



# RANGE LINE COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 2011

THE MESSENGER

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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

Worship Schedule:

Summer Worship Service  
9:00 am

Join us for fellowship  
after worship.

**SUMMER  
WORSHIP  
TIME  
BEGINS**



**JUNE 5TH**

**Sunday Worship will  
be at 9:00 am**



**DON'T TAKE A  
VACATION  
FROM CHURCH**

*Christian Ed will be taking a break for the summer. If you would like to provide special music, or know someone to invite, let Susie know.*

## **Summary of May 19<sup>th</sup> 2011 Session Meeting**

The Session of Range Line Community Presbyterian Church met for their monthly meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup> 2011. The meeting was led by our assigned moderator Rev. Marge Egger. There was a quorum of five members present with four absent.

The current docket and minutes from our Regular meeting of March 17<sup>th</sup> 2011 and Called meeting of April 24<sup>th</sup> 2011 were reviewed and approved after minor corrections were noted. There was no Regular scheduled meeting held in April due to Easter Season Activities.

Reports from the Moderator, Clerk of Session and Treasurer were presented and approved.

During the Clerk's Report it was noted that I (Janet Moore as Clerk of Session) attended the annual records review to present our records. Our records all passed the review and were found to be in order for the year.

Treasurer Barb Jurs reported that a total of \$794.62 was collected in the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. She also stated there are seven kids who have been registered to attend various camps at Geneva Center this summer.

Allen Dockweiler was in attendance at this meeting to present a quarterly report on the work of our Deacons. They are doing a tremendous job of reaching out to those in need of comfort and care. Please continue to hold them in your prayers and offer support to their work.

Committee reports were reviewed.

### **Worship & Music/Christian Ed**

Committee continues to work on pulpit supply. Thanks to the great job they do in providing for our services each and every Sunday.

### **Fellowship & Hospitality/Mission & Evangelism**

Committee is working on updating several policies for use in rentals and other areas where clarification is needed. Committee noted fellowship hall will be set up for a memorial dinner on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> for the family of Cindy Zeldenrust.

### **Stewardship, Finance & Administration/Building & Grounds**

Committee gave a Manse Update and said the prospective buyer was rejected on his financing. The current realtor has been given a three month contract and the Manse has been placed back on the active market. Stewardship is preparing letters for a "Per Capita" campaign. Committee is still in discussion and planning for a storage shed to be used outside the kitchen door. It was noted to date no applications have been made for the Roger Reaber scholarship and if none are received the monies will be applied to next year's scholarship. Buildings and Grounds continues to maintain properties and have started summer "mowing" with the help of several volunteers. The locksmith will be here in the near future to rekey doors as previously discussed.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Policy changes were reviewed and revisions suggested. We will revisit this again next month. Future consideration will also be given to a committee that will look into a policy regarding qualifications for the payment of Summer Camp Attendance.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Motions presented from the floor or a committee included: Approval for Summer Schedule to begin on June 5<sup>th</sup> with Worship starting at 9:00 AM – Approval for manning two Gates at the Fair this year – Approval for a Free Will Offering to be collected for Missionaries who will be speaking during Sunday Service. All of these motions were approved by session during this meeting.

Please continue to pray for and support our ministry teams. Consider joining in and offering your time and talents to help out whenever you have the opportunity.

Submitted by Janet Moore – Clerk of Session

## *MISSIONARIES VISIT*

*Wes and Rita Tillet, Mission Co-Workers with the PC(USA), serving in Zahle, Lebanon, visited Range Line on Sunday, May 29th. Wes teaches there at a Christian school, Rita volunteers at a local church. Currently they are in the US on an interpretation assignment (from April to August). They have two children: Tobias (4), Kidest (2). From 2006-2010 Wes was the Director of Family and Youth Ministries at Central Presbyterian Church, Lafayette, IN. Wes and Rita are both originally from Rensselaer, IN, where they reside at this time. They are collecting money to buy books for a school library in Lebanon. A free will offering was taken up during their visit. If you would still like to contribute, give your donation to Barb Jurs and she will get it to them.*

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## PER CAPITA

Per Capita is an amount of money per member (this year \$36.11) that our congregation pays to our larger Presbyterian Church U.S.A. This money is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. It is the money that enables us to work with other Presbyterian churches in our presbytery and across the country. It is also the money that allows us to work with other churches to further the mission of Jesus Christ around the world. Please consider paying your per capita if you are able. It would help out our budget immensely!!

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Congratulations to Jeremy & Kelly Hayden on the birth of their daughter, Erin Elizabeth. She came into this world on Sunday, May 22nd at 8:00 pm. 7 lbs. 3 oz. and 18 in. long. Her big brother Drew welcomed her to their family. Grandpa & Grandma Susie are pretty proud of her too!!



