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CHURCH OFFICERS

ELDERS

Mary Kwantes (2012)
Dixie Finley (2012)
Bob May (2012)
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Britt Whitaker (2014)

DEACONS

Karen Hudson (2012)
Pat Joslin (2012)
Judy Fox (2012)
Carol Jennings (2013)

Jay Turner (2013)
Carrie Aswegan (2014)

Cheryl Koederitz (2014)
Pat Look (2014)
Wendy Wilbanks (2014)

TRUSTEES

Chuck Bennett (2012)
Ward Merrell (2012)
Frank Jessop (2014)
Robert Anderson (2014)

Rhonda Kimball (2014)
Ken Kwantes (2014)

Cynthia Hobart – Clerk of Session

Nursery Needs

The nursery is in need of donations for the children including construction paper, glue sticks, markers, paper plates, and other craft materials. Any donations can be taken to the nursery or left in the church office.



World Food Court

There is a sign-up sheet for World Food Court, which we will have on World Communion Day Sunday, October 7th. Please select a country or ethnic cuisine to bring so we can try to have a variety. The time for the meal is 5:30 PM. Come and enjoy Christian fellowship and some new taste experiences!

Update on Electronic Communications

As noted in last month's newsletter, we are in the process of upgrading our communications plan to focus more on electronic methods. If you want to continue to receive a printed newsletter for any reason, you are welcome to remain on the mailing list, and no action is required. However, there are also ways to receive our daily, weekly, and monthly news electronically. Steve Skelton has done an excellent job of upgrading and modernizing our web site, www.rollapresby.org. I would encourage everyone to check it out. There are gaps in the information there, so our new webmaster, Pam Cottingham, will be adding more pages over the coming weeks and months. If you notice something missing, please talk with Pam about getting it added.

From our web site, you can sign up to receive news via email, either daily or weekly. (The weekly update defaults to Monday morning, but you can change that by clicking on the "Manage Subscriptions" link in one of the emails you receive and going to "settings.") You can "like" us on Facebook. I would encourage everyone who is on Facebook to like our page, even if you sign up for one of the other options. You can add us to your RSS feed, or you can follow us on Twitter. However, you like to receive your news—in print, via email, on Facebook, on Twitter, or via RSS—we are there!



One last thing: We are still trying to form a good strategy for radio communications. We have learned that for a donation to KMST for \$120, you can sponsor a day and get six advertising spots. If you are planning to support KMST anyway and would like to donate your sponsored day to the church, please let Kim know.

Mission Committee

The Mission Committee has been busy this summer supporting local mission in our community. In June, the congregation collected household supplies for GRACE, and in July collected 212 packages of pencils for the "Back to School Fair." In August, our own Michael Wilbanks talked about his mission trip to the Ivory Coast in Africa along with other young people from Missouri State and other colleges around the country. They were in the Ivory Coast for four weeks reaching out to both young and old about Jesus Christ.

Summer is over and as the weather changes so does the work of the Mission Committee. With starting of school, we are collecting plastic bags for the "Backpack program." If you would like to volunteer fill the Backpacks they meet every Wednesday at Fort Wyman School at 3:45. It takes only about 45 minutes to set up, fill the bags, and clean up.



The Mission Committee would like to thank the families and groups that took Disaster Buckets. They need to be returned to the church by November the 1st. This is another way our church reaches out to help families in our Presbytery and in United States to clean up after a disaster.

During the month of September, we collected for Peacemaking Offering, which will end October 7. That date is World Communion Sunday. What a wonderful way to give our offering to Peacemaking to help to bring peace to the world! We see this every day as we experience our world's need for Christ's reconciling love, peace, and justice. We feel this as we long to know God's peace in our hearts and relationship. The promise of Jesus "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9) is both a comfort and a challenge. It reminds us that the path of peace is something we both follow and forge. Our congregation keeps 25% of the Peacemaking Offering, 25% is sent to the Presbytery and Synod, and 50% goes to General Assembly. Our 25% will go the Russell House for abused women and children.

Presbyterian Women

At the PW Fall General Meeting Jean Moran-Day, our speaker, told us the "Top Ten Things You Should Know About Head Start." They are:

- 1) Head Start has high customer satisfaction ratings.
- 2) Head Start really helps young children with school readiness.
- 3) Head Start helps into adulthood.
- 4) Head Start reduces problems in and out of school.
- 5) Head Start screenings help everyone involved.
- 6) Head Start is a great investment of tax money.
- 7) Head Start teachers are highly qualified.
- 8) Head Start offers high quality early childhood programs.
- 9) Parents benefit from Head Start.
- 10) Lyndon Johnson signed the legislation creating Head Start.

