

# Memorial Messenger

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# August 2013



## Latest News

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for August is **macaroni and cheese**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

**Communion moved to August 11:** Because Tracy will be away on August 4, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper on August 11. Our guest preacher on the 4th will be the Rev. David Conrad, retired Methodist minister and husband of Presbyterian pastor Rev. Sue Trei-Conrad.

Our Mission and Evangelism Committee says a big "Thank You!" to everyone who contributed items and/or money for the disaster assistance **Clean Up Buckets**. With your help, Memorial filled eleven buckets for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program. Good job; way to go!!

Our **thanks** once again to all who contributed or helped out in any way to make it possible for three of our youth to attend **Triennium** and for five more to attend summer camp at Dwight Mission. You will hear from our Triennium youth in the near future.

The **Fellowship & Hospitality** Committee would like to extend a BIG THANK YOU to Jim and Linda Rodriguez for hosting a wonderful 4th of July cookout at their home. There was lots of good food, wonderful visiting and a splashing good time in the pool. Thank you for a wonderful time!

**Sunday School Kick-Off:** There will be no Sunday School for children and youth on Labor Day Sunday, September 1. The kick-off for the new church school year will be Sunday, September 8 in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:30 A.M. There will be an intergenerational program to help children, youth, young adults, and older adults become better connected.



Clean-up buckets ready for delivery

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

On a recent Sunday afternoon, I overheard the following exchange:

"Did you go to church today?"

"Oh, no, we're 'home-churching'!" (Laughter ensues from both parties).

A couple of things come to mind. First, clever response. Second, though, I think of what it would really mean to "home-church." Home should be an extension of church, shouldn't it? You may not have pews or an organ or a pulpit, but I do believe home can and should be a place where we learn about faith, about faith practices and about what it means to live out our faith. What kinds of lessons are we teaching—and what lessons are we learning—about grace, giving, hospitality, justice, forgiveness, love, stewardship, and prayer? What are we teaching (explicitly or implicitly) to those who live in our homes, even those who visit our home?

My other response to the overheard exchange was that we need to be in church\*. We need to be in community with one another. We need to gather and sing and pray and hear the word proclaimed. We need to be responsible to and for one another. Being in community and fellowship with others reminds us of several things: we are not alone, God is much bigger than any of us could imagine on our own and God does wonderful things when we share our gifts and talents.

God has created us to live in community with one another.

There are a couple of things coming up for us as God's gathered people. On Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, immediately following worship, we will gather in the Narthex and hallway for a time of fellowship (coffee, tea, cookies, etc.). This is a Sunday that we could have several guests (OU starts on the 19<sup>th</sup>), and we want to make it easy for them to get to know us. Plan to stay for a few minutes to greet one another.

On September 8<sup>th</sup>, we will kick-off Fall Sunday School with an Intergenerational gathering in Fellowship Hall. We will have food and get-acquainted activities for adults and children. More info to follow.

See you in church soon!

Grace and peace,

Tracy

\*Please don't read this as a scolding for not being in church; I'm simply trying to encourage!

## Clerk's Corner

Session met on June 18. Christian Education Committee reported that six youth would be attending Dwight this summer. The C.E. committee is working on activities for the fall. The Worship & Music Committee is creating sign-up sheets for those wishing to be ushers and for elders & deacons who would be willing to serve communion. Mission & Evangelism Committee has sign-up sheets posted for those willing to help fill 10 buckets for the Presbyterian Disaster relief team. Also, Memorial will be providing snacks for 50 children signed up to participate in Camp Noah. The Officer Nominating Committee is busy developing the slate of officers for the class of 2016 as well as filling a current vacancy on Session. The Hospitality & Fellowship Committee reported that approximately 40 people participated in Lunch on the Lawn. This committee is busy planning activities for the fall. The next meeting of Session will be August 20.

Joan Cole,  
Clerk of Session

### 2013 Stewardship Update: January 1 to July 31, 2013

	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>Budget YTD</b>	<b>2013 Budget</b>
<b>Pledges</b>	\$76,469.29	\$84,970.62	\$145,664.00
<b>Other Income</b>	\$18,684.17	\$34,999.37	\$59,999.00
<b>Total Income</b>	\$95,153.46	\$119,969.99	\$205,663.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$108,035.92	\$119,968.73	\$205,663.00



## World Tour—A Great VBS!

10-12 Children attended “World Tour” VBS during the week of June 17-20. Fun was had by all, including some of the parents who stayed for the evening program. We sang, participated in crafts, played games, and ate dinner together for the four nights. Each night we “visited” one of four countries - Brazil, India, Uganda and Ireland - learning to share God’s love and encouraging the children to Go, Connect and Share.

