

Presbyterian 'Connection'

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From the Pen of Reverend Terry



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

“Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Revelation 21:5

“Hear, my child, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many.” Proverbs 4:10

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” Psalm 119:105

These are only four of many places where scripture, the word of God, refers to words. From the child on the playground who feels the sting of hurtful words to the senior citizen who shares words of blessing, we all know how incredibly powerful words are.

During the month of September our Sunday worship will take a look at the gift of speech that God has given us.

Keeping with that theme, let's take a look at the words of Jesus' first sermon.

Luke 4: 16 Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”^[1]

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

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The session studied this passage at our July meeting. Below are some questions that we considered.

The discussion was so fruitful, that we decided to share the passage and questions with you. We invite you to read and pray over the passage daily during the month of September. Please discuss your insights with each other, with me and with the ruling elders.

Here are the questions the Session considered.

Why does Jesus say he has come? Could his words be considered a mission statement? What is our mission statement? Does this mission statement still hold true or does it need to be revised? How does our mission statement connect to Luke 4? What is our purpose as the Session? What is the purpose of the church?

Many blessings,

Pastor Terry



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.

New church email address

We have a new email address for the church which is now; presch@suddenlinkmail.com

WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

September 2

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45: 1-2, 6-9

James 1:17-27; Mark 8: 11-21

Communion

“Loving Words”



September 9

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 125;

James 2:1-17; Mark 8: 22-26

Potluck

“Wise Words”

September 16

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 19

James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-9:1

Blessing of the Food Pantry

“Hurtful Words”



September 23

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1

James 4:11-17; Mark 9: 30-37

Minute for Mission

“Proud Words”

September 30

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Esther 7: 1-6; 9-20; 9:20-22; Psalm 124

James 5:13-20; Mark 9:14-29

Service of Wholeness and Healing

“Healing Words”



Fifth Sunday Sing

Christ By the Lake Lutheran

CHURCH USHERS AND GREETERS

Greeters

September 2 - Ed & Peni Lloyd
 September 9 - Paul & Mary Ann Smith
 September 16 - Rich & Frieda Danderson
 September 23 - Norm Hockley & Sue Babulski
 September 30 - Ken Hobart & Irene Bere



USHERS & GREETERS

Ushers

Ken Hobart & Amy Johnson
 Esther Roberts & Sandy Erickson
 Betty Aaron & Irene Bere
 Bill & Mary Kerr
 Faye Brackett & MaryLou Bryant

PRAYER LIST FOR CONGREGATIONS, PRESBYTERY OF AR.-2012

September 2 - Faith, Pine Bluff
 September 9 - Central, Pine Bluff
 September 16 - First, Brinkley
 September 23 - First, Gurdon
 September 30 - Cane Hill Church, Cane Hill



First, Beebe
 First, Little Rock
 First, Jonesboro
 Churches of Lacandon Presbytery, Mexico
 Christian Educators & Youth Directors

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

BIRTHDAYS

September

September 1 - Tywillah Schauer
 September 12 - Gloria Wiles
 September 16 - Arabella Richardson
 September 25 - Norm Hockley
 September 25 - Terry Hart
 September 29 - Pam Hobart
 September 29 - Sue Babulski



October

October 4 - Joanne Kahm
 October 5 - Joyce King
 October 6 - Mary Mahoney
 October 10 - Jennifer Cerney
 October 12 - Elaine Miller
 October 15 - Boyd Brackett
 October 17 - Nancy Soares
 October 31 - James Hart

ANNIVERSARIES

September 1 - Dick & Jini Sass
 September 2 - Ken & Pam Hobart



October 3 - Troy & Betty Perrin
 October 18 - Clint & Tiffany Myers
 October 22 - Bruce & Lee Powell

WHAT IS PRESBYTERIAN PILGRIMAGE?

Presbyterian Pilgrimage is an intentionally designed faith renewal program for individuals. Its goal is to have a positive spiritual impact on the individual and, thus, on the environments in which they live and work. "*Pilgrimage*" is a short course in living the Christian faith. It is designed for Christians, to strengthen their faith, and to provide them with a framework for continued spiritual growth within their church and in the world.

HOW DOES IT ACCOMPLISH ITS AIMS?

During the three days of a *Presbyterian Pilgrimage* Weekend, participants form small Christian communities. In worship, study, discussion, and singing, they gain a personal, awareness of their faith and relationship with Jesus Christ. Through this awareness, the joys and responsibilities of that faith are recognized. Talks presented by laity and clergy provide a central focus for the Weekend activities.



WHO GOES TO PRESBYTERIAN PILGRIMAGE?

