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PARSON'S PERSPECTIVE

In a recent sermon I quoted from Jack Levison's book on the Holy Spirit, *Fresh Air*. He has an interesting chapter on Daniel. He says that he first learned of Daniel from Mrs. Fife and her flannel board in a cramped pick Sunday school room in a dank basement of an aging church on Long Island. He says the stories remain the same even though he draws different insights from them.

After introducing the four men taken by force into exile, the next several chapters have Daniel doing amazing things: he describes and interprets two separate dreams of Nebuchadnezzar's dream — of a huge statue and of a huge tree; he deciphers and interprets handwriting that appears on a wall during a party; and is rescued from a lion's den, into which he was thrown because of the jealousy of King Darius' political cronies.

The spirit in these stories last for three generations: 1) King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon claims three times that Daniel has "a spirit of the holy God in him" (Dan. 4:8, 9, 18); 2) Nebuchadnezzar's daughter-in-law tells her husband Belshazzar at the party, "There is a man in your kingdom in whom is *the spirit of the holy God*" (Dan. 5:11-12); 3) A whole new empire — Media, led by Darius — plans to appoint Daniel to heights of imperial policy making because "an excellent spirit is in him" (Dan. 6:3).

Levison says that what we discover is that the spirit is in Daniel for the long haul. It was not a momentary ambush. Throughout three generations Daniel exhibits such wisdom that a succession of foreign rulers recognize a spirit in him that can only have come from God. The spirit within him is not an occasional endowment but a perennial source of enlightenment, wisdom, and prescience.

What Levison goes on to say is: "None of the ways we describe the spirit of God applies to the Daniel stories. [Continued on back page....

This Month

Wednesday, May 1 - 1:30 p.m.

Esther Circle at the home of Sandra Andrews, 704 E. 5th St. -Leader: Nel Huck

Martha Mary at the home of Patty Todt, 624 E. 7th St. - Leader: Audrey Tysen (Lesson 8)

Sunday, May 5 - 9:30 a.m.

Adult Class "Listening to Scripture: An ancient approach for a deeper knowing
10:45 a.m. Worship - P.W. Birthday Offering received (use envelopes in your offering boxes or at the desk in the sanctuary).

Thursday, May 9 - 1:30 p.m.

Evangelism Committee Mtg.

Sunday, May 12 - 9:30 a.m.

Adult Class - "Faith Journey" Pat Penrose
Mother's Day (all women will receive a gift.)

Thursday, May 16 - 2:00 p.m.

Stewardship Committee Meeting

Sunday, May 19 - 9:30 a.m.

Adult Class-"Music as Prayer and a Form of Healing"

Monday, May 20 - 7:00 p.m.

Session Meeting

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26 - Communion (No Coffee Hour)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>May 2013</h1>						
			1 8 a.m. Sleeve-Tuggers 1:30 p.m. Circle Mtgs. 7 p.m. Choir	2 <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	3	4
5 9:30 a.m. A. Class 10:45 a.m. Worship P.W. Birthday Offering	6 Pastor Hays away (Maumee) May 6-7	7	8 8 a.m. Sleeve-Tuggers Choir 7 p.m..	9 Evangelism Com. Mtg. 1:30 p.m..	10	11
12 9:30 a.m. Adult Class 10:45a.m. Worship Mother's Day	13 Pastor Hays in Columbus May 13-14	14	15 8 a.m. Sleeve Tuggers 7 p.m. Choir	16 2:00 p.m. Stewardship	17	18
19 9:30 a.m. Adult Class 10:45 a.m. Worship Pentecost Offering	20 Session Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	21 Presbytery Mtg. 3:30 Worthington	22 8 a.m. Sleeve Tuggers P.W.C.T. Mtg. 1:30 p.m. 7 p.m. Choir	23 Pastor Hays away May 23-28	24	25
26 9:30 a.m. Adult Class 10:45 a.m. Worship Communion (Deacons' Offering)	27 Church Closed Memorial Day Observed	28	29 8 a.m. Sleeve Tuggers 1:30 p.m. P.W. 5 th Wed. Local Mission Program 7 p.m. Choir	30	31	

2013 BIRTHDAY OFFERING of Presbyterian Women

MAY 5

GOAL - \$500,000

The Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women PCUSA chose Westminster Neighborhood Ministries in Indianapolis, IN to receive the sole grant from the 2013 PW Birthday Offering.

Westminster Neighborhood Ministries serves the basic needs of families who live in Near Eastside Indianapolis, where close to 34 percent of neighborhood families have incomes below the poverty level. Over the past 30 years, Westminster's services have grown rapidly.

From early childhood programs to youth programs and adult services, Westminster Neighborhood Ministries provides vital resources for area families. Your gifts to the PW Birthday Offering will allow Westminster to expand its educational services, extending service to preschool-age children, expanding its basic adult education program, and providing financial counseling to families so that they can more-effectively improve and sustain their standard of living.

BUILDING UP OUR NEIGHBOR



THE GEORGIA HARRIS HOUSES PW FIFTH WEDNESDAY MAY 29, 1:30 PM

Do you know that The Georgia Harris House for women is located in Pike County and offers two separate residential facilities? A division of The Recovery Council, it offers non-medical treatment for women recovering from drug and alcohol addiction. After completion of the program, which averages four months, transition planning and extensive case management are offered to reunify a client within her home community.

The speaker for the program will be Lori Radcliffe, Program Coordinator. The Presbyterian Women are sponsoring this program. All who are interested are invited to attend. Bring a guest. Refreshments will be served.

