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Introducing our Sister Congregation Dorogobuzh Baptist Church in Russia

As all of you know by now, our overseas missionary, Derek Forbes, left his mission and has returned to the US. When I joined the Session, one of my priorities was to find an overseas mission for our congregation to participate in. Rev. Ralph saw an article in the December issue of Presbyterians Today that described a program that twinned congregations in the US and Russia. He was intrigued and so was I. After some further investigation Session voted to join the program. We now have a twin (which I'll call a sister) congregation in Russia.

Our sister congregation is a small Baptist congregation in Dorogobuzh, a town of about 11,000 about along the Dnieper River near Smolensk. It is about 350 mi SW of Moscow.

The church is small with about 30 members. Their Pastor is Sergei Grokhotov, his wife is Nina and they have 4 children. We have received a number of photos from them and have sent them a letter introducing ourselves and several photos but have not received a lot of information from them. From the photos we have, it appears that they have a very active youth ministry. You can view the photos and a bit of information on the city of Dorogobuzh on the Mission-Outreach bulletin board in the hallway between the narthex and Conklin Hall. We will also be posting photos and updates on the website.

This is a developing relationship – at this point we are just starting to get to know each other. One of the activities we are planning is a visit by a small group of our members to their congregation, perhaps next summer. We ask God to lead us as we join with our brothers and sisters in Russia in exploring our faith together.

If you are interested in actively participating in our twinning program, I would love to talk with you.

спасибо! (Thank you)

Chris Schleiter
Elder, Mission-Outreach



Dorogobuzh Baptist Church



Sergei and Nina Grokhotov and their family

Prayer Concerns

Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it
John 14:13-14

Sandy Safford & family on passing of Matt Safford
Shirley Craig
Charlotte Phipps
Dee Stringham
Arlene Prinselaar
Wendy Christianson as she studies for the ministry
Our sister congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia
Those Serving Our Country

Welcome New Members

If you're interested in joining our congregation, please contact Rev. Ralph.

Deadline for August Newsletter

July 24, 2013

Worship Schedule

8:45 – 9:00 am
Service of Morning Prayer - Sanctuary

9:00 – 9:45 am
Adult Education Classes - CE Building
Rev. Ralph

John Calvin – His Life and Legacy (until 6/23)
Reformed Protestant Worship – Its Theology & Purpose (6/30 – 7/21)

Rev. Harold
Presbyterian Beliefs – Understanding God, Jesus Christ and the church

10:15 am
Children's Sunday School

10:30 am
Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

11:45 am
Fellowship Time

Ruling Elders Monthly Scriptures

Each month at our stated Session meetings, our Teaching and Ruling Elders are invited to share any scripture that has spoken to their hearts in the previous month as part of their report. I encourage our congregation, as part of their prayer life for the congregation, our Session and Pastor, to review their selections and continue to uphold them and one another in prayer.

The scriptures for May were:

Rev. Ralph	2 Cor. 5:17-6:2	In Christ new creations
Elder Ruth Ann Horvath	Psalm 25:4-5	Teach me your ways
Elder Catherine Overkamp	Romans 13:8-10	Love one another
Elder Gay Cunningham	Acts 16:1-5	Growing in Christ
Elder Amy Craig	Ephesians 4:1-7	Unity of Spirit in the Lord
Elder Chris Schleiter	1 Cor. 10:16-17	Thanking & sharing Christ
Elder Mary Contreras	Proverbs 3:5-10	Trust in the Lord
Elder Carolyn Jentzer	Psalm 16	God is always with us

Thanks to our Volunteers

	Flowers	Fellowship
June		
Jun 2	John & Ruth Combes	Soup Kitchen Crew
Jun 9	Dan & Mitzi Rak	<i>Available</i>
Jun 16	Tom & Vici Noble	<i>Available</i>
Jun 23	Molly Bass	<i>Available</i>
Jun 30	<i>Available</i>	Gay Cunningham
July		
Jul 7	<i>Available</i>	Amy Craig
Jul 14	Chris Schleiter	<i>Available</i>
Jul 21	Dee & Judy Stringham	<i>Available</i>
Jul 28	Bob & Dorothy McGrath	McGrath's Anniversary
August		
Aug 4	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>
Aug 11	<i>Available</i>	Anne Patten

Signup on the boards between the narthex and the Fellowship Hall or on our Website gspcsg.org

Building Fund Pledge Update

As you all know, we have a mortgage payment of \$1,343.51 due each month. The mortgage has a principal of \$184,117 and a 15 year term.

