

Presbyterian 'Connection'

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From the Pen of Reverend Terry



Dear Friends,

There is an old story about a man who was driving through the country one Sunday afternoon. He came upon a barn on the side of the road. The remarkable thing about this barn was that painted all over it were big circular targets. What was even more impressive was that each target had an arrow right in its bull's eye.

Looking around the man saw a small girl with a bow and arrow. He just had to find out who this modern day Robin Hood was. "Hello," he called to her. "How did you get to be such a good shot?" The little girl smiled and said, "It's not hard. Watch I'll show you."

While the man watched, she took careful aim and shot an arrow at the barn. She then picked up a bucket of paint, walked over and drew a target around her arrow. "See" she said, "all you have to do is draw the bulls eye wherever your arrow lands."

Whenever we make plans we can be like the little girl or we can actually aim for a goal. The goal for congregations and individual Christians alike is to share the good news of Christ and to show God's love to each other and to the world. We are to do this by providing for those in need (all kinds of need), working for justice and peace and sharing the good news of Christ.

What is often difficult is determining what God's plan is for a particular congregation. To further compound matters, God's plan or mission for a particular congregation may change over time. What we are called to do today may not be what we were called to do when the congregation first came together.

As you and I prepare for the upcoming changes in our lives, the time has come to take a look at what God is calling us to do. For this reason, Session has invited the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry to lead a "Listening Event". The purpose of the event is to ask, "What does God want the Presbyterian Church of Bull Shoals to devote its time, talents, financial resources and energy to in the near future?" Up to 20 members of the church may participate in this two-hour event. As soon as a time is set for this event, it will be posted in our Sunday announcements.

What can you as individuals do in the mean time? Jesus tells us, "Knock and the door shall be opened. Seek and you shall find. Ask and you shall be given." So the first step is to pray that God show you the way and give you the wisdom and courage to move forward. I also, ask for your prayers for James and I as we seek God's will for the next step in our lives.

Many blessings,
Pastor Terry

Thanks to everyone that kept me in their prayers during the surgery and the continued recovery process.

It meant a lot to receive a card that was signed by everyone!



*Thanks again!
Jim Meier*

VBS – SonWest Roundup

**July 15 – 19
9:00 am to Noon**



We are hosting the community-wide Vacation Bible School this year. The arts & crafts department needs old socks (no holes) to make sock puppets, glass jars (pint mason jars are best) with lids to make lanterns, and fabric markers. Volunteers are needed to teach and assist in the kindergarten and 3rd & 4th grade classes and to help with registration. We will be collecting donations every Sunday through July 14th to help cover the cost of supplies, snacks and the closing meal on Friday, July 19th.

UPCOMING PW EVENTS

**JULY 13TH - CHRISTMAS IN JULY RAFFLE
SEPTEMBER 9TH - MEET AT VILLAGE WHEEL
OCTOBER 26TH - POTATO BASH**



Be sure to drop in for coffee, maybe a Danish or cookies and wonderful fellowship on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in Memorial Hall!

Connection Online

If you would like to read the “Connection” newsletter online, go to our website;

<http://www.presbyterianchurchofbullshoals>

Click on the ‘Info Center’ tab at the top, then on the drop-down menu, click on “Presbyterian Connection”, then choose the month of the newsletter you would like to read. The most recent newsletter will be at the top.

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WORSHIP IN JULY

July 7, 2013

7th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30
Galatians 6:1-16; Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

Communion

“Pride”



July 14, 2013

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 7: 7-17; Psalm 82
Colossians 1: 1-14; Luke 10: 25-37

“Amos”

July 15 – July 19, 2013

Vacation Bible School



July 21, 2013

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52
Colossians 1: 15 - 28; Luke 10: 38-42

Blessing of the Food Pantry

“Seeking the Word”



July 28, 2013

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 1: 2-10; Psalm 85
Colossians 2: 6-19; Luke 11:1-13

Minute for Mission

“Hosea”



