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## Parson's Perspective

Thom S. Rainer, president of Lifeway Publications, offers the following seven things for church people to say to guests:

### *Special Points*

#### *Of Interest*

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1. "Thank you for being here." It's just that basic. I have heard from numerous church guests who returned because they were simply told "thank you."
2. "Let me help you with that." If you see someone struggling with umbrellas, young children, diaper bags, purses, and other items, a gesture to hold something for them is a huge positive. Of course, this comment is appropriate for member to member as well.
3. "Please take my seat." I actually heard that comment twice in a church where I was speaking in the Nashville area. The first comment came from a member to a young family of five who were trying to find a place to sit together.
4. "Here is my email address. Please let me know if I can help in any way." Of course, this comment must be used with discretion, but it can be a hugely positive message to a guest.
5. "Can I show you where you need to go?" Even in smaller churches, guests will not know where to find the nursery, restrooms, and small group meeting areas. You can usually tell when a guest does not know where he or she is to go.
6. "Let me introduce you to \_\_\_\_\_." The return rate of guests is always higher if they meet other people. A church member may have the opportunity to introduce the guest to the pastor, other church staff, and other members of the church.
7. "Would you join us for lunch?" I saved this question for last for two reasons. First, the situation must obviously be appropriate before you offer the invitation. Second, I have seen this approach have the highest guest return rate of any one factor. What if your church members sought to invite different guests 6 to 12 times a year? The burden would not be great; but the impact would be huge.

The more people who greet, assist, encourage, and bless a guest, the more likely a guest will return. Even a relative of a church member can be blessed with the gracious hospitality Christ has shown us.

***Pastor Rick***

# This Month in the Church

**Sunday, July 5**

10:00 a.m. Worship  
Pastor Getty Preaching "Low Expectations  
Or Weakness"

**Monday, July 6 - Church Closed**

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Pastor Getty on vacation July 6 - 17

**Thursday, July 9 - 2:00 P.M. Worship**  
Committee Mtg.

**Saturday, July 11**

4:30 P.M. Carter/Dryden Wedding

**Sunday, July 12**

10:00 a.m. Worship  
**Communion (Deacons' Offering)**

**Sunday, July 19**

10:00 a.m. Worship

**Sunday, July 26**

10:00 a.m. Worship

**Monday, July 27**

Barbara on vacation July 27—31

**Thursday, July 30 - Aug 1**

**PCUSA Big Tent Conference in Knoxville**

**Sunday, August 2**

10:00 a.m. Worship

**Saturday, August 8**

4:30 p.m. Bowman/Roe Wedding

**Sunday, August 9**

10:00 a.m. Worship

**Thursday, August 13 - 2:00 p.m.**

Worship Committee Meeting

**Sunday, August 16**

10:00 a.m. Worship

**Wednesday, August 19**

1:30 p.m. P.W.C.T. Meeting at Bristol Village  
Club Room  
3:00 p.m. Session Mtg.

**Thursday, August 20**

10:30 a.m. Communion Bristol Health Care

**Sunday, August 23**

10:00 a.m. Worship

**Sunday, August 30**

10:00 a.m. Worship (Deacons' Offering)



*Congratulations to Juliet and Bob Getty on  
the birth of their granddaughter Amelia  
Mae 6 pounds 3 ounces born on June 13<sup>th</sup>*

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## Scripture Texts for Sunday Worship, July-August 2015

July 5	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13 Pastor Bob: "Low Expectations or Weakness"
July 12	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost <b>Amos 7:7-15</b> ; Psalm 85:8-13; Ephesians 1:3-4; Mark 6:14-21 Pastor Rick: "The Idolatry of Human Power" Communion will be celebrated. Deacons' Offering will be received.
July 19	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; <b>Mark 6:30-34, 53-56</b> Pastor Rick: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"
July 26	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost <b>2 Kings 4:42-44</b> ; Psalm 145:10-18; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21 Pastor Rick: "Beyond Our Expectations"
August 2	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13 Pastor Bob: "Getting or Giving"
August 9	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; <b>John 6:35, 41-51</b> Pastor Rick: "Religious But Not Spiritual"
August 16	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14; <b>Ephesians 5:15-20</b> ; John 6:51-58 Pastor Rick: "Time!"
August 23	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:15-22; <b>Ephesians 6:10-20</b> ; John 6:56-69 Pastor Rick: "You Are Well Suited"
August 30	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15; <b>James 1:17-27</b> ; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 Pastor Rick: "The Ear Bone Is Connected to the Hand Bone" Communion will be celebrated. Deacons' Offering will be received.

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**



Many thanks to Audrey Tysen who has served as our Moderator for the past two years for her committed leadership. Also thanks to the Coordinating Team (CT) for organizing and planning for our Presbyterian Women in the Congregation (PWC) through the past year.