Through the end of May, we had received pledges totaling \$65,456.00 and cash donations of \$19,109.45 towards retiring the mortgage. We hope to maintain the tradition of paying off our mortgages early.

If you have pledged to the building fund, thank you. If you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider how you can help us to pay off the mortgage and free funds to be used for additional improvements that we need to make.



Pastor's Page

"You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."

2 Timothy 2:1-2 NAS

Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought



July 10th will be the 30th of my ordination as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church USA. Thirty years of preaching, teaching, funerals, Baptisms and, by my estimation, moderating over 360 Session meetings. Hah! Some of you complain about having to attend 33!

Where did the time go? What an amazing and wonderful journey! As you can imagine at a milestone such as this I am humbled and blessed to say that without the Lord's presence and love I doubt this day would ever have arrived. I remember dear friends and colleagues who now have joined the Church Triumphant. I remember as well dear beloved saints who filled the pews every Sunday and at least gave a kind word at the door or a prayer in a time of need.

And, as well, I wonder sometimes just how many wedding albums my presence graces or how many have childhood memories of my being a camp director – memories that I may share. I reflect as well on those very special days so long ago when the child in my arms heard the words of promise and love that their parents sought and the church gave promise to on their behalf.

There are those who question the purpose and validity of Christ's Church in these changing days. I am not one of them, for I have borne witness through the saints, past and present, these past thirty years and today, that Christ is very much alive and present when the two or three or 260 are gathered in His name. That same Holy Spirit who guided us that day so long ago guides us today and will into tomorrow whenever our lives connect and bear witness to the love that binds us to each other and to Him.

Thus, I am equally amazed that the journey continues and I continue to praise God every day and thank my Lord and Savior for all of you, and with His presence continue to look forward to the next thirty years!

Praise the Lord!

Thanks Be to God!

*Yours in Christ!
Rev. Ralph*

Hospice Seeks Volunteers

Alpha HomeCare Hospice is looking for volunteers to be of service to terminally ill patients and their families. If you're interested, please contact Mark @ (435) 862-6143.

****Pastor Note Regarding Hospital Visitation: ****

Please keep in mind that with the federal laws that went into force a number of years ago, hospitals are no longer allowed to give out any information in regards to patients to visitors, including clergy. Unless a visitor requests a specific name, the hospital desk is not allowed to give out any information, including religious affiliation.

So, if you or a family member is hospitalized please alert the Pastor, your Deacon, or the church office. Otherwise, we will not be informed of your presence there and unable to assist or offer pastoral care.

Choir Notes

Both of our choirs are taking a well-deserved summer break. Rehearsals will resume in late August. We wish everyone in the congregation a wonderful summer!

*Barbara McConnell
Music Director*

Christian Education

Sunday School: Enrichment of Our Faith

Our Christian Education program continues to grow. We have a great plan for activities for the summer months.

Our adult classes will continue through the summer months. Rev. Ralph began a video program on John Calvin's Life and Faith on May 26. That program will conclude on June 23. It will be followed, beginning June 30, with Reformed Protestant Worship – Its Theology & Purpose. Rev. Wylie will be studying Donald McKim's book, Presbyterian Beliefs this summer and this fall he will begin an in depth study of the Book of Luke. Both classes meet in the CE Building at 9:00 am, following a short prayer service at 8:45 am. Plan your schedule now so you can be more involved in Sunday's adult classes.

