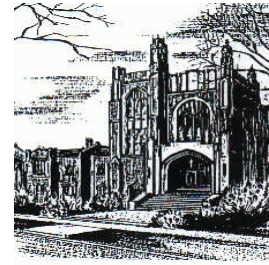


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From The Pastor's Desk



Working Together

As we approach Easter, we are still in the Christian Season of Lent. We tend to make this season an individual event and it is partly true. As we look at the life of Jesus we see Him focused on group or team ministry. The disciples were a group of men and yes, women too. Jesus trained the apostles and a larger group of disciples. The apostle Paul looked at God's gift, the Church, and talked in terms of the Body. I think of the Body when we gather for worship, or circle meetings or our Lenten Soup Suppers. We gather for a purpose.

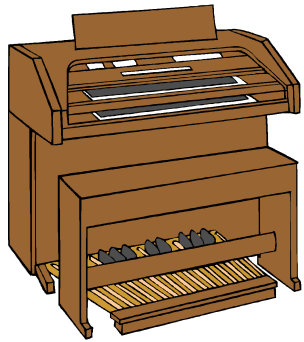


As I looked at these pelicans, I remembered what Steve Huss taught me the first time I saw them in Sand Creek Basin – this is the way they fish. They line up, form a “C” and case the fish into the center. Then they go down together and have lunch. We all know how important it is to work together, but sometimes we forget just how important it is to our spiritual life to work together. One pelican can go down to get a fish and make the other birds miss lunch.

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Jesus took the lead and taught the disciples to work in groups of two or more. They prayed together, worshiped together, ate together and learned together. We continue to serve God together. Worship is a group experience with many people sharing their gifts so all eat at Christ's table. After Lent comes Easter and we celebrate what God did through Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church. We celebrate the message of the Gospel – Good News. As a congregation we have all worked together to welcome the people of Decatur into God's house. We make it safe and wonderful – that is part of the Good News living through us. Together we demonstrate God's love through our hospitality. What is that old Christian folk song? "They will know we are Christians by our love and we will work side by side." What a joy it is to have God's Spirit working and living inside us as we move together to share God's love in the simplest and basic of ways – hospitality.

Steve



♪ **Bradley Day Organ Recital** ♪
April 30th at Westminster
3:15 ~ 4:00 p.m.

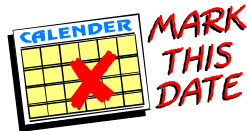
As part of the James Millikin Scholars (Junior/Senior Honors) Program at Millikin, in which individuals spend two years working on a research project of their own devising, Bradley Day will be presenting a lecture-recital on the pipe organ here at Westminster on Saturday, April 30, from 3:15 until 4:00 p.m. The title of the research is "Development and Use of Various Voices of the Post-Renaissance Pipe Organ". This presentation will involve lecture on various aspects of voicing of the organ after the Renaissance (primarily in the Baroque period) in some western European countries, along with recital of selected pieces or excerpts of pieces to demonstrate some of these, as well as brief lecture on how the instrument has evolved from that time until today. To view the abstract, visit <http://www.millikin.edu/cos>, and click on Senior Recognition Day.

Mark Your Calendars!!!

Children and Youth Sunday ~ May 22

The children and youth will lead the Worship Service.

Vacation Bible School - July 10~ 14



A Visit with the Minister of Visitation ... Ronn Allin

Thanks to the help of Gwen Wilson, I have visited a large majority of our members in the most recent membership directory. This design began with Gwen's volunteering to set up appointments for me by telephone. As she said, "There are things I cannot do, but I can use my telephone to help out." The idea was to be certain no one would be hesitant or embarrassed by whatever response they might wish to make the request for an appointment. When some members asked, "Why?": Gwen responded comfortably that the Minister of Visitation was calling on all members to hear opinions about and hopes for their church.

Hope is a precious commodity in these days of uncertainty and turmoil. The multinational recession and hope for economic recovery, the continued military action in Iraq and Afghanistan the spontaneous uprisings against dictators in the world of Islam, the Japanese nuclear accident in an earthquake and tsunami, and other centers of potential threats and dangers. Hope is in short supply for many nations and people. Shorter than usual?

