



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: **Jim and June Crawford and all
of Jean Smith's family,**

for renewed health: **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: **Ruth Keller, Nancy
Spinning and Jane Adams.**

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

BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 4	Lara Rittenhouse
Oct. 6	Kay Allingham
Oct. 19	Glenna Graham
Oct. 26	Bonnie Hawthorn
Oct. 27	Jane Fowler
Oct. 31	Bob Bateman

**Chicken-Noodle Dinners
Friday, October 3
Saturday, October 4**

5:00 – 7:00

Pastor's Column:

One of my favorite books on prayer is In God's Presence by Marjorie Suchocki. I've read it several times, and taught adult Sunday School classes on it in two of the places I've lived. While thinking about this Hive message and looking through this book, my eyes fell upon her discussion of working actively on the side of justice and fighting injustice, and upon this line: "Our actions were but a drop when an ocean was needed, but we were called to be that 'drop.' And we became part of a mighty ocean." I needed to hear that, and it occurred to me that many of us probably need to hear it. It can often feel as though the good we do in our communities or in the world does not make a difference. Yet we never know how many others are also doing their little bits, and how at some point all those "drops" might add up to make a tipping point in the direction of justice or healing or Life. She also wrote, "Prayer creates a channel in the world through which God can unleash God's will toward well-being. Prayer puts you in the way of the channel, and you will become a part of God's rolling waters." When we don't see the immediate effect of our prayers, it can become easy to lose hope. This little nugget of wisdom reminds us that we are not alone, and if I can add to her thoughts, that we are part of the body of Christ, which makes us part of an ocean of people praying for one another and for the world. In our prayer lives, let's be those "drops" that pull us into God's flowing water of Life in this world.

Blessings, Shelley

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS 9-17-14 SESSION MEETING

- 1 – It was moved, seconded and passed to move \$ 2000.00 from cash reserve to the Local Mission checking account.
- 2 – It was moved (by the Budget Committee) to accept the proposed 2015 Local Mission budget. Motion passed.
- 3 – It was moved and seconded to purchase enough chairs and double benches to do 4 full rows in the sanctuary and 2 rows in choir loft using funds from the Capital Campaign account.

Respectively Submitted,

Cindi Cook

Clerk of Session

MISSION, OUTREACH & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Thanks to all who contributed food and/or money for the Food Pantry. It was very much appreciated as they are serving about 190 families per month.

Thanks to Cindi, Marilyn, & Shelley for walking in the Crop Walk along with 70 others from the community. Thus far, \$220.00 has been collected from Honey Creek. The community collected \$9,300.00 with the Food Pantry receiving 1/4 of that amount. The drive will continue thru October in hopes of reaching the goal of \$10,000.

Beds for Babies NEEDS FUNDS. After purchasing two cribs that are requested, there will be approximately \$150.00 left in the account. This has been a mission project of Honey Creek for nearly eight years. So far, 103 cribs have been given to families in need in New Carlisle and Bethel Township. For this project to continue, your financial support is needed NOW. There will be a display and donation jar at the Chicken-Noodle Dinner.

A good time was enjoyed by those who attended the cookout at Jon and Shelley's on a beautiful September evening. Thank you Jon and Shelley for hosting.

Many of you participated in the Water Step Project and contributed shoes which Shelley delivered to Northminster. Thank you!

Mary Jane Sterrett,
Chairperson

CHRISTIAN NURTURE COMMITTEE

World Communion Sunday will be observed on October 5th. Together with people of all faiths we will gather at the Lord's Table for this service. We hope you will come to commune with us.

Church school has begun with Mary Quinn meeting with the children at 10:30 AM in their room in the church basement.

The adult Sunday school group meets in the Memorial Room and has selected materials regarding the Apocrypha as the initial study. All are welcome to come and learn about these books that were left out of the Bible and why.

We thank the ushers/greeters for their service in September. They were the following: John and Jamie Huston, Jane and Ron Fowler, Barbara Meyerhoeffer, Marilyn Perkins, Larry Allingham and Doug Chaffins.

This committee hosted the coffee time in September. Thank you to all who contributed with these. MOM Committee will host in October. If interested in hosting on the 4th or 5th Sunday, check the sign-up sheet on the Memorial Room bulletin board.

Ann Peters
Chairperson

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The Facilities Committee met via e-mail on 9-6-14. Issues that were covered included:

Finance –

- On the 5th Sunday of August we received a Pastor's Discretionary Offering of \$1, 112.00.
- Jay is working on pulling together 2015 budget information to share with the Budget Committee.
- The 2013 Financial Records have been reviewed by Tamara Dodds and have been found to have no exceptions.

