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The Church Mouse



Chatting with Charlie – September 2014

A few years ago a pastor shared a little story entitled *That's Not My Job*. I mentioned it during our Session meeting yesterday and Cathy Skoff graciously sent me a copy. It goes like this: "This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have."

I suggest you read it at least a couple of times to truly grasp its meaning. Unfortunately it is all too true of our non committal society and too often the Church. This begs the question whose job is it anyway? For us Presbyterians a good place to look is the *Book of Order* which is the second part of our denominational constitution.

Paragraph G-1.0304 says this about the Ministry of Members: Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ's mission. A faithful member bears witness to God's love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ's Church. Such involvement includes: proclaiming the good news in word and deed; studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life; supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents; responding to God's activity in the world through service to others; participating in the governing responsibilities of the church, and considering ways in which one's participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful. And that's not the whole list.

Each member of the Church of Jesus Christ and Weirsdale Presbyterian Church has the responsibility to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed, grow in God's grace through Bible study and participation in the education programs of the church, be faithful stewards of your money, time and talents and when asked prayerfully consider serving in the ministries of the church as a participant and leader as applicable. My prayer is that we will all respond accordingly as led by the Holy Spirit so that it won't be the case here one day that "Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have."

Grace and Peace to you all. Your brother in Christ, Charlie.

HIGHLIGHTS OF STATED SESSION MEETING September 21, 2014

- A date for a church clean-up day will be set soon.
- We are planning to hold a new member class in November and will be receiving new members.
- We had a great turn out in our school supply campaign for Stanton Weirsdale School. We were able to donate around \$700 worth of supplies.
- Community of Gratitude was able to help 860 households with food, which is approximately 2,100 people.
- The Stewardship and Finance Campaign for 2015 will be starting soon.
- We will have special music this fall in place of a choir.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Cordle, Clerk of Session

Directory & Emergency Contact Update



The church office is updating all contact information with new forms and everyone is requested to participate. Sara Jane Vincent and Linda Spence will be sitting in Douglas Hall one Sunday a month for the next few months to get your information.

- Please bring your emergency contact information so you can include it on the form.
- This is a good time to update your directory photographs too!
- Just let them know you want a new picture.

SMALL GROUP STUDIES 2014-2015

During 2014-2015, we will have two community based small group meetings on Wednesdays beginning this week. Our 10:00 am group will meet at Ann Myers' home (653-3319) and our 2:00 pm group will meet at Birdie Roberts' home (330-322-3996). Pastor Charlie will be our discussion leader.

During our 18 sessions we will be studying the lives of Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Rahab, Joshua, Ruth and Esther and will conclude with a discussion of God's Old Testament Admonitions and Christ's New Testament Commandments. We will also be sharing our life stories and our joys and concerns to develop relationships with one another.

The Women's Bible Study will continue to meet on Thursdays at 10:00 AM and will be led by Cathie Vibber. The combined Sunday morning Bible study will be led by Don Clarke and Marie Oille and will be studying the Beatitudes this fall in the Senior High Classroom from 9:00 – 10:00.

Please call Linda in the church office if you are interested in participating.

UPDATE OF LOVE INC. ACTIVITIES

At the present time LOVE INC. is made up of 36 partner churches including the following new ones: Country Side Baptist Church and Community United Methodist Church

You will be proud to know that our church collected \$203.50 in loose change during the first six months of 2014 donating to the Red Gas Can Ministry. This ministry enables clients without funds to obtain needed gas for transportation to doctor appointments, job interviews etc. Your loose change goes a long way in helping others. In July there were 27 clients assisted with gas vouchers.

The change in the Back to School Program was well received by the schools, churches and families. Those wishing to donate had an option of donating traditional school supplies, teacher/classroom supplies or Clothe a Kid Drive. The Clothe a Kid Drive was supported by 42 families purchasing school clothes for 73 kids. Through a \$10.00 per child family investment, families were able to purchase \$70.00 worth of clothes at Kohls Department Store. This \$10.00 investment was supplemented by \$50.00 from LOVE INC. and \$10.00 from Kohls.

The Bakery Cart at Centsible Furnishings is open the 4th Thursday each month from 10:00AM till sold out. Remember they are always looking for donations of baked goods.

There continues to be a great need for volunteers both at Centsible Furnishings, the warehouse and in working directly with clients. Currently need people to sort clothing.

Angels' Touch Clothing Ministry is in need of long pants for kids 6-8.

At this time LOVE INC. is looking for partner churches to participate in planning for Christmas Blessings 2014. This year the event will take place on Saturday December 20th from 9:00—5:30 PM at LOVE INC.'s Haggai House and sister house Grandma & Grandpa's House on the Ocklawaha United Methodist Church Campus. More than 200 families are expected to be seen throughout the day. Parents will shop at Santa's Workshop for gifts for the kids while the kids will shop through gently used items to give to their parents and siblings. They also will hear the Christmas Story, sing songs, make a craft, have their picture taken with Santa & Mrs. Claus and make S'mores over the camp fire. Those who volunteered in the past know what a blessing they personally received in helping out. There are many ways we can participate as individuals or as a group. Lets start by going through your things at home looking for gently used items of jewelry, accessories etc. to be used for men and women's gifts.

