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**Please note:** This is a summer edition of the PCPC Pressing News, covering the months of July and August. The next issue of the newsletter will be September. Wishing you a HAPPY SUMMER!



*Dear Church Family,*

*When I read the following story written by Joseph J. Mazzella, it certainly got me thinking!*

## **The Whole Cookie**

I was in the bakery section of a local supermarket the other day when I spotted a huge, delicious-looking, chocolate cake on sale. I was tempted to put it in my shopping cart but lately I have been trying to keep my middle-age spread from spreading, so I walked on.

Just as I was passing it by, however, a little boy no more than four or five years old ran up to it and yelled, "Mommy, Mommy, Let's get the chocolate cake!" His Mom walked up and patiently explained that they couldn't afford that cake even on sale, but maybe they could get a couple of chocolate chip cookies instead. I expected the little boy to be upset, but instead his smile grew even wider as he said, "Yes, Yes, I love cookies!"

How I wish I had the wisdom of that little boy.

As I have gone down life's path over the years I have far too often rejected the delightful bites

of cookie that God has offered me because my eyes were fixed on the giant chocolate cake at the end of the road. All the little joys that I could have cherished were ignored because I couldn't take my eyes off the prize.

It took me so many years to see that that chocolate cake was only an illusion of my own making.

That chocolate cake was the desire of what I wanted my life to be, but all of those bites of cookie were the life that God gave me to live. These days I delight in every one of them. I embrace every chance to do good, to share love, to help others, to create joy, and to grow into the person God meant for me to be. I know, too, that at the end of my days here God will allow me to see the whole cookie that was my life and I pray that it will be a delicious sight to see.

Don't pass up your cookies for some imaginary cake. Enjoy every bite of this life that God has given you. Rejoice in His glorious love for you and share your own love as well. Make your life a sweet treat for your soul and the souls of everyone you meet.

*I don't know about you, but I realize there were times in my life when I was looking at the bigger picture and was so distracted by the bigger picture that I missed the bits of grace that the Lord had wanted to give to me in small ways along the way. As I look back, at times those little bits of grace came in planned interruptions by the Lord. Sometimes hindsight is a great teacher!!!*

*Throughout these summer months, take time to reflect upon those bits of grace the Lord has given you along the way. Why not write them on a piece of paper and give thanks to the Lord for them and share some of that grace with others! Have a restful, joyful, blessed summer!*

*Love being your pastor!!  
Blessings and love in Jesus!  
Alice*

### **NEW CHURCH SIGN**

We are very grateful that our new church sign will be ordered and installed. This sign will be in the front of our building. It will be illuminated and perpendicular to the Main Street and will be able to be seen from both the east and the west. We are very thankful to the Lord that the funding for the sign has been given anonymously. We are grateful to be able to move forward with this project.

### **TRUSTEES MEETINGS**

11:15 Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>  
11:15 Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

### **DEACONS MEETINGS**

11:15 Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>  
11:15 No meeting in August

### **LITURGISTS are:**

July: Gary Gibeaut  
August: Pending

### **ELDER GREETERS are:**

July: Sally Petznick  
August: Bob Merkle

### **HEAD DEACONS are:**

**July:** Jan Short + Judy Brady, Mike George or Valerie Merideth (filling in for Pat Myers)  
**August:** Carolyn Gibeaut & Janie Collins

### **THE USHERING TEAM for July is:**

Judy Brady and Jane Denhardt  
Valerie Merideth and Barbara George

### **Team for August is:**

Bob Merkle and Ray Russell  
Chris and Janet Johnston

### **SESSION MEETING**

No meeting this month – On call for the summer

## **BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES:**

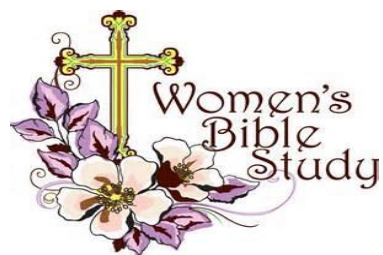
### **CHRISTIAN CONVERSATIONS**

(led and facilitated by Frank and Jerry Smith) every **Sunday morning beginning at 9:15** in Fellowship Hall outside of the offices.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** (led by Bill Pettibone) Courageous Living - The class meets **every other Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. at the church. This month will be June 11<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>.**

### **HEALING SERVICE**

The next healing service will be on July 31<sup>st</sup>



**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** (led by Rev. Alice). Commitment: My Heart-Christ's Home by Robert Boyd Munger. The class meets on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the library by the front of the church.

