Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say I am?”

They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life.”

“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “God’s Messiah.”

Luke 9:18-20

Have you ever been told that you look like someone else? I’m sure most people have had this experience, but recently this has been happening to me over and over again!

At the place we get our minivan serviced, I was told by a serviceman that I was the spitting image of their best friend who died. This summer I was mistaken for another random stranger while shopping at a store with my family in Disney World. One evening I was stopped in the parking lot on my way into Hobby Lobby by a couple who just had to let me know how much I resembled the actor Philip Seymour Hoffman. And I’ve lost count how many times I’ve been told how much I look like Guy Fieri!

I actually don’t mind being told that I bear a striking resemblance to famous celebrity or someone’s friend, although I do kinda prefer the person I supposedly look like to still be alive! I wonder if this is sort of how Jesus felt when he heard how so many people thought he was the recently beheaded John the Baptist or a long since dead prophet, or Elijah, who at least “went up to heaven in a whirlwind” while still alive! (2 Kings 2:11)

It really doesn’t matter what other people say regarding what or who I look like, who they think I am, or even assumptions they may make about the kind of person they believe me to be. God knows who I am because, “…the Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” (1 Samuel 16:7) That being said, I would hope that those who know me, those who are the closest to me, would be able to confidently tell others that I’m a caring and loving person, who may not be a slave to fashion, but is very much a servant of Jesus Christ!

There is a difference between what strangers say about us verses who our nearest and dearest know us to be. Nevertheless, our calling as people who have faith in Christ and walk in the Way of Jesus is to bear a noticeable and open witness to the love of God in the world, for just as the song based on John 13:35 declares, “They will know we are Christian by our love.”

William Shakespeare wrote in Romeo and Juliet, “A rose by any other name would smell as sweet.” by which he meant that no matter what you may name something, or mistakenly think someone’s name is, it won’t change the essence of that thing, or the actual character of that person. To that end, maybe one day someone will come away from meeting me for the first time with the surprise “discovery” that they didn’t know that Guy Fieri was a Presbyterian pastor!

Blessings,

Pastor Justin
Your Session met on Tuesday evening, August 18, 2015, and during the meeting the Elders:

- Learned that the north side of the bell tower will require some tuck pointing soon, and that the limestone plates on the sides of the building have been cleaned
- Approved a request from the Dayton Mothers Club to use our facility for their annual Christmas Dinner
- Heard a report on the service visit from the Wickes Organ Company, and learned that our pianos will soon be tuned
- Approved a request from the Cub Scouts to meet on Wednesday evenings from September through May
- Approved using the book *God is not One* by Stephen Prothero as curriculum for the Adult Sunday School Class
- Heard a report from the Scholarship Committee that Molly Bull, Caitlinn Lineback, and Emily Mundell were presented with church scholarships for the fall semester

Michael E. Grimes, Clerk of Session

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**Thank you to:**

* Steve & Cathy Hancook for providing for the music in memory of Jack Hancook and Margie & Conrad Calmer for the Sunday, August 2nd, worship service.

* The Schlesinger-Devlin family for providing for the music in memory of Mary Kay Devlin for the Sunday, August 16th, worship service.

*Cathy Bowlin for providing for the music in memory of Marcus & Helen Thompson and brother Don Thompson, for the Sunday, August 30th worship service.

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It is a wonderful blessing that we have people willing to share their special musical talents with us during our summer worship. Thank you all for brightening our Sunday morning. The Worship and Music committee thanks the following special people: Joy Schwartz, Zechariah Schlesinger-Devlin, Delaney Schlesinger-Devlin, Elena Escudero, Tori Rosa, Emily Mundell, Cindy Stanford, Amanda Overmyer, Dave Grimes, Julie Grimes, Julie Rosa and our VBS kids and teachers.
September 13, 2015! In addition to a pitch-in breakfast, classroom visits and live music, all beginning at 9 am (!), our Annual Sunday School Kick of will include a visit with Purdue Athletics Chaplain Marty Dittmar, who is also the director of Purdue’s chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Chaplain Dittmar will be accompanied by several Purdue FCA students and student athletes as well!

Come and visit with our special guests during the 9 am Kick Off hour, and stay and hear about the ministry of FCA and testimonials from the FCA students and student athletes during worship!

