
THE GOOD NEWS

A Monthly Newsletter

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2011 Peacemaking Offering

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The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and the Peacemaking Offering celebrated their thirtieth anniversary in 2010. The Offering was organized following the adoption by the General Assembly of [Peacemaking: The Believers' Calling](#), which called for an emphasis on peacemaking across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

The theme for the 2011 Offering is "A Harvest of Justice Is Sown in Peace" (James 3:18). The art is Santa Cena, a serigraph by José Ignacio Fletes Cruz.

Presbyterian Child Development Center

As we welcome more and more new members to our congregation, the Presbyterian Child Development Center (PCDC) council would like to introduce these new church faces to an important ministry of the church.

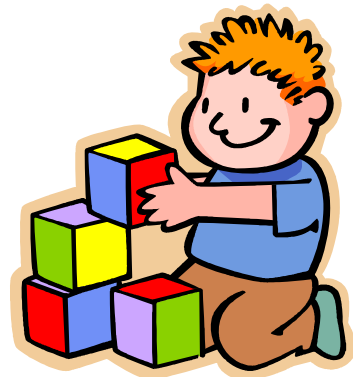
The Presbyterian Child Development Center was started in 1970 and utilizes the classrooms and workspaces in the basement of FPC. The PCDC currently provides day care from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., 250 days a year for 75 children ranging in age from 6 weeks to 5 years old. It also provides summer programs for elementary aged children. The center is licensed by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Services and also includes a pre-K program that is run by the Monongalia County School system.

Our church is extremely fortunate to have such a wonderful program within its walls. Dependable, quality child care is very hard to come by in Morgantown, and this center does an amazing job with the children entrusted to it. As a congregation we have the wonderful ability to support and be a part of this program. We would like to encourage church members to take some time and visit the center while it is in operation and see that the church is truly alive with the sounds of laughter and pounding little feet all week long.

Ways You Can Get Involved at PCDC

- Join the Read -a-loud program - Read to a class on Tuesday afternoons at 3:15
- Volunteer to do a load of laundry for the center once a week
- Share your personal skill with the children (play musical instrument, perform magic tricks, etc)
- Send postcards to the children while you travel
- Donate commonly used items (baby wipes, quart and gallon Ziploc bags, toilet bowl cleaner, Mr. Clean, paper towels, black Sharpie markers, Clorox wipes)
- Become a classroom angel (pray for the teachers and children, send notes of encouragement to the families, join the class for holiday parties and graduation)

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the above please contact Karin Patterson at 296-6556 or Karin.patterson@comcast.net



Stewardship Events

Oct. 23, 2011 - pot luck luncheon

Nov. 13, 2011 - Dedication Sunday

We will be bringing our pledge cards forward Nov. 13, so you are encouraged to bring them to worship. If you cannot be with us that morning, you may mail your card to the church office so that we can include it in the service of dedication

A STEWARDSHIP PRIMER

What is your understanding of Stewardship? Does it only mean money? Or, something we talk about once a year?

SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATIONS

Let's look at the Old Testament:

Leviticus 27: 30-32

All tithes of the land . . . belong to God. In all tithes of flock or herd, the tenth animal . . . shall be consecrated to God.

Numbers 18:20-32

When you receive the tithes from the sons of Israel . . . you are to set aside a portion for God, a tithe of the tithe. Out of all the gifts you receive you will set a portion aside for God.

What did Jesus say?

Matthew 25:31-46

In as much as you have done it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you have done it to me.

Mark 12:44

He watched people putting money into the treasury. Many of the rich put in a great deal. Then a poor widow came and put in two small coins. Jesus told his disciples the poor widow had put in more than all the others because, from little, she put in everything.

What did God give?

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, he gave his only Son.

HOW MUCH DO I GIVE?

A Tithe?

Tithing is an Old Testament convention (law) of giving one tenth of your fruits to God. See Leviticus above or read Deuteronomy 14:22. In the New Testament, tithing is never mentioned, except by Jesus, and while he talked many times about money, only twice did he mention the law of tithing. Once was to condemn Pharisees who tithed but neglected justice and another Pharisee who tithed but was false. See Luke 18:9-14 and Luke 11:42. So, the question becomes, how do I decide how much I give? See Luke again 18:18–25. Jesus told the rich aristocrat to sell everything he owned and give the money to the poor, “you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” In the freedom that Christ gives us, we are responsible to establish our own amount knowing that it is a gift to a gracious God.

HOW CAN I PRACTICE STEWARDSHIP?

Personal Life: Living as a Christian is to live a life of disciplined faith, managing one’s inner life and personal habits. Reading the Bible, regular worship, care of the body, and spiritual renewal are examples of such “holy habits.”

Community Life: Faith is personal but not private. We are a community that shares burdens, shares joys, encourages one another, reaches out to proclaim the Good News. We serve in the work of the congregation and in the community, exercising civic responsibility.

