

Interim Notes

I'm hopeless in the morning, until I have a cup of coffee. Joan, my wife, stays far, far away. Even the cats know to keep their distance until I can function with some degree of coherence. But after my coffee, I can face the day with some degree of confidence in my ability to function.



Two-thousand years ago, our ancestors in the faith were also desperately looking for their cup of coffee; a way to empower their work. They joyfully embraced

the new reality of Jesus' resurrection. But they weren't quite sure what to do about it. They must have questioned one another continually asking, "what's next? What do we do? Where can we look for guidance? How do we plan for the future?" Their answer arrived on the day of Pentecost when they were gathered together in an upper room. On that day, the Holy Spirit's wind and flame swept them out of hiding and into the streets to bravely proclaim the Good News. Did they make mistakes? You bet. Did they always succeed? No. But they knew that in the end nothing could hold them back, with the power of God at their side.

During interim times, it's important to remember that the same "cup of coffee" is available to us. For God's Spirit still empowers the church today. That's

something we need to remember on all days and not just on the day when we celebrate Pentecost..

Can things we try fail? Yes. Can we in fact flop right on our faces? Sure. Will we always like the situations we find ourselves in? No. But in the end, nothing can hold back the Body of Christ. For we know that God's Spirit walks with us, and empowers us to bravely act in Christ's name.

Come Holy Spirit!

In Christ's Peace,
Pastor Frank



Happy Father's Day ~ June 21

How to Contact the Pastor

Do you need to contact Pastor Frank? Here's how you reach him.

On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings, call the church, 815-667-4611.

Cell Phone: 773-793-0312

Email: f.fisher.obl.osb@comcast.net

Manse Phone: 815-667-4402

Please note, this is the new number for the manse.

Chicago Home Phone: 773-631-6386.

Would you like to be on the Pastor's email list? Please send a request to his email.

Would you like the Pastor to visit you? Please phone or email him to request it.

Pastor Frank will be on study leave from June 1st through June 7th. Please call Rev. Dr. Dale Dykstra, at First Presbyterian Church in Mendota, 815-538-5603, for emergency pastoral care during this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SESSION

The session of the Waltham Presbyterian Church of Utica, IL held a regular meeting on May 14, 2009 at 8:45 in the narthex of the church. Members present - Moderator Pastor Frank Fisher, Dave Edgcomb, Bev Scharlau, Bruce Brown, Eileen Hagenbuch and Ralph Moshage. Absent Bonnie Walsh.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Frank Fisher.

The minutes of the previous meetings were approved.

A motion was made to approve the request by Anne and Grace Backus to transfer their memberships to First Presbyterian Church, Morris IL.

A motion was made and carried to receive the committee reports.

Accepted with regret the resignation of Andrea McConville as chair of music and worship committee, effective May 14th, 2009.

The June session meeting will be June 11th, following committee meetings at 7:00.

A motion was approved to adjourn at 10:05 pm. The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Frank Fisher.

DEACONS

We discussed the guidance for Congregations in response to H1N1 virus outbreak. We took special note on the guidelines for preparing and serving Communion. Having three nurses on the committee helped greatly.

We also talked of conducting pastoral visitations with Pastor Frank.. All of our shut-ins have been visited at least once. If you would like to have Pastor and one of the deacons visit you (you don't need to be a shut-in), please contact Pastor Frank, one of the deacons or the church office (815-667-4611). We encourage former deacons to volunteer to go with Pastor as well. Dates and times are flexible. It is a great way to get to know Pastor Frank, as well your fellow members.

We also talked about guidelines for disbursing moneys from the Deacon Fund for those in need. We have been in contact with area churches as to what their policies

are. At this point we have given about \$200 to members and nonmembers. If you know of someone in need, please let a deacon know.

Lastly, we discussed possible replacements for Phil McConville. We wish he and Andrea well & hope they will come back for a visit now & then.

TRUSTEES

Discussion to restore previous phone # for manse. When Rev. Backus left, that # was disconnected. When Pastor Frank arrived, that # was not available but may be available after May 1. Ron Chalus will check with the phone company.

Generator – no new news.

Planning to grind out stumps from trees that were removed.

Manse sewer line – outside access to be installed for easier access.

