



Presbyterian 'Connection'

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A Word from Dr. Fred

WALKING THE PATH

We walk many pathways in our lifetime. Some of us have walked through mazes. Most of us have walked paths through the woods. There is the beauty of walking through a rose garden or a simple flower garden. Most of us have walked the pathway through our Church Meditation Garden. The Meditation Garden is beautiful and has been in full bloom this summer. It is nice to sit on the benches or on the swing and meditate, using the devotional thoughts along the way. It has been well over a year since we dedicated it during Golden Opportunity Days in 2015. The pathway is covered with wood chips received free, just for our scooping them up, hauling them to the Church and spreading them, from the wood chip pile the City has down by the City Maintenance yard. They have been nice but they deteriorate within a year and become part of the soil and you never know when they may have poison ivy chopped up in them.

A couple of our volunteer gardeners were recently discussing how nice it would be if it was paved. That would make it easy for people using walkers, wheelchairs, and scooters to make their way around it and enjoy it. That is a wonderful idea. It would be maintenance free as well. I brought their thinking to the attention of the Session at our August meeting. Everyone thought it is a wonderful idea and would like to make it happen. The only way we see feasible to make it happen is to get estimates on the cost of paving and see if we think it could be accomplished using the approximately \$1500.00 in the Garden Fund and get enough individual commitments to add to it to bring it into reality. So, we are going to get the estimates, then see if we can raise enough additional money to pay for the project.

My challenge to you is to pray and think about what you might be able to commit to make it a reality when we find out what the goal will need to be. You may want to go into the Garden to pray when considering if you want to see it become reality.

God Bless! Fred

No. "All" Rom. 3:23

Date Now 2 Cor. 6:2

THE BANK OF HEAVEN

PAY TO THE
ORDER OF

Whosoever Believeth (John 3:16)

\$ Rom 6: 23

THE SUM OF

Eternal Life

FOR Sin (Paid in full) Rom. 5:8

John 1:12

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST



A Morning Prayer

So far today God, I have done all right. I haven't gossiped. I haven't lost my temper, and haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or over-indulgent. And I haven't told anyone to mind his own business and stay out of mine. I'm really glad about that.

But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed; and from then on I'm probably going to need a lot of help.

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FAITH TELLS ME THAT NO MATTER
WHAT LIES AHEAD OF ME,
GOD IS ALREADY THERE.

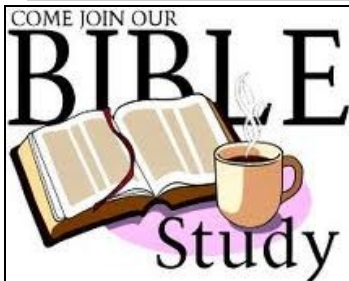
July Income - \$4,403.00
July Expenses - \$4,975.68

Connection Online

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<http://www.presbyterianchurchofbullshoals.com>

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THURSDAYS, FROM 11:00 A.M. TO NOON IN
MEMORIAL HALL. MEN & WOMEN WELCOME.

Coffee & Fellowship



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!



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WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 4th
“Right, Left, or Center?”
Jeremiah 18:1-11
COMMUNION



SEPTEMBER 11th
“Limitless Horizons”
Hebrews 11:1-16



SEPTEMBER 18th
“Focused on Jesus”
Hebrews 12:1-11
BLESSING OF THE FOOD PANTRY
CHURCH PICNIC *at Browns Beach*



SEPTEMBER 25th
“Keep on Loving”
Hebrews 13:1-8
MINUTE FOR MISSION



CHURCH USHERS/GREETERS

September 4 - Irene Bere & Dr. Simons
 September 11 - Bob & Gloria Wiles
 September 18 - Linda Allensworth & Amy Johnson
 September 25 - Faye Brackett & Sandy Erickson

COMMUNION SERVERS

Ed & Peni Lloyd

PRAYER LIST FOR CONGREGATIONS, PRESBYTERY OF AR.- 2016

September 4 - Faith, Pine Bluff	First, Beebe
September 11 - Central, Pine Bluff	Church Camp Ministries
September 18 - First, Brinkley	First, Jonesboro
September 25 - First, Gurdon	Churches in Presbyteries in Mexico

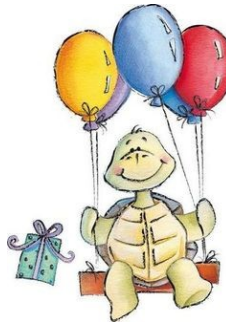


PLEASE NOTIFY PAT ERLEWINE IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO SHOULD BE ON OUR PRAYER LIST.

