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Back to the Basics

In today's current economic atmosphere many people are reevaluating what is important. It is a good time to get back to the basics of life. To do this we need to look back at where we've been and where we came from.

Almost 100 years ago Presbyterian's adopted six statements that defined who they were and what they believed the church was called to do. These "Six Great Ends of the Church" are found in chapter 1 of our Book of Order. For the next several weeks the sermons will be focusing on one of the great ends each week.

- Proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind
- Shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God
- Maintenance of divine worship
- Preservation of the truth
- Promotion of social righteousness
- Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world

Together we will explore what it means to be Presbyterian today and how we can reclaim our tradition and heritage.

We could not talk about our heritage without mentioning John Calvin. On July 10, 1509 John Calvin was born in Nyon, France. If you do your math, John would have just celebrated his 500th birthday just a few weeks ago. Continuing throughout 2009 Christians around the world are holding special observances to celebrate this man's life and his contribution to the faith.

I will be leading a class on John Calvin's Life and Legacy starting on Tuesday, September 15 at 10:00 a.m. We will meet from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. The class runs for 5 weeks. If you are interested in attending this course, please RSVP to Teri in the office 453-2545. If Tuesday morning doesn't work for you, please call Teri anyway. If enough people are interested, I may offer another an additional class at another time.

Why all this history and heritage? Because learning who we are and where we came from can help us become the church God created us to be. See you on the journey as we get back to the basics.



Grace & Peace,
Seth



Circles will meet on
September 9, 2009

Rebekah – at the church 10:00 a.m.
Hostesses – Pat Hulett and
Betty Willhite
Moderator – Mary Lou Clark

Martha – at the church 1:00 p.m.
Hostess – Hazel Fleck
Group Discussion

Lydia – 7:30 p.m.
Hostess – Beccy Vaughan
(at her house)
Moderator – Mary Ruth Bateman

The MLM
collection
items
for the month
of September
are canned
goods



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Presbyterian Women

The ladies enjoyed a delicious brunch Wednesday, August 12th, followed by installation of officers for the 2009/2010 year. A big THANKS to Jane Lewis and her coordinating team for a very special year. Northminster hosted the Heartland Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering under her direction, which was extremely successful.

The Bible Study for this year is the book of Joshua. Circle chairmen are passing out study books and if for some reason you haven't received yours, contact Mary Ruth at 452-2908.

All women are invited to attend any one of the three circle groups on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Morning (Rebekah) 10:00 a.m.
at the church

Afternoon (Martha) 1:00 p.m.
at the church

Evening (Lydia) 7:30 p.m.
at various homes or the church

The introduction to the Bible Study this year is quite lengthy so I am encouraging you to read it prior to the first meeting.

As your new Moderator, please give me a call if you have any questions, 452-2908.

Mary Ruth Bateman

Welcome to our New Organist / Accompanist



Jason Gunnell comes to us from Idaho where he served for the past two years as the organist at First Presbyterian Church in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Jason graduated in the spring of 2007 from Brigham Young University – Idaho with a Bachelor of Arts emphasis in Organ Performance. During his undergraduate years, Jason accompanied several choirs on piano and organ at BYU – Idaho and Utah State University. While at BYU-Idaho, Jason taught courses in Music Theory and gave organ lessons.

Jason, his wife Kate, and their one year old son Grant moved to Lawrence, KS a few weeks ago so that Jason could begin working on his Master in Organ Performance at the University of Kansas. This is a two year program and Jason plans on continuing at KU to work on his doctorate.

Jason is an Eagle Scout. He and his family are active members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

We will welcome Jason and celebrate Grandparents day at a potluck dinner following worship on September 13.

September 6

Rally Day on September 6 is the start of our new fall Sunday school classes. Our teachers will be: Lisa Burden – ages 3 to Kindergarten, with Maxine McKinney and Sandra Correu helping

Jennifer Artz – 1st grade to 4th grade
Chad Howerton – 5th grade to 7th grade
Rich Luther – Adult

There will be a reception immediately following the church service to honor the teachers and the learners. We thank the teachers for their dedication and those who volunteered this summer making Sunday school possible. Please join us!

The Discipleship Team



J.O.Y.

(Just Older Youth)

The September meeting will start promptly at noon with potluck lunch.