The Weekend is not designed as a conversion experience. Its focus is on those who are seeking continued growth in their faith and its application to their daily lives. It is the goal of *Presbyterian Pilgrimage* to provide

participants with the opportunity to experience an even closer and more personal relationship with Christ, to deepen their faith, and to invigorate their life in Christ. Participants return to their environments and affect them in a Christian manner. Single and married individuals are welcome, and men and women attend the same Weekends. The staff is led by laity and Presbyterian clergy who have previously attended a 3-Day Weekend.

HOW CAN I ATTEND PRESBYTERIAN PILGRIMAGE?

Fill out the application on the reverse side and send it to the Registrar. After applying, you will receive confirmation and further instructions about the Weekend.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The current cost is \$200 per participant. This Weekend charge is primarily associated with the cost for lodging, meals, and use of the retreat center. The staff pays their own costs as a "love" gift to the Program, and this enables the costs to be kept at a minimum. To assure that no one is prohibited the *Pilgrimage* experience due to cost, partial or full scholarships are available. Please discuss this option with the Registrar.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER PRESBYTERIAN PILGRIMAGE?

The *Presbyterian Pilgrimage* Weekend is only a beginning! Your experience becomes a part of your life and provides a new perspective and inspiration for further Christian study and action in your local congregation and community. You will also have the opportunity to meet weekly in small groups, reinforcing each other as you share the Christian life. Larger groups meet less frequently to share the joy and fellowship of our faith with the broader *Pilgrimage* Community.

IN SUMMARY:

Seek God's guidance regarding the possible role of *Presbyterian Pilgrimage* in your faith journey. Many who attended had questions before their Weekend. However, after attending, they now actively seek the opportunity to share this wonderful gift from God with others. Consider attending a weekend that will truly enrich your faith and your life!

Speak with a friend or the Registrar:

ARPC.registrar@gmail.com

Or Go To:

www.pilgrimage-arkansas.org

www.days3.com

www.presbyteryofarkansas.org



APPLICATION FOR PRESBYTERIAN PILGRIMAGE

☐ **ARPP #17, October 18-21, 2012**

(Please submit separate applications for each individual.)

Mr. Mrs. Ms. (Circle one)

Name: _____ Preferred Nickname: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Church Membership and City: _____

Birthday (Mo/Day/Yr): _____ Spouse's name (If married): _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Please explain any special needs you may have (allergy, diet, or physical limitations):

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Name of Person(s) who encouraged you to attend: _____

The Weekend begins at 5:30 p.m. Thursday and is continuous until ~5:00 p.m. Sunday. Cost for the Weekend is \$200. Please send \$50 registration fee with this application to:

Registrar, Arkansas Presbyterian Pilgrimage

PO Box 68

McGehee, AR 71654

Or alternatively, register on line at www.pilgrimage-arkansas.org
And send the \$50 registration fee separately to the above address.
E-mail the Registrar at ARPC.registrar@gmail.com if you have questions.

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Make checks payable to "Arkansas Presbyterian Pilgrimage", with a memo for ARPP # 17.
The remaining \$150 (covering lodging/meals) is due upon arrival at Ferncliff. You will not need any additional spending money.

If you need scholarship assistance, please indicate the amount you need:
25% _____ 50% _____ 75% _____ 100% _____
(\$50 Registration Fee is not covered by scholarship)

SPACE IS LIMITED. DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS OCTOBER 7, 2012

Arkansas Presbyterian Pilgrimage (ARPP)

**A Pilgrimage Is
Three Days Long,
But It Lasts
A Lifetime**



**Ferncliff Presbyterian Center
Little Rock, AR**

**Renew Your
Relationship
With the Living Christ**



LIBRARY LINES FOR SEPTEMBER 2012

We have the series Indiana Cousins by Wanda Brunstetter.

The featured book is book 1 entitled A COUSIN'S PROMISE.

"When a group of eight cousins and friends leave their Indiana Amish community for a weekend getaway, a horrific accident brings them home forever changed.

Permanently disabled by the accident, Wayne Lambright struggles to take care of himself. He can't imagine being able to be the kind of husband his fiancée, Loraine Miller, needs. Determined to sacrifice his happiness to give her a better life, he breaks their engagement.

Loraine refuses to believe Wayne doesn't love her anymore. But when her old boyfriend Jake Beechy returns from exploring the English world, Wayne does everything in his power to help Jake regain Loraine's love.

For better or worse, Loraine wants to be Wayne's wife, but if he won't agree, should she promise her love to Jake? How will God work to bring Loraine the true desires of her heart?"

Enjoy the books!

