

# Pres-Bits Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

2016 is a big year in the life of our denomination. This year marks the 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly. This will be a national gathering of elected ministers and elders from around the nation. Many concerns and issues facing the church today will be addressed.

The Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, the Reverend Gradye Parsons, has released his greatest prayers for the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), to be held in Portland, Oregon from June 18-25, 2016.

- **Prayerful decision-making**

The spirit in which decisions are made at the assembly will be a prayerful and careful witness of decision-making for the entire church.

- **Deeper awareness of the whole PC(USA)**

Commissioners and advisory delegates will gain a deeper awareness of the length and breadth of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), realizing they are part of something much larger than themselves.

- **Issues facing congregations**

Commissioners and advisory delegates will discern with the whole church the issues and challenges facing congregations.

- **Common calling to a changing church**

A clear, common calling will emerge to actively and hopefully engage with the reality of a church in change.

- **Attention beyond ourselves**

Attention will move beyond ourselves to a world in great need, committing ourselves to gospel work: making disciples, feeding the hungry, welcoming the outcast, encouraging the fainthearted, working for peace – all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- **Enthusiastic sharing of the faith**

Those who are part of the assembly will be the first in line of Presbyterians to talk about their faith with a contagious enthusiasm.

- **Furthering the mission of Christ**

At the end of the assembly, commissioners and advisory delegates will have a deep sense that what they did will further the mission of Christ in the world.

I think these are all goals we can respect and appreciate. Please be in prayer for the 2016 General Assembly during the week of June 18-25 and in the time preceding our national gathering.

Blessings in Christ,  
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.*



## June Office Hours

The church office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

## Current Elders

|                          |              |  |
|--------------------------|--------------|--|
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## The Lord's Supper

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

## Communion Assignments for June:

Preparer: Vivian Marshall

Servers: Karen Ladd, Barbara Schofield, Tim Urban

## Worship Assignments for June:

### Sound Tech:

|           |                 |
|-----------|-----------------|
| 6/5/2016  | Allen Vogt      |
| 6/12/2016 | Ian McCracken   |
| 6/19/2016 | Joe Hagan       |
| 6/26/2016 | Tom Ellenberger |

Worship Leader: Sam Farrell

## Ushers

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

## Greeters

Becky Vogt & Nancy Klingert  
Tim & Gerry Urban  
Don & Jenny Scheibe  
Allen Vogt & Karla Becker

## **Pastor Pat Vacation**

Pastor Pat will be on vacation from Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> through Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. If you have a pastoral emergency during that time, please contact our Parish Associate, Rev. Jocelyn Van Buskirk.



## **All-Church Potluck**

The next pot luck will be June 8 at 5:30 p.m. with chicken breast 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 meet Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. to discuss Lesson 7 of the Horizon Bible Study "Come to the Waters." The theme of this lesson is "Streams of Mercy – Forgiveness." Scripture passages will be from Isaiah 35, Psalm 51 and Matthew 6. – Jocelyn VanBuskirk



## **Warblers**

Warblers will meet on Wednesday, June 29. 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

## **Adult Sunday School**

There will be no Adult Sunday School in June.

## **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.

# June Birthdays



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|------|------------------|------|--------------------|
| 6-1  | Jessica Taubel   | 6-13 | Lya Struckhoff     |
| 6-2  | Matthew Benedict | 6-16 | Elaine Dodson      |
| 6-4  | Vivian Anglin    | 6-19 | Lois Kempf         |
| 6-4  | Katie Farrell    | 6-21 | Jocelyn VanBuskirk |
| 6-5  | Heather Miller   | 6-24 | Becky Vogt         |
| 6-7  | Paul Henderson   | 6-25 | Gretchen Farrell   |
| 6-11 | Virginia Whyte   | 6-26 | Janet Carpenter    |
| 6-12 | Joseph Brunworth | 6-26 | Joe Hagan          |
| 6-12 | Jamie Conley     | 6-27 | Dan Greer          |

## Movie Nights

We have a brand-spankin'-new HD Projector, Bluray player, and big ol' speakers, and we want to put them to good use. So, we plan on hosting "Movie Nights" periodically throughout the summer. The screen gets really nice and big and the sound will not be a problem.

