

The Tie That Binds

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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PASTOR'S CORNER

by Rev. Chet Okopski

I've had a wonderful time preaching and teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ here at Grace Church. The highlight of my last few months has been the wonderful attendance we've been having at Wednesday evening Bible Study, at 7:00 PM.

We have a Prayer Meeting at 6:30 PM and a **Bible Study at 7:00 PM in the Chapel on Wednesday evenings. Starting June 4th** I'm moving our Prayer meeting up to 6:20 PM instead of 6:30 PM. This will give us a little more time for prayer before our Bible Study group comes into the Chapel. By the way, EVERYONE is welcome at our Prayer Meetings and Bible Studies.

Sometimes people shy away from Bible Studies simply because they've never been to one before, or because they went to one and it was not fun nor was it informative. You don't have to be a Biblical Scholar to come to our Bible Studies, enjoy them, and learn about the Bible. We do everything from using the index to find where a book of the Bible is,

to reading verses out loud, to looking at a word in the Bible to see what it means. We also spend time occasionally simply talking about the Bible and how to study the Bible. All questions are fair in these classes. You might enjoy them way more than you think.

On another note, we have two Elders who are working hard on our Web Page (www.gracechurchsh.org). (Just remember *grace church spring hill* is an *organization* and you'll remember our Web Page.) These two Elders are Ken Gerstner and Ray Lanzilotta. I am so proud of their work, though they will be the first to tell you that our Web Page is under construction and is far from done. Deacon and tech-wiz Joyce Flint is working on getting the *Tie That Binds* onto email, and is doing wonders. I have to say this in closing my Pastor's Corner this month: We have a great church, and it's even fun for the Pastor to be a part of it.



REFLECTIONS

By Rev. Douglas Clark

DAVID'S TREASURY

A boy came home from Sunday School boasting to his parents that he had learned the entire 23rd Psalm by heart. The family assembled to hear his recitation, and he began confidently, "The Lord is my shepherd." But then his memory failed, and he blurted out, "and that's all I want." Although he missed several verses, he had a great summary of it.

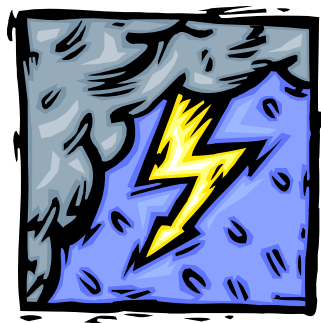
When the Lord is our shepherd, we shall not lack rest, nourishment, guidance, refreshment of soul, overflowing blessings, protection from enemies, and following a life of experiencing His goodness and mercies, presence with us in time of death, assurance of being with him forever.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon, in the 18th century, wrote a lengthy commentary on the book of Psalms, called "The Treasury of David." To him, and to us, the Psalms are a source of truth, inspiration, and encouragement. The 23rd Psalm is just one example, and there are 149 other Psalms inspired by God for our blessing. Have you read the entire book? In its poetic form it is easy to read, and I challenge you to begin today.

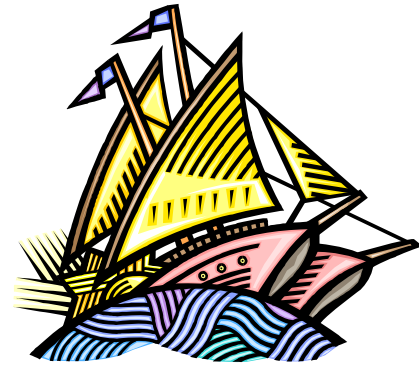
Allow me to share some of the treasures. They are so many I can but touch upon a few. When my children were small, a favorite comic book of theirs was Disney's "Uncle Scrooge." Scrooge had a huge money bin filled with coins, and he loved to sit and pour them over himself. Our money bin is in the Psalms.

