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* * SESSION NOTES * *

Your Session met on Tuesday evening July 19, 2011 in a Joint meeting with the Board of Deacons, and during the meeting the Elders:

- Approved the work of the Deacons and thanked them for all their good works
- Reported the death of Rita Hicks on July 16
- Learned that Rev. Comstock will teach an adult class using copies of Presbyterian Today Supplements (What Presbyterians Believe) as texts
- Learned that the PNC continues to work hard, having received 190 PIFs to-date
- Approved a job description for the new Finance Committee, uniting the former Budget and Stewardship committees
- Learned that the Dayton Town Council has approved placing signs for our church at the edges of the Dayton corporate limits
- Heard that there exists a desperate need for our church families to house members of the Japanese Bell Choir, which performs at Bethany Church on August 10

Michael E. Grimes,

Dave's Deliberations...

Friends, As I write this, Rita Hick's memorial service is just a few days ago and I am still feeling the warm glow of that hour together. As we praised God and told stories of our lives with Rita the laughter rippled back and forth across the sanctuary and the tears flowed freely down our cheeks. Sorrow and celebration mixed freely and naturally in ways that were healing and strengthening and life giving. That reality was profoundly true and absolutely "counter-intuitive". Our common assumption and expectation is that grief and joy are polar opposites. Where grief exists, we assume, joy is absent. Where joy is advancing, grief must be retreating. But that wasn't the reality at Rita's memorial service. There, the grief of losing Rita and the joy of having had her in the first place were both in attendance and were dancing with each other (and with us) in a way that enabled us all to breathe deeply of the love of God and the goodness of life. We were nourished, refreshed, and healed. I make mention of this experience because of something else that happened last week. The Session fired me!! Well... not exactly fired I guess. The Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) reported to Session that they thought they were within 90 days of having a new Pastor for Memorial Presbyterian Church and the Session voted to give me the formal 90 day notice that my contract with them requires. I was surprised at the way that joy and grief danced within me as we took that formal action. We have shared a lot of laughter and a lot of tears and done some good work together in the last 14 months and I am going to miss the lot of you very much when the time comes to say "good-bye". On the other hand, getting ready to call a new pastor and beginning a new chapter in the life of this vibrant and loving congregation is what those 14 months were all about and the moment is drawing near!

All I'm saying is that the next couple of months will contain both joy and sorrow - endings and new beginnings - and there is absolutely no reason that those two emotions can't occupy the same space. I will be feeling both sadness at leaving a group of folks I have come to love and respect deeply as well as eagerness (and, yes, some anxiety) to see what God has

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Thanks to all who helped in any way with our Food Pantry this past month. Special thanks to Patricia Perry, Jack Carson & Ron Kelley for being in the pantry on Friday mornings.

We really need more volunteers on Fridays—9am to 11am. Sign up sheet is in the parlor.

We are running low on Brown paper bags from Marsh and Payless. We would appreciate any you can spare.

Thanks,
Food Pantry Committee
Carol Frantz



Thank you for helping me accomplish my Eagle Project! Thanks to your donations, I was able to exceed my goals for items to collect.

Shoes: Goal - 200 pr, Collected - 211 pr

These items were sent to an organization called “Kiducation”.

Nonperishable goods: Goal -350 pieces; Collected - 365. These items were sent to the Dayton Food Pantry hosted by my church, Memorial Presbyterian Church in Dayton.

Zachary Sprague

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

Kid’s Closet



A huge “Thank you” to all of our volunteers during the month of July. We were able to help 32 families, 122 children in June.

We continue to accept new or gently used donations of children’s clothing, sizes newborn through teen sizes and maternity wear.

If you are interested in taking part in this exciting mission, please call Julie Boles at 765-296-3163.

God bless,

Kid’s Closet Committee

Important Dates:

Sort: Monday, August 8: 10 am to Noon

6 pm to 8 pm

Distribution & Sort: Saturday, August 27,

9:00 am to Noon

Dear Church Family:

Thank you very much for the graduation gift. I’m sure this book will come in handy when I am away at college. I appreciate all of the support from the church family over the years. Thanks again.



Mark DeGolyer



With



DINE WITH NINE (or more)!

