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Parson's Perspective

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As I write, Congress and the White House are in tense discussions about government shutdown and possible lack of borrowing power. Some people face that every month as income and expense numbers don't match. It's a lot like the manager in Luke 16:1-13 who had his notes called and had to quickly refinance. What if we had to "refinance" those parts of our lives that dealt with things other than dollars and cents?

Kirk Nowery writes (in *Revolutionary Generosity*) that "whether you are aware of it or not, you are the manager of a trust. You have been given a key role and a great responsibility, and it is imperative to make the most of it. The God of the universe has entrusted you with time, money, material things and great opportunities. Your objective is to maximize the investment of all that he has put into your hands. Every day is a new opportunity for service and stewardship."

Nowery goes on to say that one of his elementary teachers used to say that the best ability was dependability. What sounded corny to pre-teen now makes a lot of sense in the realm of stewardship. Paul told the Corinthians (1 Cor. 4:2): In this kind of situation, what is expected of a manager is that they prove to be faithful." That can also be translated as trustworthy or dependable. Whatever word is used, the point is the same: God wants us to be people God can count on, people who live with a servant's heart.

As God's managers, our portfolio includes a lot more than money. We have a wide range of assets and God expects us to make the most of each of them. Every investment strategy has to have a balanced approach with periodic review and re-balancing as the market changes. What at the assets you manage? Money (we always think of that first, don't we?), time (we only get so many minutes every day), your possessions (do you manage them or do they manage you?), your opportunities (do you fear opportunity knocking or welcome it?), your influence (yes, your words, attitudes, demeanor, perspective, and faith do effect people around you), your relationships (you aren't living in a cave are you?), and a whole lot more. Then there are your spiritual assets: the Gospel of Christ, the mystery of godliness, the fruits of the Spirit, and the image of God imbedded in you.

THIS MONTH IN THE CHURCH

Wednesday, October 2 - 1:30 p.m.
Esther Circle at the home of Pat Penrose,
326 Robin Road-Kay Weir-Study Leader

Martha Mary Circle at the home of Jean Frank,
358 Wendy Lane

5:00-7:00 p.m. Saturday Night Praise Service

Sunday, October 6 - 9:30 a.m. Adult Class
"Things That Make For Peace - Living Peace"
Calvin Tysen, Leader
10:45 a.m. Worship (**World Communion Sunday**) Deacons' Offering



Wednesday, October 9 - 11:00 a.m.
Worship Committee Meeting

Saturday, October 12 - 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Saturday Night Praise Service

Sunday, October 13 - 9:30 a.m. Adult Class
"The Wired Word" Leader TBA

Monday, October 14 - Columbus Day
Church Closed

Pastor Hays will be away October 14-17
attending Fall Polity Conference in Detroit

Thursday, October 17 - 10:30 a.m.
Communion at Bristol Health Care
1:30 p.m. Evangelism Committee Mtg.

Saturday, October 19 - 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Saturday Night Praise Service

Sunday, October 20 - 9:30 a.m.
Adult Class Stewardship on "Commitment"
led by present and former Stewardship
Committee members

This Month continued...

Sunday, October 20 - 9:30 a.m.
Adult Class - Stewardship "Generosity"
10:45 a.m. Worship Pastor Getty Preaching
"Persistently Faithful" Luke 18:1-8

Monday, October 21 - 7:00 p.m.
Session Meeting

Wednesday, October 23 - 1:30 p.m.
P.W.C.T. Meeting at the Glenn Center

Saturday, October 26 - 5:00—7:00 p.m.
Saturday Night Praise Service

Sunday, October 27 - 9:30 a.m.
Adult Class—Stewardship "Giving Freely"
10:45 a.m. Worship

Wednesday, October 30 - 1:30 p.m.
P.W. Fifth Wednesday (see article in this
Newsletter)

October Birthdays

- October 3 - Jackie Barnes
- 5 - Ann Oyer
- 7 - Bill Hanson
- 12 - Bob Neely
- 21 - Don Kerry
- 22 - Catherine McCollam
- 31 - Dorothy Rucker



IN MEMORY

Joseph Hodder - September 18, 2013

Parson's Perspective, continued

Much of scripture is about how we respond to God's depositing the asset of "life" in our account. Faithfulness, dependability, trustworthiness are essential to serving God, declaring God's word, helping other believers, and managing our holy assets. For

Nowery, this is the bottom line: "To be a trustworthy steward, you must see everything in life as sacred. For the believer, everything in life is sacred, and everything is to be devoted to the Lord. Whatever your treasures, whatever your talents, dedicate them to God's pur-

pose. "Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31).

