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When we think of mission, Acts 1:8 is frequently mentioned. This verse gives the perspective of witnessing first at home, close to home and eventually throughout the world. This verse in *The Message*, reads, "What you'll get is the Holy Spirit. And when the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world." In our region, Appalachian culture is a significant focus for our ministry at home and close to home. Pastor Rick and I just returned from the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Coalition for Appalachian Ministry. The keynote speaker was Dr. Mark Banker who has studied Appalachian culture extensively.

Dr. Banker made clear the misconception that folks living in the Appalachian region are all the same. Rather he explained there are many Appalachias—small towns, big cities, agricultural communities, areas reliant on extractive industries, others based on manufacturing or retail, and so on. Frequently Appalachian is identified with a rural culture. However 70% of folks living in the region live in urban settings. Whenever somebody says something about "Appalachian culture," they should decide which one. If we are going to speak accurately about this region, we need to take all of its different manifestations and their interrelationships into account. All facets of the Appalachian region are intertwined.

His advice to the church is that it must re-discover the culture and open more interaction with the diverse elements. The church must also re-connect to the region in a relational way and learn more of the aspects that make Appalachians unique. In addition, the church must re-imagine their approach and find creative models for ministry. Our challenge is to focus on the attitudes and perspectives of those we are ministering to, rather than looking only from our own viewpoint. We need to remove our preconceived ideas and stereotypes and try to look through the eyes of the Appalachian resident in whatever setting they are in.

God calls us to witness the good news to those around us. When the Holy Spirit came, individuals heard the good news in their own language. Let us pray that we will be willing and empowered to learn the language and customs of our Appalachian neighbors.

Pastor Bob

THIS MONTH IN THE CHURCH

Wednesday, October 1 - 1:30 p.m. Esther Circle will meet at the home of Irene Noble, 709 Third Street; Pat Penrose will be the study leader. **Martha Mary Circle** will meet at the home of Jean Frank, 358 Wendy Lane. Nel Huck will be the study leader

Sunday, October 5 - 9:30 a.m. The Adult Class will be studying the Book of Ruth on five Sunday mornings beginning today. Cay Roberts will be leader.

Wednesday, October 8 - 4:00 p.m. New Beginnings Cluster meeting

Thursday, October 9 - 1:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting
3:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

Sunday, October 12 - 9:30 a.m. Adult Class
The Book of Ruth-Leader: Cay Roberts

Monday, October 13 - Columbus Day
Church Closed

Thursday, October 16—10:30 a.m.
Communion at Bristol Health Care

1:45 p.m. P.W.C.T. Mtg. at the home of Audrey Tysen, 357 Wendy Lane

Friday-Tuesday, October 17-22 Pastor Hays away attending Polity Conference in Louisville

Sunday, October 19—9:30 a.m. Adult Class—
Book of Ruth-Leader: Cay Roberts
Pastor Bob will be preaching at the 10:45 a.m. service "Fearless Serving"

Monday, October 20 - 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, October 29—1:30 p.m. PW Fifth Wednesday Program: Speaker Barbara Davis, Director from Community Action of Pike County-Topic: "Early Childhood Programs"

A Thank You to everyone for their kind words and notes of sympathy on the death of my sister. I am very blessed to have such good friends and family.

Barbara Patterson

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS-

- October 3 - Jackie Barnes
- 5 - Ann Oyer
- 7 - Bill Hanson
- 12 - Bob Neely
- 21 - Don Kerry
- 22 - Kitty McCollam



If we have missed anyone's birthday or anniversary, please let us know in the Church Office.

IN MEMORY

Jay Yetter - September 8, 2014

Theodore Bates - September 11, 2014

Where Are We in the New Beginnings Initiative?

