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A Family Journal

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From The Pastor's Desk ...

The summer is truly upon us! Many of us have already taken vacations, and others will soon. One thing I've noticed in these last two years, however, is that fewer of us are taking vacations away from church worship. That is really encouraging, because the Lord does have something to say, encourage, and work through each of us throughout the year.

This summer we've been learning about the history and meaning of our church's confessions while placing them in the biblical background of their origins. This next month we'll look at two of the lesser confessions which impact our life together more than most folk know.

Learning about our Church's history is learning the stories of our faith family. That's a good summer activity. After all, summer is a time when we do catch up with our family, both those who are close and those at a distance.

The Backus family is having family visit and will be running all over the USA from Connecticut to Minnesota to Texas to see family. We retell the stories of Dad and Mom, growing up, silly experiences, past events, churches, friends, and all the wonderful conversations that recall and relive our life together. In addition, we learn the new news of the family. We're surprised

by new challenges and activities, and we're always amazed by the seemingly overnight growth of nephews, nieces, and cousins. The wrinkles keep coming to others of us, but the fellowship is still as sweet, and maybe even sweeter than the past.

So keep us in your prayers while we drive around and fly around seeing those who helped make us who we are. And we'll do the same for you!

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Roy C. Backus, Ph.D.

Reminders

Pastor Schedule

July 8-15 Pastor will be visiting with his Mother in Texas. He will leave following the July 8th Worship Services and return sometime following Sunday, July 15th.

Communion Breakfast

The Communion breakfast will be held on July 8th **BETWEEN** the two services. (Plan to come to 8 o'clock worship & stay for breakfast, or come to breakfast & stay for 10 o'clock worship).

The committee for this is:
Lois & Leonard Edgcomb*, Holly & Norm Videgar*, Dave & Jan Edgcomb,



Nick & Clarissa Barto, Steve & Chris Finley, Dave & Cindy Hagenbuch, Pat & Sue Hughes, Heidi & Dave Hendrix.

There will be no Sunday School the morning of July 8th.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

LAYETTE AND GENTLY USED CHILDREN'S CLOTHING COLLECTION

Presbyterian Women wish to thank everyone who participated in gathering needed items for Sunset Gap in Tennessee. We thank the church school children for their contribution of \$100.00 to purchase many items. We appreciate the time and efforts given by Janet Small to this project. We pray these things will be a blessing to many families Sunset Gap serves. Again, many thanks for using your talents to make things or to purchase items to be shared with God's people.

THANK YOU'S

Thank you so much for helping to provide the food served to the children and staff during V.B.S. It is a delight to watch as they come down each eve to have their light supper. Thank you too, to all who worked preparing and serving each day. We thank our visiting families who shared food with us. Any unopened food items left over (very few) will be taken to the food pantry.

FROM THE V.B.S. KITCHEN CREW

Things to do ...

Summer Sunday School is now in session!

Sunday School is continuing through the summer. Preschool through 5th grades are meeting together, Christian Ed Committee

members are teaching, and Pastor Roy is leading the adults. Why not give Summer Sunday School a try?!

MEETING REPORTS

SESSION

Regular Session Meeting, June 14, 2007

The Session of Waltham Presbyterian Church of Utica, Ill. met at 7pm in the Upper Lounge. Rev. Dr. Backus opened the meeting with Prayer. Present: Rev. Dr. Backus and Elders: Ida Brown, Dave Edgcomb, Bob Van Drimmelen, and Nancy Tuftie. Absent: Ralph Moshage and Ross Wilson. Clerk of Session also absent, Albert Hagenbuch.

The minutes of the April 1, 17, May 10, and 13th meetings were approved.

A motion was made for ***the next meeting to be July 10, 2007 at 8:15pm***, after Committee Meetings. Seconded and carried.

Committee reports received.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Benevolence sending money now to Africa and OGHS money to Presbytery. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to purchase a drum for \$60.00 and set of 3 shakers for \$10.98, total of \$70.98, from Music and Worship Committee recommendation, for use in our worship services. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Backus family's hope to buy or build a home of their own in Waltham Township.

Christian Education will host a Teachers Meeting on August 14, 2007 @ 7pm, during committee meetings. Bibles are being ordered for ***PROMOTION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2007***.

Summer time Sunday School is ongoing with Pre-5th grades together and older kids and adults together.

Communion was served June 3, 2007.

A Memorial Service will be held at Waltham for Katie Brewbaker on July 7, 2007.

Session cont'd.