VISITORS

March 31

Doyle Gillespie, Arvada, CO
Sue Brandell, Pittsburgh, daughter of
Rosann Severding
Gordon Mathie, Bristol Village
Dean Baker; Orient, Ohio and
Ryan Baker; Fort Bragg, NC son and
grandson of Gary and Evelyn Baker
Kevin and Chaco Tysen, Dublin, OH
son and daughter-in-law of
Cal and Audrey Tysen

April 7

Becky Test, Columbus, partner of
Michael Neely.
Lil Adams, Bristol Village
Mark Schiemann, son of Pat Schiemann
Jean and Rick Harper, Bethel Park, Pa,
daughter and son-in-law of Joyce
Alderson
Jack Alderson, Houston, TX, son of Joyce
Alderson

April 21

Lil Adams, Bristol Village
Bill Rigot, Augusta, GA

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ACTIVITIES

*See! The winter is past
the rains are over and gone.
Flowers appear on the earth;
The season of singing has come,
the cooing of doves
is heard in the land.*

(Can you name the source?)

Karen Henderson and Nel Huck attended the Presbytery Spring Gathering at Sunbury. April 27.

CIRCLES MEET Wed. May 1st, 1:30

Martha Mary at Patty Todt's 624 7th St.
leader: Audrey Tysen Lesson 8
Esther at Sandra Andrews' 704 E. 5th St.
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Note these dates:

May 29 --- 5th Wednesday local mission program
1:30 at the church with special speaker.

June 5 --- Both circles will meet together at the church
for Bible study, installation of officers and a
potluck luncheon.
Betty Kennedy, moderator of PW of the
Presbytery, will be with us.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Four times a year, we have special offerings which go for a variety of causes of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) At Easter, there is the "One Great Hour of Sharing" and the funds are used for missions around the world, focusing on alleviating hunger, disaster assistance and "self-development." At Christmas-time, the "Christmas Joy Offering" helps racial ethnic schools and retired church workers with special needs. Our "Pentecost Offering" helps the health and well-being of youth and others at risk, and "Peacemaking Offering" funds are used to promote peace and well-being in the world and in the local community.

Some of the money we give to PCUSA stays in the local church to use for the same purposes. Our session has recently approved the following uses of the Pentecost and Peacemaking funds:

\$425 from the Pentecost Offering will go to Pike County Juvenile Court for the Juvenile Incentive Program. When young people are in this program, they are encouraged to stop using drugs with incentives such as gift cards that will pay for restaurant meals and other items.

\$400 from the Peacemaking Offering will go to Pike County Partnership Against Domestic Violence. This agency works with the Ohio Attorney General's office. Funds are used to provide shelter, protection and other services for battered women, programs such as Intervention and Parenting, crisis hotline – to prevent and help victims of domestic violence. We will help with the "Awareness Programs in Pike County Schools" and the "Parenting Resource Classes."

\$415 from the Peacemaking Offering will go to the Pike County Recovery Council. This agency, contracted with Paint Valley ADAMH, helps individuals recovering from alcohol and drug abuse. Some of the "non-medical aid" includes food, housing and other necessities, as well as counseling, 12-step recovery guidance, etc. We will help the prevention, education and counseling programs, as well as the half-way house.

We hope and pray for the needs of many in our local community, and thank God for the caring organizations that are trying to alleviate the problems of addiction and abuse.

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A M E N C O R N E R

M ...Parson's Perspective, continued

E Daniel doesn't receive the spirit. He's not baptized in
N the spirit. The spirit isn't poured out on him. The spirit
C doesn't rush or rest on him. He doesn't get wrecked
O by the spirit or feel the spirit or sense the spirit or
R catch the spirit. The spirit doesn't move him or speak
N to him or prompt him or teach him.

E "The only action the spirit takes, which isn't really tak-
R ing action at all, is to *be* in Daniel. ... There isn't a sin-
N gle verb used to describe the spirit in the original Ara-
E maic of Daniel." That is, "the spirit simple is" or more
R correctly, "the spirit is simply — in Daniel."

R The spirit of God, that excellent spirit in Daniel, does
absolutely nothing, transforms no one, baptizes no
one, teaches no one, overwhelms no one, inspires no
one to speak in tongues. The spirit is simply a deep,
resonant, rich pool of wisdom, knowledge, and insight
that permeates the character of Daniel over the
course of three generations and two empires.

Daniel has a verbless spirituality. "He doesn't so
much *seek* the spirit as *settle into* the spirit. He

doesn't *crave* direct and drastic displays of the spirit's
power so much as *carve out space* for the expanse of
the spirit in the unseen crevices of his life. He doesn't
so much hunger for *occasional outbreaks of spiritual
power* as for a *simple life for the long haul.*"

The key to this long haul approach to the spirit is a life
of simplicity. Daniel doesn't seek all the acclaim that
is repeatedly heaped on him. All Daniel seeks is to be
faithful to God. In a succession quick of stories we
learn the breath-taking truth about Daniel: the spirit-
breath within him — a lifelong source of wisdom — is
rooted in wholehearted faithfulness to a simple life.

As we approach the Day of Pentecost — the day of
God's spirit-breath blessing of the church — we can
ponder the already present spirit in us. Are we hiding
it or ignoring it through looking for the boisterous and
fanciful, the gaudy and gilded? Or are we simply open
and present to a lifelong presence of everyday spirit
that is recognized by the world without our help. Can
we allow the spirit to carve out space in the unseen
crevices of our lives? May it be so this Pentecost and
always.

Pastor Rick