Time is going fast! Have you signed up for our favorite event – DINE WITH NINE! There is a sheet to sign up in the parlor. Our kick-up date is Sept. 11 – after church – and it will be here before you know it. Meet new friends, renew friendships, and share with our church family.

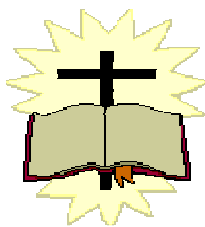
There will be several groups, some for children, some for teenagers, and we may all mingle together.

You can go out to dinner, have carry-ins at homes, out for ice cream, or a wiener roast – the decision is all up to

your group.

Don’t delay, sign up today.

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/>.

	First* reading and Psalm	Alternate* First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
<u>Proper 14 (19)</u> Eighth Sunday after Pentecost August 7, 2011	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b	1 Kings 19:9-18 Psalm 85:8-13	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33
<u>Proper 15 (20)</u> Ninth Sunday after Pentecost August 14, 2011	Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Psalm 67	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28
<u>Proper 16 (21)</u> Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 21, 2011	Exodus 1:8-2:10 Psalm 124	Isaiah 51:1-6 Psalm 138	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20
<u>Proper 17 (22)</u> Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 28, 2011	Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b	Jeremiah 15:15-21 Psalm 26:1-8	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28

CEMETERY WALK 2011 SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF EVENT

SEPTEMBER 18 one week after Sunday School actually starts on September 11)

How did our church library start in 1836? Whose name is on our building's cornerstone? What was the greatest railroad disaster in U.S. HISTORY? Who was elected Chorister For Life by the congregation? Who from our church fought in the civil war battle of Kennesaw Mt.? Find the answers to these and other questions and meet Presbyterians from our past during our Cemetery Walk, held during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, September 18, at the Dayton Cemetery (formerly the Bush Burial Grounds). Members of our congregation will portray persons who participated in the early years of our church and our community. Please don't miss this informative and historic event.

Your Christian Education Committee

Greetings from your CE Committee: HELP! HELP!

We are planning for our regular Sunday School Classes for fall and we are needing some help. Our teachers are coming back but would like to share teaching responsibilities with someone. Our elementary class and high school classes did this last year and it worked out really well. This year we are dividing our elementary class because of higher numbers again and this is good. Last year Betsy Wagner and Suzanne Fogarty shared teaching time with the elementary class and they are each taking part of the class. PK through 2nd grade will be with Suzanne and 3rd through 5th will be with Betsy. They and Jon Grimes with Jr. High would all three like to share their teaching responsibilities with someone. Each set of teachers will set up their own teaching schedule between them. We feel this makes it easier for everyone. Please prayerfully consider helping us out. You can contact Lois Campbell, Kathy Deckard or anyone on the committee. We feel like this is such an important part of learning about the Bible and our faith for our children.

Yours in Christ, Your CE Committee

Stewardship Committee Needs Your Support

In the summer months, it is easy to focus on the warm days and fun times spent with family and friends. As the summer rushes by, it is also easy to forget those in need. This summer, the Stewardship Committee is asking you not to forget the missions and church you support. We need your ongoing financial support to continue our efforts.

Our church missions have grown substantially over the past decade. The Kid's Closet has moved from providing jackets during the winter to providing clothing for all four seasons, school supplies and helping out at least 30 families and 100 children every distribution. The local Presbyterian churches are about to begin another house build with Habitat for Humanity – one of over 200 built in this area. As the recession continues, the demand for these missions have grown while outside funding slowly dries up.

Our small church has provided services that larger churches barely get off the ground. Our monetary support for numerous local organizations, the time given by volunteers from our congregation and the talents shared with our community help to provide food, shelter and clothing to those in need. We can continue to provide as you make available your time, talent and financial resources. Please help us as we strive to help our community. Do what you can to stay current with your pledge and maybe even consider paying ahead if you are able!

Thank you, Matthew Campbell, Deacon, Finance Committee

Continental Breakfast Servers

The Continental Breakfast is a very popular time on Sunday mornings for food, fellowship & friendship. We need servers for September, October & December of this year. Church funds are available to provide doughnuts, coffee, fruit, etc. but volunteers need to sign up. The duties are posted in the kitchenette section of the Library. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Parlor. Would you please consider helping out for one of these months, or sometime in 2012? Please sign up when you can help.