The Children's Elementary Class will be studying the Old Testament using two Beginner's Bibles: the Beginner's Bible (1989) by Zondervan Press and the Revised Beginner's Bible (2005) as told by Karen Henley by Zondervan Press. Both are very readable and are illustrated by different artists so the children get a bigger picture of each featured story they are studying. . They will be developing a time line of the Bible as they go and they will learn a Bible verse and participate in a related craft as a part of their lesson.

Nursery: The Safe Place for Our Young Members

We need volunteers for the Nursery especially now that Miss Charlotte will be having surgery in June. Please, help us out. Call the Church office, Rev. Ralph or Cathy Overkamp to sign up for one Sunday this summer. Thank you so much.

Weekly Bible Studies – Growth and Fellowship

Bible study groups during the week will continue throughout the summer until they take a short break at the middle of August. Introduce new members to your favorite group this summer.

*Many blessings,
Catherine Overkamp*

Fellowship

After a busy spring, the Fellowship Committee will take a break for the next couple of months. We hope you all have a great summer.

Just because we are taking some time off doesn't mean that we don't still need members to sign up for coffee hour. Please do so on the calendar in the hall or on the Website.

Carolyn Jentzer

Mission/Outreach

It's been a fairly quiet month domestically for Mission/Outreach but we've had some major developments internationally. Please see the article on page 1 for an introduction to our participation in Presbyterian Mission's Twinning program. I am really excited about what lies ahead for both our congregation as well as our sister congregation in Russia.

As I told you last month, Bike and Build will be joining us again this summer. About 30 riders will be arriving in St. George on the afternoon of July 17 (after a day "off" hiking and biking in Zion) and departing on the morning of July 19. While they're here, they will be sleeping in the CE Building and we will, again, be feeding them. We'll need your help as we get closer to July, particularly with food preparation. Save July 18 for a potluck dinner where we will have a chance to thank these outstanding young people for their service to our community.

May God's blessings continue to shine upon each and every one of us.

Chris Schleiter

Parish Nursing Ministry

Brown Bag Lunch, April 24 – Arthritis and Exercise

At our April Brown Bag Lunch, guest speaker Robyn Jensen of Five Counties spoke on Arthritis, Exercise & Mobility. Arthritis is a disease, which can be chronic or acute (Rheumatoid), which involves joint inflammation. Individuals experience it differently, having flare-ups or periods of remission (decreased symptoms). It occurs across all age groups and can lead to depression, isolation and decreased socialization. If diagnosed early, there are many tools that can help lower its impact on one's life.

Signs and symptoms include stiffness in the morning and after activity, recurring joint pain with heat and redness, fever, fatigue and unexplained weight loss. One way to lead a fulfilling lifestyle is to exercise, which will increase joint flexibility, muscle strength around the joint, bone strength and ability to perform activities of daily living such as bathing, grooming, eating, & walking. Exercise can improve overall mood and health, and help with weight loss and self-esteem. Lack of exercise can lead to decreased ability to do things that one enjoys and that allow one to be independent. Weak and damaged joints and muscles can worsen. One should try to be active every day, with 30 minutes of exercise. Exercise does not have to be strenuous. Talk with your doctor or a physical therapist, and keep an exercise journal. Risks of exercising are aggravating your muscles and joints by working too hard, especially when beginning an exercise program. Educate yourself, eat properly to control weight, and learn to conserve energy with rest and relaxation.

A balanced exercise program includes range of motion, strengthening, and aerobic activity. Start slowly!! Range of motion exercises will lessen stiffness, increase flexibility and ability to care for yourself. Emphasize the endpoints of your range of motion—at what point does real discomfort occur? Don't push beyond that point. Strengthening exercises can be isometric (joint does not move) or isotonic—use weights and bands for resistance. These exercises will provide strong muscles to maintain strength and joint stability. Aerobic exercise should involve something you enjoy—swimming, biking, walking, mall walking, etc.

SOME TIPS — If an area is sore before beginning to exercise, use heat for stiffness and ice for swelling; always warm up; wear loose, comfortable clothing and shoes with good support; hydrate; build up gradually; be realistic with your goals; don't hurry, use a steady pace; if you have increased pain about 2 hours after your exercise, slow down; breathe!; cool down after each exercise period for 5-15 minutes to decrease your heart rate and breathing, stretch; give your program at least 2 weeks to ensure it fits you; make an exercise plan.

