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Dimes for Hunger Family Night Supper
Sunday, October 5, 2008
6:15 p.m. in the fellowship hall

Please join us at the covered dish supper on October 5 to learn more about the 2008 Dimes for Hunger emphasis. Loren Flint, a member of the 2008 Providence Presbytery mission to Honduras, will be with us to share her experiences on the mission field last June.

This year’s scriptural theme comes from Proverbs: Kindness to the poor is an act of worship. As you save your dimes at each meal this October, we ask you to pray for those in need of physical and spiritual nourishment. The following table grace may be sung or spoken:

**Dimes for Hunger Table Grace 2008**
Tune: In Christ There is No East or West
Words by Fred J. Powell, III, 2008

The ocean’s fish, the birds on wing,  
Green plants the earth does bear;  
All for our human body’s food  
God’s gracious hands prepare.

Your kindness, Lord, has filled our cup  
and given us all we seek,  
So now we give this dime in love  
Our thankfulness to speak.

Bless those who hunger and who thirst  
and those who seek Your face,  
May kindness be our act of love,  
And all our giving, grace. Amen.

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Proverbs 14:31
From the Pastor’s Pen:

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The first Sunday of each October we celebrate World Communion Sunday. You may know that there are different words and phrases used to speak about Communion. Each one gives a different emphasis to the sacrament.

The use of the word “Communion” brings up ideas of unity, fellowship, and belonging. We come together to the table and are bound together by something greater than ourselves… the love of God in Jesus Christ.

The use of the phrase, “The Lord’s Supper” reminds us that we come to the table at Christ’s invitation. The table belongs to Him. It is not a Presbyterian table, a Baptist table, a Roman Catholic table, or a Greek Orthodox table. It is not American, European, African, or Asian. If anything, it is all of these or perhaps it is none of these. The table belongs to Christ and all are invited. Those who place their trust in Christ and accept His gracious invitation can come and be united with brothers and sisters in Christ from all over the world.

The use of the phrase, “The Eucharist,” comes from the Greek word eucharisteo which means to be thankful or to give thanks. At the table of our Lord we remember all for which we are thankful. We remember our blessings, material and spiritual. We give thanks for our loved ones. Most of all, we give thanks for God’s great mercy and love which redeems us and calls us to a life of worship, discipleship, and service.

We come at Christ’s invitation to join our hands and give thanks. In this act of worship, celebration, and remembrance, we are united with others who look different, who practice their faith differently, and who worship in many different ways. Someone recently told me that “at the cross we are all on equal ground.” And that is the way we come to the table… as forgiven sinners.

October 5th is World Communion Sunday and is also Peacemaking Sunday. The two go hand in hand. As we join our hands around the table we remember the call to the church to work for peace in the world. “Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God.” (Matthew 5:9) I invite you to make peace with others in your own life before coming to the table on that day. Whether you need to apologize for something you have done or forgive someone else for some hurt they have caused you, take the opportunity to work for peace in your life. That will bring about more peace in this troubled world.

To God be the Glory!

In Christ’s Service,

Pastor Robert

P.S. Our elders will be taking communion to home bound members after the service on that Sunday. If you would like for someone to bring communion to your home, please call the church office and let us know by Friday, October 3rd.

Christian Education

Sunday School Offering

Each month, the offering collected during Sunday School is used for various mission efforts. This month, the money collected will be sent to World Vision for projects that benefit victims of the many devastating storms that have affected so many parts of the world.

Sunday School Update:

Beginning in October, the Discussion Class (Room 305) and the Net Berry Class (Room 306) will return to their regular classrooms and their own curriculums. The classes have enjoyed working together for the summer. As they return to their own programs, the Net Berry Class will use The Present Word curriculum and the Discussion class will begin a new video series. Both classes invite new members to join them at any time!

Get a strike, Matt!!!

Cosmic Bowling and a trip to the Waffle House helped make the lock-in a great night!

Lock-in Memories!

Food is great at the Waffle House!
Preschool and Elementary Choir

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

The Children’s Choir program is off to a great start with a record number of participants the first three weeks of September! The Children’s Choir is led by Emily Hill, Sybil Crow, and Kathleen Read. The hour long format will allow the children to receive a stronger focus on vocal techniques based on instruction guides by noted children’s choir clinician, Helen Kemp. The program will include the use of Orff Instruments, children’s handbells, puppetry, and creative movement. The children will be trained to lead in worship through music. Acolyte training will also be included in the program. The children are encouraged to bring their friends!

October activities

Study focus:

Teens vs. Parents

The study looks at families and the problems that arise often between parents and children. Practical and Biblical instruction helps teens with ways to improve or build better relationships with their parents.