This is the question that has been heard in the hallways of the church. Here is an update of where we are. Monday, September 22, the Cluster group leaders meant to review a summary of the notes compiled from the various sessions that were held in July and August. This summary will be reviewed again at another meeting of the same folks on October 8. At the church session meeting on October 20, New Beginnings will be the only topic on the agenda. The session will determine the next steps to implement the vision for our future that has been developing since the beginning of this discernment activity. A congregation meeting will be called to present the results of our future ministry here in Waverly. Some comments coming from the meetings to this point are: We are developing attitudes that are "optimistic, engaged, friendly, honest, participated, realistic, happy and concerned." "Ready to take on new directions, but not sure what to do next." "We are now looking for new ideas and new ways to reach out to the community, not only to give temporal help to meet needs, but to use these ways to make disciples."

IT'S TIME AND IT'S HERE!

It's time for our Presbyterian Women's Mission Gathering!

On October 25th the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley will gather at the Worthington Presbyterian Church. Registration on begins at 9:30 a.m. The cost per person is \$9.00.

Our own Vice-Moderator of Mission, Juliana Boamah-Acheampong, is one of the Church-Wide PW delegates for our Global Mission Exchange to Curacao, the Dominican Republic, Guyana and Jamaica.

Come and learn more about this Exchange and participate in our Mini-Mission Fair—one of the favorite mission opportunities for each of the churches in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley!

Any questions? Just ask Nel Huck or Karen Henderson—two of "our own" who are on the PW of PSV Coordinating Team ☺

FIFTH WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 29
1:30 PM AT THE CHURCH

SPEAKER:
BARBARA DAVIS, DIRECTOR
EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM
COMMUNITY ACTION
OF PIKE COUNTY

For several years Presbyterian Women have held Fifth Wednesday programs inviting speakers to inform us about organizations in our community that are helpful to various people. In the spring we heard Carol Winkler from the PCUSA national office tell us about the 1000 Days Program which is concerned with an important time in a child's development from conception to the second birthday. This international effort is sponsored by Bread for the World and supported by the Presbyterian Church.

Carol challenged us to learn what is being done for young children here in our own location. This upcoming Fifth Wednesday is a follow up to that challenge. Barbara Davis has been Director of the Pike County program for 20 years and well aware of the needs in Pike County.

Although this program is sponsored by PW everyone is welcome. Invite a friend and remember this date.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
THANK OFFERING
NOVEMBER 16, 2014

Our missionary speakers for this special day will be:

LYNN AND SHARON KANDEL.

Lynn and Sharon are serving Christ working alongside the Presbyterian Church in South Sudan.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

October 2014



			<p>1 Sleeve-Tuggers 8 a.m.</p> <p>Circle Mtgs. 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Choir 7 p.m.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 9:30 a.m. A. Class 10:45 a.m. Worship World Communion Deacons' Offering.</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Sleeve-Tuggers 8 a.m.</p> <p>New Beginnings Cluster Mtg. 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Choir 7 p.m.</p>	<p>9 Stewardship Mtg. 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Worship Mtg. 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 9:30 a.m. Adult Class 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Worship</p>	<p>13 Columbus Day Church Closed</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Sleeve Tuggers 8 a.m.</p> <p>Choir 7 p.m.</p>	<p>16 Bristol Communion 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>P.W.C.T. Mtg. 1:45 p.m.</p>	<p>17 Pastor Hays away Oct. 17-22 attending Polity Conf. In Louisville</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 9:30 a.m. Adult Class 10:45 a.m. Worship</p>	<p>20 Session Mtg. 7 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Sleeve-Tuggers 8 a.m.</p> <p>Choir 7 p.m.</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
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For October, 2014, Courier (or whenever)

STREET PEOPLE IN THE CONGO

According to UNICEF (2010) there are an estimated 4.5 million orphans in D.R. Congo, and just 63 percent of orphans attend school. A program called “Ditekemena (“Hope”)” serves 23 children, with a grant providing education for 2 years for the 23 children in that program. Cooperation with other groups allow Ditekemena to introduce street children into families, generally removing 1 street child each year, and continuing to support them in an ongoing systematic way.

