

Presbyterian Times
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A Message from our Pastor
Rev. Lou Ellen Hartley

Kirkin O' the Tartan

On Sunday October 29, we will have a service known as The Kirkin' O' the Tartan. We will hold the service on Reformation Sunday as a way to recognize our theological roots in the Church of Scotland. "What is a Kirkin' O' the Tartan service?" you may ask. According to the Montreat Scottish Society website,

" The word "Kirkin" comes from the Scottish word for "church" ("kirk"). The Kirkin' o' the Tartans worship service traces its roots to the legend that Scots secretly would take swatches of their tartans to church in the 18th century when the wearing of tartans was outlawed under the Proscription Act of 1746. At a pre-designated time in the service, the Clansmen and Clanswomen would touch their concealed tartans while the minister blessed the cloth in Scottish. The legend became reality when Presbyterian Minister Dr. Peter Marshall presided over the first formal Kirkin' O' the Tartans ceremony on April 27, 1941, in Washington, D.C. Marshall served as and Chaplain of the U. S. Senate from 1947 - 1949. Today, hundreds of Presbyterian churches throughout the nation celebrate the blessing of the clans throughout the year."

We recognize modern congregations are far more diverse in heritage and background than even 70 years ago when the service was first celebrated in Washington DC. Not all of us have a family tartan, but we may have something which represents our family. It could be a photograph, a quilt, a small memento, a song, or something similar. We invite you to bring something representing your family, and we will ask for special blessings on our families, our congregation, denomination and the church universal.

In addition to the prayers of blessings, we will use liturgy from the early Church of Scotland, be accompanied by a bagpiper, hear special music by the choir, and find out the purpose of a beadle. Join us for this worship service of remembrance, celebration and blessing. Let's offer thanks together for the grace we know as Presbyterian Christians.

Peace,

Pastor Lou Ellen

Christian Education Committee

Marcia Brewer

The Christian Education Committee is cooperating with Pastor Lou Ellen and the Worship Committee in planning a special service, "The Kirkin' o' the Tartans" ("The Churching of the Tartans" to be held on Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2017. The community will be invited to participate, and anyone with a clan or family tradition from the British Isles may bring an item, such as a plaid scarf or a family crest, to be blessed. This service was introduced into the U.S.A. by the Rev. Peter Marshall, a Scottish immigrant and former Chaplain of the U.S. Senate.

Meanwhile, the adult Sunday school class is concluding the study, "Heroes and Villains of the Bible", and will soon begin a video/discussion series about the Reformation, entitled, "This Changed Everything".

PALS LUNCH

Cheryl Koederitz

PALS will meet for lunch on Monday, October 2 at 11:45 am at Kyoto.

There are mornings when everything brims with promise, even my empty cup.

Ted Kooser, poet

Thank You

Frank and Carol Jessop

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and condolences for Carol's sister and her family on the death of her son, Tim Underwood. Our church family is very special to us. Thank you and God Bless.

Presbyterian Women

Melba Read

QUESTION: Where can you find Presbyterian Women (P-Dubs) the 3rd week in October, wearing sensible shoes, laughing, enjoying friendship and finding treasures for the annual rummage sale?

ANSWER: In Fellowship Hall preparing for the Rummage Sale on Saturday, October 21st from 7:30 am to 2 pm. Items may be brought to Fellowship Hall from noon to 6 pm on Thursday the 19th or from 8 am to noon on Friday the 20th. No clothing or TV's, please. If you have need for a pickup, call Cheryl Koederitz at 364-2672.

Last month we celebrated the Thank Offering with a Brunch and enjoyable speaker. Joy Parker, Activity Director at Presbyterian Manor spoke on how volunteers are beneficial at the Manor and showed a powerful video on the use of music for dementia. The Circles are beginning for the fall. Consider joining one and studying the book of

Hebrews with us. Jan Roberts/Pam Cottingham, Cheryl Koederitz/Karen Hudson, or Carol Bennett are the moderators.

Dogs are like furry little life teachers; they are the goofiest looking gurus. They remind us that the true joys in life are happiness, love, affection, and, of course, food. And let's face it, they are right.

Lucy Schwartz, singer

Presbyterians Cook

Carol Jessop

Maude-Anne brought these to the PW Brunch and they were yummy. Your family will love them.