Fun and Fellowship:

Cookout at Fowken Farm

Once again the Fowler family and friends invite our youth to come enjoy the great outdoors with a cookout at their farm. Great food, a hayride, and a bonfire with s’mores make this event the one all our youth look forward to each year.

Youth Projects:

The youth have been brainstorming ways to reach out to people in our community and other parts of the world. The group will continue to visit Oakmont to sing and bring smiles to the residents. In addition, our youth are planning more activities that include the youth of Thornwell.

Montreal Youth Conferences remain a highlight of the year for our group. Plans are already underway for next summer’s trip. Each year the number of youth participating in outings and activities has grown. While exciting, this also makes it harder to transport the kids and their belongings. A trailer to pull behind the van would be a great benefit to our program and the youth are looking for ways to help that happen. Watch for opportunities to help in this effort!
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Presbyterian Women and Men Info:


Circle 1: The Ministry of Ephesians by Rev. E. M. Williamson

Circle 1 meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m.
Circle 2 meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.
Circle 3 meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Presbyterian Men...leading men into a vital relationship with Christ!

When: Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at 7:00 PM
Where: Fellowship Hall
What: Dinner and Study for all ages.

Men of all ages are strongly encouraged to join us as we “sharpen one another” towards the end of more faithful discipleship.

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Opportunities to Gather and Grow:

Sermon Schedule for October

During the month of October, we will be following various lectionary readings as we celebrate several special observances. World Communion Sunday and Reformation Sunday are in October as well as an opportunity for us to remember those who suffer from Domestic Violence. Don’t forget that on October 19th, we will worship at Mt. Vernon. Please read the passages before worship and ask God to give you an openness to the moving of the Holy Spirit.

October 5th
Exodus 20: 1-17
Matthew 21: 33-46
“The Stone the Builders Rejected”

“We welcome John O’Kain to the pulpit on October 12th. He is the Presbyterian Campus Minister at Winthrop in Rock Hill.”

October 12th
Exodus 32: 1-4
“In the Place of God”

October 19th
Exodus 33: 12-23
“Standing in the Gap”

October 26th
1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8
“If You Please…”

Wednesday Night Live Schedule

5:15 – Handbell Choir
5:45-6:15 PM - Dinner
6:30-7:30 PM - Bible Study; Children’s Choir; Youth Room Open
7:45-8:45 PM - Chancel Choir Practice

Adult Bible Study – “The Sermon on the Mount”

Join us as we continue to wrestle with the words of Jesus in these three chapters in Matthew’s Gospel known as “The Sermon on the Mount.” You are encouraged to read the passages and prepare beforehand. Study books by John Stott are available for $7.

October 1st
Matthew 5: 21-30
“What’s Wrong with Private Sins?”

October 8th
Matthew 5: 31-37
“Faithfulness in Marriage and Speech”

October 15th
Matthew 5: 38-48
“How to Really Love Your Enemies”

October 22nd
Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18
“How Not to Be Religious”

October 29th
Matthew 6: 7-15
“A Pattern for Dynamic Prayer”

Special thanks to the Carsons and the Vaughans for cooking our WNL meals during October!
General Information:

Mt. Vernon Sunday – October 19th

Twice a year we have the opportunity to worship at Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church. The spring and the fall offer different experiences with the varied colors or flowers and leaves. Either way, we experience the wonder of God’s creation as we worship in a more simple atmosphere without electricity or running water. We hope you will join us for worship at Mt. Vernon on October 19th at 11:15. Plan to join us for Sunday School at the Church and then carpool out to Mt. Vernon for worship. Bring a covered-dish to share for Dinner on the Grounds afterwards. You might also want to bring a lawn chair or blanket. See you there!

Church Office Hours

The church office is open between 9 AM and 1 PM Monday through Friday except on national holidays. When the office will be closed, it will be listed in the Tower Talk. Our Secretary, Vicki Grady, can be contacted during those hours if you need to ask her a question about a contribution, a mailing, or some activity on the calendar. Pastor Robert is usually available Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday during regular office hours, and on Wednesday afternoons. Because all the other staff also work other jobs, they are not typically here during morning office hours. You will find a list of cell phone numbers listed below that you are welcome to use to contact our staff if the need arises. In addition, we are all here on a typical Wednesday afternoon and of course on Sunday.

Rev. Robert Alexander 426-4699 Mr. Tommy Bishop 426-2648
Mrs. Lori Todd 426-3620 Mr. Michael Jones 426-1396

Minister’s Discretionary Fund

The Community Outreach Ministry is a way that you can reach out and help someone in need in our community. We assist with food vouchers or utilities and on occasions with rent or temporary shelter placement. God has bless this ministry and He will bless you for your compassion. If you would like to be a part of the ministry, please pray about your gift and give a generous contribution. Mark the gift with “Minister’s Discretionary Fund” on your check.