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## The Good News

- \* **MOWING HAS STARTED AGAIN!** - Don't know if this is good news or not...but thanks to our loyal crew, Bruce McNeill, Carl Skinner, and Bob Morris, mow the church yard every week!! Jerry Hayden provides a mower and also mows the manse yard! Conner Hayden has also been seen mowing the manse. Thanks guys for keeping our grounds looking great!! Also a **BIG THANK YOU** goes out to Bruce & Dorisann McNeill for keeping our landscaping so nice!!
- \* **MONTHLY DINNERS**—It was recently reported that since we've been doing the monthly dinners—16 now—we have contributed over \$15,000 to the church treasury! Thank you to all that faithfully help every month!!
- \* **PENTECOST SUNDAY**—June 12th we will celebrate Pentecost. Be sure and wear something red that day!!

*I love putting in the Good News....there is a box in the narthex if you would like to put in something good you have seen somebody doing around the church.*

*This is an excerpt of my talk on May 22nd. It was my pep talk to our church. If you are interested in reading the whole sermon, let me know. Susie*

Pastoral change is not the end of the world. Change is a part of life, and although there will definitely be a need for some extra patience and flexibility by everyone in the congregation, we will get through this... especially if you follow these tips:

**1. Be Faithful to Attend Services** – The lack of a permanent pastor can make some feel less enthused or connected with the church, and may promote more frequent absences or visitations to other churches. However, if there was ever a time your church needed you, this is it. Instead of finding more excuses to stay away, this should be a time to increase your faithfulness in every area. Don't be a fair-weather friend of the church... but remain faithful even during such cloudy or uncertain times.

**2. Be a Person of Prayer** – People in the church must always be persons sincerely devoted to prayer... but even more so during a time that their church is without a pastor. If he can, our enemy, Satan, will attempt to use the pastoral vacancy to incite mischief, conflict and discouragement in the flock, so prayer and spiritual vigilance is especially important during this time. Pray especially for the Designated pastor nominating committee.

**3. Be Extra Patient and Understanding** – An interim period for any church may become tense and stressful, creating the possible atmosphere for any number of misunderstandings, so it is very helpful for everyone to add an extra seasoning of patience and sweetness to their attitudes. It is not a time to criticize or find fault, but be understanding and pitch in and help make up the shortfalls. If you have a concern, bring it to a session member or deacon, don't just gossip with each other and make matters worse than they are.

**4. Continue to Contribute Financially** – During a time of leadership transition, church finances can often become one of the first casualties to suffer.. so it is vitally important for you to remain steadfast with your tithes and offerings. Remember, the tithe belongs to the Lord, and continue to be faithful to Him, regardless of the changing nature of his church.

**5. Volunteer More than Usual** – Sometimes people look at changes in church leadership, as an opportunity to make changes of their own... perhaps to leave the church or to give up a position or responsibility. Not only is this a poor time to abandon the church, but is a critical time to step up and volunteer more than normal.

The church is not merely an agency to provide a service or benefit to you... the church is a relationship-based community, a family, where people serve and bless "each other" mutually... and it takes everyone's participation to make it work the way it should. Another way to look at it, the church isn't as much like a restaurant, where patrons are "served" and "pampered" ...but is more like a pot-luck dinner where everyone brings a dish to share with each other.

Our deacons are so good. They have stepped up and offered pastoral care to those sick, in the hospital, and have called on members that have not been attending. Thank you to our Deacons (stand up) We have been really lucky to have Rev. Marge Egger moderate our session, serve communion for us once a month, and perform special services. She has graciously done funeral services for us when called. We have one of our longest time members, Vernon Childress in Chicagoland Christian Village, he thinks Range Line has forgotten about him. Please take an afternoon and stop in to chat. He would love to see you!

**6. Help Contribute to Unity** – During times of uncertainty within an organization, voices of discouragement and discontent can often be heard in the ranks... but this is a moment your influence of support and encouragement is so needed to help promote peace and unity in the body. "Talk up" the church among your friends, speak encouragement and help promote harmony. It may not be a good time to encourage someone to visit, but stay positive about the church when you are in the community. There can be a variety of other outstanding leaders, elders, deacons in a church who will undoubtedly help bring unity and stability... but unless these persons have established recognized credibility, have spoken frequently before the body, or have expertise dealing with the varieties of personalities and sensitivities within a body, they will have their hands full. It can take considerable experience and tact to be a peacemaker and unify people... and helps if everyone will be a part of the solution, and not a part of the problem.