Among the countless jewels in God's treasury is one that concerns guidance. We are confused how to choose among the many options we face daily. Some are trivial: coffee or tea? Some are more serious: shall I purchase a new house? Some are eternally significant: shall I marry this wonderful person? God's promise: "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and will watch over you." (Psalm 32:8)

Many are afraid today. Some should be. A captain in a tropical typhoon seemed concerned. A passenger laughed at him and said in a joking manner, "You are not afraid of a little



storm, are you?" The captain, who had sailed the seven seas and experienced many severe storms, replied, "You fool. If you knew what I know you would be afraid." Another jewel assures the believer, "The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid." (Psalm 27:1)

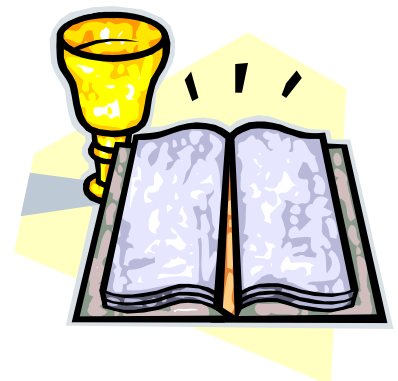


Death is a topic we shun but know down deep in our hearts it is inevitable unless the Lord returns in our lifetime. Another jewel assures us that the experience is precious in God's sight. Why? Because it signifies the homecoming of His people. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." (Psalm 116:15) As we mourn the loss of a loved one, what a comfort is that promise, "...weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning." (Psalm 30:5)

What is God like? Another gem in the Psalms uses some words that give some idea of a few of His characteristics. Our God, unlike the gods of man's creation, is good; and when we fail, He forgives and shows mercy upon us. "You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call on you." (Psalm 86:5)

David recognized the great value of God's people being united spiritually. He declared, "How good and how pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1) We feel that unity when we sing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" on special occasions.

These are but a sampling of the treasures to be found within the Psalms. Some are easy to find, while others require searching of the heart and soul. But all are part of the inspired Word which the Lord has given us. Why not determine to go treasure hunting yourself in the coming months and find these jewels, many of which apply to our daily walk as Christians. Underline those gems that speak especially to your heart, and memorize some. Follow David's example who declared, "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." (Psalm 119:11)



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and

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Every so often, there is a change in the economy. When that happens, Certificates of Deposit seem to offer less of an interest rate when they "roll-over." Our Annuitants, however, receive distributions from their Charitable Gift Annuities that are NEVER compromised by changes in the economy.

The opportunity is available to make a gift to your church of Presbyterian-related ministry or mission through a Charitable Gift Annuity. It's a good way to ensure a guaranteed Annuity Rate for the rest of your life and enjoy tax advantages as well. As of May 2008, we are still able to offer very attractive (age-sensitive) Annuity Rates. A sample list of approximate Single-Life rates follows:

Age 55	5.5%
Age 60	5.7%
Age 65	6.0%
Age 70	6.5%
Age 75	7.1%
Age 80	8.0%
Age 85	9.5%
Age 90	11.3%

Further GOOD NEWS:

- 1) You are able to fund your gift with either cash (a check) or securities.
- 2) When you donate appreciated securities for your annuity, realized capital gains are reduced, and are reported over your lifetime.
- 3) If you itemize income tax deductions, you may claim a charitable contribution for a portion of your gift, thus reducing your income tax liability.
- 4) A Gift Annuity is first and foremost a gift commitment to ministry, not a savings plan or investment.

If you have an "interest" in finding out how a Charitable Gift Annuity can work for you and/or a loved-one, please call to lock-in that rate.

Mark Shoemaker, Development Officer
Presbyterian Foundation
1-866-387-0432, toll free or 1-941-758-0790, Bradenton

The Ohlin Update

May 9, 2008, www.ohlinupdate.org

Diane and I spent two weeks in the Congo. There are seven Bayaka families in school on scholarship. We are proud of them. There are no text books so the teacher writes the text and notes on the board and the students copy it. Gregoire MAMBOU writes slowly so he has to work on this task even through the breaks.

We finished the construction phase of the storage sheds and workshop. The work shop will facilitate vocational training such as carpentry and blacksmithing. The teachers will get a little training and then it will open in October.