Tree removal at manse. Trustee's want it gone due to root problems.

Snowblower to be put away for summer by Scott Freebairn.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Received SonRock Kids Camp information from Grace United Methodist in LaSalle – July 28-30. Will be held at Echo Bluff by Spring Valley. More information to come. Graduation/Teacher Appreciation May 17. VBS June 15- 19, 5:30 – 8:15. Need teachers & helpers for 3rd – 4th and 5th – 6th. Please contact Monica Blue or a Christian Ed member.

Summer Sunday School will be June 7 – Sept. 6. We need teachers & volunteers. Sunday School Children brought items for Sunset Gap.

One Stronghold scholarship.

No baptisms.

MUSIC & WORSHIP

Present were Andrea McConville, Ross & Ellen Wilson, & Bruce Brown with a brief visit from Pastor Frank.

Pastor Requested that Pulpit Supply be found for the Sundays of Jun 7th and July 12th, as he will be on study leave.

Also suggested that summer worship services of 8 & 10 a.m. begin Jun 14th, rather than Jun 7th, so that pulpit supply would only be needed for the 10 a.m. service on Jun 7th. This will be discussed with Session. Sept 8th worship service with Blackhawk Presbytery will be with Brenda Harcourt joining us from Kenya, Africa on Skype, via internet connection.

Suggestions were made for future pulpit supply considerations.

MISSION

All members present, including Bev Scharlau, elder rep. Ben Ficek gave presentation on his Eagle Scout Project. Minute for Mission covered for May, Esther Funk (Treasure of Life), June, Relynn Olivero (Charlotte Kennedy Fund). We agreed to continue support of Gathiga Orphanage & not to donate to Grace Methodist's Moldova Orphanage.

Designated funds from Mission Money left over from 2008

Pads Building Fund	\$1500.00
Supplies/Clothing	
area schools	1200.00
ADV/SAS Agencies	985.00
Funds for local hospitals	
for families in need	900.00
Total	\$4585.00

Covered liturgists for June. Read request to support baby bottle fund raiser for Abigail Women's Clinic (to be presented to Elders for approval).

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Present – Bruce Brown & Dena Ficek
The committee decided to meet on a future Wednesday or Thursday when more members are able to attend. We will be discussing the past history of stewardship at Waltham and what needs to be done in the future.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of April 30, 2009

Previous balance	\$4018.61
7 deposits/credits	\$10465.71
24 checks/debits	<u>\$11688.55</u>
Ending Balance	\$2795.77

As of May 18, 2009

Expenses	
Bills & disbursements	\$9944.55
Deposits	\$5758.74
Balance – Negative	\$-2728.94

Keri Sundberg

BENEVOLENCE FUND

Benevolence balance	\$17,834.26
Linda Chalus, Treasurer	

MEMORIAL FUND

Memorials have been received for Marilyn Klinfelter Setchell.

Joyce Anderson, Memorial Treasurer

Red! Red! Red!

Please wear red to church for Pentecost Sunday, May 31

PRESBYTIAN WOMEN



Join us in June (check Sunday bulletins for date) at 9 a.m. at the LOCK 16 VISITORS CENTER on First St. & Rt. 351 in LaSalle!! We will have our meeting and breakfast at a cost of \$6.00 per person. Do sign up on the narthex bulletin board.

Plans are being made as we prepare to host Presbytery at Waltham on Tues. Sept. 8th. Your Help will be appreciated as we near that time and on that day!!

GOD WILL DO WONDERS AMONG YOU is the theme of the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women July 11-15 in Louisville, Kentucky. You may still register. For further information contact Bev Scharlau.

THANK YOU

We thank all who have contributed to the layette and children's items collected for our mission station Sunset Gap in Cosby, Tennessee. We pray they will bring joy to all those who receive them!!

FROM YOUR PNC

Please keep us in your prayers. We have requested more Pastor Information Forms from PCUSA. We most often meet 2 nights a week to review forms, do phone interviews, or view tapes of sermons. We continue to look for the pastor who will meet the needs of the congregation at Waltham.