The church will provide the popcorn and beverages. However, you will want to bring comfortable seating (bean bag chairs, lawn chairs, big pillows, etc).

No need to RSVP, and you can invite your friends/family.

Please note, we have a video license that allows us to legally show movies to the congregation. However, that license does not cover our ability to promote the event outside the congregation (we're not allowed to distribute flyers, display on yard signs, post on our facebook page or web-site). So, invite people privately. Keep an eye out for the next "Movie Night."

## 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. June's items are **Canned Fruits, Cereals, and Spaghetti Sauces**. All through the month of June, 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!

## Community Family Picnic

The Second Annual NUUR (Neighbors United to Undo Racism) Community Family Picnic will be held Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-3:00 p.m. at the Jaycee Pavilion at the city park fairgrounds in Union. Fried chicken, coleslaw, potato salad, and baked beans for \$10 will be provided. (Proceeds will go toward the work of NUUR.) Bring beverage and dessert, and your chair or blankets to sit on. Fresh air, live music, planned games for the children. NUUR t-shirts on sale for \$10. Shared conversation and stories with our neighbors.

## **Fish Fry**

The new Men's Ministry of the church would like to invite everyone to a special Fish Fry Luncheon after worship on Sunday, June 12th in the Fellowship Hall.

In the next few weeks, the men will be fishing for your lunch! They will be serving everyone their "catch" along with all the other fixings.

This is one of the first church wide events sponsored by the newly relaunched Men's Ministry. The Men's Ministry group meets every third Saturday of the month at 7:30 am for breakfast, fellowship and prayer.

## **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.

## **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): June 26<sup>th</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup>. Both classes will be held following worship. You don't have to attend both classes. Please prayerfully consider attending.

## **Mission Garden**

Have you stopped out back behind the church to see what we are growing? We have a crop of Irish potatoes growing and they will soon be ready for harvesting. We will then plant a Sweet Potato variety. We just harvested 80 big bags of fresh spinach (almost \$400 compared to retail costs) and immediately donated them to our local Loving Hearts Outreach which handed them all out to their clients that same harvest day! Many thanks to our whole Mission Committee and, especially to David Brunworth, our Master Gardener.



## **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

## **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.



## **Youth Group**

Believe it or not, we are wrapping up our Church School year and looking forward to a few summer activities! We have a Concession Stand Fundraiser coming up on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with a Doll Collection event in our own Fellowship Hall and we are needing any baked goods to sell! Please drop them by church before 1pm on Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. All of our profits we make will go to our Presbyterian Youth Triennium trip for our six youth attending on July 19-23. Thank you! The PCW Youth Group Leaders: Laura Conley, Gretchen Farrell and Ian McCracken.

## **Camp Peace**

The week of **June 27 – July 1, 2016** will be a very special week in the life of PCW and the community of Washington. That week, “camp” will be coming to PCW’s backyard! “Camp Peace” is much like Vacation Bible School, only so much more! Camp Peace is a FREE children's ministry of 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. The week of Camp Peace will be similar to a typical week of Bible camp programming at PCW’s facility. Camp Peace will run from 8am to 2pm each day. The program is for children entering Kindergarten through 5th grades. Camp Peace is also open to the general public. Registration forms can be printed from our web-site: [www.presbywashmo.org](http://www.presbywashmo.org), or can be picked up in the church office. Registration forms are due in the church office, by Monday, June 20th. If you have any questions about Camp Peace, please call or e-mail the church office.

## **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.



## 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!

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| 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  
 McCrackens (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.



## **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, Janet Thayer, Joy Kopp, Family of Joan Schultz, Emily Bounds, Tim Culp

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

## 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)

Marc Houseman (friend of the congregation)

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)

The Family of Leon Bierbaum (brother of Luther Bierbaum)

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)

The family of Robert Ritchey (father of Brady Ritchey)

Cate Bradburn (newborn granddaughter of Joe & Barb Hagan)

The family of Billy Pierce (nephew and grandson of Janet Aaron & Barbara Pierce)

Jill Ince (friend of the church)