

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

Pres-Bits Newsletter

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Session

During May the Session has been working on the following:

- Session has approved the final draft of our Church Information Form. This form contains information about our congregation that will be made available to pastors who are seeking interim positions. If you would like to see a copy of our CIF, it is available in the church office. For more information regarding the progress and work of our Interim Search Committee please contact Vickie Price.
- Session is happy to announce that plans are underway for a summer VBS program. The program will be directed by Susan Benedict and will be the week of July 12th.
- Session has decided to, once again, try to sell Lot A (the same piece of property that we almost sold 2 years ago). Session has agreed to list the property with Coldwell Banker, however, the final details of the listing are still being worked out. For questions or more information regarding the listing of this property please contact Allen Vogt.
- During this time, while we are without an installed pastor, the Session has decided to allow properly trained elders to offer "Extended Communion" to our shut ins. Training for the elders will take place sometime this spring. If you have questions about this or would like more information regarding when Extended Communion will be available, please contact Bev Stobie.
- Another issue we are currently facing is how to keep up with and care for the many needs of our congregation's members and friends. In an attempt to be more intentional in our efforts to care for one another, the Session has created a Member Care Program designed to encourage members to keep in touch with and care for each other more effectively. If you would like more information or to be a part of this important ministry please contact Gretchen Farrell.
- On behalf of the Session, the Worship & Music committee has found Supply Pastors through August. If you miss a Sunday and would like to hear the sermon, just go to the church website at presbywashmo.org and click on Podcast. You can check the calendar in the newsletter or the bulletin to see who will be preaching each Sunday.
- The Session is continuing to wrestle with our very serious financial situation. At this point in time our budget has been cut to only include bare necessities. All funds from our savings account have been depleted, and we are struggling to pay our monthly bills. In an effort to address this situation, a "Tree of Life" has been placed in the Narthex with leaves representing current needs of the church. Members are asked to prayerfully consider choosing a leaf and making a

contribution in an effort to help our congregation during this time of financial difficulty. For more information about our Tree of Life please contact Karen Ladd.

- Session has also given approval for two fund raising events to take place in the next two months. The first is an All Church Bake Sale... The second is a Book Sale... The **Old Fashioned Bake Sale** will be May 30th immediately after worship! The Church Life & Mission Committee has been busy planning a Community wide **BOOK SALE** in our Fellowship Hall for Friday & Saturday, **June 18 & 19, from 8am – 3pm** on both days. We have hundreds of books that have been donated to our church and invite anyone to make more book donations! This is an easy fundraiser for our church, so please look for sign-ups soon on the bulletin boards as we do need a little help on those two sale days and getting organized a few days before. We also plan on selling fresh KRISPY KREME DONUTS and Coffee to help customers browse at their leisure. Grab some flyers in the Narthex to help us get the word out-tell your friends, neighbors, co-workers!
- Session has been discussing the current problems and malfunctions we are experiencing with both of our water softeners. As an alternate to replacing these water softeners (at a cost of \$9,000), Session has requested that the Property Committee investigate the cost and feasibility of tapping into the new city water line that runs along the northern edge of our property. For more information about the work of the Property Committee on this issue, please contact Jim Conley.
- Session would like to express its thanks and appreciation for a generous and much needed donation of funding so that our parking lot can be resealed. Work will begin sometime this summer. Thank you so much!
- In an effort to improve communication Session has given approval for planned changes and updates to our church website.
- The Session next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 14th.

Worktrip

Please pray for those going to our Mission Worktrip in Springfield, MO, June 6-12.

WKDJ

Thank you to Laura Conley and Lya Struckhoff for their leadership for WKDJ (Washington Kids Discovering Jesus) for the remainder of this school year. And many thanks to Deanna Vincent for all her leadership this past school year! Join us again on Sunday, September 12th at 9:00 a.m.!

Trivia Night and Silent Auction Fundraiser

The church Trivia Night & Silent Auction will be held sometime this fall.

We're 160 Years Old

On June 24, 1850, The Presbyterian Church of Washington became an official organization. This June 24th the church will be 160 years old. If you are interested in some old history of the church, Becky has some literature that is available in the church office.

Recognition Sunday



Matt Benedict & Haylee Struckhoff



Steven Henderson, Jami Conley, Libby Farrell & Rachel Rodgers

Matt Benedict & Haylee Struckhoff received their Bibles during worship on Sunday, May 9th (Danielle Tucker was not able to attend). Gifts were given to our high school graduates: Jami Conley, Libby Farrell, Steven Henderson, & Rachel Rodgers.

Tree of Life

The “Tree of Life” has been added in the Foyer. By committing our time and resources we, the congregation, affirm our faith and hope now and in the future for the life of our fellowship in Christ. You can help the church above and beyond your pledge by choosing an item on the tree. Please leave donations in the church office.

Worktrip Challenge Grant

A Challenge Grant has been made to the church. Any donations given up to \$500 will be matched for the upcoming Worktrip to Springfield, MO. Those working on this mission project will be doing things such as building ramps for wheelchairs, building “walker friendly” steps, repairing floors, windows, & doorways, interior and exterior painting, and yard cleanup. Please help us meet this challenge.

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Wish List & Opportunity List

The new WISH LIST and OPPORTUNITY LIST are available on the table in the Foyer. Please stop by and take one. One item that was listed, 10 round tables, has been filled. Another WISH was taken care of before it made the list...the painting of the entrance to the Fellowship Hall and the three bathrooms. A big THANK YOU goes out of these members who have so generously fulfilled these needs of the church.

Brand New Parent's *Night Out* Program!

On the second Friday of each month we offer an evening childcare service for potty-trained children through age 12. This is 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: 2nd Friday of each month (June 11th)

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*

Rummage Sale

Mark your calendar, the next Rummage Sale is August 13 & 14.

