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"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well."

*Psalm 139: 13-14*

## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

April showers have brought May flowers! It appears spring may finally be here to stay! I want to thank everyone again for their patience waiting for this month's Presby Press. As mentioned in last month's issue, I was directing a play and we closed May 1<sup>st</sup>! Then, with an out of town work meeting, the first part of the month has been a busy one, but I am glad to sit down now and update the news for GPC! So many updates to share! I hope this issue was worth the wait! Have a wonderful Mother's Day!

Your Editor, Lauren

## SOUP'S ON SATURDAYS

Soup's on Saturday is taking the summer off but plans to continue next winter. Thanks to all who provided the wonderful soups, breads, and desserts.

## VIOLIN RECITAL

The GPC sanctuary will be host to a violin teacher and her students on May 14<sup>th</sup> as they put on a recital. If you have any interest, you are welcome to come and enjoy the music that day from 2pm to 4pm!

## RUMMAGE SALE

The Rummage Sale will happen this summer! Save the dates of August 19 and 20 for the opportunity to get the best bargains of the year. And start saving items now to donate to the sale. Details of when and where to make your donations will be in next month's Presby Press.

## FEATHER IN YOUR CAP



I would like to nominate Charlotte Deeter to receive a feather in her cap because she is excellent in dealing with all the Bulletins and everything else regarding the church business. She is a true blessing.

– Rita Kistner

I would like to nominate Dana Baker to receive a feather in her cap because she is so conscientious about all the "behind the scenes" work that she does – caring for altar supplies – paraments, flowers, etc.; cleaning and repairing choir robes and many other unnoticed jobs. Thanks, Dana!

- Fran Mitchell



## SESSION MINI-MINUTES

*Submitted by Jan Mernone, Clerk*

At our meeting on April 26, all members of Session were accounted for. After our prayer and study time, we got right to the financials. Thanks to all of you, we are doing well in that category, although some months we spend more than we take in. We can all relate to that! Peter reported that he will be hosting a membership class starting May 15. He did cancel his vacation plans as his wife's surgery has been postponed.

Deacons would like each of us to fill out a new Emergency Contact card. If you did not get one, there are extras in the office. Pastor Peter will be talking to the Deacons about coming up with a plan to notify all in case of Sunday morning church closure.

Outreach is continuing to reach out to church attendees and the neighborhood. The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (\$1,633.38) was dedicated on Easter Sunday. The committee reported that the Holy Week ad was published in the Daily Journal. The same photo was shared and "boosted" on Facebook. It reached 5,492 people and had 65 click on the "learn more" tab. The committee reported that requests for emergency assistance are increasing. They will be collecting boxed meals for The Refuge in May, and in July and August, school kits for Church World Service.

Maintaining is always working on something to keep our grounds and church in tip-top shape. They have ordered the new pew cushions that will be in memory of Darrell Crawford. They are waiting for parts to fix the pilot lights on the stove. Anybody borrow a small vacuum with tools from the upstairs janitor's closet? If so, please return it.

Nurturing continues to put their heads together to figure out worship in what they (and all of us) hope is a post pandemic era. Kay Talley will be adding a third usher for Sunday mornings. Gerry reported that there were 21 prayer requests for the month of March. They are talking about what happens to Senior Somethings in the near future.

The Fall Gathering (both women and men invited) will be on September 21, 2022 at 1pm in Fellowship Hall, add this to your fall calendar.

Happy Spring from the clerk and the Session. I know it is out there somewhere. As I type this it is 62 degrees so at least the heat only runs occasionally on this April 29th! I must admit the flowering trees have been glorious this year. If they can withstand what nature throws at them then so can I!! Stay safe, stay well, and I hope to see you soon.

## MISSING VACUUM



As reported in the Mini-Minutes, we have a missing vacuum cleaner. Perhaps it was borrowed and not returned, but we do need it back. It is a handheld vacuum and has a bag with additional tools. If you have it or know its whereabouts, please let Jan McFerran know. Thank you!

