

Serving Our Community



June is national candy month
June is national dairy month
June is national seafood month
June is national steak house month
June is national papaya month
June is national turkey lover's month

As June loves food -- we love Harvester's Mission. Thus it should be our mission to give food to Harvesters in June.

Ann Butler



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Like us on: 

Vacation Bible School



Come Join Us!
Vacation Bible School, June 18-20,
5:30pm to 8:00pm.

If you would like to volunteer for this fun event the sign up sheets are on the bulletin board near the south entrance of the building.

Please contact Lynne Crossette with questions. The children will be making, Ojo de Dios, the eye of God. We would be grateful for scraps of yarn any length, color or texture.

Ward Press

Glorify God & Grow Disciples & Go Serve

June 2013

Reflections from Pastor Connie

Dear Ward Parkway Presbyterian Family,

Summer has arrived. School is out and flowers are blooming all around us in response to God's gifts of rain and sunshine. Some are anticipating rest that comes with taking time off of work for vacation. Others are enjoying being in the garden, on their bikes or simply enjoying the beauty that surrounds us. At WPPC, plans are underway for Youth Sunday with a hot dog feast to follow. Soon afterwards, our halls will be filled with energetic children who come from all over our community to Vacation Bible School.

At the same time, we are mindful that many around us are suffering. The tornadoes in Oklahoma stole life and livelihood from many and recovery efforts will be ongoing. Many who are close to us struggle with issues of their own health and welfare or the health and welfare of a loved one. Our troubles never seem to go on vacation.

I encourage you to use these summer days to practice the discipline of slowing down and noticing God's beauty, and grace. Seek opportunities to praise God for God's goodness. When you witness something lovely in your day, thank God. When you enjoy good rest, be mindful that the Lord is always attentive to you and wants to restore you. When you come to worship on Sunday morning, consider the joy of being among God's people in God's presence. When you read your Bible, expect that God will speak to you, nudging you to gain wisdom or to act or refrain from action. Allow yourself the luxury of dwelling on one passage of scripture for the whole week. James wrote: **Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.** (James 4:8) God is always with us; connecting with God is our choice.

When we slow down and look for God, we are more likely to experience God, even and especially in our struggles and the struggles of others. The psalmist wrote:

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. (Psalm 34:17-18)

If you are brokenhearted or crushed in spirit, how might you acknowledge and experience the closeness of the Lord? How might you cry out to God? Do you trust that God is willing and able to deliver you? Would you be willing to entrust your struggle to another and ask for not just their listening ear, but their fervent prayer? As the psalmist and the hymn writer remind us, the Lord owns the cattle on a thousand hills and the Lord encourages us: **Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you...** (Psalm 50:10,15)

In these summer days, let's slow our pace and seek our Lord.

Yours in Christ's love,
Connie



Sunday Worship, 10:30am
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Prayers and Concerns

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful"
Colossians 4:2



Healing for all who are suffering in body, mind and spirit.

Prayers for Camp Heartland and the young people from our congregation who plan to attend this summer: Jace Smith, Katarina Hill, Ben Hill, Quinn Stoy, Emme Stoy, Emma Peck and Brian Happell (counselor).

Prayers for Joseph Hill and Stephanie Phalp as they prepare for their wedding on June 28.

Prayers for our three recent high school graduates and their families: Charlie Crossette, Grace Guthrie and Ben Rucker.

Prayers for God's healing and mercy for the people of Moore, Oklahoma as they move forward after the May 20 tornado.

Happy Birthday!



