



Pickford Presbyterian Pages

From the Pastor...

This past weekend I returned from attending the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). It was a packed week in which committees and then the full assembly considered many different business items. The overture that I was advocating for, establishing an Administrative Commission to address disorder in the Synod of the Covenant, passed the committee unanimously with an alternate resolution. It then passed in the assembly with only six no votes. This is the beginning of what will probably be a lengthy process, but I'm reassured that we were heard, and we are going to get the help that we need.

You can find the rest of the news from General Assembly through their website: <https://ga-pcusa.org/general-assembly-news/> or follow some of our denominational reporting at <https://pres-outlook.org/> If you have any questions or concerns about what happened at GA, please let me know. Also, any one of our commissioners, including R. B. Smith, would be willing to talk about their perspective.

General Assembly is not the only big event this summer. As mentioned earlier this year, the Sermon by Request series is making a comeback. I received many requests for sermon ideas and topics and I believe we'll have the opportunity to address each of them. There will be a few Sundays in which we break from the series due to Vacation Bible School or other scheduling conflicts, but here is the Sermon by Request schedule for the coming weeks:

Sunday, July 1st: Formation of Beliefs;

Galatians 3:1-9 and 2 Thess. 2:13-17

Sunday, July 8th: Predestination; Romans 8:28-30 and Ephesians 1:3-14

Sunday, July 15th: I'll be away, and you get to enjoy the musical talents of The Agape Singers!

Sunday, July 22nd: VBS, Rescued by Jesus; Psalm 46 and Luke 15:1-10

Sunday, July 29th: Melchizedek; Genesis 14:18-20 and Hebrews 7:1-10

Sunday, August 5th: Hay Days Worship—gather at the football field for a community worship service.

Sunday, August 12th: Sacrament of Baptism;

John 1:19-34 and Titus 3:3-8

Sunday, August 19th: Sacrament of Communion;

Mark 14:12-25 and 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

There are many different things happening this summer, from GA meeting, to sermons by request, to Vacation Bible School, and Hay Days Worship. I hope you'll be able to see what God is up to in our church and community. Have a fabulous, fun, and safe summer!

Grace and Peace, *Pastor Jessica*

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

Things to Note...

OFFICE SCHEDULE FOR JULY

The office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th. Pastor Jessica will be out of the office July 12th through July 20th. If you are in need of pastoral care during that time, please contact: Roger Morrison (647-2100). Jessica Bjunes will be on vacation Tuesday, July 3rd, Thursday, July 5th, and Monday through Thursday, July 23rd-26th.

SUNDAY MORNING ROTATIONS

Date	Liturgists	Greeters	Ushers	Nursery
7/1/2018	Alice Halsey	Jodi Soeltner & Denice Portice	Bill & Curt Beacom	Carol Wallis
7/8/2018	Dick Morrison	Jim & Karen Rye	Jim Quinnell & Don Stevenson	Denice Portice
7/15/2018	Cindy Smith	Jerry & Christy Thurmes	Emory Schwiderson & Family	Cheryl Harrison
7/22/2018	R.B. Smith	Tim & Carol Storey	Arlene Portice & Elaine Slater	Mandy Stec
7/29/2018	Cathy Smith	Paul & Cheryl Harrison	Jim Quinnell & Don Stevenson	Kristin Taylor

Financial Updates:

As of May 31, 2018							
	Operating				Sunday		
	Fund	Investments	PI – Regular	PI – Roof	School	Youth	Memorial
Cash on hand	49,473.81	12,000.00	11,513.62	19,449.65	323.49	495.43	6,828.14
Income	11,317.65	0.00	203.50	55.83	132.00	0.00	0.30
Expenses	11,854.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	(50.00)	0.00	0.00
Ending Bal	48,936.71	12,000.00	11,717.12	19,505.48	405.49	495.43	6,828.44

DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS AVAILABLE

Copies of the July-September edition of the devotional booklet *These Days* are now available.



We express our deepest sympathy to the families of Bill Wallis and Barbara Callentine.

Thank you for all the thoughts and prayers. Jim Rye

Thank you for your prayers, with the help of Jesus I have made it through radiation. I have a year of hormone treatment, but as you all know I am healed by his stripes. No one can be healed without the intervention of Jesus. He uses doctors as his healers.

