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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: **Teresa Peters, 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: **Michael Geilenfeld,
Nancy Spinning and Jane Adams.**

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

BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 10	Dot Hatcher
Nov. 16	Bill Mase
Nov. 18	Andrew Brubaker
Nov. 23	Judi Runner Egan

**Poinsettia Orders need to be turned
in by November 16th.**



Pastor's Column:

This fall we will have two baptisms here at Honey Creek, and that got me to reflecting on the meaning of baptism. In our "Directory For Worship" in the Book of Order, we read that baptism signifies "the faithfulness of God, the washing away of sin, rebirth, putting on the fresh garment of Christ, being sealed by God's Spirit, adoption into the covenant family of the Church, and resurrection and illumination in Christ." All of those phrases are drawn from the various references to baptism in scripture. There is also a strong emphasis on baptism being a bond of unity among all Christians worldwide, and specifically in relation to children the Directory reads, "The Baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God's love claims people before they are able to respond in faith." There is a strong sense of how, in baptism, we are all equal before God, and we are all part of one family of believers. In the past couple of decades, there has been growing interest in adding a regular "renewal of baptism" to the church's liturgy for everyone – those baptized as children and those as adults. The idea is that when we renew our baptismal vow, we recommit to our faith journey as disciples and interns of Jesus the Christ. There is no one, absolute, definitive definition of baptism in scripture. There is not even one particular place where "how" we are to baptize, and "whom," is listed out. Because of that, different Christian groups through the ages have understood the who and how and why differently. But we join with a multitude of Christians, both saints long gone and current

congregations around the world, in affirming that through baptism, we are brought into the family of Christ. Let us celebrate with joy this sacrament, and commit to renewing our own callings.

Blessings, Shelley

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS 10-12-14 CALLED SESSION MEETING

1 – It was moved and seconded to baptize Rose Picek on Nov. 23, 2014. Motion passed.

2 – The Nominating Committee moved the Class of 2017 to be Cindi Cook and Marilyn Perkins. Motion Passed.

3 – It was moved and seconded to split the profits of the chicken and noodle dinner, approximately \$1,500.00, between the Capital Campaign and the Beds for Babies. Motion passed.

4 – It was moved and seconded to elect Elder Andrew Picek to be the Commissioner to the Nov. 8th Presbytery meeting. Motion passed.

Respectively Submitted,

Cindi Cook

Clerk of Session

MISSION, OUTREACH & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Thanks to all who have contributed to the Beds for Babies fund. There are now enough funds to help more needy families.

Christmas baskets - It's not too soon to start thinking about food for the baskets. The suggested list will be in the December Hive. Monday, December 22nd will be the day for shopping, packing the baskets and then the pick-up time will be 4:00-6:00 p.m. on the 22nd. Hopefully, many of you will mark your calendars now to help on the 22nd. Boxes will be needed for packing the Christmas food. If any of you can get boxes, not too large, if would be appreciated. Thank you.

Mary Jane Sterrett,
Chairperson

CHRISTIAN NURTURE COMMITTEE

We thank the ushers/greeters for their service in October. They were the following: Gil and Mildred Doggett, Hal and Janet Dusko, Stu Cummins and Jo Campbell and Larry Allingham and Doug Chaffins. Thank you to Bonnie Hawthorn for contacting church members.

MOM committee hosted the coffee time in October. Thank you to all who contributed with these. Facilities Committee will host in November. Volunteers are still needed for the 4th and 5th Sundays. please check the sign-up sheet on the Memorial Room bulletin board.

Upcoming Sunday events include the Thank Offering on Sunday, November 23rd and Communion on November 30th, the 1st Sunday of Advent.

The next Christian Nurture Committee meeting will be on Sunday, the 16th, immediately after church.

Ann Peters,
Chairperson

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

There was no Facilities Committee meeting during October.

That being said, we have still been busy -

Pardon Our Dust in the Fellowship Hall

- mainly with the new Lift being installed. The work has begun and the steel framing is in place. We are in a holding pattern until the electrical work is inspected, and then they will complete the process of installing the actual lift.

Jane Fowler,
Chairperson



Presbyterian Women

PW Coordinating Team met on October 29th.

