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Please and Thank You — This month I am sharing some thoughts by David Gambrell, Associate for Theology and Worship, Presbyterian Mission Agency (April 2014). May the Spirit bring appreciation. *Pastor Rick*

"I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus." (1 Cor. 1:4)

The primary purpose of Christian worship is, of course, simply giving glory to God. But worship also provides us with regular opportunities to practice the theological habits of grace and gratitude. Like learning to say "please" and "thank you" at home, worship seeks to shape us in a way of life that befits God's holy realm, our eternal home.

The baptismal font and communion table are especially connected with the practice of grace and gratitude in worship:

- around the font we gather for worship, confessing our sin and asking (please) for God's mercy;
- remembering our baptism with gratitude (thank you), we rejoice in the promise of God's grace;
- at the table we pray for the church and world, asking (please) that God's "will be done on earth as in heaven";
- celebrating the Eucharist (thank you), we rejoice in our deliverance from sin and death through Jesus Christ.

These theological patterns, practiced in worship, are meant to spill over into daily life, to nourish habits of grace and gratitude all week long:

- seeking (please) peace and reconciliation with family, friends, and neighbors, forgiving others as God has forgiven us;
- welcoming the gift of each day (thank you) as a child of God, chosen, claimed, and called through baptism;
- seeking (please) the will of God in every aspect of our lives, joining the liberating work of the Spirit in the world;
- living with gratitude (thank you) for the gift of daily bread, giving our lives in love and service to God, the giver of life.

As Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, "I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus" (1 Cor. 1:4).

May your life be shaped by grace and gratitude, this day and always, both in the service of worship and in the service of daily living.

THIS MONTH

Sunday, June 1 - Summer Worship Time Begins—10:00 a.m

Wednesday, June 4 - 10:30 a.m.

Circles will meet separately

11:00 a.m. Bible Study Lesson 9 and Installation of Officers for 2014-15

12:00 - Pot Luck luncheon

Hostesses: Martha Mary Circle—Decorations: Esther Circle

Sunday, June 8 - Pentecost Offering

Bob Getty Preaching

Saturday, June 14—21 General Assembly in Detroit, Michigan

Sunday, June 15 - Bob Getty will preach

Monday, June 16 - 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Thursday, June 19 - 10:30 a.m. Communion At Bristol Health Care

Saturday, June 21—General Assembly ends

Sunday, June 29 - Bob Getty Preaches

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

Birthday Offering

On May 4 a special offering was taken. The "Birthday Offering" is sponsored by our PW and the funds go for mission programs of the PCUSA. \$981.28 (so far) has been given for this project from our church. It will go to the Blue Corn Mothers Alliance in Albuquerque, New Mexico, an organization that helps Native American women who have experienced domestic violence. See May "Courier" for more information. Thank You, friends for your generous contributions -PWCT

PW COMBINED MEETING Wed. JUNE 4

Our circles will have their June Bible Study meetings together at the church. The Martha Mary Circle, and the Esther Circle will meet separately at 10:30 a.m. for business; then at 11:00 we will have a combined Bible study led by Karen Henderson, Vice-Moderator of Spiritual Studies and Development for PW/PSV. Approximately 11:45 there will be Installation of Officers led by special guest Betty Kennedy (PW/PSV Moderator), and this will be followed by a luncheon. We hope we will see you all for this special time, and we encourage visitors to come, also. The Bible Study topic is "God's Abiding Presence," Lesson 9.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- June 1 - Bob Getty
- 8 - Oscar Marsh
- 12 - William Johnson
- 13 - Otto Zingg
- 14 - Pat Penrose
- 20 - David Jenkins
- 26 - Tom Frank
- 28 - Jean Earnhardt



JUNE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- June 6 - Barbara and Tom Patterson
- 10 - Linda and Mike Milam
- 12 - Audrey and Cal Tysen
- 20 - Kitty and Bob Neely
- 21 - Jackie and Gerry Barnes
- 23 - Helen and Allen Heinmiller
- 28 - Wilma and David Boyer






JUNE USHERS

- June 1 - Bob Neely, Kitty Neely, David Bell
- 8 - Ann Oyer, Marian Odell, Lois Hardy, Wanda Stratton
- 15 - Bud Hobday, Earl Todt
- 22 - Ralph Strickland, Tom Frank, Dimitry Sergay
- 29 - Ann Oyer, Marian Odell, Lois Hardy, Wanda Stratton

JUNE COUNTERS

- June 1 - Bob Neely and Mike Milam
- 8 - Ted Bates and Kay Weir
- 15 - Ruth Karner and Nancy Seward
- 22 - David Bell and Anne Young
- 29 - Ted Bates and Kay Weir

