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JULY 2022 NEWSLETTER

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS:

Happy Summer Friends!!!

I am happy for the warmer weather and the sunshine. With summer comes my Youth Summer activities. I am hoping to gather with the youth a few times this month for some of our usual activities. Disc golf and picnic, an art pour class, and maybe even an escape room visit. If the weather doesn't cooperate then board games and movies it is!!

I will be continuing with Youth on most Sundays during church. Adult Sunday School class has chosen to continue with lessons through the summer. We meet every other Sunday after Church.

Exciting News from the Adult Sunday school class !!! We have been studying the Book of James. In doing so we have decided to focus on James chapter 2 Faith in Action. With this in mind we have asked and been approved (from session) to start a one year committee focused on the War in Ukraine. We will be organizing a group to help raise funds and awareness for Ukraine and their fight for freedom. We are asking for representatives from PW, Deacons, Missions, along with anyone interested in joining. Contact Kari Ackerman CE Director for information, or join us Sunday after Church for Sunday School. This looks to be an exciting , educational and spiritual endeavor. We are hoping everyone in the church will join us at some point and in some way, in fellowship and church unity to accomplish something bigger than ourselves.

Have a great summer. God Bless.
Kari Ackerman CE Director.

FROM THE PASTOR:

Brothers and Sisters,

As I write this, the General Assembly (GA) of the PC(USA) is meeting in Louisville, KY. Every two years each presbytery elects commissioners to GA and those commissioners review the work of synods, resolve controversies in the church, consider matters of common concern for the whole church, and serve as a symbol of unity. The Book of Order sets out the responsibilities of the General Assembly more specifically.

Primarily the GA protects the church from errors in faith and practice. It does this by assuring that the expression of our theology remains true to the biblical standards in our historic confessions. The work of the GA presents a witness for truth and justice in our local and world communities. Finally, the Book of Order holds the GA responsible for setting priorities for the church and establishing relationships with other churches or ecumenical bodies.

GA's first order of business is to elect a moderator for the assembly who will serve for two years, until the next meeting of the GA. As soon as a moderator is selected, the assembly breaks up into committees to consider proposals. The work of the committees comes from the Office of the General Assembly (OGA), the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA), overtures from synods and presbyteries, and, finally, resolutions generated by the committees themselves.

The committees bring the results of their consideration back to the whole assembly where a final decision happens and the course of the church is plotted. These decisions go back to the presbyteries for some more ratification, but I'll explain that process in another newsletter.

Covid has influenced the work of the General Assembly. The last GA was all virtual and met online. This year commissioners gathered, but in smaller numbers, which meant that the work took longer. The assembly is usually only a week, but this year it is going to take closer to three weeks to complete all the business.

I have been talking about coming together for conversation. That is the model that the Presbyterian Church uses and GA is an example. At the General Assembly a representative sample comes together to listen to each other's ideas and discern what direction God is calling us. And then we even talk it over some more so there's a lot of space for God's Spirit to enter into the process.

Pastor David



If Prayer Would Do It

If prayer would do it, I'd pray.

If reading esteemed thinkers would do it, I'd be halfway through the Patriarchs.
If discourse would do it, I'd be sitting with His Holiness every moment he was free.
If contemplation would do it, I'd have translated the Periodic Table to hermit poems,
converting matter to spirit.

~~If even fighting would do it, I'd already be a black belt.~~

If anything other than love could do it, I'd have done it already and left the hardest for last.

MAILING ADDRESS UPDATE:

The church will be doing away with the PO Box that we currently have, so all mail addressed to the church need to be sent to our street address which is as follows:

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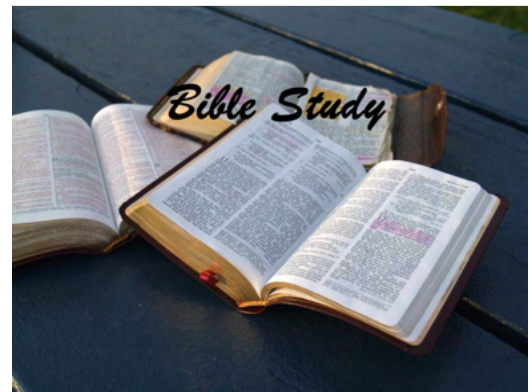


The office will be closed on Monday, July 4th.

Friends' Table will also be closed.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesday evening Bible Study will start back up on Wednesday, July 20th. We will be studying from the book entitled "Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life." Here is the link: <https://g.co/kgs/XbtDvi> or you can go to Amazon.com to order the book. The cost of the book is \$12 on Amazon.



Church Photo Directory! It's hard to believe but it's been years since we have had a new one! Jim Nixon has volunteered to take individual pictures and we would like to get those done by the end of June. We are asking for everyone to make an appointment with Joyce Phillips or

Hilda Kennedy after worship or by calling the church office. When you make an appointment keep in mind that pictures will only take about 10 minutes of your time. We encourage everyone to sign up as soon as possible.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ANNOUNCES....

It was decided at the last PW meeting to do another fund raiser **RUMMAGE SALE**. The date decided upon is October 13, 14 and 15th. So everyone please start saving your items now!



The NE Indiana Smock Senior Adult Cluster Ministry would like to invite you to enjoy a cruise down the rivers of Fort Wayne on the Sweet Breeze, a 54-foot-long replica of an 1840's style canal boat. Lunch will be provided.

When: Thursday, July 28th from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm

Where: Promenade Park, West Superior St., Fort Wayne

Cost: \$10/per person, limit 30 people total.

Reservations Required...sign up by Sunday, July 10th!