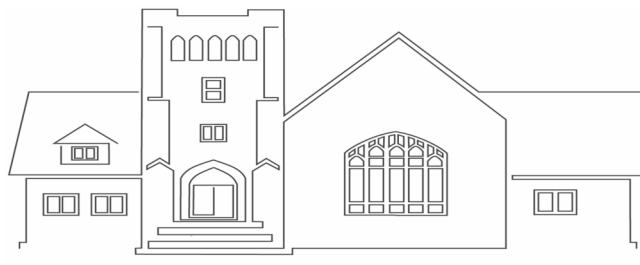


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THE MESSENGER



JUNE, 2011

“And So It Begins...”

Rev. Tiare L. Mathison

This is your charge:

Rattle the empire

Bewilder the authorities

Turn the world upside down

Given to you by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (see Acts 2:1-21) 2,000 years ago. This Holy Spirit is shared, permanent property of the church. What an amazing gift. God entrusts His Spirit to the church, offering encouragement and hope, thereby generating a community of people who hold faith for one another and give one of the best gifts ever, listening deeply.

Seriously, I believe one of the most extraordinary gifts of the Holy Spirit is our ability to listen all the way through the story of someone's life. We don't judge, we don't write the ending, we wait and we listen carefully. Believe me, this turns the world upside down. It turns the world upside down for the individual person being listened to and it creates a space for "...Grace (to) make beauty out of ugly things (U2 Song, Grace). This generosity spreads out from person to person, to community to community, and nation to nation. We can help heal the world if we let the Holy Spirit in.

Authorities often get bewildered by generous-spirited people and empires get threatened because we no longer 'go along to get along'. Our purpose is so much richer and deeper than any simple political formula. As Christ-followers, we have agreed to participate in His purpose. What's that? **The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of all of humankind**, (Book of Order G-1.0200). All of us are called to do this with words and actions, thus ministry and mission is born, over and over again.

We name these 'gifts of the Spirit' and the list is found in Galatians 5:22ff (and other places): love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Every day we get a chance to live into Grace's beauty.

And so it begins this season of Pentecost. **Welcome Holy Spirit!!!**

CORY GRIMM FAMILY TO SPEAK JUNE 12

By John Taylor, Mission Committee

For the past six months, Cory Grimm, along with wife Lynn and children, Kester, Elizabeth and Alexandra, have been missionaries in Haiti. It will be our privilege to have them worship with us on June 12 and bring us a message about their ministry. Cory is the son of Norm and Marlys Grimm.

Part of their report will be on the projects they have been working on, and they will let us know about the current situation in Haiti. One project they are hoping will be completed is an orphanage, which was still under construction when they left for Iowa the end of May.

Church service is at 10, and the Grimm's will be at coffee time after church to answer any questions the membership may have.



SAVE THE DATE

Ice Cream Social June 14, 4:30-7:00 PM

The 2011 Work Week group invites you, your family and friends to an evening of fellowship and very good food. The menu includes hot turkey and barbecue pork sandwiches, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, homemade pies, cakes, and homemade ICE CREAM!!!

You can sign up to donate homemade pies, cakes, money for ice cream ingredients, or your time, by filling out a worship bulletin insert, or by calling Linda Anderson at 792-5220. Lots of help, 31 pies and 4 cakes are needed. It's a fun time!!!

This is the major fundraiser for the Work Week 2011 trip to Kopperston, West Virginia on July 22-30. We will be working with West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy and Workcamps (WVMAW). Our costs are greater this year, as WVMAW requires groups to pay for the cost of materials needed on the projects we will be working on. Projects in the past have included among other things, home repair and reconstruction, deconstruction, playground restoration, parks cleanup, stream bank stabilization and vacation Bible Schools.

WVMAW is supported by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Synod of the Trinity, and The Presbytery of West Virginia.

Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Linda Anderson
Ice Cream Social Coordinator



Ice Cream Social

Summer Worship Hours

Ann Cutts, Worship and Music Committee

Do you know what time we hold worship service during the summer? The correct answer is 10:00 am. **We will switch to summer worship hours on June 5.**



Summer Worship
Schedule

Summer Worship Opportunities

Why come to church, when there's so much to do and so little time the rest of the week? The writer of the letter to the Hebrews says, "let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another."

Why go to the trouble of offering music in worship? St. Augustine says, "He who sings prays twice." And I'm sure if he had access to all the musical instruments and technology we have today, he would have included those too.

Please offer your gifts of music during the summer months when the choir is not active. There is room throughout the year for varieties of music, but during the summer we especially look forward to different ways to worship God through music.

Contact Larry Anderson (641-792-5220) or Kim Schnell (641-792-4930), or the church office. Thanks!



Special
Music this
Summer

Remaining Work Week Activities

Activities still on our agenda are:

***On various Sundays** we will continue to have muffins available in Fellowship Hall before and after worship. These will be in place of the donuts and we are asking for a freewill donation. You will be able to get one to enjoy with your coffee or several to take home to enjoy during the week.

***Sale of Candy Bars** - Have a sweet tooth? Love chocolate? We'll be glad to help you with those cravings. Starting in mid-May we will be selling chocolate bars for \$1 each. Check with any Work Week participant to make a purchase.

***Garage Sale** - June 4 - 8am to ? in the church parking lot . In case of inclement weather, we will be in Fellowship Hall. If you have items to donate, please contact Julie Fisher, 792-0585 or Dana, 792-8820 We can take these at any time and can pick up your items, if you desire. Please sure to come...you just might find that treasure you have been looking for at a bargain price.

***June 14** - Ice Cream Social (our main fund raiser). See detailed information on page 2.

**Remaining Covenant Meetings:
June 12 & July 10**

Work Week Steering Committee:
Julie Fisher, Dana Hashman, Larry and Linda Anderson and Mickey Van Baale

Choir to Sing with City Band

By Warren Erickson

The choirs of First Presbyterian, First Methodist and St Luke's Methodist will be performing with the Newton Municipal Band in Maytag Park on the band's first concert June 9 at 7:30 pm. Members of the combined choirs will be featured in "This Little Light of Mine", "American The Beautiful" and the National Anthem. The band will also perform some other works specially selected for a beautiful summer concert in the park.

Please join us and bring a blanket and chairs. Better yet, bring some food and make it a picnic with live music. You won't be disappointed!!

Budget and Finance Corner

Paula Moore, Chairperson

For the month of April, pledges were below budget by \$420. We applaud the dedication of all in honoring their pledges. Administrative expenses were \$271 over budget due to the purchase of several bulk office supplies and a savings in doing so. Overall, the expenses were \$877 under budget for the month. Committees and the general congregation are diligently watching expenses and we sincerely appreciate the good stewardship of all. We thank everyone for their attentiveness.

A reminder: in order to be reimbursed for a purchase made on behalf of the church, please be sure to submit the receipt to Jenny. Also, when charging donuts, bagels or muffins at Hy-Vee for coffee time or any other occasion, be sure the charge slip and receipt are turned into the office so it can be attached to the statements. This will assist the auditing of the books each year.

Highlights from Session

By Dave Boyd, Clerk of Session

May 17, 2011 Meeting:

- Were informed that all of the papers have been signed and the sale of the Lynn house is now complete
- Approved moving a CD from Great Southern Bank to our account at Edward Jones.
- Following a lengthy discussion at dinner which continued into the meeting, we brainstormed a number of projects which we'll investigate in more detail. Individual Elders were assigned to gather information and report back to the group. The ideas included - but are not yet limited to - new shelves for the library, storage tubs for craft material, upgrades to the sound system, telephones and computers, disaster preparedness/response facilities at the church, kitchen remodeling, and Fellowship Hall carpet, and compensating staff for salaries that were cut last year.
- Discussed various amendments to the Book of Order that have been passed by a majority of the Presbyteries and their affect, if any, on 1PC



2011

Save the Date!