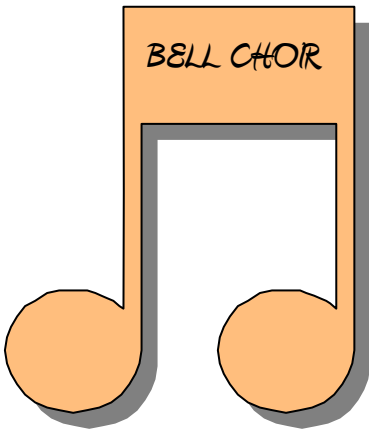
The EECC church association just gave us the old Dongou missionary house to use as classes and a guest house. The old roofless shed next to the house will be turned into student housing in 2009. The reason for the training center is to train Christian leaders to plant churches up the Motaba, Ibenga and Ubangui Rivers. The group of Bayaka from Dongou who run the training center call themselves, "The Courageous."

We will be making a trip to the Bossangua Bible School May 25-28. We are invited to help the school with their orchard with the goal of providing food for the students and an income for the school. Then on June 4-5 we are invited to a Fulani camp in Ndanga to do agricultural development work in the area. Cattle herding is a major distinctive of the 28 million unreached Fulani in West and Central Africa. We will go to Genze June 16-21 to help the church planting effort by planting 500 oil palms.

Please continue to pray for Paul and Diane Ohlin.



To my talented and wonderful bell ringers:



Mother's Day service overflowed with great music from Nina Morales and us. We played with grace and enthusiasm. I thank each one of you, and I look forward to seeing you in front of my music stand come fall.

Lovingly,
Marian

P.S. Let's plan a rousing start for October 3, 2008!

Choir News

The Choir elected the following officers for a one year term at their Spring Potluck and Annual Meeting on May 7, 2008:

President – Joyce Flint

Vice President – Sandie Termin

Secretary – John Morales

Treasurer – Jerry Larson

Music Librarian – Vivian Waldbusser

Robe Librarian – Carol Podstawski and

Dorothy McCarthy

In other business, a motion was made, seconded and approved to give a contribution to the Grace Presbyterian Church New Sign fund.

We'd like to thank all the members of the choir upon



the completion of another successful season. The Music Ministry of GPC is an important element of Sunday morning worship. The dedication of the choir members, the talents provided by

God and the willingness to apply those talents to His glory combine to create musical magic week after week.

The choir will be on hiatus for the summer months. Special music, including monthly worship by Grace Singers will continue the music ministry through June, July and August.



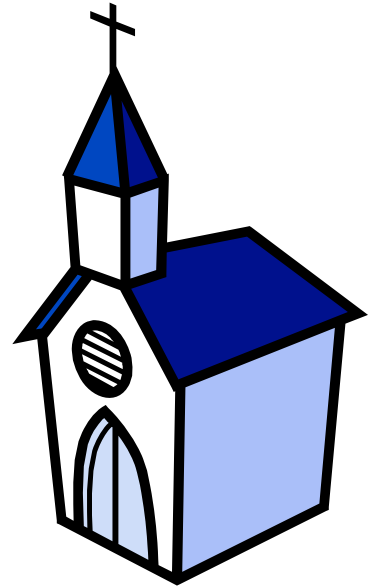
Choir rehearsals will resume the last Wednesday of August at 7:00 PM. All singers are encouraged to attend. Joining the choir only requires that you love music and are willing to set forward and come to rehearsal!

So Plan Now to Join the CHOIR this fall. It is a joyful ministry and a blessed fellowship.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We will be starting our summer program this month. It looks like a very interesting program. We will hear about Elisha and the widow and then we learn about how God heals Naaman's leprosy. (What is leprosy?) Then we will have two Sunday's talking about Jonah's story and see a video about Jonah and the big fish. Then we will learn about Isaiah, Josiah, and all about Daniel and how God protected him. Then we will hear about God's promise to restore Israel. We will use our marionettes for some stage performances. We will hear about Nehemiah and how Queen Ester saved her people. And last, but not least, we will learn about Job. and how he suffered, but kept his faith. We will learn how we can keep our faith while we are growing up in this world. God will be with us all the way as long as we believe and trust in Him. God bless, and I hope to see you all this summer. Don't forget to sign up for Vacation Bible School, June 16-19, 9:00 am to 12:30 pm, "Jerusalem Market Place."