Robbi Bourque and Marie Oille are the CMC's (Church Ministry Coordinators) from Weirsdale Presbyterian Church to LOVE INC. so please contact them for additional information and questions. They will try to keep you up to date on the activities of partner churches as we all strive to serve God in meeting the needs of our community.

Our Musical Happenings



Unfortunately Josh will no longer be serving as our choir director and we have been unable to find a replacement for the fall. Accordingly the choir will be on a hiatus until after the first of the year. But all is not lost. Frani Moir and her Men's groups will be with us on the Potluck Sundays in October, November, January and February. Additionally Frani and the Men of Action choral group will provide us with a Christmas program as part of our worship service on Sunday morning December 14th. In the meantime if you are interested in sharing your musical talents this fall please call Linda Spence at 653-8835.

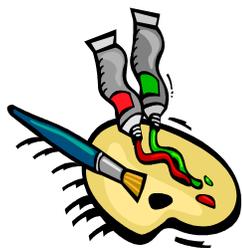
Hosting Fellowship

The response to our request for hosts for Fellowship has been great. We have only a few Sundays left open until the end of the year. If you are moved to help out, please consider signing up for November 30th, December 14th or the 21st.

The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the kitchen in Douglas Hall or you can call Elaine Morris at 245-7426.



ART CLASSES TO RESUME



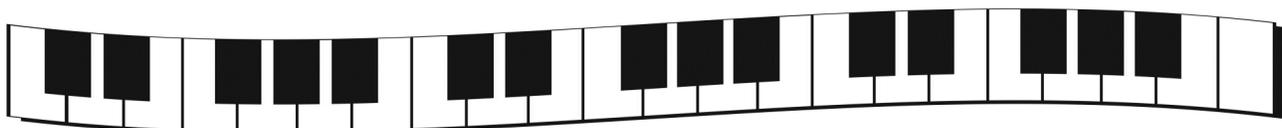
Art classes with Diana Harris will resume September 27th. She will be demonstrating painting of seascapes with acrylic paint. Then, on October 18th, you will be painting flags! Classes are \$10.00.

Give her a call to reserve your spot. 352-425-4351

PIANIST OR ORGANIST NEEDED FOR TTO

Tuesday Time Out is back on the calendar and serving weekly meals to the community. The piano is tuned and a pianist or organist is needed to accompany the singing for about 30 minutes before the meal 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.





On Thursday, Sept. 18th, Stanton Weirsdale Elementary School held its "Welcome Back to School Night". Principal Christine Sandy asked Weirsdale Presbyterian Church for some adult volunteers. The volunteers that stepped up were Sue and Brian Farley, Dale Joncas, Ilene Newton, Linda Spence, Marie Oille, Dotty Jones, Marlys and David Forbrook, Axie Grimes, Sara Jane Vincent and Pastor Charlie Rumpel.

Some of our duties included selling the tee shirts, selling coupon books and selling hot dog dinners. Pastor Charlie and Brian assisted at the Book Fair in the Library which turned out to be one of the busiest jobs besides the cafeteria. There was also a photographer taking photos in a vintage setting.

Mrs. Rhinehart explained the new Portal Computerized System wherein parents and students can access their grades and missed assignments at any time by getting a password from the Front Office. This is something new, and we were asked to explain to the parents. There was a table set up for a visual presentation.

There were also approximately 10 volunteer students from Lake Weir High School.

Submitted by Sue Farley

Senior Singles

The Senior Singles have tentatively planned dinner out at Big Bob's Italian Restaurant in Ocklawaha for October 15th. Everyone should be at the restaurant by 5:00 PM.

Call Betty McEuen to reserve your spot at the table! 352-245-9412.

Big Bob's Italian Restaurant and Pizza

12909 E. HWY 25
OCKLAWAHA, FL

"Si Mangia Sempre Bene" (One Always Eats Well)

Family Owned & Operated
We Never Sacrifice Quality
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The advertisement features a cartoon chef on the left holding a pizza. Below the chef is a large sandwich filled with meat, cheese, and vegetables. On the right is a large pepperoni pizza. The text is arranged in a clean, professional layout with a mix of bold and regular fonts.

RAISING THE ROOF

As September draws to a close, so does our Raise the Roof campaign for the new roof for Douglas Hall. As of September 24th, we are at \$36,948.00 (92%) toward our goal of \$40,000.00 with only \$3,052.00 remaining.

Thank you all for your support of this important project. A final report will be made at the October 5th Sunday morning worship service.

Community of Gratitude

The Community of Gratitude is deeply grateful for your generous donations. They are able to feed hundreds of adults and children every month. Let's remember that the first Sunday of each month is "Food Pantry Sunday". Please continue to bring your food and personal toiletries donations. The Food Pantry is always in need of peanut butter, jelly, cereal and applesauce.