### **MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

We are taking the summer off and Bible study will return in the fall with a new study on Genesis.

### **MONDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING**

Come join us at 6:30 p.m. as we pray for our church, personal concerns, and national and international concerns.

*The Prayer Meeting will be cancelled on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> because of the Holiday. Please pray at home at 6:30.*



### **ATTENTION KUMJOINUS MEMBERS!**

Kumjoinus will take the months of July and August off and resume meeting in September. Enjoy your summer! Judy Weeks will host in September.



### MAX & ERMA'S FUNDRAISER

Enjoy a meal at Max & Erma's on **Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>** and **August 4<sup>th</sup>** and 20% of your bill will be returned to the Church for our Mission Trip Fund. Please call the church office at 873-5011 if you need vouchers. *Gather up your friends and family, and go hungry for lunch or supper!* The voucher for the fundraiser is included in this newsletter; cut it out and take it with you. *See you there!!*



### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS...

Circle Meetings and Special events will resume in September. If you are new to our congregation and are interested in becoming a member of one of the circles, please feel free to visit any on the meetings:

- Friendship Circle meets for lunch the third Thursday of the month –Moderator, Betty Ferguson.
- Semi Circle meets the third Tuesday of every other month at 6:30 P.M. in a member's home – Rita McCray Moderator.
- Lena Robinson Circle meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 with supper at a restaurant of the hostess' choice.

*All women of the Congregation are invited to join one of our circles!*

### COMMUNION SCHEDULE FOR 2016

August	Summer Communion will be August 14, 2016
October 2	World Communion Sunday
November 27	First Sunday in Advent
December 24	Christmas Eve



### FEED MY SHEEP FOODBANK UPDATE...

The PCPC Food Bank “Feed My Sheep” continues to grow and thrive as an important mission of our Church. We have truly been blessed with an **amazing “crew” of volunteers** who come faithfully each week to help unload, sort, display and joyfully distribute food to a growing group of people in need. Your **generous donations** of food, supplies and money have filled our pantry and given us enough operating capital to continue this work. **Thank You Very Much!**

If you would like to volunteer, or just see “what’s going on” or “how it works” please stop by Church any Saturday afternoon. The food arrives around 4:30 and we are cleaning up and heading home a little after 6:00 PM. **“It is a blessing to all of us to be able to do this work and only the support of our congregation has made this mission possible.”**

Mike George

### VACATION

Pastor Alice will be on vacation July 3-4 (returning on the 5<sup>th</sup>) and August 6-12 and she will be on study leave the week of July 16-23 at The Cove in Asheville, NC. **Rev. Dr. Jeannie Harsh will preach on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**On July 17<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Lewis E. Hildreth** (Marion Thomas’ brother) will lead our worship. Mr. Hildreth is retired from a communications research and development laboratory where he was a member of an engineering group that helped develop cell phone technology. For the past 40 years, Mr. Lewis has studied and taught the Bible in adult Sunday school and evening Bible studies.

He has attended numerous Biblical study and training seminars at the Billy Graham Training Center in Asheville NC and has authored two books: “Isaiah Saw The Glory of Jesus” and “Our Eyes Have Seen, Our Hands Have Touched—A Study in John”. We look forward to his visit to PCPC.

Rosemary Anderson will preach on **August 7<sup>th</sup>.**



## “CAVE QUEST” VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This summer’s Vacation Bible School theme is CAVE QUEST: FOLLOWING JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. CAVE QUEST will be held the week of **July 11-15, from 9:00-12:00** each morning.

