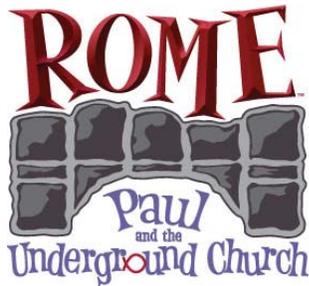


VBS PLANS AND DONATIONS

Mark your calendars for this summer's VBS on June 25th-28th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Join us as we invite children ages 3 through rising 6th graders (just completed 5th grade) to visit Paul and the Underground Church. Our sanctuary will be transformed into a Roman square and kids will learn what it was like to be a Christian in Paul's time. Children will explore the caves of the Underground Church, meet the Apostle Paul, create cool Bible-times projects, experience thrilling real-life dramas, play high-energy games, sample tasty Mediterranean snacks, and hear unforgettable music.

We hope to make this an intergenerational experience for all who attend and are excited about including as many members of the NPPC community as possible. Come talk with us in the Atrium starting in April during the Sunday school hour if you are interested in helping. We can find a place for you to volunteer no matter your age, skill level, or experience working with kids. For example, we will need leaders and assistants to shepherd kids throughout the evening, as well as people to help with crafts, singing, and recreation... not to mention several volunteers to help transform the church in the days leading up to VBS.



Rome wasn't built in a day! We will also have a list of supplies to be donated or borrowed. Every bit of help is appreciated!

As an additional component to VBS, we hope to offer an optional meal starting at 5 p.m. each evening. We think that this could be a good service project for Geneva Groups, Circles, and Sunday school classes to consider donating food and/or time. We will need

help with purchasing, preparing, and serving meals.

Finally, consider this as an ideal opportunity to reach out to all the kids in our community. Invite your friends, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. It should be a fun time for all!

E-mail Jennifer Hardy (jennifer@maryvillepsychology.com), and she will be sure to get your name on the volunteer list.

The Children's Committee

LIFE BEGINNERS

Life Beginners will meet at the church at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 19 to go to Norris Dam. There is a great museum, a grist mill, a short tour and a lecture. Lunch will be at the Golden Girls Restaurant and we'll order off the menu (looks like they have fabulous desserts). There will be a \$2 transportation fee to be paid the day of the trip. Reserve your space with Karen in the church office (karen@newprovidencepres.org or 983-0182) by Thursday, May 18.

Stephanie Bell

MC CHOIR AT NPPC

On Sunday, May 7th, our Celebration of Music Sunday begins at the second service with a selection of fantastic music. From the prelude "Gabriel's Oboe" by Kevin McChesney to the "Antiphonal Processional" with the Children's Choir, congregation, brass, Westminster Bells and timpani, to a finish with "Ain't Got Time to Die" by Hall Johnson, this service is truly a celebration by our very talented music department!

The Celebration of Music concludes that evening with a wonderful concert by the Maryville College Concert Choir. This concert is the final performance on their spring semester "Let the River Run" tour. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary here at New Prov. We hope you will join us for some superb choral music.

Liz Britt

NEW PROV U

New Prov U is an opportunity for the congregation, especially those 55 and older, to find enrichment opportunities from a variety of presentations.

Join us for the last New Prov U before summer break. On May 10, Rick Crane and Joe Rossen will join us for an antique appraisal fair. Bring in your items and listen to the experts appraise and discuss your item. Contact Karen (karen@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182) by noon on Friday, May 5, to make reservations for the 11:30 a.m. lunch or just come for the program at noon.

Andy Simon

FROM THE PASTOR

Docetism was one of the earliest Christian heresies – the idea that there is a life of the mind and the spirit, and another life that is earthly, made of plain matter and therefore to be avoided at all costs. The rationale behind docetist thinking was that the material world is too base and grubby for God to have actually entered it. The realm of the spiritual is pure and holy, whereas the material world is impure and unholy. According to the heresy of Docetism, God belongs to heaven and could have had nothing to do with the crass world in which we live. Of course, nothing could be further from the truth.

