

THE MESSENGER



“Serving God With Love and Joy As We Reach Out to All People”

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JULY/AUGUST— 2008

Worship Schedule:
Summer Worship—9:30 am
Christian Ed will begin again in the fall



RANGE LINE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 7—11

6:30—8:30

Come join us at 6:00 for a light supper

For pre-registration call 746-5717

Welcome to BEACH PARTY: SURFIN' THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES!

Get ready to feel the surf and catch the wave of God's love.

Everyone will learn to

- surf on the turf and through God's word,
- come to know Jesus as their Savior
- develop new Beach Be-Attitudes:

Be Obedient

Be Kind

Be Forgiving

Be Bold

Believe

BEACH PARTY will bring your children into a closer relationship with God, allow them to experience the love of Jesus as their friend and Savior, and inspire them to share their beliefs with others.

INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS—BRING A FRIEND—COME FOR THE FUN!!

Report on the Congregational Meeting of June 22, 2008

On Monday, June 9, 2008, representatives of the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of Wabash Valley met with the Session of the Range Line Church.

This was an executive Session meeting, which means the parties present at it keep confidential the business discussed there. Understanding and concurring with the Presbytery of Wabash Valley's Committee on Ministry's conclusion that effective and healthy ministry of the congregation has been compromised in recent months, the Session of Range Line Presbyterian Church called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, June 22, 2008, and unanimously recommended to the congregation that it approve its motion to consent with the decision of the COM to dissolve the pastoral relationship between the Range Line Presbyterian Church and the Reverend Wayne Barrett, effective June 30, 2008 and approve the following dissolution agreement:

Terms of Separation

Two (2) months of salary, housing, Social Security and Board of Pensions payments

Reimbursement to Reverend Barrett from the Board of Pensions of his prepaid dental coverage for September through December

Payment of \$644.47 from the remainder of the 3% medical account

Payment of \$150 as ½ the remaining book allowance account

Reverend Barrett and the church secretary will meet on a mutually acceptable date to remove Reverend Barrett's personal effects and files from his office.

The church will support and provide church facilities to hold a farewell gathering for saying good bye to the Barrett family.

In the event Reverend Barrett obtains employment during the two months of the payments under this agreement, the payments will be reduced or eliminated according to the agreement:

Full time pastoral position – all payments would stop at the start of the new position

Part time pastoral position – payments would be reduced by the amount of the new job's compensation

Secular position – payments would be reduced by the amount of the secular compensation

There were 51 ballots cast, with 43 'yes', 7 'no' and 1 abstention. The Session is hosting a farewell party for the Barretts on Saturday, June 28 from 1:00 to 4:00.

Article submitted by the Rev. Dr. Laura Reason, Committee on Ministry 6/26/08

To My Dear church family,

This has been a tough decision for the session. Mistakes were made by all involved. The committee on ministry, our congregation, and Rev. Barrett. The congregational meeting was very emotional. I know that there are those who did not want this new building, believe me there were times during the building process that I wondered if we were doing the right thing. Since we have moved into this building. We have enjoyed the handicapped accessibility, the air conditioning, the fellowship hall, the real classrooms, but it seems we have lost some of what Range Line has always been known for...the friendly, caring community of believers. We have been bickering among ourselves. We need to take time to look at ourselves and look at the reason this church exists. A church that has been her for almost 90 years. A church whose mission statement states...reaching out to all people with love and joy. Those of you that have been here longer than me...that had a part in raising me...you know that we have been through difficult times before...but those were times that we pulled together and got through it...together. And we usually came out stronger for it. Now we have another generation to raise in this church. I truly hope that we can work together and keep this church going for many years to come.

We need to look at our own hearts and our own minds and compare them to Jesus and the Scriptures. Wherever the two are not in agreement, it is we who need to change. We need to pray that the Lord would provide opportunities to work in our church. We need to recognize that we have differences of opinions but that that is okay. But we need to lift each other up and be united in Christ. So please, think about what this church family means to you...think about what you have been through in your faith journey...and consider sticking it out with us during this time of transition.

Can we now please work together to glorify God and expand His kingdom. You have an opportunity next week to help Chari with Vacation Bible school. To make this an uplifting experience for the youth around us. Please see her and volunteer to help out. Susie

STATEMENT OF ETHICS

When a pastor leaves a charge, there are bonds of affection between the pastor and members of the particular church which continue to be cherished; relations of friendship continue; but the pastoral relationship does not. In order to spare pastors and church members from embarrassment, and to encourage the new pastoral relationship that will be established, the Presbytery directs that the church be reminded of these requirements:

“When any pastor resigns from a pastorate or retires from service or becomes a pastor emeritus, the pastor should cease to perform such functions of a pastor as funerals, baptisms, weddings, unless invited to officiate in such capacity by the pastor or by the moderator of vacant churches.” (General Assembly Minutes, 1984, Page 208) In short, church members shall not request a former pastor to perform pastoral duties. If requested, the pastor shall tactfully decline.

