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Parson's Perspective

During the weeks of Lent through Pentecost, we've concentrated on the way of Jesus (Lent), the work of Jesus (Easter), and the core doctrine and preparation for the church's ministries. On Pentecost, we've been commissioned into that ministry. And then, after the high celebration of Trinity Sunday we enter "Ordinary Time." Why would we go from such strong work of preparation and initiation into something called Ordinary Time? This is also known as the Season after Pentecost. "Ordinary" refers to the ordinal numbers that mark each Sunday in reference to Pentecost, such as First Sunday after Pentecost, Second Sunday after Pentecost, and so on.

But why does this time, the "liturgical low season" exist at all, particularly when it seems to be such an anticlimax after the hard work and high celebration we've offered since Lent? *The missional purpose of the Season after Pentecost is to help the church organize its whole life around accountably supporting those it sends in ministry to offer themselves and their ministries in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit.*

What those ministries are, and what our congregation needs to focus on to support them, can vary widely. The gifts of the Holy Spirit for ministry are many and diverse. And the ongoing work of the Spirit among us is to lead us to all Truth, and our varying responses to this work. The guidance of the Holy Spirit creates additional and differing opportunities and challenges. We will focus on continuing growth in holiness of heart and life and ministry in Christ's name and the Spirit's power.

The lectionary readings for Ordinary Time meet the diversity of situations. They offer the opportunity to spend time in readings from various streams of Scripture each week. The focus during these weeks during worship will intentionally speak most directly to the most important issues facing our congregation.¹ We are encouraged to reflect and seek God's will as a congregation in the context of our new mission statement:

We, the First Presbyterian Church (USA) of Waverly, a congregation of dedicated believers in the grace of God, the love of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit, strive to share this faith in worship and to express it through serving the community.

Pastor Bob

¹ <http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/planning-worship-for-discipleship-and-ministry-during-the-season-after-pent>

Special Points

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This Month

Wednesday, June 3 - 10:30 a.m.
Presbyterian Women's combined Circle meetings-10:30 Circles meet for business, 11:00 Installation of Officers by Karen Henderson, 11:15 Bible Study led by Maurice Smith (Lesson 9), 12:00 noon Pot luck luncheon. Bring a salad or dessert. Beverages and table service provided.

Sunday, June 7 - Summer Worship Time begins 10:00 a.m. (June 7 - September 6)

Thursday, June 11 - 2:00 p.m.
Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 17 - 1:30 p.m.
P.W.C.T. meeting at the Club Room Bristol Village

Thursday, June 18 - 10:30 a.m.
Communion at Bristol Health Care

Monday, June 22 - July 6 Barbara will be on vacation and back in the office July 7.

June Birthdays-

- June 1 - Bob Getty
- 8 - Oscar Marsh
- 12 - Bill Johnson
- 13 - Otto Zingg
- 14 - Patricia Penrose
- 26 - Tom Frank
- 28 - Jean Earnhardt
- 29 - Jim Clark



June Wedding Anniversaries-

- June 6 - Barbara & Tom Patterson
- 10 - Linda & Mike Milam
- 12 - Audrey & Calvin Tysen
- 20 - Kitty & Bob Neely
- 21 - Jackie & Gerald Barnes
- 23 - Helen & Allen Heinmiller
- 28 - Wilma & David Boyer
- 30 - Louise & Donald Netzley



IN MEMORY

Barratt Banta - May 5, 2015

Anna Dodge - May 23, 2015

Hal Demus - May 26, 2015

JUNE FLOWERS-

- June 7 -
- 14 -
- 21 - Jean and Tom Frank
- 28 -

JUNE COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

- June 7 - Evelyn & Gary Baker
- 14 - Sandy Hlasten & Terry Smith
- 21 -
- 28 -

**Pentecost Offering received totaled:
\$1,020.00.**

Birthday Offering received totaled: \$945.00

JULY/AUGUST "COURIER" articles are due in the Church Office by Monday June 15 due to Barbara being on vacation.

PW Events

Combined Circles meet on Wed., June 3, at the church.

10:30 Circles meet for business

11:00 Installation of Officers by Karen Henderson

11:15 Bible Study led by Rev. Maurice Smith (Lesson 9) This is the last of our lessons based on the booklet "Reconciling Paul." The lesson is "A Call to Apostleship in the Twenty-first Century" and is based on 2 Corinthians 12:1-13 and 13:1-13.

12:00 Pot luck luncheon. Bring a salad or dessert. Beverages and table service will be provided.)

Set-up by Esther Circle; Clean-up by Martha Mary Circle

Visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Wed., June 17 PWCT meeting. Newly-elected officers meet at the Club Room of Bristol Village at 1:30 p.m.

Scripture Texts for Sunday Worship, June 2015

June 7	Second Sunday after Pentecost Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130 ; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35 Pastor Rick: "Life Is Messy"
June 14	Third Sunday after Pentecost Ezekiel 17:1-24 ; Psaim 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-17; Mark 4:26-34 Pastor Rick: "A Cedar Sprig"
June 21	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Job 38:1-11 ; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41 Pastor Rick: "It's All About a Vision"
June 28	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 ; Mark 5:21-43 Pastor Rick: "An Inexhaustible Supply Keeping Us Supplied"

VOCAL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Who is that young face in the choir?!? Well, his name is Alex Brady and he is the first recipient of our brand new music ministry program—a Vocal Music Scholarship.

