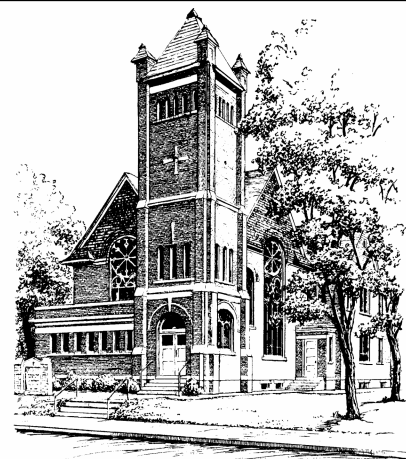


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SEPTEMBER, 2011

SESSION NOTES

Your Session met on Tuesday evening August 16, 2011, and during the meeting the Elders:

- Reported the marriage of Ryan Gard & Carolyn Lane on 8/11 at Memorial Church
 - Reported the marriage of Joseph Grimes and Heather O'Hair on 8/13 at Sherwood Christian Church in Greencastle
 - Reported the death of Bill Gibson on August 7 at IU Health Arnett Hospital
 - Learned that the PNC continues to work hard, having received 210 PIFs to-date
 - Approved a new job description for the Fellowship Committee
 - Approved Joe Pease and Deb Ward becoming Co-Sunday School Teachers
- Heard that the Japanese Bell Choir Concert, held at Bethany Church on August 10, was a tremendous success from the time the participants arrived at our church until they boarded their bus, bound for Michigan

Michael E. Grimes,
Clerk of Session

Dave's Deliberations...

Friends:

At last night's Session meeting, the Session of Memorial Presbyterian Church received the report of the pastoral nominating committee and called a special meeting of the congregation to act on that report. The Reverend Justin Schlesinger-Devlin has been nominated to fill the position of Pastor and will preach and lead morning worship on Sunday, September 18th. Following the service, the congregation will meet to vote whether or not to elect Rev. Schlesinger-Devlin as your pastor.

This is final step in a long process and the culmination of a lot of hard work on the part of the pastoral nominating committee (PNC). It is also the beginning of a new chapter in the life of Memorial Presbyterian Church in Dayton. Justin will bring a new set of skills, insights, and ideas to this congregation and as a result you will have an opportunity to learn and grow in new directions. We took a considerable amount of time to discern the areas of your life as a congregation where you particularly needed direction and leadership as well as where you have particular strengths and potential.

My prayer for you, as your interim pastor, is that you will allow yourselves to learn from and to be led by Justin. The Holy Spirit has led Justin, with all of his skills, insights, and ideas, to you so that this can happen. However, the Holy Spirit has also brought Justin here, equipped with places where HE needs to grow, gaps of his own that need to be filled, blind spots that need to be watched. These are just as much gifts of the Spirit for this new chapter in your life as his gifts and talents are. In a healthy and vital pastoral relationship, the pastor's strengths fill in where the congregation has a weakness and the congregation's strengths fill the gap where the pastor has a deficit. Over the months and years ahead you will both discover together where those strengths and weaknesses lie. Just remember that it is the Holy Spirit that has brought you together and it is for God's glory and service that the Spirit has done so.

I know Justin and am familiar with his work because he is the pastor that followed my work in Marion. He is a capable and loving Pastor. I know you all from our 15 months in ministry together. You are a faithful, healthy, capable congregation with many skills for ministry. I know that God has great things in store in this next chapter of your lives together.

God is good!

Pastor Dave

FOOD PANTRY

Thank you so very much to all those who helped in the Food Pantry last month. If you haven't helped before, it is a great blessing. Sign up in the parlor for a Friday morning soon.



From 7-29 to 8-19 we served 29 families for a total of 121 people. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Paper products & laundry soap are not available with food stamps so we can always use them.

God bless you.

Food Pantry Committee

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 20 families, over 75 children.

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 of this exciting mission, please call Julie.

God Bless,

Kid's Closet Committee

Important Dates:

Monday., Sept. 12: Sort: 10 am - Noon & 6 - 8 pm

Saturday, Sept. 24: Distribution & Sort 9 am - Noon

E-Mail address changes:

Lois Campbell lmcampbell2001@yahoo.com

Ron Kelley ronivakelley58@yahoo.com

If there is a change in your address, phone or e-mail address, please let us know so it will be correct in our church directory.



The family of Jeanette Gibson in the loss of her husband, Bill and also her sister, Mary Bol

Leigh Liggett and the family of Rita Hicks in their loss of Rita.

