



Hearts and Hammers

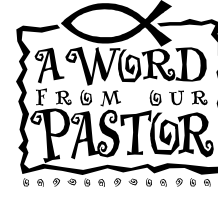
If you would like to be included in the First Presbyterian volunteer group for the annual Hearts and Hammers mission just let Barbara Reeves know. We are scheduled to work Saturday, September 25, 2010.

CHILDS DAY OUT— The Childs Day Out program is back in full swing. If you would like to volunteer any Wednesday morning from 8:30 to 12:00 noon just let Barbara Reeves know. We are very excited about this program for it gives the children a chance to learn social skills and gives parents time to run errands, etc.



The Open Door

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At the last session meeting I opened with a devotion from Proverbs where God encourages us to seek wisdom. As school has started up and fall activities have begin, it is a good reminder that our Presbyterian tradition has often looked to the role of education and wisdom in Scripture. Our heritage has encouraged people to study and ask questions to deepen faith. It is no wonder then, that education is a strong part of our current church happenings. Sunday School for all ages has started up again with a great breakfast provided by John and Sarah Lomax, C.B. Roberts, and Harold Price. It was a nice way to coax kids and youth back into getting up a little earlier on Sunday mornings and have a chance to gather before worship. Our Tuesday morning class has also started up.

Our Wednesday evening worship will start up again on September 15th. For those who have not had the opportunity to join us, our Wednesday worship is in the fellowship hall and is much more laid back than the Sunday service. We gather in a semi circle so that we can see each other and the worship often has a chance for the congregation to participate by asking/answering questions and by moving and participating in worship. We will start off with a series asking the question: What does it mean to be a Christian in today's world? To help us with the discussion we will look to C.S. Lewis. C.S. Lewis was raised in a Protestant Christian family but abandoned his faith in his teen years when at age 15 he became "very angry at God for not existing." As a scholar and writer he continued avidly his studies and in a move that certainly would not have surprised John Calvin (who developed the Presbyterian system and believed that learning and education lead to faith) returned to Christianity. There came a point in his 30's where he was riding a double decker bus and had to acknowledge a belief in God. He returned to his room at the university and had to pray: "I gave in, and admitted that God was God." He later became a writer who spoke about the Christian faith and even based his well loved novel *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* on Christian beliefs. We will spend some time with C.S. Lewis and *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* to help us in our Wednesday evening quest. Of course, one of the best parts of worship is Sandy jamming on the piano. Please know that the congregational dinner and the worship are for all ages.

Grace and Peace,
Helen



Presbyterians in the NEWS—

- Michael Lucas, grandson of Bill and Sue Giffhorn, has been accepted into the Class of 2014 at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Michael is a top recruit for the Harvard Men’s Lightweight Rowing Crew, and will be pursuing a degree in Engineering.
- Carmen Rabel, Billy Thomas, and John Gray were pictured with a nice article about their taking part in the Presbyterian Youth Triennium at Purdue University.
- Cy Elmburg has been appointed by Dr. Jeffrey Hale, President of NEO, to serve on the President’s Advisory Council in Grove.

JULY Financial Report

July Income - - - - -	\$12,494.62	July Expenses - - -	\$13,542.76
Year to date Income - - -	\$78,046.70	Year to date Expenses - -	\$86,488.30

Back to School Fellowship Dinner Sunday, September 12th, at 6:00 p.m.

Wear your favorite school or team apparel. School spirit awards will be given!
Bring foods according to your favorite subject in school:



English— Main Dish

Math-Bread

Social Studies—Salad

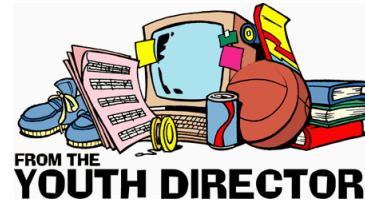
Science—Veggie

PE/Recess— Dessert

Drinks will be provided.