Financial Life: Recognize that all we have is a gift from God. As stewards we are to use our gifts in a way that demonstrates gratitude. We return gifts to God and our money is symbolic of our first fruits. It is the medium we use to accomplish Church goals that, in turn, demonstrate our gratitude to God.

PRINCIPLES OF STEWARDSHIP

Regularity: Give once a week, week in and week out. It takes the thought out of it and the amount is exactly the same week after week.

Proportionality: Give a set portion of what you have received. It’s a decision between you and God. A tenth is one concept to measure against, but for some that may be too much and for others not enough. Deuteronomy 16:17 reminds us, “Let each of you bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you.”

Priority: Set aside God’s share first – off the top.

Risk: Give to God first. Make a decision at the beginning of the year even if you do not know how the year might turn out. Take a risk, live on the edge, and trust God. You will be taken care of.

Calendar Alert!

- WHO:** The American Boychoir www.americanboychoir.org
- WHAT:** 2011 Fall Tour Concert featuring music by J.S.Bach, Brahms, Tormis, Hopkins, Hogan and Lauridsen.
- WHEN:** Monday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m.
- WHERE:** Suncrest United Methodist Church, 479 Van Voorhis Rd., Morgantown, WV 26505
- TICKET INFO:** Tickets are \$10 and will be available in the church office or from jannakisner@yahoo.com

One thing this church has consistently demonstrated, is a gift for nurturing our youth. This congregation has been a faith family for many youth over the decades who have been recipients of your encouragement, patience, and support.

Here is another opportunity to practice our pledge of support! Cole Prescott, son of Linda Wessels and Tim Prescott, will be singing with the American Boychoir right here in Morgantown on Monday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. The Prescott—Wessels family moved to Urbana, Illinois, a year ago. I hope you will mark your calendar and plan to attend the concert which will be held at Suncrest United Methodist Church in Morgantown. Transportation is available for anyone by talking to Janna Kisner or calling the church office.

I had the privilege of hearing them last year and their gorgeous sound melted my heart. Don't miss this opportunity to hear some amazing music from some outstanding young boys.

-Janna Kisner



Wait! Who's playing the organ?

Have you seen Janna come forward for communion while the organ is still playing? You may have wondered, "Wait! Who's playing the organ?" Since updates on our pipe organ were recently completed, the technology makes it possible to record on the built-in digital sequencer. This new technology produces an authentic, original quality of sound upon playback. The clavinova (digital piano) also has recording capabilities that are used for pre-recording occasional choir anthems. Now that's putting technology to work for the glory of God.

All Saints' Day to be observed on Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011

On Oct. 30, we will have a worship service in which we will remember friends and loved ones who have died.

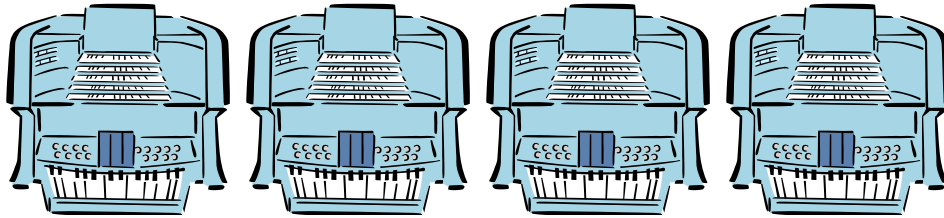
If there is someone who has died since the last All Saints' Day service whom you would like to have remembered, please return this form to the church office or submit by e-mail to presby@commpluswv.net by *Monday, Oct. 24.*

You are also invited to contribute to worship by bringing photographs of any deceased friends or loved ones, however long they have been gone. The photos will be placed in the window sills so that as we worship we will be surrounded by the "great cloud of witnesses."

Names of those who have passed away in the last year, Oct. 31, 2010 to Oct. 24, 2011:
(Names will be read during service)

(Please Print)

Submitted By: _____
(For clarification, if necessary)



Organ Concert in Memory of Dr. Clyde English

October 20, 2011

7:30 p.m.

*The Lyell B. Clay Concert Theatre
College of Creative Arts at West Virginia University
Morgantown WV*

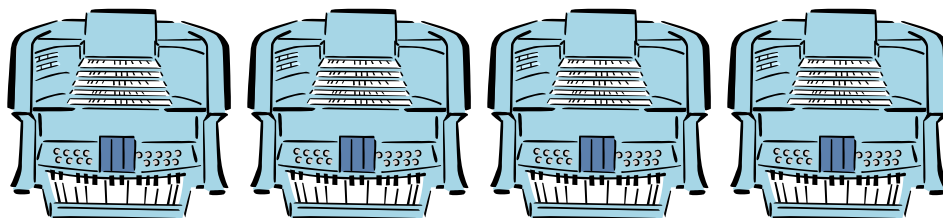
*Dr. English's 1970 recital at Notre Dame Cathedral in
Paris, France will be recreated on the 55 Rank Moller Organ
designed by Dr. English*

*Free Admission, Co-sponsored by West Virginia University
and the Monongahela Chapter AGO*

Contact for more information:

Dr. Bill Haller

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Fall Festival Oct. 8

Come and celebrate the joys and beauty of the Fall season! Enjoy fellowship activities in the outdoors before we head inside for Winter!