Catch PANDA MANIA at VBS this year. Mark your calendars to join First Presbyterian as well as our friends at United Presbyterian and First Lutheran for a beary special week from **June 20-24, 9 a.m. to Noon**. We'll have loads of fun as we learn about God's love for us and for the earth. Look for updates and registration information in future "Church Happenings" and "The Messenger". It's going to be Pandamonium that you won't want to miss!

Helyn Wohlwend

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Tiare Mathison, Pastor - 641-792-2790
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Effective February 19, 2010

The church and church office are closed on Fridays.
Tiare can be reached in case of emergencies at
641-840-0109.

Joys and ...



Congratulations to Tom and Nancy Mott on the birth of their granddaughter, Zoe Ann Mott. Zoe, who was born April 27, is the daughter of Thomas and Sarah and is the couple's first child. The family lives in Portland, OR.



RETIREMENT

Bravo to Linda Curtis-Stolper as she retires from the Newton School System at the end of this school year.

...Concerns

Prayers for healing go out to:

- Paula Moore as she recuperates from knee replacement surgery. She had surgery on May 24 and went home on May 27.
- Warren Erickson as he recuperates from corrective surgery on his wrist.
- Any other church member that have had surgery or an injury that we're not aware of.

Congratulations to Molly Wilson and Tim Martin who were wed at First Presbyterian church on Saturday, May 14. Tiare presided over the marriage. Molly is the daughter of Jim and Kathy Wilson and Tim is the son of Tim and Bonnie Martin. The couple reside in Des Moines.



MEMBERSHIP



MOMENT

It is our pleasure to announce that Dave Stolper has consented to be the church's P.R. person in charge of submitting articles to the Newton Daily News. He will be primarily in charge of "newsy" articles rather than "event" articles. Committees may want to submit articles related to upcoming events themselves although they can be done through Dave if desired. It would be best to coordinate through Jenny or Dave before submitting any article to avoid duplication.

We are very pleased that Dave has said yes. He is already very involved as a long term choir member, and as a current deacon.

Thanks Dave!!



To Margaret and Tom Atwood in the recent death of Margaret's brother, Tom Buchanan. Services for Tom were held at Sacred Heart church on May 4. Tom is also survived by his 3 daughters, Mary (Tom), Annette, and Tammy (Dan); his seven grandchildren, one great-grandson, and brother Dick (Linda).

News From Presbytery

Mickey Van Baale, Commissioned Elder

The last Presbytery meeting was May 17 at Trinity United Presbyterian Church in Indianola.

Highlights of the meeting were:

- Bills and Overtures Task Group Report on the Amendment to the Book of Order
10-B through 10-0 passed as a group
10-A Vote by ballot - result of vote: 64 yes, 29 no, 2 abstentions
- Older Adult Ministries - taking applications for Older Adults who have been active in churches life - these persons will be recognized at November Presbytery meeting.
- Nomination Committee is accepting nominees to have a pool of interested people to pull from when necessary.
- New Pulpit Supply List provided.
- Cross Ministry will again be doing the "Back-to-School" Giveaway in August. This will provide a school bag and appropriate school supplies for children from low income families. They are asking for monetary donations. The hope is to help 1000 students.
- The National Elders Conference will be June 30-July 2 in Indianapolis, IN. Contact Presbytery office if interested, as the hope is to have a van full and to car pool to the event.
- Three churches were awarded on their donations to Missions. Sigourney had the highest percentage of giving - 11.28%. Gibson, First for the highest per member giving of \$85.96. Central Presbytery was recognized for having the highest total giving of \$41,100.
- Presbyterian Women recognized Betty Dyer and Kim Coulter from the Presbytery office for the help and work for the committee.

We enjoyed great hospitality and good food from the members of Trinity. The next Presbytery meeting will be August 20 at our church with the congregation of United Presbyterian church co-hosting. Preliminary work has begun on this meeting. Watch Church Happenings, the bulletins and the July Messenger for more information.