BIRTHDAYS

September

September 1 - Tywillah Schauer
 September 12 - Gloria Wiles
 September 25 - Norm Hockley
 September 29 - Pam Hobart



October

October 12 - Elaine Miller
 October 17 - Nancy Soares

ANNIVERSARIES



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

October 22 - Bruce & Lee Powell

LIBRARY LINES - SEPTEMBER 2016



We have a new non-fiction book entitled *ILLUMINATA - A Return to Prayer* by Marianne Williamson. The following is a synopsis of the book:

"Illuminata brings prayer into our daily lives, helping us release anger, find forgiveness, achieve intimacy and mend relationships. There are prayers for couples, parents, and children; prayers to heal the soul and body, to free us from addiction, to inspire our work and creativity.

Also included

are rites of passage, to mark the milestones of our lives: a blessing for the newborn, a ceremony of marriage, a memorial for those we have lost."

We also have the non-fiction book entitled *CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE CAREGIVER'S SOUL*.

"Whether you've chosen caregiving as a profession or caregiving has chosen you, your daily commitment and sacrifice are true testaments to the human spirit. The true, inspirational stories in *CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE CAREGIVER'S SOUL* offer you a respite from your responsibilities, bringing uplifting and comforting insights to fill you with renewed hope, courage, and strength."



Faye Brackett, Librarian

MISSION MINUTE

SEPTEMBER-2016



The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (SDOP) approved grants totaling \$124,000 to fund several self-help projects in the United States and abroad. The national committee met recently to approve funding for the projects, funding which is made possible through the [One Great Hour of Sharing](#). SDOP enables members and non-members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to form partnerships with oppressed and disadvantaged people and help them achieve self-sufficiency.

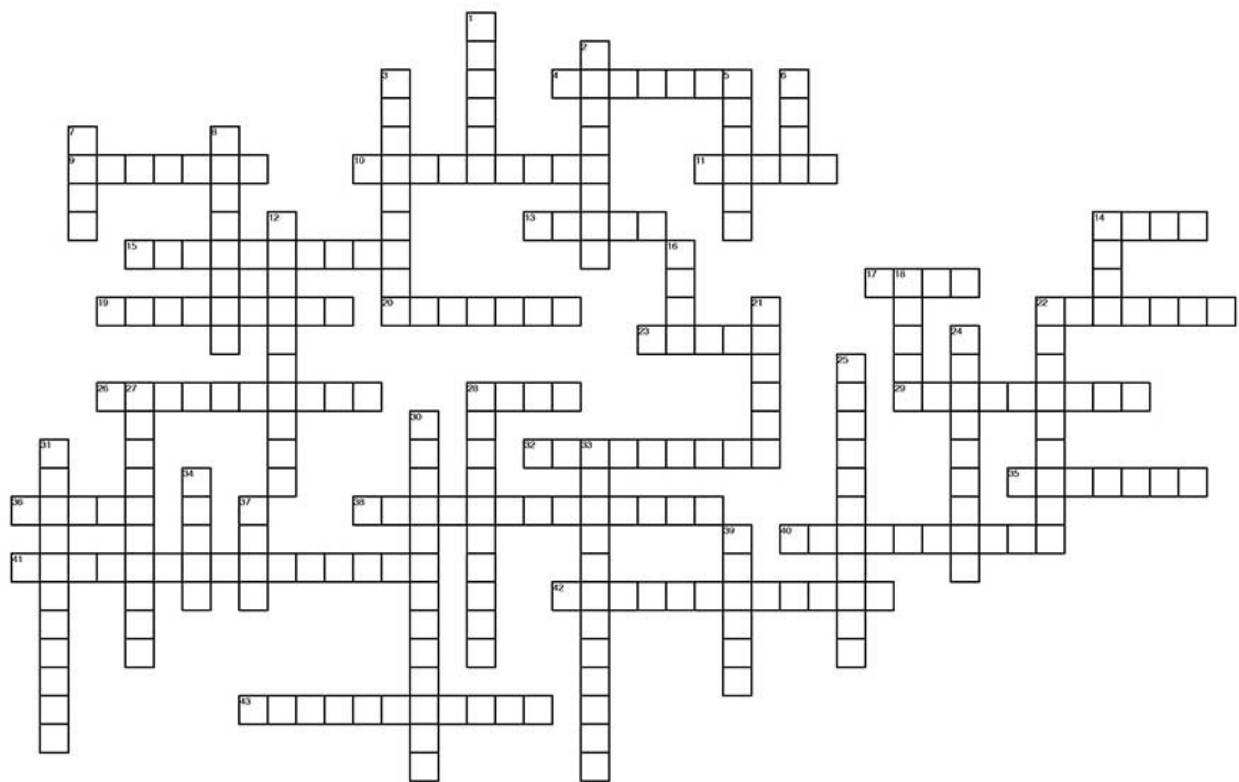
“Thanks to the generous gifts from our congregations, SDOP continues proclaiming good news to ‘the least of these,’” says newly elected SDOP national chairperson Rebecca Reyes. “It is humbling and a privilege to partner with people in the transformation of their lives. Thank you to all for making a difference.”

