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## Parson's Perspective

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Today we see there are many gifts that can be attributed to the gifts of the spirit? The list in 1 Corinthians 12 includes: wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing. Miracles, prophecy, discernment, languages and interpretations. The list today may include, school teachers, engineers, entrepreneurs, doctors, preachers, Sunday school teachers, diplomats and translators. Gifts in today's context suggest that all our skills have been given to us by God. We need to take a moment to review our gifts and think about how our particular gifts may have been given to us by God.

Think for a moment about your particular gifts and ask a few questions. How do my gifts fit in the big picture of the community around me? What service do my gifts provide to others? Have I seen times where my gifts have been used by God? Some of these questions would be easily answered by those who went to Staten Island to help those after Sandy. But further reflection will show that they apply to our daily lives.

As we think about praying for healing, could it be that the means that God uses to affect our healing is through the skills of medical doctors? When we ask for our daily bread, could this need be met through agricultural endeavors? Could technology be a gift that we need to use as stewards of God's benevolence? When Jesus says "if you give to one of the least of these you are giving to me", are we to use our industrial achievements or individual abilities to help those in depressed areas of the world? As we consider our various skills, could they be the very means that God uses to fulfill? Micah 6:8, "He has told you, human one, what is good and what the LORD requires from you: to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with your God."

*Pastor Bob*

# THIS MONTH IN THE CHURCH

**Sunday, September 1 - 9:30 a.m. Adult Class**  
To begin (see article in this newsletter)

**Fall and Winter Worship Time Begins-**  
**10:45 a.m.**

**Monday, September 2 - Labor Day**  
**Church Closed**

**Wednesday, September 4—10:30 A.M**  
PW Combined Circles— at the church—Bring a  
Salad or dessert  
**7:00 p.m. Choir**

**Thursday, September 5 - 6:30 p.m.**  
Leffler/Mays Wedding Rehearsal

**Saturday, September 7 - 4:30 p.m.**  
Leffler/Mays Wedding

**5:00—7:00 p.m. Saturday Night Praise Service**  
(will be held on the west side of the building  
In the Children's Room across from the  
Office)

**Sunday, September 8 - 9:30 a.m. Adult Class**  
**10:45 a.m. Worship** followed by a Special  
Coffee Fellowship Hour to celebrate the  
Presbyterian Women's 25th Anniversary  
**New Members Received**

**Wednesday, September 11 - 7:00 p.m.**  
Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, September 12 - 1:30 p.m.**  
Evangelism Committee Mtg.

**4:00 p.m. Worship Committee Mtg.**

**Saturday, September 14 - 5:00—7:00 p.m.**  
Saturday Night Praise Service

**Sunday, September 15 - 9:30 a.m.**  
Adult Class  
**10:45 a.m. Worship**

**1:00 p.m.** Register for the Crop Walk at the  
Grace Methodist Church Family Life Center  
104 S. High St.

**1:30 p.m. Crop Walk Begins**

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

**Tuesday, September 17 - 3:30 p.m.**  
Presbytery Meeting at London First Church

**Wednesday, September 18 - 1:30 p.m.**  
P.W.C.T. Meeting at the Glenn Center

**7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal**

**Thursday, September 19 - 10:30 a.m.**  
Communion at Bristol Health Care

**2:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting**

**Saturday, September 21 - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**  
Saturday Night Praise Service

**Sunday, September 22 - 9:30 a.m.**  
Adult Class  
**10:45 a.m. Worship (Thank Offering)**  
Guest Speaker: Nel Huck "My God is a Rock in  
A Weary Land".

**Tuesday, September 24 - 1:30 p.m.**  
Fellowship Meeting

**Wednesday, September 25 - 7:00 p.m.**  
Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, September 28 - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**  
Saturday Night Praise Service

**Sunday, September 29 - 9:30 a.m.**  
Adult Class  
**10:45 a.m. Worship Peacemaking Offering**

**WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS**

June 23

Lanelle Crooks and Danell McGee,  
LA., friends of Pat and Bob Penrose

June 30

Ned Hannah, Phoenix, AZ  
Lanelle Crooks and Danell McGee, LA,  
friends of Pat and Bob Penrose