Memorial Presbyterian Church
Adult Sunday School
Autumn 2015

God Is Not One: The Eight Rival Religions That Run the World
and Why Their Differences Matter
by Stephen Prothero

In God is Not One: The Eight Rival Religions That Run the World, New York Times bestselling author of Religious Literacy and religion scholar Stephen Prothero argues that persistent attempts to portray all religions as different paths to the same God overlook the distinct problem that each tradition seeks to solve.

This fall the Adult Sunday School class will delve into the different problems that Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, Judaism, Confucianism, Yoruba Religion, Daoism and Atheism seek to solve in different ways. As we learn more about other religions, our understanding and appreciation of our own grows!

September 20 Introduction
September 27 Islam: The Way of Submission
October 4 Christianity: The Way of Salvation
October 11 Confucianism: The Way of Propriety
October 18 Hinduism: The Way of Devotion
October 25 Buddhism: The Way of Awakening
November 1 Yoruba Religion: The Way of Connection
November 8 Judaism: The Way of Exile and Return
November 15 Daoism: The Way of Flourishing
November 22 A Brief Coda on Atheism: The Way of Reason

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MISSION COMMITTEE:

Blanket Sunday will be September 13, 2015

When trauma strikes, warm blankets are important both physically and spiritually. Our congregation has supported this mission for many years. We will collect an offering for Church World Service Blanket Sunday on September 13, 2015. That is the first Sunday for Change for Change, so monies collected in the buckets will go toward the Blanket Sunday collection this year.

Food Pantry Fridays 9-11

Thanks to new volunteers Steve Hancook, Nancy Brand, Don and Joy Schwartz. We are thankful for this “new blood,” but we can always use more. Faithful workers include Carol Frantz, Paul Houser, Karen Summers, and Linda Miller.

To volunteer, sign up in the parlor, call the church office (296-3199), or see Paul or Carol.

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

People have been very helpfully taking clothes home to sort. Thanks to all who have helped with this. Nevertheless, Kids Closet always needs more volunteers to help sort. The next micro-mission sort will be on September 20th. Come at 9 AM for donuts and help with the sort. Distribution of school supplies went well in July, helped greatly by the contribution from VBS. Left over supplies were offered at the August 29 distribution. Come to the church basement anytime that morning to help.

September 20 Return to Egypt at Central Presbyterian

Central Presbyterian has invited us to their September 20 meeting with Rebecca, Joshua, and Owen. Dessert will be served at 6:30 PM with the program to begin shortly afterward. The event will take place in their education wing on 7th street in Lafayette.

Hunger Hike September 20

This year’s Hunger Hike is September 20. Our youth plan to walk, with donations going to fund the missions in Section 3 of our budget, especially the United Food Pantry. When the youth approach you for support, we hope you will give generously. This is the same day that the Kirkpatrick/Yoder family will be in Tippecanoe County.
Dates for Dayton participation (all Saturdays) include:

- September 12, wall raising, four volunteers
- September 26, lunch and four volunteers
- October 17, four volunteers to hang drywall
- November 12, paint baseboard and trim/doors, final cleaning

Watch for updates to this schedule, which will change as more plans are made.

Donations: Our church has given generously, but more help is needed. Place your donations in the offering plate (make your check made out to our church and mark it or the envelope clearly 2015 Tippecanoe Co Presbyterian Build), or mail to the Habitat office in Lafayette, again marked clearly 2015 Tippecanoe Co Presbyterian Build. The “Buy a Stud” box is in the parlor for another opportunity to give.

If you get a solicitation in the mail, check the return address; if it is the national office in Georgia, send your donation to the local office instead: Habitat for Humanity, 420 South First Street, Lafayette, IN 47905.

