



The Church Mouse



Chatting with Charlie – August 2014

As we begin our third year together I wanted to begin again with our church's Mission Statement, which is to bring people to Christ and develop our discipleship. Our Reformed theology has been summed up as God initiates and we respond. God does the heavy lifting. All we have to do is trust and obey.

During 2014-15 we will have four community based small groups that meet during the week both at the church and in the homes of our members. Our goal will be to grow together in our relationship with God, our brothers and sisters in Christ and our neighbors. We will be (1) studying the stories of selected men and women of faith based on Hebrews 11 and other passages to help us develop our relationships of trust with God and (2) sharing our life stories and our joys and concerns to develop relationships with each other.

Our 18 session study will begin the week of September 21st. During our first 5 sessions we will discuss lessons from the lives of Noah and Abraham. After a 1 week break we will have 4 sessions based on Joseph's life. After our Advent, Christmas and New Year's break, we will study 3 lessons from Moses' life beginning the week of January 11th. After our 2 week Scout Sunday break, we will consider lessons from Rahab, Joshua, Ruth and Esther's lives before concluding with a discussion of God's Old Testament Admonitions and then Christ's New Testament Commandments on March 22nd. All you have to do is sign up in Douglas Hall beginning on August 31st, come to your group meeting and bring your Bible.

Our Women's Bible Study will continue to meet at 10:00 on Thursday mornings led by Cathie Vibber. On Sunday mornings at 9:00 our ongoing Women's Discussion group will be led by Marie Oille along with a traditional Bible Study led by Rev. Don Clarke. To participate in these groups all you have to do is come to a group meeting and bring your Bible.

As I write this Elaine, Streeter and I are headed to the beach for 10 days. It has been a busy summer and it's time to get prepared spiritually, mentally and physically for the remainder of 2014. I hope to have lunch with Norm Brew while we are in the Bradenton area. We hope the remainder of your summer goes well and we will see you in worship on August 31st.

Your brother in Christ, Charlie

HIGHLIGHTS OF CALLED SESSION MEETINGS Summer 2014

****We welcomed and received five new members into our Church family on June 29th.**

****The proposed new roof for Douglas Hall/Capital Campaign for \$40,000.00 was approved by the Session and endorsed by the Congregation on June 29th.**

****We accepted the request from Presbytery to host the Jamaican Mutual Mission group for a potluck at our Church on July 17th and also hosted 2 of the teens on Sunday July 20th.**



RAISING THE ROOF

THE ROOF IS RAISED!!

By the grace of God, the new roof on Douglas Hall has been installed. While the bill has been paid, we had to “borrow” from our reserve funds to do so. Our campaign will continue through the end of September, 2014, so that our financial goal of \$40,000.00 can be met.

Thanks again to those of you who have generously given. If you have not taken the opportunity to give, we hope that you will prayerfully consider it and do so. Thanks again to all of you for your ongoing support of the ministry of our church.



Directory & Emergency Contact Update



UPDATE



The church office is updating all contact forms. Sara Jane Vincent and Linda Spence will be sitting in Douglas Hall one Sunday a month for the next few months beginning August 17th to get your information. Please bring your emergency contact information so you can include it on the form.

If you prefer to fill out this information ahead of time, there are forms in the plastic doc holders in the Narthex. You can turn them in to Sara Jane or Linda Spence at the sign-up table in Douglas Hall or to Linda Spatta in the office.

You might also want to consider a new photograph for the directory.

SUMMER IN REVIEW

For those who have been out of touch this summer, the following is a short review of how we spent our summer here at Weirsdale Presbyterian Church.

- We had our annual Watermelon Sunday and Sundae Sunday Fellowships. The weather was sunny and hot—perfect for both!
- The Village View Gospel Quartet and the Men of Action choral groups accompanied by Frani Moir joined us for Sunday morning worship at different times.
- We had new members received in June. We welcomed Bill & Nancy McPeck, Angela Pecor and Jerry & Janet Woody to our congregation.
- The Boy Scouts spent a week camping at Camp Shands. Twenty-nine scouts and four leaders/adults accompanied them. Also Rockwell Farrell had his Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony here at the church.
- The “Raising the Roof Campaign” was initiated to raise funds for reroofing Douglas Hall. The roof is installed but we are still collecting toward our goal of \$40,000.00.
- Women’s Bible Study group started a new class using Bill O’Reilly’s book The Killing of Jesus.
- Computer classes in movie making were offered.
- Our Presbytery’s Mutual Mission Youth Exchange Program included our hosting a potluck for 18 teenagers from Jamaica and around central Florida and enjoying two who visited our worship service Sunday morning. They spoke of their experiences traveling and meeting new people with the group.
- Many bags of school supplies as well as approximately \$380.00 were collected for Stanton Weirsdale Elementary School’s upcoming 2014-2015 school year. Christine Sandy, principal, spoke during one worship service on how important our support is to the school and the achievements it has made .
- Steve Benz, our Transitional Executive Presbyter, joined us for a worship service and shared the workings of the recent 221st General Assembly. “The Assembly in Brief” is a summary and can be obtained at the church office.