July 7

Ned and Linda Hannah, Phoenix AZ  
Dean Baker, Orient, Ohio; Ryan Baker, Fort  
Bragg, NC; Terrance Baker, Lincoln Park, M  
Amber Clingerman, Lincoln Park, MI;  
Jennifer Tartar, Orient, OH, family and friend  
of Gary and Evelyn Baker

July 14

Lil Adams, Bristol Village  
Ryan Baker, Fort Bragg, NC, grandson of  
Gary and Evelyn Baker  
Ned Hannah, Phoenix, AZ

July 21

Lil Adams Bristol Village  
Ned Hannah, Phoenix, AZ

July 28

Lil Adams Bristol Village  
Ned Hannah, Phoenix, AZ  
Glenn Peterson

August 4

Karen Collands, Port Orange, FL, daughter  
of Grace Lewis  
Faith Clark and Jason Clark, Waukegan, IL,  
daughter and grandson of Hal Demus  
Gail Yount, Fostoria, OH, sister of Bud  
Hobday

August 11

Betty Glenn, Bristol Village  
Jeen and Rick Harper, Bethel Park, PA,  
daughter and son-in-law of Joyce Alderson.

August 18

Ned Hannah, Phoenix, AZ  
Betty Glenn, Bristol Village  
Daryl Fourman, Bristol Village  
Dana Ellis, Bristol Village  
Betty Hartwig, Bristol Village**EVANGELISM****New Members Sunday  
September 8.**

New members are always welcome. If you are not a member and would like to learn more about uniting with this congregation you talk to one of the pastors. Another time for new members is always available.

Membership tells others that you want to be a part of the ministry of this particular congregation and are committed to the outreach we share.

**Saturday Night Praise Generosity**

Our new ministry, **Saturday Night Praise**, provides a great opportunity for those who would like a time for praising God through song. Worship is offered for those who, due to work or other reasons, cannot attend Sunday worship. Anyone who does not have a church home is also invited. Although this service meets a great need in our community, not enough people know about it.

Stepping up with a generous donation for advertising and food, Nel Huck felt that a gift of \$500 would get us started. Juliet Getty, who has a marketing background, and Nel put their heads together to get the word out. Early in September, 1000 post cards will be sent out to the community. These cards will point out: 5:00 pm, **Food and Fellowship**; 6:00 pm, **Praise the Lord in Song**. The cost for this mailing will be provided with part of Nel's contribution and some from Juliet's Equine Nutrition business. There will be available funds to provide food for a few weeks to get the ball rolling. Following this initial effort, more post cards can be sent out as needed.

Various members and friends of the church have offered to sponsor food for the Saturday Night Praise. If you would like to offer a donation toward food expenses, please give it to the church office. Past experience has shown that the cost varies from around \$10 to \$50 depending on whether one prepares the food or it is purchased.

As the Lord leads with the cooperation of members of the church, the Saturday Night Praise will become a blessed ministry of our congregation.

## COFFEE HOUR

The COFFEE HOUR sign-up chart on the kiosk begs our attention. When we sign up in advance, Barb can include reminders in the "*Courier*" and in the Sunday bulletins.

Volunteering for Coffee Hour is a great way to "host" all your friends at one time without having to clean the house or lock the dog in the bedroom! And we love to chat a bit, greet visitors, pick up on the latest health reports, and shake hands with the kids—here to celebrate Mom and Dad's birthday!

Simple offerings such as cheese and crackers, chips/dip, cookies, brownies, nut breads, fruit, will delight the palate. Someone else makes the coffee, so you don't have to worry about that.

Helpful guidelines are available in a mail box, labeled "Fellowship" in the office hallway. (They're bright yellow, 8 ½ x 11, think friendly smiley face.)

Step up to the kiosk and see if you can squeeze your name into an empty slot. Invite a friend to share the duties.

### OPEN DATES AT THIS WRITING:

Sept. 29

Oct. 13, 20, 27

Nov. 3, 10, 24

## PROJECT SHARE-A-LOAF GET ON BOARD

Centuries ago Christians welcomed strangers into their homes, sharing whatever they had—often only a morsel of barley bread.

In our church, we greet visitors with a "Welcome Bag" that contains a small loaf of bread as a reminder of that ancient biblical custom. Also in the bag is a flyer that explains the bread ministry tradition, as well as some helpful information about our church.

