



PRESBY PRESS

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“God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

John 4:24

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OFFICE HOURS

Church Office hours for Charlotte are: Monday: **9am – 12pm** / Tuesday – Thursday: **9am - 1pm**

Office hours for Pastor Peter are: Monday – Thursday: **9am – 12pm** and **1:30pm – 4pm**

Please note that the Church is closed on Fridays.

UPDATES ON RE-OPENING

Submitted by the Nurture Committee

The Nurture Committee continues to monitor conditions each month before making recommendations to Session. The recommendations and approval by Session for September are as follows:

- Unvaccinated adults and children continue to wear masks at all times in the church building.
- Coffee Fellowship resume postponed to October.
- The Bible Study scheduled to start Sept. 1 is delayed.
- Social distancing will continue in the sanctuary.

If you have any questions regarding the current restrictions, please reach out to a member of the Nurture Committee, a member of Session or Pastor Peter Zinn.

HARVEST TABLE

The Harvest Table is up and running. It is located outside next to the main entrance on the west side of the building every Sunday morning. Please share any extra produce you have with those who have none. If you take food from the table, leave a small donation. Everything collected will be donated to a local food pantry.

SESSION MINI-MINUTES

Submitted by Judy Lovejoy

Jim and Nancy Nelson met with Session at the August meeting. After an enjoyable time getting to know them Session voted to accept Jim and Nancy into membership. Public reception of members is scheduled for September 19. Personnel reported that annual staff evaluations will be done during September. Finance reported that the Endowment Fund continues to increase as the stock market recovers. Current balance is \$355,077.40. Maintaining the Church continues to keep the building looking good. Outreach of the Church reported income from the Harvest Table has been good.

Blessing of the Animals, followed by a fun “dog show” is scheduled for Saturday, October 2. Outreach has been talking to The Refuge Food Pantry (located off Main Street, behind McDonalds) and will be making recommendations for how we can support them in the next few months. Nurturing the Church continues to require masks for those who are not vaccinated (including children) and recommends them for everyone else. They are postponing Coffee Fellowship until at least October.

Teacher Recognition is scheduled for September 12. The new microphones have been installed and several individuals said they noticed the improvement in the sound for the service. Nurture also reported that when Janett Lowes is unable to be in church the older children will remain with their parents for the entire service and the younger (pre-school) children will stay in the nursery. They have also made changes in the Prayer Chain policies which should be explained elsewhere in this issue of *Presby Press*.

CHURCH HISTORY BOOK

Submitted by Linda Talley

The History of Greenwood Presbyterian Church is now available to church members and regular attendees. One book per family is available at no charge. You may pick up your copy after service on Sundays in the Narthex, or from Charlotte during the week. If you wish to purchase a second copy, the cost is \$25. Limited copies remain! Please let Charlotte or Linda Talley know if you are interested in more copies to determine if there is a need to print more.

In addition, thanks to the new file cabinets, materials used to create this book are now stored safely in the Library!

PRAYER CHAIN

Guidelines state that the prayer chain should be used for emergency situations; chronic or serious illness or accident and the request kept simple. Please check with individual, and receive their approval, before submitting their name to the prayer chain. Names will appear in bulletin for 2 weeks. To be put on the list call Charlotte, Ann Towner, Judy Spencer or Betty Gilliland. Charlotte will remove the names from the bulletin after the allotted time.

UPDATE ON FALL GATHERING

The September 15, 2021 Fall Gathering sponsored by Hope Circle titled “Historical Walkthrough” is being postponed due to increased Covid infections.

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will now meet on the 3rd Wednesday (change from 2nd Wednesday) at 1:00 starting September 2021. Anyone looking for a Circle is welcome to join us.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, October 2nd
10 a.m – 12 p.m (Noon)

"The animals of God's creation inhabit the skies, the earth and the sea, and have a part in human life. We, therefore, invoke God's blessing on these animals. over all the creatures of the earth."