A few years ago, I read an article by Dean Snyder, the senior pastor of the Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington, DC, who suggested that we often pray docetic offering prayers (insert sing-songy preacher voice): “God, we present to you our offerings, but we know that it is not what is inside these offering plates that is important but the love and commitment that is in our hearts. So we offer our hearts to you.” Or “We offer these gifts for the furtherance of the gospel...” (A professor friend of mine, who happens to teach worship at one of our Presbyterian seminaries, once commented that nobody ever uses the word “furtherance” except pastors praying offertory prayers.)

But I think it’s important to remember that all those germy, dirty bills we place in offering plates are what actually make real ministry happen. Dean Snyder says that just once, he’d like to hear someone pray a prayer of dedication that sounds a little more genuine. (This is so good that I have quoted it in its entirety, making substitutions appropriate to our own situation.)

“We offer to you, O God, this money and rejoice in all it will buy and pay for. We thank you that some of it will pay for [salad dressing] from Costco to feed hungry people. A portion will [build a well to provide safe drinking water]

“Some of this offering will buy sheet music for the choir so that your name might be glorified. Some will pay the electricity and heat for this building where we come to worship you, where [victims of domestic violence come for support], and where [NA] groups meet to help each other stay sober.

in Haiti. A few dollars will pay for the worksheets our children carry home after Sunday school. May what they learn here help shape their character and life values.

“Some of this offering will buy sheet music for the choir so that your name might be glorified. Some will pay the electricity and heat for this building where we come to worship you, where [victims of domestic violence come for support], and where [NA] groups meet to help each other stay sober.

“We thank you that this offering will pay for the pastors’ salaries and the salaries of the church staff who devote themselves to organizing this congregation to make disciples of Jesus to transform the world. May our work be wise and courageous. And a small portion of this money will help pay our [General Presbyter’s] salary and support the work of our [presbytery]. We pray that our [presbytery] might make a difference in [our particular corner of Appalachia].

“We thank you also, God, that the money will not be spent on things that we might desire but that will not really bring us happiness. We thank you that when we give to you, we learn to seek our happiness not in things but in you, and we find a truer happiness this way.

“We thank you, God, that when we give to you rather than spending more on ourselves we fulfill the trust you have placed in us by blessing us with so much. You have blessed us with life, strength, intelligence, abilities and resources, and we thank you for the opportunity to give you joy by being

generous to you and others. It is a great blessing to be able to give this money.

“We know that the way we use the money and resources we have shapes our hearts and affections. So we are grateful that we will love you more as a result of giving this treasure to you. May we give even more to you this coming week so we will love you even more.

“We also remember that some of us who have given the fewest dollars have been the most generous, and some of us who have given more dollars have not given as sacrificially. Still we rejoice in this money we present to you, God. We delight in it. We delight in what it will buy and what it will not buy because we didn’t keep it for ourselves. We love giving you this money, God. Thank you that the Word became flesh and began this earthly Christian movement of love, inclusion, justice, beauty and joy so that we might give our dollars to help fuel it. In gratitude for the blessing of being able to give our money, we pray. Amen.”

Not every Sunday maybe, but every once in a while.

It is a joy to be the church with you!



Emily J. Anderson

ⁱDean Snyder, “It is about the money: Against docetic offertory prayers” in *The Christian Century*, March 1, 2012.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN GATHER

The Presbyterian Women will gather in Thursday, May 18 at 12 noon in Westminster Hall. Lunch will be hosted by the Ruth and Martha Circles. Devotions will be given by Cynthia Freeman and the Birthday Offering will be dedicated. New officers will be elected and installed and Honorary Life Memberships will be awarded. All women of the church are invited. Please RSVP through your Circle leader or contact Cathy Dickinson (679-0096, cdickinson1230@gmail.com).

Ellie Morrow

AGO RECITAL PLANNED

You are invited to the Knoxville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists organ recital in our sanctuary, which will be held on Monday, May 1, 2017. The program will be at 7:30 p.m., and there is no admission charge. This will be an opportunity to hear some talented and gifted organists playing our magnificent Casavant organ.

Ralph Burns

SUMMER EDITION NPP

Last year's summer edition of the *New Prov Press* was quite the success! You'll remember that since the June/July newsletters are traditionally light on news as we all take a breather for the summer, I combined the two editions into one.

So, on June 1, you'll receive a Summer Edition with information for both June and July. Then on August 1, you'll receive the regular edition brimming with news of Sunday school, New Prov U, Life Beginners, NPR, PYC, iGroup, P.E.A.K., and all the other exciting programs here at New Prov.