## THE REFUGE – UPDATES and GPC SUPPORT

The Refuge has added households in four zip codes (46217, 46227, 46237, 46259) in southern Marion County to its service area in addition to serving all of Johnson County. This month they are also adding once-a-month Saturday morning pantry delivery for homebound clients. If you know someone who is in need of this service, tell them to call The Refuge at 315-889-7338 to apply.

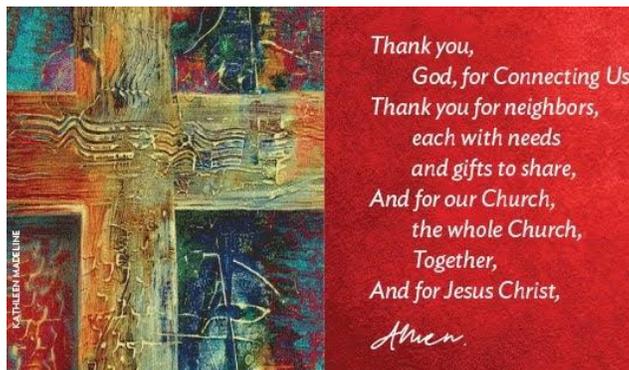
*The Refuge*

QUICK FACTS: The Refuge is located at 1150 S. Park Drive, Greenwood, Indiana 46143. They are behind the McDonalds off of Main Street near I-65. You can find them online at [therefugeinc.com](http://therefugeinc.com). The Refuge seeks to provide a stable source of care for men, women, and children looking to halt the course of poverty. The Refuge pursues opportunities to help the growth and development for healthier children, stronger families, and a positive community through relationships that reach out for the physical, emotional, academic, and spiritual needs of area residents.

Pantry distribution hours are Tuesday 9am-11am and Thursday 6pm-8pm. In addition to the pantry, they offer a hot meal during this time. Our Presbyterian Men's Group assist in serving the Tuesday morning breakfast the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. If you are interested in joining them, please let Pastor Peter know.

For the month of May, we will again be collecting boxed meals to take to their food pantry. Please bring your items in this month and place in the chest in the narthex. In addition to these contributions, we have also been asked to help support their pantry with items such as bags of rice, Rice-a-Roni, canned fruit (any variety), canned or dried beans and pancake mix along with syrup.

Lastly, their playground is now complete! You may recall that we made a contribution to help with the fencing for this new playground! Congratulations to The Refuge on this new addition that will bring joy to so many children!



## Christ Caring Through People – The \$20 Challenge

During Lent we were challenged to use some of our church's mission money to make a difference in the world. We used that money to reach out to neighbors and to strangers. We helped those struggling financially and those struggling with illness and personal issues. What did you do with the \$20 the church gave you? Here are some of the responses we received.