This blessing from St. Francis of Assisi explains the reason why many churches do an annual Blessing of the Animals service. This year we will do ours on Saturday morning, October 2, in the church parking lot. Bring your cats, dogs, goldfish, gerbils, or whatever you have. As the song says "All God's children have a place in the choir". Some animals don't do well in crowds so feel free to bring a picture or something that reminds you of your pet if you can't bring the pet. Following the service there will be a fun time for our dogs. Plans are still being made so watch the bulletin for more information about the "dog show".

THE REFUGE FOOD PANTRY

The Refuge is a relatively new food pantry in Greenwood which needs our help. They are located behind the McDonalds on East Main Street. During September we will be collecting family sized boxed dinners for them to distribute. Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Chicken Helper, dry soup mixes, mac and cheese, etc are needed.



Please put your contributions in the chest in the narthex. Thank you.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN RUMMAGE SALE

Submitted by Bev Fiandt

On behalf of the Presbyterian Women, a big thank you goes to all who participated (and there were many) in the Rummage Sale. We got some work done, had some laughs, and profited to the tune of \$1,460.00!

Such a big undertaking would not be possible without teamwork and our church's volunteers.

ORDERING FLOWERS

Call Charlotte or Dana Baker (so she will not prepare flowers for the service) if ordering. The Flower Market has a key and can get the flowers to church for the Sunday service.

FEATHER IN YOUR CAP



I nominate Judy Lovejoy and others involved to receive feathers in their caps for all of their hard work with the Little Free Puzzle Library. There are several others to thank for this initiative as well (*and please forgive me if I forget someone*), including all of those in Outreach, Anna's son-in-law's friend, Mike Hightower who built the new box as well as those in Building and Grounds who installed it. I love passing it coming in to the Church and it is a wonderful and unique addition to the neighborhood! – *Lauren Underwood*



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

BOY SCOUT NEWS

*Submitted by Dave Baker
Liaison for BSA Troop #266*

BSA Troop #266 Troop Meetings are
Thursdays from 7:00pm to 8:30 pm
Meeting in the Fellowship Hall



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

- ❖ September Meetings are 9/2, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, and 9/30.
- ❖ 9/4 (Saturday) through 9/6 (Monday) – 3 days Adventures over Labor Day Weekend. Leave Church Saturday at 8:00 am. See Scout Leaders.
- ❖ 9/8 (Wednesday) Leave Church at 4:30 pm for Parking Fundraiser for Gun and Roses Concert.
- ❖ 9/10 (Friday) through 9/12 (Sunday) Fall NYLT Weekend #1 at Camp Kikthawenund. Leave Church at 5:30 pm and return Sunday between 10:00 am – Noon
- ❖ 9/11 (Saturday) Hoosier Trails Wood Badge Weekend #2. Leave Church around 8:30am
- ❖ 9/16 (Thursday) Patrols Leaders Meeting at GPC in Fellowship Hall. Time 6:30 - 7:00 pm
- ❖ 9/17 (Friday) through 9/19 (Sunday) OA Ordeal at Ransburg Scout Reservation. Leave Church at 6:30pm Friday and return Sunday around 10:00am - Noon
- ❖ 9/19 (Sunday) Adult Committee Meeting at GPC in Room #21. Time is 7:00 -8:30 pm.
- ❖ 9/23 (Thursday) Path to Eagle for Life Scouts at GPC in Fellowship Hall. Time 6:00 - 7:00 pm
- ❖ 9/24 (Friday) Firecrafter Fall Frenzy 2021 Leave Church around 5:00 pm. See Scout Leaders
- ❖ 9/24 (Friday) through 9/26 (Sunday) NYLT Fall Weekend #2 at Camp Kikthawenund. Leave Church at 5:30 pm Friday and return Sunday around 10:00 am - Noon

CUB SCOUTS– No up-dated news on the Cub Pack. Meetings are every Thursday at 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm except the 4th Thursday go till 8:30 pm

BROWNIES / GIRL SCOUTS – See Leaders for information. Meetings are every 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall - Time 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Anybody interested in Scouting please contact the Church Office.