*Thanks again,
Ron and Laurie Nettleton*



FROM UGANDA:

Hello Pickford Presbyterian Church, how are you? I just hope you are fine. Here in Uganda we are fine because we are receiving rainfall almost every day. I have written this letter to thank you for the support you have given to Northern Lights Ministries. You have also made it grow because it is supporting many students. The Ministry has given my grandmother goats which have produced many goats and now there are five goats. I help her to graze them. Again, thank you for supporting NLM, may the Almighty bless you.

From: Kalambo Fatuma, Isabiry E Akiram, Nsassa Tonny, Lugendo Nassar, Nakello Joan, Ruth, MNTonyi Millca, Mwira Brian, Nakalyango, Viola, Nansubuga Lydia, Lyoono Nicholas, Titus Opoka, Kalanbwa Francii, Kate Walungembe, Matuka Gloria, Atuhaire Nelson

Dear Pickford Presbyterian Church, Let me take this chance to greet you in the name of Jesus Christ and I thank you for the great support that you have provided to us through Northern Lights Ministries. How is it there? For us here in Uganda it is a season of rain, therefore some of us are growing some crops like maize, beans, and sweet potatoes among others. We grow those crops with my grandmother with domestic work like mopping the house and sweeping the compound. I thank you for your support, may the Almighty God bless you.

*Your friend,
Matwka Gloria*

COMMUNITY NEWS!

PASSAGES BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Once again Hospice of the E.U.P. will be holding their PASSAGES Bereavement Support Group for all adult members of the community, free of charge. The group will meet on Mondays, July 9-August 13, 2018 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Hospice of the E.U.P. Grief Support Room, 308 W. 12th Ave, Sault Ste. Marie. To register or for more information please call the Hospice Office at: (906) 259-0222.

JOB POSTING

The Rudyard Christian School is seeking to fill a position of a full time elementary teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. RCS is looking for a dedicated, enthusiastic, knowledgeable and flexible employee to join our team who meet the following criteria: Committed Christian, active in their local church and growing in their personal walk with Christ; Have a passion for teaching and the ability to communicate effectively with students, parents, and staff; Desire to disciple and mentor young students and help them develop godly character in their lives. **General Responsibilities:** Working alongside teaching staff to effectively educate 25-30 students; willing to attend school functions that fall outside of school hours, as needed; this could include board meetings, fundraisers, field trips, and school programs.

This is a salary paid position. Accepting resumes until position has been filled. Resumes may be emailed to rudyardchristianschool@gmail.com or mailed to 10702 W. 17 Mile Rd. Rudyard, MI 49780. Call (616) 446-8802 with questions about the position. Thank you for your interest.

2018 CAMP SCHEDULE

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| July 5-July 7 | 1st-2nd Grade Camp: a mini-camp for youth finishing grades 1-2. Parent(s) welcome! |
| July 8-July 14 | Guest Campers: Welcome to campers and staff for a great week at Camp New Day! |
| July 15 – July 19 | 3rd-5th Grade Camp for youth finishing grades 3-5. |
| Sunday Sept. 2 | Labor Day Sunday Worship followed by a picnic and a variety of activities. |
| Oct. 1-Oct. 6 | Fall Work Camp: enjoy fellowship as we prepare camp for winter and off-season events. |



The regular monthly meeting of the Pickford Presbyterian Women was held on Thursday June 7th, 2018 in the church parlors with 14 members present. Hostesses were Alice Halsey and Pat Hunter

Moderator, Alice Halsey, opened the meeting by lighting the Christ candle, Our Purpose was read, and a prayer was given.

The secretary's report was read and approved.

Correspondance was read.

The treasurer's report was given. There is a balance of \$3489.01

Social: 69 were served at the Mother and Daughter Banquet. Gloria Smith drew pictures on the chalk boards telling a story about weddings. 42 were served at senior recognition. September meeting hostesses will be Marjean Wisw and Elaine Slater.

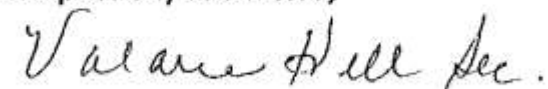
Remembrance: 1 get well, 3 thinking of you and 2 sympathy cards were sent. Karen Rye will have the cards for the next 4 months.