Susan Yost Clawson, Mission Committee Chair

**NEWS FROM SEED PLANTING/EVANGELISM COMMITTEE:**

**KICK-OFF FOR DINE WITH NINE:**  Our kick-off date for this year's Dine with Nine Groups will be Saturday, Sept. 26 from 4 - 7 p.m. at the home of Gene and Sally Smith. Our kick-off theme this year will be Italian! So we will be asking for volunteers for spaghetti, lasagna, fettuccini, etc. along with salads and desserts. There are many delicious meals out there in the Italian way, so get your cooking caps on! I know we will have a delicious meal when it is all put together -- of course, with a little Italian music!!! The sign-up sheet will be in the parlor for you to sign up. This time, you will have a choice: do you prefer homes to meet/eat or do you prefer going out to restaurants to eat or do you prefer a blend either homes or restaurants. Be sure to answer these questions on the sheet. We look forward to another great year of getting acquainted with your fellow congregation members. If you haven't joined before, why not this year??

**GOLDEN GIRLS:** We had our last trip last Friday when we visited the Klein Brot Haus in Brookston. It was good soups, salads, and sandwiches. With all the construction going on, it was the easiest place to get to, but it was so good! Thanks for all of you who went this summer and look forward to next year when we do it again.

**ZUMBA:** Want some exercise and good for your heart exercise -- Zumba may be the answer. Come check us out every Wednesday night at 6:15 p.m. Bring a friend and try it together.

Any questions, just give me a call. Harriett Berry 296-3156
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the 2015-2016 school year scholarship recipients:

- Emily Mundell is a 2013 graduate of McCutcheon High School. Emily is going into her third year attending Ball State University where she will pursue a degree in Social Work with a minor in Child Life Specialist. Her long term goal is to become an Elementary School Counselor. Emily shares her musical gifts with our Church with periodic vocal presentations.
- Molly Bull is a 2015 graduate of McCutcheon High School. Molly plans to study agriculture education at Purdue University. Molly is a current deacon and actively volunteers with our Church ministries including Kid’s Closet, VBS and Jubilee Christmas.
- Caitlinn Lineback is a 2015 graduate of McCutcheon High School. Caitlinn plans to attend Purdue University in the School of Pharmacy and pursue her goal of attaining her PharmD.

The Scholarship Fund was established as an outreach ministry in 2000 by an anonymous donor. Through that initial vision and through the generosity of several donors since its inception, the Scholarship Fund has been available to our youth for monetary support. In order to qualify for a scholarship, the applicant must meet as many of the following qualifications as possible:

- demonstrate a need for financial assistance
- be nominated by a member of the Dayton Memorial Presbyterian Church (does not have to be a member of the Dayton Memorial Presbyterian Church)
- have graduated from a local high school
- be enrolled in a four-year degree program

Note that the amount of the Scholarship Awards varies each year based on the availability of funds and the merits of each applicant.

To date this Fund has awarded $59,973 to Dayton Memorial recipients!!! What a blessing!

Congratulations to this year’s Scholarship recipients and best wishes to the educational endeavors of all of Dayton Memorial’s students!!!
WANTED: Choir Members

We know you are out there, hiding out in the congregation!

Male, female, young, old, musical and cheerful, singing voice is optional. Come join the choir for fun and fellowship! Our first practice will be Thursday, September 3 at 7:00 pm. If you have questions, contact Peggy Fields, Choir Director.

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IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS;
Our military, our nation & its leaders; persecuted Christians; people locally & nationally in need; victims of domestic violence; Carolyn Finkenbinder; Russell Lucas; Marjora Odenkirk; Jackie Ginther (Niece/J.Schwartz); Randy Smith, Monica Bretz; Andy Vasiento (father of Nicole Rosen); Kevin Konrad; Betty Pfeiffer; Jack Ferry (friend of D. & J. Schwartz); Richie Holmberg (nephew of Lynn & Judy Ryan); Margaret Stonecipher (friend of C. Stanford); Miriam Woodrow; Kathleen Smith (co-worker, K. Summers); Carol Bolander (daughter of L. Guenther); Mary Terry; Jill Plantenga (Vyse’s family friend); Terry Lynn Pfeiffer; Jane Yost; Bob & Susie Yost; Riley Crye (friend of the Boles family); Brent McKinney (friend of the Boles family); Kennedy Alkire; Jeff Westfall (brother of Gary Vyse;) Nancy Brand; Janet Clarkson (sister of Judy Ryan); Tyler Loschen (friend of DeGolyer family); Kevin Querry (friend of K. & C. Stanford); Doris Tegart, (sister of Bruce Gibson); Tammy Lineback; Pat Surgent (mother of B. & N. Edwards’ daughter-in-law). Carol McGill (daughter-in-law of D. & J. Schwartz); David Mundell (Great Uncle of E. Mundell); Jean Weber (aunt of N. Edwards); Shirley Maroska (Sally (Whitlock) Maroska’s mother-in-law); Stan Bull; Jon Grimes; Ron Miller; Kevin Lowery (grandson-in-law of Fauniel Gard); Ray Hicks; the family of Bill Clawson; Jim Wills (Susan Gibson’s brother-in-law).
Our Church Family