A drop in the bucket? Yes. But this provides an example for other denominations to encourage similar support, and ultimately learn to recognize families at risk and learn skills to prevent children from being abandoned to the streets.

This ministry was started with a dream of Rev. Andre Manyayi, in Kananga, and became a reality with funding of the PC(USA) Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering in 2013. In Ditekemena's plan, adult teams are trained as family supporters, and one of the teams will be assigned to a child's family. Youth groups of the 14 churches involved will also receive training in family support, mainly by learning to raise guinea pigs. In turn, the youth groups will assist family members to raise guinea pigs to provide daily protein and more family income. The families will tithe their newly-born pigs to the program. These pigs are disease-resistant and need no vaccinations, and one guinea pig sells for more than half of the average daily wage in Congo.

Spiritual needs are also addressed with the Ditekemena program. Before joining it, many of the children were blamed for the death of their parents because of Congo's beliefs in child sorcery. All the children were discarded by their families to the street, and treated badly by adults working there. Many were cut with razors when they reached under tables to pick up discarded produce, and they were left alone to sleep on cardboard cartons. Yet through all this they are still able to trust and love – the love and joy is amazing, and they help each other. Teenagers spend time with smaller children, and during soccer games, everyone plays and disabled children are the goalies. Those who spend time with them are awed and encouraged by their love, and filled with hope, remembering the Bible verses in Mark 10: “Let the little children come to me....”

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Excerpts from “Mission Connections” Program of Presbyterian World Mission, Summer 2014.
letter of Ruth Brown, mission co-worker serving in the Congo

WOMEN'S "GATHERING" THANK-YOU'S

Our PW co-hosted (with the PW's of Portsmouth) the Presbytery of Scioto Valley PW groups on August 23. We had a wonderful time, and learned many worthwhile things. A big "thank you" to all those who helped with this activity – God has blessed us.

We received "thank-yous" from Judy Pflaumer and Evelyn Walker of PW/PSV, and Barb Young of Utica Presbyterian. Evelyn Walker wrote "Please pass on our sincere thanks to the Session, to the staff, and to the Presbyterian Women at Waverly First, for allowing us to meet at your beautiful church for our Summer Gathering! Everyone was so warm and welcoming, the box lunches were delicious, and Pastor Burns' message was so inspiring! You are very blessed to have such an active Women's group. We so appreciate their faith, commitment and dedication to further God's will! They are an inspiration to so many other PW's of what can be accomplished. Your generosity helps Presbyterian Women in PSV further our goals to promote prayer and Bible study, provide financial support to mission, work for justice and peace, and strengthen the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)"

PW Activities in October

Wed., Oct. 1, 1:30 p.m. – Esther Circle meets at the home of Irene Noble, 709 Third St.; Pat Penrose will be the Study Leader.

Martha Mary Circle meets at the home of Jean Frank, 358 Wendy Lane; Nel Huck will be the Study Leader.

Thurs, Oct. 9, 2:00 p.m. - Esther Circle will host the Birthday Party at Bristol Health Care.

Thurs., Oct. 16, 1:45 p.m. - PWCT meeting at home of Audrey Tysen, 357 Wendy Lane.

Wed, Oct. 29, 1:30 p.m. - "5th Wednesday Connection" at the church. Refreshments provided by Co-ordinating Team. (see article in Courier)

Here's Your Chance to Meet Ruth

Did you know that great-grandmother of King David was not an Israelite? She was a Moabite!!

What else do you not know about Ruth? The Adult Class will be studying the Book of Ruth on five Sunday mornings beginning October 5th.

This little Old testament book has "lessons for the fractured world". Come and find out what these lessons are for us.

Cay Roberts will be the leader of this Kerygma course of study. The classes begin each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.