After the dissolution of a pastoral relationship, if the pastor—especially in retirement—remains within the community where he/she last served, the pastor shall seek worship and fellowship opportunities in adjacent Presbyterian congregations. Continued participation within the life of the congregation can be confusing to church members and can adversely affect the continued ministry of the church family.

The Committee on Ministry well understands the friendship nature of pastors to church members, and further understands the wrenching experience of dissolution of a pastoral relationship. However, the retired pastor shall make every effort to consistently and fully disengage from further participation in the congregational life of his/her former call.

Occasional attendance at worship and program activities of the former congregations in which the re-tired pastor has served, if done at all, is permissible, but it is not helpful and therefore is not encouraged. If done at all, this shall be the rare exception, not the norm after dissolution of the pastoral relationship. If a former pastor finds him/herself attending their former congregation more than two times per calendar year, he/she should consider themselves in close proximity to—if not already beyond—the outer limit of what is permissible, helpful, and appropriate.

After the dissolution of a relationship, ordained pastors have a continued need for personal support and individual friendships. However, the Committee on Ministry considers it practical advice that upon a dissolution, ordained clergy shall not seek to remain within or participate in the congregation which they previously served.

Following dissolution, former pastors shall not seek to influence in any way the decision-making process and/or the direction of their former installed call.

The Committee on Ministry considers it best for retired pastors to seek fellowship in a different congregation where they can participate fully in the life of the congregation. It is hoped that, within the capability of retired pastors, they would continue their fullest participation in the life of the Presbytery, providing their experience and wisdom to the greater church.

The Committee on Ministry recognizes that there are circumstances where the foregoing restrictions are unnecessary and impose hardship on the former pastor. In such cases, the former pastor may petition the COM for appropriate exemptions which, when granted shall be reviewed at least annually.

Keep Unity (from *Grace by the Moment* by Max Lucado)

May the Lord lead your hearts into God's love and Christ's patience. 2 Thessalonians 3:5

“All people will know that you are my followers if you love each other” (John 13:35). Stop and think about this verse for a minute. Could it be that unity is the key to reaching the world for Christ?

If unity is the key to evangelism, shouldn't it have precedence in our prayers? Should we, as Paul said, “Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace” (Eph. 4:3)? If unity matters to God, then shouldn't unity matter to us? If unity is a priority in heaven, then shouldn't it be a priority on earth?

Nowhere, by the way, are we told to build unity. We are told simply to keep unity. From God's perspective there is but “one flock and one shepherd” (John 10:16). Unity does not need to be created; it simply needs to be protected.

How do we do that?...Does that mean we compromise our convictions? No. Does that mean we abandon the truths we cherish? No. but it does mean we look long and hard at the attitudes we carry.



Presbyterian Women

HELPING HANDS CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, July 1st and August 5, at 3:00 pm. A lesson on knitting will be given in July. Come join us anytime! **HELPING HANDS**

PAULINE CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY will continue this summer. They will be meeting on July 3rd & 17th at 9:00 am in the library. Make plans to join them!



ANNUAL SWIM PARTY AT HOOT'S

Presbyterian Women will hold their July meeting at Glenda Hoot's on Friday, July 18th at 11:30. Bring a dish to share for the potluck luncheon. Hot dogs will be provided. Bring your kids & grandkids for a fun afternoon in her pool.

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The website is up and running. There is a place for announcements, prayer requests, and soon a member directory where with a password, you will be able to look up members addresses and phone number. You can read the Messenger on line now. If you would rather have your news this way and save some postage for the church, please let Susie know. We will be putting pictures of events and people around the church on the website. If you do not want your picture posted, please let us know. You can email her at rlpc@netnitco.net. If you have any questions about how to use the website, please ask her.



The Buildings and Grounds committee has a sign up sheet in the narthex. They are asking two families to sign up to volunteer each month to clean the church. There will be a list posted of what needs to be done each week. If everyone takes a turn it will not be left to one or two people to do. Thanks for volunteering. Supplies will be furnished. July, August and November have names signed up already.



The following supplies are still needed for Vacation Bible school.