Recipe of the Month LOOKING FOR SUBMISSIONS!

Do you have a yummy desert or a savory entree that your friends and family rave about? Please share it with us! Appetizers, breads, desserts or even just a secret twist on a classic recipe are welcome!

LOOKING FOR PLASTIC

Submitted by Judy Lovejoy

The Kiwanis Club is looking for plastic tableware for use by homeless youth and young adults who receive food from Kic-IT. The aKion Club (a Kiwanis program for handicapped adults) sorts the utensils and wraps them in napkins. They are then given to Kic-It. Both agencies benefit from this initiative. There is a box in the church office for your contributions. This is a good use for all that plastic silverware you collect from carryout meals.

POETRY

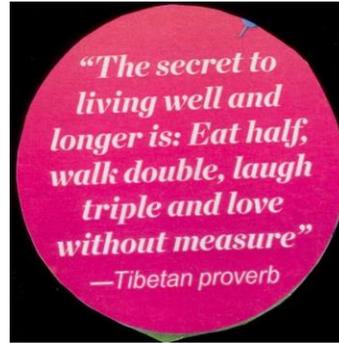
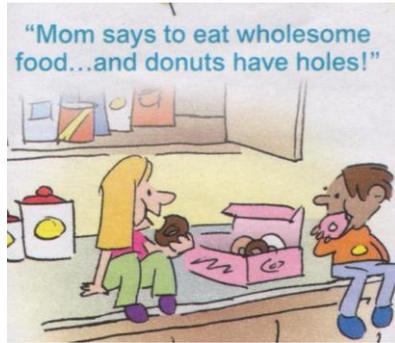
Submitted by Fran Mitchell

CRITTERS!

The doggone circadies
are gettin' on my nerve-
They are so loud and noisy-
and what purpose do the serve?
Isn't it about time
for them to go back into the ground?
And relieve us poor humans
of that irritating sound.
God's little creatures-
I know he loves them one and all-
Frankly, they're causing me
unmitigating gall.
The squirrels dug out my flowers,
the rabbits ate my plants-
Ground squirrels came up
thru my blacktop driveway-
Raccoons tore into my barn-
robins pottied down my brick-
moles made ridges in my yard-
It all makes loving
God's little creatures
really, really hard.
I do love my little hummers-
I guess the sugar makes them sweet;
I love the little barn wrens
that sing such lilting songs-
Such big voices from such a little bird
is pleasant to be heard.
I guess that's the ying and yang
of Mother Nature's plan-
I know God knows what He is doing-
I would never question Him.
So, I guess I'll just have to learn
to live, peacefully, with all of them.
Drat!
Fran M.

JUST FOR FUN

Submitted by Fran Mitchell



Funny Church Bulletin Bloopers

Submitted by Lauren Underwood

- "The Senior Choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir."
- "Maundy Thursday service: The ladies of the altar guild will be stripping on the altar."
- "Announcement to the Moms Who Care ladies group: There will be no Moms who care this week."
- "After the sermon: A moment of silence for prayer and medication."
- "Visitors are asked to sing their names at the church entrance."
- "Ushers will swat the latecomers."
- "The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday."
- "The visiting monster today is Rev. Jack Bains."
- "For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs."
- "The sermon this morning: 'Contemporary Issues #3 - Euthanasia.' The closing song: 'Take My Life.'"
- "Life groups meet on Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM for food, fun, and fellowwhipping."

BIRTHDAYS



SEPTEMBER

3 Fran Mitchell
12 Ethan Talley
Kate Talley
14 Charm Davis
17 Alta Dunlevy
Mitchell Marcus
19 Tom Davis
22 Pete Aldenderfer
Caroline Zeigler
24 Charlotte Deeter
27 Janelle Bergfield

OCTOBER

6 Dave Baker
10 Betsy Wilson
11 Annabel Robison
12 Brad Deck
14 Betty Gilliland
18 Larry Morgan
26 Dana Baker

