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SESSION NOTES

Your Session met on Tues. evening September 21, 2010 and during the meeting the Elders:

Reported the death of Lola May Dixon on 9-14-10 at St. Elizabeth East Hospital

Learned that the Trustees have installed a locked cabinet in the Men's room to store chemicals away from children

Approved holding a Called Meeting of the Congregation following worship on 10-17-10 for the purpose of electing church officers

Learned that the Rev. Donald Kinlock from Scotland will lead worship on Consecration Sunday 10-31-10

Eliminated the superfluous office of Church School Treas.

Established a committee to investigate church membership and finance software

Learned that the Presbytery of Wabash Valley has elected the Rev. Frank Vardeman as Executive Presbyter, and commissioned Elder Rick Ryan as Lay Pastor of the Elston Presbyterian Church

Michael E. Grimes,
Clerk of Session

Dave's Deliberations...

Dear Friends,

Back in the Middle Ages the idea of "Vocation" (from the Latin *Vocare* – to call) was thought only to be relevant in relationship to the decision to enter the religious life. One had a vocation to the priesthood or to Holy Orders, but not to a career in banking or to the life of a farmer for instance.

One of the more important contributions of the 16th century Reformers like Calvin and Luther was the view that all aspects of life could be and were sacred – that God was served in whatever role a Christian took up in life. Not only that, but they maintained that God was responsible for drawing people toward and even assigning people to a particular role in life. Men and women could be "called" to married life. A butcher could be called to the work of dressing and cutting meat. A King could be called to rule a nation. A peasant was called to till the soil and bring forth food.

It seems to me that it would be hard to overestimate the significance of this insight. If I see my work as something worthy of God's attention, it elevates the dignity of that work. If I am able to give glory to God through my work, however humble it may be, then MY dignity has been raised as well. Other people may belittle what I am and what I do, but God values it and expects a return on it. Work is no longer simply an economic transaction where I must satisfy my employer and my employer must pay my wages; it becomes an integral part of my spiritual life – a part of my daily relationship and communication with the God of the universe. I no longer do my work exclusively for my employer, now I do it in response to the call of God and in order to give God glory. If I have the freedom to choose my work I have not only to consider where I want to be and what I want to be doing, but also and perhaps more importantly where God wants me to be and what God wants me to be doing.

The same principle applies to the efforts we engage in together at church and in our community. You often hear people talking about

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FOOD PANTRY

Our count for August was 6 families totaling 39 people. This is continuing to be down from previous months because of the road closing.

We still need your help and support. Especially some people to work at the pantry on Friday mornings. The sign-up sheet is in the parlor. Thanks so much.

Food Pantry Committee



*Who refreshes others will be refreshed.
-Proverbs 11:25*

Kid's Closet

COATS! COATS! COATS!

We need **COATS!** We are collecting coats, boots, & outerwear, infant thru teen sizes for our annual **Give-Away**, which will be held on Saturday, 10-23. Please spread the word to everyone you know and let's help keep children warm this winter!

New or gently used donations of **FALL** and **WINTER** clothing is also being accepted, sizes newborn through girl's junior and young men's *and* maternity wear.

A **HUGE** "Thank You" to our Youth Group and all the other church members who gave of their time and sorted clothing in September!

If you've never come to a 'sort', please come join the fun in being God's hands in action! For questions, please call Julie at.

God bless,

Kid's Closet Committee

Important Dates:

Monday, 10-11	SORT , 10 am - Noon and/or 6 pm - 8 pm
Saturday, 10-23	COAT GIVE-AWAY , 9 am - 11 am
Saturday, 10-30	DISTRIBUTION & SORT 9 am - noon



Church Nursery

Only 13 more Sundays this year! That means you have a limited amount of time to take advantage of the opportunity to enjoy our

little people.

We staff the nursery every Sunday with 2 adults from about 10:15 am until the end of the worship service.

Come, share a little of your time with our wonderful youngsters. Thank you.

Bushels of Love,



Dear Church Family:

Thank you so very much for thinking about us and praying for us while Gideon was in the hospital. It was a scary day but with your prayers & support our hearts were calmed. The flowers were really nice (Gideon tried to eat them!) but we were thankful for the distraction. God has blessed us with this church and we appreciate your support.

