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The Church Mouse



Chatting with Charlie – October 2013

As we enter November we are less than a month away from Thanksgiving Day. But for God's people, Thanksgiving should be more than a special day on the calendar. The Bible urges us to live a life of thanksgiving each day. Being thankful to God for all of His blessings is truly a mark of being a Christian. Let's explore some ways to express our thanksgiving to the Lord based on Psalm 100, a song of praise to God as our Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer.

- 1. Don't Be Afraid to Shout Praise to the Lord** - Psalm 100:1 says, "Make a joyful shout to the LORD." Biblical shouting is associated with great achievement or joy. Joshua told Israel to march around Jericho for six days and on the seventh day to lift a great shout. When they did, the walls fell down. We are thankful that Deanna Woodall has been led to serve as our Choir Director. As appropriate may we shout for joy since God loves to hear our praises.
- 2. Don't Be Afraid to Serve the Lord with Gladness** - "Serve the LORD with gladness" (Psalm 100:2). Gladness means happiness. No service to the Lord, whether great or small, should be done grudgingly. We are thankful that Ray Sheppard, Cathy Skoff and David Vincent felt led to serve as elders for the next 3 years and Elaine Metz, Ilene Newton, Marie Oille and Sara Jane Vincent were called to be deacons during the same period. May they and we all serve the Lord with a glad heart and joyful smile.
- 3. Don't Be Afraid to Come into the Lord's Presence** - "Come before His presence with singing" (Psalm 100:2). God calls us to come into His presence privately each day and together in corporate worship. May we continue to regularly assemble with our fellow believers in thanksgiving, hearing the Word, worship and fellowship.
- 4. Don't Be Afraid to Get to Know the Lord** - The rest of Psalm 100:3 says, "Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture" (emphasis added). The psalmist calls the people to recognize and "know" God's words, works and ways. May we come together in small groups to get to know God and our brothers and sisters in Christ more intimately and to encourage one another to fight the good fight, finish the race, and keep the faith as the Saints who have gone on before us have done.

As we approach this Holiday Season, may we take the time to stop and silently reflect on all the blessings God has bestowed on us over the years and graciously respond with a loving, thankful servant's heart toward God and our neighbors. Your brother in Christ, Charlie

Session Highlights, Sunday, October 20, 2013

- We look forward to receiving New Members on November 3rd during Worship. New Members class will be held November 2nd.
- We will host the Christmas Sanctuary Tour to benefit LOVE, INC on December 17th.
- PJ Brobson from Camp Montgomery made a presentation to Session about the purpose of Camp Montgomery and asked that we consider them in our Missions budget for 2014.
- The Church and Manse are on schedule to be pressure washed and wood parts painted in November.
- The Stewardship Campaign will kickoff with a presentation during Worship on November 10th.

Respectfully Submitted by Sue Cordle, Clerk of Session



Called Congregational Meeting November 17, 2013

There will be a called congregational meeting after worship on Sunday, November 17, 2013. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) and elect our new pastor. This meeting has been scheduled assuming that the PNC's candidate is approved by the Presbytery's Examinations Commission on Thursday, November 14th.

New Members



On November 3, WPC will receive new members during the worship service. We welcome them into our church family.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

It is time to put in your order for your Christmas poinsettia donations.

Order forms will be in the Narthex for the next few weeks. Deadline for turning them in with payment is Sunday, December 1. The price is \$6.00.

The Deacon's Angel Tree will be hung in the Narthex on Nov. 17th. Please open your hearts to a needy family and bring an unwrapped gift and the tag to the Narthex.



REMINDER:

LOVE INC.: The red cans in the Narthex and in Douglas Hall are available for your loose change and bills.

The Food Pantry always accepts your donations. Non-perishables and personal toiletries can be placed in the baskets in the Narthex or in Douglas Hall.

Thank you for your support.



*Let us come
before him with
thanksgiving.*

Psalm 95:2, NIV



Boy Scout



Breakfast

Boy Scout Troop #113 cooked their annual, authentic “camp-out” style breakfast on October 6 after the worship service.