**8. Don't Waste the Opportunity** – What about this time as we prepare for a new pastor's arrival? There is often a prevailing attitude that the spiritual focus and ministry of the church is suspended or stagnant during this period... but this shouldn't be. God still has a vital purpose for every service, guest speaker, guest pastor or the ministry brought to you by lay people. It is important for the congregation to remain faithful and engaged, so that God's intended work can be accomplished. I kinda like the variety that we have had. It is not always easy to welcome visitors into this, but when we do have a visitor, go out of your way to welcome them.

**9. Finally, Don't Panic and Be at Peace!** Do your part to pray, contribute and help as we have suggested... but the church will do better if everyone remains calm and steadfast in faith. Ultimately our Lord Jesus cares more about His church... more than any of us do.

This congregation has a glorious past, but it has an even brighter future. I believe that Jesus is still saying to us "I am preparing a future for you." And I think you believe this as well. Because if 91 years were enough, we'd just lock the doors and keep the party to ourselves. We would just be content to sit in our own chair and never welcome another visitor...and that would be that, and I wouldn't want to be a part of it. But in this congregation, even as we celebrate the past, we're planning for the future, we just don't know what it's going to look like. Thanks to all of you for being my church. Amen



## SUMMER CAMP

We have eight kids and one Grandma signed up to go to Geneva Center this year. Thank you goes out to this church for making the commitment to send and pay for kids to go to camp. At the Presbytery meeting the other day, they reported that there were only 100 kids signed up for the whole summer!! If you know of someone that would like to go, or would like to sponsor a neighbor, grandchild to go, there are forms in the narthex. It is an awesome experience for those that go. Try out the Grand Camp. Take a 6—12 year old to camp with you. Then you get to experience Geneva Center too!!!  
Hope you have a GREAT time!!

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**There will be a combined Messenger for July and August. It will come out the first week of July.**

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## DPNC COMMITTEE

We're sorry to say that we have nothing to report. We are waiting for another interview with a candidate out west. We have a couple of names coming soon. Hopefully by fall we'll have some news. We are just as sorry as you are that this has drug out so long. Please have patience with us!

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## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian women are starting their search for a slate of officers for the fall. They are looking for someone to be on the search committee also. Please see Roylene Blackmon or Joyce Mangiaracina if you are interested. Thanks

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## COUNTY FAIR GATES

Our church has been asked to man the ticket gates at the Lake County fair again this year. We will be in charge of two gates like last year. We will need 3 shifts on the weekends and 2 shifts on weekdays. Please consider signing up for a shift or two. The sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the narthex.

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## PENTECOST OFFERING

We will celebrate Pentecost on June 12th. Rev. Marge Egger will be here to serve communion. As in the past, we will be celebrating the birthday of the church with "gifts" If you would like to bring some office supplies, paper (letter or legal), cleaning supplies, toilet paper, etc. anything you think the church could use, we will receive them during morning worship.

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**COMING UP AT RANGE LINE:**

June 1—Monthly Dinner 4:30—7:00

June 5—SUMMER WORSHIP TIME BEGINS 9:00 am

*Dr. Al Martin preaching*

June 9—Ministry Teams meet at 7:00 pm

June 12—Pentecost Sunday—Communion served

*Rev. Marge Egger preaching*

June 14—Flag Day

June 16 —Session meeting 7:00 pm

June 19—Father's Day

*Dr. Al Martin preaching*

July 6—Monthly Dinner



**Happy Birthday to.....**

June 3- Noah Frazee

June 6—Sabrina McNeill

June 10—Ashley Jurs

June 15—Ruth Sharp

June 16—Karen Drabik

June 19—Casey Moore

June 21—Allan Nethery

June 22—Maxine Green

June 23—Madison Jusevitch

June 26—Joshua Mogan

June 29—Jay Hoon Blank

June 30—Alene Moore

**Happy Anniversary to....**

June 14—Roger & Dorothy Parks

June 16—Joe & Bobbi Kormendy

June 25—Gordon & Irene Schontube

*Do I have your important dates? Let me know if you are not appearing in the Messenger. Susie*

**PRAYER REQUESTS**



Vernon Childress

Lillian Schoon

Alice Rinckenberger

Roger Parks

Gladys Osburn

Del & Alice Jones

Chester Ascher

Bob Owens

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If you know someone who should be on the Prayer List, please contact the church at (219) 996-8746 or rlpc@netnitco.net. For pastoral emergency you may call Pastor Rose at home 696- 6091

**2011 SESSION MEMBERS AND THE MINISTRY TEAMS THEY SERVE**

Moderator—Rev. Marge Egger Clerk of Session—Janet Moore  
Stewardship, Finance & Administration/Buildings & Grounds