Remember to bring your cafeteria service (plates & silverware).
There will be an inspirational “school assembly” by “Principal Helen”
before you are dismissed at 7:30.



It has been a very exciting summer for the youth. We had seven youth go down to Dwight Mission and have a wonderful time at camp and we had three youth go down to Triennium at Purdue University and they had an amazing time. Summer always seems like a good time to relax and enjoy the time off, but it also a time for growth and for reflection. I am glad that our youth had the time to do that, as they all had a great time. Now that school has started, it is time for youth groups to start back up. Monday is still going to be for elementary kids, while Wednesday are going to be for Jr. high. On Sunday, we are going to start a High School youth group, as we have a lot of high schoolers now! Very exciting times for all youth groups. Wednesday youth group will start September 8 after school, with the Monday group starting the following Monday. Sunday group will start on September 19th. In fellowship hall there are sign up sheets for snacks for the Monday and Wednesday groups. On Sunday, there will be a separate sheet for someone to sponsor dinner that night. Something like pizza etc. would be great! I really appreciate the church's support, as do the youth. We could not do it without you all!

We appreciate your thoughts!!!

When we went to Ghost Ranch, it was wonderful to take with us a little stuffed dog (Helen) and a small Teddy Bear (Nancy) which had been to worship in our church and blessed by those present. Thank you so much.

Helen and Nancy

Mission

The grocery cart in the Narthex is not filling up very fast!! When it has numbers of items C. B. Roberts, a member of the Mission Committee, takes it to the Ministerial Alliance Food Bank. In the paper in July there was an article about the need and also a picture which showed the almost bare shelves. The Food Bank is open from 8 am until 1 pm on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Anyone who lives in Ottawa County and shows a need is eligible to receive food. The next time you shop for food for your family be thankful that you have the resources to buy the food and buy a few extra items for our food basket!!!! Thank you very much.



Notes from Stated Session Meeting August 17, 2010

Worship: Choir Practice has started on Sunday Mornings. The Bear Ministry is going well and have been an encouragement to all those who have received them. The Labyrinth was out for several months and will be put out again either in the fall or spring. A Committee has been delivering Communion to our home bound members. We currently have one team but could use one or two more. Anyone who is interested in helping with home communion please talk with Grace Goodeagle or Nancy Gee.

Presbytery Commissioner: Grace Goodeagle has been asked to be on the Presbytery Mission Committee. We are very excited and proud of Grace for this undertaking.

Mission: Jeanne Fleming reported on some of the activities the Mission Committee has been involved in since our last meeting: Melinda Watterson prepared and delivered a snack dinner to the Community Clinic there were 60 hungry people served! Boys & Girls club sent a thank you for the donation we sent. Mission Market is going well.

Property & Maintenance: Bill Neill reported he is working on the getting the roof fixed (leaks for when it rains or snows) and scheduling a bus detail.

Nominating: It is time to start the nominating committee looking at officers for next year. Bill Giffhorn will begin getting the committee together soon and any suggestions or volunteers are appreciated.

The session enrolled Jamie Gray as an inquirer for ministry and will forward the paperwork onto the presbytery. This is part of the process of starting seminary and ordination in the Presbyterian Church USA.

Membership Roles update: As a part of the new directory Helen sent out 21 letters to non-active members, who had not been in contact with the church in 5 years or more. A motion to remove 35 people from the membership roles. This will give a more accurate picture of church membership.



MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILIES

Dave and Sherry Hiebert

Both Dave and Sherry grew up in Miami. Dave grew up in the Presbyterian Church and remembers going to his Sunday School class in the little white house south of the 1926 church with Mrs. Curtis as the lead teacher. Sherry grew up in First Baptist Church and remembers being there with her grandmother every time the doors opened!!