1 2/3 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup sugar
1 Tablespoon pumpkin pie spice
1 tsp baking soda
¼ tsp baking powder
2 large eggs
1 cup plain pumpkin (1/2 of 1 lb. can)
½ c butter, melted
1 cup chocolate chips
½ c pecan pieces

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease muffin cups or use paper baking cups. Thoroughly mix flour, sugar, pie spice, baking soda and baking powder in large bowl. Breaks eggs in another bowl. Add pumpkin and butter and whisk until well blended. Stir in chocolate chips and pecans. Pour over dry ingredients and fold until dry ingredients are moistened. Pour batter into muffin cups. Bake about 25 minutes. Cool on rack. Makes 12 regular muffins.

How Well Do You Know our Congregation?

Carol Jessop

This month we meet Janice Zanders. Janice was born in Orlando, FL and spent most of her life there. Her family consists of her husband, Eugene, her older sister, her son and grandson. Her grandson is 21 and currently serving in the Army at Ft. Carson, CO.

Janice attended and graduated from the Orange County Public School System in Florida. She attended Florida A&M in Tallahassee. She worked at Orlando Regional Health Care for 37 years as a Patient Advocate in Surgery before retiring.

Janice and Eugene went to school together and reconnected in 2005 at a High School reunion and were married in our church in 2007.

She joined the Presbyterian Church in 1969 in Florida and served as Trustee, Deacon, and Elder and the Pre-school Board. After moving here she served on Presbytery General Council for two terms and is on her second term on Presbytery COM Committee and as representative to Synod.

Janice likes to read, do crossword puzzles and exercise (most days). She likes to walk and considers this her “meditation time”.

Janice recalls the time after she first moved to Rolla she got lost. She was going to Penny’s and when she got to Highway 72 (thinking it was Highway 63) she turned left instead of right. After a while she thought she’d just follow the sun. (You could do that in “flat” Florida, but we have hills and curves.) She finally activated her GPS and got there. We are happy that she did.

Presbyterian Preschool

Kyla Gavura, Director

October is a busy month for us here at the Preschool! We have lots of fun things happening. This month our character trait is Responsibility! We defined this as: “taking ownerships of ones thoughts, feelings, and actions”. The verse we are learning with it is “So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.” – Romans 14:12

We will also be visiting the Pumpkin Patch and Singing at the Presbyterian Manor. Our Hurts Donut Fundraiser is in full swing! Orders and money are due October 16th and the donuts will be ready for pickup on October 27th.

Since I have taken over as Director a parent texted me and said her child asked, “Mom, is this where Ms. Kyla and Klaire Bear live now??” It gave me a good laugh ☺!

Membership/Fellowship

Bob May

Please help with welcoming visitors and inviting them to fellowship time and Sunday School after Worship.

Our committee has decided to try a simpler procedure for Sunday Morning Fellowship. Committee members (and Volunteers) will prepare coffee / drinks and provide pastries (do-nut holes) – people are welcome to bring fruit or vegetables to complement the basics. _____ **(Thanks to those who have faithfully provided refreshments in the past – no doubt we will welcome your help in the future on special occasions.)**

Thanks to those who helped with the Annual “Picnic”. Even though we were concerned about rain and “picnicked” in the church, many people enjoyed the time of food and fellowship.

Coming Events:

1st. Friday Night Out. Friday, October 6th, 6:00 p.m. Alex Pizza.

Hike. Sunday, October 15th. 3:00 p.m. Audubon Trail. (University Drive north across I-44 White Columns Drive, Merriweather Ct. -- several trail options. Come after lunch and be here for supper.

Weiner Roast. Watch for Date and Time.

Pictorial Directory. We are organizing our own pictorial directory. In order to produce this directory we need non-copyrighted vertical images in digital format. Leslie Skelton has agreed to take these if you are available before or after church. If you need to set up a different time, please contact her at lskelton@rollanet.org or call her at 364-1688. If you have a photo of you and your family in vertical digital form you may send it to Betti Jo with any updated information at office @rollapresby.org. We hope to finish this project before November 1st, so please act quickly to arrange the picture.

From the Office

Betti Jo Pyatt, Office Manager



Wishes for October go out to Judy Fox, Kyla Gavura, Christopher Bennett, Jennifer Denbo, Betty Lemp, Dwight Look, David Wallen and Eugene Zanders

EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

- 6th – First Friday Night Out at Alex's Pizza Palace at 6 pm.
- 7th – Kay Barr visitation and memorial service at 1 pm
- 13th – Martin/Gaines wedding rehearsal
- 14th – Martin/Gaines wedding
- 15th – Hike at Audubon Trail 3 pm
- 19th – Rummage sale drop off 12 – 6 pm
- 20th – Rummage sale drop off 8 am – 12 pm / workday
- 21st PW RUMMAGE SALE 7:30 am – 2 pm
- 30th – Deadline date for November Newsletter articles