

Pres-Bits Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

Before I became a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA), I spent nearly ten years as a youth director for various churches in Minnesota. This work was incredibly rewarding ministry. I loved the camping, the lock-outs, the retreats, the games, the campfire songs, the youth rallies, etc. I felt very blessed to be called to that ministry during that period of my life (when I had LOTS more energy...and more hair).

But, without a doubt, many of my favorite memories of my years as a youth director revolved around Presbyterian Youth Triennium. It is, without question, the greatest single ministry that our denomination offers to youth. I never got the chance to go as a youth. But, I was able to go three times as an adult chaperone ('01, '04 and '07).

Triennium is a week-long gathering of Presbyterian youth from around the world that only happens once every three years. They gather on the campus of Purdue University (Indiana) for a week of incredible and HUGE worship services, faith-deepening small groups, life-altering mission projects and LOTS of healthy fun. As an adult chaperone, I witnessed lives being changed, faith in Christ deepened and even young adults feel the tug of ministry on their hearts.

This year is a Triennium year. And, our church is sending six youth to participate in what could be one of the faith-defining moments of their young lives. I am particularly excited this year, because Alex Johnson (my step-son) will be participating, and I can't wait for him to experience this great event. But, I am also certain that Danielle Tucker, Olivia Tucker, Haylee Struckhoff, Miles McCracken and Katie Farrell will also have an amazing time.

The theme for 2016 is “GO.” As in “Go and See”: the angels telling the shepherds, “Go and Do Likewise” from the Parable of the Good Samaritan, “Teach Me the Way I Should Go” from Psalm 32, “Let My People Go” from Exodus and “Go and Make Disciples” from the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.

Please join me in prayer all this month as our youth prepare their hearts, minds and spirits for this great event. When they “GO,” continue in that prayer. But, please remember to keep praying once they return that the lessons they learned and the message they received from God would continue to shape their lives.

Presbyterian Youth Triennium is July 19-23.

Blessings 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.*



July Office Hours

The church office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. except Monday, July 4th when the office will be closed in celebration of Independence Day.

Current Elders

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The Lord's Supper

The sacrament of Communion will be served on Sunday, July 3.

Communion Assignments for July:

Preparer: Mary Ellenberger

Servers: David Brunworth, Vivian Marshall, Tim Urban

Worship Assignments for July:

Sound Tech:

7/3/2016	Allen Vogt
7/10/2016	Ian McCracken
7/17/2016	Joe Hagan
7/24/2016	Tom Ellenberger
7/31/2016	Tim Urban

Worship Leader: Mauri Truesdell

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
Dan Green & Danielle Tucker

Thank You

Thank you for all the cards, visits & well wishes during my recent illness. Your thoughtfulness meant a lot to me. Whip Schultz

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I want to thank all my friends for the cards, phone calls and prayers for me while I was not feeling well these past few weeks. Your concern and love mean a lot to me. It's "One day at a time." Tm Culp

Congratulations

Congratulations to Miles McCracken and Paige Carpenter on their graduation from Washington High School on Friday, May 20th! Miles' major high school activities were The Blue Jay Journal newspaper and the theatre production of 'Alice in the Looking Glass'. He will be attending East Central College in the fall working on an engineering major and continuing that at Rolla's Missouri College of Science & Technology. Paige played on the WHS basketball team all throughout high school and graduated in the top of her class. She will attend Mizzou in the fall and major in accounting.

Scrip Thank You

Thank you to all the people who participated in the recent SCRIP BONUS DAYS by ordering Bass Pro and Cabela's gift cards as we made **\$339.00** for our church JUST with all of those two stores giving us 13% and 14% respectively for the past two weeks! Happy Father's Day!



Youth Group Concession Fundraiser

Many thanks to all of our wonderful church members and friends that made and donated lots of incredible treats for our Baked Goods sale to go along with our Concession Fundraiser at the recent FH Doll Sale Event. We made almost \$400 in profit for our six youth to attend the July Triennium event! Thank you very much for everyone's help and especially to all the youth and adults that manned the stand for three days. Way to go, everyone! The PCW Youth Group Leaders: Laura Conley, Gretchen Farrell and Ian McCracken.