LECTIONARY for the LORD'S DAY

June 2009

June 7 Trinity Sunday

Isa. 6: 1-8 Psalm 29
Rom. 8:12-17 John 3: 1-17

Communion

June 14 11th Sun. in Ordinary Time

1 Sam. 15: 34-16: 13 Psalm 20
2 Cor. 5: 6-17 Mark 4:26-34

June 21 12th Sun. in Ordinary Time

1 Sam. 17: 32-49 Psalm 9: 9-20
2 Cor. 6: 1-13 Mark 4: 35-41

Father's Day

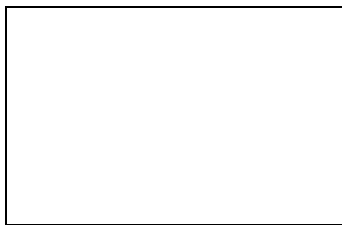
June 28 13th Sun. in Ordinary Time

2 Sam. 1:1, 17-27 Psalm 130
2 Cor. 8: 7-15 Marl 5: 21-43

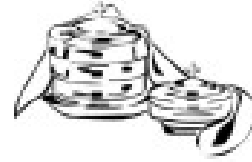
Summer Schedule

Our summer schedule will begin on June 14 with one service at 8am and the second service at 10am. Sunday School & Bible Study will be held between the two services. Time for Coffee & Juice is at the discretion of those providing them.

Communion will be served on June 14 as well.



Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 4th Picnic in Whipple's Woods. Watch the Sunday Bulletin for more details or contact a committee member. Committee members are: Ralph & Marlene Moshage, Dave & Jan Edgcomb, Steve & Karen Pillion, Malcom Whipple, Rita Whipple, John & Bonnie Kinzer, Dave & Cyndi Hagenbuch, Randy & Nancy Tuftie



Communion Breakfast will be Sunday July 12th . The committee members are:Ron & Linda Chalus, Don & Leila Croisant, Steve & Chris Finley, Ralph & Carol Freebairn, June Freebairn, Bob& Rita Van Drimmelen, Rick & Deb Hayne, Johnathan Kati Hagenbuch, Scott & Sharon Reel, Steve Wilson, Sally Wilson

Food Pantry

Please don't forget the food pantry this summer. Canned fruits & vegetables, tuna, box mixes are always needed. If you have extra from your garden, they will welcome that as well. Please no egg cartons.

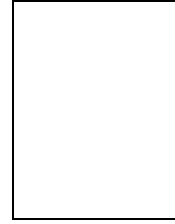
BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Mr. & Mrs. Ron Chalus
- 4 Mr. & Mrs. Paul Young
- 8 Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Ficek
- 12 Mr. & Mrs. Albert Hagenbuch
- 14 Mr. & Mrs. Gary Small
Mr. & Mrs. Alex Murfey
- 16 Mr. & Mrs. Norman Videgar
- 17 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Small
- 20 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Funk
- 21 Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Videgar
- 22 Mr. & Mrs. Donald Finley
- 28 Mr. & Mrs. John Kinzer
- 29 Mr & Mrs. Rich Muckey

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Caleb Gage
- 3 Lori Munson
- 4 Elizabeth Brown
Linda Robinson
Megan Small
- 6 James Wilson
- 7 June Freebairn*
- 8 Rev. Glen Hallead
Shannon Brown
- 9 Douglas Hagenbuch
Emma Pillion
- 16 Kenneth Kinzer*
Gail Munson
- 19 Dan Edgcomb
Nancy Tuftie
- 20 Juanita Edgcomb
- 22 Jessica Small
John Small
- 23 Noah Olivero
- 26 Kalli Steele
Jalen Depenbrock
- 27 Jacob Small
- 28 Rita Van Drimmelen
- 29 Jackie Bailey
Jodie Foster
Sandy Wood
Sara Moshage
- 30 Leila Croissant



OUR GRADUATES

We want to recognize our graduates for all of their hardwork and accomplishments.

Stacey Kinzer graduates from IVCC,
Veronica Blue graduates from IVCC and will be attending Norh Central College in Naperville,
Rachel VanDrimmelen graduates from Mendota High School and will be attending Joliet Junior College,
Christopher Hahne graduates from Hall High School and will be attending U of I. He will be studying Bio Environmental Engeneering.
Nicholas Fox graduates from Eastern IL University with a B.A in History,
Kyle Olson graduates from Marquette High School,
Sarah Finley graduates 8th grade from Northbrook
Joshua Brown graduates from LP High School and will be attending basic training located at the Fort Benning Army Base in Georgia.

