

THE ISLANDER



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON EDISTO ISLAND

PASTOR'S CORNER

Summer is wonderful on Edisto. It is the time of year when the hot, steamy days are dissolved in the ocean and the creeks if we are able to dive in. It's a season for lazy floats in inner tubes; for reading on the beach; for home-made ice cream (does anybody do that anymore?). It's the time of year when we take part in cookouts, baseball games and Vacation Bible School.

Of course I saved the best for last. I grew up taking part in Vacation Bible School, but I didn't really appreciate it so much until I took part in it as the Pastor at the Ohio United Presbyterian Church in Aliquippa, PA. I remember walking around each day taking pictures and greeting the children, listening to their conversation and eavesdropping on the Bible Lessons. All the work that we did to present it, and all the energy that we put into it, was bearing fruit in front of my eyes. It wasn't perfect. There were little squabbles between the director and the teachers. Some of the teachers put a lot more effort into decorating their rooms and preparing their lessons than others. Children misbehaved and had to be sent to talk with the Pastor. Some crafts didn't work, and had to be "fixed" by the craft ladies after the kids had gone home, but there was never one moment of time that week when I didn't have the strong sense that this was what we were here for.

Of all the things we did the rest of the year, some of them extremely worthy and fulfilling, VBS was the best. At the end of the week we were drained and irritable, but there was never any doubt that we would do it all over again next year. In that town, I know for certain that there were people who weren't on the roll, claiming to be members of our church because they had attended Bible School every summer of their childhood and youth at the Presbyterian Church. I didn't think badly of them. Most of them had grown up in unchurched homes and what they knew about God's love for them and the gifts that God had offered them in Christ, they had learned in Bible School.

Before I went to Pennsylvania, I served a church in Augusta, Georgia as a part-time pastor. My other job was to direct the downtown cooperative ministry that was supported by all the Presbyterians in town. During the time I was there we launched a ministry to the children in three housing projects in Augusta. The ministry was patterned after Vacation Bible School. Of all the things that I did in that place for those five and a half years, that was the most rewarding. One of the Elders in that church was a rough hewn man who grew up in a trailer park near Elizabethton, Tennessee. One day Jerry and I were talking. I wondered why he was so dedicated to the summer day camps that we were doing for the children in the projects. Jerry told me how his parents had never attended church and that his only experience with the church was once a year during the summer when a nearby church would send a bus to the trailer park to pick up children to attend Sunday School and Vacation Bible

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School. Because of that experience, Jerry later became a strong believer and became active in the church. Before they died both of his parents had also professed their faith and received baptism, as had all of Jerry's brothers and sisters.

One day a crusty older man at the church in Aliquippa spoke to me about the futility of what we were doing with Vacation Bible School. He said, "It doesn't do any good to work with these children if their parents aren't going to reinforce it at home." I told him that I believed otherwise. I remembered my conversation with Jerry. I thought about his faithfulness in all aspects of the work of the church in Augusta. I thought about his stalwart support of the day camp program and his patience with the children and their parents. Right then and there I breathed a prayer of thanks for that church that sent out the bus to gather children from that trailer park in Tennessee.

Pastor Ted

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our very own **VBS** will run July 15th-18th from 10am - 12:30pm. The theme is "Jesus Loves Me All the Time." Come meet a Revolutionary War Soldier, Hephzibah Jenkins Townsend, William States Lee and Mary Ames, along with Deborah Gideon, Esther and Timothy. Discover how God's love has spanned the ages. For children who will be in 4K - 6th grade in the fall of 2013. The cost is \$10 per child, but no more than \$15 per family. Registration forms are available in the church office.

Riot 32- The community youth group will continue to meet this summer (location TBD) from 7pm-9pm. All youth ages 13 -19 are invited. We still need volunteers to chaperone and provide food for the first Sunday of June, July, and August.

Ann Robinson

NURTURE NEWS

The Manse is celebrating its 175th birthday this year and we are planning a luncheon on the grounds in October.

If you want to be part of the planning or want to help in any way, please plan on attending a meeting after worship on Sunday, June 30th in the E&F building.

We now have a wheelchair that will be available each Sunday morning for use by anyone needing assistance. The wheelchair will be placed at the end of the ramp leading into the church. The wheelchair will be stored in the E&F building if needed at any other time. THANK YOU Dr. Gerry Murray for the donation of the wheelchair!

