



Pickford Presbyterian Pages

From the Pastor...

Some months when I sit down to write my article for the newsletter, I'm not always sure which topic I ought to address. Do I talk about the continuing education event that I attended, The Hymn Society Annual Conference, where I learned a great deal about different hymns, about music in worship, and how to teach unfamiliar songs? Do I talk about what's been happening in the world because so much has happened and so much of what has happened has been painful? Do I talk about the joy and excitement of Vacation Bible School where the kids came and learned more about God through song, play, and stories? Or do I talk about the work of the church, both locally and more broadly—The work that the presbytery is doing—when so much of that work is difficult and painful?

As I considered all the different things that I could write about, the unifying theme that I saw flowing through each of these things was about God and God's faithfulness and that is something that is very important to write and talk about.

The author of the book of Lamentations reminds us, "But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him'" (Lam. 3:21-24, NRSV). These words were being written in response to awful events that the people had experienced. Their homes had been taken, their temple destroyed, and they were led into a foreign land. Yet, there is this call to hope in the Lord. God is still there. God is still present. God will again bring forth mercy.

In the midst of all the things I could write about, this is what I see. God is there as we are continuing to grow and learn in our faith. God is there each time an awful thing happens in the world; whether it's a plane crash, war, a cancer diagnosis, or other such news. God's faithfulness is great. God is there when we celebrate with community remembering what unites us. God rejoices with us as we continue to praise God in all that we do. So this next month, as you go through each day, may you be reminded of God's great faithfulness. May you be assured that the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. In that knowledge, may you find hope, whatever you might face.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jessica

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday – Thursday
starting @ 8:30 a.m.

Things to Note...

MARK YOU CALENDAR - COMMUNION DATES

Following are the communion dates for the rest of 2017:

- Sunday, August 13th
- Sunday, October 1st (World Communion)
- Sunday, November 26th

OUT OF THE OFFICE

Pastor Jessica will be out of the office Monday, August 14th through Tuesday, August 29th for vacation. During that time, Alice Halsey will serve as the elder on call so if you should need anything please reach out to her at 647-6601 or talk with Jessica Bjunes when she is in the office. The office will be closed Wednesday and Thursday, August 16th-17th.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All church women are invited to the annual dinner at Main Street Café on Thursday, August 10th at 6:30 p.m. Reservations should be made with Irene Nettleton (647-7121) by Monday, August 7th.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Presbyterian Women will again be collecting school supplies starting on July 30th.

FREE BACKPACKS & SCHOOL SUPPLIES

On Friday, August 11th from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. there will be backpacks and school supplies available at the Sault Area High School. Please see flyer on bulletin board for more information.



Financial Updates:

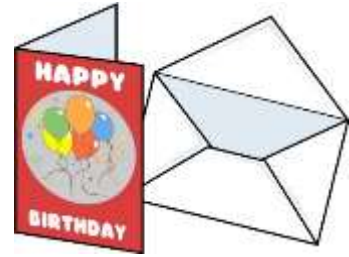
As of June 30, 2017							
	Operating Fund	Investments	PI – Regular	PI – Roof	Sunday School	Youth	Memorial
Cash on hand	51,430.25	12,000.00	8,350.18	18,836.08	386.49	1,158.77	6,996.97
Income	9,163.68	0.00	169.09	57.28	98.00	0.00	0.89
Expenses	10,809.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	(117.00)	(163.34)	0.00
Ending Bal	49,784.37	12,000.00	8,519.27	18,893.36	367.49	995.43	6,997.86

SUNDAY MORNING ROTATIONS

Date	Liturgists	Greeters	Ushers	Nursery
8/6/2017	Dick Morrison	Chuck & Mary Jane Bennin	Bob Rye & Family	Denice Portice
8/13/2017	Shirley McGarvey	Jodi Soeltner & Denice Portice	Paul Harrison & Don Stirling	Cheryl Harrison
8/20/2017	Bob Slater	Jim & Karen Rye	Bill & Curt Beacom	Mandy Stec
8/27/2017	Cindy Smith	Jerry & Christy Thurmes	Jim Rye	Kristin Taylor

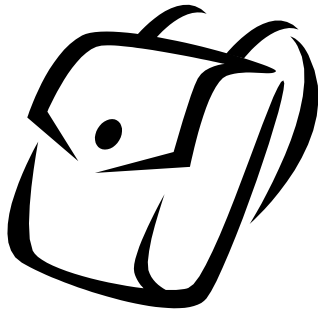
SHH! IT'S A SECRET BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER!

