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WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM
Sunday School Is Off For Summer!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Wednesday - Friday
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

August 2009

*Lectionary
Readings*

*SUNDAYS IN
AUGUST*

*Special Days &
Offerings*

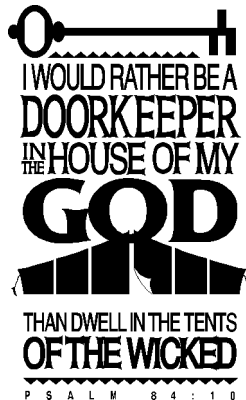
August 2, 2009: 2 Samuel 11:26-12: 13a; Psalm 51:1-12;
Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

August 9, 2009: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130;
Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

August 16, 2009: 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians
5:15-20; John 6:51-58

August 23, 2009: 1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-
43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

August 30, 2009: Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm
45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Readers

August 2, 2009: Becky Bridges
August 9, 2009: Ray Abbott
August 16, 2009: Gail Klein
August 23, 2009: John Baum
August 30, 2009: Ann Kramer

Men's Bible Study

Meets Sunday mornings



From the Pastor

I've been your pastor for only a few days, but during those few days I have had an enjoyable time of getting to know some of the members of this church. My wife, Dainn, and I returned from a Volunteers In Mission (VIM) trip to Cochabamba Bolivia on July 4th. Diann came down with pneumonia the next day. She remained bed ridden for almost two weeks. I confessed (from the pulpit 7/12) that I was not a very good nurturer when it comes to taking care of her needs. So, someone picked up on that and sent me home with some flowers and some food left over from that wonderful reception on my first Sunday. Thank you. Diann was able to come with me for the next Sunday; her first time out. Thank you for the cards and the prayers.

I am the coordinator for the New York Conference sponsored VIM to Bolivia, so you will hear more about this as we journey together in the coming days. This is a Conference in mission led by a bishop in mission, Jeremiah Park. Pleasant Valley UMC is also in mission right here, right now. Mission is all about building the body of Christ both at home and far away, so the world will know how great God is

I want to get to know the people of this congregation. I will need your help. I plan to have office hours on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. You may drop in for a visit during those hours or we can set a time and date that better suits your needs. I'll be available every Tuesday from 2 – 6 p.m. for other opportunities to get together. I intend to be present at the scheduled Tuesday evening meetings as well. I would love to be invited for a meal before the meeting.

On Sundays, following worship, I will be meeting with 8-10 people who sign up at the Bessie Table. This will provide another opportunity for us to exchange our stories and experiences. This kind of "getting together" will help me to serve as your pastor and leader for the coming days.

I envision my time with you as an opportunity to lead each other to the waters of God's grace so that we may lead others to the possibility of falling in love with God in Christ Jesus.

Love, pastor Carl Franson



Pool Party at the Renfrews: All middle and high school youth are invited to a pool party on Sunday, August 2nd. Join us at the Renfrews from 3 PM to 7 PM. Bring a food dish to share and your bathing suits. Be

prepared for fun as we kick off a week of summer fun for all middle and high school kids with Dan Abbott. Parents are encouraged to attend with their kids. RSVP to Laurie Fenner at 738-1288 or Dawn Renfrew at 379-8649. Join us for lots of fun!



Sunday School Teachers Needed

The fall Sunday School season is quickly approaching and there is a need to fill some spots in the Sunday School staffing.



UMW August 2009



The UMW takes a break from meetings during the summer months, but we will begin meeting again in September. At that time, our hope is to have some information to share about making some changes and/or additions to our meeting schedule in order to attract more ladies. Also at the September meeting we'll begin collecting items for our mission kits by bringing something for the school kits. This is a good time to take advantage of the sales around on all the school supplies. For anyone interested in contributing, a list of needed items will be available on the Bessie Table in the next couple of weeks.

In the meantime, I hope everyone enjoys the remaining days of the summer. Be sure to take time to appreciate the beauty of God's wonderful world, and to give Him your thanks.

Shalom, Margo



To get to know the people of our church, Pastor Carl would like the opportunity to meet with you in small groups after church service. Sign up sheets for various Sundays are on the Bessie Table in the Narthex. Since Pastor Carl will be away on Sunday, July 26th, that date is not on the sheet.

Council on Ministries, July, 2009

The Council on Ministries welcomed Pastor Carl to his first meeting and we all spent some time on introductions. Pastor Carl indicated that he enjoyed the time at worship and the coffee hour at PVUMC and is looking forward to working together to reach the goals of the church. He shared some of his experiences from his recent trip to Bolivia and spoke with enthusiasm about the value and importance that he places on mission work. He explained that mission work is about building relationships, both locally and globally, and using those encounters to work on building “the body of Christ”.

Trustees reported that there will be a parsonage clean-up effort on July 18th from 8 AM to 2 PM. Everyone is welcome to come lend a hand and enjoy some fellowship at the same time. Trustees is also waiting for additional information from Ross Fenner in regards to his Eagle Scout project. Jay LaGrange has volunteered to fill the current vacancy on Trustees, and expects to be voted in at the next Admin. Board meeting.

