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Parson's Perspective

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Ordinary Time in the church calendar is a great time to launch into the New Beginnings initiative! There is nothing “ordinary” about “Ordinary Time.” *Ordinary* is the same as *ordinal*, meaning (time) *counted in order and relationship*, that is, each Sunday is assigned a consecutive number. Ordinary Time is celebrated in two segments: from the Monday following the Baptism of Our Lord up to Ash Wednesday; and from Pentecost Monday to the First Sunday of Advent. The second portion of Ordinary Time begins after Pentecost and is much longer than the first. Because this portion of Ordinary Time occurs after the celebrations of Jesus’ Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension, this segment of Ordinary Time is focused on the Age of the Church. The Age of the Church is the age we live in now, the time that exists between the Age of the Apostles and the second and last coming of Christ for which we are preparing. The special focus of this six month period is Jesus’ preaching, praying and healing, his explanation of the Kingdom of God and his modeling of how to achieve it. Ordinary Time gives us a long period of reflection and a chance to establish good habits.

Ordinary Time is sacred time, a time when Jesus Christ is present to us, speaking in the scriptures, waiting to influence us and help us review our lives. Sunday after Sunday, we are called to change our hearts and minds, to be renewed, to follow Christ, his values, attitudes and actions. The length of this season helps us be more deeply aware of God’s presence in the everyday. It is a time for the slow growth of the seed, for cultivating and pruning, for regular watering and fertilization in preparation for the harvest. It is a time for retaining the vision, living on the plains, regular prayer, maintaining oil in the lamps, attention to Jesus’ teaching, and living out our Christian mission in family, workplace and the world. Lived well, Ordinary Time can help us to be open to God’s goodness, blessings and riches: within the church family and out into society.

As we gather to discern God's will for our church may our Ordinary Time be extraordinary!

Pastor Bob



THIS MONTH IN THE CHURCH

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- July 3 - Barbara Early
Marlene Voorhes
- 4 - Ivan Sumej
Agnes Nash
- 5 - Jay Early
Betty Sumej
- 6 - Paul Sydow
- 8 - Juliet Getty
- 9 - Angie Hays
- 15 - Virginia Hartwell
- 18 - Patricia Schiemann
- 24 - Elizabeth Hays Melin
- 27 - Sandra Andrews
- 29 - Martha Miller
- 31 - Evelyn Baker

JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- July 2 - Betty and David Jenkins
- 26 - Irene and Glenn Noble

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- August 3 - Dorothy Headley
- 5 - Wilma Boyer
- 6 - Graceanna Yetter
- 8 - Florence Vonderohe
- 13 - Jean Frank
- 15 - Calvin Tysen
- 19 - Jean Sydow
- 22 - Nel Huck
- 23 - Karen Henderson
- 26 - Ted Bates
- 28 - Susan Thomas

AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- August 4 - Janet and Oscar Marsh
- 7 - Wanda and Lew Stratton
- 14 - Jean and Paul Sydow
- 18 - Elizabeth and Eric Melin
- 26 - Betty and Ivan Sumej
- 28 - Evelyn and Gary Baker

Friday, July 4 - Independence Day
Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 6 - Communion and Deacons' Offering

Tuesday, July 15 and Wednesday July 16
New Beginnings Group Meetings begin for six weeks—See Special Article in this newsletter for the times

Thursday, July 17 - 10:30 a.m. Communion
at Bristol Health Care

Monday, July 21 - NO SESSION MEETING

Friday, July 25 - 6:30 p.m. Steinhauer/Young
Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, July 26 - 2:30 p.m. Steinhauer/Young
Wedding

Thursday, July 31 — Pastor Hays on vacation July 31-August 6.

Friday, August 1 - Pastor Getty on vacation
August 1-7

Sunday, August 3 Guest Pastor: Gareth Baker
for the 10:00 a.m. worship service

Monday, August 21- 10:30 a.m. Communion
at Bristol Health Care

Sunday, August 24 - 10:00 a.m. Communion
and Deacons' Offering

We Are in Phase III of New Beginnings

Folks are signing up for this important phase of New Beginnings!