Pres-Bits

Articles for the July & August issues of Pres-Bits are due by June 15th.

All-Church Potluck

The All-Church Potluck met on May 12th. The next potluck will be June 9th at 5:30 p.m. with Meatloaf 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.

GRADUATING SENIORS IN OUR CHURCH!

Congratulations to the following church members and friends who have recently graduated:

College graduates:

Drew Greer graduated from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. with his Masters Degree in Pharmacology.

Molly Beuke graduated from Truman State University on May 8th with her Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology/Anthropology and a Music minor. She has been accepted to attend graduate school in the fall at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and in three years will have her Masters in Education Counseling, hoping to work with high school students as a guidance counselor.

Leah Stobie graduated from the University of Missouri-Kansas City on May 6th with her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. She will be living in Nebraska and working at a hospital in Grand Island, Nebraska as an Emergency Room nurse.

Kimberly Taubel graduated in December 2009 from the University of Missouri-Kansas City with a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and is now in Chiropractic School.

High School graduates:

Jami Conley graduated from Washington High School on May 20th and will head to Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, MO this fall to pursue a major in Biochemistry in their Honors Program.

Libby Farrell graduated from Washington High School on May 20th and will head to Illinois College in Jacksonville, Illinois, to pursue a major in Biology while playing on their Women's Soccer team.

Stephen Henderson graduated from Washington High School on May 20th and will head to East Central College, Union, MO for two years and then transfer to Missouri University of Science and Technology, formerly UM-Rolla, to pursue a major in Aerospace Engineering.

Rachel Rodgers graduated from Washington High School on May 20th and will head to the University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, MO to pursue a major in Business Administration.

Kelsey Staiger graduated from Washington High School on May 20th and will head to Missouri State University, Springfield, MO to pursue a major in Culinary Arts.

Blessings to all of these young people as they complete their degrees and start a new path in their lives!

Info on the Bock's

Jean & Kathy Van Der Kamp recently, while in Denver, made a short visit to Paul & Joyce Bock, our former minister who is retired. Joyce is using a walker following her hip surgery and Paul continues to face problems with swollen legs. They send best wishes to our congregation, as they said their years with us were some of the best. Their address is: 2065 W. 134th Way, Westminster, CO 80234

Jean Van Der Kamp

Vincent's New Address

Bill & Deanna are getting settled in their new home in Cape Girardeau. Their new address is:

3822 Fawn Dr.

Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Children's Clothes Needed

The Pregnancy Assistance Center is currently in need of new or gently used children's clothing sizes 18 months thru children's size 5. There will be a box in the narthex to place items. If you have any questions please contact Pamela Kellermann at 239-7958.

Thank You

Thank you to the anonymous donor of the Weeping Cherry tree used for the Easter Service. It has been planted at the end of the patio. Also, a big thank you to those who planted the tree.

Thank you to the church for use of the facilities for the regional APA (Administration Personnel Association) conference held in April. I received many compliments and notes of thanks from several of the attendees. Also, a huge thank you to Pamela Kellermann, Jane Bugele, Gretchen Farrell & Tom Farrell for their help with the setup and for delivering the food for all our meals. With their help we put on a great Regional Conference here at The Presbyterian Church of Washington.

At this same conference, I received my Level III Certification. Yeah!

Becky Vogt

Washington Presbyterian Youth Group,

Thank you so much for your donation to the Children's Relay for Life. We appreciate your help with putting together a great event and supporting cancer patients.

WHS Stu Co

The Youth Group raised money for Relay for Life by selling cookie mix after worship one Sunday in March and made \$250.!!

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

4-4 126

4-11 82

4-18 66

4-25 51

Deaths

Please keep in your prayers the family of Dan Pierce & Janet Aaron. Dan, 84, died on April 30, 2010.

Please keep in your prayers the family of Ralph Schultz and Joan Schultz. Ralph, 94, died on May 15, 2010.

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.

PRAYER LIST:

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

NEW HAVEN CARE CENTER: Louise Mathews.

CEDARCREST: Ann Hartbauer & Mary Ann Schultz.

GRANDVIEW: Christine Lewis & Evelyn Walters.

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH:

Shawn Opplinger (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),
Arlene Kehr (sister of Wilbert Schultz),
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),
Ardis Harnagel (friend of Karen Ladd),
Holly Fruend (relative of the Farrell's),
Linda Harris (relative of the Farrell's),
Jewel Dean (mother of Phil Dean).

Pianos available

The church has available two good "starter" pianos. If you would be interested, please contact Becky in the church office.

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

June Worship Assignments:

Worship Leader – Amy Randles
Ushers – ??
Greeters – ??
Worship Coordinator – Roni Fowler
Sound Booth – Jami Conley & Libby Farrell

Birthdays

6-1 Doug Hazel
6-1 Jessica Taubel
6-2 Matt Benedict
6-4 Katie Farrell
6-5 June Kleberger
6-7 Paul Henderson
6-8 Barbara Kidd
6-12 Joe Brunworth
6-12 Jami Conley
6-13 Lya Struckhoff
6-16 Elaine Dodson
6-16 John Obermark
6-16 Mark Saunders
6-20 Elsie Kresse
6-24 Becky Vogt
6-25 Gretchen Farrell
6-26 Janet Carpenter
6-26 Joe Hagan
6-26 Brayden Sheppard
6-27 Dan Greer
6-27 Kit Hazel
6-28 Charlotte Beckett
6-30 Jim Perry

2010 Per Capita

The Per Capita for 2010 is \$25.98. This amount is due on each Active member on the rolls to help with the expenses on the Presbytery, Synod & General Assembly level. You will find an envelope in your packet of 2010 contribution envelopes for the Per Capita. Please help by sending in a check for each Active member in your family.