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SESSION NOTES

Your Session met on Tuesday evening October 18, 2011 and during the meeting the Elders:

- Reported the death of Julia Yost on October 8, and the death of Ronald Gard on October 17
- Approved having the Sunday School Christmas Program during worship on December 18
- Approved Adult and Sr. Hi Sunday School class curricula
- Approved the recommendation of the Membership and Personnel Committee to hire Mrs. Darlene Craig as our Church Secretary
- Learned that the Smile Train Bake Sale produced over \$2,000.00; enough to fund 8 surgeries
- Called a Special Meeting of the Congregation for Sunday, November 20 to hear the report of the Nominating Committee and elect officers for 2012
- Received an invitation from the Synod of Lincoln Trails to the graduation ceremony for the latest class of the Training Program for Commissioned Ruling Elders, of which our own Elder Joe Pease is a member, to be held on Saturday, November 12 at 2:30 p.m. CST at Philo Presbyterian Church, 105 E. Jefferson, Philo, IL

Michael E. Grimes,
Clerk of Sessio

From Pastor Justin

I want to begin my first official "Pastor's Epistle" for Memorial Presbyterian Church by saying thank you! Thank you to you who have been so warm and welcoming to me and my family! The many correspondences you have shared in the form of cards, emails and Face book friend invitations have truly made us feel the loving embrace of the family of faith at Memorial PC. I also give thanks to our God whose Holy Spirit led us to be in relationship with each other as we together commence to continue to do the ministry of Jesus Christ!

As I begin my call to serve Memorial PC my goal is to try and understand how you do what you do. This will mean a great deal of time watching and listening to the members of the congregation both corporately and individually, as well as asking many, many questions! The better I understand why you do what you do in the way you do it will greatly assist me in the coming months as we together discern in what ways the Lord is guiding Memorial PC to continue in its rich tradition of mission, ministry and worship.

The following are some good things for you to know as we begin our relationship as pastor and congregation (in no particular order): Please know that my office door is (almost) always open. If you would like to talk with me, please do not hesitate to call or stop by the church during office hours, you WILL NOT be disturbing or interrupting me when you do; the most important part of my ministry at Memorial PC is the people! And on the brief occasions when I need some time to myself or am in conversation with someone behind a closed door, I promise to quickly arrange a time for us to touch base. I will normally be in my office Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 12 pm, unless I am away doing other "pastoral things". In that case, please leave a message with Darlene, or if it is a pressing matter, call my cell phone and I will respond as quickly as possible. I am also aware that for a good portion of the congregation, getting away during the day on a weekday to see your pastor, for whatever the reason, just isn't possible. Please know that I am more than happy to schedule to spend time with you as YOUR schedule permits. Also, my days off will normally be on Friday and Saturday, with an asterisk. What that means is that if there is a church function or a Presbytery meeting on a Friday or Saturday, I'll be there!

In closing, I and my family are very excited to start this new chapter in our life and in the life of the family of faith at Memorial PC. I am overjoyed that the providence of God made it possible for our two families to begin to be woven together in the faith, hope and love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessings,
Pastor Justin

Church Nursery

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.

November Helpers

Nov. 9 Susan Bretz & Daughter

Nov. 13 Kayla Fields
Stephanie Valenta

Nov. 20 Cindy Bull
Nancy Edwards

Nov. 27 Marissa Hill
Gabby Basden



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



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

A **HUGE** "Thank You" to all who gave of their time and sorted clothing in October. Thirty-five families with approximately 115 children were assisted. Many thanks to all who donated coats—around 170 coats were donated.

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.

God bless,

Kid's Closet Committee

Important Dates:

Monday, 11-14 **SORT**, 10 am - Noon and/or
6 pm - 8pm

Last sort until January—please plan to come and help.

Saturday, 11-19 **DISTRIBUTION & SORT**
9 am - noon

Reminder: Kid's Closet will be closed during the Month of December. No sort or giveaway.

