

"Christ is all and in all." Colossians 3:11

# Pres-Bits Newsletter

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It is significant for me that my last newsletter article is for this month when we celebrate Easter.

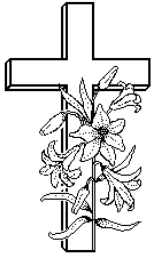
Easter, it seems to me, is a wonderful reminder of the way God works in our midst: creating life – new life – out of death, even out of nothing, though not always in the way or manner or shape or form we would expect.

That new life – that resurrection – is always a gift. It is never the result of our efforts and resources. It is never because of our goodness and virtue. It is always a gift – the gracious act of the God who creates us and loves us, always.

That new life also has to be embraced: appropriated, lived into. And that takes a lot of work.

My hope and my prayer – for all of us – is that our eyes will be open to discern the gift of new life that God offers, and that our hearts will be open to embrace that new life fully, now and always.

*Peace in Christ,  
Bill Vincent*



## **Easter Service**

Join together on Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 a.m. as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ.

## **Maundy Thursday Service**

The Maundy Thursday service will be April 1<sup>st</sup> at the First United Methodist Church at **7:30** p.m. (Please note change in time.)

## **Good Friday Service**

We will have a special Good Friday service on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the church. The service will be centered around our “letting go tree.”

## **One Great Hour of Sharing**

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God’s love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future. The OGHS offering will be collected on Easter Sunday.

## **Session**

**At its March meetings the Session:**

- Approved minutes
- Approved a Youth Cookie Mix Fund Raiser scheduled for Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> following worship.
- Approved a Community Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>
- Discussed a revised 2010 Budget that reflects a \$23,000 deficit due to a decrease in unpledged contributions.
- Approved three private rentals.

- Discussed Pastor Bill's request to dissolve his pastoral relationship with our congregation in order to accept a call as Interim Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Cape Girardeau Missouri.
- Scheduled a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> with the purpose of acting on Bill's request to dissolve our pastoral relationship.
- Discussed short term as well as long term plans for the continued ministry of this church with representatives of Presbytery's Committee on Ministry and Congregational Development Ministry Team and scheduled another meeting on Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> in order to continue this discussion.

## **Worship Notes**

Thursday, APRIL 1 - Maundy Thursday: Our joint Maundy Thursday service will be at **7:30** p.m. at First United Methodist Church (please note the change in time!). Communion will be served as we remember the night Jesus first celebrated that special meal with his disciples.

Friday, APRIL 2 - Good Friday: We will have a special Good Friday service at 7:00 p.m. As we have, through Lent, had the leaves fall off of our "letting go tree," we will mark our final "letting go" as the tree, along with all "leaves" returned, will be burned, "ashes to ashes, dust to dust." Who knows what will come three days hence?

Sunday, APRIL 4 - Easter Sunday: A new "Day Is Dawning" as we celebrate Easter with both baptism and communion. The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will also be received. "He Is Risen!" He is risen indeed!

Sunday, APRIL 11 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter: This Sunday's service will include a special "Service of Endings" as we mark Bill's last Sunday to preach. Sermon on Psalm 136.

Sunday, APRIL 18 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter: Rev. Ann Pitman will be preaching.

Sunday, APRIL 25 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: Rev. Ann Pitman will be preaching.

## **Pastor Bill & Deanna Vincent Recognition**

Sunday, April 11, will be Pastor Bill & Deanna Vincent's last worship service with our congregation. We'd like to recognize all their hard work and dedication at our church for the last nine and a half years with a special fellowship time immediately following worship that day. Please join us for cake and punch and many words of thanks to both, for their ministry here together has enriched us all.

## **Recognition Sunday**

Plan to join us for worship on Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> when we'll be recognizing some very special people in our midst. We'll be presenting Bibles to those children who have completed the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: Matthew Benedict, Haylee Struckhoff, and Danielle Tucker. Gifts will be given to our high school graduates: Jami Conley, Libby Farrell, Steven Henderson, Rachel Rodgers, and Kelsey Staiger.