CHURCH USHERS/GREETERS

July 7 - Dick & Jini Sass
July 14 - Ken & Pam Hobart
July 21 - Pat Erlewine & Sandy Erickson
July 28 - Irene Bere & Dot Pitts



USHERS & GREETERS

COMMUNION SERVERS

Amy Johnson & Sandy Erickson

PRAYER LIST FOR CONGREGATIONS, PRESBYTERY OF AR. - 2013

July 7 - Grace, Little Rock
July 14 - Barr Memorial, Norman
July 21 - First, Mountain Home
July 28 - First, Pocahontas



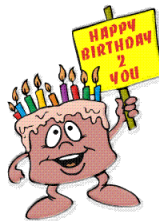
First, Malvern
Hopewell Church, Morrilton
First, Newport
Presbytery Staff

PLEASE NOTIFY PAT ERLEWINE IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO SHOULD BE ON OUR PRAYER LIST.

BIRTHDAYS

July

July 1 - Faye Brackett & Ed Lloyd
July 7 - Dorie Ulmer
July 13 - Esther Roberts
July 16 - Ray Erlewine
July 22 - Paul Smith
July 23 - Dr. Roger Simons
July 30 - Vicky Bair



August

August 3 - Peni Lloyd
August 20 - Bob Wiles
August 21 - Kenneth Hobart
August 23 - Irene Bere
August 27 - Betty Mentlewicz

ANNIVERSARIES

July 9 - Bill & Mary Kerr



LIBRARY LINES FOR JULY 2013



Two new fiction series have been added to the library:

At Home in Beldon Grove by Ann Shorey:

Book 1 - THE EDGE OF LIGHT,

Book 2 - THE PROMISE OF MORNING,

Book 3 - THE DAWN OF A DREAM

Lizzie Searches for Love by Linda Byler:

Book 1 - RUNNING AROUND

Book 2 - WHEN STRAWBERRIES BLOOM

Book 3 - BIG DECISIONS.

Book one in the At Home in Beldon Grove series, *The Edge of Light* will captivate readers with the true-to-life emotions of one woman's struggle to survive.

“It is the summer of 1838 in St. Lawrenceville, Missouri, and Molly McGarvie's life is about to change forever. When her beloved Samuel succumbs to cholera, Molly is heartbroken but determined to take care of herself and her children. But when Samuel's unscrupulous brother takes over the family business and leaves Molly to fend for herself, she knows she must head out on her own. It is a dangerous journey and Molly has to leave her old life behind. Somehow she must find a way to make a living, keep her family together, and fend off some over-eager suitors.”

A non-fiction book was also donated to the library entitled: CAPTURED BY GRACE by Dr. David Jeremiah.

“Timely and encouraging words to initiate a fresh experience of God's grace.

By following the dramatic story of John Newton, the *Amazing Grace* hymn writer, and the apostle Paul's own encounter with the God of grace, pastor and teacher Dr. David Jeremiah helps readers understand the freeing power of permanent forgiveness and mercy.

Dramatic stories and biblical insights highlight the very personal effects of grace and how grace:

Wondrously spans all our differences,
Rescues us from our lostness,
Helps us overcome our weaknesses &
Takes us from victims to victors.



Enjoy the books!

Faye Brackett, Librarian

MISSION MINUTE

JULY-2013



Happy 50th Birthday, Medical Benevolence Foundation! The idea for a group to support Presbyterian medical missions was conceived in 1962 by the Board of World Missions of PCUS at the suggestion of Dr. Paul Crane, a medical missionary. In good Presbyterian fashion, a committee was formed, which then met and recommended the approval of a foundation for medical work, especially the financial support of hospitals. In 1963 a letter was sent to all Presbyterian doctors announcing the formation of Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF). MBF proceeded to engage with medial mission co-workers and to develop lasting partnerships with the international churches and their mission hospitals. MBF began raising support to help mission hospitals provide care for people in desperate need and training for their medical staff and community health workers.