Stewardship Campaign Coming

Our annual stewardship campaign is fast approaching. Soon you will receive a letter encouraging you to prayerfully consider your financial commitment to First Presbyterian Church in 2015 and to make a pledge. Your pledge is your promise to God to support our church with your tithes and offerings. The money we have will determine what ministries we can offer and may place limits on our activities.

But money isn't what the campaign is really all about. Yes, we need money to operate, and your pledges will guide us as we develop our budget. More importantly, your stewardship evidenced by your faithful and fearless living, service, sowing of God's word, and, yes, giving will permit First Presbyterian Church to carry out its ministry to Waverly and to grow strong Christians within our membership and beyond.

Additionally, Paul reminds us in Ephesians (3:20-21) that when we work together with God, we can accomplish more than our individual efforts allow. He says: "Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." Let us work together to further God's word.

Scripture Texts for Sunday Worship, October 2014

October 5	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46 Pastor Rick: "All Our Hindering Will Be for Nought"
October 12	Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14 Pastor Rick: "Fearless Living"
October 19	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Luke 4:18-19 Pastor Bob: "Fearless Serving"
October 26	Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-18; Matthew 22:34-46 Pastor Rick: "Fearless Sowing"

MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

OCTOBER 2014

OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

- October 5 - Nel Huck
- 12 - Nancy Seward
- 19 - Glenn Peterson
- 26 -

OCTOBER GREETERS:

- October 5 - Kitty and Bob Neely
- 12 - Charles VanPerson and
Kathy Wills
- 19 - Ruth Karner and Bill
Johnson
- 26 - Florence Vonderohhe
And Anne Young

OCTOBER FLOWERS:

- October 5 -
- 12 -
- 19 -
- 26 - Bud Hobday

OCTOBER COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

- October 5 - Communion
- 12 -
- 19 -
- 26 - Evelyn and Gary Baker

OCTOBER USHERS:

- October 5 - Bob and Kitty Neely,
David Bell
- 12 - Lois Hardy, Marian Odell,
Ann Oyer, Wanda Stratton
- 19 - Bud Hobday, Ivan Sumei
Dimitry Sergay, Eral Todt
- 26 - Ralph Strickland, Dimitry
Sergay

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

Class of 2014

Karen Henderson

Paula Hays

Audrey Tysen

Kay Weir

Class of 2015

Juliet Getty

Betsy Hall

Ann Oyer

Dick Roberts

Class of 2016

David Bell

Robert Neely

Irene Noble

Glenn Noble

Ministers for Member Care: Deacons

Don Kerry

Kitty Neely

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

Jeanne Barron-105

Maryanna Cassady-14

Anna Dodge-111

Ed Dodge-103

Tom Frank-308

Virginia Hartwell-102

Dorothy Headley-5-A

Agnes Nash-2

Ben Lane-118

The Gardens

Betty and David Jenkins-202

At Home

Gerald Barnes, Virginia Dixon, Oscar Marsh, Marlene and
John Voorhes

Other Places

Kitty McCollam and Max Russell

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All Things Are Sacred

One of the bad habits that we pick up early in our lives is separating things and people into secular and sacred. We assume that the secular is what we are more or less in charge of: our jobs, our time, our money, our opinions, our entertainment, our government, our house and land, our social relations. The sacred is what God has charge of: worship and the Bible, heaven and hell, church and prayers. We then contrive to set aside a sacred place for God, designed, we say, to honor God but really intended to keep God in his place, leaving us free to have the final say in everything else that goes on outside that space. Prophets will have none of this. They hold that everything, absolutely everything, takes place on sacred ground. God has something to say about every aspect of our lives, the way we feel and act in the so-called privacy of our hearts and homes, the way we make our money and the way we spend it, the politics we embrace, the wars we fight, the catastrophes we endure, the people we hurt and the people we help. Nothing is hid from the scrutiny of God; nothing escapes the purposes of god. The ground is holy; people are holy; words are holy: Holy, holy, holy.

by Eugene Peterson, *The Jesus Way: A Conversation On The Ways That Jesus Is The Way*, page 120.