PW is a small group in our church but mighty. With an annual budget of \$1500 of second-mile giving much is accomplished. Most of that money is for Global Mission and local with 15% given to the Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery.(PWP)

In addition, all the donations of the two special offerings (Thank Offering and Birthday Offering) go to special designated missions in the US and around the world. PW is and always has been considered a mission-centered group.

In addition, our main focus here at home is the annual Bible Study. This is in the May issue of all subscriptions to Horizons, the official magazine of PW or can be purchased separately. Now is the time to let a circle leader know if you would like the individual copy of the Bible study so that we can order it soon. The circle leaders are Audrey Tysen and Jean Frank. The Bible study for the new season which begins in September is "Come to the Waters" written by Judy Record Fletcher. The study will focus on a variety of Scripture where water plays an important focus. "Just as water nourishes our bodies, so the Scriptures on water nourish our souls.

Some other service done by PW is birthday parties at Bristol Health Center, cookies for shut-ins at Christmas, Fifth Wednesday Conversations to learn more about service in Pike County. Everyone is also welcome to participate in these.

This is the year we have reshuffled our circle membership. The list of each circle' membership is on the Kiosk. All women are welcome to our circles, Esther and Martha Mary, which meet the first Wednesday of the month. We will begin with lesson one on September 2 when both circles and others will meet together at the church.

And so we begin with many of the same leaders but with a new focus. We would be delighted to have more women join us for inspiration, study and fellowship.

Evelyn Baker, Moderator

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>July 2015</h1>						
			1 8:00 a.m. Sl. Tuggers  Barbara on vacation until July 7	2	3	4
5 10 a.m. Worship  Bob Getty Preaching	6 Church Closed  Bob Getty on vacation July 6-17	7	8 8:00 a.m. Sl. Tuggers	9 2 p.m. Worship Committee Mtg.	10	11 Carter/ Dryden Wedding. 4:30 p.m.
12 10 a.m. Worship Communion Deacons' Offering	13	14	15 8 a.m. Sl. Tuggers	16 10:30 a.m. Communion Bristol Health Care	17	18
19 10 a.m. Worship	20	21	22 8 a.m. Sleeve Tuggers	23	24	25
26 10 a.m. Worship	27 Barbara on vacation July 27-31	28	29 8 a.m Sleeve Tuggers	30 PCUSA Big Tent Knoxville July 30-Aug. 1st	31	

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<h1>August 2015</h1>						1
2  10 a.m. Worship	3	4	5  8 a.m. Sleeve Tuggers	6	7	8  Bowman/Roe Wedding 4:30 p.m.
9  10 a.m. Worship	10	11	12  8 a.m. Sleeve Tuggers	13  2:00 p.m. Worship Committee Mtg.	14	15
16  10 a.m. Worship	17	18	19  8 a.m. Sleeve Tuggers 1:30 p.m. P.W.C.T.  3 p.m. Session	20  10:30 a.m. Communion Bristol Health Care	21	22
23  10 a.m. Worship	24	25	26	27	28	29
30  10 a.m. Worship  Communion (Deacons' Offering	31					

How many of our church membership have ever taught children in Sunday School? Will you raise your hand?



It is a joy to have children coming to our church. Many times we and others have said we would very much like to have young folks, children and others, worship and meet with us.

Each Sunday we are prepared to have a class for children. We take them out of the service to have their own lesson. It is important that those lessons give the children who attend an opportunity to learn the Christian message and to adopt it as their own.

We have had 3 women doing just that by teaching every third month and being prepared with a lesson. Now one of those women is unable temporarily to continue. It would be a great help if we could have a couple more people, men or women, who would dedicate themselves to that calling. Lessons are available so that we do not repeat the same messages. They are easily taught with several suggestions for crafts and/or activities that the children enjoy. If you have questions or can help or be a substitute please contact Irene Clark, Evelyn Baker or one of the pastors. May God lead you to this witness.

## Fellowship Committee

A big thank you goes out to all our host and hostesses this past year especially those who continue to sign up multiple times. Some of you have been faithful and have done it for many years and may feel that it is time to give others a chance to do it. We agree so we are asking those of you who are able bodied and have never done it to take a turn. This can be couples or singles can pair up with a friend.

The sign up list is on the kiosk with dates for the rest of the year. Next to it are instructions as to your responsibilities. Members of the Fellowship Committee will help you out if you are a first timer and need it. We can make suggestions as what you should bring although it is your decision and most anything goes.