Many blessings,

*When we die we leave behind
us all that we have, and take
with us all that we are.*

*A brook would lose its
song if God removed the
rocks.*

Dave's Deliberations, cont.: The same principle applies to the efforts we engage in together at church and in our community. You often hear people talking about

“volunteering” at church or at school or at the homeless shelter. But, is it really possible for a Christian (or devout Jew or Muslim for that matter) to be a “volunteer”?

A volunteer gives of his or her own time to a cause of his or her own choosing. A faithful person who understands life in terms of vocation, on the other hand, understands that he or she HAS no time of his or her own and a person of faith understands that we don't choose our work (paid or unpaid) in absolute freedom, but rather we act freely to choose our path in response to and in the context of God's calling.

A volunteer acts out of a desire to be helpful or out of a desire to be admired or out of desire to repay past blessings, or out of a desire to be thanked and thought indispensable. A person of faith acts out sense of God's will and desire for his or her life. It seems to me to be a very different dynamic.

Over the next few weeks we will explore together the nature of our Christian Stewardship. You will be asked to recommit yourself to the life of Christ in and through the ministries of Memorial Presbyterian Church. Keep in mind what the real question before you is. What is God asking of you? Where does God want for you to invest your time, your energy, your money, your love, and your passion? What are you being called to by the Spirit of God in Christ?

Presbyterian Habitat House 2011

We as Christians are called to be fundamentally concerned about our neighbors and to listen to the voice of the poor and to seek reform and redress for injustices. Our church certainly does this in many ways that you all know. As does Habitat for Humanity.



Your contributions to HFH have helped to build many houses in our community. HFH houses built by Presbyterians have provided good housing for six local families and many more families in third world countries. Our local Presbyterians churches, now including the Rossville Presbyterian church are again developing plans to build in the fall of 2011. And again we need your help. Note that we have informed the steering committee that Dayton can no longer take the lead on the framing of the new house. We still need your help in so many other ways.

The Lafayette HFH chapter has built over 200 houses since its inception in 1984. Another 13-14 are planned for this year. All new houses are built to new “Energy Star” specifications that include high efficiency heating, cooling, and appliances, special vapor sealing, and extra insulation. HFH houses exceed local construction codes in this regard.

Sponsorship for a new home now costs \$50,000 including a tithe to Habitat International. The good news is that we already have accumulated over \$16,000 toward new construction. We still need your financial help to continue this mission effort.

A significant benefit of HFH housing in our community is seen in the uplifting of surroundings. Look at the neighborhoods where Habitat has built and notice the improvements in surrounding non-HFH houses. Check out our 2009 house on North 16th Street.

Be aware that the Neighborhood Assistance Tax Credit Program (NAP) is again available to defray the net cost of supporting Habitat in Lafayette. Those interested in the NAP tax credit should contact Kathy Beck at the HFH office by phone at 765-423-4590.

The need for decent housing is still great. Habitat has barely created a dent in this local problem, but we continue to try. Thank so much for your past support and thank you in advance for your help in the future. Please give you what you can.

Join Us For
Advent Celebration Sunday
Sunday, Nov. 21



- What is it?:** This is a time for our church to prepare for the season of Advent in preparation for Christmas
- What we will do?:** During our regular Sunday School time, we will have an intergenerational Sunday School (preschool-adult). Everyone will make an advent wreath and receive a set of devotions for lighting their wreath at home.
- After Church:** We will have a soup and bread luncheon prior to the Hanging of the Greens.
- Hanging of the Greens:** This is a time when our church family prepares the church building for the season of Advent and Christmas with garland, trees, and crèches.

In response to all He has done for us, let us outdo each other in being helpful and kind to each other and in doing good. “ Hebrews 10:24

12-11-10.....the countdown has begun for Jubilee Christmas!!!
That is not just the beginning of the countdown, but the date for Jubilee 2010. Please prayerfully consider how you can help prepare for the event &/or the day. Stay tuned for volunteer opportunities!!

“For if you give, you will get! Your gift will return to you in full and over flowing measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, and running over. Whatever measure you use to give-large or small-will be used to measure what is given back to you.” Luke 6:38

“Out in the highways and byways of life, many are weary and sad; Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife, making the sorrowing glad: 3) Give as ‘twas given to you in your need, love as the Master loved you; Be to the helpless a helper indeed, unto your mission be true: Make me a blessing, make me a blessing, out of my life...may Jesus shine.....I pray make me a blessing to someone today”. (Versus 1 & 3 and excerpt from chorus of Hymn “Make me a Blessing.”)