Coco Everett

MEN PLAN CLEANUP DAY

If you need help with yard clean up work, please contact Denny Moore (984-0008, dennymoore@bellsouth.net) to set up a time on Saturday, May 6 for the men to come by and give your yard a good spring cleaning!

Denny Moore

BARTLETT BUZZ

In May, Bartlett Adult Day Out will enjoy visits from Mike Harrington and Stan Rushing, in addition to our usual visits from Ex Libris, Terry Bunde and Jason Graffis. With no participant birthdays in May (and we simply must party!) we will celebrate Memorial Day with a picnic.

As always, if you have a hobby or interest, get brave and come share it with the Bartlett participants. Contact Trish Badgett (trish@newprovidencepres.org, 983-1028).

Trish Badgett, Parish Nurse

HEALTH TIPS

CAREGIVER BURNOUT

Being a caregiver can be filled with stress and anxiety. Managing caregiver stress is just as important as giving medications or taking someone to a doctor's appointment.

Common Symptoms of burnout:

- feelings of depression
- sense of ongoing, constant fatigue
- decreased interest in friends, work
- eating too much or too little
- feeling helpless, hopeless
- increased anxiety, stress
- sudden outbursts of anger directed at others
- social withdrawal from doing things you used to enjoy
- increased use of alcohol and drugs

There are options to help ward off burnout. Practicing self-care enables the caregiver to focus on themselves and still care for others.

- Find your passions and take time to pursue them
- Live one day at a time
- Use stress reduction techniques such as yoga, prayer, or meditation
- Get a massage
- Join a caregiver support group to share your experiences.
- Get away from caregiving responsibilities every now and then.
- Get out of the house and walk in sunlight
- Get help when you need it. You do not have to fly solo
- Reach out and stay connected to people who support you
- Exercise, get plenty of rest, and eat nutritional meals
- Learn about the mood-boosting benefits of omega-3 fats
- Keep a sense of humor

Taken from Perspectives. Check out www.churchhealthcenter.org for more information.

Trish Badgett, Parish Nurse

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MAY

- May 7 - Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10
- May 14 - Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16, 1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14
- May 21 - Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:8-20, 1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21
- May 25 - Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47 or Psalm 93, Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53

INTRODUCTION TO MINDFULNESS

Join us for a four-week class on mindfulness and meditation, Thursday evenings April 27, May 4, May 11, and May 18, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Led by mindfulness instructor *Elizabeth Perryman*, participants will be introduced to the practice of mindfulness and learn several skills, that can help them manage their stress, sleep better, and enrich their lives. To sign up for the classes go to <https://dashboard.korumindfulness.org/web/index.php?r=course%2Fsignup&id=282>. (Hint, you have to click the "Yes, I'm available for all four classes" button for it to accept your sign up.) Sign up is required, so if you can't sign up online, contact *Melanie Rasnake* (melanie@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182).

Melanie Rasnake

DONATE NOW QR CODE

Use this QR code or go to newprovidencepres.org/donate. From there, choose where you wish your funds to go, click on the donate now icon and follow the directions.



Coco Everett

MEMORIAL DAY

The church will be closed, Monday, May 30 to observe Memorial Day.

