

Dr. Robert L. Eckard, Senior Pastor
Rev. Derek R. Davenport, Associate Pastor
Rev. Harvey Oster, Parish Associate

August, 2008

GRACE NOTES

August Happenings

August 12- Family Fun Nite
August 17- 2¢ Per Meal Sunday
August 18- First Day of School
August 21- Grace Notes Deadline
Church website: www.grace.to

The Session

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| Clerk of Session | Dan Kimble |
| Administration, Finance, Stewardship | Bill Finney, Craig Kaplan, Tom Kelly |
| Buildings and Grounds | Morris Broome, Scott Nimmo |
| Christian Education | Rachel Kaplan, Carol Manno |
| Congregational Fellowship | Eileen Silvers |
| Evangelism | Brian Gallagher |
| Outreach | Eileen Silvers |
| Technology | Melissa McCormack, John Seaver, Dan Kimble |
| Worship | Jack Shirek, Ben Gray, Nancy Venable |
| Youth | Jim McKenzie, Patti Smith, Sarah Storey |

Board of Deacons

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| Class of 2008 | Class of 2009 | Class of 2010 |
| Barbara Baker | Carolyn Costagno | Susan Williams |
| Allyn Burgstahler | Mary Morgan | Donna Fraser |
| Donna Hedrick | Craig Marquis | Eugene Lang |



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Hal Carlson
Tom Evans
Penny Page
- 02 Keith Vetter
Carrie Gayle
- 03 Todd Price
- 04 Michelle Smith
Jonathan Litchford
Andrew Litchford
- 05 Betty Parks
Glenn Brimmer III
- 06 Maryoleta Diel
David Parks
Barbara DiOrio
- 07 Dave Bordenkircher
Elaine Simpson
Martha Long
- 08 McGee Frazier
Ted Elliott
Donald Gokee
- 09 Brittney Price
Ashley McCormack
Rhys Woodrow
- 10 Joseph Lyons
Katharine McCormack
- 11 Shirley Heuer
Manuel Umpierre
Colby Carson
- 12 Allyson Straight
- 13 Zach Whitmer
Scott Manno
Hope McCormack
Erin Davenport
- 14 Rob Castlen
- 15 Wayne Champion
- 17 Gene Stalcup
Mary Schuttler
- 18 Jennifer Green
Susan Smith
Evelyn McGinnis

- 19 Shirley Munsch
 - 20 Debbie Pazar
Carolyn Castagno
Joe Baldrige
 - 21 Rhonda Edmiston
Kari Castlen
 - 22 Paulo Chen
 - 23 David Long
Colin Kelly
Chelsea Myers
 - 24 Matt Schlichenmaier
Mary Jo Hackley
Trent Woodrow
Garrett Lorfano
 - 25 John Seaver
Susi Wilson
Jennifer Stone
 - 26 Jerrod Blair
Dorothy Richardson
 - 27 Steven Hedrick
Anne Goodman
 - 28 Peggy Sparks
 - 29 Pat Lyons
Suzanne Colson
 - 31 Tracy Umpierre
Betty Anspach
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Month's
Anniversaries**
- 02 James & Carroll Frazier
Mike & Pat Connors
Clinton & Mary Lou Brown
John & Jane Tracy
 - 04 Hal & Jody Litchford
Sandy & Patti Smith
 - 06 John & Paula Craig
 - 09 Ted & Dorothy Elliott
 - 11 Norman & Jean Polk
 - 12 Robert & Ann Taylor
 - 14 Arthur & Karen Green

Anniversaries Continued

- 20 Jim & Patricia Finch
- 23 Patrick & Deborah Pace
- 24 Joe & Emily Baldrige
Paul & Kelly Hinckley
- 25 Marion & Mary Chesnut
Ed & Ethie Lane
- 26 Bob & Carol Eckard
- 27 Cary & Carol Bronson
- 30 June & Laverne Church
- 31 Bruce & Shelvey Johnson



Lectionary for the Lord's Day

August 3

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 10

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22,
45b
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 17

Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133:1-3
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

August 24

Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalm 124:1-8
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

August 31

Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26,
45c
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28



Family and friends of....
Ethel Strange
Ruth Blackwood



Sunita Somar
Orlando, Florida

CHANGE OF ADDRESS



Dave & Julie Morgan
Longwood, Florida





Family Fun Nite

Tuesday, August 12

6:29 pm

Memorial Hall

Covered dish dinner with drinks, bread and dessert provided.

It is a chance to build friendships in a fun and relaxed setting.

Everyone is invited to join us!

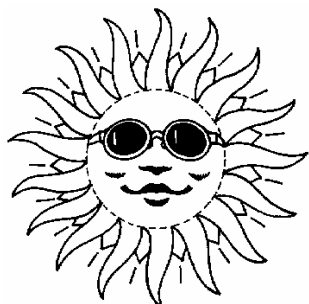


Ready to go FISHing?!?