The Cluster leaders for our congregation are Nel Huck, Marty Miller, Kay Weir, Bruce Henderson, and Bob Neely. During this phase, they will lead the congregation through the discernment process in a series of small group meetings. This process will generate the conversation, prayer and idea sharing needed to explore all the options available to the congregation.

The following schedule allows you to select the time that best fits your availability. The small group meetings will begin the **week of July 14, 2004** and will meet once each week for six weeks. There will be five groups that should have an equal number of folks in each group. The following times allow individuals to select their personal choice.

These times are as follows:

Group 1. Tuesday 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Group 2. Tuesday 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Group 3. Wednesday 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Group 4. Wednesday 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Group 5. Wednesday 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Individuals began selecting their preferred group on June 22. Please continue to sign up on the sheets in the back of the sanctuary. Each group will be covering the same structured topics each week. In order to be flexible, if you will miss your scheduled session you can come to another that same week.

Each group will take careful notes to track the discussion and that will also allow any who may miss a meeting to be brought up to date the next meeting. In addition once the small group meetings complete their last session on **August 19 & 20**, the notes of all of the meetings will be compiled to provide an overview of all of the important discussions. This final report will provide the foundation for a "big-picture" decision about ***what we believe God is calling our church to do and be into the future.***

Scripture Texts for Sunday Worship, July-August 2014

July 6	Zechariah 9:9-12 ; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 Pastor Rick: "Who's Your Jailer?"
July 13	Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-12; Romans 8:1-11 ; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 Pastor Rick: "Coloring Outside the Lines"
July 20	Genesis 28:10-19a ; Psalm 139:1-2, 23-24; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 Pastor Rick: "House Hunting"
July 27	Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 Pastor Rick: "Surprise!"
August 3	Psalm 24; 2 Timothy 4:1-8 Guest Preacher: Gareth Baker: "To Quit or Not to Quit"
August 10	Genesis 317:1-4, 12-28 ; Psalm 106:1-6, 12-22, 45b; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33 Pastor Rick: "Defensive Pessimism"
August 17	Genesis 45:1-5; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:10-28 Pastor Bob: "Not Too Big to Learn"
August 24	Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8 ; Matthew 16:13-20 Pastor Rick: "Needed: Free Flow Spirit"
August 31	Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c; Romans 12:9-21 ; Matthew 16:21-28 Pastor Rick: "Paul's Labor Day Sermon"

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL USHERS

Since the removal of the attendance pads from the seats, visitors are falling through the cracks! We're not getting names and addresses.

SO, the Evangelism Committee has, at the suggestion of Barbara Patterson, made a registration card for visitors only, that will be handed to the visitor with the worship bulletin. Then the card can be put into the offering plate.

The cards will be stored on a shelf of the Bible bookcase so you can easily pick one up when a visitor appears!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>July 2014</h1>						
		1	2 Sleeve-Tuggers 8:00 a.m.	3	4 Independence Day Church Closed	5
6 Worship 10:00 a.m. Communion Deacons' Offering 	7	8	9 Sleeve-Tuggers 8:00 a.m.	10	11	12
13 Worship 10:00 a.m.	14	15 New Beginnings 10 a.m-12 noon 2-4 p.m.	16 S. Tuggers 8 a.m. New Begin. 3-5 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m.	17 Communion Bristol Health Care 10:30 a.m.	18	19
20 Worship 10:00 a.m..	21 No Session Mtg.	22 New Beginnings 10-12 noon and 2-4 p.m.	23 Sl-Tuggers 8 a.m. New Beginnings 3-5 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m.	24	25 Steinhauer/ Young Wedding Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.	26 Steinhauer/ Young Wedding 2:30 p.m.
27 Worship 10:00 a.m.	28	29 New Beginnings 10-12 noon and 2-4 p.m.	30 Sl. Tuggers 8 a.m. New Begin 2-5 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m.	31 Pastor Hays away July 31- August 6		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>August 2014</h1>					1	2
					Pastor Getty on vacation Aug. 1-7	
3 Worship 10:00 a.m. Guest Pastor Gareth Baker	4	5 New Beginnings 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 2 p.m.-4 p.m.	6 Sl-Tuggers 8 a.m. New Beginnings 3-5 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m.	7	8	9
10 Worship- 10:00 a.m.	11	12 New Beginnings 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 2-4 p.m.	13 Sl. Tuggers 8 a.m. New Beginnings 3-5 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m.	14	15	16
17 Worship 10:00 a.m.	18 Session Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	19 New Beginnings 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 2-4 p.m.	20 Sl. Tuggers 8 a.m. New Beginnings 3-5 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m.	21 Communion at Bristol Health 10:30 a.m.	22	23
24 Worship 10:00 a.m. Communion Deacons' Offering.	25	26	27 Sleeve Tuggers 8:00 a.m.	28	29	30
31 Worship 10:00 a.m.			Sleeve- Tuggers 8:00 a.m.			