Faye Brackett, Librarian



MISSION MINUTE

SEPTEMBER-2012



"Last summer, youth and adults from Latrobe Presbyterian Church spent a week on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, where we saw poverty we have never seen in our small town in Pennsylvania. We were eager to live out our faith through hard work, and in turn, we were able to convert a bus into a mobile soup kitchen, provide indoor plumbing at a very remote house, re-roof a church, and dig an outhouse trench for a school. We worked hard!

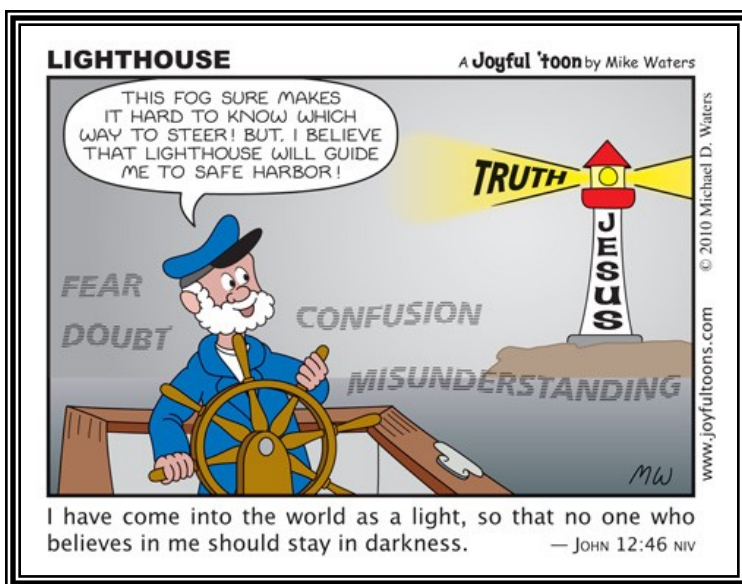
During the week I would often ask the kids where, how, or in whom they saw God that day--one of my favorite questions. They were quick to talk about their "God sightings"--the beauty of the scenery or the awesomeness of the storms or even other youth and adults who had done something that showed God's love. I never heard them speak of themselves as "God sightings." Was it humility? Knowing my kids, humility is not an issue!

Our kids have a pretty good sense of their faith and how what they do fits into God's plan. They don't see themselves as God-sightings because they know God sees them and what they do, and most of the time it is pleasing to God. They are "God's sightings." It's wonderful that they are able to see God in others, but in serving others, they know they are pleasing in God's sight. It's not works righteousness--just a fact!

Faith/works, works/faith--God-sightings or God's sightings? They get it!"

*Kris Temple, director of Christian education and family ministries
Latrobe Presbyterian Church, Latrobe, Pennsylvania*

Submitted by Faye Brackett



Labor Day: How it Came About; What it Means

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

Founder of Labor Day

More than 100 years after the first Labor Day observance, there is still some doubt as to who first proposed the holiday for workers.

Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, was first in suggesting a day to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold."

But Peter McGuire's place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday. Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J., proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. What is clear is that the Central Labor Union adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic.

The First Labor Day

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

On June 28, 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Annual Ice Cream Social

It was really, really hot outside that day. The temperature climbed up to 106 degrees. Never the less, it was a great day. Everyone that attended had a good time, and went home with full stomachs.

This year we sold;

139 tickets = \$556.00

Donations 90.00

Total \$646.00

There were no expenses this year.

Esther Roberts surprised the Ice Cream Social Committee with beautiful home made aprons. Thank you so much Esther!

Bob Wiles & Bill Kerr were the ice cream dippers. Great job guys!

A great big thank you to Ken & Pam Hobart for donating the ice cream.

Thank you to the Committee; (under the direction of Sue Babulski) Pam Hobart, Dotty Pitts, Irene Bere, & Betty Aaron, Mary Kerr, Meg Simon, Norma Taylor, Esther Roberts, Sandy Erickson, Vicky Bair & Steve Broskovak. I want to thank all of you for the hard work you did.

Also a big thank you to every one who donated cakes, toppings and their time.

God Bless you all!
Sue Babulski



After much prayer, Ada Jeffrey and Pam Hobart have resigned as moderator and vice moderator of PW. We hate to see them step down. We understand their circumstances and are deeply grateful for the work they have done.

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4—Breakfast/Luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Village Wheel! Ladies, we hope you are planning to attend this meeting after having a two months' "vacation". Won't it be great to get together again? The short business meeting will be a very important one as we will be voting to which missions we will distribute profits from recent fundraisers. We want you to be a part of the discussion, the voting. Irene Bere will be leading this meeting. Hostesses Pam Hobart and Betty Aaron will be on hand to welcome you, and Rev. Terry Hart will offer the devotion. PLEASE SIGN THE RESERVATIONS LIST WHICH IS POSTED IN THE OFFICE DURING THE WEEK AND IN THE NARTHEX ON SUNDAY MORNINGS. REMEMBER, ALL LADIES—CHURCH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH—ARE AUTOMATICALLY MEMBERS OF PW.