The lunch entrée is spaghetti. The kitchen crew is Clouse and Lowrey.

The September program, following lunch, is Sons of the Carpenter, a gospel music group. We have enjoyed their music in past years.

The October program is Laura Gaeser, vocalist and guitar player. I believe she also writes her own music



Spaghetti Dinner & Dessert Auction

Sunday, September 27

Following

Worship Service

Free-will donations

will benefit the

Jamaica Medical/Dental

Mission Trip in

February 2010

A cartoon illustration of a pot with steam rising from it. The words 'POT LUCK' are written in a large, bold, stylized font above the pot.

Come welcome our new organist, Jason Gunnell, and celebrate Grandparents Day Sunday, September 13 at a potluck dinner following the Worship Service

Bible School Recap — Crocodile Dock 2009

Our thanks to Heather Myers and Sue Gates for planning and carrying out a terrific Vacation Bible School. It was a fun time for 38 children and several adults. We thank all the volunteers who worked in the kitchen, games, crafts, singing, skits and stories with Moses and Pharaoh. It was a great five days!

The Discipleship Team

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you. I can't say enough thank you's to all the people who helped. I think we had the best Bible School ever. We had 38 kids in attendance, and lots of teen helpers. Many of the teen helpers were grandchildren of our members. It is nice to see them willing to help us at Bible School. We all so had a large number of Adult helpers.

We could not have pulled it off with out all your help. We also had an Adult class that was well attended. Hope to see you all next year for another fun filled week. Also I want to thank all the people who helped decorate and take down the decoration plus providing all the food.

We were so Blessed by all your love. Thank you once more.

Heather and Sue

Greg Foreman Concert

Our talented substitute organist, Gred Foreman, will be performing in concert on Suncay, September 13 at 2 pm at Municipal Auditorium Music Hall at 13th & Central, downtown.

Admission is free. For more information, visit www.kc-theatreorgan.org. Click on news and events

August Calendar

1	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
2	10:00 a.m.	PW Coordinating Team Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Koinonia
3	12:00 p.m.	JOY Group
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
6		Rally Day
7		Labor Day - church office closed
	5:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
8	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
9		Circles meet
10	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
12	8:00 a.m.	Men's Square Breakfast
13		Grandparents Day Potluck (following Worship)
14	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
15	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
16	7:00 p.m.	Session
17	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
19	9:00 a.m.	Presbytery Meeting - Grandview Park Presbyterian
21	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
22	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
24	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
26	9:00 a.m.	Officer Retreat - Elders and Deacons (at the church)
27		Jamaica Medical/Dental Mission Spaghetti Dinner (following Worship)
28	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
29	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir

Breakfast for SafeHaven

Even with donations from Harvesters, MLM and other local food banks, SafeHaven still has trouble providing breakfast for it's residents.

For my Girl Scout Gold Project, I have decided to collect non-perishable breakfast foods for them. These include cereal, breakfast bars, pop-tarts, pancake mix and syrup and canned items.

A box will be placed in the old Narthex for your donations.

Thank you for supporting my project.
Emily Mischke



August BIRTHDAYS

1	Caitlyn Grisham
3	Jean Allen
4	Harold Scott
5	Jerilee Hendrich
7	Erin Elton
8	Ray Miller
	Teri VanGilder
11	Sharon Brown
	Amy Kumar
	Florence McGinnis
	Michael Sutherland
12	Bonnie Grabowski
	Eric Miller
16	Charles Pate
	Ruth Woody
19	Connie Cole
21	Bailey Harper
	Alice Linder
	Heather Myers
24	Bob Wagner
25	Ella Catherine Curtis
28	Alicia Robinett
29	Jerry Brown



Thank you for all your prayers, cards and concerns regarding the death of my Brother its very comforting knowing you have a church family praying for you.

Bill and Marcia Auch

August Prayer Requests

Amy and family, Dana Shafar's sister
Don Rogers, back trouble, Jo Harper's brother
Jim Bush, emergency surgery, friend of Rod Chester
Betty Scott, health concerns
Vincie Armato, cancer, friend of the Harpers
Anita Green, cancer, friend of Marilyn Hoefler
Jason Dunlap, health concerns, friend of Alex Harriger and Kate Trawinski
Sean Spletstoser, health concerns, Alarice Jones' son
Steve Gillespie, job search
Marcia Pence, health concerns, neighbor of Rich and Beth Luther
Cathy Washburn, surgery, Sharon Brown's niece
Catherine Lyons, chemo, friend of Jensine Kinate
Marsha Thomas, cancer, friend of Heather Myers
Neighbors, surgery – radiation, George and Maxine McKinney
Christal and Suprena, breast cancer, Lois Hughes' cousins
Joyce Lyon, lung cancer, friend of Marilyn Hoefler
David Parneu, liver disease, friend of Joe and Margaret Dillon
Jean Allen, health concerns
Janet Menke, cancer, Mary Lou Clark's cousin
Russ Lowrey, health concerns
Peggy Martin, health concerns, friend of Chesters
Peggy and her family, friend of Charles Pate
James Kelley, health concerns, father of friend, Don Correu
Linde Bennett, former member
Mark Hulett, job search, Pat Hulett's son
Paul and Evelyn, health concerns, friends of Pat Hulett
Gladys and Eddie Hunter, health concerns
Joe Strausbaugh and family, passing of Joe's sister
Mike Trawinski and family, as he starts kidney transplant process
Joanne Roberts, health concerns, Russ Lowrey's sister
Martha French and family, personal situation
Caleb Wolf, health concerns
Vickie Stewart, health concerns, Bill and Marcia Auch's daughter
Bill Auch and family, passing of Bill's brother Archie
Karen Foster and family, cancer diagnosis, Dana Shafar
Tiffany Christiansen, back problems, Viva Christiansen's daughter
Dr. Richard Frame, cancer treatment, friend of Vince Kaylor
Lisa Burden, new business venture
Brittany Gill, health concerns
Dan Lester, health concerns, friend of Melody Robinett
Luz DeGisi, health concerns, friend of Beth Luther
Family of Nancy Hamil, her passing, friend of Sue Schuler
Mike Eidson and family, passing of his father, Alex Harriger's co-worker
Janice and her brother, his addiction, friend of Jamaica Mission
Tony Cipolla, health concerns
David and Cheryl Rittman, loss of friend, friend of Jo and David Harper
Alicia Andrews, her mother, friend of Jo and David Harper
Marge Douthit, surgery on August 18, Donna Douthit and Debbie Peterson's mother
Paul Littlejohn, personal situation, friend of Fran Gates
Family of Dan Lester, his passing, friend of Melody Robinett



Our Homebound

Jean Allen Virginia Brown
Pat Fisher Cordelia Williams

Our Military

Capt. Chad Steel, Lyle Evans
Ted England, Homeland Security,
nephew - Sandra Correu & Drew
Charles Oschner, Navy, Hawaii
Sgt. Nick Sutherland, Afganistan,
Linda Sutherland's son
Ben Morrow, Iraq, Rosalie
Minor's nephew
Bryan Wylie, Army, Iraq, friend
of Alex and Kate Harriger
Marcus Mitchell, Iraq, Gladys
Hunter's nephew
Richard Long, U.S. Army Ranger,
son of a friend, Luther's
Lt. Col. Scott Schwarz, USMC,
Sheryl Chester's son & Rod's
stepson
Nathan Harper, Navy, Japan,
David and Joann Harper's son
Joshua Balhuizen, Army,
Afghanistan, Rich and Mary
Thompson's grandson
Kevin Scheier, U S Navy, son of
friends, Rich and Beth Luther
Capt. Nelson Nissley, Iraq, father
of Andy Nissley (Troop 288)
Capt. Morgan Smyth, Marine
Pilot, Tom and Dottie Hagan's
grandson

Session News

Session met August 19th. Here are some of the highlights:

We welcomed 5 new Elders to our meeting.

June revenues were \$15,443.95, expenditures were \$18,704.64, leaving a negative net income of \$3,261.59. July revenues were \$13,727.01, expenses were \$15,600.44, leaving a negative net income of \$1,873.43.

Sunday School Rally Day is September 6th with a reception after church.

Officer's retreat will be Saturday, September 26th at Northminster.

The Second Annual dessert auction and spaghetti dinner benefiting the Jamaica Medical/Dental Mission will be held after church on September 27th.



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