Thanks be to God!

Pastor Rick

Scripture Texts for Sunday Worship, October 2013

October 6	World Communion Sunday Lamentations 1:1-6 ; Lamentations 3:19-26; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10 Pastor Rick: "Great Is Your Faithfulness"
October 13	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 ; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19 Pastor Rick: "Found Faithful"
October 20	Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8 Pastor Bob: "Persistently Faithful"
October 27	Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14 Pastor Rick: "Who Can Find Mercy Before God?"

2013 BUDGET UPDATE

We are now nearly three-quarters through the 2013 fiscal year, and it's time to bring you up to date on where the Operating Fund stands. You may remember that at the Congregational Meeting last February we presented a budget that would end the year with a \$8,606.00 deficit. Unfortunately, this year we incurred some additional expenses in the Operating Fund that were not expected by the budget committee. The largest of these was the recoating and sealing of the parking lot that cost \$3,895.00. But there is good news to share. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, at this point the deficit is \$4,677.00. Thanks be to God.

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

October 2013



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2 Sleeve-Tuggers
8 a.m.Circle Mtgs.
1:30 p.m.

Choir 7 p.m.

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Stewardship?

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Saturday Night
Praise Service
5:00-7:00 p.m.6 9:30 a.m.
A. Class10:45 a.m.
Worship
World
Communion
Deacons'
Offering

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9 8 a.m.
Sleeve-Tuggers11:00 a.m.
Worship
Com. Mtg.

Choir 7 p.m.

10

11

12

Saturday Night
Praise Service
5:00-7:00 p.m.

13

Adult Class
9:30 a.m.Worship
10:45 a.m.

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**Columbus
Day
Church
Closed**

15

Pastor Hays
away 14-17th
Fall Polity
Conf. Detroit

16

Sleeve-Tuggers
8:00 a.m.

Choir 7 p.m.

17

Communion
at Bristol
Health Care
10:30 a.m.Evangelism
Mtg. 1:30 p.m.

18

19

Saturday Night
Praise Service
5:00-7:00 p.m.

20

Adult Class
9:30 a.m.Worship
10:46 a.m.

21

Session Mtg.
7 p.m.

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23

Sl. Tuggers
8 a.m.P.W.C.T.
Mtg. 1:30
p.m.
Choir 7 p.m.

24

25

26

Saturday Night
Praise Service
5:00-7:00 p.m.

27

Adult Class
9:30 a.m.Worship
10:45 a.m.

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29

30

Sl. Tuggers
8:00 a.m.
P.W. 5th
Wednesday
1:30 p.m.

Choir 7 p.m.

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VISITORS IN WORSHIP

August 25

Glenn Peterson, Piketon

September 1.

Ann Seward and

Beth Eve, Rocky River, OH, daughter and
friend of Nancy Seward

Ned Hannah, Phoenix, AZ currently Waverly

September 8

Sharon Weaver, Waverly

Ned Hannah, Phonenix, AZ, currently
Waverly

Glenn Peterson, currently Piketon

September 15

Gail Yount, Fostoria, Oh, daughter of
Bud Hobday

Lisa Fox, friend of Vicki and Wick Gahm

Ned Hannah, Phoenix, AZ.

Glenn Peterson, Piketon

Sept. 22

Ned Hannah, Phoenix, currently Waverly

Camille Hazelton, Grove City. PA

Carol Amidon. Butler. PA. friends of
Nel Huck

Bud and Judy Wright, Bristol Village

John and Marge Steva, Bristol Village

Sharon Weaver, Waverly

**FIFTH WEDNESDAY
CONVERSATIONS****October 30****1:30 PM****at the church****Speaker: Rebecca J. Tollefson**
Executive Director,
Ohio Council of Churches**Title: "Who Is My Neighbor?"**
Topic: Immigration

Everyone is invited to come and bring a guest to hear Rev. Tollefson as she brings to us the latest information about immigration in Ohio and the efforts at reform.