Congratulations graduates we are very proud of you! We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers as you celebrate your accomplishments and as you move through your next goals in life.

SERVING OUR CHURCH

Nursery Volunteers

June 7

Dena Ficek
Marlene Moshage
Nick Moshage

June 14

Scott & Heather Freebairn

June 21

Tom & Wendy Olivero

June 28

Dave & Diana Deutsch

Sunday Worship

June

Deacons – Tom Walsh, Mary Sundberg
Ushers – Music & Worship
Liturgist – Mission
Coffee/Juice – Christian Ed.

July

Deacons – Jean Jones,
Ushers – Sunday School
Liturgist – Deacons
Coffee/ Juice – PW

August

Deacons – Marlene Moshage,
Mary Sundberg
Ushers – Trustees
Liturgist – Trustees
Coffee/Juice – Mission

Filling Candles

June – Janet Lynn Delany
July & August – Janet Small

Thank-you for taking your time to help
make things run smoothly at Waltham..
Many hands make light work. Waltham is
blessed to have so many wonderful people.

Year of the Baby Boy

Waltham has been blessed with the births of five baby boys so far this year! We wish the best to the families. We also pray for the babies that are expected later this year.

Feb. 6, Mason Glenn Hagenbuch,
son of Douglas & Melissa
Feb. 17, Karson Davis Sundberg,
son Jim & Keri
March 27, Colin Sebastian,
son of Matthew & Stephanie
May 13, Nolan Charles Hagenbuch,
son of Johnathan & Kati
May 13, Caleb Howard Barto,
son of Nick & Clarissa

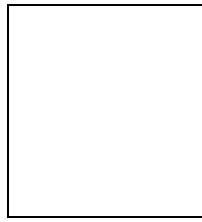
Don't forget to add their pictures to the
Cradle Roll in the southwest corner of the
Fellowship Hall.

Abigail Women's Clinic

We will once again be helping Abigail
Women's Clinic in Mendota. This will be
Their 8th baby bottle fund-raiser. Pick up
your baby bottle at church. Prayerfully add
your loose change (or quieter money) to the
bottle. Return the bottle to church on
Father's Day.

The Abigail ministry is located at Jefferson
& Main St. in Mendota. They do limited
obstetrical ultrasounds. They also do free
confidential pregnancy testing. They offer
maternity & baby clothing, baby
accessories, and counseling. They have a
library with books, articles & DVDs. In
2008, they purchased a mobile unit which
they take to Princeton, Peru, Oglesby and
Ottawa.

Scout Master Bob Upcoming Events



May 19 – Troop Meeting 7:00 P.M.
OA Elections – All Scouts should attend so we can elect new Troop 97 members into the OA. Call Nate Adcock for details. 815-224-4738
May 20 – Troop Committee Meeting 7 P.M.
May 21 – Cub Scout Meeting 6:30 P.M.
May 23 – Red Cross CPR Training at Waltham Church – 9:00 AM start – finish by non – Cost is about \$10.00. Call Dana Provance (815-434-1742) to sign up or if you have questions.
May 26 – Troop Meeting 7:00 P.M.
June 2 – Troop Meeting 7:00 P.M.
June 3 – TLC Meeting 7:00 P.M.
June 4 – Cub Scout Meeting 6:30 P.M.
June 9 – Troop Meeting 7:00 P.M.
June 12-14 – Philmont Training Weekend – Required training for Philmont Crew – details under development.
June 16 – Troop Meeting 7:00 P.M.
June 18 – Cub Scout Meeting 6:30 P.M.
June 23 – Troop Meeting 7:00 P.M.
June 30 – Troop Meeting 7:00 P.M.

Troop 797 is gearing up for a busy summer. July 9 – 23, twelve Scouts and Scouters are venturing to Philmont for a week of hiking. They get back and leave again for Canyon Camp, July 26 – Aug. 1st. The troop is going to have another fun filled summer of activities.

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.

