



GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

The Newsletter of The Presbyterian Church at Woodbury

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Sunday, June 27, 2010

9:30 A.M.

Worship Service

11:00 A.M.

Church School for Adults

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MISSION NEWS – CUBA: Time is fast approaching when we must commit the next bunch of travelers to go to Cuba. The trip is being planned for October 28–November 5, 2010. The cut-off date for sign-ups will be August 15.

This is a different kind of mission trip, one of presence, not presents. The things we will be building are “presence”: friends, fellowship, witness, and trust. The “presents” part will be more medicines to distribute through the Placetas community. If the typical mission trip excites you, but you find that you either don’t want to or can’t participate in work trips, this opportunity is for you. Accommodations are simple but very comfortable (rated “4 stars” by previous participants).

Join us for a CUBA INFORMATION MEETING on Sunday, June 27 at 7:30 p.m. Wendy Kunz, Keith Doughten, and Charles Miller will talk about recent trips and the upcoming trip. The meeting will be held at the home of Janet Earnhart. Please call Charlie (845-3877) to let them know if you plan to attend.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT IN OUR YOUTH!

Over \$2,600 was donated to help the following Youth attend the Youth Triennium July 20–24: Josie Barrett, Chris Federici, Genna Minnich, Amanda Mixner, and Breanna Reeder. Please continue to invest in them with your prayers.

PRAYER

In his book, Prayer, Does It Make Any Difference?, Philip Yancey almost answers the question completely with the title of the very first chapter, “Our Deepest Longing.” This article is not the first in a series on the importance of prayer; that is best saved for a Bible study or Church School class. It is to address one aspect of prayer in the life of our church.

From time to time, we get questions about why then entire Prayer list is not read every Sunday during the service. In order to answer, we need to examine the history of this List and its intended purpose. It has not always been part of our service but has been incorporated in varying degrees over the past 15 years or so. It is not a question of a right and wrong way to approach prayer but more an interpretation of that intended purpose. For years, our church has been blessed by having a Prayer Chain: a collection of extraordinary men and women who lovingly volunteer their time to pray for those listed by their church family. Each week they receive a copy of those Prayer Lists that are filled out on Sunday. They faithfully lift up in prayer all who are listed, not just once, but throughout that week and in many cases for months to follow. They even call or write to those in need, reaching out as a disciple to help ease a burden or share in a joy.

We have also found that the listing of prayer concerns by our congregation and visitors is, in of itself, a prayerful act for those upon whose heart and mind was moved to pray. Another effective gift we can provide for those on these Lists is to send the “We prayed for you in church today.” post cards which are found near the Prayer Lists. It has meant so much to people to have these notes sent from those they know and love telling them that they indeed have another family who cares and prays for them.

Prayer concerns relating to surgeries, bereavement, and also joys and blessings for members or their families are often listed in the bulletin. For those we learn of late in the week, we, from time to time, announce that concern or joy from the pulpit if it is one of immediacy.

The Prayer Lists we get are often not specific. Many times only a first name appears. For reason of privacy in some cases, this is understandable. Thus, to read

these names in a relatively quick manner, in reality, is probably not the most effective way to offer them up in prayer and is why we are grateful to the thoughtful and prayerful diligence of our Prayer Chain. We do rest in the assurance that all these prayers are known to God, and He has welcomed them from the open hearts of his children. The opportunity for those who attend each service to have specific prayers lifted up is also provided each week by an Elder stationed in the Sanctuary to listen and to pray with you after worship.

I would also like you to know that each week at our Staff meetings we review prayer concerns and open our meetings with them. We know that this also happens at most of our classes, Bible studies, or small groups for prayer is such an integral part of the life of this church family. I would be remiss in not mentioning how many prayer concerns are brought to us each week, in person, by phone, or by e-mail, so the communication lines are well used. For that, we give thanks. In a world where there seems to be much opposition or anger towards God, prayer speaks to the need for us to have an on-going and meaningful relationship with God. Let us continue that relationship together. For this we pray, Amen.

Milt Fredericks

Lay Minister of Congregational Care

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BEREAVEMENT CLASS will be offered for those who have suffered loss or those going through difficult times on June 27 and July 4 at 11:00 a.m. in the Adult Forum Room. The Class will be led by Milt Fredericks. If interested or if you have any questions, you may contact the Church Office (845-1244) or Milt at home (423-5692).