Have a nice, happy, safe summer. *Ms. Pat*

SEWING FOR MISSIONS

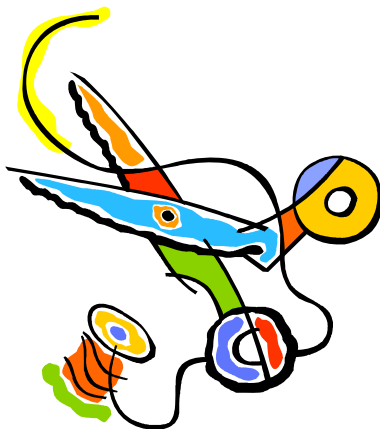
SUMMER SCHEDULE 2008

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST

Our thanks to each of you who stopped to view our handiwork during the Fellowship Hall display on April 27th. We so much appreciate your interest, comments and suggestions. The seven quilts promised for seven young boys at Thornwell Children's Home are almost finished, and we expect to ship in June.

We will continue to meet during the summer, but on a reduced schedule to accommodate vacation schedules. Our summer schedule is: Tuesday, June 10th; Tuesday, July 8th, and August 12th at our regular times of 9:00AM to 12:00PM.

We are eager to share the current quilting tips and techniques as well as time tested quilter's secrets. If you've always wanted to learn about quilting, we're here to help and guide you. Beginners and non-sewers are welcome. Join us – come when you can, leave when you must. You are most welcome for a few minutes or half a day.



Warning! Quilting is addictive, like potato chips! Once you get started, it's really hard to stop!

We offer a warm and wonderful time of fellowship, getting to know each other, while sharing in a worthwhile goal with the assurance that someone will be blessed by our handiwork. For information, call Joan at 352-666-8846 or Roberta at 352-686-5367.

The Sympathy of the entire congregation is extended to the family and friends of Mrs. Florence Fraser who went to be with our Lord on May 8, 2008. We send our love and prayers to the family.

News from Rev. Sheffield...

If I asked you what question has been asked of God since the dawn of time, what would you answer? I think the haunting cry of humanity from the dawn of time until the present moment is: "Why, Lord, Why?" It is the cry of the Psalmist when he raises his voice in anguish, "Why, Lord, Why...will you forsake me forever?" The contemporary form of that same question might be: "Why me Lord? What have I done to deserve all of this?"

It has been the question on our lips and in our hearts for as long as we have recorded history. Some years ago, a Jewish Rabbi, I believe his name was Kushman, tried his hand at answering that question. His book was entitled, "When Bad Things Happen to Good People." If this is a subject matter that has troubled your soul, I recommend that you find a copy of Rabbi Kushman's book and spend some time with it. It remains for me one of the most insightful attempts to deal with this recurring question of the human heart. It is probably out of print, so while you look for a copy, let me share with you a fable that may help you in your thinking. It is not anything like a complete and final answer, but perhaps it is a place to begin. (I can't remember the origin of this piece, but I will take the blame for its present form.)

The Fable

There was once a brother and sister who had shared their lives since birth. They were dependant upon each other for the things that sustained life and gave meaning to their days. One day this good man fell ill, and no one could find the cause of his malady, and he grew steadily worse until the angel of death visited him and he was gone. All who knew him mourned his passing, and his sister was inconsolable. Soon his

friends and neighbors returned to their normal responsibilities and activities. But the sister was racked with questions: "Why does such a good man as this suffer such pain? Why did he die at such a young age? Why one who has done so much good have to suffer such pain?" Her anguish at his loss was fueled by her need to make some sense out of this tragedy. And so she resolved to search the world even to the very presence of the Holy One if that's what it would take. And so she set off on her journey to discover why good people are visited with such tragedy.



She had not gone very far when she came upon an Old Man sitting on a bench beside the road. And he was weeping. "Why do you weep, old man?" the woman asked, pausing beside him. "I have suffered a great loss," he replied. "I am a painter, and I have lost the sight of my eyes. I shall never see beauty again, nor spread it on my canvas." "I too have suffered a great loss," the woman said. "Tell me, do you know why God allows such things to happen?"



"My friends tell me that I am suffering the penalty for my own misdeeds," the man replied. "God is just, they say, and so my blindness must be only what I deserve." "Do you believe that?" asked the woman. "No," he answered, "I do not." "Nor do I," said she. "Come with me, and let us seek the truth together." And so taking her arm, the old man went with the woman.