CALENDAR FOR MAY 2017

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 01 | 02 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 10:00AM Welcome Table Prep (FWH) 1:45PM Centering Prayer (Youth Room) 5:00PM Welcome Table (WH) 5:00PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:00PM BSA - Tiger Cubs (FEH) 6:30PM Congregational Life/Deacons (206) 6:30PM Event Support Committee (211) 7:00PM Personnel Committee (Chapel) 7:00PM Policy Committee (Youth Room) 7:00PM Budget & Finance (108) 7:00PM Stewardship Committee (109) 7:00PM New Prov Green Team (Confirmation Room) 8:00PM Admin Team (Parlor) | 03 7:30AM MHS AP Testing (WH) 8:30AM Men's Building Square (Atrium) 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 10:30AM Widow/Widower Support Group (Confirmation Room) 12:00PM MHS AP Testing (WH) 3:00PM P.E.A.K. (16) 4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus) 4:15PM Children's Choir Practice (212) 5:00PM PEAKnic (Pavilion) 6:00PM Men's Lead Team (109) 6:00PM Tai Chi Class (FEH) 7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Room) 7:30PM MC Choir Scholars Dessert Reception (Atrium) | 04 12:00AM National Day of Prayer 10:00AM PWC Circles - Leah (RWH) 10:00AM PWC Circles - Martha (Chapel) 2:00PM PWC Circle - Deborah 3:00PM LIFT Meal Prep (Kitchen) 5:45PM Grace Notes (211) 6:30PM Mindfulness and Christian Spirituality (Youth Room) 7:00PM PWC Circle - Mary (108) 7:30PM NA Group (206) | 05 7:30AM MHS AP Testing (WH) | 06 7:30AM NPM Spring Clean-Up |
| 07 9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00AM Church School 11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 6:00PM MC Choir Concert (Sanctuary) | 08 7:30AM Men's Lectionary Bible Study 8:00AM CBS Sorters (WH) 10:00AM Maryville Babywearers (206) 6:00PM BSA - Bear Cubs (FWH) 6:30PM BSA - Wolf Cubs (FEH) 6:30PM BSA - Webelos 1 (Confirmation Room) 7:00PM Youth Committee (Youth Room) 7:00PM BSA - Troop 88 (FWH) 7:00PM BSA - Webelos 2 (REH) 7:30PM NA Group (206) | 09 7:30AM MHS AP Testing (WH) 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 9:30AM Community Food Connection Board (Chapel) 12:30PM Welcome Table Prep (FWH) 1:45PM Centering Prayer (Youth Room) 5:00PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 5:00PM Welcome Table (WH) 6:00PM BSA - Tiger Cubs (FEH) 6:30PM Leadership Development Committee (206) 6:30PM Children's Committee (215) 6:30PM Adult Ed Committee (214) 6:30PM Worship & Arts (Choir Room) 7:00PM Church In the World (Chapel) 7:30PM Disc & Education (216) | 10 7:30AM MHS AP Testing (WH) 7:30AM Men's Witnessing Square (Youth Room) 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 10:30AM Widow/Widower Support Group (Confirmation Room) 11:30AM New Prov U (FEH) 4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus) 5:15PM Cloud 9 - End of Year Feast (EH) 6:00PM LIFT Steering Committee (Chapel) | 11 9:00AM Quilters (FWH) 10:00AM D & S Community Services Training (FEH) 5:30PM Salvation Army Behind the Red Shield Event (WH) 6:00PM BSA - District Committee (FEH) 6:30PM Mindfulness and Christian Spirituality (Youth Room) 7:00PM BSA-District Roundtable (REH) 7:30PM NA Group (206) | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Senior Recognition Sunday Mother's Day 9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00AM Church School 11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 12:00PM Senior Brunch (WH) | 15 <i>New Prov Press</i> Deadline 7:30AM Men's Lectionary Bible Study 8:00AM CBS Sorters (WH) 6:00PM BSA - Bear Cubs (FWH) 6:30PM BSA - Wolf Cubs (FEH) 6:30PM BSA - Webelos 1 (Youth Room) 7:00PM BSA - Webelos 2 (REH) 7:00PM BSA - Troop 88 (FWH) 7:30PM NA Group (206) | 16 Presbytery Meeting at John Knox Center 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 10:00AM Welcome Table Prep (FWH) 1:45PM Centering Prayer (Youth Room) 5:00PM Welcome Table (WH) 5:00PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:00PM BSA - Tiger Cubs (FEH) 7:00PM Session (Chapel) | 17 8:30AM Men's Building Square (Atrium) 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus) 6:30PM Chancel Choir End of Year Potluck (WH) | 18 9:00AM Quilters (FWH) 10:00AM PWC Coordinating Team (Chapel) 12:00PM PWC Gathering (Kitchen) 6:30PM Mindfulness and Christian Spirituality (Youth Room) 7:30PM NA Group (206) | 19 BCS - Last Day for Students 10:00AM Life Beginners 10:30AM Maryville Babywearers (206) | 20 |
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| 28 Stained Glass Window Series 9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00AM Church School 11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) | 29 Memorial Day - Church Closed | 30 8:00AM CBS Sorters (WH) 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 1:30PM Welcome Table Prep 1:45PM Centering Prayer (Youth Room) 5:00PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 5:00PM Welcome Table (WH) | 31 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) | | | |