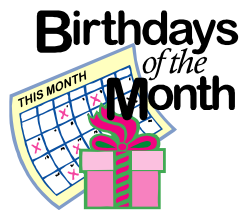
They started dating when Sherry was a Junior in High School and were married when she graduated from High School and Dave had attended NEO. Dave began his 35 year career at B. F. Goodrich. When Greg was born in 1971, Sherry left her job working in sales and became a full time stay at home mom. John David was born in 1975. She devoted her time to activities involving the boys: a home room mother, PTA President at Wilson School and coaching a Little League team that became Co-Champions. She enjoys reminding Dave that although he coached Little League for 8 years, he never reached the championship level.

After the Miami Goodrich plant closed, Dave accepted the opportunity to move to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to work at the plant there. The move was not an easy one with a great culture change. The boys who were 10 and 15 at the time were baffled by the prejudice since they only knew all white Miami. But the neighborhood was full of friends and all of the family adjusted. Sherry began work in Customer Service at Coral Enterprise, a manufacturing plant. Although she changed companies, she worked in Customer Service all of the time they were in Alabama.

Following their graduation from The University of Alabama, Greg attended OU Dental School while John David worked as a Computer Systems Analyst at Oklahoma State University. John David then had his own company as a Professional Technology Consultant, setting up computer programs in dental offices.

Greg started up his practice in Miami after graduating from OU Dental School in 1996. In 1998, he and Nickey were married. She is a Pharmacist. They have three daughters – Winni is 7; Gabbi is 4; and Anna is 2 months. Dave and Sherry have been very active as grandparents all of the girls' lives. The girls have spent days with them much of the time. Both Dave's and Sherry's eyes light up when they talk about one of the girls.

Sherry has worked with Greg in his office since she and Dave moved back to Miami in 2000. Dave has a Gun Business and is a Federal Firearms Dealer. He enjoys Skeet Shooting and sells material for reloading shell. Dave has always been an outdoor person. From his youth he has enjoyed hunting and fishing and he enjoyed taking the boys with him as they grew up. Both Sherry and Dave are Elders and they are faithful members of the Seekers Sunday School Class. If they are aware of a need, they are a part of the solution!!!! It is wonderful that they came back to be a part of our church family!!!



2nd— Nancy Niehaus
 3rd— Sherry Hiebert
 4th-Dolly Gray
 5th- Patrick Russell
 9th- Alexia Leggett
 15th- Bill Giffhorn
 18th— Chris Clay

USHER DUTIES FOR SEPTEMBER

Ushers: Frank Gray and C.B. Roberts

Coffee Host: Mary Kay McCoy

Communion Preparers:
 Frank Gray and Mark Hybiak



SEPTEMBER 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
AA Group meets every Sunday at 8:00 in the Fellowship Hall			1 8:30-12:00 Childs Day Out	2 7:00 pm Gamblers Anonymous mtg.	3	4
5 9:30-Sunday class 9:30-Choir 10:30-Worship/Com	6 <u>Labor Day</u> Church Office Closed	7 10:00-Tuesday morning class	8 8:30 Childs Day Out 3:45 Youth Group	9 7:00 pm Gamblers Anonymous mtg.	10	11
12 9:30-class 9:30-Choir 10:30-Worship 6:00-Cong. Dinner	13 3:45-Grade School Group	14 10:00-Tuesday morning class	15 8:30 Childs Day Out 12:00 Mission mtg. 3:45 Youth Group 6:00Meal &Worship 7:00 Choir	16 7:00 pm Gamblers Anonymous mtg.	17	18
19 9:30 class 9:30-Choir 10:30-Worship 11:30-Deacons mtg 6:00-Senior High Group	20 3:45-Grade School Group	21 10:00-Tuesday morning class 7:00- Session mtg.	22 8:30 Childs Day Out 3:45 Youth Group 6:00Meal &Worship 7:00 Choir	23 Open Door articles are due 7:00 pm Gamblers Anonymous mtg.	24	25 Hearts & Hammers Lend a hand Lend a Heart
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