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**A Message from Our Pastor**

Rev. Lou Ellen Hartley

Synopsis of the presbytery meeting

On May 20th Pam Cottingham and I attended the John Calvin Presbytery meeting at Shell Knob Presbyterian Church. The meeting was a joyful celebration of our unity as churches within the larger church. We celebrated worship and communion together. The preacher and special speaker for the day was the Reverend Charles Spencer who is the Executive Presbyter of Heartland Presbytery. During his career he spent 15 years at the national offices in Louisville working in the stewardship office, served as pastor in local congregations, and also served on presbytery staff. In worship and in the educational hour he offered a fresh and humorous look at stewardship within our churches while focusing on the spiritual aspect of our giving. He will be returning to our presbytery in the fall to lead a workshop at the Equipping the Saints training event held in Springfield. (More about that to come)

We also welcomed into the presbytery the Reverend Chris Miller to serve as pastor at the new Trinity Presbyterian Church in Springfield. Trinity was formed when First and Calvary Presbyterian Church left the PC(USA) for another denomination. The people who wished to remain within the PC(USA) continued to meet as a congregation and eventually became Trinity. We celebrated how far they have come in their ability to hire a full time pastor to guide them through the next phase of their life together. Pastor Miller was a delight to hear. He had a career in education before going to seminary at Princeton. From there he headed to do an internship in the Presbyterian Church of Ireland. He then answered and accepted the call to Trinity. He and his young family will be arriving in July.

Please keep our presbytery in your prayers, with all its congregations and members. Most of us share similar struggles as well as triumphs. What a joy to be part of the John Calvin Presbytery family.

Peace,

Pastor Lou Ellen

**Christian Education**

Marcia Brewer

The Christian Education Committee is now fully staffed and eager to proceed with plans for now into fall. “Animal Crackers”, a Heifer Project study, will be available to children of all ages beginning in the fall.

Meanwhile, the adult Sunday school class is completing a study of the Gnostic Gospels, a popular choice from the congregational survey. Historian Larry Roberts has led this challenging and informative study of “lost” ancient writings, some rediscovered beneath the sands of the Middle East in our lifetimes.

Next on the agenda, Jan Roberts will lead “Saints and Sinners, Heroes and Villains”, also chosen from the survey. Join us in the Journey Room, and you may find that your favorite character from the Bible, and/or history, harbored traits of both saint and sinner – just like us.

**Pentecost Offering**

Frank Jessop

As one of the four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Pentecost Offering unite us in a church wide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Presbyterian congregations are finding new ways to minister to children at risk in their communities, General Assembly programs are advocating for children and developing youth and young adult leaders.

By giving to the Pentecost Offering, your congregation participates in the promise of the Holy Spirit – which is “for your children and all….” – Acts 2:39.

40% remains with our congregation to support Camp David ministries. 25% goes toward Young Adults Volunteers (YAV) opportunities. 25% supports ministries with youth, ages 12-18 and 10% supports the “Educate a Child, Transform the World” national initiative.

**Presbyterian Women General Spring Meeting**

**May 13, 2017**

Melba Read

Cynthia Hobart opened the meeting with the Dedication of the Birthday Offering. Reports were given on the use of this year’s offering which includes the Navaho Water System, Family Justice Center and the First-Hand Aid Clinic in Cuba. There were 16 in attendance.

The minutes of the Fall General Meeting were summarized and approved with a motion from Melba Read and a second from Cheryl Koederitz.

The financial report in detail was available at each table. Balance of the checking is $2739.32 with outstanding checks of $200. This year mission giving was $2736.00 plus monies for OGHS (Lenten Lunches) and the linen closet mission. The report was accepted with a motion from Cheryl Koederitz and a second from Karen Hudson.

Kitchen Committee: Marilyn Schmidt reported that a dishwasher has been secured for a cost of $100.00 and Garner Electrical will remove the old and install the new. They continue to work on the stove situation.

Carol Bennett reported on the Presbyterian Women’s Retreat in Branson which she and Eleanor Van Horn attended.

New officers were presented and installed:

Carol Jessop and JoAnn Anderson--co-moderators

Mary Kwantes---Secretary

Maudanne Pursley—Treasurer

Illa Bell—Devotions

Nancy Marlow—Care and Concern

Karen Hudson—Mission

Melba Read—Publicity

Marilyn Schmidt & Pam Cottingham—Kitchen

Circle moderators are: Pam Cottingham & Jan Roberts--Circle III, Cheryl Koederitz--Circle IV, Carol Bennett--Circle V.

Cynthia was thanked for serving as moderator for the past two years.

Meeting was adjourned.

Marie Allen was our guest speaker. She told of THE MISSION, its history, what is offered, who it helps and how others could volunteer.

A salad lunch was enjoyed prior to the meeting.

Respectively submitted, Melba A. Read

**From the Trustees**

Bill Cottingham, Chair

If you have concerns or issues regarding the building, the parking areas, or the use of the building, please contact the Trustees. Let us have the opportunity to correct the situation.

***When I’m standing at the pearly gates, I want to say to God, “Don’t look at the records. Look at my family. I’m much prouder about that part.***

John Fogerty, Musician

**Presbyterians Cook**

Carol Jessop

This dessert was prepared for the Lenten Lunch by Pat Look (her recipe) and Cheryl Koederitz. I thought it would be a nice refreshing dessert for summer.