As they walked, they overtook a young man who trudged aimlessly along the road. "Come walk with us," the woman said to him. "You will not find me very good company," the young man responded. "My heart is heavy, for I have suffered a great loss." "What loss is that?" they asked. "My wife, the joy of my days, has left me for another, and I am alone in all the world," he sighed. "That indeed is a loss," said the woman, "But have you found the meaning of your pain?" "My friends have tried to comfort me," said the young man. "They tell me that God is wiser than I and must surely have done this to make me strong." "Do you believe that?" the woman asked. "I try," he said, "but I cannot." "Then come with us," she said, "and we will seek together."

Yet a little farther on the road they came to a cottage where a young woman sat on the step. Her hands covered her face, and they could hear her sobbing softly. "Why do you weep," they asked her. "My baby has died," she said. "She was but a few weeks old, healthy and full of life, and now my arms shall never hold her, nor my eyes see her grow into womanhood." "We weep with you," the older woman said, "for we too have been visited by grief. But tell us, has God revealed to you why we must know such pain?" "My husband says there is no God in a world where babies die," the girl replied, her eyes red with crying. "He says that all is chance that faith is for fools, and justice but a cruel joke." "Do you believe that?" the woman asked. "I don't want to," the girl replied. "I would not want to live if that were true."



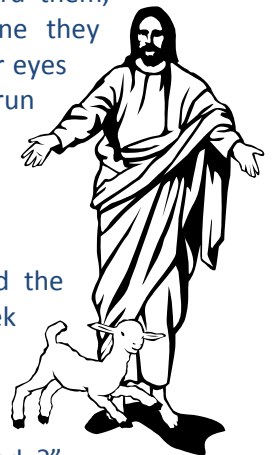
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"Then come with us," the woman said, "and let us seek another answer, if we must search even to the Presence of the Holy One." And together the four of them went off down the road, and they walked for a very long time.



They spoke with many people as they journeyed, and always they asked their question, but nowhere did they hear they had already heard. They were bent with discouragement and weariness when at last they reached the bridge of twilight that leads to the Presence of the Holy One. They were about to cross over it when they stopped.

There on the bridge, coming toward them, clothed in light, was the very one they sought. Terrified, they covered their eyes with their hands and were about to run away when the light parted, and they beheld a face as care-worn as their own.



"You have come a long way," said the gentle voice. "What is it you seek from the Holy One?" "We seek the truth of suffering," all four travelers exclaimed at once. "Why do you visit your children with tragedy?" "Is it to punish us for our misdeeds?" cried the blind old man. "Do you torment us to make us strong?" asked the younger man. "Is our faith in justice only folly?" the girl blurted out. "What answer can you give to heal our pain?" asked the woman.

For a long moment there was no reply. And then, as the four seekers waited, first one of them and then the next drew back in wonderment. For there, before them, tears rolled down the cheeks of the Holy One.



At length the soft voice spoke: "Forgive me. My heart is heavy, for I am bearing a great weight of sadness. I weep today for a woman who has lost her brother, and for a girl whose baby has died. I grieve for a love in which I was once delighted and which now is rent asunder. I weep for an artist whose eyes are veiled in darkness. I go now in search of those who can comfort me." Even as the words were spoken, the woman, moved with an overwhelming pity, stepped forward and took the arm of the Holy One, placing it about her own shoulders. The young man supported the other arm, and the girl came forward to wipe the tears from the moist cheek. The blind man groped and found a

wrinkled hand and clutched it tightly in his own. Thus did they stand together for a long time.

Then at last the woman spoke: "But why, O Holy One? Why in your own realm, must you endure such pain? Why do you let it come to those you love?" "My dominion," replied the voice, "is the dominion of the heart. There I cannot prevent pain. I can only heal it." "Then what is the purpose of suffering?" asked the artist. "It has no purpose. It can only be endured." "But how can we endure it?" cried the girl. "Only by sharing it," was the reply. "Then show us how to share it," begged the young man. "That," said the voice, "I have already done." And He said no more.

And suddenly, the Holy One was gone. The woman looked up, and it was the young man's arm which lay upon her shoulder. It was he who held the artist's hand and the girl's caress wiped the tear from the woman's cheek. For a moment longer, they stood each holding the next in the circle. And then still arm in arm, they turned and walked down the road that led back to their homes.