RWH - Rear Westminster Hall

FWH - Front Westminster Hall

FEH - Front Eastminster Hall

REH - Rear Eastminster Hall



CONFIRMATION

Over the past 9 months, our confirmation class has been working with a team of teachers to learn about Reformed Theology, Presbyterian polity, and what it really means to be a member of New Providence Presbyterian Church. They have been meeting with elder friends to build relationships, and discuss how faith can change over the years, talking with each other about what faith means in their own lives, and ultimately they have written a statement of faith that details how and why they have arrived at their decision to either join the church or not. These statements are not shallow recitations of what they think we want us to hear, but rather meaningful considerations of their own faith journeys. We do a lot of great things here at New Providence, but fulfilling the baptismal promises made on behalf of these young adults, and helping them grasp their own beliefs is one of the most important. They all put so much thought into their statements that I would like to share a little bit of each of them here.

Reece Britt - "A couple of months ago my grandmother died, I was so heart broken that I didn't want to talk at school that day at all, I didn't show my real emotion at all that day. This kind of event had never happened in my entire 14 years of living. At that point in my life I was really doubting if God really did exist...The Lord Almighty is with us, through every tragedy we have to be still and know that God is there."

Aqudum Cinkoc - "I believe in the Bible, a book of scriptures recording the word of God. I believe in the partaking of the Lord's Supper. I have a direct relationship to God through Jesus. And I will accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior..."

John Wilson Huffman - "I believe God created the heavens and the Earth. His son Jesus died on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. As Christians we need to teach others about his work."

Claire Shamiyeh - "My faith statement is simply this, I believe in God. I believe Jesus died so that we may live. I believe God is my biggest fan. I believe that I should be his."

Bryce Luttrell - "Doubt is, was, and always will be a part of my faith..."

Fortunately I have never had to go through these doubts alone. I have always had a supporting group of friends and family...One of the reasons that I am happy to be in the Presbyterian church is being able to ask questions..."

Matthew Franks - "Although I have not made a personal connection with God in my life, I can say without a doubt I have experienced his love in others. He teaches others to love all people and I am so happy to say I have experienced that on my team."

Megan Garza - "If an individual can have feelings of sorrow, joy, and love how can there not be a God? For things like landscapes, emotions, and a nice breeze on your face, that somehow makes you feel lighter, to be so amazing there has to be someone I can thank for that...So although there may be envy, greed, spite, and suffering, there is always beauty, love, and laughter. A light in a sea of darkness. My light is God and my friends and my family."

Jenna Forster - "You sort of have this fear that God actually might not be there but you have to overcome that fear with the belief that he is actually there and that he loves you and will take care of you. These types of moments in my life make my relationship with God stronger."

Audrey Blackburn - "I believe that God is with me. I believe he's with me on the days that are hard, that he's with me on the days that something great happens. But I also think that he is there on all of the days in between; all of the normal days."

Lana Blakely - "We wanted to find a church that would be a positive change for all of us. When trying this church just after one or two Sunday school classes I felt that this was a place I could be happy, and expand what God and the Bible mean to me. My faith could grow here and the questions I wanted to ask could be answered."

Will Eriksson - "Being a Christian is much like playing baseball because everyone has a turn at bat. I have had my turn, and now I have the opportunity to hold the hand of God all the way back to home."

Brendan Sugg - "Stewardship is giving back to God. I believe that

stewardship can be shown through worship, the sacraments, giving to others, praying, and anything in between. This affects my faith because with everything God does for us the only thing we can do is be good to others and give back to God in every way possible."

Jason Graffis

CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY

Mary Stapp will celebrate her 100th birthday on June 10, 2017. She has moved to be near family, so let's shower her with cards of good wishes and fond remembrances.

Her address is:

Mary Stapp

3812 Appleton Way

Orlando, FL 32806

MAY BIRTHDAYS

These are the "Taking the Love of Christ" (TLC) home-bound members whose birthdays occur this month. Shower them with birthday cards to remind them they are special!