Buddy Watson



IN SYMPATHY

Our deepest Christian sympathy to the McRoy family for the loss of June's Mother, Nell Carlson of Savannah, GA.

Our deepest Christian sympathy to the Smoak family for the loss of Beth's brother, Robert Allston of Summerville, SC.

And our deepest Christian sympathy to the Walker family for the loss of Johnnie Walker of Edisto Island, SC.

Please keep these families in your prayers as they mourn the passing of their loved ones.

HANDS OF CHRIST

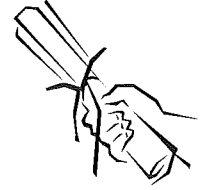
Thank You and Save the Date

Many thanks to all of you for your generous donations of khakis, socks and underwear to be given to area school children this summer! Our Hands of Christ distribution on Edisto will be Wednesday, July 31 at the Edisto Presbyterian Church. Please contact me if you would like to help with this wonderful project. You can reach me at 869-4346 or susan@susanrobertsphotos.com.

Susan Roberts

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our graduates: Liam Burns from Charleston Charter School for Math and Science, Kristina Crosby from Charleston Southern University and Eric Dennis from Westminster College.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women met on May 6 for our annual Birthday celebration. Moderator Beth Foster conducted a brief business meeting. Then our guests from Summerville arrived.

After welcoming them, Betty Partenheimer presented a wonderful devotional. This was followed by a delicious brunch. Thanks to all who helped with this.

We enjoy seeing these ladies and gentlemen who come each year, including Hal and Jean Reid. A few had not been here before and so we took them into the church. They enjoyed seeing the beautiful sanctuary.

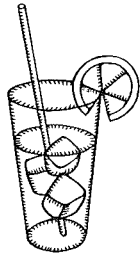
Our group will meet again in September.




TAKE A BREAK

Men's Breakfast, Presbyterian Women, Nurture Supper and Family Night Supper will take a break for the summer. There will also be no Sunday morning breakfast over the summer. See you in September!

JUNE 2013

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2 SS: 9:00 am Worship & Communion: 10:00 am Reception for Graduates	3	4	5 Prayer Chapel 11am 6pm Choir	6	7 Hudepohl/Hiller Rehearsal	8 Hudepohl/Hiller Wedding
9 SS: 9:00 am Worship: 10am Session Mtg: 11:15 am	10	11	12 Prayer Chapel 11am	13	14 Jonesborough UMC	15
← Jonesborough UMC Mission Team in Omni →						
16 SS: 9:00 am Worship: 10 am Father's Day	17	18	19 Prayer Chapel 11am	20	21	22
← Jonesborough UMC →						
23 SS: 9:00 am Worship: 10 am	24	25	26 Prayer Chapel 11am	27	28	29
← Mt. Hebron UMC of West Columbia Mission Team in Omni →						
30 SS: 9:00 am Worship: 10 am						

JULY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day Church Office Closed	5	6
7 SS: 9:00 am Worship & Communion: 10:00 am	8	9	10 Prayer Chapel 11am	11	12	13
14 SS: 9:00 am Worship: 10am Session Mtg: 11:15 am	15	16	17 Prayer Chapel 11am	18	19	20
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin: 5px auto; width: 60%;">PCEI Vacation Bible School in Omni 10am-12:30pm</div>						
21 SS: 9:00 am Worship: 10 am	22	23	24 Prayer Chapel 11am	25	26	27
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin: 5px auto; width: 60%;">Shandon Presbyterian Church Mission Team in Omni</div>						
28 SS: 9:00 am Worship: 10 am	29	30	31 Prayer Chapel 11am			
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin: 5px auto; width: 60%;">First Congregational Church of Wilmette Mission Team in Omni</div>						

FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Western Music:

One might suppose from the title of this monograph that I am referring to the music of Conway Twitty, Minnie Pearl, Johnny Cash, Dolly Parton, Garth Brooks or Kenny Chesney. But...no... Western Music is the name attributed to the classical and folk music traditions brought to North America with the European migration. This "classical" tradition has its roots in the Middle Ages where the system of notating music [writing down 'notes' in a formal system] was developed. It was the Church that began and codified a system of music notation. In fact, it was the Church who kept written records of nearly everything.