And as we come back to the here and the now, I hear ringing in my ears the words of Jesus, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." And I hear the words of St. Paul, "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness...that very spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words."

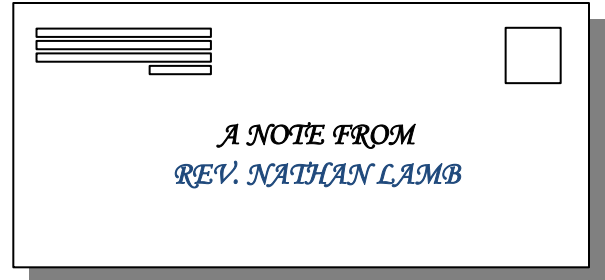
Yours In Christ,

Rev. Charles J. Sheffield

NAOMI CIRCLE

The Naomi Circle met at the I-Hop Restaurant on May 8th for the final meeting of the year. Eleven members were present for the luncheon. The members said farewell to Betty Katke who is retiring as our circle leader. A letter was read from Lone Plis telling of her new home and activities. We will miss her in our circle. Also, a thank you note from the Dawn Center was received and shared with the members. All members were wished a wonderful summer. We will meet again in October.

Nancy Maxwell
Secretary



*A NOTE FROM
REV. NATHAN LAMB*

Dear Friends,

I have some wonderful news to share.

I'm getting married! I proposed to my girlfriend this past weekend and she said yes.



Her name is Jenn Miller, and she is currently a law student at Drake University in Des Moines.

We will be getting married on September 5, 2009, in her hometown of Dubuque. This is a particularly special place for both of us as I proposed to her on the banks of the Mississippi River there.

Jenn has already been adopted by the congregation here in Hartford, even though she is technically Methodist. She tells me that she could be quite happy as a Meth-byterian, however, so I have no worries that she will be able to adjust to life of a Presbyterian Pastor's wife!

She is active in her church as a Sunday school teacher and a bell ringer. There are many who are excited for her to use her gifts here.

Now all we have to do is wait for her to graduate from law school and to complete the bar exam. Then she'll have a whole two weeks to get ready for the wedding next September!

While things are going very well for me in Iowa, I still remember my time in Florida fondly. (That was especially true this winter!)

Maybe Jenn and I will take a break from the winter weather next year so that you can meet this wonderful girl!

Thank you for letting me take this opportunity to let you share in my joy! Love is indeed a wonderful thing!

*Sincerely,
Rev. Nathan*

GENERAL ASSEMBLY NEWS

The 218th General Assembly (GA) will meet June 21-28, 2008 in San Jose, California. The General Assembly is the highest governing body of the church and is representative of the unity of our congregations, sessions, presbyteries and synods.

The theme for 2008 is "Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8). Many important issues will be considered by commissioners and advisory delegates as they seek to discern and to represent the will of Christ for the PC(USA).



You are invited to be part of a prayer initiative in the week before General Assembly. Presbyterians throughout the country will join together in praying for GA commissioners and delegates, the election of a new moderator and stated clerk, the volunteers who help make the assembly possible, as well as celebrate the presence of Christ at work in the world. To take a look at the worship resources go online to www.pcusa.org/ga218/praying/index.htm.

For more information about General Assembly, go to www.pcusa.org/ga218/. To get up-to-the-minute news as it happens (from June 21-28), click on PC-biz icon, or go directly to www.pc-biz.org. If you are a new user, click "Register a New User" and follow the prompts. Enter your username and password (upper right hand corner of screen). Options include: read an item, "watch" an item, make your own notes on items, read an attachment to an item, or print an item.

DENOMINATIONAL MISSION NEWSLETTER

PCUSA WORLDWIDE is a monthly e-mail newsletter about the international mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This newsletter will be of interest to

anyone desiring information about the world mission of the church (newsletter editors, mission committees, Christian educators, etc.).

The May 15, 2008 edition included stories titled, "More Mission Personnel Proposed" "PDA Responds to Myanmar, China Disasters" "Crisis in Lebanon" "Joining Hands Network Campaigns for Disabled Children's Rights" "Transformation at the Border" "Orphans Receive Hope for a Better Future" and many more.

