mark your calendars for a very special week at church this summer! The week of **June 27 – July 1, 2016** Mound Ridge Retreat Center will be bringing “camp” to our backyard! “Camp Peace” is much like Vacation Bible School, only so much more! Camp Peace is a cooperative program between Mound Ridge and PCW. It offers a unique opportunity to nurture the children of our congregation and community in their faith. It also provides for young people the wonderful benefits of a camp experience. In other words, *Bible Camp will be coming to us!* That week, Mound Ridge will bring its summer staff to Washington to run a typical week of Bible camp programming to our facility.

Camp Peace will run from 8am to 2pm each day. The program is for children entering Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grades, though older youth will be encouraged to attend to help lead games, music and other programs. Adults will also be needed to provide meals, serve food and refreshments and to have fun alongside the kiddos! If you have younger children, but want them to participate in some fashion at Camp Peace, or if you have any other questions, please contact someone from the Christian Education Committee or Pastor Pat. Registration forms are available at [www.presbywashmo.org](http://www.presbywashmo.org).

## PLACE AN ORDER FOR YOUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WASHINGTON SHIRT

We will soon be placing an order for the yellow knit shirts with the Presbyterian Church of Washington logo embroidered on the front. They are great looking, high quality shirts. There is a sample men's collared shirt in size large hanging in the coatroom for you to look at. Whenever we have things like our book sale, rummage sale or other event, it's great to wear the shirt identifying ourselves as part of the PCW team. Order forms are on the bulletin board. Fill one out, attach a check and turn the order in to the office. See Judy Bierbaum with any questions.

## **Name Tags**

A new name badge signup sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. Nametags are important to all to all of us, and especially so for new members and visitors. Both lanyard and pin on badges are available. Please sign the sheet or contact Judy Bierbaum at 636-432-1293.



## **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.



## **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**

Meetings are normally every Tuesday of the month. The quilt frame is set up and quilting is going strong! For information, please contact Barbara Duemler.



## MEMBERS WITH CONTINUING NEEDS

Heather Miller, Barbara Pierce, Whip Schultz, Don & Connie Conrad, Karla Becker, Janet Aaron, Scott McCracken, Laura Fenner, Lisa Conrad, Confirmation Class

GRANDVIEW: Christine Lewis

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

CEDAR CREST: June Kleberger, Dorothy Mutert, Beth Saunders

PARK PLACE ASSISTED LIVING (O'Fallon) Boots Bonney

MARYMOUNT (Eureka): Joan Schultz

## FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH REQUESTING PRAYERS:

Vicky Vogel (sister of Karla Becker)

Jim Lebreton (friend of Barbara Schofield)

Anna Roetheli (friend of the church)

Laura Leigh Rhoades (daughter of Laura Evans)

Dixie Kottwitz (friend of the Bierbaums)

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

Phil Colter (friend of Mauri Truesdell)

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

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

Mary Bray Wheeler (friend of Barbara Duemler)

Ardis Harnagel (friend of Karen Ladd)

Taylor Bierbaum (grandson of Judy & Luther)

Dottie Shelton (sister of Shirley Coulter)

Holly Stoltz-Smith (friend of the church)

Betty Buerk (relative of Schultz, Vogt, Struckhoff)

Jean Kimme (friend of Barbara Schofield)

Susan Conrad (daughter-in-law to Don & Connie Conrad &  
sister-in-law to Paul & Janet Henderson)

Dianne Symansky (friend of the Duemlers)

Marc Houseman (friend of the congregation)

Carol Perkins (friend of Karen Ladd)

Megan Turbeville (cousin of Vivian Marshall)

Rena Middendorf & Family (niece of Kathy Froning)

Pam Evangelist (sister of Sharon Fenner)

Betty Mechem (friend of Joe & Barb Hagan)

Ray Tucker (father-in-law of Jamie Tucker)

Sarah Truesdell Krumpak & twins (great niece and cousins to  
Jack, Elsie, Kathy & Mauri Trusdell)

Leon Bierbaum (brother of Luther Bierbaum)

Alexandria Caldwell (friend of Becker family)

Joe Bryant (friend of Lya Struckhoff)

McKenna Kleinheider (granddaughter of June Gellhausen)