Congratulations, Students

As another school year comes to a close, your church family wants to congratulate all students from pre-school to college students, for your accomplishments this past year. Perhaps you made the honor roll, or passed that pop quiz. Maybe you broke a record in swimming, finished that science project or bug collection or helped your tennis team have a winning season. Did you enjoy the applaud of the crowd for a play you were in or your band or vocal performance? When a new student reflects back on their first year at your school, do they appreciate that you made them feel welcome and helped them find their classes?

Some of you were awarded scholarships while others received recognition for citizenship. Many of you can feel good simply because you gave 100% every day you were in class. There is pride in accomplishing goals, giving a great speech, having an award winning 4-H or FFA project.

Hats off to you if you were a state qualifier in gymnastics, were a team player at a soccer meet, or ran a good cross country race. Whatever your accomplishment, no matter how large or small, your church family is proud of you. We are watching and we do notice. Enjoy your summer!

Happy
Birthday!



2 John Miller
Suzanne Funk
Marilyn McCallister
7 Karen Allen
Jeanette Shannon
9 Tom Cheney
10 John Erickson
Indy Swank (Carson)
12 Helen Wallace

13 Michelle Capman
15 Matt Illingsworth
19 Dorothy Eaton
Cody Fisher
21 Terry Rickers
Val McKee
Dave Stolper
Cheryl Ritter
22 Jordan Norvell
Vince VerSteegt
23 Kelly Koenen
27 Shirley Mielke
28 Isaac Mathison-Bowie
29 Don Fisher
Lauren Ferguson
Kyle Lockhart
30 Melissa Mount

JUNE EVENTS

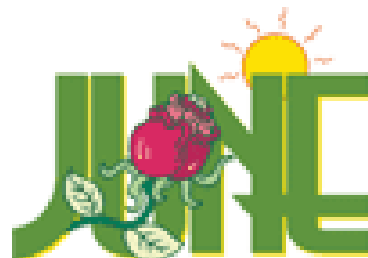
2 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship
1:30 p.m. Park Centre Worship
3 6:30 a.m. Men's Group
4 8:00 a.m. - ? Work Week Garage Sale
5 8:30 a.m. Deacons
6 1:30 p.m. Newton Village Worship
4:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds
6:00 p.m. Budget & Finance
7 5:00 p.m. Personnel
11 8:00 a.m. Ice Cream Social Prep
12 6:00 p.m. 4th Covenant Meeting

13 5:30 p.m. Christian Nurture
6:30 p.m. Worship & Music
14 4:30-7:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social
16 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship
17 6:30 a.m. Men's Group
20-24 9:00 a.m.-Noon Vacation Bible School
21 5:45 p.m. Session Meal
7:00 p.m. Session

Sunday Worship Hours

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

11:15 a.m. Fellowship



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Lectionary —

June, 2011

June 5 (7th Sunday of Easter)

Acts 1:6-14; *Ps. 68:1-10, 32-35*
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

June 12 (Day of Pentecost)

Acts 2:1-21 *or* Num. 11:24-30
Ps. 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Cor. 12:3b-13 *or*
Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23 *or* John 7:37-39

June 19 (Trinity Sunday/Father's Day)

Gen. 1:1– 2:4a; *Ps. 8*; 2 Cor. 13:11-13
Matt. 28:16-20

June 26 (13th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Gen. 22:1-14; *Ps. 13*; Rom. 6:12-23
Matt. 10:40-42

July, 2011

July 3 (14th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Gen. 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Ps. 45:10-17 or S. of Sol. 2:8-13
Rom. 7:15-25a; Matt. 11:16-19, 25-30

July 10 (15th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Gen. 25:19-34; *Ps. 119:105-112*; Rom. 8:1-11
Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23

July 17 (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Gen. 28:10-19a; *Ps. 139:1-12, 23-24*
Rom. 8:12-25; Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43

July 24 (17th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Gen. 29:15-28; *Ps. 105:1-11, 45b or Ps. 128*
Rom. 8:26-39; Matt. 13:31-33, 44-52

July 31 (18th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Gen. 32:22-31; *Ps. 17:1-7, 15*; Rom. 9:1-5
Matt. 14: 13-21