Free subscriptions to PCUSA WORLDWIDE are at www.pcusa.org/worldwide/list/htm. Story ideas can be submitted to patrickcole@pcusa.org.

GRACE CRAFTERS

Does anyone remember last fall's television commercial where a little boy hands his mother a note who says in a panicked voice "You need 60 cupcakes by tomorrow?" "I'll help", the little guy volunteers. This always made me smile, remembering my own children's school days. While thinking of how to write something different for publicity (I have done this for nine years, and it is getting tough to come up with some interesting ways to put out our message), this commercial came to mind. So, let's see what I can do with it.

No, we are not going to ask anyone to make 60 cupcakes. But I guess this is the note I'm handing you----Our Fall Bazaar will be held November 8th this year. We need new crafts to put on our tables. If you knit, sew, or crochet, design and make jewelry, put up jellies, jams, or relishes, do woodworking, make Christmas or Thanksgiving cards or runners, tablemats or ornaments, or are into ceramics, we would really appreciate one or possibly two of whatever your craft ability is. Best of all we don't need it tomorrow. We are giving you all summer to consider what to make and then make it. Thank you in advance.



GRACE CRAFTERS

TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN COORDINATING TEAM

A big thank you to the ladies listed below for stepping up to the plate as you took on additional responsibilities for the benefit of your fellow parishioners:

Betty Clark, Vice Moderator

Alice Custer, Secretary and Publicity

Barbara Kingen, Treasurer

Nancy Maxwell, Historian

Helen Dakers and Barb Vogel, Search Committee

Libby Henderson, Prayer Chain

Betty Schielein, Grace Crafters

Sue Lightbody and Toni Hunter, Ways and Means

Dia Stoner, Membership and Welcome Committee

I want to extend my thanks to the Circle Leaders and alternates who conducted wonderful meetings for their respective circles. They are:

Dorcas Circle: Ginny Okopski, leader

Mary Martha Circle: Pat Keister, leader

Naomi Circle: Betty Katke, leader

Sarah Circle: Betty Clark, leader

It was my pleasure working with you for the past two years as your Moderator, and it is my honor to “turn over the reins” to Betty Clark. Betty has been a delight to work with, and I know she will serve the Presbyterian Women admirably.

I would be remiss if I didn’t convey my utmost respect and admiration to Cheryl Kopia and Betty Schielein. Cheryl and Betty have stepped up to the plate and served the PW with their new ideas and enthusiasm. GPC has been blessed with their presence.

Finally kudos are extended to Wayne Keister and Sam Eckerd for their assistance prior to the Women’s Gatherings. You never failed to exceed our expectations.

Wishing all of you a glorious, safe summer!

Marlene Foster

Moderator of the Women’s Group

Request from Deacons

The Deacons of GPC are looking for willing volunteers to assist with some of their special projects.

Funeral Receptions The Deacons provide food for the receptions that are held after funeral and memorial services held at GPC, as requested by the families of our departed members and friends. If you are willing to help by providing food, such as finger desserts, please contact Thelma Volzer, chair of the Deacon’s Funeral Reception Committee. ((352) 556-3455). When needed, Thelma will contact volunteers to assist.

Flower Delivery Each Sunday, following the 10:30 Worship Service, the Deacons take the flowers that have graced the altar and divide them into bouquets to be delivered to members and friends of GPC who are unable to attend the service due to acute or chronic health issues. We are looking for drivers who are willing to help deliver flowers to assigned shut-ins after the 2nd service on Sunday mornings. If you are able to assist the Deacons on an occasional Sunday, please contact Joyce Flint, Moderator, Deacons (727-869-1152).

THE TEN COMMUNICATION COMMANDMENTS

- 1) Thou shalt listen actively, ask questions, and refrain from giving advice.
- 2) Thou shalt engage both thy heart and thy head, emotion and reason.
- 3) Thou shalt make it easier for others by self-reporting openly and honestly.
- 4) Thou shalt play for win-win, not win-lose or lose-lose.
- 5) Thou shalt not blame, shame, or demonize others, or victimize yourself.
- 6) Thou shalt avoid absolutizing.
- 7) Thou shalt seek to like “the other.”
- 8) Thou shalt dance, not fight.
- 9) Thou shalt separate content from process.
- 10) Thou shalt respectfully establish areas of disagreement.