- ❖ I gave my \$20 to my neighbor who takes care of feral cats
- ❖ I gave my \$20 to the fund at Northeast School for activities for the children. Several did this.
- ❖ I gave my \$20 to the teacher of a student I tutor at Isom to use for school supplies
- ❖ I paid \$20 for phone access on behalf of a Johnson County Jail inmate. Hopefully I went in the direction of Jesus who was sent to proclaim release to the captives.
- ❖ I added my \$20 to the fund at Isom School for children whose parents can't afford the charges for field trips. No one wants to be left behind. Several others also did this.
- ❖ I used my \$20 to pay for the next dog adoption at the Johnson County Humane Society. They will send me a picture and I expect to see a smile on the dog's face.
- ❖ I gave my \$20 to a single mother of 2 daughters at Greenwood Middle School. Mom is having a difficult time going to work because of a serious illness. She was very grateful.
- ❖ I matched my \$20 with my husband's and gave it to the Nutrition Club at Isom School
- ❖ I gave my \$20 to a young man in line at Dollar General. He was surprised and said, "Thanks. You made my day".
- ❖ I gave my \$20 to a lady for gas money to get to work and home for one day until she received her check from work.
- ❖ I gave \$20 to a waitress at LaTratoria. Several others also gave their money to restaurant workers.
- ❖ I helped an elderly woman buy groceries.
- ❖ I gave my \$20 to a young man who was entering a rehab facility to overcome addiction. He will have no income during this time.
- ❖ I gave my \$20 to a friend at work who has serious medical issues.
- ❖ Our family combined our \$20's and bought toys for the children of a family who lost everything in a fire. Lots of joy and excitement. Very thankful
- ❖ I bought stamps for a person in a nursing home. She has no family and loves to send cards to friends.
- ❖ I paid someone's bill at Pet Smart.
- ❖ I gave my \$20 to a man in my neighborhood who has no steady job. He was very appreciative and I felt good about sharing our time and money with someone who has a need greater than our own.
- ❖ I treated my neighbors to coffee and doughnuts and an opportunity to get to know each other better.
- ❖ Several gave their \$20 to groups like Cooking for Ukraine, PDA, and Save the Children. Others gave to the Greenwood Senior Center, The Refuge, and the Autism Community Connection.
- ❖ I overheard our server at Denny's say her car needed repairs so she could get to work and she didn't know how she would be able to pay for it. We left her a \$200 tip.
- ❖ I doubled the amount and gave an Aldi's gift card to a deserving employee of Greenwood Public Library.
- ❖ I gave my \$20 to a man on the street who did not have shoes and was clearly hungry. He responded with "God Bless You", but I knew God was allowing me to bless him.

## PENTECOST OFFERING

During the month of May, we will be collecting the Pentecost Offering. Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, we are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with the church of the past, continuing to inspire the church of today, and pointing us to the church of the future. Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering which nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come. In the Book of Jeremiah, Jeremiah shares the statement: “I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, ... to give you a future with hope” (Jeremiah 29:11). These striking, comforting words reminded the Israelites that, despite their experience of the present, God’s gesture, thoughts and plans for them — and for us — are peaceful, abundant and hopeful. At Pentecost, we celebrate that God offers more than we can plan. Our gifts to the Pentecost Offering connect with God’s hope and future, supporting ministries with children, youth and young adults by building a life of faith.



- 40% of the Pentecost Offering remains with our congregation to support ministries with children and youth in our church and local community.
- 25% goes to Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) experience
- 25% supports ministries with youth, ages 12-18, and those called to accompany them.
- 10% supports the “Educate a Child, Transform the World” national initiative.

This year, Greenwood Presbyterian will be using our portion of the Pentecost Offering to support the Westminster Neighborhood Youth Services Program. Westminster’s Youth Services Program seeks to provide programming that provides a safe, nurturing environment which reinforces and enriches academic skills, teaches social skills, encourages good citizenship, develops leadership traits and provides activities to encourage a healthy lifestyle for children ages 6-14. Programs include an afterschool program which allows students to participate in an array of activities including arts enrichment, cooking, nutrition, fitness, poetry and drama. Their summer program works alongside students to combat summer learning loss, which disproportionately affects children of low socioeconomic backgrounds. In addition to academic time of at least 12 hours per week, students in the summer program enjoy activities like swimming lessons, trips to local libraries, exploring nature preserves and gardening time.



Please give generously to the Offering this month.  
Thank you!



# Recipe of the Month

*Submitted by Fran Mitchell*

## STRAWBERRY PRETZEL SALAD

### Base:

- 2 cups crushed pretzels
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 3/4 cup margarine

Melt margarine; combine with pretzels and sugar;  
Press into 9 x 13 pan bottom.  
Bake for 10 minutes at 375 degrees. Cool.

### Filling:

- 8oz cream cheese
- 8oz cool whip
- 1 cup powdered sugar

Soften cream cheese and blend with sugar and Cool Whip.  
Spread over cooled pretzel mixture.