Flyers are available in the Narthex and on the KIOSK to register for this Presbytery sponsored training event. There are workshops offered in many areas. The opening worship will give you a chance to experience the Café style worship used by some churches.

Plan now to join with all the other churches in the Presbytery in this opportunity to grow.

Saturday, August 23
Oakland Presbyterian Church

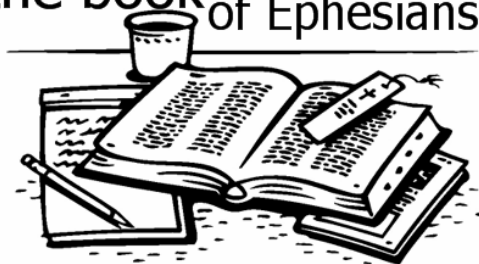


KICK-OFF TO A NEW YEAR FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The new Sunday School year will begin on Sunday, August 24. Plan to attend on that Sunday so all may share in the plans for the new year.

Parents of Elementary children will be receiving a letter with dates to note for the year. Please mark them on your calendar and make note of the other information contained in the letter.

Study the book of Ephesians



Led by **Rev. Harvey Oster**
Sundays, August 3, 10, 17 and 24

9:30 – 10:30 am
Room 10



HOW WE BECAME PRESBYTERIANS

Led by **Kermit Gay**

Sundays, September 7, 14, 21 & 28

9:30 – 10:30 am
Room 10



TABLE TALK

Lite supper around tables of 8 – 10 followed by a time of study in fellowship with others

Wednesdays
6:00 – 7:15 pm
Memorial Hall

Class Choices

1. Church Fathers led by **Herschel Hughes**
2. The Cross and other Symbols led by **Derek Davenport**
3. Discussion of the book "The Abolition of Man" by C.S. Lewis led by **Pat Maio**

Reservations are necessary and must be received by August 1. Registration forms are available on the KIOSK or by calling the Church office.

Blood DRIVE

LOOKING AHEAD.....

The Bloodmobile will be at Grace Covenant on **Sunday, September 7**. Plan to stop by and *give the gift of life*.



A recipe from...

Trudy Phelps

Presbyterian Chicken

8 boneless skinless chicken breast portions
8 oz sour cream
2 cans cream of chicken soup
1 ½ sticks melted margarine
1 cylinder crushed Ritz crackers
Poppy seeds

Mix together sour cream and soup for sauce. Cover chicken with sauce. Mix together margarine and crackers for topping. Sprinkle with poppy seeds. Bake at 350 degrees for about 45 minutes. Serves 8.

You can also make this with cut up leftover chicken. In that case, shorten the cooking time to about 20 min. or until the top is bubbly.

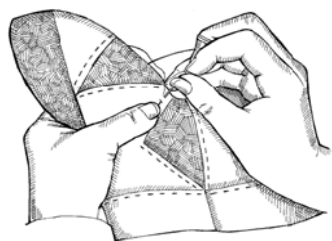
This recipe came from the late Lucille Jones, a charter member of Conway Presbyterian. For a number of years, we have served it at the Conway Area Ecumenical Luncheons so it has come to be known as "Presbyterian Chicken."



News
from
Nancy Nordman

July 16, 2008

I have been working on a couple of different projects this month. The first one is working with the churches in Jakarta, to schedule our rain tank project and starting the accumulation of necessary materials (filters, etc.) Logistics can sometimes be challenging. Secondly, we are preparing for our upcoming Discipleship Training School. We have 25 students from 7 different nations attending, which is a good turnout. I've been helping getting them settled in for their 3 months stay and acquainting them with the area. I will be teaching a bit for the first couple of weeks of school.



Still Stitchin' With Grace

Our devoted quilters have been very busy. On Thursday, July 17th, we delivered **40** quilts and toys to Arnold Palmer Hospital for the cancer kids. Each quilt is made with love and a prayer for God's healing for each child. That brings the year's total of delivered quilts and toys to **150**. In the 4 years we have been working on this mission we have made **434** quilts.

We are able to continue with your help in donations and memorials. Each is tax deductible made out to **Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church with a designation to the Quilting Mission.**

For further information call Florine Simpson.



KORNER KOMMENTS from Rev. Harv O

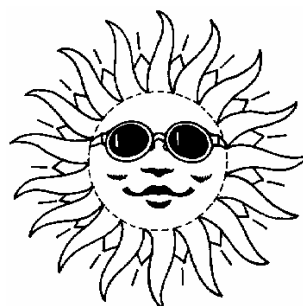
Forty-five years ago, a young "wet behind the ears" Seminary graduate was ordained into the Ministry of the Word and Sacrament (Teaching Elder) of our Presbyterian Church. He had studied the Bible in Hebrew and Greek; passed his theology exams; completed his ethics papers. He was knowledgeable of church history; fulfilled his education courses; completed his field work and internship. He was ready to serve the Church – or was he?