There was lots of food and visiting with the scouts and the congregation.

Everyone had a great time!!

HARVEST HAPPENINGS

The Craft Bazaar will be held on Friday and Saturday, November 15th and 16th, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Much help will be needed with cleaning Douglas Hall, setting up, sales, greeters, kitchen help and making our tasty baked goods for sale. The proceeds will benefit the beautification of Douglas Hall.

Flyers will be available for the event beginning Sunday, October 6. Please pick up a hand full and begin chatting it up with your friends, neighbors and clubs you attend. Ask businesses you frequent to display the ad.

This event will be successful if we ask people to come. We believe everyone will be pleasantly surprised at the beautiful and diverse merchandise available.

Thank you so much for your help.

Robbie Bourque
352-391-9538

Elaine Rumpel
352-821-0055

Sandy Karlein
352- 259-6293



Operation Shoebox

The WPC Operation Shoebox sewing group is seeking additional sewers to join our group sewing from home. We are making Christmas stockings and ditty bags for care packages to be sent to our troops stationed around the world. The sewing is simple and the instructions are provided.

Thanks to all who contribute to our efforts by your participation or your generous donations. If you crochet or knit, we can also use your talents to make caps and helmet liners as well as the drawstrings and loops for the ditty bags and stockings.

Letters from our troops show their great appreciation for these gifts and for our support and love in making the stockings and ditty bags.

Contact Carol Dalbeck at 307-2093 or email her at caroldalbeck@gmail.com for more information, to join the group or to contribute through donations.



FROM THE TROOPS

Many notes of appreciation have been sent to Operation Shoebox by our troops stationed overseas. Here are a couple.

11 SEP 2013

Dear Mary Anne Kroes,

Hello! Just a quick note to let you know your care package made it to Afghanistan, and to let you know how very much appreciated your efforts are. It is never easy being away from home, family and friends. Caring people like you who take the time and effort to send us care packages and motivational letters are part of what keeps us going. I cannot express in this letter what a huge difference you all make, but I hope it shows you how much we appreciate your support and your kindness. Thank you for bringing a little bit of home out here to us. You are all Heroes in our book.

I pray God bless you and your family. Thank you so much for your generosity, caring, and for your patriotism. You are all great Americans!

Please relay our gratitude to the other members of your group. May God bless and watch over them as well.

THANK YOU!

Eternally Grateful,
MAJ David Centeno
KAF RCC, Kandahar, Afghanistan

9 SEP 2013

Dear Mary Anne,

My name is Capt. Benjamin and I'm with the 8th Comm. Bn (USMC) stationed at Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan. Yesterday my marines and I received "ditty" bags filled with snacks and hygiene products. Thank you so much for your contribution. The Marines, especially us ladies, really loved the hand-sewn bags. We recognize the hard work that goes into making them and really appreciate your sacrificing your time to do so. Please pass on my thanks to your whole group.

Sincerely,
Capt. Benjamin

Irene Woodward thanks the congregation:

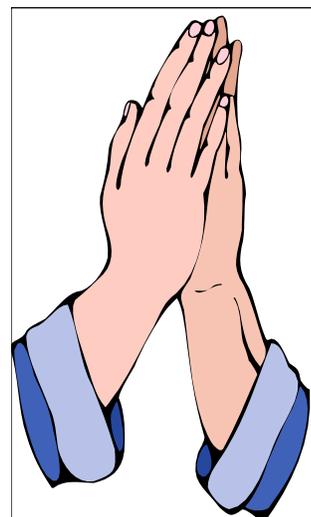
“Dear Weirsdale Presbyterian Church Members & friends, Pastor & wife, choir, Tuesday Time Out,

Irene & Charlie want to thank all for our fond farewell 4/14/13. We love the quilt so much. Looks great on our bed and so many people have seen it. I brought it to my old Church Women’s Association and they too love it so. We are good and Charlie has slowed down some but eating good. We go to church, Dr. appointments and shopping. He likes to be on the go. Our 11 year old grandson comes to our church. Daughter too. Just like WPC but a little smaller. We are enjoying our new home, have a deck on the front of the house and nice to sit out there. Trees are changing colors and beautiful blue skies. Thank you for sending us the church Mouse. Enclosed is a picture of us and Dr. You can hang up somewhere; also 6 stamps for my newsletter.