1 box Alpha bits cereal	25 boxes Capri sun	8 small boxes blue jello
Tennis balls	Gummy fish	Bean bags
Oranges	Bananas	Grapes
Apples	9x13 pan rice krispies	10 doz. Sugar cookie (round)
2 boxes graham crackers	3 yellow gel frosting	

Congratulations to:

Casey Moore—8th grade Lowell
 Laura Ericksen—Lowell High
 Drew Frey—Hebron High



Stephan Anderson—Med school
 Jamie Hayden—Master's Degree
 Andrew Wingate—College degree

Laura Ericksen was awarded the Roger Reaber scholarship money from Range Line

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF YOU!!

MISSION NEWS:

We had almost 100 attend the pancake breakfast...not anyone from the soccer fields that we had hoped to draw. We plan on inquiring about setting up a food booth on the fields. We took in about \$600.00. We will split this as follows. \$250 to Presbytery mission, \$125 to Synod and \$125 to General Assembly. \$100 will go to the building fund. Our goal this year is to pay as much as we can on our designated missions in the budget.



Make plans now to attend the Annual Hog Roast.

Saturday, August 23

Noon to 4:00

Pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, chips, and watermelon!!

Games for all!!

We are planning on expanding the activities this year. We will have a corn hole tournament and possibly a three on three basketball tournament. Other games for all ages will be offered. We are adding Range Line as one of our mission partners this year with the hope that we will be able to pay more of our designated mission commitments.

During this time without a pastor, the Worship committee will be filling the pulpit each Sunday. An interim search committee will be formed and we hope to have someone in place by fall. We are not without pastoral help. Our Presbytery has given us a number of names to contact. They have recently renamed committees and have people assigned to our size congregation...Pastoral Size.

Joe Hufford is the Coordinator

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765-427-9999

Laura Reason is our Congregational Life Team leader

lbreason@hotmail.com

219-836-6850

or home 219-922-3968

Alan Camren is our Transitional Care Team Leader

pcamren@att.net

574-231-8379

Rev. Bill McLean is our member of the Trauma Response team

william.mclean@alum.ptsem.edu

765-564-2371 or 765-564-4846

If you want to talk to any of these people they are ready and willing to listen.

If you need emergency pastoral care please call one of your acting elders or Clerk of Session

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Buildings & Grounds			
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Roger Parks	dot402@sbcglobal.net	636-9184	
Christian Ed & Youth			
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Norma Lance		696-1976	
Mission & Evangelism			
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Jerry Moosmiller	jpmoose@yahoo.com	996-6688	
Worship & Music			
Judy Sharp	gjarsharp@embarqmail.com	956-0562	775-3509
Betsy Kubisz	kkorral@att.net	696-4551	680-6006
Youth Elder—Donald Straughen	ds1327@earthlink.net	696-1819	

HAVE YOU HAD YOUR PICTURE TAKEN???

The Fellowship Ministry Team is putting a Photo Directory together for the church. This directory will contain pictures, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of members and non-members.

Amy Barnett and Norma Tyler have been taking pictures in the library. If you don't have your's taken by July 31st...they will insert any old picture they have of you...or the dreaded PICTURE NOT AVAILABLE!

Now—let's talk about these pictures----

They are taken with a digital camera, casual snapshots, mostly head and shoulders (no hips or tummies). The pictures are then downloaded into Norma's computer and she will print the pages on a good photo quality paper and assemble the books at her home.

If you think you will have a problem getting your family together on picture days you may send a picture you have taken or had taken to Norma. The easiest way for Norma and Amy to handle those pictures is if you can send them via e-mail to Norma Tyler. Her e-mail is cybergram6@comcast.net . If that is not possible you can lend a picture to her and she will scan it. (That takes more time and slows up the process but it can be done).

The information will be beside the picture so you can match up the name and the face of those you might not know.

So—get ready for your close-up, slick down your hair, and show us your best smile for the 2008 edition of the Range Line Church Directory! We are ready for you!!!

Norma Tyler, Norma Lance and Amy Barnett



The Senior High youth group along with chaperones, Dawn Straughen & Chari Hayden (Conner Hayden too) participated in the Relay for Life walk in Crown Point. They walked a good share of the night! They were able to contribute \$600 to the cause. Thanks to all who brought items to the garage sale...\$500 was raised for the walk and \$100 went to the building fund. The Senior Highs are now planning a trip to the water park. Date to be announced.

Treasury Report Year to Date Totals as of 5-31-08

Pledge Income	22,146.00
Loose Offering	5,262.34
Sunday School	167.00
Per Capita	1,423.44
Misc. & Special Incomes	<u>25,829.40</u>
Total Income YTD	54,828.18
Budgeted Expenses	57,855.37
Non-Budgeted Expenses	<u>3,609.45</u>
Total Expenses YTD	61,464.82
All Savings Accts Totals	18,833.83
Bldg. Checking Acct. Balance	31,094.83
Building Loan Payments	
Monthly payments	3,439.44
Balance	491,854.27

Please remember your pledges this summer to the church and to the building fund. We will try and have a recap each month's newsletter.