SOUP & BREAD LUNCHEON & "HANGING OF THE GREENS"

Sunday, November 20th 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 – November 2011

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/>.

<p><u>Proper 27 (32)</u> Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost November 6, 2011</p>	<p>Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78:1-7</p>	<p>Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 <i>or</i> Amos 5:18-24 Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 <i>or</i> Psalm 70</p>	<p>1 Thessalonians 4:13-18</p>	<p>Matthew 25:1-13</p>
<p><u>Proper 28 (33)</u> Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost November 13, 2011</p>	<p>Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123</p>	<p>Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12</p>	<p>1 Thessalonians 5:1-11</p>	<p>Matthew 25:14-30</p>
<p><u>Reign of Christ - Proper 29 (34)</u> Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost November 20, 2011</p>	<p>Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100</p>	<p>Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 95:1-7a</p>	<p>Ephesians 1:15-23</p>	<p>Matthew 25:31-46</p>
<p><u>Thanksgiving Day, USA</u> November 24, 2011</p>	<p>Deuteronomy 8:7-18 Psalm 65</p>		<p>2 Corinthians 9:6-15</p>	<p>Luke 17:11-19</p>
<p><u>First Sunday of Advent</u> November 27, 2011</p>	<p>Isaiah 64:1-9</p>	<p>Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 1:3-9</p>	<p>Mark 13:24-37</p>



Annual Smorgasbord and Craft/Bake sale November 5, 2011

We are very excited to begin preparing for the Church Smorgasbord and Bazaar, which has been held annually for more than 50 years! Sponsored by the Dayton Presbyterian Women, this event is not only an important fund raiser but an opportunity...for us as a church family to strengthen our ties by getting to know one another while working on an important project...and also for involving the community and bringing in those who have never been to our church. Hopefully the next time they will be joining us for worship!

Dinner will be served 4:30 to 7:00 pm. Prices remain at \$8.00 for adults, \$3.50 for children 6-12 (Beverage and dessert included).

We want to thank everyone in advance for your help and donations. All money raised supports the budget of the Dayton Presbyterian Women to fund or benefit these and other missions and programs:

Presbyterian Women USA; Jubilee Christmas; Flower fund (hospital, worship); Church Women United Food Pantry; Speakers/Program/Events; Dayton Food Pantry; Service Committee events (funeral dinners); Kids' Closet; Geneva Center; Youth Triennium; Lafayette Urban Ministry; Campership, C.E.F.



November Breakfast Hosts:

Cindy Bull

November Deacon

Esther Miller

November Elder

Wes Shaw

The Wednesday Noon Bible Study

Bring a sack lunch and join us. 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.



2011 Jubilee Christmas - December 10th

Plans are underway for Jubilee Christmas 2011 to be held Saturday, December 10th at 1:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars! The congregation and friends of Memorial Presbyterian Church have always been very supportive of this unique mission event that allows hundreds of families with well over one thousand children from the Greater Lafayette community to have a more joyful Christmas experience. We are gearing up for Jubilee Christmas 2011, turning our basement into a Toy Shop, and fully anticipating yet another incredibly successful event that celebrates family and giving.

The tremendous success of this program is due to the generosity of our congregation and friends. Generous donations of time, money, toys gifts and prayers are essential to a successful Jubilee day. Due to current economic conditions, many families find themselves seeking assistance for the first time. Our church will help by hosting 20 area families this holiday season. Your assistance is needed to ensure that Jubilee Christmas 2011 at Memorial Presbyterian Church is another great success.

Volunteers are needed as hosts/hostesses, shoppers, greeters, wrappers, set-up, clean up, etc. If you are available to help, a job is available for you (someone fluent in Spanish would be helpful). If you have not volunteered for Jubilee before, ample support and instructions will be provided in all areas. The rewards are worth your time and effort.

