



## **Presbyterian Times May, 2017**

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### **A Message from Our Pastor Rev. Lou Ellen Hartley**

In our preschool over the last several weeks we have been anxiously awaiting the birth of some chicks. Katie Sands has worked hard to ensure the eggs have been turned and remained viable in the incubator. At last on April 24, the chicks began busting through. There was much rejoicing throughout the preschool and church office.

I have been a city person all of my life, and I have very little experience with hatching eggs and watching little critters bust into the world. For weeks those eggs were stationary and on the outside looked no differently than the ones I buy in the store. Then, when the time was right, they started moving and even chirping before they were able to poke through the shell. It was obvious something was about to happen! Then the reality set in – we were going to have to wait a little longer. We were ready, but the little chick was not. Finally! The chick busted through and squeaked and flopped and fluttered around with all kinds of energy. That little shell could no longer contain it. It was free!!!!!! And then..... it fell asleep. Apparently, new birth is exhausting.

There are times when this little episode is a good reflection of our life as the church. New life is part of our relationship with Christ. We are born anew, and we continue to grow and change with time. Birth and growth can be exhausting. Birth and growth rarely happens exactly the way we imagine. Birth and growth can be a long drawn out process. We do not all grow at the same time or at the same rate. Some of us may really like the idea of birthing new ministries and trying something fresh and new, but bringing it to fruition can be exhausting. We lose enthusiasm. We need to rest. Others may step forward and help us move to the next step. This is all part of our life together as a church. We know God's Holy Spirit is always at work within us, helping us grow,

and giving us renewed life. Let's pray together for the renewal of our spirits as we experience life together in this faith community. May we grow together and embrace what change may come our way.

Peace,

Pastor Lou Ellen

Presbyterian Preschool Students will join us in Worship on Sunday April 30. We will hear our preschool director, Rachel Allison, present a minute for mission highlighting this ministry. Then the children will sing for us during the children's sermon time. Don't miss out on this special service.

#### Sermons Information

April 30 Easter 3--- 1 Peter 1:17-23 "Love One Another Deeply from the Heart"  
Presbyterian Preschool joins us in worship

May 7 Easter 4--- 1 Peter 2:19-25. "Returning to the Shepherd"

May 14 Easter 5 --- 1 Peter 2:2-10. "Like Newborn Babies"

May 21 Easter 6 --- 1 Peter 3:13-22 "Do Not Fear What They Fear"

May 28 Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. Phil Cox

#### **How Well Do You Know Your Congregation About Myself...**

Reverend Robert Rogers

I was born in Portland, Oregon a long time ago and have lived in various parts of the Northwest for over half of my life. So I consider myself an Oregonian, although I have 'done time' elsewhere. I grew up in a household with my parents and two younger brothers. After finishing high school I went to the University of Oregon, majoring in Liberal Arts, got married and went to Princeton Theological Seminary.

I have been ordained now for 56 years. Since graduation my ministry has been varied and interesting. The first fifteen years were spent serving three small parishes in Eastern Oregon and Washington. I loved these churches and being a pastor, but because of Civil Rights and the war in Viet Nam these were tumultuous years and I was in the midst of the conflict. My marriage ended in divorce and I entered clinical training for a year and then became a campus minister for the Universities and Community Colleges in the greater Spokane area.

The second half of my life and ministry can be traced through a series of open doors. First, when my university campus board informed me that after eight years of ministry I was entitled to a sabbatical. This enabled me to enter a year of clinical residence in Omaha. Then a small remittance from my parent's estate gave me the means to go to Berkeley, California for a year of post graduate residence in Psychoanalysis, after which I was certified as a Supervisor of Clinical Pastoral Education. And this has been my ministry for the ensuing thirty-five years, first in Cedar Rapids, then Des Moines, Iowa, and finally here in Illinois and Missouri (on the road) so to speak. When I retired in 2003, I had the honor of emeritus conferred upon me.

Interspersed with my professional life has been much recreational enjoyment with week-long camping and back packing treks with my sons, and mountain climbing expeditions with other mountaineers. After moving to Rolla nearly twenty years ago, I have spent much of my leisure time gardening.

My happiest ministry, besides my early parishes, has been this last one, working with small groups of health care providers in various communities. I enjoyed that ministry so much that I continued to do it for several years after retirement in 2003. My happiest time has been here in Rolla, attending this church and being part of its fellowship, and being with Linda who has been a great blessing to me. I have enjoyed shedding my 'professional garb' and being a lay-person among you. But mainly I have enjoyed the friends that I made here.

### **Taco Soup** Marian Pruitt

Several people have asked for my recipe so I am sharing it with all of you.

1-1 ½ lbs. ground beef  
½ cup chopped onion  
1 28 oz. can whole tomatoes  
1 14 oz. can black beans  
1 17 oz. can corn  
1 8 oz. can tomato sauce  
1 envelope taco seasoning mix  
1 – 2 cups water  
Salt and pepper to taste  
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Brown beef and onion stirring until crumbly. Drain. Stir in vegetables with liquid. Add tomato sauce, seasoning mix, water, salt and pepper. Mix well. Simmer for 15 minutes. Top serving with cheese. Serve with tortilla chips. Makes 6-8 servings.

(I used 90% lean ground beef and crushed tomatoes rather than whole. I added no additional salt.)