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>June 2014</h1> 						
1 Summer Worship Time Begins 10:00 a.m. Hays Preaching	2 Barbara on vacation June 2 - 13 Hays at Presbytery Church Closed	3 Hays at Presbytery Getty in the office	4 8 a.m. Sleeve Tuggers 10:30 a.m. PW Circles Installation & Bible Study Hays in the office	5 Getty and Hays in the office	6 Hays on vacation June 6-8 Church Closed	7
8 Worship 10:00 a.m. Pentecost Getty Preaching New Members	9 Hays at Presbytery Church Closed	10 Hays at Presbytery Getty in the office	11 8:00 a.m. Sleeve Tuggers Hays in Office	12 Getty and Hays in the office	13 Hays will be attending Gen. Assembly in Detroit June 14-21 Ch. Closed	14 General Assembly Begins at Detroit Mich.
15 Worship 10:00 a.m. Father's Day Getty Preaching	16 Session Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	17 Getty in the office	18 8:00 a.m. Sleeve Tuggers	19 Getty in the office 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bristol 	20	21 General Assembly ends
22 10:00 a.m. Worship Hays Preaching	23 Hays at Presbytery	24 Hays at Presbytery Getty in the office	25 8:00 a.m. Sleeve Tuggers	26 Getty and Hays in the office	27	28 Miller Reunion 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
29 10:00 a.m. Worship Getty Preaching	30					



NEW BEGINNINGS

New Beginnings Has Begun

New Beginnings is a service offered by the Office of Church Growth of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in partnership with the Church Extension office of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). It assesses the strengths and challenges for our congregation as it seeks to engage in significant ministry in our community. The assessment service, along with follow-up strategic interpretation with our congregation's leaders, will enable us to envision a new path for our future. The assessment and follow-up training is intended to help our congregation gain a realistic picture of our resources for ministry, our demographic strengths, our potential for change, and our potential for vital ministry in order to put us on the road to sustainable Christian witness and action in our community. The New Beginnings Assessment Service seeks answers to the question, "What is God calling our congregation to do and to be in this time and in this place?" While originally designed for churches in decline, this process can also be helpful to congregations that are not necessarily in numerical decline but are looking for new energy, direction and focus. This assessment and focused interpretation process helps in many ways. Our congregation will:

- Receive a comprehensive report of its current strengths and challenges as well as a description of possible directions for the future.
- Receive training on how to engage in a discernment process in order to discern a new direction for the future.
- Discover ministry opportunities available in our community.
- Learn to make a compelling case for change based on realistic options for the future.
- Discover how to discuss change opportunities in a healthy, open manner.
- Learn how to set a course for strategic and visionary ministry planning.

New Beginnings does not:

- Force change on a congregation: The choice for a New Beginning is always the congregation's choice.
- Develop the long-term ministry plan for the congregation: strategic visioning and planning must come after the assessment and discernment process and is best done with regional/area partners or other ministry planning groups.
- Settle conflict in the congregation. (A moderate amount of conflict is a natural part of organizational life and must be engaged in any process of change.)

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calling our
congregation
to do and to be
in this time and
in this place?”***

How does the New Beginnings Assessment Service work?

New Beginnings takes place in four phases:

Phase I

This took place at Waverly on March 27, 2014. A New Beginnings assessor met with our church for an on-site assessment. An Appreciative Inquiry session was held with congregational members that looked for an understanding of our church's programmatic and missional strengths.

Phase II

This occurred on May 9 and 10 for our Church. This Leadership Training Event, enabled congregational leaders to analyze their report, discover options, begin to develop a compelling vision for the congregation's future, and strategize for how to best engage the congregation in a decision-making process. The Cluster leaders for our congregation are Nel Huck, Marty Miller, Kay Weir, Bruce Henderson, and Bob Neely. This group met on May 18th and developed a schedule for phase III.

Phase III

The key leaders 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 leadership team developed the following schedule. 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 were selected in order to allow individuals to select the one that best fits their schedule. 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 will select their preferred group beginning June 22. Prior to that time there will be short presentations on June 8 and 15 during worship to give more information about how the New Beginnings journey will progress here in Waverly.

***We will decide
what we believe
God is calling our
church to do and
be into the future.***

Phase IV

Following these group meetings our congregation will make a "big-picture" decision about what we believe God is calling our church to do and be into the future. After this decision for a New Beginning is adopted, The Office of Church Growth will work with the congregation and the Scioto Valley Presbytery to refer the pastors and key leaders to available mission planning resources.

Pentecost Offering – June 8, 2014

On Pentecost, June 8, we will have a special offering. Gifts to the Pentecost Offering allow Presbyterians to invest in the Church's greatest resource, our youth. This investment includes assistance for children at risk and faith-building opportunities for youth and young adults.

