

First Presbyterian Church August/September 2020 Tidings

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A Message from Ron Hutchcraft



Helen Roseveare was a veteran missionary, and I heard a true story from her life and it really touched me. And it reminded me of why I can face some huge needs with perfect peace. I thought it would be an encouragement to you today, too. Maybe you need this. Helen was a medical missionary in Zaire, and she told about the night she had tried to save a mother in the labor ward. And those efforts did not succeed. The mother died, left the missionaries with a crying two-year-old daughter and this tiny, premature baby. Now, they didn't have an incubator. They didn't have electricity to run an incubator, and they didn't have any special feeding facilities. And even though they lived on the equator where the nights got pretty chilly. So they wrapped the baby in cotton wool, put him in a box then, and they stoked up a fire. What they really needed was a good, old fashioned hot water bottle for the tiny newborn, but they discovered that the last one they had was burst and there was no way to get one. So they put the baby as near the fire as they could safely and they hoped it would be enough. But it was a touch-and-go fight for that little life. And then came the little girl's prayer. I'm Ron Hutchcraft and I want to have A Word With You today about "Your Proven Provider."

The next day, the missionary, Helen, had prayers with the orphanage children. She explained the problem of keeping the baby warm enough; mentioning the need for a hot water bottle. She also told the children about the two-year-old sister who was crying because her mother died. And that's when ten-year-old Ruth started talking to God. Here's what she prayed, "Please, God, send us a water bottle. It'll be no good tomorrow, God, because the baby will be dead. So please send it this afternoon. And while you're at it, would you please send me a dolly for the little girl so she'll know you really love her?" Well, of course, inwardly the missionary was struggling even to honestly say "amen" to that prayer. I mean, after all, the only way God could answer such a pointed prayer would be by sending her a parcel from her homeland in England. And she had been in Africa for almost four years, and she'd never gotten a parcel from home! Besides, who would send a hot water



bottle to someone living on the equator! Well, that afternoon, a large 22-pound parcel arrived on Helen's doorstep, and tears came to her eyes. She asked the orphanage children to help her unwrap and unpack that package. And there were 30 or 40 pairs of eyes focused on this large cardboard box. The missionary lifted out some brightly colored jerseys, which she gave out to the excited children. Then the kids looked a little bored as she pulled out the knitted bandages for the leprosy patient. Then came a box of raisins. Then, as Helen put her hand in again, she felt...well, she had to pull it out to believe it. Yep. it was a brand new (you guessed it) hot water bottle! Helen later said, "I had not asked God to send it; I had not truly believed He could." Ruth, the little African girl with the bold prayer, rushed forward and she said, "Well, if God has sent the bottle, He must have sent the dolly, too!" And He did. At the bottom of the box was a beautifully dressed dolly. The parcel had been on the way for five months! It had been packed by Helen's former Sunday School class, whose leader just obeyed a prompting to send a hot water bottle, even to the equator. Oh, yes, and a dolly. Five months before, God had provided the answer to the believing prayer of a ten-year-old girl to bring it in that afternoon. Whatever you're facing right now, that's the God you belong to. That's the God who provides every need for you in the most amazing ways! So, would you relax in His proven provision and finally - our word for today from the Word of God. The promise that I saved until the end. Isaiah 65:24 Before they call, I will answer..."



August 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 Holy Communion 10:00AM Morning Worship	3 5:00PM Trustees	4	5 Church Day of Prayer 8:00AM Hez Hands @ The cup	6	7	8
9 10:00AM Morning Worship	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 TACO Collection 10:00AM Morning Worship	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 10:00AM Morning Worship	24	25 6:00PM Session	26	27	28	29
30 10:00AM Morning Worship	31					

September 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Church Day of Prayer 8:00AM Hez. Hands @ The cup	3	4	5
6 Holy Communion 10:00AM Morning Worship	7 Labor Day 5:00PM Trustees	8	9	10	11	12
13 GRAND-PARENTS DAY 10:00AM Morning Worship 11:45AM Deacons Mtg	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 TACO Collection 10:00AM Morning Worship	21	22 First day of Fall 6:00PM Session	23	24	25	26
27 10:00AM Morning Worship	28	29	30			



AUGUST

2 - Dick Walsh
3 - Henry Dunn Sr. , Dave Guffey
5 - Rowena Kuhn
7 - Jean Hall-Kafes
8 - Deb Wollenberg, Dixie Cabucci,
Bailey Carey
9 - Lois Smith
18 - Melisa Gore
24 - Matthew Smith
29 - Sally Rohrer
30 - Zanetta Tewksbury

SEPTEMBER

3 - Carisma Howard
4 - Dawn Terasavage
9 - Virginia McPherson
11 - Bob Cooper
13 - Jerry Young
15 - Susan Hall
16 - Brynleigh Carey
17 - Joyce Hinkson
21 - Rachel Stahle, Allsion Fairchild
25 - Sandy Walsh
28 - Judy Parmenter