In CAVE QUEST, children will explore the rock-solid foundation of Jesus’ love through Bible learning experiences that engage all the senses. Songs, tasty treats, games, movies, science experiments, and Bible study each day will help them understand and remember the day’s Bible Point.

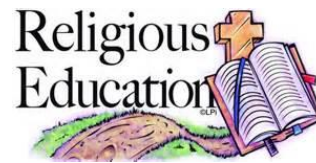
After each morning’s opening session with Clark Cavern, and songs with our Music Leader, the group will explore the Bible lesson for the day. Then in three smaller groups they will visit the Imagination Station, the KidVid Cinema and the Cavern Café/Spelunker Sports station. The whole group will reassemble for the closing session.

We are in need of volunteers to assist our Station Leaders and act as small group leaders (think of it as herding cats), as well as a volunteer with camera/computer experience who can be our Spotlight leader. Scripts and computer files are available to create a record of each day’s activities for a program to be presented in church on July 17. Anyone who would like to help is encouraged to contact Rosemary Anderson at 873-4191 or [randerson52@columbus.rr.com](mailto:randerson52@columbus.rr.com).

***Christian Radio station 104.9 will be here with the children on Tuesday, July 12th.***

## SUNDAE SUNDAY

We will have a Sundae Sunday after worship sometime this summer. Create your own sundae and hear the stories and see slides of the Mission Trip to Colcord W.V. Watch weekly bulletins for date.



## L.I.G.H.T. YOUTH PROGRAM SCHEDULE

For Remainder of the School Year 2016:

### Off June, July and August

If you would like to volunteer with the L.I.G.H.T. program, please contact any of the following: Rosemary Anderson, Carolyn Gibeaut, Rita McCray, or Jerry Smith. Thank you for your consideration in this ministry for our youth.



**ALTAR FLOWERS** – There are lots of Sundays open on the altar flower calendar. If you would like to donate one or both arrangements of flowers in honor of someone or a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one, please put that information on the Sunday of your choice. The flower calendar is on the bulletin board in the parlor. The Sundays that are not designated by individuals are paid for by the Presbyterian Women. Thank you!



## CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

The Deacons will host a family potluck at Pastime Park on July 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m. We will then go to the free concert at the park. The Deacons will provide beverages and paper products.





### **JULY**

- 1 - Doris France
- 2 - Elizabeth Collins  
Randy Collins  
Jane Denhardt  
Grant Thomas
- 3 - Sammy Lamphear
- 6 - Linda Erdman
- 8 - Michael Hargis
- 11 - Nancy Patterson
- 14 - Harley Bodenbender
- 17 - Melissa Erdman
- 20 - Belva Latham
- 21 - Rita McCray  
Vicky Pettibone
- 29 - Johanna Keiser  
Leanne Manring
- 30 - Michael Wilcox
- 31 - Lauren McClymont  
Heather Merkle  
Chad Sperling

### **AUGUST**

- 1 - Kim Moody
- 6 - Angie Lester  
Danny Sperling
- 11 - Fred DeLeon  
Robert (Beau) Stapp
- 12 - Austin Beltz  
Roy Woods
- 13 - Paula Ferguson  
Keitha Lear
- 14 - Bob Watson
- 17 - Rich Stahl
- 19 - Nathan Ferguson  
Stewart Walker
- 23 - Sally Petznick
- 24 - Frank Smith
- 29 - Suzanne Merkle
- 30 - Taylor Brown  
Bob Lind  
Andy Thomas
- 31 - Connor Johnston  
Betty Mayer  
Paula Reed Thomas  
Bill A. Wilcox



### **JULY**

- 9 - Ray & Jean Russell
- 15 - Brian and Tracy Beach
- 20 - Steve & Nancy Patterson
- 25 - William & Elaine Wilcox
- 28 - Bob & Suzanne Merkle

### **AUGUST**

- 3 - Chad & Brynn Craney
- 4 - Ashley and Beth Goode
- 5 - Brad & Cindy Stoker
- 10 - Dick & Joy Harper
- 17 - Michael & Christina Hargis
- 27 - Bob & Helen Watson
- 31 - Junior & Kim Moody