25% of the offering will support **Youth Ministries** that guide youth in their walk with Christ and inspire those called to accompany them. Your gifts help fund youth events like the Triennium, Pathways, and Faith 3D which encourage discipleship engagement and youth worker formation.

25% will support **Young Adult Volunteers**. These volunteer programs bring young adults together in fellowship, worship, and service throughout the world.

10% will support **Child Advocacy**. These programs nurture and protect our children and youth.

40% will remain locally, for **Child and Youth Initiatives**. This permits us to invest in local programs focused on children at risk and development of youth.

In 2013, churchwide giving was over \$1.3 million. Please give to the Pentecost Offering on June 8th to support the youth of the church worldwide and locally.

NEWS AND "OPPORTUNITY" IN THAILAND

Missionary Esther Wakeman, at Payap University, writes "...the board has approved the appointment of Assistant Professor Dr. Sompan Wongdee for the position of President. Dr. Sompan comes from a family deeply rooted in the Christian faith, and she expresses her own love for God through active involvement in the music ministry of her church. She has been one of the most faithful leaders at Payap in living her Christian faith. She begins officially on June 1st. Please pray for wisdom and courage during this transition time." Also, there is a need for prayer for the political situation in Thailand. "Martial law was declared throughout Thailand yesterday as you may have seen on the news. It is not impacting us greatly in Chiang Mai.... [The situation] is quite complicated, and there are real risks related to openly discussing some of the key issues. Pray that leaders with a genuine respect for the value of all persons and a love for justice and truth will have influence."

[And, here in an OPPORTUNITY for you, a friend, or maybe for one of our children or grandchildren.] "This summer the McGilvary College of Divinity of Payap University (our seminary) will hold a two-week college prep camp for our 15-20 new students. The first week (July 14-19) will include 5 days of English every afternoon. We need a total of 5 native English speaking volunteers for that week to come and live in the dorm and have fun teaching English. We have started on the curriculum and will have it ready for the volunteers to learn how to teach that week. The cost is airfare to Chiang Mai and back home, and about \$10 per day for food and housing. So far I have one volunteer. We need at least four more. I know that this is last minute, but when I came to Thailand 35 years ago, I arrived here just 6 weeks after my first hearing of the opportunity. I know that sometimes God works this way."

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>
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
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 Voorhes

June Worship Assistants

June 1 - Karen Henderson
8 - Gary Baker
15 - Kay Weir
22 - Evelyn Baker
29 -

June Greeters

June 1 - Patty and Ralph Strickland
8 - Louise and Don Netzley
15 - Audrey and Cal Tysen
22 - Jean and Tom Frank
29 - Elaine and Otto Zingg

June Flowers

June 1 -
8 -
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22 - Jean and Tom Frank
29 -

June Coffee Hour Hosts

June 1 -
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Coffee Hour Hosts are needed. If you are able to help please sign the chart on the kiosk or call Barbara 947-2905

The next "Courier" will be for July/August.

Please have articles for both the months into the Church Office by Monday, June 23rd.

Scripture Texts for Sunday Worship, June 2014

June 1	Seventh Sunday of Easter Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11 Pastor Rick: "Keeping the Window Open"
June 8	Pentecost Sunday Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23 Pastor Bob: "When the Breath of God Blows"
June 15	Trinity Sunday Genesis 1:26 - 2:3; Matthew 28:16-20 Pastor Bob: "In the Likeness of God"
June 22	Second Sunday in the Season of Pentecost Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39 Pastor Rick: "Discipleship Comes After Apostleship"
June 29	Third Sunday in the Season of Pentecost Genesis 22:1-14; Matthew 10:40-42 Pastor Bob: "How Much Is Enough?"

Amen Corner

Why I Don't Go to Sports Games

1. Every time I went, they asked for money.
2. The people I sat next to didn't seem friendly.
3. The seats were too hard and uncomfortable.
4. I went to many games but the coach never came to call on me.
5. The referees made decisions that I couldn't agree with.
6. The game went into overtime and I was late getting home.
7. No one asked me about the plays. All the decisions are made by a small group.
8. The band played numbers I'd never heard before; it just wasn't my style of music.
9. It seems the games are always scheduled when I want to do other things.
10. There are so many sports. How can anyone be sure their sport is the right one?
11. Too many hypocrites. They came to see their friends and talked during the whole game.
12. I was forced to go to games by my parents when I was growing up.
13. I hate to wait in the traffic jam in the parking lot after the game.
14. Since I read a book of sports, I feel that I know more than the coaches anyhow.
15. I don't take my children, because I want them to choose their own sport when they are adults.
16. I don't like getting all dressed up just to look like all the other fans
17. They moved things in the stadium. I'm never going back.
18. I didn't like the way they served refreshments
19. There was no child care at the stadium.
20. If I go to a game my whole day is gone.