March Session Notes

Clerk’s Report: Mardy Cottrell will step aside as Clerk and will remain on Session.

Deacons Report: Minutes from the Deacons meetings of February and March were received with thanks and appreciation for the many ways that the Deacons are serving our congregation.

Pastor’s Report:
Connie plans to teach the youth about Jesus’ Last Supper on the evening of March 29. Ward Parkway Home Association Easter Egg Hunt will be on our church grounds on Sunday, March 29 at 2:00 pm. Paige Williams/Chris Pulaski wedding is Saturday, May 16 at 2:00 pm in our sanctuary. Paige is Martha Nell Guisinger’s granddaughter. Reception is in Fellowship Hall.

Youth: Sean Stoy
Dates for VBS and Youth Sunday are coming up. There will be a new Sunday School class for young children.

Fellowship & Hospitality: Lynne Crossette
Fellowship will provide refreshments and lunch for our work day which is on April 18.

Stewardship & Mission: Bob Liepsner
Bob Liepsner will kick off the water bottle ministry on Palm Sunday.

Worship: Diana Justus
Planning for the Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday worship services.

Adult Discipleship: James Lusk
James is exploring the possibility of offering Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University course in the fall.

Operations: Steve Guthrie
Work day is scheduled for April 18, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. Three dead/dying trees in the southwest corner of our property will be removed soon. KCMO Health Department and Preschool concerns with the floating floor in Fellowship Hall are under discussion and solutions being explored. We are evaluating repair needs for building exterior, including doors and windows.

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June 2015

Youth Sunday, May 31, 2015

Tuesday, August 19:
Preschool Staff Meeting

Monday, August 25:
Preschool resumes
Office hours change to Mon. - Fri. 9 - 1:00pm

Tuesday, Sept. 2:
Women’s Bible Study resumes

Sunday, Sept 7:
Cornerstone Bible Study resumes
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Prayers and Concerns

* Pat Wiederaenders
* Martha and Dale Lundhigh
* Vacation Bible School
* Craig and Debbie Babb's family on the marriage of their son Cory on June 6 in England
* Sean Stoy’s mother Theresa
* Mike Montgomery’s sister in law, Pat
* Scott Curry’s wife, Joyce
* Our youth attending Heartland Camp: Jace Smith, Lilah and Prairie Cottrell, Katarina and Ben Hill and Eva and Mila Florkowski
* The work of Kansas City Rescue Mission, City Union Rescue Mission and Crosslines
* Our homebound members

Maxine Kirkpatrick has a new address!
17500 West 119th Street Apt. 3210
Olathe, Kansas 66061

Vacation Bible School

June 15-17, Monday-Wednesday

In this mission-focused VBS, kids experience God’s unstoppable love and discover how to fuel up and move in and through life with God. Children preschool-6th grade will gather with fun-loving, faith-filled leaders for dinner, music, Bible stories, crafts and games. Invite your friends & neighbors! Volunteer to help! Pre-registration is requested. Please call or E-mail the office.

Camp Scholarships

Thank you for your generosity! On May 31, Youth Sunday, we collected $461.04 in offerings to support scholarships for our youth to Heartland Camp.

Preschool News

Sarah Guthrie teaches our children about the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost!

youth@wppc will meet June 7th & 28th at the Lochmann home from 6-8:00pm. Get ready to splash around in the pool, have dinner, prayer, a bible story, singing, games and fellowship! Questions? Call Candis at 816-213-6750.

Reflections from Pastor Connie

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My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

Psa 42:1-2

One of my favorite bible stories is the story of the woman at the well in John 4. Jesus promised living water to this woman—fresh, clear spring water. But his offer was layered with meaning. He promised more than refreshment for the body. Jesus’ promise was for the refreshment of the soul. Jesus tells the woman that whoever drinks the water he gives never will be thirsty again because the water he offers is a spring welling up to eternal life. The woman wants to know where to get this water.

We know about spiritual thirst. When we look around, we see people thirst for companionship, healing, peace, stability, deliverance, purpose, acceptance, provision and so much more. In the great commission Jesus told us that we are to make disciples, that is, we are to be “water-bearers.” We are to be the ones who experience the reality of the living water and share this life-giving water with others.

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And I know that thirst is not present only in those who are suffering visibly. Most thirst lies just underneath the surface of outward appearances. Who in your life is thirsty? We bear living water when we share a water bottle with someone on the street.

As the weather heats up this summer, let’s be mindful of the thirst-quenching goodness of the water we bear!

Your in Christ’s love,
Pastor Connie


June Birthday’s

Dorothy Clarke-June 5
Ben Rucker-June 10
Janet Liepsner-June 17
Karen Wiederaenders-June 19
Scott Crossette-June 20
Priscilla Edwards-June 21
Barnett Rucker-June 28
Meg Stewart-June 28
Joseph Hill-June 28

Happy Anniversary

Happy 70th Wedding Anniversary to Will and Connie Hembree!
June 16, 1945-June 16, 2015

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