Annual Smorgasbord and Craft/Bake sale November 6, 2010

We are very excited to begin preparing for this event which has been held annually for more than 50 years. This event is not only an important fund raiser but an opportunity for us, as church family, to strengthen our ties by getting to know one another. What better way to do that then by working together on an important project such as this —because it does involve everyone ☺! This is also a great opportunity to involve the community and bring in those who may have never been through our doors before. Who knows, maybe the next time they will be joining us for worship!

How can you help?? We need servers, a host/hostess, a ticket seller, help in the kitchen, and **lot's of food donations.** Please check your calendar and pick up a volunteer form (yellow) on the table in the parlor (or phone Phyllis Hill) and let us know how you can help this year. We are Hoping to eliminate a lot of phone calls! Thank you for your participation, and we look forward to another successful year!!

This year, BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND, we will again have craft items in addition to the bake sale. Donations of craft and baked items, candies, breads, garden items, etc. will be appreciated.

Prices this year will be \$8.00 for adults & \$3.50 for children 6 to 12. Beverage & dessert included.

We want to thank everyone in advance for your donations and help with this event!



October Breakfast Hosts:

Nancy & Bill Edwards

October Deacons

Patty Hicks, Captain & Comm. Preparation
Debbie Ward

October Elders

Ron Kelley, Communion Preparation
Joe Pease, Devotions



God grades on the cross, not a curve

New Directories

If you would like a new Directory, please stop by the office.



The Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study

Bring a sack lunch and join us. We are studying the Gospel of John, Chapter 12. We'd love to have you take part in this informal group discussion. Good fellowship, prayer and learning.



CHANCEL CHOIR

Our choir practices on Thursday nights at 7pm. You are most welcome to come and join with their beautiful voices.

To lead the orchestra, you must turn your back on the crowd.

Thank you, Peggy.



MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH

Thank you to everyone who stayed after church to help sort clothes for the Kid's Closet. We got a lot done but there is always more to do!

Thank you to Julie Boles and Muriel Grimes for providing a yummy lunch for us! Thank you so much for all your support for the Hunger Hike. Our church was successful again in raising money for our food pantry. Thank you to the youth who got out and walked and for the chaperones and parents who helped out! We have so much to be thankful for!

This month we have a lot going on so mark your calendars and join us for some fall fun! Sunday, October 10th we will have Evening Praise Service in the basement from 6:00 to 7:30pm. Come hungry and bring a friend! Sunday, October 24th - CORN MAZE! Instead of having evening praise we are going to the Corn Maze! Everyone is welcome. We will meet at the Maze at 5 pm and stay until close at 7pm. Make sure to bring flash lights for the maze!

We will need help again this year for Smorgasbord on Saturday, November 6th.

We are planning a shopping trip after church one Sunday to shop for Christmas Jubilee so if you are interested in shopping...stay turned for more information!

Thanks again for all of your help and support. God bless.

Hillary

SOUP & BREAD LUNCHEON & “HANGING OF THE GREENS”

Sunday, November 21st There will be a Soup & Bread Lunch after the worship service. There will be delicious soups and most scrumptious home-made bread for all those who help with decorating our beautiful church for the upcoming season of Advent and Christmas. Come to enjoy the food, fun, and fellowship. We'd love to see you there and have your help.

Staying in the *Word* Together

Join Christians throughout North America as they read together – each Sunday – the scriptures for the week. Known as the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), the collections of readings is organized so that after a three year cycle, members of churches will have read through the majority of the Bible. In our church, our Sunday school curriculum follows the RCL.

As a church and denomination, we use the RCL and provide these to the pastors for direction on the order of worship and for guidance in Christian Education. A guest pastor may choose not to use the scriptures, but we are providing them to the congregation as a means of *Staying in the Word Together*. Traditionally, there will be an Old Testament, Psalm New Testament and Gospel reading. For additional readings go to <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>.

Scriptures for the month for October – including All Saints Day

Season after Pentecost Year C	First* reading and Psalm	Alternate* First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Proper 22 (27) Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 3, 2010	Lamentations 1:1-6 Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 137	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-9	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10
Proper 23 (28) Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 10, 2010	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-12	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c Psalm 111	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
Proper 24 (29) Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost October 17, 2010	Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104	Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 121	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8
Proper 25 (30) Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost October 24, 2010	Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65	Sirach 35:12-17 or Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 Psalm 84:1-7	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14
Proper 26 (31) Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost October 31, 2010 (If All Saints not observed on this day)	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144	Isaiah 1:10-18 Psalm 32:1-7	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	Luke 19:1-10
All Saints Day November 1, 2010	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Psalm 149		Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31



