Installation of the new system began in late June and system will be in operation by July 8. Thanks to Bill Iler and his crew from Design Mechanical for their good work. We can now look forward to a dependably cool building and lower utility costs.

To date, eighteen families have contributed a total of $16,140 to the capital campaign to fund the new chiller. Thanks to all who have contributed. This campaign will continue until we have reached our $30,000 goal. If you have not yet made a contribution, please consider supporting this effort.

We are in the midst of a beautiful summer. People are outside enjoying the weather, gardens, sports and hobbies. Fruit and vegetables are plentiful and fresh. Parks are full of children, parents and pets. There are runners, walkers and cyclists everywhere. On the surface, it would seem that no one has a care in the world.

But we know that looks can be deceiving -- some in our midst feel like they are in the middle of a bleak midwinter. Jesus told his first disciples and he tells us, “In this world you will have trouble.” Are you going through a struggle? Is someone you know and love dealing with more than they can handle? Do you sense that no one understands? Do you feel alone?

Scripture assures us that our feelings are not always a reliable guide. Through faith, we know that the Spirit is our constant companion. When Jesus was preparing his disciples for his death, he said, “…I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever…” (John 14:16; NIV). If you were to look at this word “Counselor” across several modern translations of the Bible, you would see several different words: Helper, Comforter and Advocate. This is because the word in Greek has a very broad range of meaning--all of these descriptions are appropriate. The Spirit of God knows no limits in the ways in which the Spirit reaches into our lives to help us.

How have you known the comfort of the Spirit in the past? How might the Spirit comfort you now? Through words of scripture, pondered over time? Through the wisdom, kindness and mercy of friends? Through devotional materials? Through a sense of wonder in nature, the arts and even our neighbors? The Spirit never leaves us. We can always say with the apostle Paul, “…we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.”

God’s peace be with you,
Pastor Connie
Prayers and Concerns

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

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

Prayers of thanksgiving for the marriage of Joseph Hill and Stephanie Phalp on June 28.

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

Happy Birthday!

Connie Hembree -July 2
Bob Rohlfing -July 5
Jessica Goetz -July 17
Mileigh Hall & Jim Kurtz -July 19
Susan Stewart -July 22
Rachel, Nathan & Thomas Lusk -July 24

Adult Christian Education

The Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study in Room 2 will be in recess July and August. We will resume our studies in The Fall (September, 2013). The Holy Grounds Gathering will continue through the summer.

Morning Devotional

Thoughts on small groups….

Gathering with familiar faces feels good.
Conversation seems rich and diverse among people whose lives reflect an ever-changing society.
Unfolding discussions reveal inner selves, laying heartaches, joys, doubts, and steadfast faith right out on the table with study books, Bibles, notebooks, pens, coffee cups, and water bottles.

We come together seeking fellowship and desiring deeper faith. A mysterious force moves among these groups. Grace is present. God is present. By sharing pains, confusions, hopes, and visions, we discover our individual uniqueness, and also see our overpowering sameness.

Particular details of each person’s experience may be different; we have different thoughts and opinions, but the revelation is this: Everyone hurts, and wonders, questions, and hopes. Even when the lesson isn’t particularly inspiring, or the discussion isn’t very stimulating, even if we see each other no other time but this, we do it. We share ourselves.

We come together with purpose to support each other, pray, and learn about our faith. I think that’s powerful. What do you think?

Victoria Ferris

Preschool News

We have sure enjoyed our first couple weeks of sure camp!! We have a full roster which provide lots of laughter and fun in the classroom and outside. The children enjoy daily PE, lots of outdoor play time, weekly sprinkler and water play, and themed lessons and activities! Summer camp will run for seven weeks from 9-1.

In addition to summer camp, we are gearing up for the beginning of our school year in early September. We are busy planning activities and our yearly calendar!

Stop by and take a look at our garden on the west lawn. It is full of herbs, tomatoes, and even a pumpkin vine. It will be a bumper crop this year.

Kim & Kathy

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Our Congregation gave $375 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help those affected by the Oklahoma tornadoes.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) continues to be present in Moore, Oklahoma, and in other communities experiencing inclement weather across the country — even as the media begins to move on.

According to many reports, the tornado in Moore impacted about 4,000 homes, businesses and non-residential buildings in the area. 1,248 buildings were completely destroyed. Communities from across the socioeconomic spectrum were impacted in many ways and will need ongoing support in terms of long term recovery.

PDA, working in cooperation with Church World Service (CWS), has helped to provide 1,500 Gift of the Heart Hygiene Kits, 300 School Kits, 210 Baby Kits, 185 Emergency Cleanup Buckets and 300 CWS Blankets for distribution to tornado survivors, especially in Moore and Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Please continue to pray for people at risk, those who have lost loved ones and homes, and responders working to address needs.

http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/pda/oklahoma-tornado-may-2013/

May Session Meeting

*The session enjoyed a delicious meal prepared and beautifully presented by Elder Lynne Crossette.
*A letter has been received from Sally Hinchman, Stated Clerk of Heartland Presbytery, notifying WPPC that our membership of 85 as of December 31, 2012 allows us to send one commissioner to meetings of the Presbytery.
*The body voted to re-elected Treasurer, Mike Lochmann for a one year term.

Treasurer’s Report:
Period ending April 30, 2013
Income to Date $82,764.62
Expense to Date 57,275.31
Variance 25,489.31

*The Deacons’ report was received with gratitude for their ongoing commitment to their ministry.
*Elder Liepsner reported that the new HVAC equipment is on order. He has volunteered to be in charge of the Capital Campaign Committee. He reported that several people have expressed interest in the campaign. Pastor Connie encouraged Bob to go forward in forming a campaign committee.
*Elder Crossette reported that VBS flyers were distributed to the Preschool and 4 children have already enrolled.
*June 9 is Youth Sunday and there will be a hot dog lunch following worship.
*Heartland Presbytery’s Church Planting and Revitalization Council has requested use of our fellowship hall on August 28th. They will bring their own food and ask only that we prepare the space for their dinner and meeting.
*Sean Richards, Associate Pastor of a church plant called Reach in the Village, requested use of six to eight overnight spaces in our south parking lot to be used by their staff who will be living in a house across 75th Street. The body approved their usage on a probationary basis of one month.
*Steve Nelson was asked to chair the Nominating Committee and accepted.
*Pastor Connie has had conversation with Juanita Leonard’s daughter regarding gifts given in her memory. The money will be used for the church’s ministry with children.