All-Church Potluck

There will be no July pot luck.

Circle of Friends

The Circle of Friends group will meet once in July on Thursday July 7th at 10 a.m. We shall study Lesson 8 of our Bible study. Lesson title, "The Hospitality of Living Water: Compassion." Jocelyn VanBuskirk



Warblers

Warblers will meet on Wednesday, July 27. 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.

Triennium Commissioning Service

Please make a special effort to join us for worship on Sunday, July 17th. On that day, our youth participants for Presbyterian Youth Triennium will be commissioned by the congregation. The laying on of hands was a prayerful activity that the early church employed when they sent disciples out into the world. That morning, we will do the same for Miles McCracken, Alex Johnson, Olivia Tucker, Katie Farrell, Danielle Tucker and Haylee Struckhoff as they are sent to Purdue University for an amazing rally with thousands of other Presbyterian youth from around the world! The youth will leave with the delegation from our Presbytery on Tuesday, July 19th and return on Saturday the 23rd.

Adult Sunday School

There will be no Adult Sunday School in July.

Harvest Table

Our upcoming Harvest Table supper event is on Saturday, August 20th, so be on the lookout around July 1st 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.

July Birthdays



7-2 Jessica Taubel
7-16 Kaci Conley
7-16 Ollie Whyte
7-17 Adam Bugele
7-18 Mike Becker

7-22 Dorothy Mutert
7-28 Mary Lais
7-29 Connie Conrad
7-31 Paige Carpenter

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. July's items are **Canned Fruits, Spaghetti Sauces and Salad Dressings**. All through the month of July, 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!

Men's Ministry

Thank you to all the men who helped make June's fish fry such a successful event! We almost ran out of fish since so many people attended! The Men's Ministry group meets every third Saturday of the month at 7:30 am for breakfast, fellowship and prayer.

New Member Class

We just keep seeing lots of new faces around here lately! Because of all the wonderful new visitors these past few months, Pastor Pat will be offering a class open to anyone interested in becoming a full member of the congregation. There will be two dates to choose from for the class (both Sundays): July 10th and 17th. Both classes will be held following worship. You don't have to attend both classes. Please prayerfully consider attending.

Presby Scrip Program

ScripNow!!! The Scrip Coordinators have ordered ahead on some of the most popular restaurant Scrip Cards. They are available for immediate pickup on Sunday's at the Scrip Table outside the sanctuary so that you may purchase one or more cards to use wherever you decide to go to lunch after worship or for your use at other times. This is a new feature that we are offering.

We have gift cards for sale for use at Bob Evans, Colton's, Hawthorne Inn, Miller's Grill, Paradise, Pasta House, Steak N Shake & Panera Bread (St. Louis Bread Co.). So if you plan to go out to lunch following worship, stop by the Scrip table and purchase your Scrip Card! Remember each and every gift card purchased gives an immediate rebate back to the church! P.S. Regular orders for Scrip are also being taken as usual.

Mission Garden

Many thanks to David Brunworth, our Master Gardener, as we harvested 78 bags of brown and new/red potatoes and more thanks to Lois Kempf as she took all of them to donate to Loving Hearts! It was a HUGE harvest of wonderful potatoes and we even had some leftover to use for our Camp Peace kids nature activity. The Mission Committee



RUMMAGE SALE - 2016

The Rummage Sale is July 29 (8-2) and July 30 (8-12). The end of July is fast approaching. It takes many hours to organize each area and prepare for the sale. Preparation on your part has to do with going through your closets, drawers, garages and kitchens. All of those things that have been sitting unused can be removed and donated. WE NEED your pieces of FURNITURE!

Sunday, July 17	Initial setup after worship. We need everyone to help remove items from the sheds and place on the tables.
Mon–Thu, July 18-28	Setup Time – 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Arrange and organize areas.
Wednesday, July 27	Items priced – Anything brought on Wednesday is to be placed on the table in front of the double doors.
Friday, July 29	Sale is 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 30	Sale is 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 31	After worship we need help boxing and bagging items & cleaning the hall.
Monday, August 1	Final cleanup if needed. Starting at 9:00 a.m.