**BLUEBERRY LEMON TRIFLE**

Pat Look

A refreshing lemon filling and fresh blueberries give this sunny dessert sensation plenty of color. Don’t worry about heating up the oven, this doesn’t require baking.

3 cups fresh blueberries divided

2 cans (15 ¾ ounces each) lemon pie filling

2 cartons (8 ounces each) lemon yogurt

1 prepared angel food cake (8 inches) cut into 1 inch cubes

1 carton (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed

Lemon slices and fresh mint to garnish (optional)

Set aside ¼ cup blueberries for garnish. In a bowl, combine pie filling and yogurt. In a 3 ½ quart serving or trifle bowl, layer a third of the cake cubes, lemon mixture and blueberries. Repeat layers twice. Top with whipped topping.

Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours. Garnish with reserved blueberries and lemon and mint, if desired.

Yields 12-14 servings.

For the Lenten Luncheon, we put in individual serving dishes and only repeated the layering once….

***Sometimes your only available transportation is a leap of faith.***

Margaret Shepard, Author

**How Well Do You Know Our Congregation?**

Pam Cottingham

Pam Cottingham was born in St. Louis and grew up in Florissant. Pam was the third of four children and she admits to being a “Tom-Boy”. She loved sports and being outdoors. She was active in gymnastics, swimming and water sports. Her ambition was to be a teacher. She graduated from McCluer High School and spent her freshman year of college at UMSL and then transferred to Truman State.

When Pam was in Jr. High she and her cousin were at her parents’ lake home and noticed a group of college boys at a cabin nearby. They decided to cruise by the cabin in a boat in hopes of getting the young men’s attention. Pam later learned that one of those young men was her future husband.

Pam and Bill met formally at Truman State where he was in medical school. They were married in 1972. Their daughter, Julie Anna, was born in 1977 and son, David, in 1980. In 1977, they moved to Tulsa for a year before coming to Rolla. They have two grandsons, two step-granddaughters, and one granddaughter, Eva Leigh.

Pam joined the church in the late 80’s and has been an active and loyal member. Her other interests include skiing, golf, quilting, reading, and long walks.

**Membership / Fellowship**

Bob May, Chair

Thanks to all who have provided food for our **Fellowship Time.** If you would like to help out, please see the Calendar (outside office) or see Bob May.

**First Friday Night Out –** Friday, June 2nd at 5:45 pm at Sweetwater BBQ, St. Roberts, 14076 Hwy Z (south outer road). For carpooling, meet at the church at 5 pm. Please let Bob May know if you’re going; carbobmay@gmail.com, 341-2646.

**Block Party –** Saturday, June 3rd, 5 pm at the Church. Music, Games, Food. Bring your family and neighbors. We’ll provide hot dogs, bun and drinks. If you’d like to bring a dish or dessert, good! We’ll be canvassing and inviting area neighbors on Wednesday evening, May 31st at 6 pm. – please join us!

**Floating –** Current River on Saturday, June 24th. Watch for time.

**Church Picnic –** Veterans Park, Sunday, September 17th at noon. We’ll bring Fried Chicken and drinks. Please bring a dish (with something in it.)

Watch for announcement about a new **Pictorial Director this fall.**

**Art is Ageless Contest**

Frank Jessop

Two of our members were first place winners in the Presbyterian Manor’s Art is Ageless Contest.

Barbara Ford won first place in the Needlework category for her “tatted book marks”.

Carol Jessop won first place for her drawing of Notre’ Dame Cathedral in Paris.

This is the second year they both have won first place in those categories.

**From the Office**

Betti Jo Pyatt, Office Manager

School has come to a close and summer is upon us. I hope everyone has a fun, safe and relaxing summer break.

Please review the weekly bulletins, the newsletter and the website to see what activities, special events, and holidays are coming up.

*Happy Birthday wishes for June go out to …*

*Adele Heller, Jack Murray, Carol Jessop, Bob Mollenkamp, Ray Fox, Cheryl Koederitz, Lisa Matthews, Samuel Kimball, Pat Mollenkamp, Julie Murray, and Betty Pietsch.*

*Happy Anniversary wishes* for June go out to …

Ron and Denise Elliott

Pat and D.C. Look

Ed and Marilyn Schmidt

Steve and Jean Moran-Day

Darryl and Mary Alofs

Kelly and Dwight Look

Len and Vash Rahaman

Pam and Bill Cottingham

Clayton and Melba Read

John and Jennifer Denbo

Amy and Britt Whitaker and …

Julie and Susan Murray

Newsletter deadline for articles for the following months will be…

July – June 26

August – July 31

September – August 28

**Upcoming Events**

June 1 – Special Called Session Meeting

June 1 – July 28 Preschool summer camp

June 2 – First Friday Night Out will be at Sweet Water BBQ at 5:45 pm in St. Roberts, MO. The address is 14076 Hwy Z. It is on the south outer road.

June 3 – Church Block Party in the parking lot. Dixie Union will be performing. Bring your lawn chairs and join in the fun.

June 4 – Special called Congregational meeting following worship.

June 25 – 30 Pastor Hartley attending continuing education.