### Topping:

- 6oz package strawberry Jello
- 2 cups boiling water
- 15-20 oz frozen, sliced strawberries

Dissolve Jello in boiling water. Add strawberries.  
Let thicken somewhat then pour over cream cheese mixture.  
Refrigerate until Jello is set (2-4 hours or overnight).



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

- ❖ MEETINGS THIS MONTH: May 5, 12, 19 and 26.
- ❖ 5/6 Friday - Firecrafter Spring Fellowship at Camp Belzer. Leave Church at 5:00 pm
- ❖ 5/8 Sunday - Firecrafter Alum Association Meeting at Camp Belzer. Leave Church at 12:45 pm
- ❖ 5/12 Thursday - Bring Scout Book for Advancement Recording.
- ❖ 5/13 Friday - 5/15 Sunday - Campout at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. Leave Church at 5:30 pm on Friday and return Sunday between 12pm-2pm
- ❖ 5/16 Monday - Adult Committee Meeting at Church in Board Room 7 - 8:00 pm
- ❖ 5/20 Friday - 5/22 Sunday - OA Ordeal (East Tribe) at Camp Kirthawenund Leave Church at 6:30 pm
- ❖ 5/26 Thursday - LAST DAY for GREENWOOD SCHOOL CORPORATION for SUMMER BREAK
- ❖ 5/26 Thursday - Path to Eagle for Life Scouts (30 mins) Time 6:30 pm at the Church
- ❖ Every Saturday in May if possible Ride rides for Summer Camp (See Mr. Moening for Locations)

CUB SCOUTS #266--Meetings are every Thursday at 6 pm until 7 pm except the 4th Thursday go until 8:30

- ❖ Patrol Leaders Meeting - Please contact Pack Leaders for time and location (either 5/19 or 5/26)
- ❖ All other Activities with the Cub Scouts, See Scout Leaders for more information.

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

- ❖ Please see or call the Brownies Leaders for more Activities for the month.

Anybody interested in Scouting please contact the Scout Leaders or the Church Office.

## POETRY

*Submitted by Fran Mitchell*

### MY WISH

Jesus loves me  
this I know,  
'Cause, as a child,  
they told me so!  
Into each life  
some rain must fall;  
But, usually, also,  
some happiness for all.  
I've been so blest  
throughout my life -  
Lot's of joy,  
occasional strife -  
So, thank you, God,  
for all you've done.  
And that's my wish for everyone.

God Bless,  
Fran M.

### JUST FOR FUN



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"Wireless communication is nothing new.  
I've been praying for 75 years!"

#### Kids are Funny!

One day, I took my 5-year-old son, Nicholas to the doctor for his annual checkup. The physician asked a lot of questions, including how he was sleeping. Nicholas looked at him, confused, then responded, "With my eyes closed!"

#### Kids are Funny!

While watching my 4-year-old nephew, Ryan, one night, I thought I'd give him a special treat. "Would you like an ice-cream sundae?" I asked him. He looked at me sweetly and replied, "Yes, please. But I'd like ice cream today too."

#### Kids are Funny!

My 4-year-old grandson came home from day care the other day and was telling me how he had made friends with the twin girls in the group. When I asked him what their names were, he replied, "I know the one is called Tamara...so I guess the other one's name is Today."



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## BIRTHDAYS

### MAY

4 Roma Deck  
Joshua Nelson  
8 James Nelson  
10 Madison Judge  
14 Carissa Dilk  
15 Anna Towner  
16 Jan McFerran  
19 Dianne McFarland  
21 Coleman Wages  
24 Mark Hensley  
Marilyn Metcalf  
28 Danny Barnes  
Tom Neimeyer

### JUNE

5 Donna Andres  
9 Judy Cook  
12 Susan Hardin  
15 Judy Lovejoy  
21 Rachel Jewell  
Judy Spencer  
Jan Neimeyer  
26 Rita Kistner

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