

**ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS** The **2<sup>nd</sup> Wind Coffee House**, a campus ministry of the Presbyterian Church USA, located at 564 Buchanan St. on Campus Corner, will offer a monthly presentation and discussion from 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm.

**The Deacons and Kitchen crew are asking for some help** in resupplying the kitchen. Many things are either worn out or broken. With spring cleaning happening at our homes, maybe some of the "good stuff" that we don't use anymore could find a home in Memorial's kitchen. Listed below are some much needed items:

**Wish list**

Spider  
Kitchen shears  
Large bowl  
Extra large salad bowls  
Knives—non-serrated  
Large cooking pots  
Large slotted serving spoons

Tongs  
Medium whisk  
Money  
Meat thermometer  
Stainless steel bowls  
Funnel

If money is collected, we hope to buy new linens for the tables. We will have a table set up in the fellowship for displaying our new items as they are donated. Thank you all, The Deacons and The Kitchen Crew.



**Congratulations to our graduates!**

Baldwin Annoh, Holly Forsyth and Kay Martin will be recognized during the May 13 worship service.

**Hearty thanks to all volunteers** who worked with our children in Sunday School and on Wednesday evenings....Lorraine Annoh, Tricia Bunce, Joan Cole, Jeremy and Kerri Bales, Terry Cast, Kerri Goetke, Dave Iske, Charlotte Lovett, Angie Martin, Leon Sivuilu, Karen Upton, Holly Van Auken, Donna and Harry Wright. Thanks also to our wonderful cooks and cleaners for those delicious Wednesday night dinners—Lisa Upton, Joan Thrailkill, Angie Martin, Linda Eckel, Loreen Upton and Ann Forsyth.

**MEMORIAL SAYS GOODBYE TO OUR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ELAINE MILLER** with thanks for her friendly and welcoming presence.....Elaine Miller has served Memorial as Administrative Assistant since August 2007. She will conclude her work at Memorial on May 31. We greatly appreciate the way she welcomed members and visitors whether by phone or in person. May God bless you, as your life's journey continues!

**MEMORIAL SAYS GOODBYE TO COREY FISHER.....**with thanks for her work with our Youth Ministry and the Children's Choir, in our absence of a Youth Minister. Our Youth and children will greatly miss Corey, and remember all the good times. Corey will graduate, and start this summer with a full time music job and then student teaching in the Fall. May God bless you, as your life's journey continues!

# **The Clerk's Corner**

## **Highlights from the Session meeting**

Session met on April 24, 2012 and took the following actions:

Voted to approve the following dates for the regular meeting of Session

May 22

June 19

No meeting in July

August 21

September 18

October 23

December 4

Building and Grounds Committee requested session approval to remove the decorative grating outside the fellowship hall exterior entrance. Session approved their request.

While I am clerk to the session, I am also an elder in this church, and in that capacity I would like to encourage members of this congregation to join one of the committees in order to be a part of what is happening rather than what we'd like to see happen. You see, without your help, it is sometimes difficult to move forward. Here are your opportunities:

Christian Education – chairperson is Harry Wright

Mission & Evangelism – chairperson is Carolyn Montgomery

Worship & Music – co-chairs are Joan Cole and Charlotte Lovett

Stewardship – chairperson is Jim Rodriguez

Building & Grounds – chairperson is Karen Girdner.

Please contact one of these great leaders and see where you might be of service.

Respectfully,

Joan Cole, Clerk of Session

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## **Dear Memorial Presbyterian Church,**

When Jim Burns extended the offer of becoming the Church's Administrative Assistant, I was extremely grateful for the opportunity and have received blessing after blessing just working with wonderful people. Thank you for letting me work for you.

I have had interesting situations, called learning experiences, during a challenging time as Memorial has entered a transition period of Jim Burns retiring, an Interim pastor, Deborah Meinke, and our called pastor Tracy Evans.

It was not an easy decision, and I regret having to part ways with Memorial Presbyterian, as you are so supportive to me.

My last working day will be May 15th. I will be on vacation until May 31. Thank you again for your willing help when I needed help.

Elaine Miller



Dear Friends,

For C. S. Lewis, it was a toy garden. His brother Warren brought him a toy garden arranged on a biscuit tin. He said that in those very days his brother brought into the nursery the lid of a biscuit tin which he had covered with twigs and flowers so as to make it a toy garden or toy forest. It was the first beauty that he knew. "It is difficult to find words strong enough for the sensation which came over me; Milton's 'enormous bliss' of Eden...comes somewhere near it," Lewis stated in Surprised by Joy.

For me, I remember a sense of deep and true joy when I was in my 20s. I was watching a group of third graders present a liturgical dance during a mid-week program at the church where I was working. I remember seeing a little red-headed boy and sensing pure joy. I was aware that it was just he and God in those movements; I was privileged to witness it.

