

News from our Youth Director —

School has ended. Now what? What to do with the youth of the church. There are many things planned for the youth over this summer. Six of our youth will be going to Dwight Mission on June 12th through the 18th. For June 22nd, the youth will also be having special activities to do, starting around 4:00. On June 26th-28th, there will be VBS held at our church and the youth will be celebrating Jewish holidays. Come one, come all, it shall be fun! On July 2nd, we will be having a “sacraments” class from 10:00 am to noon at the church for the upper elementary kids. There they will answer this famous question: “What’s up with this morsel of bread and the swallow of juice?” Next month is the mission trip to Denver and more.

The Open Door

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*From the
Pastor's
Desk*

The month of June always provides for a shift in the tenor and focus of activities. The same is true at the church. There are several things I would like to let you know about in terms of summer worship and activities:

- The Tuesday morning class has decided that we will take the month of June off and then meet in July and August (except for holidays and a week in July when I will be gone). Anyone who has extra time in the summer is welcome to join us. We continue our study on the book of Genesis.
- Wednesday worship will switch to once a month in the summer. We will have our regular congregational dinner and Wednesday worship on the first Wednesday of June, July and August.
- Once a month as well we will have a Wednesday fun gathering, movie night, make your own Sunday/banana split...watch for those dates.
- It is time to get ready for Vacation Bible School! Anyone can help and it will be at our church this year so we really need some assistance. Please plan on attending a lunch following worship on June 5th to learn about VBS this year and to sign up for ways you can participate!
- VBS is on June 26th (yes this is a Sunday night), 27th and 28th from 5:30 to 7:30.
- The worship committee had decided to hold the July worship services (when choir takes a break, when the heat for the summer has set in and when many people are traveling) in fellowship hall. This will keep us from having to cool down the sanctuary and provide a chance to enjoy a less formal worship in the summer.
- Also in July we will take a break from the education hour before worship.
- June 12th-17th we will have a group of young people at Dwight mission for summer fun at camp
- July 10-15 our senior high youth will be heading to Denver for a mission trip.

Who said nothing happens in the summer! However, I do hope our shifting and change of pace provides a chance to refresh and renew.

Grace and Peace,
Helen

Stamps for Mission

Patricia Trolinger collected stamps for many years. When Don was clearing her office, he gave me a large quantity. I sent them, and some more that you have given me, to a group which soaks off the stamps and sells them to a Stamp Company and gives the proceeds to a Presbyterian Seminary in the Congo. Peggy Reinhold who receives the stamps and processes them wrote, "You breathed new life into us when we were thinking we would soon be out of business because of email. Your box was a God send. Thank you."

PLEASE CONTINUE TO GIVE STAMPS TO NANCY GEE.

Mission

Goodland Boys Visit

Fifteen boys and four adults visited us the weekend of May 7-8. The Mission Committee prepared dinner with Jim Hill cooking the hamburgers. Jamie Gray, our Youth Director, planned the evening including a movie at the church. Frankie Gray led a committee of men who prepared a grand breakfast. At Worship on Sunday, some of the boys from Goodland did the readings and one of their leaders gave the sermon. Our members and the boys had Pizza before the trip back to their campus. When we are around the boys, we can realize that under the direction of Goodland, they are growing into wonderful young men. Since we help support their program, we can be proud.

Needs for VBS!

We now begin to think about food for VBS. We are responsible for the meal on the first night (each church takes a night) and then we all contribute cookies for dessert and the final evening closing. So anyone who would like to purchase items to contribute (we need them by Saturday June 25th) or to contribute financially please see Helen.

What We Need:

- Cookies (home made or store bought)
- hot dogs,
- potatoes chips (regular),
- watermelon



Session Notes from May 16th

The session continues to work hard to keep the church worship, mission and programs strong.

Pastor's Report:

Helen shared that she will be attending a Presbyterian Credo conference in June. This is a conference developed in response to a 2004 report which encouraged the Board of Pensions PCUSA to address issues related to clergy wellness and burnout. Invitations are sent to randomly selected pastors who are between 40-55 and who have been serving congregations for at least 7 years. Participants spend 8 days evaluating financial, spiritual, vocational and physical health. Helen will be in Buffalo, NY from June 6-14 to attend this conference.

Property and Maintenance: Bill continues to work with the church contractor. He has not been available in the past couple of months because of an ill child. His daughter is doing much better and recovering so we hope to see some movement. Their focus now is on the heating and air-conditioning. The hope is that by fixing some of the problems we could drastically reduce cost. Once this is fixed we can address the roof.

Finance: We are so relieved and blessed to have remained strong so far this year. This month our income exceeded our expenses which is always a celebration, especially as we head into summer.

Income/April	\$12,006.73	Income/year	\$56,406.60
Expenses-April	\$11,459.43	Expenses-year	\$48,589.91
Difference	\$ 547.30	Difference	\$ 7,816.69

Top 3 session Goals

- 1) Bus– looks awesome!!! Thank you Dick Seybolt for restoring and revamping the bus.
- 2) Technology– we continue to develop technology during worship and will be looking more into websites this summer.
- 3) The final goal the session decided was to work on developing a relationship with NEO students.