The Fellowship Committee provides the supplies for baking three mini-loaves, (a kit containing a quickbread mix, three foil pans, and a quart-sized freezer bag that will hold the 3 mini loaves of bread. Also, some valuable hints to help you get started).

We need helpers to bake the bread. And Gentlemen, if you've never set foot in a kitchen before, you, too, can volunteer!

1. Choose a month and sign in. We need one or preferably two people each month.
2. A week or so before your month, you'll get a reminder call from Louise Netzley (senior bread Chef). Then, just pick up your baking kit and turn on the oven!

What could be easier than that? Oops... did we mention that each box of bread mix probably requires two eggs from your fridge?

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- September 3 - Barratt Banta  
 6 - Tom Patterson  
 12 - Elaine Zingg  
 13 - Betsy Hall  
 Patty Todt  
 16 - Cay Roberts  
 Maryanna Cassady  
 22 - Dimitry Sergay  
 Anne Young  
 23 - Gary Baker  
 Audrey Tysen  
 26 - Sue Brodt  
 27 - Tracy Tysen  
 28 - Dick Roberts  
 30 - William Niebling



### PW NEWS

PW Coordinating Team (and others: there will be a change in the date of our September Meeting. We will meet on **Wednesday, September 18 (instead of the 25<sup>th</sup>) at 1:30 p.m. in the B.V. club room.**

Also there are "happenings" in September for our "ladies":

(1) PW Combined Circle meeting on **Wednesday, September 4** which you will probably remember. At this meeting, Irene will include information about PW's (national) 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. (Anniversary article is on back of the calendar in this newsletter).

(2) We'd like to designate September as PW Month" and encourage our members to wear their "PW" pins, and there will be announcements and, I think a poster, Plus...

(3) On **Sunday, September 8**, we will have a special cake at coffee hour-honoring and celebrating PW's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. If you have any other suggestions, please let (us/me)know. Thanks

## BRISTOL STAGE SAYS "THANK YOU" PRESBYTERIAN FRIENDS

Recently the drama club at Bristol Village received the gift of a used piano from our Presbyterian congregation. (It had been one of two housed in the Community Room).

The club, *Bristol Stage*, had just acquired the use of a house on Oak Avenue for storage of the many sets, props and costumes. It's a large house with room for painting and assembling scenery as well as space for meetings and rehearsals.

A piano is essential for rehearsing the many musical sections in drama presentations, so the group is delighted with this special gift, and it has a place of honor the large front room.

Many of you attended the *Stage Door Open House* that the club hosted in late June; you saw and heard the piano in use at that time. We have also inaugurated a new "tradition" for the drama club—closing our business meetings with song! The drama club will take good care of this fine instrument that already appears appears to be very happy in its new home.

On Thursday, September 12 at 7:30 p.m., *Bristol Stage* will present three different plays illustrating various styles of drama. Your all invited to attend the show where you'll see MANY familiar faces on stage.

Jean Sydow

Bristol Stage Drama Club

### **Adult Class to Study Peacemaking**

Our Church School year will begin **Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**, with a special guest speaker from Egypt. **Amir Maher** will inform the Adult Class about the current situation in his homeland. Presently, Amir is studying at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. He is a graduate of the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo. During the remaining Sundays of September, the Adult Class will examine **"The Things That Make for Peace."** The Adult class meets from **9:30 to 10:15 a.m. each Sunday from September through May.**

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### **MESSAGE FROM EGYPT**

(The following message was received on August 14<sup>th</sup> from Rev. Dr. Atef Gendy, President of the Evangelical (Presbyterian) Theological Seminary, Cairo, Egypt (ETSC).)

Since the Revolution of January 2011, the Church in Egypt has grown in faith and experienced God in many new ways. In addition to the continuous experience of God's protection to His church people, the Church has experienced her Lord as the Lord of History, Lord of creation and Lord of all nations. He cares not only for the spiritual matters of the Church, but also for the cries and suffering of simple and ordinary people from every background. . . . This well-known theoretical truth (has) become a lively experience that is challenging the Egyptian Church to go

### **Message from Egypt continued...**

Beyond her needs, fears and problems and care for her nation and society in order to be like her Lord. This was just one of the lessons we are learning probably the hard way. Nevertheless, we enjoy seeing God re-modeling our thoughts and theology.