Moments such as these can't be planned. They can only be experienced. Spiritual practices, including prayer, journaling and spiritual disciplines, help us learn to be aware of these moments.

By these moments of connecting with God, I don't mean happiness. I mean real joy, a joy that goes deep down inside.

I long to feel it again and again. A favorite quote by St. Augustine states, "God thirsts to be thirsted after."

Are you "thirsting after" God? What are your connections to God? When have you felt that deep sense of joy? None of us recognize those moments often enough. But we can each continue to learn to hear, see and experience them more and more often.

This month brings us Pentecost as we celebrate the birth of the church on May 27th. We'll have a special time in worship, and you are encouraged to wear red in celebration! This will also be the day we remember those who are inurned in our columbarium with a brief commemoration.

Grace and peace,  
Tracy

## Prayer's power



Prayer lays hold of God's plan and becomes the link between his will and its accomplishment on earth. Amazing things happen, and we are given the privilege of being the channels of the Holy Spirit's prayer.

—Elisabeth Elliot

## The Ascension challenge

Ever wonder what it might have been like to be a disciple when Jesus ascended into heaven? He gave them the monumental task of making disciples of all the world. Plus, they'd have to do it without relying on Jesus' physical presence, as they had until then. Were the disciples overwhelmed, uncertain, afraid?

Maybe, yet they went on to spread the gospel throughout the world nonetheless. They rose to the challenge because they fixed their gaze above as they watched Jesus disappear into the clouds.

When we follow that example, offering ourselves as willing servants and keeping our eyes trained on Jesus instead of our circumstances, there's no limit to what God can accomplish through us.

- "The heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of which you will always find forgiveness."

—Honoré de Balzac

- "Courage does not always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'I will try again tomorrow.'"

—Mary Anne Radmacher

## + Christian Symbols +

### Tongues of Fire



Reminiscent of the Pentecost account in Acts 2, when "tongues of fire" rested on the disciples' heads as the Holy Spirit birthed the church, images of flame symbolize the Spirit. Sometimes a tongue of fire is paired with a dove and set on a red background — other symbols of the Holy Spirit. Fire may also indicate spiritual fervor and zeal in a Christian's life.

## How will they know?

A well-known 1960s song by Peter Scholtes answers an implied question: How will others know we're Jesus' disciples? Not by how we understand family values. Not by our politics or theology. Not by how many Bible verses we've memorized, how often we attend church or how much offering we give.

Rather, the song's title and refrain say it all: "They'll know we are Christians by our love." Jesus put it this way: "Everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:35, NIV).

Sometimes love involves words — teaching, proclaiming, bearing witness to God's presence. But if words aren't backed by actions, they soon fall flat. We can, as the song says, "spread the news that God is in our land." But if we don't live like that, no one will believe it.

When we declare God's reality but withhold kindness from neighbors, observers rightly question whether we follow the God whose presence we announce. But "if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us" (1 John 4:12).

## Acts of God

Unexpected "flash mob" musical performances have sprung up in public places such as airports and malls. Philadelphia's 600-member Opera Company scattered among Macy's crowds and broke out in the "Hallelujah Chorus." A university choir did the same at a Fargo, North Dakota, food court. Groups have also performed impromptu performances of "Silent Night," "Amazing Grace" and well-known secular songs.

These events have been called random acts of culture, but they might better be called purposeful acts of God. Through music, we can praise God anywhere. Whenever Christ's disciples move beyond church buildings and Christian gatherings to share the gospel, God is surely at work.

## Achieving success

When Ralph Waldo Emerson reflected on true success, he didn't mention fame, fortune or social status. Ponder his thoughts — and your own definition of success:

"To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a redeemed social condition or a job well done; to know even one other life has breathed because you lived — this is to have succeeded."

## Wherever you go

Graduations bring a commencement, or beginning, of new things.

In 1990, Dr. Seuss published *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* This popular graduation gift tells in Seuss' inimitable style of all life's possible ups and downs, twists and turns. There will surely be excitement and slumps, fun and loneliness, purpose and confusion. And, yes, fear: "There are some [things], down the road between hither and yon, that can scare you so much you won't want to go on."

The sheer determination of the storybook's life-traveler moves him beyond trouble and fear. But God's children don't have to go it alone. Life cannot take us anywhere God hasn't been first. Furthermore, he walks beside us on every winding path and around every corner.

Graduates — and all Christians — can trust in the promise of Joshua 1:9 (NIV): "Be strong and courageous ... for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

## Mission and Evangelism

**We provided over 100 sack lunches for CCFI's foster parent training course.** So many donations were received that we had a lot of leftover food that was donated to Food for Friends. And we are making plans to provide CCFI's summer programs with sack lunches and snacks like we did last year.

