



THE LAMPLIGHTER

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Inviting all school age children to

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 26-30

9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Come and learn about **The Word of God**
through song and drama and art.

Participate in worship on August 1 to share
the events of the week with the congregation.

Please sign up on the kiosk if you will be attending. (If you don't have a chance to sign up but would like to attend, please come!)

Parent volunteers would be greatly appreciated. Talk to Patricia Hall, Melissa Sprain or Julie Baker.

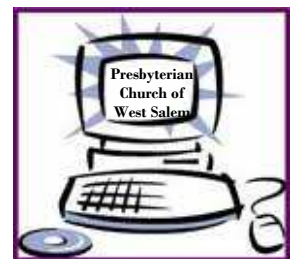
WEBSITE NEW LOOK!

Check out our upgraded website at <http://www.presbyterianchurchwestsalem.com>.

Because this document can be seen by people all over the world, we need your permission to post pictures. For security reasons, only first names will be used except for session and deacons. If you object to having your children and/or your family picture being posted contact the church office at 608-786-0910 and inform the church of your objection to being on the website. The session will be discussing this issue in the months to come and are committed to keeping your private information off the web site.

If we do not hear from you, the church is assuming you are granting the church your permission for a picture to be posted.

If you see anything that has been missed on the website, please contact the office or a pastor. Thank you.





May 2010 Financial Summary

Operating Budget

Balance May 1st	\$ 793.88
Receipts	10,965.33
Expenses	(12,255.27)
Balance May 31st	(\$496.06)

**To reach
someone in
the kitchen
via telephone,
please dial
786-0675.**

Thank you!

Highlights from Session:

- Session has reviewed it's composition as required in the Book of Order and will report its findings to the Presbytery.
- Session has also reviewed our insurance policy and believes we are adequately insured.
- Session voted to approve a 2% raise effective July 1, 2010 for all paid staff.
- Pastor Stephanie reported on her continuing education event in California on Connections – the church needs to keep working on connecting people in a disconnected society.
- Session voted to allow Pres'in for a cure to host a Relay for Life event "Corn-on-the-Curb" to be hosted at the church on July 24th.
- Request was made by the worship committee for all members to be seeking out special music pieces for the summer months.

Hats off to:

- Bob and Sharon Shaw, Lyle Miles, Beth Hinck & Georgia Motes for the mailing of the June issue of *The Lamplighter*
- our June nursery volunteers: Colin Hass, Brennan Gress, Grace Griffin and Jacob Cvikota
- our June liturgists: Helen Harold, Tracey Rogers, Maraveen Mayer and Kathy Schedin
- Mobile Meals were delivered the week of June 14-18 by the following people from our church: Bob Shaw, Greg Ashland, Paul & Nelda Manter, Charlie & Susan Evans and Bob Bahr. Thanks to all of you!



SURVEY RESULTS FOR ADDITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Apparently there is not enough interest in making a change or adding a service time for worship. After two months of requesting input from the congregation at large, it appears that over 95% of our membership is satisfied with what is available. From the surveys that were returned, there was no clear path to be ascertained from the information submitted.

A FROM PASTOR STEPHANIE:

I write this article on the first “official” day of summer – June 21st, and yet at our home summer has been in full swing for weeks. Kiernan has already enjoyed a trip to Puerto Rico with her boyfriend and family, I have been to California for a continuing education event and in a few days we hop in the van to head to Marco Island, FL as I am privileged to preside at Michael and Mindy’s wedding.

During my time in California I met many, many people from various faith backgrounds who are spending much time and energy trying to keep their church’s ministries valid. During these tough economic times, many churches have had to drop programs and staff to survive. There has been a major drop in attendance and giving as people are struggling to simply pay heating bills.

Throughout my week of classes I learned of innovative ways congregations are exploring to keep their churches alive and to help people grow in their faith. The churches that seem to be thriving are those that are **CONNECTED** – connected to each other, connected through Bible Study, connected to wanting/needing a faith foundation for their family.

So over the next months, we need to find ways to stay connected here – If you have some suggestions don’t hesitate to bring them before a committee, session or the staff. We would love for you to be involved because that’s how connection happens. There are several opportunities coming up - for instance:

Membership and Evangelism will be working on opportunities for us to connect with each other through some fun events like a trip on the LaCrosse Queen or a Loggers game – think of the fellowship we can share that will connect us.

Finance Committee is taking a leap of faith and suggesting a 2% pay increase for the entire staff – think of the vote of confidence that gives the staff to want to do some more innovative things within the congregation.

Building and Grounds Committee continues to oversee that the building and grounds are kept up and can always use your help washing windows, weeding, etc. – again ways to stay connected.

The Christian Ed Committee continues to connect with kids through camp scholarships and VBS and trying to find innovative ways for the kids to read the lamplighter and feel connected to the congregation.

The Worship and Music Committee members are planning Outdoor Worship for August with a congregational picnic – a little more laid back way to connect with each other.

Stewardship and Mission is encouraging the congregation to give soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes and wash rags to donate to Haiti and will need people to put these kits together – again – CONNECTION !