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS AT THE US-MEXICO BORDER

At the US-Mexico border, Presbyterian mission co-workers Mark Adams and Miriam Maldonado facilitate relationship building among people from both countries through a fair-trade coffee ministry called Just Coffee. This effort helps Mexican partners and Mexicans earn a decent living. We are invited to buy Just Coffee, which has the name of the grower printed on the package.

Fair prices help unite families such as one family whose son will not have to grow up without a father, but the family will remain in their community rather than trying to migrate to the U.S.

Mark and Miriam work with Frontera de Cristo, which is part of Presbyterian Border Outreach, a PC(USA) partner organization run by US and Mexican brothers and sisters. Located on the border between Arizona and Mexico, this group provides worship, fellowship and life-changing experiences.

Although there is a wall constructed to prevent illegal movement across the border, Mark says "Jesus Christ has broken down the wall of hostility between us." Bearing witness to Christ's love that shatters barriers and unites hearts, this ministry at the border would not be possible without our prayers and gifts.

This is an example of the work of Presbyterian mission co-workers all over the world. Please continue to pray for our missionaries, and continue to give financial support.

[excerpts from article from pamphlet "Three Great Reasons" to prayerfully support Presbyterian World Mission**]

*Reasons to support mission: (1) Presbyterian mission addresses the root causes of poverty, not just the symptoms. (2) We share the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ. (3) We engage in ministries of reconciliation.

The PW Birthday Offering received totaled \$1,021.28

July Worship Assistants

July 6 - Dick Roberts
13 - Cay Roberts
20 - Alexandra Getty
27 -

August Worship Assistants

August 3 - Jean Sydow
10 - Audrey Tysen
17 - Cal Tysen
24 - Karen Henderson
31 -

July Greeters:

July 6 - Patty and Earl Todt
13 - Cay and Dick Roberts
20 - Betty and Ivan Sumey
27 - Nel Huck and Elinor Hodder

August Greeters

August 3 - Marian Odell and Lois Hardy
10 - Rosann Severding and
Don Kerry
17 - Kay Weir and Betsy Hall
24 - Nancy Seward and Elinor
Hodder
31 - Barbara and Tom Patterson

July Flowers

July 6 - Evelyn and Gary Baker
13 -
20 -
27 -

August Flowers:

August 3 - Nel Huck
10 - Jean and Tom Frank
17 -
24 - Karen and Bruce
Henderson
31 -

July Coffee Hour Hosts:

July 6 - Communion No Coffee Hour
13 - Elaine and Otto Zingg
20 - Ruth Karner, Marian Odell
Nancy Seward
27 - Sharon Weaver

August Coffee Hour Hosts:

August 3 -
10 -
17 -
24 - Communion No Coffee
Hour
31 -

Coffee Hour Hosts are needed. Check the dates and see if you are able to host one of the Sundays. There is a chart on the kiosk to sign-up.