**A plan is in the works, to re-start the Mission Minutes,** which is a brief talk given by leaders of the organizations we support through donations and work. The director from Food for Friends, April Doshier, spoke to the congregation in March. Arrangements are being made for the director of the Urban Mission, Peggy Garrett, to speak in May.

**The Mission and Evangelism Committee extend a BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to the diaper drive for Center for Children and Families. The drive was a great success and totaled about 1790 diapers more or less, which was a 50% increase over what was given last year, thanks to our generous givers.

## MEMORIAL

Rosamond Miller Kuntz

April 6, 1917—April 2, 2012



# 2012



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

05/05 Jody & Heather Yeager  
05/11 Bob & Sandy Clarke  
05/14 Paul & Karen Upton  
05/24 Mike & Karen Girdner  
05/28 Larry & Lisa Upton

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

05/02 Chester Ngonge  
Chris Sivuilu  
05/03 Ann Forsyth  
Rachel Bradley  
05/05 Jayelle Martin  
Nate Adams  
05/07 Steve Martin  
05/09 Breanna Upton  
05/10 Laure Sivuilu  
05/13 Page Girdner  
05/16 John Silman  
05/17 Herve Sivuilu  
05/21 Mike Girdner  
05/22 Madison Thiessen  
05/25 Janice Crump  
05/26 Barbara Hudson  
05/27 Chelsea Thiessen



## Bible Quiz

**Which of the following is an accurate mother-child match from Scripture?**

- A. Lois and Eunice**
- B. Rebekah and Joseph**
- C. Eve and Isaac**
- D. Hannah and Eli**



Answer: A (See 2 Timothy 1:5.)



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# Youth Group

Memorial Presbyterian Church

## The End

I (Corey) have so much respect and gratitude for all of the youth I have gotten to spend time with this past year. Each and every person has inspired me and shown me how to be a good person with a strong faith in my daily life. I will never ever forget the times I have spent getting to know everyone in youth group as well as all of the fun we have had.

I will be moving on with my life starting this summer with a full time music job and then student teaching in the fall. I will miss everyone in youth so much, and I will always cherish the time I have gotten to spend as the youth group intern.



## Youthquake Rescheduled!

As you all know, youthquake was cancelled a few weeks ago because of the tornadoes and severe weather! Luckily for us, it has been rescheduled for May 18-19. The location and cost are the same, but we will have to re-register! Please contact Corey by May 7 letting her know if you will or will not be attending youthquake.

### Save the Date!

May 6

5:00 p.m.

Water Games! We will FINALLY get to do this! Bring a towel and change of clothes

May 13

5:00 p.m.

Wii Night! Bring any games you want to play and extra controllers if you have them!

May 20

5:00 p.m.

Pool Party!

Location TBA.

You don't have to swim, but this will be our last youth group and hang out time!



# PUZZLE



## Worthy of honor

What does God mean when he commands us to honor our fathers and mothers (Exodus 20:12)?




Complete this word search to discover words that mean the same as *honor*.

admire • adore • appreciate • cherish • esteem  
look up to • praise • respect • revere • value

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# MAY 2012

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri   | Sat  |
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|  |  | 1   | 2<br>Regular Scheduled Activities  | 3<br>Serve at FFF<br>10:00 AM  | 4   | 5  |
| 6<br>Celebration of the Lord's supper 10:55 AM   | 7<br>Boy Scouts 7:00   | 8<br>Mission and Evangelism Committee 6:00 PM | 9<br>Last Logos and WND for the spring.<br>Regular Scheduled Activities  | 10<br>Building and Grounds 7:00 PM   | 11  | 12   |
| 13<br>LOGOS CHOIR<br>  | 14<br>Boy Scouts 7:00 PM   | 15  | 16   | 17<br><br>C. E. Committee 6:30 PM | 18<br><br>June Messenger Deadline        | 19<br>LWV FELLOWSHIP HALL 10:00 AM—2:00 PM ANNUAL MTG. |
| 20<br>Deacons Meeting<br>Stewardship Committee 5:30 PM   | 21<br>Boy Scouts 7:00 PM   | 22<br>Session Meeting 7:00 PM                 | 23   | 24   | 25<br><br>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IN NORMAN | 26   |
| 27<br>PENTECOST<br>PENTECOST OFFERING<br>Columbarium Memorial  | 28<br><br>Memorial Day Observed | 29  | 30   | 31   |   |  |
| <b>SUNDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE</b><br>Sunday School - 9:30 AM<br>Fellowship and Refreshments - 10:30 AM<br>Worship Service - 10:55 AM<br>Youth Group -5:00-7:00 PM |  |   | <b>WEDNESDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE</b><br>LOGOS - Recreation 3:00 PM<br>Wednesday Night Dinner 5:45 PM<br>Youth In Motion (6th—12th) 6:00 PM<br>Chancel Choir 7:30 PM |  |   |  |