**Please consider signing up. We need you if we are to continue having the Fellowship Hour after worship.**

Questions: Betsy Hall 740-804-0967 or [hallbetsy@hotmail.com](mailto:hallbetsy@hotmail.com)  
Nancy Seward 740-947-9323

**July Worship Assistants:**

July 5 - Tom Hlasten  
 12 - Gary Baker  
 19 - Bruce Henderson  
 26 -

**August Worship Assistants:**

August 2 - Karen Henderson  
 9 - Nancy Seward  
 16 - Betsy Hall  
 23 - Bill Johnson  
 30 -

**July Greeters:**

July 5 - Terry and Maurie Smith  
 12 - Barbara and Tom Patterson  
 19 - Ruth Karner and Bill Johnson  
 26 - Kitty and Bob Neely

**August Greeters:**

August 2 - Juliet Getty and Nancy  
 Seward  
 9 - Sandy and Tom Hlasten  
 16 - Elaine and Otto Zingg  
 23 - Jean and Tom Frank  
 30 - Betty and Ivan Sumey

**July Ushers:**

July 5 - Bob and Kitty Neely, David  
 Bell  
 12 - Lois Hardy, Ann Oyer,  
 Wanda Stratton  
 19 - Bud Hobday, Dimitry Sergay,  
 Ivan Sumey, Earl Todt  
 26 - Ralph Strickland, Dimitry  
 Sergay

**August Ushers:**

August 2 - Bob and Kitty Neely, David  
 Bell  
 9 - Lois Hardy, Ann Oyer,  
 Wanda Stratton  
 16 - Bud Hobday, Dimitry  
 Sergay, Ivan Sumey, Earl  
 Todt  
 23 - Ralph Strickland, Dimitry  
 Sergay  
 30 - Bud Hobday, Dimitry  
 Sergay, Ivan Sumey, Earl  
 Todt

**July Counters:**

July 5 - Bob Neely and Mike Milam  
 12 - Jim Clark and Kay Weir  
 19 - Betsy Hall and Nancy Seward  
 26 - David Bell and Anne Young

**August Counters:**

August 2 - Bob Neely and Mike Milam  
 9 - Jim Clark and Kay Weir  
 16 - Betsy Hall and Nancy Seward  
 23 - David Bell and Anne Young  
 30 - Betsy Hall and Nancy Seward

**July Flowers:**

All the Dates are available or July - Please  
 Check the chart in the lobby by the coat rack

**August Flowers:**

August 2 - Reinelda I Huck  
 9 - Jean and Tom Frank  
 16 - Elaine and Otto Zingg  
 23 - Karen and Bruce Henderson  
 30 - Elinotr Hodder

**July Coffee Hour Hosts:**

July 5 -  
 12 - Communion  
 19 -  
 26 - Kitty and Bob Neely

**August Coffee Hour Hosts:**

All dates are available except August 30 which is  
 Communion. Please check the chart on the kiosk  
 In the sanctuary.



# MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

JUNE 19, 2015

## Ministers for Community: Every Member

Co-Pastors: Richard Hays and Robert Getty  
Secretary Barbara Patterson  
Clerk of Session: Elaine Zingg  
Choir Director: Karen Henderson  
Organist: Patricia Penrose  
Treasurer: Robert Neely

## Ministers for Vision and Mission: Session

<u>Class of 2015</u>	<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2017</u>
Betsy Hall	David Bell	Jim Clark
Ann Oyer	Robert Neely	Dimitry Sergay
Dick Roberts	Glenn Noble	Charles Van Person
Tom Patterson		Elaine Zingg

## Ministers for Member Care: Deacons

Evelyn Baker      Kitty Neely      Anne Young

## 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 4569  
Jeanne Barron-105  
Maryanna Cassady-14

Virginia Hartwell-102

### The Gardens

Betty Jenkins-202, Ben Lane 202

At Home Virginia Dixon, Janet and Oscar Marsh,  
Irene Noble, Marlene Voorhes

### Other Places

Kitty McCollam and Max Russell,



## July Birthdays:

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

## August Birthdays:

August 4 - Xzavier Fox  
5 - Wilma Boyer  
8 - Florence Vonderohe  
13 - Jean Frank  
15 - Calvin Tysen  
22 - Reinelda Huck  
23 - Nate Rhinesmith  
25 - Karen Henderson  
28 - Susan Thmas

## July Wedding Anniversaries:

July 26 - Irene and Glenn Noble

## August Wedding Anniversaries:

August 4 - Janet and Oscar Marsh  
7 - Wanda and Lew Stratton  
18 - Elizabeth and Eric Melin  
26 - Betty and Ivan Sumey  
28 - Irene and Jim Clark  
          Evelyn and Gary Baker



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## Amen Corner

In the desert, two very different birds thrive. The vultures see nothing by dead and stinking carcasses. The hummingbirds seek the lovely blossoms of cacti.

The vultures live on the dead past. The hummingbirds live on the fragrant present. Each bird finds what it is looking for. So do people." — Anonymous

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Joe Garagiola told a story about his friend Yogi Berra:

When he came up to bat, a baseball player noted for his piousness always marked a cross with his bat in the dirt next

to home plate. When he did this in a game against the New York Yankees, catcher, Berra, also a religious man, reached over and rubbed out the cross with his catcher's mitt. "Why don't ya just let God watch the game?" Berra said.

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Arriving at church one Sunday morning, a mother reminded her son that this was God's house and he should behave properly in it.. "Mommy, the lad asked, "Can I use God's bathroom?"