Discussion was held concerning potentially changing the times for Sunday’s worship services to ease the travel pressure on Pastor Carl and his wife, Diann. Several suggestions were made and it was suggested that this item be tabled until more input could be obtained from the worshippers at early service. Pastor Carl has indicated that he would like to have some small group meetings each Sunday after coffee hour to enable him to get to know the congregation. He suggested groups of no more than ten. John Baum will create a sign-up sheet for the Bessie Table.

The need for revision and updating the Prayer Chain and the Circles of Care programs was discussed. Volunteers offered their time to work together to get the revisions done quickly.

VBS is coming along soon and Janet Lucas is looking for help working with the children. The program will be held during the last week of July in the evening. Dan Abbott has agreed to work on a couple of evening projects with the middle and high school youth.

Mary Liz Simons is the Stewardship Chair this year and expects that she will begin gathering her committee sometime in September. This year poses many financial challenges for PVUMC and Mary Liz will be looking for help and input as she and her group of volunteers work together to keep our church financially stable.

It was noted that PVUMC had no presence in the July 4th parade this year. When asked about the status of NCD, it was determined that the process was kind of at a stand-still at the moment and really needs to be revitalized. Our church’s Safe Sanctuaries Policy needs to be reviewed and updated. There have been some new requirements put in place by the Conference and it is important that our policy reflect those updates.

There were some suggestions about programming needs for the fall. If anyone has any suggestions for bible studies, classes needed, programs to be held, or activities to be shared, please contact either Pastor Carl or Cathy Baum, COM chair.

The next meeting of COM is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11th at 7:00 PM in the Parish House. Any member of the congregation is welcome to attend meetings to present their ideas or offer suggestions for additional ministries of the church.

Helpers This Month

Greeters

- 8/2 Sherwin Family
- 8/9 LaGrange Family
- 8/16 J. McKay Family
- 8/23 T. Bailey Family
- 8/30 Barone Family

Sanctuary Cleaning

- 8/2 LaGrange
- 8/9 & 16 McKay
- 8/23 & 30 Pat Allen

Coffee Hour

We will be having an abbreviated coffee hour throughout the summer months. A new Coffee Hour Host listing will be available in early September and Coffee Hour will resume in September.

Counters

- 8/2 Ann Kramer & Mary Liz Simons
- 8/9 John Baum & Emil Klein
- 8/16 Becky Bridges & Steve Bailey
- 8/23 Ted Millahn & Mary Lou Centofanti
- 8/30 Mary Liz Simons & Ann Kramer

Ushers

- 8/2 Emil & Gail Klein
- 8/9 Bill & Becky Bridges
- 8/16 Steve & Barbara Bailey
- 8/23 Emil & Gail Klein
- 8/30 Bill & Becky Bridges

Acolyte

- 8/2 Nathan Benham
- 8/9 Thomas Fenn
- 8/16 Mackenzie Fenn
- 8/23 Austin Stoeke
- 8/30 Thomas Henry

Nursery

- 8/2 Kara Vasko
- 8/9 Jennifer Green
- 8/16 Lyndsey Fenner
- 8/23 Christine Carvalho
- 8/30 Jared Sullenberger

Nursery Adult Volunteers

- 8/2 Bette Vasko
- 8/9 Shirley Green
- 8/16 Barbara Bailey
- 8/23 Pat Allen
- 8/30 Kathi Derochick

Nursery Cleaning

- Bette Vasko

celebrations in August

Birthdays

- 8/2 Chaz Zygmont
- 8/4 Linda Winstead
Shelley Bailey
Tom Lucas
- 8/5 Greg O'Brien
- 8/6 Kristen Green
Linne Landgraf
- 8/8 Karen Civelli
Anthony Ahlberg
- 8/9 Bryn & Sam Olivieri
- 8/11 Brandon Shaffer
- 8/13 Kristen Ahlberg
Amy Simons Witmer
- 8/14 Carter Peck
Kellsey Shaffer
- 8/16 Allison Olivieri
Matthew Civelli
- 8/18 Lawrence Winn
- 8/23 Ryan Dyer
- 8/24 Betty Vignali
- 8/25 Cathy Baum
David Stoeke
- 8/29 Tom Bailey
- 8/31 Paul Bellott

Anniversaries

- 8/3 Pat & Leigh Allen
- 8/8 Patrice & Jamie Heuschkel
Pudge & Ted Millahn
- 8/11 Cathy & John Baum
Shelley & Tom Bailey
- 8/12 Janet & Tom Lucas
- 8/23 Karen & Rui Carvalho
- 8/25 Dawn & Wayne Renfrew



**Next Link Deadline
is August 22st**



Reminder!

As we continue to enjoy our summer, please don't forget that the church still needs you to keep your pledge current.