DEPARTMENTS

TV, Radio, Electronic Signs, Newspaper
 Placement of Signs
 Jewelry
 Housewares/Knick Knacks
 Books, Magazines, Tapes
 Linens
 Christmas
 Children’s Clothing
 Luggage/Sports Equipment
 Furniture/Tools/Electronics
 Setup & take down
 of clothing racks & supervision
 of cleanup on Sunday
 Clothing

 Children’s Clothing
 Pickup items

 Tally
 Checkout
 Collect Money
 Package Items

PERSON

David Brunworth
 Karen Ladd
 Anna Mae Boehmer
 Jean and Kathy Van Der Kamp, Sharon Fenner

 Jenny Scheibe, Pamela Schwarzen
 Janet Aaron & Barbara Pierce
 Don Scheibe
 Allen Vogt

 David Brunworth, Dan Greer
 John Bugele, Roland Schwarzen
 Barbara Schofield (Mon), Shirley Coulter (Tues), Jan Hardin (Wed),
 Barbara Duemler (Thurs)
 Kathy Froning
 Mike Becker & Kenny Barnhart (239-5370), Ian & Miles
 McCracken (667-2014)

 (Fri.) Judy Bierbaum, Jean Van Der Kamp, Richard Duemler;
 (Sat.) Richard & Barbara Duemler, Mauri Truesdell



Directions:

1. **When items are brought**, please place on the tables in appropriate areas, which will be marked or have like items.
2. **Wednesday, July 27 – Last day to bring things** – Pricing has already been done; so place items on table at double doors.
3. The Rummage Sale is an annual **Fundraiser and Mission for the community** (Goodwill & Dr. Long’s South American Mission).
4. **Invite friends to contribute!**
5. **Donate time** over the two weeks to assist with setup. THE FELLOWSHIP is wonderful!

I would like to thank you in advance for all the help and donations. If you would like a RECEIPT FOR TAX PURPOSES, please give Barbara Schofield, Jan Hardin, Shirley Coulter, Barbara Duemler or Judy Bierbaum (receipts in clothing area) an ITEMIZED LIST WITH THE VALUE and they will sign your receipt.



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

The Serving Others document is hot off the press!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to be of service to our church family. The new Serving Others guide is printed on yellow paper and is ready to pick up on the table just outside the coat room. Church Life Committee

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.



Progressive Dinner Coming Up

Saturday, August 13th; watch the corkboard for a signup sheet to be included in this opportunity for fellowship and food. You may choose to host, cook or just attend. We will travel in small groups from home to home for each course and end up at the church for dessert. This is sure to be a fun evening!

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, Joy Kopp, Tim Culp, Jean Van Der Kamp, Becky Vogt, Patricia Bagley

GRANDVIEW: Christine Lewis

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

CEDAR CREST: June Kleberger, Dorothy Mutert, Beth Saunders, Lisa Conrad

PARK PLACE ASSISTED LIVING (O'Fallon) Boots Bonney

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH REQUESTING PRAYERS:

Vicky Vogel (sister of Karla Becker)

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)

Taylor Bierbaum (grandson of Judy & Luther)

Holly Stoltz-Smith (friend of the church)

Betty Buerk (relative of Schultz, Vogt, Struckhoff)

Jean Kimme (friend of Barbara Schofield)

Carol Perkins (friend of Karen Ladd)

Rena Middendorf & Family (niece of Kathy Froning)

Pam Evangelist (sister of Sharon Fenner)

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

Alexandria Caldwell (friend of Becker family)

Joe Bryant (friend of Lya Struckhoff)

McKenna Kleinheider (granddaughter of June Gellhausen)

Felix Frye (brother-in-law of Trisha Bagley)

Charles Bagley (brother of Trisha Bagley)

Jordan Pennington (God son of Mauri Truesdell)

Jill Ince (friend of the church)

Alex Settles (friend and coworker of Robbin Thayer)

Family of Louis Barrett (Whip's brother-in-law)

Debbie Bernardoni (friend of Tim Culp)

Annabelle Krueger (granddaughter of a friend of Tim Culp)

Family of Glenn Siebke (Friend of church)

Debbie Usry (friend of Melissa Joyce)