Love from Maine, Irene & Charlie Woodward. XO”

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

1. George Albright recovering from spine surgery.
2. Marie Oille soon to have cancer surgery.
3. Audrey Stangle home from hospital but not feeling well.
4. Cathie Vibber in Tampa for bone marrow transplant.
5. Pat Bunce for recurring cancer.



For further prayer requests, contact the following:

Alice Ralph	347-6647
Linda Spence	653-8835
Marie Oille	750-6452



Remember our friends who are homebound or in a care facility by sending them a card to brighten their day:

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**Our Mission:
Bring People to Christ
Develop our Discipleship**

- Nov. 2, Deacons Meet, 9:00 AM
- Nov. 2, Harvest Happenings Crafters, 9:00 AM
- Nov. 2, New Members Class, Parlor, 9:00 AM
- Nov. 3, Small Groups Study THE SHACK, 9:00 AM
- Nov. 3, CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR at 2:00 AM
- Nov. 3, New Members Received
- Nov. 4, Stewardship & Finance Committee Meeting, Douglas Hall, 9:00 AM
- Nov. 5, Tuesday Time Out, 12:00 PM
- Nov. 5, Small Group Study THE SHACK, 5:00 PM
- Nov. 6, Boy Scouts, Boy Scout Hut, 7:30 PM
- Nov. 7, Women's Bible Study, 10:00 AM
- Nov. 7, Choir Rehearsal, 3:00
- Nov. 9, Harvest Happenings Crafters, 9:00 AM
- Nov. 10, Small Groups Study THE SHACK, 9:00 AM
- Nov. 10, Kick-off Stewardship Campaign
- Nov. 11, VETERAN'S DAY
- Nov. 12, Tuesday Time Out, 12:00 PM
- Nov. 12, Small Group Study THE SHACK, 5:00 PM
- Nov. 13, Boy Scouts, Boy Scout Hut, 7:30 PM
- Nov. 14, Women's Bible Study, 10:00 AM
- Nov. 14, Choir Rehearsal, 3:00
- Nov. 15, CRAFT BAZAAR, Douglas Hall, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
- Nov. 16, CRAFT BAZAAR, Douglas Hall, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
- Nov. 17, NO Small Groups Study THE SHACK
- Nov. 17, NO Session Meeting this month
- Nov. 17, Called Congregational Meeting to Receive Pastor Nom. Comm. Report and to Elect Pastor, 11:30 AM
- Nov. 17, Hanging the Angel Tree, 11:30 AM
- Nov. 19, Deadline for article for next Newsletter
- Nov. 19, Tuesday Time Out, 12:00 PM
- Nov. 19, Small Group Study THE SHACK, 5:00 PM
- Nov. 20, Senior Singles; Eaton's Beach
- Nov. 20, Boy Scouts, Boy Scout Hut, 7:30 PM
- Nov. 21, Women's Bible Study, 10:00 AM
- Nov. 21, Choir Rehearsal, 3:00
- Nov. 24, Small Groups Study THE SHACK, 9:00 AM
- Nov. 24, Greening of the Church
- Nov. 24, HOBO Soup for Fellowship
- Nov. 26, Tuesday Time Out, 12:00 PM
- Nov. 26, Small Group Study THE SHACK, 5:00 PM
- Nov. 28, THANKSGIVING DAY—Office will be closed.
- Dec. 1, DEADLINE for Poinsettia orders to office



CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESS
We are at: weirsdalepres@yahoo.com



Did you know that United Way has a free resource & referral helpline?

Available 24 hours a day/7 days a week, confidential, and multilingual. Callers link to local resources ranging from: FOOD, RENT, UTILITY ASSISTANCE, ELDER HELP, and much more.

**Veteran's Day
Nov. 11**

Keep our troops in your prayers and pray for a safe return of all who are on foreign soils.

