

Presbyterian Times
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A Message from Our Pastor

There is a passage of scripture we often read at funerals. We can find it in Ecclesiastes 3. It reads, “ For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak out; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.”

I have often heard this passage interpreted as an either/or list. Either we are weeping or we are laughing, keeping or throwing away, loving or hating... Life is rarely an either/or experience. The days in which we live are full of reasons to live a one sided life. Violence and terror seems to be the rule of the day. There are overwhelming voices telling us how to react to the events dominating the news. We are told whom to hate, whom to fear, whom to fight. We are even told to keep silent about injustice, violence, and the systemic sins that plague our world. We are told we cannot have a civil discussion anymore because people just cannot handle the disagreements.

In these times, as in all times, we realize any given moment is filled with the above list from Ecclesiastes. As followers of Christ we understand the challenges of living the good news when life is dominated by the negative voices and forces at work in the world. We must remember, as Jesus modeled for us, we are to be love when hatred rules the day. We are to speak for those who are silenced. We are to make peace when war overwhelms the world and our relationships. In a complicated world prone to harm itself, we are to be the body of Christ who clings to our calling and our purpose. We cannot waver or be blown about by the calls to live in fear or hatred or division. We must always err to the side of grace, of love, of hope that comes from Christ's spirit alive and at work in our hearts. There is no denying there is reason to fear and to feel uncertain, but we have greater reason to be courageous and faithful.

As we pray for peace and reconciliation among the nations and people divided along ideological lines within our own country, we must remember we are still the body of Christ. As we navigate our own differences of opinion, we must remember what binds us together: Christ. We must remember who leads us to love courageously: Christ. We must remember who leads us to make peace, ease suffering, comfort the

grieving, and welcome the strangers: Christ. May we find the courage to hold fast to Christ and his call to us?

Peace,

Pastor Lou Ellen

Presbyterian Women
Carol Jessop

PW Board meetings will now be held on the first Monday of each month at 1:30 pm. First meeting will be July 3, 2017.

Membership/Fellowship Committee
Bob May, Chair
Jonathan Kimball

Seeing some **new faces** in Church. Get to know them and invite them to fellowship time and / or events.

Thanks to all who help with **Fellowship Time** after Worship. If you'd like to sign-up, see Calendar outside Church Office. See Bob May if you have questions or need help.

Our June **Block Party**, even though rainy was a fun time for members and neighbors. The band, Dixie Union entertained us in usual fine fashion. Come again next time for good food, good fellowship and good music.

1st. Friday Night Out July 7th, will be at Los Arcos in Rolla 6:00 p.m. Let Lee Bennett (lbenn@fidnet.com) know if you're coming.

For the hearty canoeists, we will have a **float** Sunday afternoon, July 23rd. The plan is to float the Current River from Cedar Grove to Akers Ferry. The last bus to Cedar Grove leaves at 2:00, so we will meet at 12:30 pm at the church, ready to go. You should have already eaten lunch (or eat it on the road) and changed into appropriate clothing. The float is listed as 8 miles, 3-5 hours. Canoes seat 2-3 and cost \$44 (per canoe); kayaks seat 1 and cost \$30. Tubes are available at \$16. If you would like to go, please talk with Jonathan Kimball to finalize details; a sign-up sheet will be posted shortly.

Our Annual **Church Picnic** will be held on Sunday, September 17th at noon at The Rolla Veterans Park. Fried Chicken and Drinks will be provided. You're welcome to bring a dish to share.

We don't have to talk about faith and family at dinner – we just show it.

Joel Osteen, pastor

Christian Education

Marcia Brewer

The Committee has laid tentative plans for summer into fall and will not meet during July. Meanwhile, the adult class is still exploring the book "Heroes and Villains" (of the Bible). Jan Roberts presented "David"; Larry Roberts has chosen "Joshua", and Pastor Lou Ellen Hartley will present a character of her choice sometime in July. With 81 characters to choose from, this study may continue for the next few weeks.

To commemorate 500 years of the Reformation and to pay homage to the Presbyterian Church's Scottish heritage, the CE Committee and the Worship Committee will cooperate in planning a special worship service that will reach out to the community at large, tentatively scheduled for a Sunday in October. More details will be announced at a later time.