The recipient of the Celebration of Aging will be recognized on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **WKDJ**

Laura Conley and Lya Struckhoff have agreed to assume leadership for WKDJ (Washington Kids Discovering Jesus) for the remainder of this school year. In April, the lessons will focus on the Old Testament story of Elijah. All children grades 1-6 are invited to join them at 9:00 a.m. every Sunday morning!

## **Trivia Night and Silent Auction Fundraiser**

### **Date Change!**

Mark your calendars! Our big fundraising project, a Trivia Night and Silent Auction, has been changed due to some conflicts and is now set for **FRIDAY, APRIL 30 at 7 p.m.** We need volunteers for: marketing & advertising, trivia question/answer group (we have a big book to help us out!), table set up earlier that day, registration table, snack crew (no baking required!), silent auction crew (putting baskets together a week ahead and monitoring bids that evening), people to print & copy game papers, scorers & judges, teenage babysitters (yes, you will get paid!), and, finally, a clean up crew. Thank you to all you have donated silent auction items so far. We are really collecting some great items! Let's all join together for a Spring evening of fun! Please call Gretchen Farrell, 239-0070, to sign up, or ask any questions.

## **Brand New Parent's *Night Out* Program!**

Beginning in May on the second Friday of each month we will offer an evening childcare service for potty-trained children through age 12. This promises to be a fun evening filled with games, crafts, songs, and more. Your children will have so much fun they will beg you to go out on a monthly date night so they can come to PNO!!!

Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month beginning with May 14<sup>th</sup>

Time: 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Location: Presbyterian Church of Washington

Open to all children in the community potty-trained through age 12.

The cost for this service is \$10.00 per child. Sorry, no discounts for siblings.

Payment is due at time of drop off.

**FREE** for *ACTIVE* Members of Presbyterian Church of Washington.

Registration required each month. Open to the first 40 children to register.

Parents must provide a cell phone number by which they can be reached during PNO.

We recommend registering in advance by calling Laura or Jami at 239-4814. You may also cancel your registration by calling this same number.

You may also register at the door; however we cannot guarantee we will have an opening.

*\*In an effort to keep all children healthy, if your child is sick, has a cold or fever, please do not bring them to PNO. Thank you*

*Interested in what it means to be an ACTIVE member? Please call our church office at 239-3178 for*

*details.*

## **All-Church Potluck**

The All-Church Potluck met on March 10<sup>th</sup> with 23 in attendance. The next potluck will be April 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. with Ham as the entrée. Please bring a side dish to share. In case you haven't noticed the name has changed from Adult Potluck to **All-Church Potluck**. The potluck is now open to all families to share in the fellowship. There will be a sign-up sheet up on the bulletin board in the foyer.

## **Washington Presbyterian on Facebook**

Our church is now on Facebook. The URL is <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Presbyterian-Church-of-Washington/259529197627?v=wall&ref=ts>

## **Thank You**

Dear Christian Friends,

I just wanted to say a big THANK YOU for the reception Sunday to welcome me as your new organist. I am really looking forward to providing music for your worship services. Thanks again, and may God bless you all.

In His Name,  
Love,  
Jim Culp

## **Church Security System**

For those of you who have a church key and code to the security system, the phone number for Sonitrol/Stanley Security has been changed to 1-866-874-3814.

## **Worship Attendance**

2-7	106
2-14	58
2-21	60
2-28	63

## **Fundraising Committee**

The Finance committee would like to re-activate the Fundraising committee. If you would be interested in helping to coordinate Fundraisers please contact Laura Evans at 390-9205 or the church office.

## **Worktrip**

For those interested in finding out more information on a Worktrip to Springfield, MO the week of June 7<sup>th</sup>, please join us for lunch and an informational meeting on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> after worship.