Our Church Family



OCTOBER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 David A. Coleman | 16 Amber Holsclaw |
| Megan Earhart | 17 Nina Chism |
| 2 Jaclyn Bush | 18 Betty Pfeiffer |
| Matthew DeGolyer | Fred Reichart |
| 3 Norah Ashcraft | 19 Scott Basden |
| Kathy Deckard | Addisyn Hicks |
| 4 Patrick Grimes | Leigh Liggett |
| Alex Stene | 20 Emily Norris |
| 5 Lynn Ryan | 23 Sue Alkire |
| 7 Patrick Hicks | 24 Sarah Norris |
| 10 Lily Boles | 28 Allie Burns |
| Kaitlyn Alkire | Stephanie Holliday |
| Bill Gibson | Patty Lou Hicks |
| Kiley Hicks | 29 Marisa Hill |
| Norm Williams | 30 Patricia Perry |
| 11 Doug Biery | 31 Suzi Burns |
| 13 Clayton Beeler | Tori Rosa |

CONGRATULATIONS

- 1 Jon & Mike Grimes
Hollie & Shawn Hughes
- 3 Carole & Kurtis Kemmer
- 4 Adina & Troy Hicks
- 7 Kathy & Bob Deckard
Melissa & Tim Fitzgerald
- 16 Tammy & Todd Lineback
- 17 Tami & Troy Senasec
- 19 LuAlice & Benjamin Huston
- 23 Jane & Fred Reichart
- 26 Lynn & Patrick Grimes
- 28 Ruth & Norm Williams



IN OUR PRAYERS: Our Military, Our nation, & its leaders ...Persecuted Christians everywhere; People in Haiti & Chile & Pakistan...People that are on lay-offs because of the economy.... Judy Swope, Karen Graves (Gr-niece of Lola Dixon), Denny Michael, McKenzie O'Brien (frnd of Boles family), Bill Schwartz (B/Don Schwartz), Jackie Ginther (frnd/Don & Joy Schwartz'), Bionka Cooper, Julia Yost, Darlene Carson, Carolyn Finkenbinder, Russell Lucas, Miriam Woodrow, Cletis Smith (B of Gene Smith), Ted Murphy, Mark Hamilton & family, Melissa Owens, Tracy Hanephin (Aunt/Rachel Smith), Majora Odenkirk, Isabelle Kelley (grdtr/Ron & Ivamarie Kelley), Elinor (Cox) DeCamp, Bill Gibson, Kennedy Lynn Alkire, Rex & Betty Barnett, Gene Coleman (F of David Coleman), Art Lenig (Uncle of Tammy Webber), Don Thompson (B of Cathy Bowlin), Larry Hyser (frnd of Mike/Jon Grimes), Maddie Brewer (frnd of Judy Ryan), Dave Kniola (frnd of Dennis & Carol Lane), Alex Jones (Grdsn of Susan Clawson's, Shelley Abney (Niece of Kathy Deckard), Bill & Dorothy Wolf (Grpts of Patricia Perry), Rita Hicks, Max Biery, Chris Harmon; Cindy DeGolyer, Karen Sabel (frnd of Ron Miller); Bobby Williams (Father of Susie Bretz), Bob Gray (Aubrey Ryan's GrGndpa), Lucille Pearson (Mother of Ron Berry), Judy K Ryan, Caroline & Greg Grace (Colleagues of Susan Clawson); Candace Hill (Phyllis Hill's family), Judy Loeffler (Betsy Wagner's Mom), Rick & Kathy Walden Family (Julie Rosa's family); June Hornbeck (Pastor Dave's M-I-L); Bob & Grace Deel (John Downham's Sister & B-I-L); Barb Coffee; Kathy Basden (Scott Basden's Step-Mother for Heart Surgery); Ben Huston; Kip Baker (Frnd of Jane Coleman); Ron Gard (Grdsn of Fauniel Gard); Brad (Frnd of Rob Wagner); Jeff Bull/therapy (Son of Carol & Stan Bull); Family of Lola Dixon; Eric Boulder; Brett Beale (Susan Clawson's cousin); Rev. Frank Vodeman; Sandra Smith (S of Cathy Hancock)

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Sunday Schedule

Continental Breakfast Fellowship 8:30am

Sunday School for all ages 9:00am

Continental Breakfast Fellowship 10:00am

Worship 10:30 am



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 3, 2010