Thanks to Marilyn Perkins for volunteering to be secretary for the Church Women and to Ann Peters who will now be Vice-Moderator. This is the first time in several years all positions have been filled.

Circle Meetings:

Martha Circle meets on Tuesday, November 11th at 10:30 AM at the home of Stella Grasmick.

Ruth Circle meets on Wednesday, November 12th at 1:30 PM at the home of Jo Campbell.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Peters, PW Secretary



HIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Luncheon

The Christmas luncheon this year, will be held on December 4, 2014, at T. J. Chumps in Fairborn. We will meet at 11:30 a.m. In order to use one of their private rooms we need to have at least 20 people, otherwise we will be seated in the regular dining room. If you are going, please let Sue Nichols know by November 24th. Her phone number is 845-1315. If you are unable to drive and want to go, we can make arrangements for a ride.

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Sanctuary Chairs ordered!

Another one of our Capital Campaign goals is now in production! After a vote by the session at its September meeting, and careful study of fabric colors, the chairs for the sanctuary have been ordered. The session took a step of faith, and ordered more than had originally been planned. Once they arrive, there will be four complete rows across the sanctuary, two toward the back, and two closer to the front, of the new seating. The chairs include individual chairs with arms, and "double" chairs that seat two people and do not have arms. All of these include good lumbar support. We hope they will bring comfort for all those who find our current pews too painful for their backs and legs. There is no guaranteed date by which they will arrive, but it should be sometime early in 2015.

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Pastor Vacation Schedule

As we begin the month of November, Shelley has two and a half weeks left of vacation, which she plans to use! Nov 3rd until Nov 17th she will be on vacation, and the session members will have the name of the pastor who will be available to respond to emergency pastoral situations. Shelley will also take some of the days between Christmas Eve and New Year's Day as vacation time. Then 2015 starts a whole new year! As a reminder to everyone: the session has a contract with Shelley, also approved by the presbytery's Committee on Ministry, that includes 5 full weeks of vacation and 2 full weeks of study leave.

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CROP HUNGER WALK GOAL IN SIGHT

As you have seen in several New Carlisle News articles over the past three months, Bethel Churches United set a high goal for this year's CROP Hunger Walk - \$10,000. Bethel Township has responded enthusiastically and the goal is in sight.

The extent to which many businesses, civic and service organizations, churches, and private citizens have embraced this year's CROP Hunger Walk is unsurpassed. What a joy it will be for all of us in Bethel Township when we cross the \$10,000 threshold for the first time. It can happen this year and it will if a few more join in with donations. Regardless of what the final tally becomes, a new record high in donations is already assured. Those who contributed have our grateful thanks.

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Adult Christian Education

We are studying a variety of topics from "The Thoughtful Christian". Everyone is invited to participate! 9:30 Sundays in the Memorial Room.

- Nov. 2: "Baptism 101"
- Nov. 9: "Angels: God's Messengers"
- Nov. 16: "Angels: God's Messengers"
- Nov. 23: "How Spirituality Develops Through Our Lives"
- Advent – Nov. 30 through Dec. 21
"People, Look East: A Study Pack on Advent Hymns"

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Thank You!

I want to thank you all for your prayers for my grandson Jesse Daniel. After two tours in Afghanistan and one in Kuwait, he's out of the Marines and home safe.

We are all thankful.

Jerry (Irwin) and Family

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Thank you for your shoes!

Dear members of Honey Creek Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for your shoes! Your participation in Northminster Presbyterian Church's shoe drive helped us gather 3,114 pounds of shoes to donate to WaterStep!

WaterStep will sell these shoes to an exporter by weight with the price paid per pound based on market value, depending on the condition of the shoes. Those shoes that cannot be re-worn will be recycled. While we cannot know the cash value of this donation, the funds will be used to support WaterStep's operation, from funding the trips to those places in need of clean water, to installing water purifiers, to training volunteers and local residents. The funds will be used where they are needed most.

We hope you will help us again next year when we will do a second shoe drive.

Carol Emerich
Northminster Presbyterian Church

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.

HIVE INPUT

Please submit inputs and suggested articles for the HIVE to honeycreekpres@sbcglobal.net The deadline for the December HIVE is November 23rd.