Please pray for our students who are doing summer field ministry now in difficult situations that sometimes includes threats and many intimidations from Islamic groups, especially in small villages in the south. We ask your prayers for them, not only for protection, but also for bravery, wisdom and tender hearts that are willing to reflect the love, graciousness and care of our Heavenly Father.

### **(Added note from your Mission Committee)**

The Presbyterian Church (USA) has commissioned and sent a new mission co-worker family to serve on the faculty of the ETSC. Dr. Joshua Yoder and his family arrived in Cairo a few days before the military take-over at the end of June. Therefore, please add Joshua and Rebecca Yoder and eight year old son, Owen, to your mission-directed prayers.

# MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

**AUGUST 23, 2013**

## 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: 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	Paula Hays	Betsy Hall
Ralph Strickland	Audrey Tysen	Marian Odell
Elaine Zingg	Kay Weir	Dick Roberts

## 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

Dendamrongsat Church — Chiangrai, Thailand

## Ministers Serving from Home

### At Bristol Health Care

444 Cherry St., Waverly OH 45690

Betty Benefiel-14

Maryanna Cassady-101

Patricia Dixon-28

Anna Dodge-111

Ed Dodge-103

Virginia Hartwell-102

Dorothy Headley-5-A

Agnes Nash-5-B

Bud Hobday-311

Ben Lane-118

Dorothy Rucker-16

Jay Yetter-1

Zerelda Young-7-A

### The Gardens

Betty and David Jenkins-202

### At Home

Elinor and Joseph Hodder

### In the Waverly Area

### In Other Places

Kitty McCollam, Betty Rodway, Max Russell, Verna Taylor

### In Military Service

Sarah Kolb, Kacie Lee, Aaron McCord

## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

September 1 - Evelyn Baker

8 - Ivan Sumey

15 - Elaine Zingg

22 - Otto Zingg

29 - Pastor

## SEPTEMBER GREETERS:

September 1 - Cay and Dick Roberts

8 - Kitty and Bob Neely

15 - Lois Hardy and Betsy Hall

22 - Marian Odell and Irene Noble

29 - Barbara and Jay Early

## SEPTEMBER USHERS:

September 1 - Bob Neely, Kitty Neely,  
David Bell, Barratt Banta

8 - Ann Oyer, Marian Odell,  
Wanda Stratton

15 - Barbara Early, Jay Early,  
Earl Todt

22 - Ralph Strickland, Tom Frank,  
Dimitry Sergay, Gerald Barnes

29 - Barbara Early, Jay Early,  
Earl Todt

## SEPTEMBER FLOWERS:

September 1 - Cay and Dick Roberts

The 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> are available

For sign-up

## SEPTEMBER COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

September 1 - Patty and Ralph Strickland

8 - Irene and Glenn Noble

15 - Cay and Dick Roberts

The 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> are available for sign-up

## LAST CALL TO CLAIM ITEMS LEFT IN OUR KITCHEN

In August a table was set up in the foyer to hold odds and ends that have been accumulating in the church kitchen for a long time. Please look through the items left and see if anything belongs to you. The "leftovers" will be taken to the Goodwill Store in town and to Pike County Outreach very soon.

# 25 YEARS OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

In 1988 Presbyterian Women was created bringing together the women's organizations from the two denominations that had merged to become the Presbyterian Church(USA). Practices, programs and faithful women from both United Presbyterian Women (of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.) and Women of the Church (of the Presbyterian Church in the United States) were joined to form Presbyterian Women.

For 25 years now our beloved organization has been witnessing to the promise of God's kingdom and transforming lives around the world, And, of course, this young group is carrying on the more-than-200-year tradition of Presbyterian women meeting, praying, and acting together in shared love of God.

**OVER THE PAST 25 YEARS, we have joined in mission in a variety of ways. Through Mission Opportunities and in partnership with the International Health Ministries we have donated funds to supply bicycles, mattresses, and mosquito nets in Africa.**

**OVER THE PAST 25 YEARS, through the Thank and Birthday Offerings we have provided funds to build schools, hospitals, domestic violence shelters, homeless shelters and transitional living shelters. We have provided money for prison ministries, education, hunger, disabilities, family, health, evangelism and so much more!**

**OVER THE PAST 25 YEARS THESE ARE THE FACTS AND FIGURES:**  
The Thank Offering has totaled \$24,000,000. given to nearly 2,000 projects at home and abroad.