THINGS TO DO

“Lincoln Days 1800-2009

The LaSalle Historical Society in Utica will sponsor a 5 day program on Lincoln for students in grades 3-6. There will be crafts, music, games, snacks, and dramatizations. The program will run June 22-26 from 9am-noon. Cost is \$25 per student. Please call 815-667-4861 to register.

June 6th Music Fest at the Somonauk United Presbyterian Church

On Saturday, June 6th the Somonauk United Presbyterian Church will spark off the beginning of summer with a Christian Music Fest.

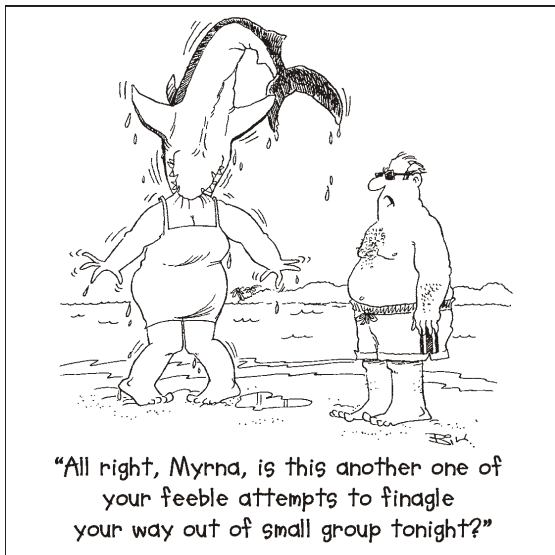
Kicking off the festival at 5pm, will be country gospel group, Soldiers of the Cross.

Dynamic Ashley Lewis and Ashton Gap will provide the bluegrass gospel flair to the festival at 6pm.

CCM Christian rock recording artists, White Horse, will ignite the night at 7pm.

The festival will be held under the shade trees of the white-spired country church, so bring lawn chairs or a picnic blanket. There is no cover charge admission for this event, though love offerings are accepted. Grilled foods and beverages will be available, and in the event of inclement weather, the festival will be moved indoors. The Church is located 5 miles north of Somonauk at the intersection of Chicago Road and Governor Beveridge Road. For more information, please visit www.somonaukupchurch.com or call 815.786.9313 or 815.786.2703.

Calling All Former Youth!!!



No, we're not looking for volunteers to be shark bait. Instead we're looking people to volunteer for something fun! Pastor Frank is looking for leaders for our youth group.

Frequently Asked Youth Group Answers

No, you won't be asked to run the group alone. You'll be working with Pastor Frank.

The only experience necessary is that you have to have been a youth at some time in your life.

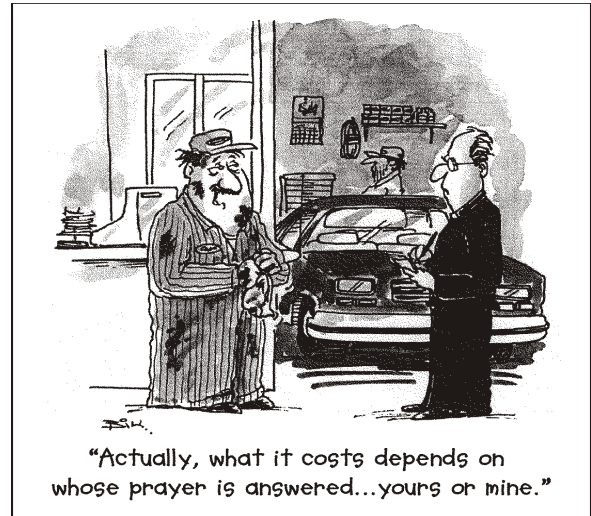
The only other qualifications needed are a willingness to accept others as equals, no matter what their age, and a willingness to have fun.

Yes, it really is fun! Working with a youth group can be one of the most enjoyable experiences of your life.

If you're interested, please contact Pastor Frank.

Did you miss worship on Sunday?

If you did, you can still hear the sermon. Pastor Frank's sermons are posted at www.ffisher.net.



Don't Miss VBS

This year's VBS will be held in the evenings from June 15th through June 19th. Teachers are helpers are still needed for a trek to Camp Edge