Dolores Nettleton will be turning 90 years old on August 13, 2017. It would be great if her church family could send her a birthday wish. She would love to hear from all of you. Her address is: American House, Dolores Nettleton, RM 34, 615 Petoskey Ave. Charlevoix, MI 49720.



IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathy to the families of Jim Miller and Roger Wahl.



BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS!

Bring your backpacks to church on Sunday, September 10th! Everyone attending school and carrying a backpack is invited to bring their backpack on that Sunday. During the service we will be asking a blessing on all of the backpacks. So don't forget—get your backpack ready to go early that weekend and bring it with you on Sunday, September 10th.

PRESBYTERY POINT CAMP 2017 CAMP SCHEDULE

call 906-869-0925 or check our website at www.presbytery.org for details

- July 22-Aug. 15** **Guest Campers Welcome to Superior String Alliance** campers and staff!
- Aug. 18– Aug. 20** **80th Anniversary Overnight camp with Open House** on Sunday afternoon.
- Sept. 24-Sept. 30** **Fall Work Camp** to prepare the camp for winter and off-season events.



We need many adult volunteers for our summer camp season including teaching elders, CRE's, nurses, crafters, custodial and maintenance helpers, grandmas and grandpas, bakers, teachers and mentors. Paperwork and training are required when working with youth at camp. For more camper or volunteer information, please call Caron at 906-869-0925 or email at ppcc@presbytery.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WRAP-UP

Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose was held July 24th-28th. The Christian Education Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to make Vacation Bible School a meaningful experience for the students.



DIANE PEPPLER RESOURCE CENTER

The Diane Pepler Resource Center presents Blast to the Past. Activities will include: 5K Race, 1 mile fun run, and a costume contest. This event will be held at American Legion Memorial Park, State St., St. Ignace, MI on August 26, 2017 starting at 6:00 P.M. Register online at www.dprcenter.org.

AUGUST BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARIES



8/1 Mike Quinnell
 8/2 Camden Van Blaricum
 Blaine Burnaby
 Blake Mastaw
 Julie Rye Zimmerman
 8/3 Mary Jean Michalski
 Adam Skinner
 8/4 Claire Morrison
 Sean Franklin
 Cheri Skinner
 8/6 Tammy Sue Fountain
 Adam Taylor
 Jacob Warner
 8/7 Joyce Smith
 Isaac Terrian
 8/8 Ken Dunton
 Donald Stirling

8/9 Sandie Rye
 Jaelinn Soeltner
 Jeryn Soeltner
 8/12 Marjorie Schmitigal
 8/13 Jacob Andrzejak
 Morgan Brown
 Owen Campbell
 8/14 Ginger Michalski
 Tom Portice
 8/15 Austin Beamish
 Tanny Armstrong

8/16 Bryanne Fountain
 John Fountain
 8/18 Deb Wise
 8/20 Lorma Ames
 Diane Nettleton
 8/21 Ben Skinner
 8/22 Curt Beacom
 Pat Knox
 8/23 Trevor Layton
 8/24 Chad Firack
 Paul Prucha
 8/26 Lauryn Wood
 8/27 Ryan Carson
 Janet Skinner
 8/28 Paige Fehner
 8/31 Thomas Hayes



8/14 Mike & Jennifer Kennedy
 8/15 Ken & Jen Dunton
 Bill & Carol Wallis
 8/17 Shawn & Jacque Rye

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let Jessica Bjunes know.

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Church Services: Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Adult Sunday School: Sundays at 11:00 a.m.



August

Sometimes the hardest things to
believe are the only things worth
believing at all.

- E.J. Patten