Old Business: A donation has been set up in the narthex to collect items for the Diane Pepler Center.

New Business: A dinner will be held at Main Street Cafe on August 16th. Irene Nettleton will take the reservations. The Delta Kapa Gamma dinner will be in August. Clara told us about collecting "Our Family" labels to be given to the school to be redeemed for the library

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 P.M. and a Bible study "Falling in love with Jesus again" was held.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Valarie Hill Sec." The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Valarie Hill, Secretary



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE

JULY 23rd - 27TH

GET READY FOR AN ADVENTURE TO AN UNCHARTED ISLAND WHERE KIDS ARE RESCUED BY JESUS!

At Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus VBS, kids discover that Jesus carries them through every storm in life. They'll learn to hold onto God's promises when they are lonely, they worry, they struggle, do wrong, and feel powerless.

We have included a registration form in this newsletter, or you can register online at <https://pickfordpresbyterian.org/> On the back of the registration form, is a photo opt-out form. We take a lot of pictures at VBS and it is understood that your participation in the program is your consent for those photos to be used on our website, Facebook page, and other promotional materials. If you **do not** want your photos used in that way, please fill out the opt-out form. Again, you only have to fill out that form if you **do not** want your picture used.

We will have donation cards on the table in the narthex and will continue to update them each week as items may be added as planning progresses. Most items are donations, but we also have items that can be lent for our use.

If you wish to make a cash donation, put the donation in a pew envelope, mark it "VBS", and place in the offering plate or Pastor Jessica's mailbox. Again, we thank you for your continued love and support and especially your prayers as we move forward with our plans.

ANSWERS TO THE SWEET SNACKS PUZZLE FROM LAST MONTH

Dove	Chiclets
Popcorn	Licorice or Good and Plenty
Milky Way and Mars	Eggnog
Zero	Candy Canes
100 Grand, Payday	Rice
Equal Exchange	Fruitcake
Gingerbread	Oranges and Apples
Babe Ruth	Pez
Fifth Avenue and Take 5	Gummy Bears

JULY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARIES

7/1 Kara Lamb
 7/2 Paul Morrison
 7/3 David Morrison
 Beth Rye
 7/4 Isabella Hess
 7/5 Caroline Brown
 Rachel Hayes
 7/6 Jack Izzard
 Bob Nettleton
 Jim Quinnell
 Jim Storey
 Erik Taylor
 7/8 Marjeen Wise
 7/9 Danielle Wood
 7/10 Cassie Jo Beamish
 Laurie Nettleton
 7/12 Marina Slater
 7/13 Ivan Harrison
 Steve Stec



7/14 Amanda Felty
 Brock Michalski
 7/16 Cassey Cottle
 Claire Hipps
 Alan Reamer
 Rachel Horde
 Carter Rye
 Tom Rye
 7/18 Mary Storey
 Carol Wallis
 7/19 Tara Fountain
 Pat Hunter
 Pastor Jessica Paulsen
 Tommy Storey

7/20 Lucy Bennin
 Alex Kennedy
 Mark Nettleton
 7/21 Tyler Hipps
 7/22 Marlene Hatfield
 7/23 Alyson Hill
 7/24 Bill Beacom
 Jennifer Kennedy
 7/25 Carter and Chloe Clegg
 Ryan Quinnell
 Terry Tominac
 7/26 Lara Portice
 7/27 Katelyn Johnson
 7/28 Cindy Lou Fountain
 Hannah Graham
 Rod Slater
 7/29 Eliana Fountain
 7/31 Cal Hall



7/1 Mark & Joyce Smith
 7/2 Jim & Marlene Hatfield
 7/5 Mark & Kristin Taylor
 7/8 Steve & Lori Slater
 7/14 Ben & Bryanne Fountain
 Vern & Juanita Fountain
 7/15 Lorma & Lyle Ames
 7/16 Steve & Gail Andrezejak
 7/25 Ed & Shirley McGarvey
 7/27 David & Mandi Klamerus
 7/28 Chris & Amber Nettleton

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.



It is no use walking anywhere to preach
unless our walking is our preaching.

-St. Francis of Assisi