People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.

Amish Proverb



Rachel Allison, Director

Summer Camp is in full swing and wow are we busy and having fun!!! We swim at The Centre weekly, the ice cream truck comes weekly, and we have had Backyard Camp, Science Camp, Dance Camp and Rock-n-Roll Camp. The Dance Studio came to offer us classes, Ms. Amy led music class, the RHS Marching band kids came and talked to us about band and whipped us into our very own marching band! We are hosting a Talent Show, an Art Show, the Rolla Fire Department is coming to let us play in the hose, We are walking the big kids to Heavenly Divine Bakery, having a picnic at Ber Juan, walking to the library, hosting a Lemonade Stand for "Take-a-Stand", Rolla Police Department is coming, the Lego Lady is coming, Missouri S & T Mars Rover is coming....the list goes on! We have a tower garden growing tomatoes, peppers and squash outside! SO MUCH FUN!!!!

Our original plan was to have a minimum of 11 full time kids...we have 55 full and part time campers!!!! Wow!!!

Keep us in your prayers! We are having a great summer!



How well do you know your congregation?

Bill Neely was born in St. James, MO. He attended schools in Dumas, TX. After graduation from high school, he attended West Texas College in Canyon, TX and Amarillo Community College in Amarillo, TX. He then attended Lewis Hotel and Motel training in Washington DC. Later he attended Kellogg Community College in Battle Creek, MI. Bill worked for ten years for Quality Inn in Michigan before moving to Columbia University Hospital in Columbia, MO where he spent twenty years. He moved to Columbia because he was an only child of aging parents, he felt it necessary to be closer to them.

In 2005 he retired and moved to Rolla and joined the church. Bob and JoAnn Anderson were his sponsors. Bill has served on the Worship Committee, Personnel Committee and Pre-School Committee. He is currently serving as a Deacon and has served as a Trustee.

Bill enjoys reading and his favorite authors are Stephen King, Michael Crieghton and Steve Berry. He also likes Broadway musicals, especially Patti Lapone, Walking and collecting replicas of 1950 automobiles.

Bill has met some well know celebs – Ann Margaret and Roger Smith, Dicky Smothers, Lynda Johnson Robb, and Buddy Baker. The story I liked the best was when Bill was working at the Sheraton-Carlton in Washington, DC. Pearl Mesta (the hostess with the mostess) came in for a party dressed in her diamonds and furs. She whipped off her coat, handed it to Bill and said “I’ll pick it up later.” Bill said, “I guess she trusted me.”

Presbyterians Cook

Carol Jessop

Carrie Aswegan brought this to the PW Luncheon. It is not only delicious, but can be either a dessert or a salad. It is cool and refreshing on a hot summer day.

Cranberry Salad

- 3 oz. box of red raspberry jello
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 lb. can cranberry sauce with whole cranberries
- 1 cup sour cream

Dissolve jello in boiling water – add cranberry sauce. Refrigerate until it starts to set – about an hour. Add the sour cream, which has been allowed to get to room temperature. Pour mixture into an 8x8 baking pan – refrigerate. To make a 9x13 pan, double the recipe.

From the Office

Betti Jo Pyatt, Office Manager

Well wishes for our July birthdays go out to ...

Ken and Mary Kwantes, Clayton Read, Ed Schmidt, Ruby Malone, James Drewniak, Steve Day, Nancy Marlow, Vashy Rahaman, Morgan Long, Sophie Denbo, Janet Brown, Jessica Kimball, Christine Rueff, and Bob Yenzer.

Well wishes for our July anniversaries go out to ...

*Dean and Jan Sletten,
Linda Rose and Rev. Robert Rogers,
Lee and Ruby Malone
Luke and Kris Gutches
Steve and Susan Bowles*

**Newsletter articles for August will be due in the office on July 31st.
There will not be a Fired Up! Or Dinner and Discipleship training on July 6th.
The church offices will be closed on July 4th in observance of Independence Day.
First Friday Night Out will be at Los Arcos at 6 pm.**

***** ***Have a great summer!*** *****