(Deliberations: Continued from Page 1) in store for me next. You will probably be feeling sad (most of you anyway ;)) at the prospect of my leaving, but also anticipation and excitement about what your new pastor will bring to you. That is all as it should be. As always, God's presence in our midst will sanctify all of our mixed feelings and allow them to dance together for His Glory.

God is good!

Pastor Dave

SCHOOLS SUPPLIES NEEDED

We are still accepting school supplies during the month of August that will be given to help Kids Closet children.

- crayons, paints, pens & pencils
- Backpacks
- Rulers
- Erasers
- glue & glue sticks
- Notebook / filler paper
- folders & binders
- Kleenex
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Items will be distributed at the August 31st Kids Closet to help the parents in our community with back to school expenses.

Congratulations to Susie Yost.....

She has a new great-grandson! Allister Flynn Vandehey was born on 7-5-11 to Christine & Marc Vandehey. He weighed 9 pounds and 6 oz. God's blessings to all.



Again this year, the Worship Committee has arranged for individuals who will provide special music during our summer worship services.

In August we have:

- 8-7 ????
- 8-14 Gabby Basden
- 8-21 Molly Wagner
- 8-28 Abby Wagner

Sept. 4 Mike Grimes

11 ?????



August Breakfast Hosts:

Cathy & Steve Hancock

August Deacons:

Bailey Rosa, Capt. & Comm. Prep
Dave Coleman

August Elders :

Marilyn Yoder, Comm. Prep.:
Ron Kelley, Devotions

AN ADDITIONAL THANK YOU FOR VBS HELP

If you enjoyed the homemade goodness of the treat after the VBS program on Friday, June 24th, be sure to thank these ladies:

Hillary Basden, Peggy Fields,
Amber Holsclaw, Sarah Norris,
Patricia Perry, Joy Schwartz,
Margaret Grimes & Mary Terry



LOOKING AHEAD

Have you ever thought about your singing voice? It is truly 'optional' for the following ad:

WANTED: Choir members -
whereabouts unknown

LAST SEEN: Hiding out in the congregation

DESCRIPTION: Male & female, young & old, musical & cheerful, may be armed and desperate for a robe

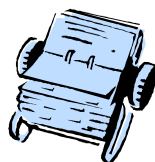
REWARD: "Give and you shall receive"

SURRENDER TO: Your friendly choir
director known as Peggy Fields

SINGING VOICE: Optional

First practice will be September 15th @ 7 pm.

We will not sing until September 18th.



E-mail Address Changes:

Wes Shaw: swale1@frontier.com

Jeff Bush: kokopelliconst@aol.com

Matthew Campbell: mjsoupcampbell@gmail.com

Lois Campbell: lmcapbell2001@yahoo.com

Ron & Ivamarie Kelley: roniva Kelley@yahoo.com

AND:

Mae Whitlock—Mulberry Health & Retirement,
502 W. Jackson, #207A, Mulberry, IN 46058

Dear Church Family:

Many of you have noticed that Denny and I have not attended Memorial Presbyterian Church of Dayton lately. Not attending Dayton Memorial has been one of the toughest things we have had to do in quite awhile. As many of you know, we have been commuting from an hour away for over four years now nearly every Sunday, and it was worth it! MPC of Dayton is a treasured gem.

However, with us living so far away, we cannot fully serve God as we feel we should. We can no longer be active contributing members; serve on committees, fulfill duties as deacons or elders, or nurture the body of Christ in the Dayton/Lafayette area. As Paul said, "So faith by itself if it has no works, is dead." James 2:17 (NRSV). So, difficult as it is, we feel compelled to search for a church closer to home.

Thank you for all you have shared of yourselves through the years. You have loved and supported us so very much. We cherish you and will come back to visit from time to time. Please know that if you are in the Carmel/Indy area, you are welcome in our home.

May God continue to abundantly bless this beloved church and each of you!

With love, Kay & Denny



Coat drive is coming up..... Start looking, please.