The Birthday Offering has been \$20,000,000. distributed to 91 projects national and international.

**The total mission pledge that PW has made through their presbyteries to support mission programs and ministries has been \$70,000,000.**

**And it's not all about MONEY as our Purpose clearly states:**

**Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit we commit ourselves:  
to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study  
to support the mission of the church worldwide  
to work for justice and peace  
to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church ((USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's Kingdom.**



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

# September 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September 2013</h1> 						
<p><b>1</b> 9:30 a.m. Adult Class 10:45 a.m. Worship</p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>Labor Day Church Office Closed</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> 8 a.m. Seeve. Tuggers Circle Mtgs. 10:30 a.m. Choir 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>5</b> Leffler/Mays Wed. Reh. 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b> Leffler/Mays Wedding 4:30 p.m. Sat. Night Praise 5 p.m.</p>
<p><b>8</b> 9:30 a.m. Adult. Class  10:45 a.m. Worship PW Celebration</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> Sleeve- Tuggers 8:00 a.m.  Choir 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>12</b> Evangelism Mtg. 1:30 p.m.  Worship Mtg. 4 p.m.</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> Saturday Night Praise 5 p.m.</p>
<p><b>15</b> 9:30 a.m. Ad. Class 10:45 a.m. Worship CROP WALK 1 p.m.</p>	<p><b>16</b> Session Mtg. 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>17</b> Presbytery Mtg. 3:30 p.m. London</p>	<p><b>18</b> Sl. Tuggers 8:00 a.m.. P.W.C.T. 1:30 p.m. Choir 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>19</b> Communion 10:30 a.m. Bristol Health  Stewardship 2 p.m.</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b> Saturday Night Praise 5 p.m.</p>
<p><b>22</b> 9:30 a.m. Ad. Class 10:45 a.m. Worship Thank Offer</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> Fellowship Mtg. 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>25</b> Sl. Tuggers 8:00 a.m.  Choir 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b> Saturday Night Praise 5:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>29</b> 9:30 a.m. Ad. Class 10:45 a.m. Worship Peace- Making Offer</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>					

Scripture Texts for Sunday Worship, September 2013

September 1	Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:q, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:2, 7-24 Pastor Rick: "Better a Debtor?"
September 8	Jeremiah 18:1-18; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33 Pastor Rick: "Silly Putty or Vitreous China?"
September 15	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10 Pastor Rick: "Functional Atheism"
September 22	Presbyterian Women Thank Offering Service Nel Huck, guest preacher
September 29	Peacemaking Offering Sunday Jeremiah 31:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31 Pastor Rick: "Whose Your Idol?"

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### Christian Conditions

"We won't get an accurate sense of how the Christian life works if we fail to assess the conditions, or avoid facing the conditions. Conditions: weather, soil, money, racial feelings and class rivalries, tribal traditions and social costumes, technology and sex, the kinds of music played and the way language is used and the sorts of stories told. The conditions, for most of us, become assumptions. We absorb these conditions with our mother's milk and rarely, if ever, think about them. Sometimes the conditions are favorable, sometimes unfavorable to being formed in the image of God, but always they're there. We don't become Christians in a social or cultural or political vacuum. Charles Williams, in a brilliant exposition of the coming into being of the Christian community, writes that Jesus was born under three conditions: Roman power, Greek culture, and human sin. Williams convincingly insists that the Holy Spirit, which gave exposition to the life of Jesus in the shifting conditions of the centuries of the church's life, is always at work in conditions. It's not that the conditions limit the Spirit's work; instead, our Lord the spirit chooses to work within the limits. By working within these limits, the Spirit doesn't baptize the conditions—not many Christians look on first century Palestine, for example, as a golden age. What we understand here is twofold: there are virtually no conditions that preclude the Spirit's work, and the Spirit never works apart from the conditions. God can use any conditions at hand in the making of his Kingdom."

From, "*Leap Over a Wall: Earthy Spirituality for Everyday Christians*" by Eugene Peterson. (Page 214,215)