A motion was made and seconded for the Brown family to Host a baby shower at the church, on 7/22/07 Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to do the Burgoo Booth Again this year, with \$50-\$100 allocated for booth rental. Water and cookies will be given again. This motion carried.

During the year each Committee is responsible to get Liturgists for one or two months. Our most recent Confirmands may willing to do this. Please, ask them to do a Sunday during each committee month. (Grace Backus, Tylyn Chapman, Ben Ficek, Sarah Finley, Paige Hahne, Kelsey Hayne, Ben Kiner, Nathan Olivero, and Kevin Walsh).

It was moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Nancy Tuftie, Acting Clerk of Session

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education Committee Meeting

June 12, 2007

Present: Dena Ficek, Rita Van Drimmelen, Nancy Tuftie, Lois Edgcomb, Sharon Reel, Karen Pillion

Also present: Eric Mertes, Phil McConville

Sunday School

Need a superintendent for the fall.

Curriculum is to arrive mid-July.

Teachers: All teacher positions have been filled for the fall.

Preschool - Karen Pillion and Heather Freebairn;

K-1st - Dena Ficek and Eileen Hagenbuch;

2nd-4th - Mary Ann Small and Monica Blue;

5th-7th - Rita Van Drimmelen and Ross Wilson;

8th-High School - Eric Mertes and Phil & Andrea McConville;

Adults - Pastor Roy;

Substitutes - Kathie Kleckner, Nancy Tuftie, & Phyllis Mertes

Prepare for Teacher Meeting on August 14. Rita volunteered to be the teachers' contact.

Promotion Sunday is September 9.

Summer Sunday School is going well. Classes are being held for all age groups. Need to keep spreading the word and encouraging all to attend.

Youth Activities/Work Trip, Youth Group

Plans for a youth group are alive and coming together. Prayer is needed for guidance.

Stronghold scholarships are available. Please inquire with a Christian Ed Committee member.

Next meeting August 14, 2007.

Graduate Corrections:

Laura Hagenbuch, Western Illinois University, Masters in Education (Albert & Eileen)

Kelsie Edgcomb, 8th Grade (Leonard & Lois)

Please accept my apology for mistakes in the June courier.

Teacher Meeting:

August 14, 7:00 P.M.: Pastor Roy will meet with teachers scheduled to start teaching on September 9 to review and answer any questions about the curriculum. All teachers are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting to be held at the Church. Drinks and cookies will be provided. Please mark your calendars and contact Rita Van Drimmelen or any member of the Christian Ed Committee with any questions.

TRUSTEES

No report received for this publication.

MISSION COMMITTEE

Mission Committee Report June 12, 2007

Mission funds have been sent to the IV Food Pantry in the amount of \$ 750

Funds in Mission account as of June 12, 2007\$13,614

Funds to be sent to Sunset Gap Mission this month.....\$ 300

Funds to be sent to Treasures of Life Grief Camp for Children this month.....\$ 300

Funds to be sent to PADS (homeless shelter) this month.....\$ 500

Funds to be sent to One Great Hour of Sharing.....\$ 627

The committee will be asking the congregation to work on a project providing an evening meal for PADS this fall. The goal is to be able to provide a meal one evening a month October thru April. This would consist of a main dish (casserole, etc) a vegetable, a salad and a dessert. It would also need 4 or 5 persons to serve the meal. Please think about this project and let us know if you would be willing and able to help. Please watch for more information and a sign up sheet.

The summer Sunday School and Vacation Bible School children will be making school kits for Church World Service...this will be similar to the medical kits we previously gathered. These will be used in disaster areas where school supplies are needed. The children in our church will be given a list of the needed supplies and several women of the church will sew cloth bags with handles to hold the items.

The committee appreciates any comments or suggestions you might have ...

DEACONS

No report received for this publication.

Deacon of the Month

July - Beth Hahne/Phil McConville

August - Glenn Stevenson / Eric Mertes

Stewardship & Finance

No report received for this publication.

TREASURER’S REPORT

No report received for this publication.

MEMORIAL FUND

No report received for this publication.

BENEVOLENCE FUND

No report received for this publication.

Scout Master Bob’s Corner

Upcoming Events

June 26 – Troop Meeting 7:00 P.M. Troop Elections

July 3 – NO Scout Meeting

July 7 – High Adventure Canoe Trip Crew will meet at Point Shelter at 9:00 A.M. to practice canoe rescue techniques.

July 10 – Scout Meeting 7:00 P.M.

July 17 – Scout Meeting 7:00 P.M.

July 21-29 Scout Summer Camp

July 24 – NO Scout Meeting

July 31 – Scout Meeting 7:00 P.M.