Alex is currently a junior at Waverly High School. He is *very* active in the choral program there and in the music ministry of his home church, St. Mary's.

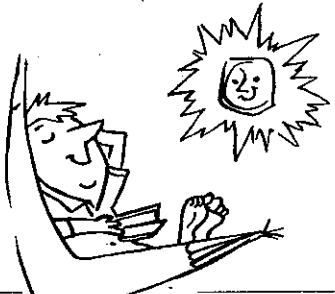
During the month of May, we will be covering the cost of voice lessons for Alex. In exchange, he will be singing with our choir during rehearsals and worship. Since he will not be able to worship with us May 17th, he will be singing a solo during our June 7th worship service!

With this program, we support and encourage young people in the development of their musical gifts. In exchange, they help us sing praise to God during worship.

An anonymous donor is covering the cost of this voice scholarship until the end of the year.

However—beginning with our Choir Season in September—we, the congregation, will need to develop a separate Voice Music Scholarship Fund in order to keep this going!

Please contact me, Karen Henderson, if you are interested in supporting our music ministry by contributing to this fund.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>June 2015</h1>						
	1	2	3 8:00 a.m. Sleeve- Tuggers 10:30 a.m. PW Instal- lation & Bible Study	4	5	6
7 10:00 a.m. Summer Worship Time begins	8	9	10 8:00 a.m. Sleeve- Tuggers	11 2:00 p.m. Worship Com. Mtg.	12	13
14 10:00 a.m. Worship	15	16	17 8 a.m. Sleeve Tuggers 1:30 p.m. P.W.C.T. Mtg.-Club Rm Bristol Village 3:00 p.m. Session Mtg.	18 10:30 a.m. Communion Bristol Health Care	19	20
21 10:00 a.m. Worship Father's Day	22 Barbara on vacation June 22 - July 6 Back in office July 7th	23	24 8:00 a.m. Sleeve - Tuggers	25	26	27
28 10:00 a.m. Worship	29	30				

OUR SESSION AT WORK

The first item on the May 20th Session agenda was to complete and adopt a Vision/Mission Statement for the church as another step in the New Beginnings process we began in the summer of 2014. That statement is "We, the First Presbyterian Church (USA) of Waverly, a congregation of dedicated believers in the grace of God, the love of Jesus, and the power of the Holy Spirit, strive to share this faith in worship and express it through serving the community."

The Session also appointed Charles Van Person as our Presbytery Commissioner and took the final step in approving the Bicentennial Committee's request to use our lawn for providing helicopter rides all day Saturday, June 20th, and after 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 21st.

The Session discussed several other issues and ended up requesting further information be provided on them. One of these was setting out clear guidelines for administering the Member Care Fund created in January of this year for the purpose of helping people who have been associated with our congregation when they have special needs that they cannot meet. Another is the scope, financing, and guidelines for a musical mission of the church to provide scholarships for private music lessons for highschoolers who would then sing in our church choir. The third is how to prorate available dividends from the McCluggage Fund between the needs of the choir and the Sunday school, the two permissible uses of the funds set forth in Wade C. McCluggages written agreement of June 21, 2003.

MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

MAY 27, 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

Class of 2015

Betsy Hall

Ann Oyer

Dick Roberts

Tom Patterson

Class of 2016

David Bell

Robert Neely

Irene Noble

Glenn Noble

Class of 2017

Jim Clark

Dimitry Sergay

Charles Van

Person

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, Marlene Voorhes

Other Places

Kitty McCollam and Max Russell,

June Worship Assistants:

June 7 - Karen Henderson

14 - Kay Weir

21 - Evelyn Baker

28 -

June Greeters:

June 7 - Don Kerry & Rosann Severding

14 - Cal & Audrey Tysen

21— Terry Smith & Kay Weir

28 - Ralph & Patty Strickland

June Ushers:

June 3 - Bob Neely, Kitty Neely, David Bell

14 - Lois Hardy, Ann Oyer, Wanda

Stratton

21 - Bud Hobday, Dimitry Sergay

Ivan Sumey, Earl Todt

28 - Ralph Strickland, Dimitry Sergay

June Counters:

June 7 - Mike Milam & Bob Neely

14 - Jim Clark and Kay Weir

21 - Betsy Hall and Nancy Seward

28 - David Bell and Anne Young

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Grace Intervention: Understanding God's Beautiful Gift of Grace

God is glorified by what he does for you, not by what you do for him. His glory lies hidden in his grace. It's a shocker for most Christians, but your good works do not glorify God. How can they? . . . My great passion and hope for you today, and for the church at large, is that we might recapture this simple wonder taught throughout Scripture: the glory of God is his grace.

Not what you do for him (works).

But what he does for you (grace).

God loves to bless you. He loves to provide for you. He loves to clean up after you. He never gripes. Never moans about what a wreck you are. He rolls up his sleeves and makes all things new.

Your sins won't deter him.

Your faithlessness won't depress him.

Your fickleness won't demoralize him.

Your frailties won't dishearten him.

Your tantrums won't daunt him.

God is eternally satisfied with you. It is God's great delight to bless you better than you deserve. He is not grudging. He is not sparing. He is not cheap. Every day, the voice of grace cries out to you, "He who did not spare his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" (Romans 8: 32).

Giovannetti, Bill (2015-01-01). *Grace Intervention: Understanding God's Beautiful Gift of Grace* (pp. 219-221).
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