

Parish News...

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from the Pastors' Study...

An old song from the sixties keeps playing through my head these days. It's a song called "Sealed With a Kiss". It was first recorded in 1960, but it hit it big in the late sixties when Gary Lewis and the Playboys recorded it. Remember them? Some of you will and some of you won't. They were big in my high school days. Anyway, the song. There is a line that says "I don't wanna say good-bye for the summer . . ." But what is playing through my mind is "I don't wanna say good-bye to the summer. Our summer has only just begun. Hmmm, "We've Only Just Begun . . ." We've had about three days when we have been able to complain about the heat. We've had many beautiful days recently. And it's September already. I just don't wanna say good-bye to the summer.

And yet . . . We have some new and interesting things to look forward to this fall. We have two new groups that will launch this month!

The first is a **Men's Coffee**. This is planned as a time for the men of our church to gather together and have a cup of coffee and a tidbit to eat. We're hoping that nourishment will lead them into solving the problems of the world, or maybe just talking over the weekend football games. The Men's Coffee will be at 10:00 on Monday mornings. Now, we know that conflicts with the golfers' schedule, but it will only conflict until the rain begins and the days are cooler. There are a lot of you who don't golf each week, and we want to get started with you all. Then we know that you'll welcome the golfers into the fellowship. All you have to do is come and be ready to enjoy some good chatting.

Our second new group is a **Needlework Night** once a month. There is also a **Needlework 'Noon** once a month if you don't like to go out at night. The first Needlework Night is Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00pm. The first Needlework 'Noon is Wednesday, September 14th at 1:00pm. There will be coffee and tea and a tidbit. Come and bring your knitting or your needlepoint or your cross-stitch or a simple craft, and work on your project while enjoying time with friends. This will be just once a month unless the group decides to meet more often!

While I don't wanna say good-bye to the summer, I'll see you in September!

Faithfully,

Susan Grewe

AMONG OURSELVES

Please remember in your prayers: Don Nesheim, Jo Curry, and Roberta Hockett, who all spent time in the hospital recently.

IN SORROW

Marybeth Behrends died August 21. Our condolences to her family and friends.

Reminder:

WE SWITCH BACK TO OUR REGULAR WORSHIP TIME OF 10:30 am BEGINNING SEPT. 11th.

GOLDEN GIRLS (Women age 60+)

Meet for lunch at Elmer's on 102nd & Sandy 11:30 am Wednesday, September 14th.

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT

Wednesday, September 28th at 6:30 pm
Dinner and Fun - Sckavone's at 41st & Division
Always a fun and tasty place to be!

MEN'S COFFEE

Monday Mornings at 10:00 am
Coffee, Tidbits and Conversation
In the Youth Room
Beginning September 19th

NEEDLEWORK NIGHT AND NEEDLEWORK NOON

Needlework Night begins Tuesday,
September 13th at 7:00 in the evening.
Bring your needlework and join in the fun.
Coffee, Tea and a Tidbit.

Needlework 'Noon begins Wednesday,
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SENIOR TRIPPERS

In July we journeyed to Timberline Lodge with 13 in attendance. The weather was beautiful and so was the lodge. We toured the swimming pool, the gift shop, the lodge and the hand-carved newel posts in the stairs.

We finished the outing with lunch in Welches at the Oregon Trail Restaurant. Fun and fellowship was enjoyed by all. In August we'll go to Wildwood Park in Welches for our annual picnic.

Submitted by Flora Huber

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Classes, led by Jane Gregory, will resume September 15 at the usual 10:00 am time on Thursdays in the library. We begin this year by focusing on the first part of the book of Acts, guided by Max Lucado's book *Out Live Your Life*. This will include a relationship to some of today's concerns, such as child hunger. Plan to attend as often as you can.

WORK PARTY REQUEST

The east bank by the parking lot is seriously overgrown and should be improved before winter. Building and Grounds Committee has set Saturday, Sept. 24, for a work party to accomplish this.

Come if you can; bring cutting tools, shears, pruners, weed eaters, containers, whatever else works. At least come have a doughnut on us at coffee break time.

NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS

The neighborhood watch folks from around the church are planning a very informal check-in on Thursday, September 1, at 7:00 pm at our church. Expect information and updates on community policing and recent concerns.

THE PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION

On Sunday, September 18, our Endowment Committee will host Eric Chavis of the Presbyterian Foundation, in worship, and to meet with anyone interested after worship to chat about planned giving. From humble beginnings over 200 years ago, the Presbyterian Foundation has been charged by the General Assembly with the responsibility and accountability for raising money. Today, through New Covenant Trust Company, they provide trust and investment management services, for the mission of the entire denomination. With assets of \$1.9 billion, the Presbyterian Foundation stands as one of the largest religious foundations in the United States. In these "interesting" financial times, please make time to learn about faithful financial opportunities through the Presbyterian Foundation.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY


World Communion Sunday -- celebrated the first Sunday in October -- is one of the most venerable of "special Sundays." The day has taken on new relevancy and depth of meaning in a world where globalization often has undermined peace and justice -- and in a time when fear divides the peoples of God's earth. On this day we celebrate our oneness in Christ, the Prince of Peace, in the midst of the world we are called to serve -- a world ever more in need of peacemaking.

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) originated in the Presbyterian Church (USA). In 1936, for the first time, the first Sunday in October was celebrated in Presbyterian churches in the United States and overseas. After a few years, the idea spread beyond the Presbyterian Church.

The Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) was first associated with World Wide Communion Sunday in 1940 when the department's executive secretary, Jesse Bader, led in its extension to a number of churches throughout the world.

Today, efforts to promote World Communion Sunday are carried out by participating denominations. The image of Christian communities gathering around the Table, around the world is a powerful witness and awareness of our common identity and hope in Christ.

In the Presbyterian Church today, World Communion is linked to the Peacemaking Offering, one of only four national offerings in our denomination. Each congregation is encouraged to retain 25 percent of the Offering it receives to use for local ministries of peacemaking within the church and its community. Twenty-five percent is used by presbyteries and synods, and 50 percent is used by the national Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.



**2011
Peacemaking
Offering**

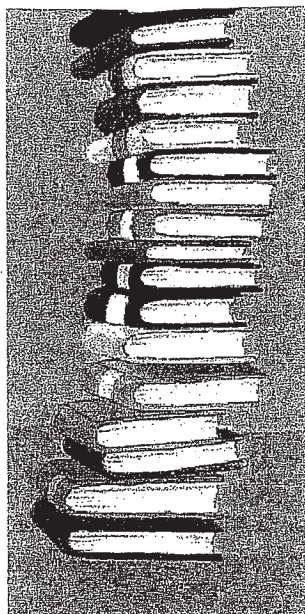
**WORLD
COMMUNION
SUNDAY**

**Sunday,
October 2**

**"A harvest of justice is sown
in peace"**

James 3:18

the Library has . . .



MANY REALLY, REALLY GOOD BOOKS

including CLASSICS from. . .
Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
and *Gone With the Wind* by
Margaret Mitchell to
Hawaii by James A. Michner and
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee.

DID

BIOGRAPHIES by and about people like. . .

Stonewall Jackson by John Bowers,
The Times of My Life by Betty Ford,
Foul! Connie Hawkins by David Wolf, and
Ladies of Liberty by Cokie Roberts.

YOU

KNOW

BIBLE translations -- a dozen or more!



INSPIRATIONAL and DEVOTIONAL writings. . .

Chicken Soup for the Soul edited by Jack
Canfield,
Traveling Light by Max Lucado,
Holy Humor by Cal and Rose Samra.

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Books that are just PURE UNADULTERATED FUN to read:

The Rest of the Story by Paul Harvey,
The Grasshopper Trap by Patrick E. McManus,
Home to Harmony by Philip Gulley.

*Check
out
real
soon.*

MUSIC books including. . .

more than a dozen hymnals
Then Sings My Soul which gives the story
behind each song
spirituals, and others.



September 2011

What's Happening at SMPC

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