SUMMER MISSION TRIP will be August 7 - 14. We will be driving to West Virginia and be engaged in flood recovery work. You can help by donating supplies and/or being a prayer partner. There is a sign-up sheet in the Chapel.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Summer Church School – The Christian Education Task Force has decided to have Summer Church School on Wednesday evenings. Plan to bring your family for an early supper and a special event each Wednesday.

Summer Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.:

June 30 – God gives us Hope
July 7 – God gives us Special Abilities
July 14 – God gives us Wisdom
July 21 – God gives us Forgiveness
July 28 – God gives us a Family
Aug. 4 - Family Bowling Night
Volunteers are needed. There is a sign-up sheet in the Chapel if you can help.

Adult Education - Sundays at 11 A.M.:

Date	Topic	Leader
June 27	Bonhoeffer Bereavement	Phil Oehler Milt Fredericks
July 4	Christian Country? Bereavement	Phil Oehler Milt Fredericks
July 11	Christian Music	Jack Hill
July 18	Report from General Assembly	
July 25	Becoming a Good Samaritan – New World Vision/John Ortberg DVD	
Aug. 1	Powerful DVD short takes – Nooma, Convergence	

YOUTH CONFIRMATION COMMISSIONING CLASS is now forming and will start in September. Any youth who will be in 7th or 8th grades this fall (or older if never confirmed) is invited to be a part of this adventure. A mailing giving more details went out June 1 to all eligible youth. If you did not receive this information, please call the Church Office (845-1244). Questions? Call Bunny or Chick Dougherty (845-8149).

CONGRATULATIONS to Kim Barrett for receiving the 2010 Women's Association Scholarship!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES:

Sarah Bessey – Woodbury High School
Kim Barrett – Kingsway High School
Lauren Dickerson – Drexel University –
B.S. in Business Administration
Jessica Lynch – The College of NJ –
B.S. Nursing



IN MEMORIAM

Ina G. Hudson

February 18, 1916 - June 13, 2010

"I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord."

THANK YOU: Elsie Camplin sends thanks for prayers, cards, notes, expressions of concern, and contacts with family members as she continues her recovery from serious cranial and brain injuries from a fall on our church property. Cards and notes may be sent to her at Magee Rehabilitation Center, Room 452 (Bed 1), 1513 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

OUR MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENTS for June are Charles Miller to Becky Barrett; Fred Petri to Anne and Alan Penn in Nepal; Julie Luzier to Rodney and Sharyn Babe in Haiti; and Joan Lewis to Michael and Nicole Carlin in Haiti.

URGENT!! Woodbury V.B.S. is in need of 10 adult volunteers in order for the program to run this summer. Two adults are needed for each of the following centers: Bible Story, Arts and Crafts, Recreation, Snack, Music, and Science/Missions. Volunteers will be asked to organize and carry out activities that are identified in the program material. No prior experience is necessary, and free childcare is provided for children of volunteers. VBS is July 26 through July 30, from 9 AM until noon. The host church this year is Holy Angels Parish, (formerly St. Patrick's Parish). All volunteers **MUST** be identified by July 1, 2010 in order for this summer's program to run. Please contact the Church Office or Kathy Mangeri (845-8097) if you can help. Registration for children will begin after July 1, once sufficient volunteers have been identified.

RIVERSHARKS GAME: Habitat for Humanity of Gloucester County is selling tickets for the Riversharks game on Sunday, July 11 at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$11.00. Please call Bob Harris at 468-6703 for more information.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Nancy Geiger and Family upon the death of her mother, Rick Gabler and Family upon the death of his mother, Tom Dolan, Elsie Camplin in Magee Rehab (Phila.) Jane McKinney in Manor Care, Bob Storer, Sharyn Babe in Florida, Hope Blasko, and Dee and Dave Tanzola. A reminder to keep our military personnel in your prayers: JJ Cunningham, Rob Chase, Ron Goepel, Bill Borders, David Wietz, James Gallagher, and Clayton Kelly.

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Rick Gabler (6/27) and Nancy Geiger (7/4)

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: JUNE 27 - JULY 3, 2010

Sunday:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Adult Education
Monday:	7:00 PM	Session
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Wednesday:	10:00 AM	Youth Group Leaves for Creation
	6:00 PM	Egypt V.B.S.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: JULY 4 - 11, 2010

Sunday:	9:30 AM	Worship Service/Communion
	11:00 AM	Adult Education
Monday:		Church Office Closed
Wednesday:	6:00 PM	Egypt V.B.S.
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	11:00 AM	Adult Education
	12:00 PM	Preteens Bowling