The projects and grant amounts include:

- Community Tenants Association, San Francisco, CA, \$13,000 – focuses on empowering and organizing association members to make decisions about housing issues, public policy matters, and campaigns that directly affect them and their families.
- Street Vendor Project, New York, NY, \$15,000 – assists project group members who are seeking to lift the cap on the number of street vendor licenses and permits from 3,000 to 6,000. Currently hundreds of street vendors are denied their own permit and are forced to lease licenses from those who have a permit.
- Nobody Leaves Mid-Hudson, Poughkeepsie, NY, \$15,000 – through its Peoples Power Campaign project, this group is seeking to shift the balance of power within the energy utility system towards low-income people. Group members believe all people need access to affordable and sufficient electricity, heating, and cooling. Presently, they are gathering evidence for a Public Utilities Commission Investigation.
- New York State Youth Leadership Council, New York, NY, \$15,000 – this project is designed to make higher education more accessible and easier to navigate for undocumented students and others like them by providing better information/support to students. It includes teaching university and high school administrators and faculty about undocumented student’s needs and capabilities.
- Bolitas Harvesters Association, Immokalee, FL, \$15,000 – for saw palmetto berry harvesters who pick the berries and sell them for their pharmaceutical value. The harvesters’ goal is to negotiate lower access fees (berries are picked on private land) and higher harvest prices. They also hope to increase revenue by creating a processing plant in order to deal directly with pharmaceutical companies.
- Flint Democracy Defense League, Flint, MI, \$3,000 – technical assistance grant.
- We the People of Detroit, Detroit, MI, \$3,000 – technical assistance grant.

Submitted by the Mission Committee

SEPTEMBER PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 4 Language of Jesus?
- 9 Would have made a terrible realtor
- 10 St. Peter's favorite meal?
- 11 How Spirit-drenched men act
- 13 Language in which Acts of the Apostles was written
- 14 Language of Jesus?
- 15 Locale of the first Sorrowful Mystery
- 17 Daughter of St. Anne
- 19 Demon-possessed sinner turned Saint
- 20 Psalm prayed by St. Paul on the day of Pentecost
- 22 First Deacon of the Church
- 23 short order cook on the shores of the Sea of Tiberius?
- 26 Recipient of letters from Luke
- 28 Only Gentile to write a book of the Bible
- 29 Jewish assembly that put Jesus on trial
- 32 From Easter to Pentecost
- 35 Town near the spot from which Jesus ascended into Heaven
- 36 He gave up
- 38 Woman spoken of in Revelation 12:1
- 40 Person to whom Acts of the Apostles was written
- 41 Location of the Garden of Eden?
- 42 non synoptic
- 43 Blame it on Eve?

DOWN

- 1 It lifted Jesus up into heaven
- 2 Brother
- 3 Jewish faction that believed in reward and punishment in the afterlife.
- 5 "Let theater become _____" (JPPII quote)
- 6 The beloved disciple?
- 7 Saintly man who helped execute St. Stephen
- 8 Disciple by lot
- 12 command given by Jesus in Luke 6:36
- 14 The path to which we're led by the Lord
- 16 "Lord, you will show us the path to _____"
- 18 Judged Jesus harshly
- 21 Old Testament book Jesus quoted the most
- 22 Jewish aristocrats that rejected life after death
- 24 composer of many hits
- 25 St. Stephen's final prayer before martyrdom
- 27 The movement of love?
- 28 What God has given us, according to the first Pope
- 30 Number of souls baptized on Pentecost
- 31 Old Testament book Jesus quoted second most
- 33 Akeldama
- 34 Betrayed his best friend, but didn't give
- 37 Writer of the first Gospel
- 39 Pentecost sound effect?

Evangelism at Home and Away!!

Evangelism, the spreading of the Christian gospel by public preaching or personal witness, can certainly be witnessed through the stories of the following young people (with families in our community) who reached out to spread the word of God.