September ELDERS:  Debbie Ward, Communion  Julie Rosa, Devotions
August DEACONS:  Fred Reichart, Captain  Jane Reichart

September BIRTHDAYS

1  Eric Shaw  15  Carole Kemmer
2  Mary Margaret Sugar  15  Tammy Webber
3  Esther Miller  16  John Brand
5  Bill Edwards  17  Tracey Harris
6  Adam Gibson  21  Max Biery
6  Card Lane  26  Taylor Fogarty
7  Kameron Little  27  Adam Franklin
7  Cheryl Richard  29  Jean Downham
9  Molly Bull  29  Donald Schwartz
13  Matthew Campbell  30  Heather (Reid) Stene

Happy Anniversary

4  Scott & Hillary Basden
6  Jim & Jennifer Murray
17  Rob & Betsy Wagner
19  Kelly & Kim Little
22  Paul & Mary Houser
24  Jim & Helen Jackson
27  David & Jane Coleman
27  Randy & Tammy Webber

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THE ANNUAL SMORGASBORD AND BAZAAR
Saturday, November 7, 2015.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Dinner will be served 4:30 to 7:00 PM
Prices are $9.00-adults, $3.50-children 6-12,
Free for age 5 and under

Bazaar with craft and baked items, beginning at 3:00 PM

We are very excited to begin preparing for the Church Smorgasbord and Bazaar, a much anticipated annual family tradition here at Memorial Presbyterian Church!

This important fund raising project includes the entire church family, and it is a great way to get involved! Approximately 80 volunteers will be called upon to prepare and serve over 750 pounds of food, nearly half of which is donated by church members and friends.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?? Please check your calendar and send a completed volunteer form to the church office. We will need servers, hosts/hostesses, ticket sellers, youth for dining room help, set up and cleanup help and lots of food donations!!

In addition, donations of craft and baked items, candies, breads, garden items, etc. will be appreciated for the Bazaar. You may also phone or text Phyllis Hill @ 765-412-1996 or send an email to hiphy8@gmail.com, to let us know how you can help this year.

Volunteer sheets are available at Church.

We want to thank everyone in advance for your help and donations.
Stewardship Committee News

“The Giving Tree” Stewardship Campaign

This year’s Stewardship Campaign will be “The Giving Tree” – based on the book by Shel Silverstein and 1 Peter 3:9 “Respond with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing.” (NRSV)

The focus is on GROWING people who give generously as we respond with gratitude for the IMMEASURABLE blessings God pours into our lives! Specifically we will explore several areas of opportunity for growth:

- Growing our Blessings
- Growing our Gratitude
- Growing our Giving

We are blessed to be a blessing!!!

In the middle of October you will receive a survey/inventory where you may provide input about the ministry and programs of Memorial Presbyterian Church as well as share what particular gifts and talents you have which you might be able to use to support these ministry and programs. There will also be an Estimate of Giving card included which is where you will have the opportunity to share how you would enjoy supporting the ministry of Jesus Christ through our church in the coming year. We will consecrate these commitments in the worship service on Celebration Sunday which is scheduled to be November 8, 2015.

*The real meaning of life does not come from getting things but from giving something.*

God’s Blessings,
Cathy Hancook,
Chair of Stewardship Committee
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**Sunday Summer Schedule**
9:45 am Continental Breakfast
10:30 am Worship

**Sunday Fall/Winter Schedule**
*Beginning September 20, 2015*
8:30 am Continental Breakfast
9:00 am Sunday School for All Ages
10:00 am Continental Breakfast
10:30 am Worship

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**Sunday School Kick-off/Tip-off!**
Sunday, September 13, 2015
9:00 am
Come join the fun!