CHURCH DAY OF PRAYER

AUGUST 5TH & SEPTEMBER 2ND

- * Our Church leaders as they plan and carry out our ministry.
- * President Trump and elected officials to make wise decisions.
- * School administrators, teachers, staff, parents and students as the opening of school is anticipated.
- * Katy Taylor, in her new position as Christian Education Coordinator, as she seeks to bring God's Word to youth amid the challenges of COVID-19.
- * People living with fear and anxiety.
- * Those caring for people with COVID-19
- * Pastor Rachel and Clayton Mount as they continue with treatments.

ELDER ON CALL

AUGUST

2 - Julie O'Donnell
9 - Danise Fairchild
16 - Linda Ferrario
23 - Judy Isaac
30 - Dick Walsh

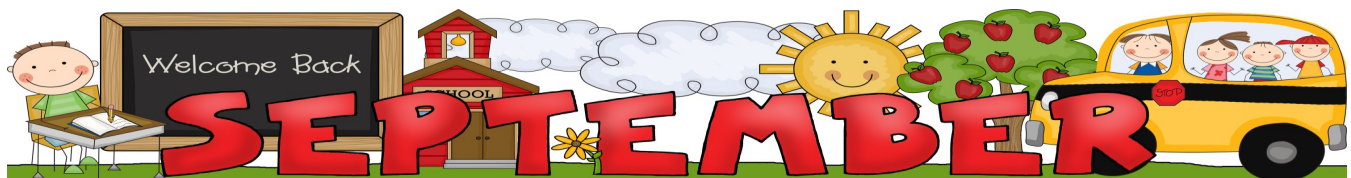
SEPTEMBER

6 - Judy Douglas
13 - Danise Fairchild
20 - Judy Isaac
27 - Sarah Dunn

CHURCH LIBRARY

The following books have been donated to the library:

- ⇒ Coronavirus and Christ, by John Piper
- ⇒ Amazing Places of the Bible, Travel Through Time to Sacred Sites that Shaped the World



NEW BANNERS –in the Worship Center have been provided by the Project Revival Team. Each banner has a symbol that represents a part of the Christian faith:

Bread and cup – Communion, Jesus giving His body and blood for our salvation.

Dove – The Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Trinity – The three circles represent God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Shell – Our baptism.



Can You Help?

The nursery update is ongoing. Several small projects need to be completed. These can be done with social distancing. Contact Cathy Guffey if you can help with one of the projects listed. Home phone 570-265-7518, text 607-725-9950, email cdjm@frontiernet.net.

Nursery Projects:

- clean and polish outside of cabinets and wipe out inside
- check portable crib, swing, and walker for safety and launder fabric parts
- assemble cardboard blocks
- clean play kitchen, food, and dishes
- clean play workbench and tools
- clean books
- shampoo area rug
- paint stripe on upper walls where wallpaper border was removed



MEMORY VERSE

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. – Romans 8:28, KJV

HI!

Katy Taylor

Tell me and I Forget
Teach me and I Remember
Involve me and I Learn
Benjamin Franklin

About ME:

I am a wife, mom and teacher.
I have been married for 10 years.
My two boys mean the world to me.
I am passionate about education.
I am very excited to be the new Christian
Education director! Teaching and showing
God's love to your children will be incredibly
rewarding. The 2020-2021 Kid's club year
will be filled with amazing, fun, new adventures!
Come Join Us!!



MY Favorites :



COLOR: **Purple**
SEASON: **Spring & Fall**
FOOD: **Wings**
DRINK: **Coffee**
SONG: *A Baby Changes Everything*
BOOK: *Christopher Church mouse Series*
SPORT: **Basketball & Football**
To Play: **Volleyball**



Christian Education News!

Kid's Club & SWAG



Kid's Club & SWAG

It is our prayerful hope, that Kid's Club & SWAG will meet in person in the fall. Our tentative start date is, September 16th 2020! We will have COVID-19 safety measures in place and are excited to see where God leads us! Registration forms and other information will be mailed out toward the end of August.

Operation Christmas Child

As back to school time approaches, please keep in mind this wonderful mission. School supplies make great additions to shoeboxes!

Volunteers...

Volunteers are always welcome for the upcoming Kid's Club & Swag season. If you are interested, we would love to have you join us. Contact Katy Taylor for more information.

Upcoming Events

Sponsored by our Church!

- Community Swim day!
- Drive in theatre which will feature a wholesome family film
- More details on each will follow shortly.

Children's Packets

In light of the pandemic, we have not been having children's church. Please know there are children's packets located in the back of the church. These are filled with activities for your child to do and take home.