On Thursday morning, Sept. 6, from 11 to 12 noon we will begin a new and exciting weekly Bible Study "Dispatches to God's Household: The General Epistles" to be led by Rev. Terry. This class is open to both men and women. Do sign up on the sheet posted in the Narthex.

On Tuesday, Sept. 18, 12 noon, PW will be hosting a Salad Luncheon for area church women,. We are grateful to Mary Kerr who volunteered to chair this delightful event a second year. Rev. Terry will present the program "Milk and Honey Cooking Show". Remember her beautiful presentation last year depicting the life of Fanny Crosby? Please sign the attendance sheet, which is posted in the Narthex on Sundays and in the office during the week, indicating the salad, etc. you will bring. Let's all be on hand to give our guests—there could be anywhere from 65 to 80 attending—a hearty, warm Christian welcome!

Watch for news in the Sunday Bulletins and in the Oct. "Connection" about the Baked Potato Bash, a major fundraiser for missions, which will be happening in late Oct.! Our thanks to Jini Sass for chairing the Bash for the third year!

On a light note: We had such a very dry July and early August. How dry was it? Well, it was so dry that the Baptists were starting to baptize by sprinkling, the Methodists were using wet-wipes, the Presbyterians were giving rain checks, and the Catholics were praying for the wine to turn back into water!

Those hot and dry days are behind us now and we look forward to cooler weather as we happily settle in for our fall and winter activities serving our church, our community, our Lord!

Ladies, don't forget to sign up for the Tues., Sept. 4th meeting! See you at the Wheel!

Just a reminder...we are continuing to collect non-perishable food items, etc., for the Food Pantry at our PW. Meetings.

Thanks!

Irene

BRIDGE BASH 2012

Big Springs Park, Cotter Saturday September 22nd 9 a.m. to 4p.m.

PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM

Building bridges from hunger to hope

Food Bank
OF NORTH CENTRAL ARKANSAS

Check one:

☐ **Team:** # _____ participants on my team. (receives t-shirt / indicate sizes for each team member)

☐ **Individual:** I plan to "Stand Up for Hope" on Saturday September 22, at 9:00 a.m. (receives t-shirt)

☐ **Virtual Participant:** I plan to "Sleep In for Hope" on Saturday September 22.

☐ I would like to **sponsor** # _____ participants to "Stand Up for Hope" for me.

(Each \$20 donation sponsors one participant)

Bridge Bash registration will be on the Baxter County side of the bridge.

Please indicate how many t-shirts of each size that you/your team needs below.

Each participant will receive his/her t-shirt at the registration table prior to the ceremony.

____ Child M ____ Child L ____ S ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____ XXL ____ XXXL

Name _____ Team Name _____ Bull Shoals Food Pantry _____

Mailing Address _____

E-mail Address _____ Phone # _____

Representing a Food Bank Agency? Agency Name _____ Bull Shoals Food Pantry _____

100% of Participant donations
go toward hunger relief efforts in North Central Arkansas.

Every \$1 we raise through Bridge Bash Participants.
provides 5 meals for those in need.

Our Goal is to Provide 250,000 Meals in Just One Day!

Registrations Received by July 15, Guaranteed T-shirt.

Please Post Mark Registrations by September 10th.

All other Registrations will be accepted at the Bridge.

Please Return Completed Form to:
The Food Bank of North Central Arkansas
PO Box 128
Norfolk, AR 72658

Make Checks Payable to:
The Food Bank of North Central Arkansas
Write: "I Stand for Hope" in the memo

On behalf of myself and my heirs, I indemnify and hold harmless The Food Bank of North Central Arkansas, its employees, trustees, volunteers, coordinators, participants, equipment providers, and Agencies from any and all costs, liabilities and claims, of every kind and nature whatsoever, arising directly or indirectly, from my participation in activities or use of services, including any legal costs and expenses and the costs of medical or other expenses incurred for my benefit. I give my permission for FBNCA to use my/my child's photo for publicity purposes. **X** _____

Participant Signature

THIS WE BELIEVE for SEPTEMBER

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

John 1:1

~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

Interim Pastor: Rev. Terry Hart

Clerk of Session: Vicky Bair, Church Treasurer: Ken Hobart, Secretary: Christi Partee

Financial Secretary: Dick Sass, Asst. Financial Secretary: Elaine Miller

DEACONS

Class of 2012

James Hart
Pam Hobart

Class of 2013

Ed Lloyd
Gloria Wiles
Pat Erlewine

Class of 2014

Dot Pitts
Sandy Erickson

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