



# The Hive

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### **HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD . . .**

for the transforming work of your Spirit within, among and through us, for your comforting presence with:

for renewed health: **Bev Chipman, Nancy Keller, Jim Crawford, and Jerry Irwin.**

for those homebound and in care facilities: **Dorothy Donley, Lucille Estridge and Geneva Slanker.**

for family and friends: **Sue Hostetler, Ruth Keller, Bob Kiblinger, Matt Engelhardt, Nancy Spinning and Jane Adams.**

for those in military service: **Matt Flora, James Rath and Jesse Daniel.**

## BIRTHDAYS

<b>June 5</b>	<b>Beverly Baker</b>
<b>June 5</b>	<b>James Rath</b>
<b>June 9</b>	<b>Lexi Rittenhouse</b>
<b>June 10</b>	<b>Rylan Rittenhouse</b>
<b>June 20</b>	<b>Jim Crawford</b>
<b>June 22</b>	<b>Imy McFarland</b>
<b>June 23</b>	<b>June Crawford</b>

***Sacrament of Holy Communion***

***on June 1<sup>st</sup>***

## Pastor's Column:

Dear Friends,

I'm writing this column after all else has been finished in this Hive, and even after I've read it once. I was struck by the way money comes up several times in this edition, both in terms of how we are spending money, and in the ways in which the session is asking/inviting you to give your money. Traditionally in Presbyterian circles, we haven't talked about money all that much – it was saved for that one, big “stewardship” sermon in the fall, and perhaps for quiet conversations during an “every member canvas” campaign. More and more, however, church leaders are trying to get us to change that old practice. Why? It isn't because we need money, but because the way we relate to and use all our resources is a deeply spiritual issue. One of the core theological beliefs in our tradition is that God first loved us, making that love real and lively and costly in Jesus the Christ, and because of that, our lives are lives of response to the one who loved/loves us. We are called to respond to God's creation as good stewards of all that is entrusted to us. We are called to recognize that we were created to be in community, and that all communities have needs to which we can respond. Giving to the church of our time and our money is a sign of our spiritual health, for it acknowledges that we have God at the center of our lives. We may be a smaller church than in the past, but we are a church of love and commitment and generosity. I hope you will see our expenditures and our invitations as opportunities to respond to God.

Blessings, Shelley

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## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FROM 5-21-14 MEETING

1 -- The Facilities Committee moved to hold a special offering for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund on the 5th Sunday of the appropriate months. Motion Passed

2 -- The Facilities Committee moved to have the parking lot repaired (broken asphalt and water pooling problem) by Riley's Asphalt Paving for a cost of \$2000.00. Motion passed.

3 -- The Mission, Outreach and Membership Committee moved to take up a special offering on June 1st to help pay the expense for the St Joseph's Family beach trip. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindi Cook  
Clerk of Session

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## FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The Facilities Committee met after church on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Finance - Jay Peterson presented the March and April expenses vs. income. Comparisons of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2013 vs 2014 were made showing \$2,500.00 more in 2014 for utilities; and snow removal shows \$500.00 more for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter (\$980.00 for the season). Concern was raised regarding the Local Mission balance of \$2864.58. We have approached the end of the last couple of years with an approximate \$5,000 deficit. So far our year end giving has allowed us to continue without tapping into the Cash

Reserve. Note: Since the date of this report, our Local Mission balance now sits at over \$5,000.

The Pastor's Discretionary fund balance was also discussed. The committee feels that it would be helpful to have a special collection during the months with a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday and designate those funds for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. The Committee brought this forward to the Session in the form of a motion. (This would total 4 Sunday's per year.)

Buildings and Grounds –

The committee addressed an e-mail from Stu Cummins regarding our thermostats being wired vs. battery. It was determined that the thermostats used at the church are strictly battery and not wired to the furnace. These batteries are changed once a year to prevent thermostat failure.

Ed Shell is being contacted for a quote on patching the concrete on the back steps leading into the memorial room.

John Huston met with Walter Zeigler of Riley's Asphalt Paving regarding the broken asphalt and water pooling problems in our parking lot. Walter submitted a quote of \$2,000 to cut out the affected areas and replace properly. After determining that the City will not be removing the water tower within the next 2 years, the committee has agreed that we should go forward with this project and therefore brought this to the Session in the form of a motion. These funds will be paid out of the Building Fund, which currently has a balance of approximately \$7,800.

John Huston has agreed to top off the stone in the beds next to the fellowship hall of the Adams street side with clean stone. This will be done at John's convenience.

Thanks to Ron Fowler for spraying the church grounds with Weed-B-Gone. Also thanks to

the Men's Breakfast bunch for installing the air conditioners in the pastor's and secretary's offices.

The boiler in the Education building was inspected on May 20, 2014.

Work on the lift project is set to begin. The ceiling tiles have been removed and the contractor has been contacted by e-mail that we are ready to move forward.

The Capital Campaign Committee will reconvene to discuss ways to show recognition and dedication of our new windows. The project should be completed by the end of summer.

Jane Fowler,  
Chairperson

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### MISSION, OUTREACH & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Thank you to all who helped in any way to make the May Lunch a success. Sixty women were served hot chicken salad, broccoli salad, cranberry salad and various types of delicious layer cakes. Janet Grieshshop talked about and showed most of the thirty-one White House ornaments, which was quite interesting.

**SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM** - Once again, Impact Bethel and Bethel Churches United will be offering free lunches from Monday, June 9 and ending August 8 to children and teens 18 and younger who live in the Tecumseh Local School district. It costs about \$7,500 to run the summer lunch program. Monetary contributions are now being accepted and should be marked for

Summer Lunch Program. Donations of paper products and bulk food items such as individual servings of pudding and applesauce are welcome. To make a food donation or to volunteer to help serve food at the park, call Mert Christmann @765-1906. Thank you for your support. Mary Jane Sterrett, chair, MOM

Mary Jane Sterrett,  
Chairperson

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### CHRISTIAN NURTURE COMMITTEE

Thank you to those who greeted and ushered during the month of May. They were Mark and Sara Deem, Jo Campbell and Stewart Cummins, Ron and Jane Fowler and Imy McFarland and Bonnie Hawthorn. Thanks go to Bonnie for contacting these individuals to aid with the services.

Children who have attended the church school led by Mary Quinn will be recognized on June 8<sup>th</sup> during worship. Thank you, Mary, for your continued service with these youngest members of the congregation.

The choir will be recognized on June 1<sup>st</sup> as they go on summer break. We thank Taylor Ball for his dedication as the choir director and to Carol Bicknell for her talent on the piano each Sunday. Worship is enhanced through their services. Communion will also be served at the June 1<sup>st</sup> worship service.

Summer special music will again bring a variety of persons to add to our worship, thanks to Ray Ruhmund who has agreed to

be our "booking agent". Let him know if you have any leads of interested participants.

Vacation Bible School will be held July 7-10 from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. Shelley and Mary have planned the theme and other activities.

The old blue hymnals are on a table in the Memorial Room. If you want one, feel free to take it. The Presbytery office will be contacted to ask if another church can use the remainder of them.

Christian Nurture Committee hosted the coffee hour in May. Thanks to all who provided in any way for this fellowship time. MOM Committee will host in June. There is a posted help list in the kitchen for those interested in doing one of the 4/5<sup>th</sup> Sunday "coffees".

Pastors are scheduled to provide pulpit supply on 6/29 and 7/27 while Shelley is away.

The next Christian Nurture Committee meeting will be August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Ann Peters  
Chairperson



**July 7<sup>th</sup> thru July 10<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

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### **Presbyterian Women**

#### **Circle Meetings:**

Martha Circle has completed their program and will gather in the fall.

Ruth Circle meets on Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> in the Memorial Room at 10:30 a.m. And then will enjoy lunch at Chantilly Creme.

The PW Coordinating Team will meet on a date to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ann Peters, PW Secretary

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### **HIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **A Big Giving Month!**

We know we are asking a lot of you this June, but it just worked out this way! The session decided to return to an older policy of having all 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month (4 per year) be a day when we will receive an offering for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Shelley uses this money to respond to critical and emergency needs of people in the community, so on June 29<sup>th</sup> we will have the first of these offerings. As we do every year, on June 15<sup>th</sup>, Father's Day, we will receive the "Blankets and Tools" offering. This money is distributed through Church World Service, and goes to provide life-sustaining and enhancing help for

people in need in this country and around the world. And as a special offering, on June 1<sup>st</sup> we will receive an offering that Shelley will take with her to Haiti the end of the month to help pay for the costs of the beach trip for the residents of Wings of Hope. This year, several people who had planned to go on this trip, both with Shelley and others around the country, had to cancel. All the cancellations meant the loss of the funds those people would have contributed toward paying for the beach trip. A couple other churches in our Presbytery will join with us in raising money for this "most exciting day of the year" in the lives of many of those living at Wings of Hope. With this notice comes a "thank you" in advance for your generosity.

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### **An Expensive Winter**

Our budget took a pretty hard hit this winter. Between being closed three Sundays because of the weather, both buildings' heating systems having to work harder because of the bitter cold, and a very large (for us) snow shoveling expense, this winter cost us approximately \$5000 extra dollars.

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### **Haiti Beach Trip**

Shelley leaves on June 24<sup>th</sup> for her trip to Haiti. Originally planned as a mission trip with people from other churches and the community interested in going, it has now changed into a study-leave time for Shelley to do some reading and preparing for summer worship, as well as participating on June 28<sup>th</sup> in the annual Wings of Hope beach trip. All

those who had expressed interest in going had to back out, though several of them are interested in going to Haiti next year. In addition to the one-day beach trip, an exciting new opportunity has arisen and just been confirmed for this summer. An American couple living in Port au Prince operate their home as a guest house for in-country missionaries, and they have a swimming pool. During the months of July and August, they are opening their pool one day a week for the Wings residents to come and swim. This will be so good for those with mobility issues, and the staff is very excited about this. Shelley hopes to meet this couple while she is there, if possible.

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Every Month  
8:00 a.m. at Studebaker's  
World's Best Cookies**

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## **GOD'S Beautiful Creation**

**July 7-10  
5:30-7:00**

**Bible Stories  
Arts/Crafts  
Music  
Dinner**

### **Items Needed:**

**Glitter, posterboard – white and multicolored, cardboard, magazines, thick rubber bands, crepe paper, yarn**

**All donated VBS items can be placed in the box in the Memorial Room.**

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### **Pastoral Care Emergency**

In case of pastoral care emergency, please contact Rev. Shelley Wiley at her cellular phone (937-654-0078). Shelley will be here at the church Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.



### **Pentecost Sunday, June 8th**

#### **HIVE INPUT**

Please submit inputs and suggested articles for the HIVE to [honeycreekpres@sbcglobal.net](mailto:honeycreekpres@sbcglobal.net). The deadline for the July/August HIVE is June 18<sup>th</sup>.