Guess what – I just realized that making these connections fulfills our mission statement – *“Trusting in the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and guided by Presbyterian Tradition, the vision of the Presbyterian Church of West Salem is to provide a friendly and open environment that encourages spiritual growth for people of ALL ages!”* We do that and we stay connected, so let’s strive to be all that God knows we can be!

In Christian love and connection,

Pastor Stephanie



Get CONNECTED



Youth Fundraiser

To help raise funds for our youth ministry we are now participating in the Kwik Trip Milk Moola and Donuts to Dough program. Please bring in milk caps, milk bag tops, and Glazer price ovals and the church will receive cash back for those items.

JULY VOLUNTEERS

HEAD USHER: Kevin Zoerb

LITURGISTS

4—Bob Harold
 11—Lois Elliott
 18—Becky Auna
 25—Marcia Kazmark

NURSERY CARE

4—Lindsey Buehler
 11—Lydia Sells
 18—Sean Horton
 25—Kathryn Ebert
 * with a Parent/Guardian/Adult,
 over 25, accompanying them

COMMUNION BREAD BAKER: Helen Harold

FELLOWSHIP (Serve & Clean-up): Building & Grounds Committee



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1—Sue Strauss, Mary Klos
- 2—Stacey Parmenter
- 3—Ben Baker, Tim Fladhammer, Eugene Denson, Regan Koonce
- 4—Debra Killian, Connor Dunn
- 5—Jaime Daoust, Autumn Schuster
- 6—Claire Sweet
- 7—Ann Baker
- 8—Jim Mayer
- 10—Brian Meyer, Chris Winther, Carrie Olson
- 11—Eric Burdick
- 12—Kris Seeger
- 13—Jordan Beirne, Trent Hauser, Noah Reynolds, Dylan Noel
- 14—Colton Meyer, Koen Molling
- 15—Marti Haugen
- 17—Hunter Sarver
- 18—Millie Evans, Dani Seeger, Michael Thompson, Terry Hanson
- 20—Bob Bahr
- 21—Michael Gullickson, Michael Servais
- 22—Sherry Bonsall, Sarah Jackson
- 23—Zachary Martin, Philip Schmidt



Congratulations on the baptism of :

Damen Jase Daoust

Son of:

David & Jaime Daoust

June 6

and

Dax Travis Pfaff

Son of:

Ryan & Casey Pfaff

June 20

Congratulations on the wedding of:

Michael Arndt & Mindy Beyer

taken place on Marco Island, FL

on June 28



- 24—John Achterkirch
- 25—Kelly Crusan, Matthew Johnson
- 26—Linda Cook
- 27—Conrad Miller
- 28—Jim Olson
- 30—Lisa Betsinger, James Trautsch,
 Lisa Eggen, Shelby Knaack, Ed Reynolds
- 31—Roger Auna, Jeanne Meyer,
 Paul Raymer, Anna Bohnsack, Alan Schedin

Just for Kids answer: God's Kingdom



PW Meeting

Twelve Presbyterian Women met at Nelda Manter's home, Thursday, June 3rd, 2010. After enjoying a potluck picnic lunch, a brief business meeting was held. The Least Coin Offering was taken.

Diana Engel requested help for the church rummage sale coming up June 11th and 12th.

A \$100 donation will be given to the Brummond girls request for financial help for their mission trip to Mexico this summer. This donation will help provide building materials for two houses.

Coming events are:

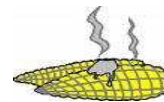
- June 16-19 - Synod Gathering at Storm Lake, IA, Helen Harold and Georgia Motes will be attending.
- July 8 - John Knox Presbyterian Women board meeting at our church.
- July 9 - Church World United – location to be decided
- Sept 9 - PW evening dessert meeting focusing on mission updates.
- Sept 15 - Bible study on Revelation
- Sept 21 - Fall Workshop at our church with lunch provided by PW.
- Sept 22 - Fall Workshop at Postville, program at both workshops will be "Immigration"

A reading titled "The Creation" was enjoyed by all and an article on the background of the song "Taps", usually performed for veterans' funerals, was read by Helen.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE: Our spring rummage sale was a huge success with a profit of \$3,122.25. **THANK YOU** to all who donated the wonderful items, to the men, women, and children who worked many hours, and especially to the chairpersons, Charles and Diana Engel.

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2nd Annual Corn-On-The-Curb



Our Relay for Life team will be raising funds for next year's relay and would like to extend a welcome for all to come! On Saturday, July 24th from 11:00-2:00 in the church parking lot will be the 2nd Annual, Corn-On-The-Curb. Please come and enjoy some music along with your grilled corn-on-the-cob with warm butter, hot dog/brat and chips. The team is in full swing for raising funds for the 2011 Relay for Life and would like your help in their efforts to have another successful year!

SOUND ROOM TECHNICIANS NEEDED!

We need a few new hands & ears to staff the sound room! If you would have any interest in helping out in this area, please talk to Pastor Larry, Becky Auna, or Jane Foner. We would like to train several people on the basics of turning on the mics, setting the sound level, and passing out the hearing devices. If we are able to teach enough people, it will not be a daunting task for any one person. It actually can be fun! By the way, we are an equal opportunity volunteer organization so we will gladly accept male or female! Thanks.