Please return the volunteer form to the church office or contact Jubilee Chair: Cindy Bull(cindybull68@yahoo.com).

Donations of new toys for ages 0 - 12 are needed. Monetary donations are also needed to purchase gift certificates, food certificates, canned hams, additional food items and additional toys. If you wish to purchase toys, please check with Cindy for specific needs. The gift tag tree will be up by November 12th for you to pick your preference from.

Please be generous and timely in your giving and volunteering as we prepare for Jubilee Christmas 2011. Please keep Jubilee Christmas, the volunteers and the guest families in your prayers.

Thank you and God bless you and your loved ones during the upcoming holiday season and always!

Jubilee Christmas Need your Help

I would like to help with JUBILEE CHRISTMAS in the following way(s):

Serve as a Host/Hostess: _____

Wrap Presents: _____

Help in Nursery for volunteer's children during event & assist in set up: _____

Clean up Crew: _____

Provide Cookies/brownies: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

(Please leave completed form in Church Office. Thank you!)

2011 TOTENFEST LIST

Lewis J. Beeler	October 16, 2010
William D. Guenther	December 1, 2010
Jean A. Snyder	December 20, 2010
Darlene Carson	December 25, 2010
Olive Lintner Mullins	May 21, 2011
Rita J. Hicks	July 15, 2011
Billy L. Gibson	August 7, 2011
Julia A. Yost	October 8, 2011
Josephine Sanders	October 13, 2011
Ronald D. Gard	October 17, 2011

Please join Jeanette Gibson as she celebrates her 80th Birthday with a reception at the Dayton Presbyterian Church on November 13, from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m.

Share some cake and punch and give her your best wishes as she celebrates this milestone birthday.



Our Church Family

November



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

CONGRATULATIONS

- 1 Christopher Houser
- 2 Jack Carson
- 4 Tom Miller
- 5 Cathy Hancock
- 7 Steven Edwards
Fauniel Gard
- 8 Stephanie Biery
- 9 John Cassady
Susan Gibson
Nancy Grimes
- 11 John Downham
Bailey Rosa
- 12 Ronald E. Miller
- 13 Jeanette Gibson
- 16 Cassady Logan
- 18 Brian Alkire
- 22 Bailey Sprague
- 25 Pat Biery
Bradley Webber
- 26 Michael Grimes
- 29 Hollie Joanne Hughes
- 30 Stanley Bull

- 4 Steve & Cathy Hancock
- 6 Mark & Debra Ward
- 23 Bruce & Susan Gibson
- 25 Stephen & Julie Norris

In Our Prayers:

Our military, our nation & its leaders; persecuted Christians; people locally & nationally in need; victims of domestic violence; Carolyn Finkenbinder; Russell Lucas; Miriam Woodrow; Ted Murphy; Marjora Odenkirk; Rex & Betty Barnett; Shelley Abney (Niece/Kathy Deckard); Don Wallace; Jackie Ginther (Niece/Joy Schwartz); Mike Hanna; Stuart Hogue; Mike McGuire (Bro.-in-law/Jane Coleman); Richard Triplet; Betty Pfeiffer; Mae Whitlock; Seth Ratcliff; Steve Norris; Ethan Pfaltzgraff (Susan Clawson's relative); Joy Schwartz & Family; Eric Smeltzer (Bro/Jane Coleman); Ruth

Wettschurack; Gene Robinson (friend of Pat Perry) William Baker; Larry Vaughn (B/Judy Ryan); Julia Yost's family; Terry Lynn Pfeiffer; Regina Brummett (Co-Worker/Phyllis Hill); The family of Ronald Gard, Jr.; Elizabeth Bauer (friend of Richard Logan); family of Josephine Sanders.



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Worship Schedule

Continental Breakfast
Fellowship 8:30am
Sunday School for all ages 9:00am
Continental Breakfast
Fellowship 10:00am
Worship 10:30 am