Buildings and Grounds –

- Thanks to Ron Sterrett and Ron Fowler for

painting the exterior white doors in the church and education building. The Adams street door is being painted this week.

- The status of the lift was again discussed. According to the contractor, obtaining permits is the cause for the delay. They have now said that the lift will not be in by our deadline date of September 30th. They will now wait until after the Heritage of Flight Festival and our Chicken and Noodles dinner to begin installation, providing they have the final permits before winter.
- The office copier is currently working. We will continue to use as is and replace when necessary.
- Thank to Stu Cummins for photographing our skunks in action around the courtyard. Stu has filled in the window wells of the church building with pressure treated wood to assure that no skunks, or other like critters get into the church basement.
- There is not going to be an official fall clean-up day this year. The weed control and general cleaning will be completed prior to the Heritage of Flight Festival.
- The paint closet in the basement of the church building is going to be cleaned out by a couple of members of the Facilities Committee.

Jane Fowler,
Chairperson

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Presbyterian Women

September Event

Thirteen women of the church enjoyed the potluck dinner on Wednesday, September 3rd at 6 PM in the Memorial Room. It was decided to have the 2015 May Lunch. More details will be available closer to that time.

Circle Meetings:

Martha Circle meets on Tuesday, October 14th at 10:30 AM at the home of Stella Grasmick.

Ruth Circle meets on Wednesday, October 8th at 1:30 PM at the home of Jane Fowler.

The PW Coordinating Team has no meeting currently scheduled.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Peters, PW Secretary

HIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting and 2015 Budget

It is almost that time of the year again! Sunday, October 26th is the Annual Meeting of the congregation. We will receive the report of the Nominating Committee and elect two ruling elders to the class of 2017. The 2015 budget has been prepared and adopted by the session, and it is attached to this Hive; please bring any questions about the budget to the meeting. And as a reminder of all the amazing ministries of this church, please read through all the last year's Hives for the

reports from our session committees, because we no longer print an annual report!

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Presbyterians Today Magazine

Our denomination has a glossy magazine, "Presbyterians Today." Many of you may remember it from the summer programs we had a couple years ago, looking at the history and beliefs of the Presbyterian tradition. PT has a new offer. The church can sign you up for a free one-year subscription to the magazine, which comes out 10 times a year. It is filled with stories about what Presbyterians are doing around the country and around the world, and it has devotional material and ecumenical updates as well. At the end of the first year, if you wanted to keep the magazine coming, there would be a subscription fee. (And a call to the PT staff confirmed that they DO NOT sell their address lists!) In addition to the subscription, every reader receives a free Advent calendar, a free Lenten devotional, and free digital access to the entire *Presbyterians Today* website and archive. Look for the tear-off sheet later in this Hive, fill it out, and send it to the church office if you'd like to be signed up for this one-year free offer. There are copies of some past issues of PT in the Memorial Room if you'd like to glance through one before making up your mind. We need your information in the church office by October 20 in order to meet the offer guidelines.

Just a Note -

Dear Shelley,

I hope all is well at the church. I am fine and enjoying this nice weather.

I have been moved to another room here. I am in 94 on the first floor, and it sure is small.

Tell everyone I said "Hello". I enjoy the news letter.

Thanks a lot
Love to All,
Dorothy Donley

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Thank You

Dear Reverend Shelley,

Thank you for the kindness in serving us and the township by giving the invocation at our August 25, 2014 Board of Trustee meeting.

We truly appreciate it and hope you will visit us again.

Signed by the Bethel Township Board of Trustee members.

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Dear Honey Creek Family,

Thank you for all your prayers for my grandson, Matt Flora, who was on assignment for the Arm in Africa. He is now home in Colorado Springs as of Monday. God does answer our prayers.

Dottie Flora

Please return this portion to the church office or in the offering plate if you wish to receive a copy of the *Presbyterians Today Magazine* (see Shelley's article)

I would like a copy of *Presbyterians Today* mailed to me at:

Name

Address

I brought these pretzels to the picnic we had at Jon and Shelley's. I promised Taylor I would put the recipe in the HIVE. By now he has finished off the ones he took home.

REDENBACHER'S MARINATED PRETZELS

- 3 (15/16 oz) bags of pretzels
- 1 (12 oz) bottle Orville Redenbacher butter flavored oil
- 2 T. garlic powder
- 1 T. dill weed
- 1 pouch Hidden Valley Ranch dressing mix

Combine all ingredients without the pretzels, mix well.

Pour over pretzels, mix well. Let sit several hours or longer.

Freezes well too.



See you at the Parade, Saturday 10-4 at 11:00

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 November HIVE is October 27th.