Anne Patten and Mitzi Rak

Prayer Chain

I would ask anyone in the congregation that would like to join in prayers for the ill, people with problems, or those with happy news like a mending body to please contact Louise Routh at 628-7725 or cell 229-4733.

All prayers are important.

Louise Routh

Presbyterian Women

We are still looking for someone to lead PW. If you are interested, please see Rev. Ralph, Carolyn Jentzer or Liz Larson.

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers and Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

We continue to be blessed with a wonderful group of Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministers provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care and support to people experiencing grief, divorce, cancer, job loss, loneliness, disability, relocation and other life difficulties. All interactions with Stephen Ministers are completely confidential.

We have thirteen Stephen Ministers in our congregation, eleven of whom have been assigned care receivers. They are led by Rev. Ralph, Bob McGrath and Anne Patten.

We encourage members of the congregation who believe they would benefit from working with a Stephen Minister to see Rev. Ralph.

Stewardship

A Stewardship Minute

The Tither: God's Partner

Certainly it is true that New Testament Christians are not compelled to tithe, but, throughout the Bible, Old and New Testaments, there are indications given by God himself that the tithe is what God expects from each of us.

To those who do tithe, God gives even greater blessings. Ask a longtime tither if he plans to quit tithing, and the answer is invariably, "Never. Why would I want to miss out on God's blessings?" Hence the phrase, "Once a tither, always a tither."

What are those blessings? One comes in the form of joy in knowing that we have helped others and honored God through our giving. Another is the new attitude that God develops in us, a higher concept of life, a concept of being in partnership with God himself.

We realize, of course, that God doesn't need our money, but he asks us to give it, so that we might have a part in the great work of bringing the Gospel to all the world. When God is my partner, I have a partner who is almighty, all wise, all loving, and all faithful. *Though I may have to endure trials and suffering, even then I will rejoice for God is with me working all things for my good.* (Romans 8:28).

As we exercise the faith to tithe, an even deeper faith grows as we look confidently toward the future, both on Earth and in Heaven. This confidence we can help to bring to others as we faithfully tithe from the blessings God has entrusted to us.

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*Amy Craig
Stewardship*

Greetings From The Bachmans

To our friends at Good Shepherd from Don and Pat at Westminster Woods in PA

We would prefer to communicate individually, but the newsletter is the next best thing thanks to Chris and Amy. We are grateful for a safe trip across the country (2600 miles). Thank you for your loving send-off and help getting us on our way. Moving is not fun. If we had waited another year or more we would not have had the energy or stamina, but all is well that ends well.

Because of the storm on I-70, and the snowed-in conditions at Jacob's Lake, and the closed road at Page, we headed west to LV and on to Flagstaff the first night, Next overnight was somewhere in NM, finally arriving in Princeton, IL the following Saturday afternoon. My brother had died early that morning. We saw all the family that weekend but sadly could not stay for the service which was nine days later. (At the time, his grandchildren were both involved with college finals, and we thought we needed to arrive in PA to be there for our truck) Well, after we arrived at Westminster the truck came nine days later. But we were well taken care of, staying in the guest cottage and eating in the dining room. We were with our family in State College for three days over Mother's Day weekend.

We will be attending the Presbyterian Church in Huntingdon and the Sunday School Class (a retired minister invited us). We planted a few seeds in our garden plot this morning and already it is raining. Have been to a Friday social hour and then to a pizza party at a home. This Saturday we will eat at the ribs buffet with friends from years past who are considering moving here. There was a bear in the neighborhood the other night but we missed seeing him. And of course everything is green except for our yard which has not been seeded. The dogwood and red bud were gorgeous on our drive through OH and PA. And that is the news in a nutshell.