■ Maxey McArthur, 5/12

■ Lois Murphy, 5/23

TENDING OUR FLOCK

CONGRATULATIONS

■ Tate Davis Metz, born April 7, weighed 8 pounds and 1 ounce and was 19 inches long. Tate is the son of Ellis & Mary Cypress Metz and the grandson of Fred & Sophia Metz.

WE SHARE SORROW

■ Betty Huddleston, Ruth Prewett's sister, and Jane Huddleston's sister-in-law, 3/25

■ Jim Keeble, Ruth Durham's uncle, 4/1

■ Joyce Matthews - 4/9

■ Martha Boardman - 4/11

■ GW Meredith - 4/15

■ Lamar Elrod, Keith Elrod's brother, 4/23

Your church family would love to share your joys and your sorrows. Contact Karen (karen@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182) to share your news.

CURRENT OFFICERS

ELDERS

2017- Liz Britt, Karen Paxton, Ann Bennett, Beth Lazar, Brian LaRose, Harry Herrmann, Jason Brooks

2018 - Bill Savell, Bryan Kilday, Chad Rogers, Hayley Lynn, Gabie Kerr, Tracy Luttrell, Michelle Huntoon

2019 - Bobbie Briggs, Kate Clabough, Jenifer Greene, Olivia Lazar, Jane Morton, Jeff Pezick, John Pittenger, Bill Yarborough

DEACONS

2017- Stephanie Bell, Connie Jackson, Kristi Weatherbee, Eric Overton, Jake Reagan, Ralph Burns

2018 - Denny Moore, Ellie Morrow, Angela Culliton, Bethany Russell, Rachel Gibson

2019 - Gail Bowlin, Nancy Coleman, Bud Gangwer, Don Hodges, Brad Huffaker, Sharon Meltzer

ELDER AND DEACON TEAMS

■ Worship & Arts

- Beth Ragsdale-Smith (Team Leader), Brian LaRose, Hayley Lynn, Karen Paxton

■ Discipleship & Education

- Hayley Lynn (Team Leader), Gabie Kerr (Children), Tracy Luttrell (Youth), John Pittenger (Adult), Jeff Pezick (Leadership Development)

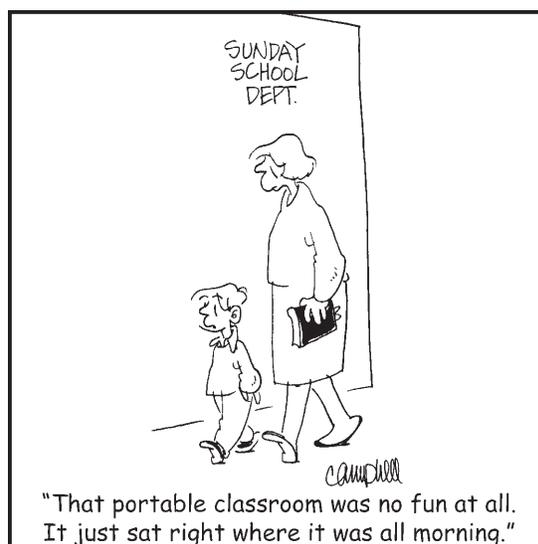
■ Church in the World

- Laura Shamiyeh (Team Leader), Bobbie Briggs, Michelle Huntoon, Olivia Lazar, Bill Yarborough

■ Administrative - Janet Kolarik (Team Leader)

- Facilities - Jason Brooks, Ann Bennett
- Personnel - Chad Rogers, Beth Lazar
- Stewardship - Kate Clabough, Jane Morton
- Budget & Finance - Bryan Kilday, Harry Herrmann
- Policy - Bill Savell

- Congregational Life - Kristi Weatherbee (Team Leader), Liz Britt (Elder Representative)
- Fellowship Groups - Stephanie Bell, Bethany Russell
- Transportation - Ralph Burns, Don Hodges
- Congregational Nurture - Margaret Ellen Crawford, Angela Culliton, Ellie Morrow, Denny Moore
- Connections - Nancy Coleman, Bud Gangwer, Connie Jackson, Sharon Meltzer, Kristi Weatherbee
- Event Support - Jake Reagan, Brad Huffaker, Eric Overton
- Bereavement - Gail Bowlin, Rachel Gibson