If you check the MENU on your cable TV system you will find Classical this or Classical that. In most instances these references are to things from the middle to early 20th century and not to any true "classical" elements of history. The "main stream" media simply ignore or do not know the history of most anything beyond 50 years.

I was deeply saddened to see the short [if at all] reference to the passing this year of one of the greatest and most renowned pianists of the last 200 years, Van Cliburn. On the evening news he received no more than a 15-20 second mention on only one national news broadcast. I was unable to find any reference to him on local stations.

In 1958 Van Cliburn won the first International Tchaikovsky Piano Competition in Moscow at the age of 23. This was accomplished at the height of the "cold war" when Nikita Khrushchev was in power. Van Cliburn received an 8 minute standing ovation from the

Russian people at the concert. The judges were obliged to ask Khrushchev for permission to award the prize to an American! I remember the event being reported on TV and radio. It was a major international story that swept the globe like wildfire.

In 2008, the New York Philharmonic Orchestra traveled to North Korea to present a concert. It included 300 "visiting" personnel which is unprecedented. The concert was a huge success with the hosting country pulling out all the stops with lavish dinners and the like. The capital city,

Pyongyang, was even lighted including street lights! As a gesture of mutual friendship, the orchestra concluded the concert with an arrangement of an ancient folk tune of Korea known to everyone on the Korean peninsula. Many of the listeners wept with joy at hearing the beloved old tune. This major international event received very little coverage in the media.

Both the Soviet and Korean musical events shook the foundations of the world. And yet...the mainstream media generally know little of them nor mention them...certainly if the events are more than 30 years old.

If one considers the history of song in particular we will have to agree that the Irish are well known for the music/singing traditions. This is true also for the Russian people. Within the Church we have the Baptists, the Episcopalians, the Church of Christ and the Mormons ...just to mention the "biggies".

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BIRTHDAYS!!



June

2 - June McRoy
 Bobby Stockton
 4 - Liam Burns
 5 - Beth Ohlandt
 9 - Scott Bagnal
 11 - Allen Harrison
 12 - John Anderson
 13 - Martha Blocker
 17 - Jeb Brantley
 18 - Cathy Flowers
 Pat Moseley
 23 - Fran Davis
 David Lybrand
 Shana Stockton

July

1 - Beth Foster
 2 - Nathaniel Murray
 4 - Dottie Thomas
 5 - Nick Lindsay, Jr.
 7 - Anne Clamp
 9 - Betty Partenheimer
 Weldon Burns
 11 - Teddy Clamp
 Mikie Johnson
 16 - Bill McRoy
 Tom Anderson
 22 - Charlotte Heaton
 23 - Becky Woods
 24 - Nancy Long

25 - Jud Davis
 Darlene Johnson
 27 - Ted Dennis
 Newton Hornsby
 Norma McAlhany
 28 - Larry Tilby
 29 - Tom Muhlhausen
 Emorie Stockton
 30 - Jim Heaton
 31 - Caroline Boineau
 Ruth Seigler

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We have a strong tradition of music and singing in America, be it classical or folk.

In the 70's the school systems of America began cutting out the fine arts in education. For 40 years this has continued with little progress toward its restoration. The arts [music, all styles] are an essential, critical and vital part of all of us. Art has come through us into the world from our hearts and minds. It speaks to us in ways that no other medium can. I dare say that it is the evidence of and product of civilization. I cannot imagine a world without the Arts.

We are about to experience the arts in many forms and in many styles with Spoleto here in Charleston. I urge you to take advantage of as much as you are able. It will open your mind and heart to a better world.

Choir Summer Break:

The Choir will have its last Wednesday rehearsal on June 5th. We will rehearse on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM during the summer and are planning to sample some gospel "flavored" music. If you sing, please join us!

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PRESCHOOL

School is out for the summer, but we will be back before you know it. Hope everyone has a wonderful summer. See you in September!

Lisa Grimball



OUR BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE

Funds required through May 26th:	\$100,877.00
Funds received as of May 26th:	\$90,765.21
Shortage as of May 26th:	-\$10,111.79

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June / July 2013

June 17-20 - Edisto Beach Baptist Church VBS from 8:30am to 12pm

June 25-28 - Trinity Episcopal Church VBS from 9am to 12pm

July 15-18 - The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island VBS from 10am-12:30pm