We think of you all and miss you all. Our collective love to you all,

Please write or call:

112 Sycamore Way
Huntingdon, PA 16652
814-667-7199

Don and Pat Bachman

JUNE 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Dixie Care & Share 8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Bible Study @Clingan's Home	3 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	4 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 3:00 pm Exercise Class	5 9:30 am PW Bible Study 1:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Group Meeting	6 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Cracker Barrel 3:00 pm Exercise Class	7 7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's 10:00 am Stephen Ministry Supervision Group Meeting	8
9 8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Congregational Meeting 11:45 am Fellowship 11:45 am Growth Committee Meeting 11:45 am Worship Committee Meeting 11:45 am Blood Pressures Taken 5:00 pm Bible Study @Clingan's Home	10 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	11 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 3:00 pm Exercise Class	12 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Promenade Bakery	13 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Cracker Barrel 3:00 pm Exercise Class	14 7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's	15
16 8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Deacon Meeting 11:45 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Bible Study @Clingan's Home	17 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	18 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 3:00 pm Exercise Class	19 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Promenade Bakery	20 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Cracker Barrel 3:00 pm Exercise Class	21 7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's	22
23 8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Growth/Session Planning Meeting 11:45 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Bible Study @Clingan's Home	24 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry	25 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Egg & I 3:00 pm Exercise Class	26 11:00 am Women's Bible Study @ Promenade Bakery	27 11:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Cracker Barrel 3:00 pm Exercise Class	28 7:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Bishop's	29
30 8:45 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Bible Study @Clingan's Home						

JULY 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	2 9:00 Staff Meeting am 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise Class pm	3 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Promenade Bakery 1:00 Stephen Ministry pm Supervision Group Meeting	4 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise Class pm	5 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's 10:00 Stephen Ministry am Supervision Group Meeting	6
7 Dixie Care & Share 8:45 Prayer Service am 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Clingan's Home	8 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	9 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise Class pm 5:10 Session Meeting pm	10 30th Anniversary of Rev. Ralph's Ordination 9:30 PW Bible Study am 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Promenade Bakery	11 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise Class pm 3:45 Chancel Choir pm	12 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	13
14 8:45 Prayer Service am 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 11:45 Blood Pressures am Taken 5:00 Bible Study pm @Clingan's Home	15 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	16 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise Class pm	17 Bike & Build 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Promenade Bakery	18 Bike & Build 9:30 Parish Nursing am Ministry Meeting 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise Class pm 6:00 Bike & Build Potluck pm Dinner	19 Bike & Build 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	20
21 8:45 Prayer Service am 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Clingan's Home	22 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	23 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise Class pm	24 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Promenade Bakery	25 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise Class pm	26 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's	27
28 8:45 Prayer Service am 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Clingan's Home	29 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm	30 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise Class pm	31 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Promenade Bakery			

Rev. Wylie will be out of town from July 10 to July 20

Lectionary Readings for June

Date	Old Testament	Epistle	Gospel
Sunday, June 2 Second Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 18:20-21 [22-29] 30-39 Psalm 96	Galatians 1:1-12	Luke 7:1-10
Sunday, June 9 Third Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 17:8-16 [17-24] Psalm 146	Galatians 1:11-24	Luke 7:11-17
Sunday, June 16 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 21:1-10 [11-14] 15-21a Psalm 5:1-8	Galatians 2:15-21	Luke 7:36—8:3
Sunday, June 23 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 19:1-4 [5-7] 8-15a Psalm 42 and 43	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
Sunday, June 30 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62

Lectionary Readings for July

Date	Old Testament	Epistle	Gospel
Sunday, July 7 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30	Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
Sunday, July 14 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
Sunday, July 21 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 52	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42
Sunday, July 28 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	Hosea 1:2-10 Psalm 85	Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]	Luke 11:1-13
Sunday, July 7 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30	Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Lectionary Readings for August

Date	Old Testament	Epistle	Gospel
Sunday, August 4 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9, 43	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
Sunday, August 11 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
Sunday, August 18 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19	Hebrews 11:29—12:2	Luke 12:49-56
Sunday, August 25 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17
Sunday, August 4 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9, 43	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21

Congregation News

Matt Safford Passes Away

Matt Safford, husband of Sandy Stafford died of brain cancer on April 14th. Sandy was our Christian Education director for a number of years until Matt was transferred in his job for BLM. We have youth groups from her church stay here in the summer. Please keep Sandy and her family in your prayers.