YOUR PLEDGE
This Summer

Pre-School Child Care Workers for June

July—6—Kelly Blank
July 13—Chari Hayden
July 20—Susie Hayden
July 27—Steph McCracken
Aug 3—Shirley Moosmiller
Aug. 10—Amy Barnett
Aug. 17—Tammie Frey
Aug. 24—Bev Laszlo
Aug. 31—Dale Straughen

If you can't be there, please trade with someone else

COMING UP AT RANGE LINE:

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME 9:30 AM

July 1—Helping Hands Circle 3:00 pm
July 3—Pauline Circle 9:00 am
July 3—Ministry Team Night 7:00 pm
July 7—11 VBS 6:00—8:30
July 10—PW at Schererville
July 13—Bible School Program during worship
July 17—Pauline Circle 9:00 am
July 17—Session Meeting 7:00 pm
July 18—PW meeting & swim party 11:30 am
July 19—Moonlit Music Concert 7:00 pm
July 24—PW at Schererville
July 26—Taste of Lowell
August 5—Helping Hands 3:00 pm
August 7—Ministry Team Night 7:00 pm
August 13—PW Meeting 6:30 pm
August 21—Session 7:00 pm
August 23—Annual Hog Roast Noon—4:00
August 24—Camp Sunday—Church Picnic

PRAYER REQUESTS



John & Gladys Osburn *Vernon Childress*
Bob Vandercar *Lillian Piske*
Kay Vandercar *Alice Rinkenberger*
Gertrude Sullivan *Alberta Parrish*
Sally & Clarence Bradley *Roy Brumbaugh*
Chester & Jennifer Ascher & family

If you know someone who should be on the Prayer List, please contact the church at (219) 996-8746 or rlpc@netnitco.net

2008 SESSION MEMBERS AND THE MINISTRY TEAMS THEY SERVE

Clerk of Session—Janet Moore
Buildings & Grounds—Roger Parks and Greg Sharp
Christian Education & Youth—Dawn Straughen and Chari Hayden
Evangelism & Mission—Susie Hayden and Alene Moore
Fellowship & Membercare—Norma Lance and Norma Tyler
Stewardship, Finance & Administration—John Jurs and Jerry Moosmiller
Worship & Music—Judy Sharp and Betsy Kubisz
Youth Elder—Donald Straughen
Deacons—Bev Laszlo, Karen Drabik, Debbie Fritts, Alan Dockweiler, Ella Jurs

PLEASE HELP THEM OUT BY SERVING ON A MINISTRY TEAM THIS YEAR!

You can come each month to ministry team meeting the second Thursday at 7:00 pm or just offer to volunteer for lay leader, childcare, special music, greeter for a month, usher, serve refreshments one Sunday. Be involved in your church family!!



Happy Birthday to.....

July 5—*Jep Blackmon*
Fred Nethery
July 8—*Melissa Banter*
July 10—*Gordon Schontube*
July 11—*Amanda Banter*
July 13—*Kelly Tokarz*
July 15—*Tiffany Novotny*
July 21—*Mary Lou Parks*
July 23—*Susie Hayden*
July 24—*Carl Banter*
July 27—*Irene Schontube*
July 30—*Robert Hayden*
August 3—*Norma Lance*
Richard Mangiaracina
August 5—*Jeremy Hayden*
August 15—*Debbie Fritts*
August 18—*Jacinda Hayden*
August 21—*Kelly Blank*
August 25—*Judy Sharp*
August 28—*Conner Hayden*

Happy Anniversary to....

July 4—*Ed & Candy Carter*
July 7—*Darold & Alene Moore*
July 11—*Jerry & Susie Hayden*
July 26—*Jep & Roylene Blackmon*
July 28—*Jake & Sarah Graegin*
August 14—*Matt & Roberta Bryant*
August 26—*Chris & Alicia Mogan*
August 30—*Curt & Debbie Fritts*

There will not be a Messenger published in August. I will get one out before the end of August with the Fall information in it.



MOONLIT MUSIC OUTDOOR CONCERT

With

TEN FOLD

&

VINDICATED

Saturday evening, July 19th

7:00 to ?

Bring your lawn chair and a friend for a night of uplifting music.

Concert will be held outdoors (weather permitting)

Free will offering taken to benefit the building fund

Refreshments will be available.



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To everyone at the home of:

