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Let us define stewardship as, *Carefully and responsibly managing something entrusted to one's care.* So it is not just about money. During our strongest declarations of commitment to Jesus, we commitment every aspect of our lives to Him. We frequently try to show our partnership with God. People have said things like, "God is my co-pilot." Some may give a different emphasis, "God is my pilot and I am the co-pilot." Then we say that everything we have really belongs to God. To be realistic, we do not simply hand over all our resources, money and lives to God and step out of the way.

This relationship, this partnership with God, is not just one sided. We have a major role. We could say we are co-managers with God of our resources and our lives. However, problems can arise in the struggles of day-to-day living that cause us to lose sight of our awesome and honorable assignment as managers, or stewards, of God's property. God has divided the job among so many of us that most of us have direct responsibility for what may be only a very small amount of resources.

We are real partners and co-workers together with God. What a glorious job. A real partner is someone who has an active part in the business. A proper partner in any proper business has an active part in that business. So, real partners are workers together with God and it's a glorious job.

This work—the life and purpose of the church—bears witness to God's "kingdom come" into the world, which glorifies God and serves as a foretaste of that which is to come. Where there is injustice (including economic injustice), the church works to enact justice; where there is unrighteousness, the church works to establish righteousness; where there is conflict, the church works for peace. And all of this work, carried on through countless everyday initiatives, is done in love—love from God, for God, and for others.

*Pastor Bob*

## THIS MONTH

Saturday, November 2 - 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday Night Praise Service

Sunday, November 3 - Daylight Savings Time

Ends—Set clocks back one hour

9:30 a.m. Adult Class— Stewardship Series

“Giving Freely”

10:45 a.m. Worship

Wednesday, November 6 - Circle Meetings

1:30 p.m. Esther Circle at the Home of Irene

Noble, 709 E. Third Street

1:30 p.m. Martha Mary Circle at the home

Helen Heinmiller, 617 E. Seventh Street

Study Leader: Florence Vonderohe

Saturday, November 9 - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Night Praise Service

Sunday, November 10 - 9:30 a.m. Adult Class

Stewardship Series “Involvement”

10:45 a.m. Worship “Stewardship Sunday”

Guest Speaker: Philip Hazelton (See special  
Article in this newsletter)

Pledge Cards to be returned

Thursday, November 14 - 10:00 a.m.

Stewardship Committee Mtg.

1:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee Mtg.

4:00 p.m. Worship Committee

Saturday, November 16 - 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday Night Praise Service

Sunday, November 17 - 9:30 a.m. Adult Class

“The Wired Word” Leader TBA

Monday, November 18 - 7:00 p.m.

Session Meeting

## THIS MONTH continued...

Tuesday, November 19 - 3:30 p.m.

Presbytery Meeting at Covenant Church

Wednesday, November 20 - 1:40 p.m.

P.W.C.T. Meeting at the Glenn Center

Thursday, November 21 - 10:30 a.m.

Communion at Bristol Health Care

1:30 p.m. Evangelism Committee Mtg.

Saturday, November 23 - 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday Night Praise Service

Sunday, November 24 - 9:30 a.m.

Adult Class “Advent Lessons” led by Rev.  
Richard Hays

10:45 a.m. Worship

Communion (Deacons’ Offering)

Thursday, November 28 - Thanksgiving Day

Church Closed

Friday, November 29 - Church Closed

Saturday, November 30 - 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday Night Praise Service

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## Thank You

I wish to express my thanks to everyone for all the phone calls, cards, concerns, prayers and visits during the time of Joe’s illness and death.

Elinor Hodder

# Thank You

Pastors Bob and Rick want to vigorously thank Betsy Hall and Tom Patterson for their long hours and hard work in developing the recently published church directory.

The original aim was to produce a professional looking, serviceable directory at a low cost, with minimal time investment, and without pushy sales pitches to members and friends. Three out of those five goals were nominally achieved.

Tom and Betsy spent a lot of time trying to get the computer software to do things it wouldn't let them do. It had limited options for picture size and placement and font choice and size for picture captions and the directory pages.

Several people proof read the directory after each editing iteration, and still several misspellings eluded them. A higher grade paper than our everyday paper was used, but an even better grade paper could have been used.

Most users have celebrated the end product, even given the acknowledged shortcomings. Betsy and Tom wish the finished directory could have been better. Regrettably a few acerbic criticisms lodged with Tom and Betsy in ungracious ways have taken the shine off the achievement for them.

Betsy and Tom, thank you for your very good work under less than adequate conditions. Everyone has learned from the project and that learning will be useful when future directories are considered. Again, thank you.

Grace and peace,

**Rick**

## Scripture Texts for Sunday Worship, November 2013

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|-------------|---|
| November 3  | Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Ps. 119:137-144; <b>2 Thessalonians 1:1-12</b> ; Luke 19:1-10<br>Pastor Rick: "There's Nothing Pedestrian About Being Presbyterian"<br>Celebration of All Saints |
| November 10 | Stewardship Celebration Sunday: Found Faithful – With little, with much, with all.<br>Guest preacher: Dr. Philip M. Hazelton, pastor emeritus, Worthington Church.                      |
| November 17 | "Singing Out the Old and Singing in the New"<br>Thanksgiving for <i>The Presbyterian Hymnal</i> and Welcome to <i>Glory to God</i>  |
| November 24 | <b>Jeremiah 23:1-8</b> ; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43<br>Pastor Rick: "A Non-Camo King"  |

## THANK YOU FROM FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Thanks to those who signed up to be Coffee Hour hosts during the Fall quarter. Evelyn and Gary Baker, Barb and Jay Early, Betsy Hall, Irene and Glen Noble, Marian Odell, Cay and Dick Roberts, Patty and Ralph Strickland, Jean and Paul Sydow, Elaine and Otto Zingg. We all enjoy the fellowship that Coffee Hours provide!

The "bread-baker chart" is also filling up. Betsy Hall, Louise Netzley, Cay Roberts, Nancy Seward, Wanda Stratton, and Jean Sydow will keep our mini welcome loaves available for visitors... all the way through March.

We hope you'll continue to check those volunteer charts on the kiosk and consider serving our church in this way.

### A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING...

...and everything in its place. That's a good motto we learned as children and it still works today. What a pleasure it is to have generous work space and clean counters where food and coffee can be easily prepared. More importantly, those preparing and cleaning up Communion will have room to maneuver on the "cleared decks."

Don't forget to put away any dishes/pots and pans you use, and take home towels, dish cloths, tablecloths, etc., for laundering. Special BIG thanks for sorting the clean silverware instead of just throwing it into the drawer. It's a time saver for the next kitchen crew!

## GREETER SUPPLIES

The Greeter supplies are in the first door on the right as we enter the kitchen. You will find red gift bags and church-information flyers on the shelves. The mini loaves of bread, offered to first-time visitors, are in the freezer. An important reminder: please remember to return unused loaves to the freezer before taking your seat in church. While the loaves remain frozen for some time after being removed from the freezer, fully thawed loaves become a bit mushy when re-frozen.

### WELCOME THE CHILDREN

We now have a hospitality gift for visiting children as well. They are in the same cupboard with the bread bags. Young children receive an activity book with crayons, plus one or two other "busy" items. Helps to keep them occupied so parents can relax a bit during worship.

### NOT SURE WHAT TO DO?

Guidelines (and helpful hints) for Coffee Hour hosts and Greeters are available in the "Fellowship" mailbox across the hall from Pastor Rick's office. Or...you can pick up a copy from Secretary Barb Patterson.

Fellowship Committee: Betsy Hall, Louise Netzley, Nancy Seward, Wanda Stratton, Jean Sydow. Next meeting is THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14 AT 1:30.

### **Communion Service at Home**

The Lord's Supper is a vital part of the ministry of the church. This Sacrament is a significant means for each of us to increase our Christian faith and experience the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. All members of the congregation are welcome to observe the communion, even when they cannot come to the worship service.

If you know that you will not be able to attend on the Sunday when communion is observed please call the church office during the week before the scheduled communion service. In this way the elders and deacons of the church can plan a visit following communion on that Sunday afternoon. The communion service when observed by those who are "shut in" from attending the Sunday worship, is an extension of the congregation's worship. This is described in this excerpt from *The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Part II, Book of Order 2011-2013*.

The Lord's Supper [has] special significance in the life of the Christian community, . . . the celebration of the Sacrament is open to the whole believing community. The Lord's Supper may be observed in connection with the visitation of the sick and those isolated from public worship as a means of extending the church's ministry to them. On all such occasions of the celebration of the Sacrament, the Word shall be read and proclaimed. Even though such a celebration may involve only a few members of the congregation, nevertheless it is not to be understood as a private ceremony or devotional exercise, but as an act of the whole church, which shall be represented not only by the teaching elder or the one authorized by presbytery to administer the Sacrament, but also by one or more members of the congregation authorized by the session to represent the church.

### **CHANGES! CHANGES! CHANGES! COMING SOON TO YOUR WORSHIP SERVICE ☺**

As a result of serious study and discussion, the Worship Committee is making two changes in our normal pattern of worship. Both of these changes occur at the end of the service.

The first change is to emphasize carrying the light of Christ into the world. Therefore, before extinguishing the last candle on the communion table, the acolyte will light the candle lighter and carry this light out of the sanctuary.

As we discussed the purpose of the postlude, we realized that the conclusion of our corporate worship is declared by the pastoral charge and benediction. After the charge and benediction--on behalf of the congregation--the choir sings a response which is our "So be it!. Let's go!"

The purpose of the postlude is to give us "marching music" as we go into the world. Therefore, following the choral response, we will begin our exit from the sanctuary. (Those who find it meaningful to sit and listen to the postlude are free to do so.)

## **VISITORS IN WORSHIP**

**September 29**

Jeromy and Brandi Zingg and children Hannah,  
Avery and Jacob, Westerville, OH,  
family of Otto and Elaine Zingg  
Sharon Weaver, Waverly  
Glenn Peterson, Piketon

**October 13**

Sharon Weaver, Waverly  
Del Young, Medina, NY  
Richard Schwarzott, Medina, NY  
Glenn Peterson, Piketon  
Marj Lacey, San Diego, CA, sister of Wanda  
Stratton  
Greg Adkins, Waverly

**October 20**

Lil Adams, Bristol Village  
Donna Keyse, Bristol Village  
Gail Yount, Fostoria, OH, daughter of Bud  
Hobday  
Judy Kerry, Steamboat Springs, CO,  
daughter of Don Kerry  
Wesley Hamilton, grandson of Irene and Glenn  
Noble

### **Philip M. Hazelton to Speak Stewardship Sunday, November 10th**

Philip M. Hazelton is a native of Lancaster, Ohio. He was ordained by the former Presbytery of Columbus. He has served as assistant pastor of the Havenwood Church, Lutherville-Timonium, Maryland; pastor of First Church, Bluffton, Indiana; pastor of Orchard Lake (Michigan) Community Church; and pastor of the Worthington (Ohio) Presbyterian Church, from which he retired in 2007, and was subsequently named pastor emeritus. In retirement he has served as pastoral assistant at the New Albany Church and summer interim at the former Columbus Central Church. Rev. Hazelton is a graduate of The Ohio State University (B.S. in marketing); Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (M.Div. and D.Min.) He and his wife Judy live in New Albany, Ohio. They have four sons and a daughter and ten grandchildren.

**PW Fifth Wednesday  
Conversations  
October 30  
1:30 PM**

**Everyone is Invited**

**Speaker: Rebecca J. Tollefson  
Executive Director,  
Ohio Council of Churches**

**Title: "Who Is My Neighbor?"  
Topic: Immigration**

**Refreshments will be served.**

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**WATCH FOR THE ENTRY OF  
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
OF WAVERLY  
IN THE JINGLE BELL PARADE.  
NOVEMBER 23**

# MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

OCTOBER 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

Class of 2013      Class of 2014      Class of 2015

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

Dendamrongsaat Church — Chiangrai, Thailand

## Ministers Serving from Home

### At Bristol Health Care

444 Cherry St., Waverly OH 45690

Betty Benefiel-14      Maryanna Cassady-304-A

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

### In the Waverly Area

### In Other Places

Kitty McCollam, Max Russell,

### In Military Service

Sarah Kolb, Kacie Lee, Aaron McCord

## November Worship Assistants:

November 3 - Earl Todt

10 - Patty Todt

17 - Betsy Hall

24 -

## November Greeters:

November 3 - Wanda & Lew Stratton

10 - Tom Frank & Dimitry

Sergay

17 - Ruth Karner & Marian Odell

24 - Barbara & Tom Patterson

## November Flowwers:

November 3 -

10 - Pat and Bob Penrose

17 -

24 -

## November Coffee Hour Hosts:

November 3 - Patty & Earl Todt

10 - Elaine & Otto Zingg

17 -

24 - No Coffee Hour due to Communion

## November Ushers:

3 - Robert Neely, Kitty Neely, David Bell, Barratt Banta

10 - Ann Oyer, Marian Odell, Wanda Stratton

17 - Barbara & Jay Early, Earl Todt, Bud Hobday

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

## 'PREPARE THE WAY" Dec. 4th

Advent pot luck dinner and program sponsored by PW, (Presbyterian Women), but ALL ARE WELCOME!

Come and enjoy a rich time of food and fellowship, inspiring program of readings and music. We will begin eating promptly at 6:00 p.m. with program following.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 5- Lew Stratton

15—Ben Lane

16—Jeanne Barron

21—Bud Hobday

25—Shirley Pryor

30—Gerald Barnes



Speaker: Rebecca J. Tolleson  
Executive Director,  
Ohio Council of Churches  
October 30, 1:30 PM  
PW Fifth Wednesday

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## AMEN CORNER

*Your very lives are a letter that anyone can read by just looking at you. 2 Corinthians 3:3 (The Message).*




There is a definite downside to our contemporary culture and that is the loss of the handwritten letter. With e-mail our thoughts become shortened and less, well, thoughtful. It's a quick medium demanding an instantly quick response. Little is communicated through this medium that we would want to read over and over again. I cherish the thick 35 year old letter that is tucked away in my treasure box with my Dad's signature. I have read it more than once.

Reading is essential to learning and so the communicated word becomes vital to our growth. We are 'read' by whoever we encounter through the day. Our actions, our words, our responses all communicate who we are and what we're feeling. Residents of the world can read a hundred books on the life of Jesus but the most impressive will be reading a life that lives for Jesus. How we allow Christ to write on our lives will ultimately communicate how important he is in our lives. It's a letter that will be read over and over again by friends, family, co-workers, anyone. It's sobering and deeply convicting – each day our lives should be a visible letter that bears the signature of Jesus.

*Jesus, write Yourself on my life. Help me to live each day with the thought that I am being read, and in the reading, people are learning about You. Amen.*

Valerie Mangrum, "A word from the Word"



| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|---|
| <h1>November 2013</h1>   |  |   |  |  |  |   |
|  |  |   |  |  | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b><br>5-7 p.m.<br>Saturday Night Praise Service     |
| <b>3</b><br>9:30 a.m.<br>Ad. Class<br>10:45 a.m.<br>Worship<br>Daylight Savings Time Ends<br><b>Set Clocks back 1 hour</b> | <b>4</b><br>Pastor Hays away Nov. 4-8th attending Prof. Retreat and Mid-Council Net Work | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b><br>Sleeve-Tuggers 8 a.m.<br><br>Circle Meetings 1:30 p.m.<br><br>Choir 7 p.m. | <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b><br><br>5-7 p.m.<br>Saturday Night Praise Service |
| <b>10</b><br>9:30 a.m.<br>Adult Class<br><br>10:45 a.m.<br>Worship<br><b>Stewardship Sunday</b>                            | <b>11</b>  | <b>12</b>   | <b>13</b><br>Sleeve-Tuggers 8 a.m.<br><br>Choir 7 p.m.                                 | <b>14</b><br>Stewardship 10 a.m.<br><br>Fellowship 1:30 p.m.<br><br>Worship 4 pm   | <b>15</b>   | <b>16</b><br>5-7 p.m.<br>Saturday Night Praise Service    |
| <b>17</b><br>9:30 a.m.<br>Adult Class<br><br>10:45 a.m.<br>Worship   | <b>18</b><br><b>Courier Deadline</b><br><br>Session Mtg. 7 p.m.                          | <b>19</b><br>Presbytery Mtg. 3:30 p.m.<br>Covenant Church | <b>20</b><br>Sleeve Tugg. 8 a.m.<br>P.W.C.T. Mtg. 1:40 pm<br><br>Choir 7 p.m.          | <b>21</b> <br>10:30 a.m.<br>Communion at Bristol<br>Health Care<br><br>Evangelism 1:30 p.m. | <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b><br>5-7 p.m.<br>Saturday Night Praise Service    |
| <b>24</b><br>9:30 a.m.<br>Adult Class<br><br>10:45 a.m.<br>Worship<br><b>Communion Deacons' Off</b>                        | <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b>   | <b>27</b><br>Sleeve Tugges 8 a.m.<br><br>Choir 7 p.m.                                  | <b>28</b> <br>Thanksgiving Day<br><br>Church Closed  | <b>29</b><br><br>Church Closed  | <b>30</b><br>5-7 p.m.<br>Saturday Night Praise Service    |

FALL BACK