The Youth are busy planning a Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 8 at the Shumaker's Farm from 6:30 – 8:30 and they want you to be there to share in the fun. In case of rain, the Fall Festival will be moved indoors to the FPC Fellowship Hall.

The Youth will provide activities for young children:

- ** Enjoy apple cider and cookies (maybe even decorate your own cookie)
- ** Roast marshmallows and make s'mores
- ** Ride in a tractor cart
- ** Sit around a fire and sing songs
- ** Play games and try out races

Circle Oct. 8 on your calendar so you won't miss this fun time!

New Members Class!

What a delight to see so many new faces among us Sunday mornings at worship! A "New Member" class will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15 from 9 am to 1 pm. This is for individuals who are interested in learning more about our church and denomination. And, if you come to the class, it is not assumed that you will join ("no strings attached"). For more information, please contact the church office (304 296-8236) and leave a message for one of the pastors.



Help give church property a face lift. Take part in work day Saturday, Oct. 15 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Some of the tasks needing attention are washing windows, scraping and painting iron railings, weeding and clearing parking lots of trash and leaves. Supplies will be provided and we will have lunch in the Fellowship Hall.



Sunday, Oct. 9

9:30 a.m.

Dr. Jan Palmer will report on his recent medical mission trip where he was supervising medical students and helping develop a medical clinic in the village of Nakavika in FIJI

Room 3

All are invited to come hear about this mission outreach





October Birthdays

- 1 Meg Daniels
- 3 Ian Rockett
- 6 Harold Forbes
- 7 Eldon Ross
- 11 Marian Armour Gemmen
Bill Mathias
- 13 William Riley
Charlie Russell
- 15 James Jenkins
Sharon Portaro
Emily Rousseau

- 17 Sylvia Dial
Joy Ice
- 18 Mattea Stinoski
- 20 Susan Eason
Vickie Powell
- 21 Alyssa Guerry
- 22 Helen Lindsay
- 23 Alan Donaldson
- 24 Jessica Burtner
Dana Friend
- 25 Peg Clovis Chase
- 26 Adam Zundell
- 27 Logan Haddox
- 31 Ava Mullett



October Baptisms

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| William Harper | 10/19/2008 |
| Katherine Zuercher Kirby | 10/3/2004 |
| Kyle Patterson | 10/9/2005 |
| Rachael Patterson | 10/19/2008 |



October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 4:30 PM NA 6:00 PM NA
2 8:00 AM Community Breakfast 8:45 AM Handchimes 9:30 AM Christian Education 10:45 AM Worship - World Communion Sunday, Peacemaking Offering	3 12:00 PM Presbyterian Women	4 7:00 AM Voting 10:00 AM Dulcimer Group 5:30 PM Habitat 7:00 PM NA 7:00 PM Youth Ministry Team	5 6:00 PM Property Management 6:30 PM Handbells 7:30 PM Adult Choir 8:30 PM AA	6 5:00 PM Presby Dancers 7:00 PM Mission Committee 8:30 PM AA	7	8 4:30 PM NA 6:00 PM NA
9 8:00 AM Community Breakfast 8:45 AM Handchimes 9:30 AM Christian Education 10:45 AM Worship 12:00 PM Worship Committee	10 Membership Committee	11 10:00 AM Dulcimer Group 7:00 PM NA	12 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 4:00 PM Adult Ministry Team Meeting 6:30 PM Handbells 7:30 PM Adult Choir 8:30 PM AA	13 12:00 PM PCDC Council 12:30 PM Task Force on Homelessness 5:00 PM Presby Dancers 8:30 PM AA	14	15 <u>Good News Deadline</u> 9:00 AM Fall Workday 9:00 AM New Member Class 4:30 PM NA 6:00 PM NA
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23 8:00 AM Community Breakfast 8:45 AM Handchimes 9:30 AM Christian Education 10:45 AM Worship 12:00 PM Stewardship Brunch	24	25 10:00 AM Dulcimer Group 3:00 PM Stephen Ministry 7:00 PM NA	26 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 6:30 PM Handbells 7:30 PM Adult Choir 8:30 PM AA	27 5:00 PM Presby Dancers 8:30 PM AA	28	29 4:30 PM NA 6:00 PM NA
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