A big “thank-you” to all the adults and youth who helped during the week. Lisa Upton designed our airport terminal and outlined our airplane for travel to each country. Breanna Upton, Jessie Stuart and Cassie Upton were our Airline Hostesses each night, and helped with the decorations, crafts, and recreation. Special thanks to Harry Wright for being our Airline Captain who “flew” us to each country and taught us something about each country we visited. Kirk Forthman taught songs from each country; Angie Martin helped with dinner each night and made sure every child had a Passport to travel. Thanks also to Holly Van Auken for transporting some of the children to VBS each night, and to Pastor Tracy for taking pictures. Let’s do this again next year, OK? — Melinda Clements



## Worship and Music Committee

I recently had the privilege of attending worship at the Community Presbyterian Church of Lake City, Colorado. The church was built in 1876. Their official membership is around 70 but it swells to 150 as the snow melts and the “summer residents” begin to arrive. While the building itself has gone through several renovations, it maintains its 1800’s feel: a pump organ that is played every Sunday, a steeple with a working bell, hardwood floors and hard wooden pews that force you to sit up straight and pay attention. I have been attending this church on vacation Sundays since I was little but for the first time the name of this church caught my attention. Community Presbyterian Church. There was that word - Community. The word that Pastor Tracy has been preaching to us. It immediately dawned on me that it was the perfect name for this church. I have always felt the sense of community, just never put a name to it. The members have always been welcoming. They introduce themselves (along with wearing name tags and having extra stickers for visitors) and show an interest in us; where we are from, where we are staying, how long we are in town. In observing their interactions with each other, there has always been an obvious compassion for each other. It doesn’t hurt that the pews are always full either. It’s amazing how much better people sing when they can hear the people around them, good or bad. But it doesn’t just stop within the building. Most businesses in town post fliers of activities for the Lake City community. Concerts, movie nights, game nights, support groups, community dinners, trail rides, etc. It’s amazing to see how many times the church is mentioned on those fliers. It is a vital part of the Lake City community.

Due to the renovations of our own sanctuary we spent 6 Sundays worshipping in the Fellowship Hall. There were some initial grunts and groans and maybe a little trepidation in having to do this. Many of us “old-timers” looked at it with a bit of nostalgia. I was trying to remember how we had it set up, where things were placed and where I used to sit. It turned out we didn’t have much to worry about. In fact, I heard many positive comments about the move. “It’s cozy”, “People stayed around and talked more”, “We sat next to each other”, “It just felt different, but good”. Did this necessary move inadvertently (or was God at work?) give us a sense of community in worship? Is that what we were feeling? Whatever it was, I feel it was positive. Now the hard part. What can we do as a congregation to keep that feeling as we move back into our sanctuary? What can we do as individual members of this congregation? I think back to the Lake City church. I felt the sense of community there. That would be a church “community” that I would want to become a part of if I were church hunting. What do visitors of Memorial feel as they enter our sanctuary? Do they see or feel community? I ask you to think about these questions as we move back into the sanctuary. If you have any thoughts or ideas please share them with me or a member of the Worship and Music Committee (Joan Cole, Terry Cast, Charlotte Lovett, Tim Mauldin, Vince Leseney, Tracy Evans). We will meet again on August 12th at 7:00 and will be spending some time discussing our experience before we move on to planning our World Communion service.

Also, thanks to all of those who helped set up and take down the Fellowship Hall during our transition. Many hands make things so much easier.

FYI - It looks like the new Presbyterian hymnal, Glory to God, should be delivered in the middle of September. The Worship and Music committee will be brainstorming some ideas to introduce this new worship resource to the congregation. It’s possible that food will be involved. Stay tuned!

Worship the Lord with gladness!

Lucy Lanning, Chair  
Worship and Music Committee



# 24th ANNUAL COLE INVITATIONAL



**LAKE EUFAULA**

**August 10-11, 2013**

**BE SURE AND SIGN UP**



The annual outing to Lake Eufaula is August 10-11, 2013.

Come over on Saturday, August 10, for fun and fellowship on the water. The Cole family will provide the hamburgers and hotdogs for the evening meal. They ask those coming to bring a side dish to go with the burgers and dogs. After dinner there will be a Vespers service.