One thing that makes circumstances more threatening than usual is the remarkable communication networks surrounding us. We know and more, if we listen and watch, and we are witnesses to dangers, "to wars and rumors of wars," and predictions of the end of the world in 2012 or whenever. The test of my last sermon, (Romans 5:1-11) Paul includes this sequence: "...suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because of God's love..."

I retreat into one of my favorite texts, Romans 8:38-39, that speaks to this and many times in human history: "I have become absolutely convinced that neither death nor life, neither messenger of heaven or monarch of earth, neither what happens today or what may happen tomorrow, neither a power from on high nor a power from below, nor anything else in God's whole world has any power to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Frequently I mention this hope in my visits. I believe it is a sure thing.

Notes from the Library ...

† *Books for the Lenten Season*

The church library has many books for Lenten study for adults and children. They are on display in the Library Lounge. Please choose one for your personal Study.



Please Note !!! A request has been made for a copy of Westminster's Cook Book, either I or II. Please notify the office if you have one available.

Memorial Flowers for Easter

Westminster will decorate the Sanctuary on Easter with memorial flowers. If you wish to give a flower in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office. Flowers are \$7.00 each. The deadline for ordering is Monday, April 18, 2011.



In honor/memory of: _____

Given by:

_____ Please deliver to a homebound member.

_____ I will pick up my flower after the 10:00 a.m. Service on Easter.

_____ I would like to volunteer to help deliver flowers to homebound members.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

One Great Hour of Sharing

“Sharing Brings Joy to others, to God, and to us.”



Presbyterians since 1949 have joined with Christians throughout the nation in supporting One Great Hour of Sharing. Through your gifts you help to provide food, safe shelter, rebuilding after disasters and development aid to those in need in our community and the world.

Distribution of the offering to PC (USA)'s One Great Hour of Sharing is as follows:

36% Presbyterian Hunger Program - which works to reduce hunger and its causes worldwide.

32% Presbyterian Disaster Assistance - for disaster response which includes refugees and the homeless.

32% Self-Development of People - for partnerships with groups of people oppressed by poverty or social systems who want to make changes and take charge of their own lives.

Your giving will take us one step closer to helping our brothers and sisters around the world as we respond with Christ's love for all people by sharing our love and gifts with people in need. Let us join all our gifts together through One Great Hour of Sharing so we can bless one another and be witnesses of God's grace.

Please prayerfully consider giving generously to One Great Hour of Sharing on Easter Sunday, April 24th.

PW RUMMAGE SALE

It's Spring .. Time to Clean Out!

Friday & Saturday May 6th & 7th



We will take your unused, unloved, in the way items:

small kitchen appliances

No adult clothes

dishes/glassware/linens

jewelry

sports equipment

kids toys and clothes

Books

No electronics

The Fellowship Hall stage is available for early donations. The last week in April 26-29 would be best. Call (428-6603) for help with pick-up.

Celebrating Birthdays in April ...

1	Shirley Whitacre	20	Vicki Livasy
5	Tom Sloan	21	Mickey McAdam
6	Zack Shaw	21	Tiffany Fryman
7	Donna Dunnuck	26	Jean Harner
9	Jack Lebo	27	Erin Livasy
13	Sandra Hunter	27	Jim Olendorf
14	Trey Hill	28	Stephen Gerald Huss
17	John Noland	28	Lu White



*Happy
Birthday!*

† Lenten Soup Suppers †



Our Soup Suppers and Bible Study continue on Tuesdays through April 12. Join us on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. for delicious soup and stay for “*The Me I Want to Be.*”

It's hard to believe that our current LOGOS year is almost over! Our last night for this school year will be April 13. We have had a wonderful year and look forward to continuing in September. In March we had a Mexican Fiesta, Ash Wednesday, St. Patrick's Day, and Kid's Choice Awards. Each child received an award personalized just for them. The children also surprised the adults with awards for them!



“**Thank You**” to everyone who worked to make our LOGOS year a success. Thank you for sharing your love and faith with our children!