Presbyterians in the News

- John Lomax was pictured as one who is retiring from NEO – after 34 years of service.
- Pat Landers and Nancy Gee were commended in an article about the Library Book Sale for sorting books all year.
- Sarah Mirjanich was pictured serving lunch in the Coleman Ballroom to the Will Rogers Middle School class studying etiquette.
- Priscilla Wenzel was pictured preparing for a music festival at NEO. She was practicing a vocal number.
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Child's Day Out

Our program has the same calendar as the public schools so our last day was May 25. On our last day we had a picnic including the parents. What fun!!! We have had ten children. Two of them will go to Kindergarten in the Fall. Each of them has grown and learned so much. We notice it particularly in the increase in language ability and the fact that most of them no longer wear diapers. The parents tell us how much they appreciate the few hours alone and they also recognize that the children have learned so much. Thanks to the many in our congregation who have worked in this program.

Deacons

Members of the Deacons Board continue to visit our members who cannot come to worship. These members appreciate that they are in touch with the congregation in that way.

Heritage

May 22 was Heritage Sunday. The flowers on the Communion table were in memory of our members who have worked to make our church what it is today. In worship Helen had everyone stand who has been a member more than 30 years. She invited those who would to tell memories of their early years in the church. And at coffee hour, the cookies were made from recipes from the 1961 Presbyterian Women's Cook Book.



MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILIES

Tammy Russell

Tammy is from a long time Miami Presbyterian family. She has always had ties here. But since her father, George Jr., was in the army the family moved a lot. Her dad was stationed at several bases in the United States. She is one of five children born at different assignments. Sometimes the family lived on base. Tammy remembers making friends and leaving them to move to another base. Her brother who was one year older was her best friend and helped her adjust to the new situations. But the family always had the Miami connection! Her grandfather and grandmother, George and Lottie May, gathered the family home for the holidays and whenever they could. Tammy remembers fondly the time she spent here with the cousins. She also remembers the times she attended the Presbyterian church here when she was growing up. She remembers the beauty of the 1926 church.

Tammy graduated from High School and began college in Hawaii. She transferred back to Kansas State and earned her Bachelors degree there.

She married and moved to Kansas City where she remained many years. She worked in accounting for 15 years then worked in retail sales for several years. Kansas City was a wonderful place to live. Tammy especially enjoyed the live theater. Her favorite all time production is PHANTOM OF THE OPERA.

In 2009 Tammy moved to Miami to be near her mother, Rosemary, and other Russell connections. She first worked at the Miami News Record but now she works at the City National Bank.

Tammy helps with the Child's Day Out and she is on the Session. We are happy to have Tammy back and have her active in our church family.





- 1st—Mary Kay McCoy
- 2nd-Cathy Rabel
- 3rd-Anganile Gondwe
- 5th-Lacey Ankenman
- 8th-LaShell Thomas
- 9th– Brenda Sommer
- 10th– Carmen Rabel and David Hiebert
- 12th– Christina Russell
- 17th—Brad Williams and Janie Clay
- 20th– Johnie Wadleigh
- 21st– Sandy Ankenman
- 22nd– Billy Thomas
- 23rd– Skylar Williams
- 24th– Marilyn Stark
- 26th—Betty Lou Ankenman
- 28th—Corey Rabel

USHER DUTIES FOR JUNE

Ushers: Tom Pinson and Kathy Prince

Coffee Host: Mark Hybiak

Please note:

- June 12th Mary Susan Whaley will be leading worship.
- June 19th is the third Sunday and the loose offering goes to the Deacons.



June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
AA Group meets every Sunday at 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.		There will be no Tuesday morning class this month.	1 6:00-Dinner 6:30-Worship	2 7:00– Gamblers Anonymous	3	4
5 9:30-Class & Choir 10:30-Worship/Com. 12:00-VBS Leader Luncheon	6	7	8	9	10	11
Pastor Helen will be out of the office from June 6 through June 15th. She will be attending an Presbyterian Conference in Buffalo, New York						
				7:00– Gamblers Anonymous		
12	13	14	15	16 7:00– Gamblers Anonymous	17	18
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9:30-Class & Choir 10:30-Worship	ART FOR FUN June 13—17 (9:30 to 11:30 Elem. Age and			1:00 to 3:00 Middle School)		
~~~ Youth group at Dwight Mission Camp June 12-18 ~~~						
19 Fathers Day! 9:30-Class & Choir 10:30-Worship 11:30-Mission Trip mtg	20 5:00-Session mtg.	21	22 5:00– Summer Activity	23 7:00– Gamblers Anonymous	24	25
26 9:30-Class & Choir 10:30-Worship	27	28	29	30 7:00– Gamblers Anonymous		
VBS June 26-28 at 5:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.						