Rebekah Hall (Sandy Erickson's grand-daughter) has been in Medellin, Colombia since July 2015 as a missionary. Rebekah went to Colombia without speaking Spanish, but within 5 months she learned enough to be accepted to study college level theology at Christ for the Nations, Colombia, in January 2016. She was volunteering teaching intermediate English classes, helping at a children's ministry for those with no home during the day, and leading worship, worship team singing, and playing piano, sometimes for more than 10 hours per week. After her semester at Christ for the Nations, and even though she has only been speaking Spanish for less than a year, (in her words) "The Lord has given me so much grace and I have learned so quickly, I have been able to share my testimony in Spanish, over 100 times, and have also given my first sermon ever – in Spanish". Rebekah also spent 10 days on a mission trip to the Amazon, and says that whereas she was expecting to help make a change, instead this trip has changed her. Rebekah is a remarkable woman, and a true picture of Evangelism.

Katie Backus (sister of Allison, our choir pianist), has been on a mission trip throughout the United States to Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and Nevada. She was with a team and they have many wonderful stories of working at and with different churches in their travels. Katie has written so many wonderful stories of her work, and one was about a janitor at a church in Lexington, SC. 5 years earlier this team had done a revival at the church, and the janitor told about losing two sons; one from a birth defect who died being only a few weeks old, and a second son who was killed in Afghanistan. After the second son died, he and his wife divorced; somehow, they both ended up attending the revival, were both converted, and started serving God in any way they could. The started dating again, and then remarried. The janitor then quit his job and started working full time as a janitor at the church where this revival was held. What a wonderful way to spread the word of God, and reach out to those in need.

Kaitlin McCleod, (grand-daughter of Ken and Pam Hobart) also did missionary work by traveling to Guatemala recently and I look forward to hearing about her travels also.

These young women really show the true spirit of Christianity and spreading the teachings of God. If they can do this in places they have never been, then I am sure we can help spread the word about our wonderful Church and God's word right here in our community.

Blessings,
Peni Lloyd, Evangelism Moderator

Till We Speak Again

SEPTEMBER 2016

Well, time just flies away. It's back to school time for the kids, back to Bible study for the adults, and back to singing for the choir. I want to know how time moves so much quicker now than when we were kids. I remember, when I was a kid, time taking forever doing something I didn't like doing, like chores. I also remember time taking longer doing the things I loved doing too. I'd wear myself out playing or swimming before my time limit was up, and falling asleep right where I was. Now that I'm much more mature, time flies doing things I don't like as well as things I do like doing equally.

I think humans are obsessed with time because we are all so busy, and have places to go and things to do. My dog is only interested in "time" when it comes to feeding him, then he makes me well aware of it. He doesn't know the hours of the day, days of the month, or months of the year. He doesn't even know his age.

God also has no interest in man's timetable. God does things in his own time, which we humans can't comprehend. One of our days is like a blink of an eye to him, and one of his days is like 10,000 years to us. I guess that's why we should keep busy, love one another and pray continually. We are like little children doing things we shouldn't be doing. God has patience, but I think even he will have enough sometime. No parent likes to have their children fighting all the time and will step in eventually. Do we really want that from God?

Luv, Millie

Thought For the Day; "If we would all loved our neighbors as ourselves, what a peaceful world this would be."





RECIPE FOR SEPTEMBER

CHICKEN TAMALE PIE

Ingredients

- 3 cups diced cooked chicken (about 12 ounces)
 - 1 1/2 cups prepared salsa
 - One 15-ounce can black beans, drained and rinsed
 - 1 1/2 cups chicken broth
 - 1 tablespoon chili powder
 - 2 scallions (white and green parts), sliced
 - 3/4 cup cornmeal
 - 1 cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
 - 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
 - Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Sour cream, for serving



Directions

- Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F.
- Heat the chicken, salsa, beans, 1/2 cup of the broth and the chili powder in a 10-inch cast-iron skillet over medium heat, stirring, until simmering. Stir in the scallions and remove from the heat.
- Meanwhile, combine the cornmeal with the remaining 1 cup broth and 1 cup water in a medium pan. Bring to a simmer over medium heat, stirring, until very thick, 5 to 7 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the cheese and butter. Season with 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Spread the cornmeal mixture over the filling and bake until cooked through, about 30 minutes. Let stand for 15 minutes. Serve with sour cream.

Total Time:

1 hr

Prep:

5 min

Cook:

40 min

Yield:

6 servings

Level:

Easy

THIS WE BELIEVE FOR SEPTEMBER

"FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH, BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD."

"Romans 6:23"

~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

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