Anne Gray, Christie Allen, Rose Marie Thompson, Kevin Besser, Joel Winick, Ann Adams, Rick Adams, Jack Ballion, Jane Ballion, Steve Hill, Shannon Allen, Barbara Phillips, Bob Moore, Susie Moore, Bea Fisher, RaeNell Spencer, Joyce Robinson, Diana Rinchioso, Debbie Goodman, and Karen Krows

Presbyterian Women's Notes

PW Monthly Program Event



On Tuesday, **April 12th at 10:30 a.m.** the Presbyterian Women will tour the **Macon County Extension Building on Richland's** campus and learn about the Extension's programs. We will need reservations for a box lunch before Friday, April 8th. **Please call Nancy Minks at 429-0228.**



✿ Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery ✿

Saturday, April 16, 2011

First Presbyterian Church, Mattoon

9:30 a.m. Registration

10:00 Program

Scripture: Ephesians 4:29

Theme: Your Words

Amber Miller, Kemmerer Village Esquire Therapist - Guest Speaker

RSVP: 217-234-6727 for Lunch reservations (7.00)

Westminster PW will car pool.

The Prayer Path

Good Friday, April 22, 2011



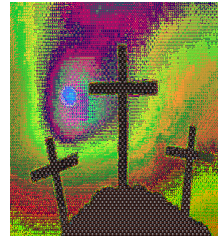
The Prayer Path is a Labyrinth with 11 Stations. The Labyrinth is a meditative prayer-walk with activities along the way that help you focus on aspects of your spiritual journey with God. We will have The Prayer Path set up in the gym and will have it open on Good Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Participants can sign up to walk the path starting every 15 minutes – 6:00, 6:15, 6:30, 6:45, etc. Our goal is to have someone on the Path at all times throughout the day.

When you arrive for your designated time you will receive a CD player or mp3 player which will guide you through the path and through the activities at each station. Plan on spending approximately one hour to complete the path. I know that sounds like a long time, but the time will go quickly and you will be thankful that you participated!

Since school will be out that day we will provide babysitting for part of the day. Babysitting times will be available at a later date. Please call Teresa at 428-6603 or 972-7093 to sign up, to check on babysitting times, or for any questions you have. **A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board outside of the Church Office.**

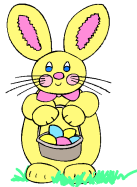
Family Easter Event

Journey to the Cross is a family event to help families experience Holy Week. Journey to the Cross will be held on Sunday, April 17 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Gym. The Journey will give participants an amazing experience where they will travel through five multi-sensory, engaging stations that deliver the message of Easter in an unforgettable and personal way.



Families need to sign up for their Journey time. The first family will start at 4:00 then families can sign up at 10 minute intervals (4:00, 4:10, 4:20, etc.). Once your family has completed the Journey you are invited to the Fellowship Hall for snacks and to visit with other families. The Journey to the Cross is appropriate for children 3 and up. We will provide babysitting for children under 3 years old. A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board outside of the Church Office. You can also sign up by contacting Teresa at 972-7093, wpcteresa@sbcglobal.net or on facebook.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children will take place following the Worship Service on Easter Sunday, April 24. Children should meet in the Fellowship Hall prior to the hunt.



Fundraising Auction



Do you have collectibles, antiques, jewelry, furniture, coins, or other quality items that you would like to get rid of? Or do you have services you would like to provide? We are having a Fundraising Auction on Saturday, June 25 at 10:00 a.m. You may donate items or bring items in for consignment. If you bring items in for consignment, the proceeds will be split between you and the Church.

The fundraiser is being planned and organized by Goller's Auction Firm (Eddie and Teresa Goller). We will begin accepting items on May 9. You can bring your items to the church or pick up can be arranged. Please call Teresa at 972-7093 if you will be donating or consigning items.

Palm Sunday, April 17th



The youth and children of Westminster will be processing in at the beginning of the service. Please have your child or youth meet Teresa in the Narthex at 9:45 a.m.



Join Us
on
Easter Sunday!
April 24th

6:30 Sunrise Service - Fairview Park
Breakfast Following in the Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
Annual Easter Egg Hunt Following Worship

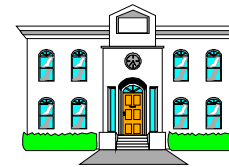
C h e e r G u i l d M e e t i n g

April 28, 2011

Program: Tour of Governor Oglesby Mansion

Place: Gov. Oglesby Mansion ~ 12:30 p.m.

Bring your own sandwich!



Hostess Committee: Joanne Leonard & Dorothy Coutant