June, 2014:

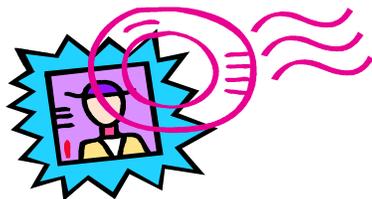
Total Individuals	781
Households	311
Equivilant to	7029 meals
Children 0-17	195

July, 2014

744
300
6696 meals
180



CANCELLED STAMP PROGRAM



Thank you very much for all the stamps you have donated to the stamp ministry. The income from their sale goes to support preparation, publishing and distribution of a Spanish language curriculum for Sunday schools. More than 50 lesson series have been published and are being used in churches in 19 Spanish speaking countries in South America, Central America and the USA.

There are two guidelines to help you with this ministry:

1. Do not remove the stamp from the envelope. Just cut the envelope in half or leave at least 1/2 inch of paper around the stamp.
2. Do not wrap stamps in plastic. Just put them in a large bag, bring them to church and put them in the stamp box in Fellowship Hall or hand them to me.

Thank you.
Diana McDonald



We are sewing ditty bags every 2nd and 4th Monday in Douglas Hall. There is 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 in October.

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 is coordinating sewing sessions at church and delivering the items to Operation Shoebox. 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. Here are a couple of their letters.

Thank you for the wonderful stocking and all of the goodies inside. I must say I especially like the knitted beanie. The stocking I received reminds me of Christmas when I was a little boy. Please pass along my thanks to everyone that participated in making Christmas in Afghanistan possible.

Thank you!

Sergeant Charles A Rasmussen
627th Movement Control Team
Bagram Airfield

I just wanted to tell you thanks for your letter and your time volunteering for us troops. I've been in Afghanistan for 3 months and still have a while to go, but the support for us has been great because of people like you. Thanks!

Respectfully, LT Workman



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Continued prayers are needed for the following:

- Marilyn Smith is in Rehab and needs prayers for healing.
- Betts Mengel is getting therapy at home. Pray her needs are being met.
- Donna McNutt is in Rehab after a stroke. Pray for healing.



For further prayer requests, contact the following:

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



Praise the Lord!

Betty McEuen wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, food and phone calls during her knee surgery and through the process of recovery.



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

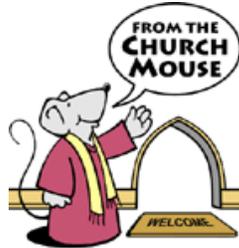
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**Our Mission:
Bring People to Christ
Develop our Discipleship**

Dates to Remember

Sep 28, Adult Sunday School, 9:00 AM
Sep 28, Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM
Sep 28, Fellowship, 11:30 AM Church Picnic Potluck
Sep 30, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM
Oct 1, Small Groups, 10:00-11:30 AM & 2:00-3:30 PM
Oct 1, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM
Oct 2, Women's Bible Study, 10:00 AM
Oct 4, DEACONS Meet, 9:00 AM

Oct 5, Adult Sunday School, 9:00 AM
Oct 5, Sunday Worship & Holy Communion, 10:30 AM
Oct 5, Fellowship, 11:30 AM
Oct 7, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM
Oct 8, Small Groups, 10:00-11:30 AM & 2:00-3:30 PM
Oct 8, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM
Oct 9, Women's Bible Study, 10:00 AM

Oct 12, Adult Sunday School, 9:00 AM
Oct 12, Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM
Oct 12, Fellowship, 11:30 AM
Oct 13, Sewing Group Meets, 9:00 AM, Douglas Hall
Oct 14, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM
Oct 15, Small Groups, 10:00-11:30 AM & 2:00-3:30 PM
Oct 15, Sr. Singles, Dinner Out, Big Bob's, 5:00 PM
Oct 15, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM
Oct 16, Women's Bible Study, 10:00 AM
Oct 18, Art Class, Diana Harris, 9:00 AM

Oct 19, Adult Sunday School, 9:00 AM
Oct 19, Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM
Oct 19, Fellowship, 11:30 AM
Oct 19, SESSION Meets, 11:45 AM
Oct 21, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM
Oct 21, DEADLINE for Newsletter articles to the Office
Oct 22, Small Groups, 10:00-11:30 AM & 2:00-3:30 PM
Oct 22, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM
Oct 23, Women's Bible Study, 10:00 AM

Oct 26, No Adult Sunday School, 9:00 AM
Oct 26, Sunday Worship & Holy Communion, 10:30 AM
Oct 26, Fellowship, 11:30 AM, POTLUCK
Oct 27, Sewing Group Meets, 9:00 AM, Douglas Hall
Oct 28, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM
Oct 29, No Small Groups at 10:00 AM & 2:00 PM
Oct 29, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM
Oct 30, Women's Bible Study, 10:00 AM

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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

