

Grace Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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Presbyterians are so frugal! Do you remember the time when our denomination held a mission conference? Tote-bags were given to all the delegates, who immediately began filling their tote bags with the freebies from the hotels where they were staying – soaps, shampoos, lotions, apples, cookies. The ironing board wouldn't fit in the tote bag, and so many delegates complained and asked for larger bags. But the iron fit just fine. Every day the hotels replaced the iron, and every night the Presbyterians put it in their tote bags.

This is not unusual behavior, though. Because of us Presbyterians the Gideons had to start chaining their Bibles to the night stands.

Looking ahead.

June 6, Monday, 6:30, Father-Son Banquet, \$8/ticket.

June 11, 7:00p.m., Music in the Park, "Al and Friends"

June 12, Day of Pentecost, celebrates the beginning of the church. Communion in the gazebo.

June 26, Sunday, Scatter Garden dedication following the worship service.

July 17, Sun. thru July 21, Thurs. Vacation Bible School.

Postings... Forty-three churches honored fifty-nine people, including our own Mary Orr, for their many years of serving Jesus Christ. Approximately 190 people attended the 2011 Celebration of Aging at Bonhomme Presbyterian Church. Pictures are on the downstairs bulletin board.

"Thank you to our church family for your support during the illness and death of Karen Schoon. A special thank you to the Deacons and PW for all work and food at her memorial service. So many of you faithfully sent her cards, prepared meals, visited, and prayed for her, and we appreciate each act of kindness. She was one of the biggest supporters of the Farmers' Market and we also appreciate those who chose to donate in her memory."-Family of Karen Clifton Schoon.

Congratulations to the following graduates: Sarah Pigg, Missouri Baptist University; Karrie Evens and Grace McGaughey, Truman State. Sarah Harmon and Laura Pigg, LPN Certificates from Jefferson College... **And congratulations to Haley Null** who was selected to attend the Missouri Scholar's Academy in Columbia for 3 weeks this summer.

"Thanks to everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits over the five weeks in the hospital, and Crystal Oaks for physical therapy. A special thank you to May Orr who brought me a beautiful prayer shawl." -Flora Hogenmiller

June meal-a-month donations to the Rescue Mission include macaroni & cheese, canned vegetables, instant potatoes, and soap. To be collected Sunday, June .

One Great Hour of Sharing offering... \$866.05.

Thanks to PW, the Men's Breakfast Group, and Bldg. & Grounds, the walls of the Fellowship Hall, kitchen, and lower walls of the stairway have been painted. Bobby King, the painter, did a great job! PW will also pay for a professional to strip and wax the Fellowship Hall floor. This will take place toward the end of June...**PW** used a 50s theme for the Mother /Daughter party on May 2. Elvis made a grand entrance and put on a great show. Eighty-eight persons were served by 9 men...**PW** also presented the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy with \$127 in quarters to be used by immigrant families in South St. Louis for the machines in doing their laundry.

Mission-in-a-Weekend. PW of Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery are sponsoring a work weekend at Mount Ridge, July 15-17. It starts Fri. evening and ends Sun. morning after worship and breakfast. The charge is \$59 for the entire weekend, which includes lodging and meals, but you can also go for a portion of the weekend. Saturday lunch is free, but you must register even if you go for only Sat. Gardening, painting, odd jobs, (bring work gloves,) making curtains for those who bring their sewing machines. Tent and RV sites available for a small charge. Swimming pool, Meramec River, campfire and singing nightly. Both adults and teens needed.

"Rising Spring waters have poured across those regions of our country graced by the presence of the Mississippi River. So much flooding, in fact, that whole communities have been forced to flee their homes. Adding insult to injury some have been put under water by the deliberate flooding of less populated areas to safeguard the survival of the larger cities. The only bright spot in these regional disasters and personal tragedies has been the out-pouring of local community care and support.

I predict that one of the greatest stories of 2011 will turn out to be this one: Love and compassion have easily overwhelmed the water-power of the Mississippi." – Leonard Sweet