Over the years, MBF activities expanded to include shipping medical supplies, volunteer mission service, and raising funds to upgrade facilities and support a growing number of community health programs. As a nonprofit organization, MBF made good use of access to government grants through ASH (American Schools and Hospitals Abroad), effectively leveraging millions of dollars to build nursing schools and renovate hospitals.

Poverty-related diseases, the HIV/AIDS pandemic, nursing shortages, seasons of drought, and political upheavals presented no shortage of challenges and continue to do so. By God's grace, and through the faithful support of churches and individuals, the staff and board of MBF have frequently found innovative ways to support partners in their mission to demonstrate God's love for all people through healing ministries.

The original founders had great dreams of what God would do with their five loaves and two fish, but God through his grace and bountiful blessings has helped us do more over the past 50 years than we could ever have imagined. I wonder what God has planned for the next 50 years!

E. Andrew Mayo, Ex. Dir., MBF

Submitted by the Mission Committee



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Those lazy, crazy days of summer are here at last.

After our last meeting for the Spring, the girls are taking that precious time to be with family and friends.

Our last meeting on June 3rd, at 9:30 a.m., at the Village Wheel, there were ten women present. Hostesses were Betty Aaron and Frieda Danderson. Irene Bere gave a beautiful opening prayer and blessed our food. Dott Pitts gave the morning devotion, "The Building of America".

Our three fund drives for the year of 2013 are; The Ice Cream Social, Christmas in July and The Potato Bash in October.

This month we have sent a check for \$100.00 to the Haiti Education Fund, making a total of \$600.00 in donations so far this year. The Presbyterian Women (P.W.) are on a roll! Take the time to read Betty Aaron's articles in the Connection to see just what the women are doing for Missions.

Whatever you do, or wherever you go, have a safe summer and mark your calendar for our next general meeting which will be Tuesday, September 3rd, at 9:30 a.m. at The Village Wheel. The only reason for the meeting being on Tuesday in September (only) is Labor Day is Monday, September 2nd.

The Coordinating Team will meet August 29, at 12:15 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

Remember Ladies, everyone is invited to come to P.W. meetings. You don't have to be a church member to have fun.

Have a safe travel wherever you go and enjoy the summer.

See you in the Fall.

God Bless!

Mary Kerr - Moderator

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MISSION

With many thanks to all of you, our Ice Cream Social was a success. Our profit of \$539.81 will be used towards the rest of our Mission Projects.

Our donation of \$100.00 has been sent to Children's Education Haiti. This fulfills six of our obligations for a total of \$700.00 given to date.

Without every one of you helping the P.W., we would not be able to accomplish all that we do.

Our next project will be our "Christmas in July Raffle" on July 13th.

For this, we are asking for your gift and decorative items which you no longer want or need. These items can brought to Memorial Hall before July 12th. More info will be forwarded in a later issue.

Thank you all!

Betty Aaron, Chairperson

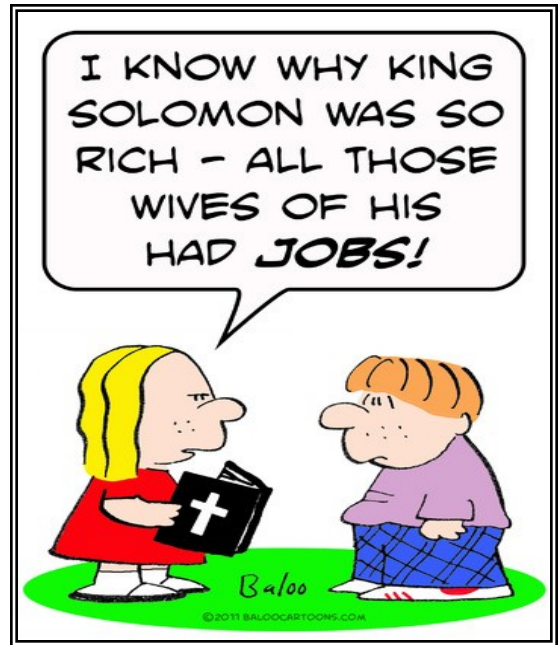
Committee, Mary Kerr, Irene Bere & Pam Hobart





July 4th

Happy Independence Day!



THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY,
JULY 4TH IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

The P.W. will be having a "Christmas in July Raffle" on July 13th from 9am to 4pm. We are asking for donations of Christmas items (decorations, ornaments, etc.). Also; Decorative pillows, games, dishes, pictures, toys, candles, & costume jewelry. We ask that all items are clean and in very good condition which can be given as a gift to a loved one. Items for all occasions are also needed. **NO CLOTHING, SHOES, OR BEDDING ITEMS** will be accepted. Drop off items in Memorial Hall. Tickets will be 50 cents ea. or 3 for \$1.

Proceeds to raise money for local Missions & The Food Pantry



Thank you - Betty Aaron & Committee

“TILL WE SPEAK AGAIN”

Question: Why does God let bad things happen to good people?

Answer: “Get real”! ...He never promised us a rose garden in this life. He told us there would be trials and tribulations, and there are other forces at work as well. (Satan...mustn't forget about him).

These trails make us the mature people we are: wise, patient, resilient, smarter, forgiving, etc.

All these things teach us to be better people and to learn what's really important in life.

People, Love, Family, Our Health....not 'things'!!

They also teach us to rely more deeply in our faith in God. He is with us during all of these trials and tribulations, holding us in the palm of his hand. Jesus was God's only son and he didn't make it any easier for him than for any of us.

In fact, my life, compared to Jesus', is a piece of cake. We have the “Life of Riley” coming up next go round.

I hope this answered your question.

Luv, Millie *aka-Meg*

Thought for the day:

When you cry because you have no shoes, your neighbor is joyful yet he has no feet.



JULY PUZZLE

**Celebrate a
SAFE & HAPPY
JULY 4TH!**



Word Search

Q	G	P	Q	G	P	W	N	O	E	E	R	F	K	M
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See how many of these newspaper related words you can find in the puzzle.
The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

Created by Sue Lindlauf
Grand Forks Herald 2012

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| 1. FOURTH | 5. DAY | 9. CELEBRATION | 13. INDEPENDENCE |
| 2. JULY | 6. PICNICS | 10. PARADES | 14. AMERICA |
| 3. HOLIDAY | 7. FIREWORKS | 11. FAMILY | 15. PATRIOTIC |
| 4. FLAG | 8. SAFETY | 12. DECLARATION | 16. FREEDOM |

RECIPES

Chicken & Dumpling Casserole *Easy!*



Ingredients

- 2 chicken breasts, cooked and shredded (Can use a store bought rotisserie chicken)
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1/2 stick of butter
- 2 cups Bisquick
- 2 cups whole milk
- 1 can cream of chicken soup (the herbed cream of chicken soup if you can find it)
- 3 teaspoons of chicken granules (I use Wylers)
- 1/2 teaspoon dried sage
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon of salt or more to taste

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Layer 1 - In 9 x 13 casserole dish, melt 1/2 stick of butter. Spread shredded chicken over butter. Sprinkle black pepper and dried sage over this layer. Do not stir.
- Layer 2 - In small bowl, mix milk and Bisquick. Slowly pour all over chicken. Do not stir.
- Layer 3 - In medium bowl, whisk together 2 cups of chicken broth, chicken granules and soup. Once blended, slowly pour over the Bisquick layer. Do not Stir.
- Bake casserole for 30-40 minutes, or until the top is golden brown.

THIS WE BELIEVE for JULY

"But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. "

"Luke 18: 16-17"

~MISSION STATEMENT~

"We will be scripture-based to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and spiritually led to guide all people to be active doers of the Word"

Approved by Session on November 16, 2007

CHURCH STAFF

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