July Counters:

July 6 - Mike Milam and Bob Neely
13 - Ted Bates and Kay Weir
20 - Betsy Hall and Nancy
Seward
27 - David Bell and Anne Young

August Counters

August 3 - Mike Milam and Bob Neely
10 - Ted Bates and Kay Weir
17 - Betsy Hall & Nancy Seward
24 - David Bell & Anne Young
31 - Betsy Hall & Nancy Seward

MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

JUNE 2014

Ministers for Community: Every Member

Co-Pastors: Richard Hays and Robert Getty

Secretary Barbara Patterson

Clerk of Session: Audrey Tysen

Choir Director: Karen Henderson

Organist: Patricia Penrose

Treasurer: Robert Neely

Ministers for Vision and Mission: Session

<u>Class of 2014</u>	<u>Class of 2015</u>	<u>Class of 2016</u>
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Karen Henderson	Juliet Getty	David Bell
Paula Hays	Betsy Hall	Robert Neely
Audrey Tysen	Ann Oyer	Irene Noble
Kay Weir	Dick Roberts	Glenn Noble

Ministers for Member Care: Deacons

Don Kerry	Kitty Neely	Gerald Barnes
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Ministers Serving In Other Places

Pike County Outreach Council of Churches

Pike County Welfare House

Mark, Jenny, Keila Rosa & Anika Estela Hare — Papay, Haiti

Dendamrongsaat Church — Chiangrai, Thailand

Ministers Serving from Home

At Bristol Health Care

444 Cherry St., Waverly OH 45690

Gerald Barnes-309-A

Maryanna Cassady-14

Patricia Dixon-28

Anna Dodge-111

Ed Dodge-103

Tom Frank-308

Virginia Hartwell-102

Dorothy Headley-5-A

Agnes Nash-2

Ben Lane-118

Jay Yetter-1

The Gardens

Betty and David Jenkins-202

At Home

Virginia Dixon, Oscar Marsh, Marlene and John Voorhes

Congratulations! Elizabeth and Eric Melin on the birth of their new baby, Arthur Paul Hays Melin on June 11, 2014. Elizabeth is the daughter of Paula and Richard Hays.

We extend our sympathy to Bob Getty and his family on the recent death of Bob's brother in Arizona.

Sympathy

The Reverend Dangruan, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Changrai, Thailand, and friend of Scioto Valley, died recently from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Boonsong was a vital part of the Presbytery's partnership with Pakh 2, our sister Presbytery in Thailand.

Our sympathy is extended to Boonsong's family and friends in Scioto Valley and across the globe.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS-

Irene and James Clerk were received into the church on June 8th by Letter of Transfer from Grace United Methodist Church in Gallipolis, Ohio. They are now residing at 218 Robin Road.

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The Need to Connect in a "Disconnect" World.

This desire to be connected with only those we know is one of the obstacles that are hurting our lives and our churches these days. Like it or not, we are living in a disconnect age and becoming more and more isolated as individuals and churches. . . . In this modern day and age, our neighbors are not defined by the geographic area around our house but by who can be reached by phone and live within driving distance. For most of us, our families are scattered all over the country with some even in foreign countries. . . . Staying connected with family and friends is not easy in our disconnected world. Yet we seek to do so via long distance phone calls and emails. And if we can afford it, we will even pay thousands of dollars just to go visit a family member or someone else we know and love. The desire to stay connected is so great that most of us have cell phones. . . . Take a picture of today's society and the most common scene is of individuals talking on their cell phones. . . . When we stop to think about it, "the desire to be connected in a disconnect world" is a central theme of Scripture. God wants to stay connected with His creation and thus Genesis begins with the creation story of God's connection and human disconnection. This theme continues and can be traced throughout the Old Testament. When all else fails, God comes down in Human form to connect with humanity through Jesus Christ. Jesus reconnects us with our Creator, the One who loves us more than we will ever know and understand. . . . Our greatest need for the future is for our churches to stay connected and help each other as we seek to do mission as the Presbyterian Church. In order to stay connected we will need to become better acquainted with each other and focus on what we have in common rather than our differences.

From Jim Cory, former General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Western Colorado,