## **PRAYER LIST:**

MEMBERS WITH CONTINUING NEEDS: Jack Lohan, Connie Conrad, Nancy Thater, Kaci Conley, Barbara Pierce, Barbara Roethlisberger, Glenda Nagel, Mary Eleanor Farrell, Jack Truesdell, Elsie Kresse, Roni Fowler, Joan Schultz, Ron Nagel, Jamie Tucker, Janet Aaron, Lois Lohan, June Kleberger, Lucille Ronsick, Paul & Joyce Bock, the Stahlhuth family, Barbara Kidd, Gene Kopp, Elsie Truesdell, Mary Lais, Glenn Siebke, Dan Pierce, & Vic Kappelmann.

NEW HAVEN CARE CENTER: David & Louise Mathews.

CEDARCREST: Ann Hartbauer & Mary Ann Schultz.

GRANDVIEW: Christine Lewis & Evelyn Walters.

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH:

Shawn Oppliger (son of Glenda & Ron Nagel),  
Trevor Grater (nephew of Paul & Lya Struckhoff),  
Dottie Jones (friend of Mauri Truesdell),  
Jeri Jones (friend of Mauri Truesdell),  
Sherry Schroepfer (friend of the Bugele's),  
Olivia Billings (great-niece of Joan Shelby),  
Della Mae Probst (sister of Wilbert Schultz),  
Arliene Kehr (sister of Wilbert Schultz),  
Robin Tebeau (sister of John Ensor),  
Jill Haberberger (friend through Boehmer and Vogts),  
Bern Ruehman (mother of Jan Hardin),  
Barbara & George Peters (parent's of Nancy Thater),  
Larry Kleberger (son of June Kleberger),  
Barb Ebker (friend of Karla Becker),  
John Collett (friend of the Stahlhuth's),  
Kara Suter (daughter of June Kleberger),  
Lucian Uiese Matau (grandson of Roni Fowler),  
Jerry Lakebrink (friend of Struckhoff's & Vogts),  
Ardis Harnagel (friend of Karen Ladd),  
Sam Boyer (friend of Susan Benedict's),  
Holly Freund (relative of the Farrell's),  
Linda Harris (relative of the Farrell's),  
Kurt & Emily Jones (daughter and son-in-law of Barbara & Joe Hagan).

## **Fellowship Table Help**

The Church Life & Mission Committee would love to have some help with the Fellowship Table in June, July & August. We need donations of cookies or breads (home-baked or store-bought, we're not picky!) and help to serve them on the first Sunday of the month. One of the best ways to make friends and have great fellowship is over food! Please contact Gretchen Farrell with questions or to sign up, 239-0070. THANK YOU

## **Thank You**

Many thanks to the people who helped with the World Day of Prayer service, with cookies, and various duties. The service was well attended and inspirational.

Jean Van Der Kamp

## Donations Needed

Pregnancy Assistance Center is currently in need of new or gently used children's clothing sizes 18 months through children's size 5. A box to place items in can be found near the narthex. If you have any questions, please call Pamela Kellerman at 239-7958.

## Worship Assignments:

April:

Worship Leader – John Anglin  
Ushers – June Kleberger & Elaine Dodson  
Greeters – Marty & Rick Schenk  
Worship Coordinator – Roni Fowler  
Sound Booth – Jami Conley & Libby Farrell

## Birthdays

Name	Day of Birth
Sheppard, Erika	04/01
Hardin, Jan	04/03
Beckett, Joseph	04/04
Greer, Andrew	04/04
Obermark, Lucas	04/08
Pyatt, Samantha	04/09
Henderson, Phillip	04/10
Kellerman, Philip	04/17
Kopp, Gene	04/17
Thater, Nancy	04/17
De Greef, Martha	04/18
Walters, Evelyn	04/20
Matthews, David	04/23
Hazel, Betsy	04/30
Saunders, Beth	04/30