JUNE



2 - Margaret Lockwood
2 - Barbara Petrizzi
2 - Alexandria Wood
3 - Ruth Cressman
4 - Dorothy Dietz
4 - Ken Vogel
4 - Lee Williamson
5 - Kelly Atkinson
5 - Carol Ross
5 - Jeremy Stewart
6 - Elizabeth Dickerson
6 - Ruth Fivecoat
6 - Gloria Hugg
6 - Jack Toney
7 - Arlene Osmun
7 - Christine Rizzuto
8 - Judy Downing
9 - Rufus Hunter
9 - William Kuhns
10 - Penny Ambrose
10 - Dorothy Mack
10 - Alice Mattson
12 - Linda Ausenbaugh
13 - Albert Emery
14 - Sara Ausenbaugh
15 - Joanne Schmieding
16 - Debra Ely
16 - Dora Livingston
17 - Winifred Losee
17 - Millie Mergler
18 - June Chiovitti
18 - Alice Custer
18 - Stanley Mattson
18 - John Rizzuto
19 - Geoffrey Bishop
20 - Ivy Diedrick
20 - Vivian Diehl
20 - Kimberly Guarino
20 - Margaret Morris
22 - Joan Aufiero
22 - Judy Doyle
22 - Sandra Taylor
22 - Dean Walker
23 - Rose Cook
23 - Jeanne Lang
23 - Debi Trezise
24 - Norman Davis
24 - Frank Rizzuto

24 - Gina Stifanic
24 - John Turnbull
25 - Margot Calvert
26 - Anna Ambrose
26 - Paul Augustine
26 - Eileen Whiting
27 - Margaret Arnold
27 - Donald Hixon
27 - Bradman Hood
27 - Janette Piper
27 - June Pocock
28 - Shirley Eggleton
28 - William Maxwell
28 - Christine McClean
29 - Darin Alvarez
29 - Maria Hixon
29 - Susan Scharber

JULY

1 - Helen Weaver
2 - Donna Gosnell
2 - Walter Krol
3 - James Furr
3 - Hilde Kraut
3 - Priscilla Lacy
3 - Robert Pease
5 - Rudolph Albrecht
5 - Brandi Andersen
5 - Margaret Cody
6 - Brett Bielan
6 - Michael Wilson
7 - Harold Crawford
7 - Lois Cunningham
7 - Nancy Hammel
7 - Dennis Kopec
7 - Paula Morton
7 - Marian Palamaro
8 - Margaret Caldwell
8 - Inty Davis
8 - Ivy Matheny
9 - Michelle Hogan
10 - Doris Hart
10 - Charlie Stewart
10 - Joan Unger
11 - Barry Carter
11 - Lynn Guzman
11 - Richard Meale
13 - Marla Gardner
14 - Ann Gerstner

14 - Brandi Mallek
15 - Jerry Larson
15 - Jaime Longo
15 - Esther Millham
15 - Fe Morales
16 - Bertha Bartek
16 - Thomas Donaghue
16 - Roberta Jarvinen
17 - Jason Mallek
18 - Heather Wilson
19 - Sally Doughty
19 - Bonnita Kauffman
20 - Kitty Bazlamit
20 - Dorothy Kuhns
21 - Mike Euston
21 - Patricia Larson
22 - Kathryn Warner
25 - Miriam Lane
25 - Roland Olsberg
25 - Herlina Southern
26 - Candiss Carter
26 - Susan Landry
26 - Emma Welsh
27 - Joyce Johns
27 - Lenore Rose
28 - Barbara Bielan
29 - Emerson Sterner
31 - Daniel Coursey
31 - Miriam Pacheco
31 - Hilma Pepin

AUGUST

1 - Christine Doyle
1 - Suzanne Jaegar
2 - George Dennis
2 - Thelma Geloneck
3 - Kevin Stewart
3 - Barbara Vogel
4 - John Pitt
4 - Adeline Shultz
5 - Suzanne Forman
5 - Bert Gordon
6 - Peg Prior
7 - Gloria Madden
7 - Bette Reeves