August 7 – Scout Meeting 7:00 P.M.

August 14 – Scout Meeting 7:00 P.M.

August 21 – Scout Meeting 7:00 P.M.

August 28 – Scout Meeting 7:00 P.M.

Troop 97 meets every Tuesday night at the Waltham Presbyterian Church. Contact Ralph Moshage at 667-4511 or Ross Wilson at 434-1469 for information about the troop.

July Anniversaries

1	Mr. & Mrs. Gary Barto
13	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Walsh
	Mr. & Mrs. Ross Wilson
14	Mr. & Mrs. Dean Robinson
16	Mr. & Mrs. David Hagenbuch
21	Mr. & Mrs. David Wilson
20	Mr. & Mrs. Dave Hendrix
29	Mr. & Mrs. Tony Mertes

July Birthdays

2	Kathie Kleckner
4	Robert Anderson*
5	Brian Barto
7	Brett Klein
8	Karli Wensel
9	Monty Whipple
10	Rev. Lawrence Athorn
14	Johnathan Hagenbuch
16	Logan Finley
17	Dave Deutsch
18	Anne Finley
19	Paige Anne Hahne
20	Kyle Videgar
	Christina Whipple
24	Mark Whipple
25	Lynn Leonard
26	Tylyn Jude Chapman
	Matthew Olivero
	Paul Young
27	Steve Kleckner
	Jennifer Wilson
28	Harold Kinzer
	Russell Finley
30	Steve Wilson
	Daniel Ostrowski
31	Alexa Finley
	Kim Freeman

August Anniversaries

4	Mr. & Mrs. Dave Edgcomb
	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Anderson*
7	Mr. & Mrs. J. Davis Small*
18	Mr. & Mrs. Russell Finley
24	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Dapkus
27	Mr. & Mrs. Scott Mertes
28	Mr. & Mrs. Mark Small

August Birthdays

3	Jim Feuerborn
	Lindsey McConville
5	Esther Funk
7	Kyle Jordan Small
8	Paul Hess
10	Joe Kinzer
	Roger Laatz
11	Natalie Hallead
	Brian Robinson
	Greg Whipple
	Kathy Muckey
12	Norman Small
16	Douglas Carder
20	Reilly Muckey
21	Albert Hagenbuch
22	Ruth Ann Brizgis
	Dena Ficek
	Angela Givens
25	Don Scharlau
26	Marilyn Laatz
	John Thomas Walsh
28	Gary Morrison
	Tom Ostrowski

Please leave a note on the office desk if there are Birthdays / Anniversaries missing or if there are errors. Thank you.

“The Heidelberg Catechism (A.D. 1563):
Stewardship and the Sacrament of Communion”

“The Heidelberg Confession (A.D. 1563):
Stewards of Christ at His Table”

Texts cont'd.

July 15 **15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Call to Worship: Psalm 82
The First Lesson: Amos 7:7-17
The Second Lesson: Luke 10:25-37
The Sermon:

Guest Speaker Elder and Candidate for Ordination
in PC (USA) Tom Reeves of First Presbyterian
Church, Joliet

July 22 **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Call to Worship: Psalm 52
The First Lesson: Colossians 1:15-28
The Second Lesson: Luke 10:38-42
The Sermon:

Guest Speaker, The Rev. Dr. Bob Claus

July 29 **17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Call to Worship: Psalm 85
The First Lesson: Colossians 2:6-19
The Second Lesson: Luke 11:1-13
The Sermon:

“The Second Helvetic Confession (A.D.
1566): The Covenant of Faith and Baptism,
Its Sign”

August 12 **19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Call to Worship: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
The First Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
The Second Lesson: Luke 12:32-40
The Sermon:

“The Westminster Confession (A.D. 1647):
The Sovereignty of God”

August 19 **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Call to Worship: Isaiah 5:1-7
The First Lesson: Hebrews 11:29-12:2
The Second Lesson: Luke 12:49-56
The Sermon:

“The Declaration of Barmen (A.D. 1934):
The Slipperiness of Idolatry”

August 26 **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Call to Worship: Jeremiah 1:4-10
The First Lesson: Hebrews 12:18-29
The Second Lesson: Luke 13:10-17
The Sermon:

“The Confession of 1967: Peace in the
Midst of Turmoil”

September 2, 2007

“A Brief Statement of Faith—PC (U.S.A.):
Faithfulness In a New Time”

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August 5 **18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Call to Worship: Psalm 107:1-9, 43
The First Lesson: Colossians 3:1-11
The Second Lesson: Luke 12:13-21
The Sermon: