
THE GOOD NEWS

A Monthly Newsletter

September 2011

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Congregational Luncheon and Report from the denomination's General Assembly — Sept. 25

The Deacons will be holding a baked potato (with all the fixin's) and salad lunch after church on Sept. 25, 2011. A collection will be taken for the Deacons' Fellowship fund to help offset expenses.

Following Lunch, Pastors Kris and John will present recent changes in the way in which our denomination governs itself.

The Presbyterian church is a nation-wide denomination. Every two years representatives from across the country gather to discuss issues and make changes to our rules. This past summer the denomination enacted two very significant changes.

The first change was to remove a requirement that allowed only heterosexual married or celibate people to serve as officers B elders, deacons, and pastors. This change at the national level is consistent with our stated commitments, as expressed in our Welcome Statement and lived out in our participation with various programs and organizations. Some other congregations, however are deeply troubled by this change. In fact, conversations are taking place to discern whether they can even remain within the denomination. There is a real possibility of a schism in our denomination.

The second change enacted was a broad rewriting of our Form of Government, part of our constitution. Most of this will affect presbyteries much more than congregations, but it does set forth a vital new understanding of how we work together and participate in God's mission in the world.

John and Kris will present these issues, and invite discussion and questions.

(If there are any members of the congregation who would like to help with the luncheon, please sign up on the Volunteer Sheet in the Parlor.)

An Interfaith Observance of the 10th Anniversary of 9/11



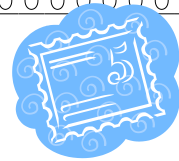
**Sunday afternoon, September 11
4 pm**

**Mon County Courthouse Square
High Street, Morgantown**

Representatives of a number of Morgantown faith communities will be participating, including Jewish, Christian, Muslim, and Buddhist

*In case of rain, the event will be held at the
Monongalia Arts Center, 107 High Street*

Hey Church,

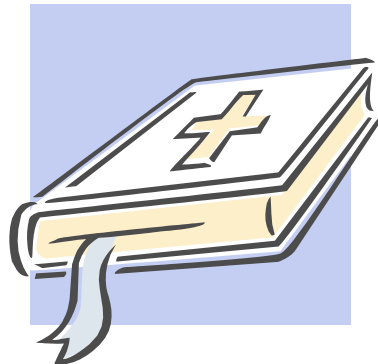


Sorry this email has been a long time coming. I just wanted to let you all know I think of you all the time and I miss being home with you all. I'm doing fine, but we've stayed very busy. I am looking forward to returning home and coming back to spend time in fellowship with you all. My faith has grown since arriving in country, and I'm eager to return and share that with others. I do ask that you remember me and my fellow Marines in prayer, we're not exactly in the safest area of Afghanistan right now and the fight is hard. Please keep in touch. Emails are always uplifting, any news from home puts a smile on my face. I hope to hear from you soon and will keep in touch as our operations permit me.

In faith,
Will Weber

Like to sing? New folks are welcome to start singing with the choir. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:30-9 beginning Wednesday, August 31. Use the 'higher' parking lot by the VFW and enter via the back corner stairwell.

On Sunday morning, September 18, our morning worship will be led by the participants in our summer Youth Mission Trip to New York City. They will be sharing with us what they experienced and what they learned. We will also be presenting Bibles to our rising 6th Graders.



Have you claimed your Auction Prize???

Thank you so much to all the people of the congregation who gave their time, money, and enthusiasm to the Youth Talent Auction. We raised over \$2,000 again this year, and had a ball doing it! If you haven't yet claimed your prize, don't forget to do so. And please send pictures!!!

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Silent Auction

- Handmade Elm Table** By Jan Palmer to Susie Fisher, \$200
- Three Jars of Local Honey.** by Beth Madison to David Burtner, \$27
- A DVD set of The Civil War signed by Director Ken Burns** by Susan Shumaker, to David Burtner, \$65
- Roll Out the Carpet** by Than Saffel to Lucas Trovato, \$34
- Blanche Lazelle** by Than Saffel to Mary Forbes, \$20
- Art and Artists of WV** by Than Saffel to Susie Fisher, \$30
- Wondrous Love CD** by Than Saffel to Rae Jean Sielen, \$14
- Work & Pray** by Than Saffel to Donna Weems, \$15
- Venison Summer Sausage** By Dave Samuel to Lee Mullett, \$50
- Sunday Brunch Basket** by Chet and Shelly Parsons to Mary Zuercher, \$31
- Apple picking in the Fall** By Beverly and Bob Shumaker to Dana Friend, \$20
- Blueberry picking trip** By Bob and Debby McConnell to Dana Friend, \$35
- Two Hours Legal Counsel** Member of the West Virginia Bar. By Pat McGinley to John Garlow, \$25
- Vera Bradley Purses!** By Mary Zuercher to Susie Fisher, \$25, to Ellen Trovato, \$25, to Susan Shumaker, \$45, to Amy Zeiders, \$15
- Computer maintenance for 1 year** By Alexander Siracusa, to John Garlow, \$20
- 4 megapixel camera with CD card** Alexander Siracusa to Amy Zeiders, \$30
- Babysitting** by Hannah Zeiders, to Susan Shumaker, \$20
- Lawnmowing** by Jake Mullett to Shelly Barrick Parsons, \$25
- Classic Mysteries** to Rhowyn Saffell, \$16

Silent Auction (cont.)

4 Hours of Interior or Exterior Painting by Ann & Bill Mathias to Susan Shumaker, \$80

Cake Pop Candy Centerpiece by Michael Nikolaus, to Mary and Harold Forbes, \$26

Appalachian Lap Dulcimer Lessons (6 hours) by Judy Werner to Rae Jean Sielen, \$15

Print by artist SK Waite by Mary and Harold Forbes to Shelly Barrick Parsons, \$12, to John Sonnenday, \$5

TShirt by artist SK Waite by Mary and Harold Forbes to Susan Shumaker, \$12, to Susan Shumaker, \$10

Many Reusable Shopping Bags by Paul Atkins to Alan Donaldson, \$18

Ballet Dance Lessons by Shirley Shreiber to Alan Donaldson, \$20

Vintage James Dean Poster to Alan Donaldson, \$15

Live Auction

3 Fresh Flower Bouquets in Vases during May, June, and July by *Debbie Palmer to the Hagertys*, \$50

Consultation about yard trees and shrubs By *Jon Weems, to Pat McGinley*, \$55

Vegetables from the Garden! By *Chris & Dana Martin to Ken St. Louis*, \$35

German Dinner Donna Weems and Gertraud Irwin to Janna Kisner, \$60

A day on the Water! by *Donna, Jon and Willie Weems, to Susan Shumaker*, \$35

Chicken BBQ by *Kris Haig and John Sonnenday to Michael Nikolaus*, \$105

Dinner at the Whyte House by *Nancy Whyte to Alan Donaldson*, \$40

Cookies for a Year! By *Judy Werner to Paul Atkins*, \$85, to *Donna Weems*, \$75

Summer weekend at Snowshoe Condo! By *Chuck and Lee Mullett to Pat McGinley*, \$175

Get your garden tilled! By *Ray Patterson to Marilyn Slaughter*, \$50

Morgantown Geologic Field Trip by *Alan Donaldson to Pat McGinley*, \$60

Bunco night at Lee's House by *Lee Mullett, to Shelly Barrick Parsons*, \$60

Trip to Estate Auction Ken St. Louis, to *John Sonnenday*, \$45

Presbyterian Women Spring, Summer Activities; Fall Plans

After a busy spring and summer, Presbyterian Women are making plans for the 2011-2012 season. Since the month of April, activities have included:

- Participation in the African Children's Surgical Program
- Providing a meal for the Campus Ministry "Lunch for a Buck" program
- Providing one evening meal for Vacation Bible School
- Assisting with the filling of "Birthday Boxes" for a camp for foster children
- Completion of the 2010-2011 Bible study book "Journey through Revelation"

Presbyterian Women continued to meet through the summer and have made plans for the fall season beginning in September. Included in the plans are:

- September** - Pot-luck Salad Luncheon on Monday, Sept. 12 at 11:30am. This is a time for fellowship and good food. Beverages and desserts are provided; BRING A SALAD TO SHARE! (See the special invitation in this newsletter.)

- October** - First Bible study of the 2011-2012 season from the book "Confessing the Beatitudes"
 - Provide meal for Campus Ministry "Lunch for a Buck"

- November** - Collection of the annual Thank Offering

- December** - Filling and distribution of stockings for the Salvation Army
 - Annual Cookies 'N More Sale—December 3

Regular meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at noon. Members bring a "bag lunch: (optional) and share the joy of being with one another, Bible study, and activities. In May and November meetings are held at Heritage Point. Check calendars now and plan to become a part of the group. Details for each meeting are given in the Sunday worship bulletin prior to the meeting. Presbyterian Women hope to see you in September!



Presbyterian Women's Involvement in African Children's Surgical Program

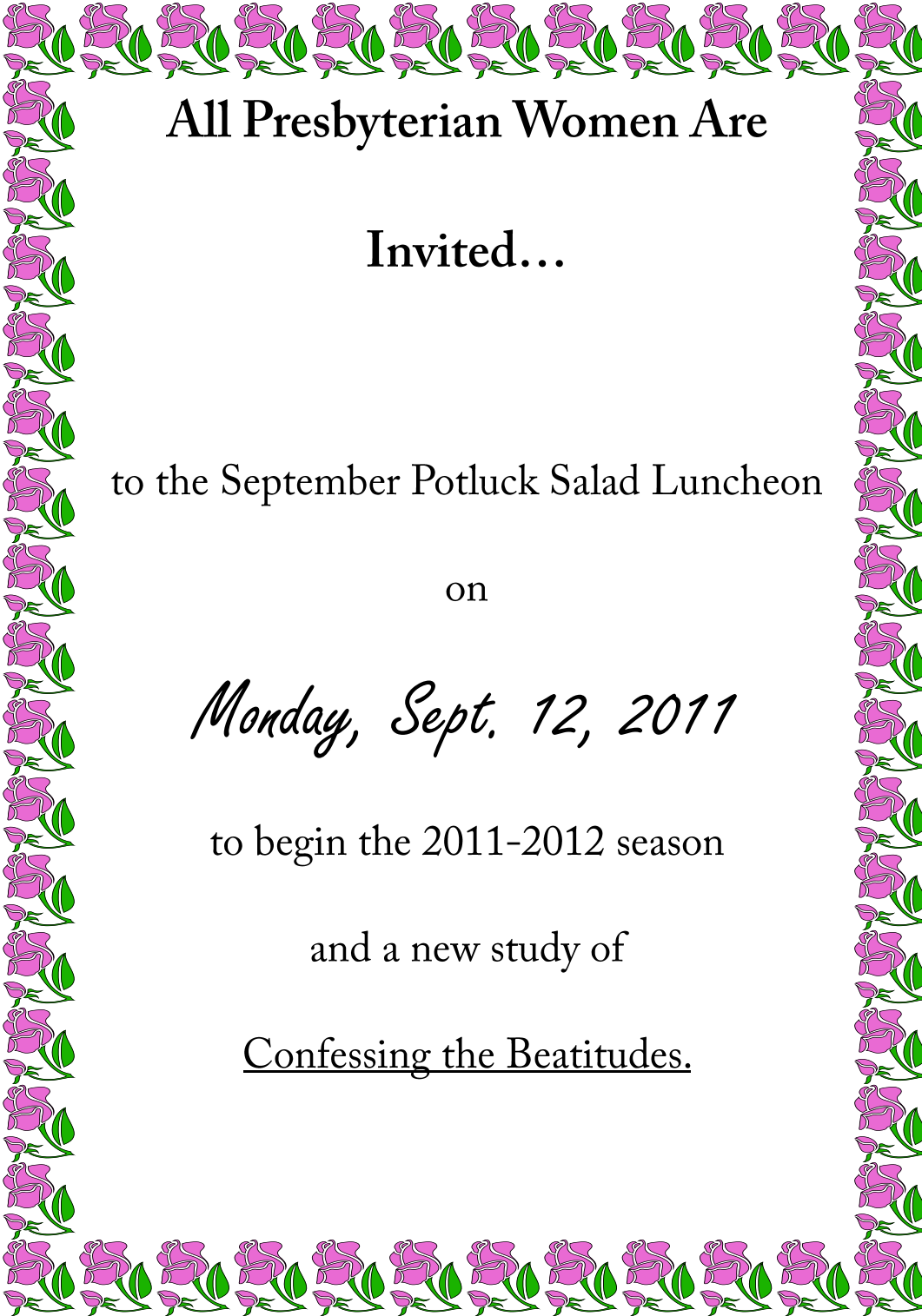
The African Children's Surgical Program was brought to Morgantown in 2011 at the urging and encouragement of Dr. Tina Slusher who became aware of the need during a trip to Africa. The program provides pediatric cardiac patients with surgery and medical care not available in Africa. Transportation to and from Africa for parents and family members has been provided by a number of groups. This year transportation was paid by the Mountain Loggers Association for mother and child. Doctors involved agree to provide surgery, medical care, and hospitalization at no cost to the family. Usually, one child each year is chosen to receive the care needed. For several years, Dr. Linda Oliver and her husband Don have been the host family for these children and family members. The average stay is six weeks.

From 2002-2010, Elise Carvell, Trinity Episcopal Church has served as coordinator, obtaining and organizing help from other churches in the area. The new coordinator is Sherry Graham. Each church is asked to assist with meals and transportation to and from the hospital while the child is hospitalized. Occasional shopping trips and sight-seeing were a part of the visit.

For the past five years, Presbyterian Women have been involved with the program. This year participating churches were asked to provide financial support to cover the cost of meals during the stay. This allowed the host family to purchase preferred food as needed along with other necessary items. In addition to financial support, Presbyterian Women provided help by:

- providing transportation to and from doctor and laboratory appointments prior to surgery
- providing transportation on the day of surgery and the days immediately following surgery
- providing support for the mother during the hours of surgery and days in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit
- bringing in meals for the mother during the first week of hospitalization

Presbyterian Women were more actively involved this year than in the past. All women who participated agreed that the time spent was a positive, heart-warming experience. Surgery and recovery were successful for two-year old David. He and his mother, Sarah, have safely returned to their family in Africa. David was expected to make a full recovery with follow-up treatment.



All Presbyterian Women Are

Invited...

to the September Potluck Salad Luncheon

on

Monday, Sept. 12, 2011

to begin the 2011-2012 season

and a new study of

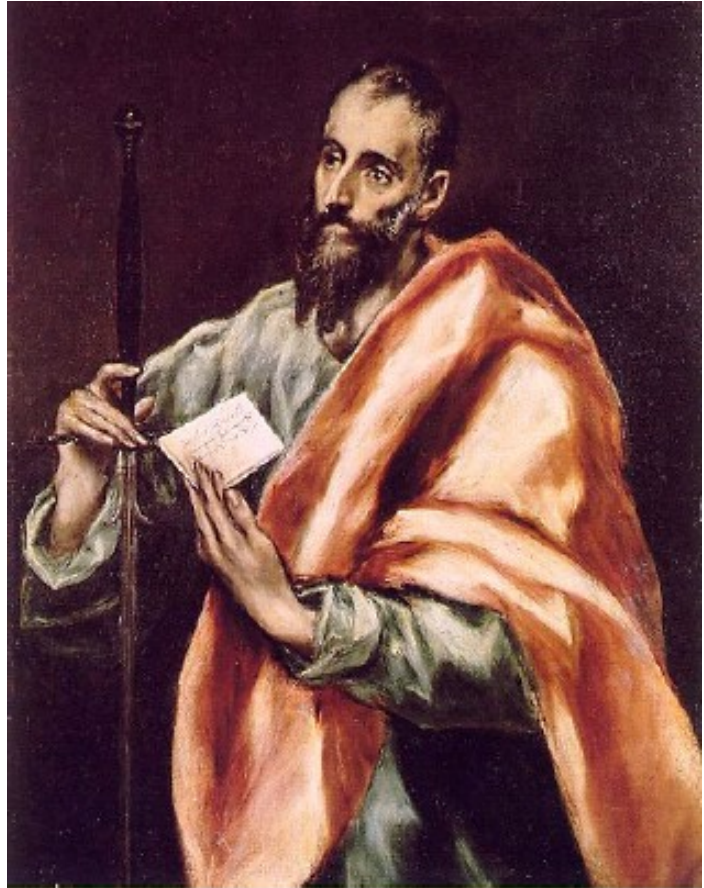
Confessing the Beatitudes.

The Legacy of Paul the Apostle

September 11 – November 13

9:30 a.m. in Room 3

Leader: Rev. Kris Haig



El Greco (1541–1614)