Hosting Fellowship

September and October have several openings for Fellowship. Please consider contributing a light snack and drink for your WPC brothers and sisters.

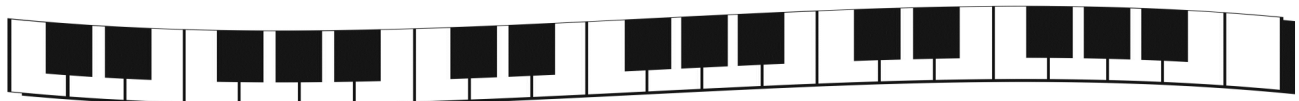
September 7 & 21 and October 12th & 19th. are available for volunteers. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the kitchen in Douglas Hall or you can call Elaine Morris at 245-7426. Your efforts will be enjoyed by all!



PIANIST OR ORGANIST NEEDED FOR TTO

Tuesday Time Out will start meeting again Tuesday, September 2nd. The piano is tuned now and they need a pianist or organist to accompany the singing for about 30 minutes before the meal is served each Tuesday. In return, you get a free, home-cooked meal!

If you have the ability to play and would be interested in helping with this, please contact Fran Knoizen at 821-4960.



While Pastor Is Away.....

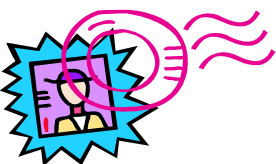
Rev. Don Clarke will be leading worship on August 24th while Charlie and Elaine are on vacation. If you have a pastoral need during this time, please contact Betty McEuen at 352-245-9412 or Alice Ralph at 352-347-6647.



ART CLASSES TO RESUME

Art classes with Diana Harris will resume September 27th. She will be demonstrating painting of seascapes with acrylic paint. Classes are \$10.00. Give her a call to reserve your spot. 352-425-4351

Church Mail



Please use our P.O. box address instead of our street address when mailing checks and cards to the church. They should arrive in much better shape after being protected from the elements.

Please send mail to:
Weirsdale Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 269, Weirsdale, FL 32195

From the Nominating Committee

Please complete the following information to submit names of those members whom you feel are qualified to serve on the Session and the Board of Deacons. If you wish, you are encouraged to submit your own name. In addition, please feel free to make any comments that you believe the Nominating Committee should consider.

Please mail, email, or drop off the completed form at the Church office, or put the completed form in the collection plate. Please make sure that it is received by August 22nd.

Session Elder: Elders are concerned with the governing body of the church and its spiritual life.

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Deacon: Deacons serve the human needs of the congregation and community.

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Thank you for your support,
Sue Cordle on behalf of the Nominating Committee

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BACKSIDE OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FORM



An Ode to the Kitchen Crew

A salute to all you noble chefs
Who made every meal a treasure.
It was all your culinary skills
That made dining here a pleasure.

We enjoyed each tasty morsel
You prepared for us to eat.
From all those fancy recipes....
Topped off with something sweet.

So, the time has come to say so long,
And we hope you'll all remember.
That we'll be here to welcome you,
When it becomes September.

We hope you enjoy your leisure hours,
Or trips to exotic places.
But don't feel sad, for soon you'll see,
Our happy, smiling faces!

Love to all,
The "Lunch Bunch"

*Poem by Robert.
6/24/2014

*This poem was submitted too late to make it into the last Newsletter before summer break. Please enjoy it now.



We are working on ditty bags at Douglas Hall again. Our next sewing date will be August 26th. When we spoke with Operation Shoebox on August 1st, they were desperate for more. They have a backlog of 2300 requests from troops to fill, and there are only a couple of other groups and individuals sewing for them at this time. We will also be working on Christmas stockings soon and hope to set a regular day to sew at the church.

There is a lot of fabric to be cut, thanks to donations from some of our members and Operation Shoebox, so we can use all the help we can get. You do not have to come to the work sessions; you can work at home on our various projects if you prefer. But it is productive to all work together, and we welcome all help!

Diana Harris will be coordinating sewing sessions at church and delivering the items to Operation Shoebox from now on. She can be reached at 352-425-4351 or at 352-625-6021.

Our troops are forever grateful for their gifts received from you through Operation Shoebox. A couple of their letters follow:

"I am a Sailor onboard the USS George H W Bush currently deployed to the Arabian Sea. I work in a maintenance shop of about 40 people. Today we received several boxes of ditty bags from Operation Shoebox containing a remarkable array of treats and hygiene items. They were so joyfully received! It was like Christmas. There was a lot of sharing and bartering and a good time was had by all. Thank you. We are all truly grateful that your church has adopted this wonderful form of fellowship." Sincerely, ASC (AW/SW) Jendy Dollar

"Thank you so much for your package! We thoroughly enjoyed the goodies. I had to share the goodness with the rest of my unit. I am part of the Medical Group working at the busiest Emergency Room in Afghanistan, making sure our soldiers make it back home to their loved ones. I am a 1st Lt. in the Nursing Corp. Your package is very appreciated and helps a lot on these harder days when home seems so far away. We are forever grateful for all your continued support. I hope this letter finds you well, and please share with all of your colleagues and volunteers. Let them know the impact you all have. Thank you again, for all you do and continue to do!"