Jean explained how statements 1-9 are supported by impressive results of research and studies done on Head Start over the years.

At the PWJCP Fall Worship at Community Presbyterian Church in Forsyth, MO, Ruling Elder Phyllis Winzenried of the Presbytery's Mission and Nurture Committee warned of the danger of letting our concerns with church policy dominate so much that we forget to let the Spirit lead us. She also spoke of inviting small churches to work together to find new ways to do ministry and grow their faith.

Presbyterian Women are planning a Rummage Sale on Saturday, October 13, 2012, 7:30-2:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We need your help in making this a success. Please look through your cupboards and storage places and anything you have not used in the past two years bring to us. Small appliances, kitchen ware, garden tools, books, CDs, games, toys, Christmas ornaments, knick knacks; anything you think will sell will be appreciated. (No clothing, please.) Be sure things are clean and in good condition. The proceeds will help PW fund our mission projects. You may bring items to the church on Friday, October 12th, any time from 9-5. If you need someone to pick up items, please call Sondra Crow, 368-4929.



Presbyterian Women are invited to sign up to help the day before and/or the day of the Rummage Sale. The Sign-up sheet is in the hall opposite the church office.

The proceeds from Rummage Sale and the Christmas Bake Sale & Bazaar are for the various missions that PW supports.

Membership Committee

Wrapping up the year of outreach, we will be hosting Drama Force on December 14th and 15th for two performances each evening with a cookie and cocoa break between. So again, we will need cookie donations and some servers. The whole community will be invited and it will coincide with Lions' Club "Christmas in the Park". Please Contact Mary Kwantes, Jonathan Kimball, or Britt Whitaker to help with these events.



Membership has been busy organizing fellowship and outreach programs. Thank you to Jean Moran-Day for heading up Take-A-Child-Outdoors on September 30th. October 7th is World Communion Sunday and our World Food Court at 5:30. This is a great way to fellowship and explore new taste sensations.



A new and possibly very big outreach project is our Hunters' Brunch on November 10th from 8 to noon. We will need all kinds of help from cooks, servers and with clean up. We will be inviting the community and advertising the event via radio. So watch out! Strange folks in camo gear may be roaming around! Lets' make them feel welcome!

Memorial Garden News

With the help of Instructor A.J. Tinker and his RTI Building Trades/Construction class, a concrete pad is now in place in the Memorial Garden. Eventually a concrete table and two benches will rest on the concrete pad. The idea for the table came from Marie Wilson, who asked if it were possible to have a picnic table in the garden where she could eat her lunch at the church in a peaceful setting. Unfortunately, she retired before we could grant her that wish.

However, when the grass is established around the pad and the table and benches are in place, members, friends, and staff of the church are invited (2 or 3) to enjoy a snack or lunch in the Garden. All we ask is that you do not leave trash there.

Of course, the Garden is always there for anyone who wishes to be in a quiet place outside.

Soon Bud Pumfrey will place six new Memorial Bricks in the center of the Garden with the Memorial Bricks already there.

Subsequently, the congregation will be invited out to a dedication of the new Bricks on a Sunday after worship.



Preschool Committee

The preschool will be holding their annual Halloween Party in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, October 31. It will run from 9:00 a.m. to noon.



Preschool has begun another year. We are happy to report that our enrollment is full for this year. We have 70 plus students with a staff of well-qualified teachers. With this many students we can use some more volunteers in addition to the ones that we currently have. Volunteers may help for any length of time that is convenient for them. The Preschool can use help with art projects, parties, story hour, and prep time for teachers. If you think that you would like to help in one of these areas please give Candace Ludden a call or talk with one of the Preschool Management Committee members. The telephone number for the Preschool is 364-0992.

Preschool Scholarship Fund

As many of you are aware, the Presbyterian Preschool was founded as part of our mission commitment. Because there are many families in our community that cannot afford to send their children to preschool, but whose income is too large to qualify for head start, we have several children attending on scholarships. Most of these are partial scholarships, depending on the family income.

You may not be aware that the preschool also is responsible for making and paying for all repairs and maintenance to the second floor. They have also purchased most of the furniture and office equipment that they use. The preschool is a self-sustaining program by paying all of the expenses entailed in the operation of the school.

It would be a great help if any of you would like to contribute to the Preschool Scholarship Fund. This would help us to serve more children and give some of these kids a good start for their education. If you would like to contribute to this fund, make your checks out to the Presbyterian Preschool and in memo section write scholarship fund. Thank you.