Jerry Moosmiller, Dale Straughen, Jerry Hayden and Allan Nethery  
Worship & Music/Christian Education & Youth

Betsy Kubisz, Chari Hayden and Bill Slosser  
Fellowship & Hospitality/Mission & Evangelism

Norma Lance, Barb Jurs,  
Deacons— Allen Dockweiler, Carl Skinner, Maxine Green,  
Nancy Nethery, Bev Laszlo, John Jurs

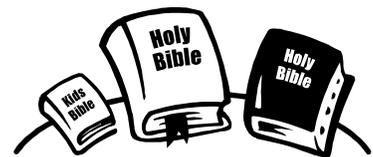
**PLEASE HELP THEM OUT BY SERVING ON A MINISTRY TEAM THIS YEAR!**

*You can come each month to committee meetings 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!!*

Remember your pledge this summer!



**Our food pantry needs to be constantly replenished. If you have any donations, bring them anytime.**



**Ministry Team**

## Assembly Goes Pray and Give Thanks to God throughout the day...

Linda L. Long, Stated Clerk

Elders, ministers, and guests of Presbytery of Wabash Valley gathered yesterday at Geneva Center led by **Moderator Pam Camren** to worship, sing, pray, teach, listen, study, debate, discern, vote, reconsider, and share ideas and fellowship:

- **Wes Tillett**, PCUSA mission co-worker in Lebanon, contrasted our typical stereotypes of Lebanon and the Middle East through slides sharing experiences of his family their first months teaching in Lebanon. He invited action-prayer, learning, giving, and direct visits and partnerships with Lebanese Christians-- and invited children to contribute money to purchase books for a [Library For Lebanon](#) program in the school where Rita and Wes teach in Zahle, Lebanon.
- **Paul Anderson** reviewed the Belhar Confession and the specific historic context it addresses. The Assembly discussed at tables, then voted to approve its addition to the PC(USA) Book of Confessions, 63 to 27. Paul also preached a message from Matthew, encouraging Christ's disciples to speak out and live out their faith through good and faithful service.
- **Bill Hudson** reviewed several proposed amendments to the PC(USA) Book of Order, and the Assembly voted to approve all.
- **Marylynn Boatright** moved nomination of thirteen candidates who were elected to teams, committees and commissions to carry out the collective work of presbytery.
- **Chuck Compton** introduced Inquirer **Mark Hults** who shared his faith story and sense of call with the Assembly before being approved as a Candidate under the care of the Presbytery.
- **Marcia Smith-Woods** invited all to the Lord's Table, and led serving and prayers, assisted by several ministers and elders.
- Assembly charged the Administrative Commission for the Ladoga Presbyterian Church to continue its work and thanked those who serve on behalf of the Presbytery.
- **Lisa Pavlopolous** told the story of the Hobart church's soup kitchen that serves not only the local community but also blesses those who cook and serve.

**Frank Vardeman** reminded congregations and their sessions that he and others welcome invitations for conversations about the effects of likely changes in the language of the gifts and requirements for ordination and how this is carried out through our presbytery teams and congregational PNCs.

**Frank** also urged us to form a presbytery team to respond to the rash of natural disasters. PDA is setting up hospitality sites for volunteer teams to assist with massive clean-up operations, repairs and spiritual care for those impacted by the disasters. Assembly offering contributed \$726 in support of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

**Linda Long** highlighted need for sessions to anticipate necessary transitions between current Book of Order and the proposed New Form of Government if it is approved by presbyteries and goes into effect this summer. Assembly approved a transition resolution for our Presbytery.

**Stan Wilson** surveyed those gathered for feedback and ideas for programs to offer at Geneva Center, and urged registration of campers.

**Ann Bingaman** reminded the Assembly of our Synod's Ministerial Excellence Fund from a grant by the Lilly Foundation. There is a grant program to reduce debt of pastors and a program to provide training for congregations in creating cultures of generosity offered through partnership with Lake Institute for Faith and Giving.

Finally, the Assembly prayed throughout the day for joys and concerns, including 75th wedding anniversary of Ann Williams' parents Rev. Wayne & Allene Smith, for those dealing with cancers, those suffering around the world from disasters and violence, and those who discern and live out Christ's message with hearts of gratitude for abundant blessings among us.



## Monthly Dinner

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“Chicken Casserole ”

Wednesday, June 1

4:30—7:00

Chicken Casserole  
Vegetable—Salad—Bread  
Dessert and Drink included

Adults \$8.00 - Children 6-12 \$4.00



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*To everyone at the home of:*