David L. Wilson, 1st Lt., USAF NC, Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, Craig Joint Theater Hospital



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Continued prayers are needed for the following:

- Alice Ralph's nephew who is getting chemo and radiation treatments for cancer.
- Marilyn Smith who is in rehab and recovering from pneumonia and sore ribs.
- Betts Mengel's friend Linda who is in the last stages of cancer.
- Praises for the successful recovery from knee surgery of David Scobie and Janet Woody.



Prayer Requests

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:

Al Bunce
1626 Bay Meadows Lane
Lady Lake, FL 32159

Gene Pratt
3131 TCU Blvd.
Orlando, FL 32817

Eleanor Redding
P.O. Box 96
Weirsdale, FL 32195

Marilyn Smith
15020 SE 140th Ave. Rd.
Weirsdale, FL 32195



We mourn the June 18th loss of Purley "Harry" Burge who was a regular Tuesday Time Out participant.

Gertrude "Gertie" Parise also went home to be with the Lord this July 27th.

The prayers of our congregation go out to the families.

COMMUNITY OF GRATITUDE

The Community of Gratitude thanks you for your continued support. Your donations help to feed hundreds of adults and children each month.

Right now, the Food Pantry is requesting a few specific things. They are short on peanut butter and jelly, canned fruit of any kind, spaghetti and sauce; also they need toilet paper and items for personal hygiene. Community of Gratitude welcomes checks for donations to purchase much needed items. They will issue a tax receipt for monies received.

REMEMBER: The first Sunday of each month is Food Pantry Sunday!

GIFTING THROUGH THE YEAR

1. The green forms for **Altar Flowers** are in the Narthex. If you are so moved to sponsor the altar flowers, please fill out a form and turn it in to the office or put in the collection plate on Sundays. The flowers are only \$25.00 and add to the beauty of the sanctuary and service.
2. The **Love INC** gas cans are always conveniently located in the Narthex and Douglas Hall so you can drop your change in them as you are coming or going. The little amounts that you leave are make such a big difference to those in need of your help.

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Our Mission:
Bring People to Christ
Develop our Discipleship

Dates to Remember

Aug. 17, Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM
Aug. 17, Called Congregational Meeting, 11:30 AM
Aug. 20, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM
Aug. 21, Women's Bible Study, 10:00 AM
Aug. 24, Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM
Aug. 24, Fellowship, 11:30 AM POTLUCK
Aug. 26, Sewing Group, 9:00 AM, Douglas Hall
Aug. 27, Boy Scouts, Troop Court of Honor Dinner, 6:00 PM
Aug. 28, Women's Bible Study, 10:00 AM
Aug. 31, Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM
Aug. 31, Fellowship, 11:30 AM
Sep. 1, LABOR DAY Church Office Closed
Sep. 2, Tuesday Time Out Resumes, 11:30 AM
Sep. 3, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM
Sep. 4, Women's Bible Study, 10:00 AM
Sep. 6, DEACONS Meet, 9:00 AM
Sep. 7, Sunday Worship with Holy Communion, 10:30 AM
Sep. 7, Fellowship, 11:30 AM
Sep. 9, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM
Sep. 10, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM
Sep. 11, Women's Bible Study, 10:00 AM
Sep. 14, Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM
Sep. 14, Fellowship, 11:30 AM
Sep. 16, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM
Sep. 17, Sr. Singles, Douglas Hall, 5:00 PM
Sep. 17, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM
Sep. 18, Women's Bible Study, 10:00 AM
Sep. 21, Small Groups Studies Begin This Week
Sep. 21, Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM
Sep. 21, Fellowship, 11:30 AM
Sep. 21, SESSION Meets, 11:45 AM
Sep. 23, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM
Sep. 24, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM
Sep. 25, Women's Bible Study, 10:00 AM
Sep. 27, Art Class with Diana Harris; 9:00 AM
Sep. 28, Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM
Sep. 28, Fellowship, POTLUCK CHURCH PICNIC, 11:30 AM
Sep. 30, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM



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Check us out at
www.weirsdalepresbyterianchurch.org

Love INC

Help with bills, housing, clothing and food
Monday—Thursday: 9 AM to Noon
352-245-8774 or 352-245-5632

Community of Gratitude

Emergency Food Pantry
Tuesday 10AM to Noon
Thursday 1PM to 3PM
Saturday 10AM to Noon
352-288-3499

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