Library Now Has A Chapel

Special thanks to George Linden for building a beautiful table for our chapel. "What chapel?" you ask. After the building renovation was completed, we thought the library would make a wonderful place for quiet reflection and prayer. We decided to add a chapel table to the library and George was kind enough to build it for us. Please feel free to stop by and pray whenever you're in the church building.

Regularly Scheduled Activities

1st Sunday of Month

Dixie Care & Share - contributions of money & food.

Shawl Ministry

Monday 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Exercise with Rev. Ralph

Tuesday 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Thursday 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Woman's Bible Studies

Tuesday 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon

The Egg & I

Wednesday 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon

Paradise Bakery @Promenade Mall

Men's Bible Studies

Thursday 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon

The Cracker Barrel Restaurant

Friday 7:45 am to 8:45 am

Bishop's

Choir Practices

Tuesday 4:00 pm Bell Choir (Off for the summer – See you in August!)

Thursday 3:45 pm Chancel Choir (Off for the summer – See you in August!)



Treasurer's Report

As of March 31, 2013

General Fund Receipts: \$ 16,796.39	Building Fund Cash: \$ 81,447.79	Memorial Fund Balance: \$ 5,931.83
General Fund Expenditures: \$ 16,577.69	Loan Balance: \$ 182,532.00	Capital Reserve Fund Balance \$ 28,341.15
General Fund Balance: \$ 13,627.17	Net Building Fund: \$ (101,084.21)	

Church Contact Information

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Church Leadership 2013

Elders:

Class of 2014	Wayne Bartlett	673-6657	Grounds
	Amy Craig	592-0246	Stewardship
	Cathy Overkamp	703-8257	Christian Ed
Class of 2015	Mary Contreras	673-9745	Worship
	Gay Cunningham	652-3654	Growth
	Jim Horvath	773-6790	Facilities
Class of 2016	Ruth Ann Horvath	773-6790	Clerk of Session
	Carolyn Jentzer	673-0442	Fellowship
	Chris Schleter	627-9048	Mission/Outreach

Deacons:

Moderator	Tineke Ingold
Class of 2014	Ron Smith, Molly Bass, Doris Thomas
Class of 2015	Dottie Malcolmson, Judy Stringham, Tineke Ingold
Class of 2016	Don Fennell, Shirley Fennell, Fred Hampton, Jan Hirschi, Janice Klein, Bob Morgan, Evelyn Morgan



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A man and two children exit a shelter after debris was cleared from on top, after a huge tornado struck Moore, Oklahoma, near Oklahoma City, May 20, 2013.

God will cover you with pinions, and under God's wings you will find refuge —Psalm 91:4

Every week this spring, a community in the US has been hit hard by destructive weather, and the season isn't over yet. Flash flooding covered parts of Mississippi and Indiana; straight-line winds and tornadoes tore through the Southern Plains states of Texas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Oklahoma; and this week an EF-5 tornado—a force of nature rarely seen—leveled much of Moore, Oklahoma.

It all comes after an already harsh year—with a fierce winter storm that pounded the Northeast.

Thousands are left looking for hope and wondering how to get through each day. God's people are hurting, and we are called upon to serve them—through prayer, action, and support.

Together—we will bridge the GAP (Give/Act/Pray).

It is wide but our faith is deep and our strength is endless through Jesus.

GIVE. Share your financial blessings with those who are suffering. You can give \$10 now by texting PDA to 20222.

ACT. Assemble Gift of the Heart kits. Get youth involved and experience this act of compassion for those in need through this tangible project. Volunteer work teams may be needed to help with repair and rebuilding after the immediate phase is over. Contact the PDA Call Center at (866) 732-6121 to register your team's interest and to be contacted when opportunities are available.

PRAY. Please pray for those who survived the storms and will face hard days ahead, and for those who mourn loved ones lost. Pray also that the response of the church will be an example of the faithful love of God.

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