Craig Babb - June 2
Dorothy Clarke - June 5
Benjamin Rucker - June 10
Karen Wiederaenders - June 19
Scott Crossette - June 20
Priscilla Edwards - June 21
Meg Stewart & Barnett Rucker - June 28

Morning Devotional

*Promise kept!
Behold the laughing leaves!*

*Gentle wafts of wonder tease
And fascinate your eyes.*

*Petals float upon the breeze.
Music wanders through the trees.
Dreams whisper from a distant cloud.*

*Waiting's over! Grace arose!
Redemption spread across the barren land...*

*His light shines upon your face.
His steadfast touch inspired this place,
Transforming winter's pall to vivid Wow!*

*So spring into your blissful dance!
Sing, shout, and look about!*

*Promise kept!
Behold the laughing leaves!*

Victoria Ferris

Camp Heartland



This summer, six children from WPPC will attend Camp Heartland, our Presbyterian camp in Parkville, MO: Emme and Quinn Stoy, Emma Peck, Katarina and Ben Hill and Jace Smith. Brian Happell will serve as a camp counselor. Our congregation has provided a 50% scholarship for each child and the Camps for Kids organization has matched our contribution. We are grateful for the generosity of our congregation and Camps for Kids (campsforkids.org).

Please pray that our children will learn more of God's love and grace and that they will experience the beauty and wonder of God's creation at Camp Heartland this summer.

Preschool News



The preschool is looking forward to our Summer Camps! They will begin on June 4th with our Disney themed week. We will hold 7 weeks of camps all running Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9am to 1pm. Children had the opportunity to enroll in fun themed weeks such as Bugs, Cooking, Space, Sports, Science and At the Beach!! Children will participate in sprinkler activities on Wednesdays, and enjoy daily PE activities. We are looking forward to a fun filled summer!!!

Kim & Kathy

Todd & Julie Hendry

Dear Pastor & Friends at Ward Parkway Presbyterian,

We thank you for your abundant generosity and support of our ministry in planting churches in Northeast Brazil. We are facing a period of drought now for two years and the people are fearing the rise in prices and lack of food. Please pray for the Lord to send His rain and give food to the people. And Please pray as we share spiritual truth which can be food that sustains them eternally-the Bread and life, Jesus Christ. May the Lord guard and sustain you all as well.

In His Steps, Todd & Julie Hendry

Youth Sunday June 9, 2013

Hot Dog it's Youth Sunday!
Let's continue the celebration with gourmet hot dogs from New York Dawg Pound (toppings included). Please bring a side dish or dessert. See the signup sheet in the narthex or call Lynne Crossette at 913-710-0330.

April Session Meeting

April 2013 Session Notes

Elder Cottrell asked the session to review and comment on "Accomplishments and Challenges in 2012" requested by the Church Order and Listening Council of the Presbytery.

Treasurer's Report: Period ending March 31, 2013

Income to date	\$70,347.17
Expense to date	41,330.36
Variance	29,016.81

Deacons report received with gratitude.

Operations: Elder Liepsner reported on replacing the HVAC in the education wing will cost \$50,000 to \$60,000. Bill Iler's company will do the installation. Ordering equipment will take three weeks and installation two weeks. Room coils, fans and pipes are functioning properly at this time and Mr. Iler does not recommend modifications. The sessions approved this proposal up to \$65,000. The session voted to obtain \$65,000 from our line of credit and repay the loan through unrestricted memorial funds and a capital improvement campaign.

Elder Liepsner reported that he has had further conversations with Deffenbaugh as he is attempting to get the lids on the trash bins secure.

Mission and Stewardship: Elder Durig reported that he has received thank you letters from our missionaries.

Personnel: Elder Nelson reported that personnel reviews will be performed by August. He also reported that we need a backup nursery attendant.

Fellowship and Hospitality: Elder Crossette reminded the Session that the Knox Presbyterian Church Celebration Choir will perform for us on May 5th. This event is preceded by a meal for the choir and for WPPC members

Pastor's Report: Pastor Connie reported that the May 21 Session meeting will be a Session Retreat beginning with a meal at 6:30.

The Acts 16:5 team will join other church teams at Bethel PC on April 25 for an day long meeting on stewardship.

Youth Sunday is June 9. At that time we will recognize graduating seniors – Ben Rucker, Grace Guthrie, and Charlie Crossette. Younger youth will also participate and Carmen Rinehart has volunteered to coach the youth on the chimes.