We are indeed fortunate to have her with us with all of her qualifications and broad range of experiences. Besides her full time position with the Ohio Council of Churches she is Parish Associate of the Broad Street Presbyterian Church in Columbus and numerous other associations with the Presbyterian Church and other denominations. She has been active with Presbyterian Women at the National level and in the Synod of the Covenant.

Be sure not to miss this one. We hope to have many people to benefit from this fine and competent speaker. The meeting is sponsored by Presbyterian Women of our church.

ADULT CLASS SCHEDULE, FALL OF 2013

October 6 - Calvin Tysen, Leader
"Things That make For Peace - Living Peace"

October 13 - "The Wired Word" - Leader TBA

October 20, Oct. 27, Nov 3, Nov. 10 - Stewardship series led by present and former Stewardship Committee members

"Commitment"

"Generosity"

"Giving Freely"

"Involvement"

November 17 - "The Wired Word" - Leader TBA

November 24, Dec. 1, Dec. 8, Dec. 15, Dec. 22 Advent Lessons led by Rev. Pastor Richard Hays

December 29 - TBA

MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

SEPTEMBER 26, 2013

Ministers for Community: Every Member

Co-Pastors: Richard Hays and Robert Getty
Secretary Barbara Patterson
Clerk of Session: Audrey Tysen

Organist: Patricia Penrose
Treasurer: Ralph Strickland

Ministers for Vision and Mission: Session

<u>Class of 2013</u>	<u>Class of 2014</u>	<u>Class of 2015</u>
Evelyn Baker	Karen Henderson	Juliet Getty
Oscar Marsh	Audrey Tysen	Betsy Hall
Ralph Strickland	Kay Weir	Dick Roberts
Elaine Zingg	Paula Hays	Marian Odell

Ministers for Member Care: Deacons

Irene Noble Robert Neely Gerald Barnes

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

Betty Benefiel-14	Maryanna Cassady-304A
Patricia Dixon-28	Anna Dodge-111
Virginia Hartwell-102	Ed Dodge—103
Agnes Nash-5-B	Ben Lane-118
Dorothy Rucker-16	Jay Yetter-1
Zerelda Young-22	Dorothy Headley-5-A

The Gardens

Betty and David Jenkins, 202

At Home

John Voorhes

In Other Places

Kitty McCollam, Betty Rodway, Max Russell, Verna Taylor

In Military Service

Kacie Lee, Aaron McCord

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October Worship Assistants:

October 6 - Bill Johnson
13 - Dick Roberts
20 - Cay Roberts
27 -

October Greeters:

October 6 - Linda and Mike Milam
13 - Helen and Allen Heinmiller
20 - Ann Oyer and Ruth Wonnell
27 - Betty and Ivan Sumeay

October Flowers:

October 6 -
13 - Susan Thomas
20 -
27 -

October Coffellowship Hosts:

October 6 - World Communion—No Coffee Hour
13 -
20 - Evelyn and Gary Baker
27 -

October Ushers:

October 6 - Robert Neely, Kitty Neely,
David Bell, Barratt Banta
13 - Ann Oyer, Marian Odell,
Wanda Stratton
20 - Barbara Early, Jay Early,
Earl Todt
27 - Ralph Strickland, Tom Frank,
Dimitry Sergay, Gerald Barnes



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A M E N C O R N E R

M A kindergartener asked her church school teacher, "How old are you?" The teacher replied, "I'm 39 and holding." The child then asked, "How old will you be if you let go?"

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C The teacher asked the class to write a short letter to God. One boy wrote, "Dear God, I would please like to live 900 years like that guy in the Bible."

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R Two boys from the class walked home after worship that day. They had listened to the preacher telling all the bad things about the devil. One boy asked the other, "What do you think about all this Satan stuff?" The other boy answered, "Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It was probably just your dad."

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As a preacher was describing the dangers of hell to her congregation, she suddenly yelled out, "Anybody who want to go to hell stand up!" A parishioner who had been nodding off jerked awake, stood up, and said, "preacher, I don't know what we're voting on, but you and I seem to be only one for it."

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A pastor recently posted on the signboard by the church's street view: "Honk if you love Jesus." Text while driving if you want to meet him."

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A boss overheard an employee mumbling at his desk. As she approached the cubicle, the words became a clear prayer: "Lord, you know I thank you for many things, but today is not one of them."