Fellowship Dinner Group

The Fellowship Dinners have begun! If you are interested in going out to eat as a group, please sign up and join us for clean fun, good food, and wonderful fellowship. There will be sign-up sheets in each vestibule. We’ll try to stay within a short driving distance due to the price of gas. The places we have planned to eat will be printed in your Sunday Bulletins each month. Be sure to watch for that and mark your calendars! If you have any questions, call Sylvia Carson at 427-1766 or the church office at 427-8319.

Note of Appreciation:

The family of Buck Buckner wishes to express their sincere appreciation for all the prayers and kind expressions of sympathy during his illness and death. We are so blessed to have such a caring and compassionate church family to help us through these trying times. May God bless each one of you.

FINANCIAL RESULTS THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2008

For the first eight months of this year, through August 31, 2008, we have had the following financial results:

Contributions were $167,014.45 against a budget amount of $168,368.40 through August 31. This means we have had contributions of $1,353.95 less than the budgeted amount so far this year. Expenses through 8/31/08 have been $6,306.21 higher than budget. We have spent $174,674.61 through 8/31 against a budget of $168,368.40. The two major reasons for the higher expenditures are the purchase of a new copier, and a $2,500.00 contribution to the Presbytery’s Capital Campaign.

All this taken together means we are operating at a deficit of $7,659.42 through the first eight months of 2008. Please keep this in mind as you make decisions about contributions to the church for the rest of the year.
# October 2008

**Italicized names are the daily prayer names**

* Denotes Birthdays

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| **Sanctuary Flowers:** Circle 1 | **4** Raymond Sligh Family  
World Communion Sunday  
Nurs: Wilma Blue / Ellen Gregory  
Meals: Gary & Sandra West  
Greeter: Deborah Flint  
4pm-Youth Choir/4:30pm-Youth Group  
6:15pm-Dimes for Hunger Kickoff (Supper) | **6** Bill Stoddard, Sr. Family  
*Emily Hill | **1** Harold / Sanford Family  
10:15am– Oakmont Service  
12pm-Staff meeting  
5:15-8:45– WNL | **2** Doug Shields Family  
*Malachi Gibson  
*Mary Virginia Blackwell  
10am- Outreach Ministry  
12pm-USC-U Prayer (Gazebo) | **3** Kathleen Shields  
**1** Carolee Fish  
**4** Betsy Skipper  
PW Fall Gathering at Bethelwoods |
| **12** Jared Thomas  
Nurs: Mike Fowler Family  
Meals: Norris & Ann Fowler  
Greeter: Norris Fowler  
4pm-Youth Choir/4:30pm-Youth Group  
4:30pm-Worship Committee | **13** Mike Todd Family  
4pm-Circle 1  
6pm-Jr. Charity League Board  
7pm-Circle 3 (Lori Todd) | **14** Sarah Vanderford  
7:30am– prayer  
10am-Circle2 (church) | **15** Jim Vaughan Family  
12pm-Staff meeting  
5:15-8:45– WNL | **16** Jessie Walker  
10am- Outreach Ministry  
12pm-Nov.Tower Talk | **17** Roberta Watkins  
**18** Gary West Family  
*Louis Jordan, Jr.  
9am- Mt. Vernon cleanup day! |
| **19** Kevin West  
Mt Vernon Sunday  
11:15-Worship Service  
12:15- Dinner on the Grounds  
Meals: Rodney McNeace Family  
4:30-Youth Group / No Youth Choir  
6:30- Stated Session meeting | **20** Charles Whitaker  
*Grant Harris  
*Nate Husser | **21** Carlisle White Family  
7:30am– prayer | **22** Kelsey White  
12pm-Staff meeting  
5:15-8:45– WNL | **23** Thom White Family  
10am- Outreach Ministry | **24** Billy Whitney Family  
*Lucy Fowler-Morris  
*Doug Shields  
*Beverly Jordan  
10:30am- Ellen Sagar |
| **26** Steve Willard Family  
Reformation Sunday  
Nurs: Kim & Jimmy Harris  
Meals: Steve Willard Family  
Greeter: Susan Bailey  
4pm-Youth Choir  
4:30-Youth Grp. cookout (Fowken Farm) | **27** Mickey Adkins Family  
6pm- Cong. Care Committee  
7pm- Jr. Charity League | **28** Robert Alexander Family  
7:30am– prayer | **29** Mrs. Ben Alverson  
12pm-Staff meeting  
5:15-8:45– WNL | **30** Isabel Baarcke  
*Bill Stoddard, Sr.  
10am- Outreach Ministry | **31** Keith Bailey Family  
**All Hallows Eve** |