Paul has been called second to Jesus in his role in the development of Christianity. His letters are unequalled in their influence on Christian beliefs and practices. We'll study his writings in light of his personal history and the unique times in which he lived.

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 5:00 PM Presby Dancers 7:00 PM Mission Committee 8:30 PM AA	2	3 4:30 PM NA 6:00 PM NA
4 8:00 AM Community Breakfast 10:45 AM Worship - Communion	5 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED	6 10:00 AM Dulcimer Group 3:00 PM Stephen Ministry 5:30 PM Habitat 7:00 PM NA	7 6:00 PM Property Management 7:30 PM Adult Choir 8:30 PM AA	8 12:30 PM Task Force on Homelessness 5:00 PM Presby Dancers 8:30 PM AA	9	10 4:30 PM NA 6:00 PM NA
11 8:00 AM Community Breakfast 9:30 AM Christian Education 10:45 AM Worship 12:00 PM Session 12:00 PM Worship Committee 4:00 PM Interfaith Remembrance at Courthouse 5:00 PM Habitat "Building on Faith" kickoff Dinner 6:00 PM Session 6:30 PM Living the Questions	12 11:30 AM Presbyterian Women Potluck Salad Luncheon	13 Presbytery Meeting at Bluestone 10:00 AM Dulcimer Group 7:00 PM NA	14 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 5:15 PM Worship Committee 7:30 PM Adult Choir 8:30 PM AA	15 <u>Good News Deadline</u> 10:00 AM Sew & Sew Stitching Group 12:00 PM Mon Valley Homeless Initiative 12:00 PM PCDC Council 5:00 PM Presby Dancers 6:30 PM Prayer Shawl Group 8:30 PM AA	16	17 4:30 PM NA 6:00 PM NA
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September Birthdays

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| 5 Benjamin Harper | Scott Mizes |
| 6 Karen Cassidy | Ella Moats |
| 7 Lori Carpenter | 21 Donna Gerber |
| Jamie Lester | 22 Gregory Gerber |
| 9 Sophia Martin | 25 Luke Palmer |
| 11 Barbara Alvis | 26 Heather Larkin |
| 13 Vance Alvis | 27 Ruth Hicks |
| 14 Jean Humphreys | 28 Fred Fawcett |
| 19 Scott Lyon | Jim Slaymaker |
| 20 Frank Costa | 29 David Mullett |