### **Memorial Garden**

Marilyn Schmidt

Over the past several years there have been 62 engraved Memorial Bricks and 4 (without dates) placed in the Memorial Garden in memory of church members, family members, or friends.

Each spring orders are taken for the Memorial Bricks. The orders are sent to the Acme Brick Company for engraving (this process takes approximately 6-8 weeks). In the fall the engraved bricks are placed in the Memorial Garden. Following a Sunday Worship Service the congregation is invited to the Memorial Garden for a Prayer of Dedication for the newly placed bricks.

During the next couple of months, if you wish, you may place an order for a Memorial Brick in memory of a church member, family, or friend.

The cost of the brick is \$100.00, part of which pays for maintenance of the Garden.

Please contact Betti Jo in the church office or Marilyn Schmidt if you wish to purchase a brick.

### **Presbyterians Cook**

This was served by Marilyn Schmidt and Pam Cottingham at the Lenten Lunch. (Marilyn said it was actually her mother's recipe.) Several people requested this soup recipe as it was delicious.

#### **Crock Pot Casserole**

2 large potatoes, diced  
2 – 3 medium carrots, sliced  
1 15 oz. canned peas, frozen peas or mixed vegetables  
2 medium onions, chopped  
1 ½ lbs. ground beef, browned  
2 ribs celery, chopped  
1 10 oz. can tomato sup  
1 soup can of water  
Salt and pepper to taste.

Place layers of veggies in crockpot in order as given. Season each layer with salt and pepper. Put lightly browned beef on top of celery. Mix tomato soup and water and pour into crock pot. (If making soup, add chopped tomatoes and tomato juice, so that it is more like soup.) Cover and set to low for 6 – 8 hours. May be cooked on stove top.

**Presbyterian Women**  
Melba Read

The Presbyterian Women will host the Spring General Meeting on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for brunch and hear about the MISSION in Rolla from the director, Marie Allen. The meeting will follow with the installation of officers and the dedication of the Birthday Offering.

*Judging others leaves no time to love them.*  
-sign on a church in Biloxi, MS

**Christian Education Committee**  
Marcia Brewer

The adult education class has completed the study of "Paul, the Travelin' Man" (the missionary journeys and final journey to Rome). We will begin a study of the Gnostic Gospels, "Get to Know the Gnostics", led by Larry Roberts, on April 30 in the Journey Room downstairs. These two topics garnered the most votes on the survey presented to the congregation in February. Attendance has been good, but there is always room for one more! We will be addressing the other most popular topics in the future.

We are still in need of another volunteer to lead the children's Sunday school class. Please consider giving a share of your time on Sunday mornings to the youngest members of our congregation. You may contact Rev. Hartley, Marcia Brewer (573-426-2648 or 816-209-5945) or Jan Roberts (573-364-2841 or 573-201-4611) in order to volunteer.

*God is bigger than all of us, beyond all of us. When I pray, I don't really pray for anything, I just try to understand God's will and do the best I can.*  
Harry Connick, Jr.



**Preschool**  
Rachel Allison, Director

It is almost the end of another school year! Can you believe it? We have had such a great year!

We had a whirlwind of a month for April with the ice cream truck returning, the Easter Bunny visited, we had an Easter egg hunt, TWO field trips...one to Missouri S & T for Earth Day and one to Strain Farm! (Thank you to Katie Sands!!)

For May we will be having a water play day, more ice cream truck, a Cinco de Mayo celebration and of course pre-k graduation!! Wow!

As always, we at the preschool are grateful to YOU for all you do for us! ☺

Summer Camp prep is underway and we are VERY excited for all the fun things we have planned for our students!

Thank you for being a big part of our awesome school year! ☺

### **From the Office**

Betti Jo Pyatt, Office Manager



Wishes go out to Linda Rose, Ron Elliott, Mary Alofs, Sharlene Morgan, Jan Sletten, Russell Fox, Caitlyn Sandquist, Dean Sletten, Rebecca Fox-Rantanen, Horace Jeffery, and Pam Cottingham.



and Christine Rueff.

... Wishes go out to Ken and Mary Kwantes and Ardel

### Our Current Officers

DEACONS: Carrie Aswegan, Kathleen Dean, Bill Neely, Jan Roberts, Dixie Finley, Marian Pruitt, Cheryl Koederitz, Carlene May, and Deanne Jackson.

ELDERS: Pam Cottingham, Bob May, Marilyn Schmidt, Melba Read, Britt Whitaker, Susan Murray, Eleanor Van Horn and Marcia Brewer.

TRUSTEES: Ray Evans, Larry Roberts, Bill Cottingham, Eugene Zanders, and Clayton Read.

Our new church treasurer is Amy Whitaker. Thank you Barb Ford for your outstanding service the past several years.

Newsletter deadline for articles for the following months will be...

June – May 26

July - June 26

August – July 31

## Upcoming Events

May 5 – First Friday Night Out at 6 pm at Sweet Water BBQ in St. Roberts

May 13 – PW Spring General Meeting and brunch

May 14 – *Happy Mother's Day*

May 19 – Preschool graduation 6:30 pm

Last day of school

May 22 – 29<sup>th</sup> Pastor out of the office

May 26 – Newsletter article deadline for June

May 29 – *Office closed for Memorial Day*