Worship Committee

The last three months of the year make up a time of family, thanksgiving, and welcome. Here is some of what is planned:

On October 7, the first Sunday of October, we observe World Communion Sunday, celebrating our membership in the family that is Christ's Church.

Reformation Sunday is on October 28. We will also observe the Feast of All Saints on this Sunday. The worship service will include the annual reading of the names of those who have gone before us in the past year.

Consecration Sunday for our congregation is on November 4. The Stewardship and Finance Committee probably has more to say about that. If we looked at the whole year as a worship service, this would be the Time of Offering.



Our annual service for Thanksgiving is planned for November 18. This is followed, the next Sunday, on November 25, with the Feast of Christ the King, preparing our hearts and minds for the Advent season.

The first Sunday of Advent is on December 2 this year. We are looking for families (and yes, two can be a family too) to light the candles on our Advent wreath each Sunday in Advent. If your family would like to help us worship in this way, please let us know!

The Christmas Cantata and PW Dinner are both scheduled for December 16 and the children's pageant is being planned too. December 2 and December 9 are possible dates for the pageant. We will let you know more as plans develop.

Meanwhile we ask you to prayerfully consider offering to serve as worship leader on at least one Sunday or, if you are an Elder, to also consider offering to serve Communion. Let us know if you would like to serve, especially if we have somehow neglected to ask you.

Finally, the Worship and Music Committee would like to offer our thanks for the life and Service of Shirley Andrews. To know and work with her was a great joy. It is also with joy that we warmly welcome Carol Bennett as she joins our committee. We are grateful for her gracious willingness to serve with us.



The members of the Worship and Music Committee are now: Vashy Rahaman, Jean Day, Dixie Finley, and Carol Bennett.

A Word from Gail Hinz

Dear Presbyterian Church Members, Staff, and Pastor Lee,

We are so grateful to all of you for your expressions of support and love to our Mom, Shirley Andrews, and to all of us family through her injuries and hospitalizations this summer and for your help and care since her death in mid-July. She and our Dad loved this church since they came to Rolla in 1964, and you have been for all those years such a wonderfully important part of their lives and ours. We have never forgotten the sanctuary fire (late 60's? early 70's?) that taught us that a church is the people, bound together by Christ, not a building. Our deep thanks to all of you for all you have done for us over many years and especially this summer. We know that many of you lost a good friend when Mom died, as she had many long, deep friendships within her church family, and those relationships in life are priceless.

A special thanks to Pastor Lee, Kim, Robert and the church ladies who helped us so much with Mom's memorial service and reception in August. You helped us celebrate her life in a special way that none of us will ever forget.

**Love,
Gail (Andrews) Hintz & Jim Andrews & our families**

A Word from Harlan and Wilma Creighton

Dear Fellow Church Members:

We have relocated to Ellisville, MO, but would like to remain members of the church. We would like to thank everyone for their kindness through the years including special times such as Easter and Christmas.

**Our new address is:
Westview Assisted Living
27 Reinke Road, Apartment 243
Ellisville, MO 63021**

Pastor's Devotion

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"A friend loves at all times, and a brother or sister is born for adversity." Proverbs 17:17

On August 5, 1936, at the Berlin Olympic Stadium it was a little past nine in the evening. The pole vault event had lasted longer than expected. The final three competitors were Earl Meadows of the United States and two close friends from Japan, Shuhei Nishida, and Sueo Oe. Nishida had won a silver medal in the 1932 Los Angeles Games. The bar was at 14 feet 3 1/4 inches, which Earl Meadows cleared on his second try. Nishida and Oe missed all three attempts. The two Japanese continued to jump for second and third place, but the competition ended without a conclusion when it became too dark to continue.

"Oe and I went back to the Olympic Village certain we had tied, since we both jumped identical heights," Nishida remembered. (At that time, they did not have another tie-breaking rule.)

The officials decided to award the silver medal to Nishida. They never fully explained their reasoning. Oe was awarded the bronze. Nishida was not happy with the decision. When they got back to Japan both Oe and Nishida decided to cut their medals in half. Then they joined half of the silver medal with half of the bronze medal for each of them. The medals were called the Medals of Eternal Friendship.

Soon after Oe was killed in World War II. His medal is on display at the National Stadium in Tokyo. What an unselfish act on the part of a friend.

Jesus said, ***"I have called you friends."*** John 15:15. Friendship with others is the Christian's natural way to share the good news; it is making friends in Jesus' name.

Yours in good faith,
Pastor Lee



NEWSLETTERS!!!

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