There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway by the office: that's where you can let the Coles know how many are planning on coming and if any are planning on staying over Saturday night to enjoy Sunday at the lake.



**You are cordially invited  
to the *Groundbreaking Ceremony* for the new  
Connecting Point Presbyterian Church Building**

**Sunday, August 18th at 6:30 PM\***

**Rockwell Avenue  
Between Memorial Road and NW 150th Street  
Follow The Signs**

**\*Refreshments and Photos To Follow**

In January of 2010, the relocation of Greystone Presbyterian Church to Deer Creek-Edmond began with the sale of the church building and land. In April 2011, the move was completed and we began worshiping at Deer Creek Elementary School. Since January 2013, Connecting Point Presbyterian Church has been worshiping in the banquet rooms of the Hilton Garden Inn on Memorial Road as we finalized plans for the construction of our first new building.

I am happy to announce and pleased to invite you to the groundbreaking for that building on Sunday, August 18th at 6:30 P.M. Please join us as we start our next chapter.

Blessings,  
Rev. Timothy Blodgett

## Known Joys and Concerns

### Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll

Bob Clarke

Dave Iske

Vince Leseney

Danielle and Kenny Comer (Mike Girdner's niece and her husband)

Annette and Richard Dennis (friends of Charlotte Lovett)

Cody Derryberry (son of Carl Forthman's co-worker Renee)

Judy Haworth (Jayelle Martin's sister)

Susan Elaine Hayes (niece of Janice Crump)

Dan Loomis (friend of Bill & Betty Silman)

George Sites (Georjana Mauldin's father)

Peggy Strunk

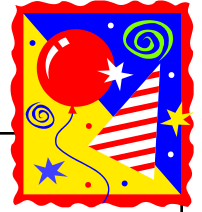
Dan Van Auken (Holly Van Auken's nephew)

### Those who grieve

Family of Anna Yeba Titajangha (Esau Jangha's mother)

Family of Wayne Selvey (Tamara Iske's grandfather)

To receive prayer requests by email,  
please contact Janice Crump at:  
janicec11@cox.net



## August Birthdays

1	Matthew Stensrud
3	Ben Rodriguez
5	Esebe Masango
6	Diana Johnson
	Baldwin Annoh
	Alex Pennington
11	Sandy Johnston
	Faith Ngonge
13	Michael Pennington
18	Lizzet Annoh
20	Martha Goodner
21	Joan Thrailkill
22	Tamara Iske
	Karen Upton
23	Kerri Bales
24	Tanner Bunce
25	John Beck
29	Angie Martin
31	Kirk Forthman
	Holly Van Auken