That "he" was & is me! One of the first lessons I learned away from the cloistered halls of academia thrust into the real world where the Church lives – is that while our faith may be firm in the love and grace of Jesus Christ, our God is not static; the Holy Spirit is alive – moving within us and amongst us to meet the challenges of each new day.

We Presbyterians are reformed: in Latin – *Ecclesia reformata, semper reformada* = "The church reformed and always to be reformed." In purest form, it continues: *secundum verbum Dei* = "according to the Word of God." God ain't through with us yet! We are a maturing people; a work in progress. A good friend and former colleague, the late John C. "Jack" Purdy, edited a superb book titled: ALWAYS BEING REFORMED. (I commend it to you.) "Reform" looks back to the Bible – listens to the Holy Spirit – applies the Truth (Word) to the present and future.

The Apostle Paul's Letter to the "saints in Ephesians...faithful in Christ Jesus" (1:1) is an excellent example. What do the ancient Biblical words, "Wives, be subject to your husbands..." (5:22) mean for the Christian in 2008? The words, "Children obey your parents..." (6:1) – how do we apply them today? Or, "...be strong in the Lord..." (6:10) – how with all the challenges in today's living? Join me on Sunday mornings in August at 9:30 in Smith Hall, Room 10 – we'll seek the Holy Spirit's guidance for answers.

We are a happy family growing our community for now and in the future. See you next month....





Scholarship Awards

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to report that scholarships for the 2008-2009 academic year have been awarded to :

Sara Brown

University of South Florida

Cassandra Whitten

University of Central Florida

Lillian McClinton

University of Phoenix

Congratulations to these outstanding students!

Donations to the scholarship fund are always appreciated. If you would like to contribute, please make your check payable to **Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church** and designate it for the **"Scholarship Fund."**



DEACONS CORNER

The deacons of Grace Covenant Presbyterian are gathering supplies to prepare "care" boxes for members who are students going to school away from home. These boxes let our students know that we are thinking of them, praying for them and supporting them while they are away. These packages will be sent out in early October.

Another set of "care" boxes will go to U.S. military members who are deployed over the winter holidays.

The following are used in care packages. Please note that items must be new and unopened:

Food

Powdered Drink Mixes
(individual packets are best)
Cookies, crackers, pretzels
(in snack sizes)
Tuna in a pouch
Beef, chicken or turkey jerky
Cheese spread (no aerosol cans!)
Ramen noodles
Snack cakes
Gum
Nuts
Granola bars
Pop Tarts
Dried fruit
Trail mix
Pistachios
Raisins
Red licorice twists
Tootsie Rolls (both candy and lollipops)
Peanut butter
Triscuits
Wheat Thins
Canned meats (no pork products)
Hard candy (individually-wrapped)

Entertainment

Frisbees
Books (mysteries, action, drama, science fiction)
Magazines – new or nearly new
(sports, news, entertainment, travel, nature)
Playing cards
Small hand-held games
Crossword puzzles
CD's/DVD's

Hygiene Supplies

Facial cleansing pads
Moisturizing lotion
Wet Wipes
Eye drops
Lip balm
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Soap
Body wash
Shampoo and conditioner
Deodorant
Sunblock
Foot powder

Miscellaneous

Blank cards
Stationary, paper
Pens
Letters
Ziploc bags (sandwich, qt., gal. sizes)



Prayer Chain

Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

Romans 12:12

At GCPC we have a prayer chain for the many different prayer needs that come up day to day. If you have a loved one or friend in need of prayer, a call to either of the prayer chain leaders will get the prayer chain started. As a result, you have many lifting your needs to our Lord. Also, if you would like to become part of the prayer chain please call one of the leaders. For more information or for prayer call **Kitty Mishler** or **Donna Fraser**.



A Happy Day

- 1 cup friendly words
- 1 heaping cup of understanding
- 1 pinch of humor
- 2 tsp. time
- 2 tsp. patience
- 1 dash of warm personality

Measure words carefully and add understanding and humor. Blend in time and patience. Cook on front burner; keep temperatures low. Do not boil; add dash of warm personality. Cool and season to taste with "spice of life". Divide into individual portions and serve with love.

- Anonymous



Thank You Notes

Dear Friends,
During my recent, critical medical situation your prayers and many cards gave me the feeling of being so blessed by being part of our church family. My heartfelt thanks to you for the outpouring of your love and care.

In Christ's love,

Joyce Aubry



We are continually thankful for our church and our church family. Your kindness and camera are deeply appreciated. Our ministers were comforting and uplifting. Thank you all for your visits, cards, wonderful food, phone calls and most of all your love and prayers.

Sincerely,

Bob and Rosa Lee Maurer



School Starts August 18th