4- H Results

Mark Degolyer: Reserve Champion Duroc Barrow; Reserve Champion Div. 2 Crossbred Barrow; Champion Senior Swine Showman; Grand Campion Swine Showman; Swine Achievement Award Winner; Supreme Showmanship Contest Champion; 10 year 4-H member Award. Mark will also compete at the Indiana State Fair.

Sarah Campbell: Foods - Blue Star; Sewing - Champion and State Fair Entry; Soil and Water Conservation - Blue; Woodworking - Champion and State Fair Entry. Sarah's horse won the following; a third in halter and a fourth in Showmanship.

Matthew Campbell: Foods - Blue Star; Woodworking - Champion; Soil and Water Conservation - Champion and State Fair Entry; Entomology - Champion and State Fair Entry.

Glee Hand bell Choir from Japan

August 10th @ 7:00 pm @ Bethany Presbyterian Church

Needed: 7 homes for the girls (2 each) & 1 - 2 for the boys
We just found out that we also need an additional home
or two for 2 female teachers along with the 3 male teachers.

So far we only have 2 homes that were offered to help us.

Memorial Presbyterian Church with the Bethany Presbyterian Church is co-sponsoring the Glee Hand bell Choir from Tokyo, Japan. They are currently on tour this summer in the United States. This is part of the Open Door International Friendship Program. The High School is a private Christian school founded by the Presbyterian and Reformed church missionaries more than 100 years ago. There will be a free will offering that night.

They will be here about 36 hours on August 9 & 10 with them leaving on Thursday morning. 14 girls, 3 boys & 3 male teachers need your hospitality. **PLEASE** If you are able to help or have any questions, call the church office (296-3199) or Ron Kelley (296-4613).



Our Church Family

AUGUST

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 2 Adina Hicks
- 3 Brian Sprague
- 4 Jane Reichart
- 5 Bruce Gibson
- 8 Clara Boles
Rick Ryan
Susan Yost
- 9 Henry Ray Hicks
- 10 Michael DeGolyer
- 14 Michael Harris
- 15 Gabby Basden
- 15 Barry Bretz
Bob Hill
- 16 Paul Houser
- 18 Jane Holladay

- 19 Ron Kelley
- 21 Kent Biery
- 22 Jon Grimes
Gary Hicks
Tom Hicks
Margaret Jo Yoder
- 23 Scott Alkire
- 25 Kay Dexter
- 27 Ron Reichart
- 28 Jon Petrie
Melissa Pogue
- 31 Nancy Brand
James Gibson
Claire Thompson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



- 9 Julie & Tracy Rosa
Patty & Ray Hicks
- 17 Jill & Mike Edwards
- 19 Beth & Dick Barger
- 20 Jessica & Jeff Bush
Shawna & David Kersten
- 23 Susan & Robert Yost
- 25 Cheryl & Dana Richard
- 30 Kathy & Wes Shaw



Our Military, our nation & it's leaders; persecuted Christians, people locally & nationally in need, Victims of Domestic Violence; Carolyn Finkenbinder; Julia Yost; Russell Lucas; Miriam Woodrow; Ted Murphy; Marjora Odenkirk; Rex & Betty Barnett; Shelley Abney (Niece/Kathy Deckard); Bill & Dorothy Wolf (Grpts/Patricia Perry); Don Wallace; Jackie Ginther (Niece/Joy Schwartz); Kate Martin (Niece/Joy Schwartz); Bill Gibson; Isabelle Kelley (GrD of Ron &

Ivamarie Kelley); John Webber (F/Rand Webber); Leigh Liggett; John & Roberta Kealey (S & B-in-L of Ivamarie Kelley); Mike Hanna; Stuart Hogue; Jacqui Muez (Mary Terry's Granddaughter); Mike McGuire (Brother-in-law / Jane Coleman); Richard Triplet; Steve & Lori Pfaeler family; Betty Pfeiffer; Bill Gibson; Ron Gard Jr.; Family of Byron Miller; (Rick Ryan's Brother); Family of Rita Hicks; Jeanette Gibson; Elizabeth Bauer (F of Richard Logan); Mae Whitlock;

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Worship Schedule

Summer Schedule

Continental Breakfast

9:00 am

Summer Sunday School for

all ages 9:30am

Continental Breakfast

Fellowship 10:00 am

Worship 10:30 am