Joy Schwartz in the loss of her sister in-law, Dee Rohler.

Congratulations !!

Ryan Gard & Carolyn Lane who were married on August 11th.

Joseph Grimes & Heather O' Hair who were married on August 13th



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It is not too late to sign up for Dine With Nine. It is called 'with nine' for a reason! If you are by yourself or perhaps your spouse can't or doesn't want to come just come by yourself! You won't be alone, but will have a church family. Your group will decide if you want to eat out or eat in someone's home; if you want to meet in the daytime (after church) or in the evening.

When we have our Kick-off on September 11th, after church, groups will be formed. I suggest that everyone bring their datebook to help schedule your dates for the coming months. Remember you can bring your kids (a young group may be formed) or maybe you want a date night without them. Don't forget, most of all, this is for fun and enjoyment with all our fellowship at Memorial Presbyterian Church. Call Harriett Berry or the church office with any questions.

Staying in the *Word* Together – September 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/>.

	First* reading and Psalm	Alternate* First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
<u>Proper 18 (23)</u> Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost September 4, 11	Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149	Ezekiel 33:7-11 Psalm 119:33-40	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
<u>Proper 19 (24)</u> Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 11, 11	Exodus 14:19-31 Psalm 114 <i>or</i> Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21	Genesis 50:15-21 Psalm 103: (1-7), 8-13	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
<u>Proper 20 (25)</u> Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 18, 11	Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45	Jonah 3:10-4:11 Psalm 145:1-8	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16
<u>Proper 21 (26)</u> Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 25, 11	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-9	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32



DPW Meeting

The next meeting of the Dayton Presbyterian Women will be on Wednesday, September 14, at 7pm in the church parlor. This is our first meeting after the summer break, so we will have a lot to talk about.

MORE 4-H RESULTS

Hannah & Clara Boles both received blue ribbons on their photography projects and for their horses. Clara got a 2nd place in halter class and 5th in gaited pleasure class and Hannah got 4th in gaited pleasure class.

Congratulations to all 4-Hers!

Called Congregational Meeting – Sunday, September 18, 2011

Public Reception – Saturday, September 17, 2011 – 2:00-4:00 pm

The Session has called a congregational meeting for the purpose of approving a call to Reverend Justin L. Schlesinger-Devlin to become pastor at Memorial Presbyterian Church. An open house will be held on Saturday, September 17 from 2:00-4:00 pm at the church. Rev. Justin will be leading worship on Sunday, September 18 at 10:30 am. The congregational meeting will be held immediately after the service.

Meet Our Candidate:

Reverend Justin L. Schlesinger-Devlin

Reverend Justin L. Schlesinger-Devlin, MSW

Justin has most recently finished serving as the pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Marion, Indiana. He has served them as their pastor from June of 2008 until August 2011. Prior to answering the call to serve WPC, Justin was the pastor of John Calvin Presbyterian Church in Apache Junction, Arizona from June 2003 until June 2008. Justin's first call was at United Presbyterian Church in Trinidad, Colorado, where he served from June 2001 until June 2003. Justin has served as a member of the Evangelism and Church Development Committees of Pueblo Presbytery in Colorado and Grand Canyon Presbytery in Arizona, and was a member of the Sexual Misconduct Team of Whitewater Valley Presbytery. In the community Justin has served as a member of the ethics advisory board of Mt. San Rafael Hospital in Trinidad Colorado, as a board member of CAAFA (Community Alliance Against Family Abuse) in Pinal County, Arizona, and while in Marion, Indiana was a member and chaplain of Rotary, a board member of FSS Inc. (Family Service Society, Inc.) and was a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) in Grant County, Indiana.



Justin earned his BA in Visual Arts from Antioch College in 1995, his M. Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2000, and a MSW from Rutgers University in 2001. Justin is currently beginning his final doctoral project as he works to complete a D.Min. in Pastoral Theology from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Justin has been married to his wife Elizabeth for fifteen years, whom he met while they were students at Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio. Elizabeth has recently finished her Ed.D. and accepted a position as the Director of the Early Childhood programs at Purdue University, which prompted their recent move to West Lafayette. They have two children, Delaney who is eleven and Zechariah who is eight.



MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH: Back to school time means back to youth group fun! We have several BIG events coming up so mark your calendars and join us for a good time praising God and serving our Lord! Sunday, September 11, join us for Sunday School kick-off! This year the senior high will be joining the adult class for the first few weeks as we explore “What It Means To Be Presbyterian.” Rev. Dave is leading this class and it should be a very interesting journey into our faith! We will have Evening Praise Worship from 6:00 to 7:30p.m on Sunday, September 11th. Sunday, September 18th we will be collecting money for the Hunger Hike. After worship we will grab a quick lunch and then head off to downtown Lafayette to join other walkers in the fight against hunger. Please start collecting now and remember all donations come right back here to our very own Dayton Food Pantry! Sunday, September 25, October 9, and October 23, we will have Evening Praise Worship...bring a friend and come hungry! If you are interested in providing a meal for one of our Evening Praise Services there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside Pastor Dave’s office. **BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND:** The Memorial Presbyterian Youth Group **LOCK-IN!!!!** That’s right, join us for an overnight adventure right here in our own back yard... literally! We have lots of fun and exciting things planned for this year’s lock-in including a trip to the corn maze! So write it down and make plans to join us on Saturday, October 29 at 12:00 pm here at the church. More details will be coming soon! Adults...if you have ever wanted to see what the youth group is all about we are looking for a few good men (and women) to help serve during the lock-in. There are multiple jobs and tasks available. So if you dare to join us see Hillary for a list of needed supplies and jobs to fill. Thanks so much for your unconditional support!

Hillary

**WEDNESDAY’S BROWN BAG LUNCH
BIBLE STUDY**

The Wednesday Bible Study will again be meeting at Noon in the Board Room. You can bring your lunch and enjoy good company and fellowship and learn from God’s Word.

If you have not come before, you are welcome to join us.. We are studying Romans and will start at Chapter 11. Ron



SIGN UP NOW



Have you ever thought about your singing voice? Now is the time to join our excellent choir & make it even better!

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 @ 7pm.

September Deacons September Elders

Julie Rosa, Capt. & Comm. Preparation	David Grimes, Comm. Preparation
Matthew Campbell	Ron Miller, Devotions

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

Our Church Family

SEPTEMBER



- 1 Eric Shaw
- 2 Mary M. Sugar
- 3 Esther Miller
- 4 Kyle Biery
- 5 Bill Edwards
Troy Senasec
- 6 Adam Gibson
- 7 Kameron Little
- 8 Tim Fitzgerald
- 9 Molly Daniels
- 13 Matthew
Campbell
- 15 Carole Kemmer
Tammy Webber

- 16 John Brand
Jennifer Tilley
- 17 Tracey Harris
- 21 Max Biery
- 25 Julie Yost
- 26 Taylor Fogarty
- 27 Adam Franklin
- 29 Jean Downham
Don Schwartz

October

- 1 David A. Coleman
Megan Earhart
Jessica Bush



- 4 Hillary & Scott Basden
- 6 Jennifer & Jim Murray
- 9 Ivamarie & Ron Kelley
- 10 Marsha & Max Biery
- 17 Betsy & Rob Wagner
- 19 Kim & Kelly Little
- 22 Mary & Paul Houser
- 22 Jane & Dave Coleman
Tammy & Randy Webber

October

- 1 Jon & Mike Grimes
- 3 Carole & Kurtis Kemmer



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); Don Wallace; Jackie Ginther (Niece/Joy Schwartz); Kate Martin (Niece/Joy Schwartz); John Webber (F/Rand Webber); Leigh Liggett; Mike Hanna; Stuart Hogue; Jacqui Muez (Mary Terry's Granddaughter); Mike McGuire (Brother-in-law / Jane Coleman); Richard Triplet; Betty Pfeiffer; Ron Gard Jr.; Mae Whitlock; Family of Rita Hicks; Seth Ratcliff; Steve Norris; Jeanette Gibson & Family; Ethan Pfaltzgraff (Susan Clawson's relative); Joy Schwartz Family; Jean Downham;

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Worship Schedule

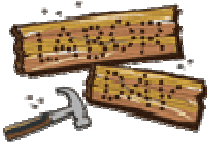
Continental Breakfast

Fellowship **8:30am**

Sunday School for all ages **9:00am**

Continental Breakfast **10:00am**

Worship **10:30 am**



**Thank You, Lord for all those who labor to help us...
Teachers, Police, Doctors, Nurses, Military People,
Accountants, Lawyers, Ministers, Electricians,
Secretaries, Contractors, Cooks, Plumbers, Farmers,
Technical Workers, Musicians, Receptionists, Waiters,
Waitresses, Factory Workers, etc., etc.**