SUNDAY MORNING LEADERSHIP FOR MAY

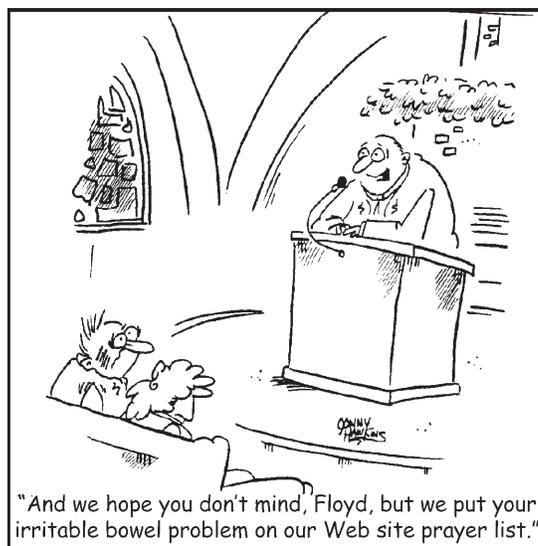
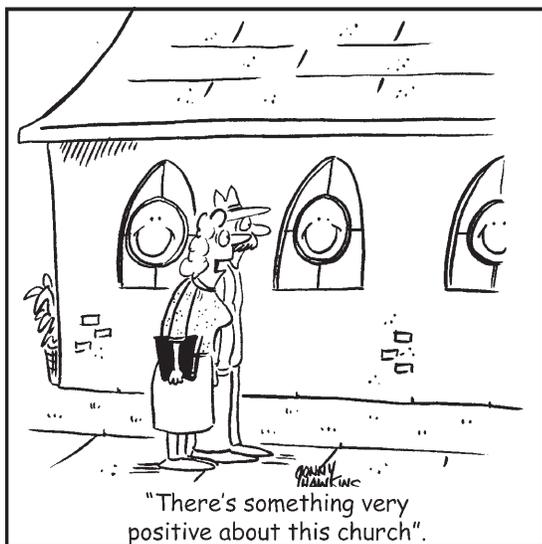
FIRSTLIGHT SERVICE AT 9:00 A.M.

| | Elder Greeters | Ushers | Children's Time |
|----|---|--|-----------------|
| 7 | Hayley Lynn, Chad Rogers, Jenifer Greene | Peggy & Tom Raines*, Connie & Jack Jackson*, Bobbie Briggs | Susan Keller |
| 14 | Harry Herrmann, Olivia Lazar, Bobbie Briggs | Judy Woods*, Terry Woods, Paul & Denise Vogado | Maddie Redd |
| 21 | Bill Savell, Beth Lazar, Bill Yarborough | Chrissy Irvine*, Andrew, Jamie, & Will Irvine, Jeff & Marcy Ward | Melanie Rasnake |
| 28 | Gabie Kerr, Bryan Kilday, Hayley Lynn | Jenn Hardy*, Claude Hardy, Ron & DeAnne Gibbs, Bob & Sue Ramger | Open |

TRADITIONAL SERVICE AT 11:05 A.M.

| | Elder Greeters | Ushers | Children's Time |
|----|---|---|-----------------|
| 7 | Jason Brooks, Kate Clabough, Brian LaRose | Karen Paxton*, Ann Spencer, Linda Brakebill, Susan Young, Gail Bowlin | Susan Keller |
| 14 | Liz Britt, Tracy Luttrell, Jane Morton | Jason Brooks*, Andrea Franks, Bud Gangwer, Barbara Hall, Jeanne Ezell | Maddie Redd |
| 21 | Karen Paxton, John Pittenger, Ann Bennett | Bill Morton*, Jane Morton, Tom & Eva Carpenter, Mot Krick | Melanie Rasnake |
| 28 | Michelle Huntoon, Jason Brooks, Kate Clabough | Stephanie Bell*, Dale Freeman, Mel Luttrell, Jeff Pezick | Open |

* Head Usher



MINISTERS & SUPPORT

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|---|--|
| The Reverend Doctor Emily J. Anderson | PASTOR |
| The Reverend J. Steven Musick | ASSOCIATE PASTOR |
| The Reverend Doctor Stan Rushing | PARISH ASSOCIATE |
| Melanie Rasnake | DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION |
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