## August Wedding Anniversaries

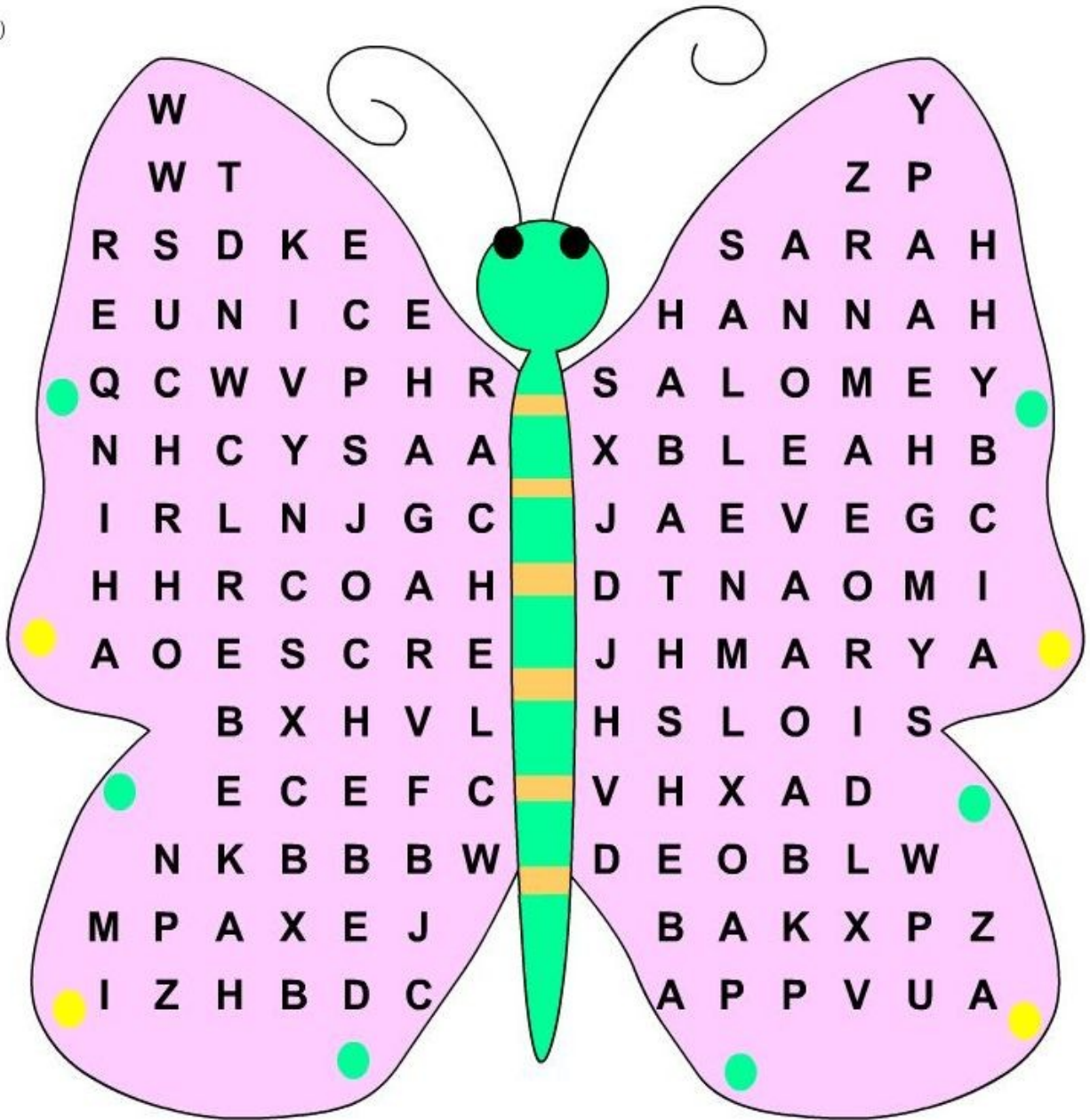
6	Clint & Kerri Autry
11	Jimmy & Molly Rambur
14	Gary & Joan Thrailkill
29	Charles & Jan Johnson
31	Bill & Betty Silman



# Mothers in the Bible

Find the mothers hidden in the butterfly.

1. ( )  
The mother of Solomon
2. ( )  
The mother of Timothy
3. ( ) The mother of all living
4. ( )  
The mother of Ismael
5. ( )  
The mother of Samuel
6. ( )  
The mother of Moses
7. ( ) The mother of Levi and five other sons
8. ( ) The grandmother of Timothy
9. ( ) The mother of Jesus the Christ
10. ( )  
Ruth's mother-in-law
11. ( )  
The mother of Joseph and Benjamin
12. ( )  
The mother of Jacob and Esau
13. ( )  
The mother of two disciples- James and John
14. ( )  
The mother of nations



1. Bathsheba, 2. Eunice, 3. Eve, 4. Hagar, 5. Hannah, 6. Jochebed, 7. Leah, 8. Lois, 9. Mary, 10. Naomi, 11. Rachel, 12. Rebekah, 13. Salome, 14. Sarah

Answers:

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## August 2013

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

				1 Serve at Food for Friends 10:00 A.M.	2	3
4	5 Boy Scouts 7:00 P.M.	6 Christian Education meeting 7:00 P.M.	7 League of Women Voters 11:15-1:30	8 Building & Grounds meeting 7:00 P.M.	9	10 Cole Invitational
11 10:55 A.M. Celebration of the Lord's Supper	12 Fellowship & Hospitality 7:00 P.M. Worship & Music 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts 7:00 P.M.	13 Mission & Evangelism meeting 6:00 P.M.	14	15	16	17
18 Deacons meeting 4:30 P.M. Stewardship meeting 5:30 P.M.	19 Boy Scouts 7:00 P.M.	20 Session meeting 7:00 P.M.	21	22	23 Articles due for September Messenger	24
25	26 Boy Scouts 7:00 P.M.	27	28	29	30	31

### SUNDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

Sunday School                      9:30 A.M.  
Fellowship and Refreshments   10:30 A.M.  
Worship Service                    10:55 A.M.

### WEDNESDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

Chancel Choir                      7:00 P.M.