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Making disciples for Jesus Christ.

Pastor's Corner

Now that Easter has come and spring has finally arrived, new life seems to be the theme of the day. We had two wonderful services on Easter Sunday, we have new members joining the church and visitors we are getting to know, and the ministries of Oak Hill are humming with activity. Did you know that new PC(USA) congregations are being formed on a regular basis, bringing new life to our denomination even as we continue to strengthen our long-term congregations? 1001 New Worshiping Communities is a movement in the PC(USA) that supports the ministries of leaders in churches and presbyteries who are creating new worshiping communities. They are taking on new and varied forms of church for our changing culture. Primarily they are seeking to make and form new disciples of Jesus Christ, to change and transform the world. Here's a brief definition from the PC(USA) website:

***New:** Seeking to make and form new disciples of Jesus Christ; Taking on varied forms of church for our changing culture*

***Worshiping:** Gathered by the Spirit to meet Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament; Sent by the Spirit to join God's mission for the transformation of the world*

***Community:** Practicing mutual care and accountability; Developing sustainable leadership and finances*

The national church and local presbyteries provide start-up funding and support from staff and volunteers to help these new worshiping communities. Here are a few examples: **Under the Trees Community** in Minnesota, is a gateway to deeper faith to the unchurched, and if God leads, to an ongoing relationship with a community of Christians; **GPC House of Ministry** in Illinois, where Korean young adults host small groups and meet in homes to serve new friends with meals, share their time, listen to stories of broken lives, and give thanks through praise and prayers; **East Raleigh Fellowship** in North Carolina strives to be informal, upbeat, and welcoming, incorporating elements of each in its worship and community time; **Woven Community** in California is a life-giving community whose members believe in service, inclusivity, and authentically sharing the love of Christ.

The 1001 New Worshiping Communities initiative reflects our denomination's commitment to seek and support new life in creative ways as the church responds to the needs and realities of the 21st century. At the same time, the PC(USA) values and supports traditional and historic ways of worshiping and living in Christian community. Together, we continue to seek to transform the world in accord with God's relentless call to live faithfully, to do justice, and to love God and one another. Isn't it great to be part of a vibrant denomination? Please join with me in prayer for all of our congregations and the larger witness of God in the world.

Grace and peace,

Kathy



The Bulletin Board

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

First Sunday Potluck Luncheon

Join us for our First Sunday Potluck on May 4. The Worship and Christian Education will provide polish sausages and cheese grits. A turkey sausage option will be available on a limited basis as well. They will also provide desserts. Please bring a side dish to share if you are able! A free will offering will be collected to cover the costs of the meal. Hope to see you- bring a friend!

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Presbyterian Church USA is blessed with many excellent pastor candidates, and Oak Hill's Pastor Nominating Committee has had communication and conversation with some of them. We have Skyped with a few candidates and we are in the process of making plans for visits. Please keep us in your prayers.

EVANGELISM AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

A BIG THANK YOU to those who helped in the Easter activities. We really appreciate the hours given by our church members, the candies for the children, the visits with our extended members. As you have found out, you receive far more than you give. Once you have volunteered, you will look forward to the opportunity to do it again. God bless all of you.

Do you have a canopy that the church can use for SpringFest on Saturday, May 3? We need to have them at the church parking lot by 10 a.m. to get all in place before SpringFest begins at 11 a.m. We hope you stay around for barbecue, games, face painting, and pony rides. The Presbyterian Women will be offering their much-in-demand root beer floats. Canopies can be reclaimed after 2 p.m. Please let Toby Eckert, Mary

Lou Woodward, or the office know if you can provide a canopy.

Would you like to volunteer your service for SpringFest? It's a great way to get acquainted with those willing workers that you see scurrying around whenever the need arises. We would love to have you join us from 10 a.m. to set up, after 2 p.m. to tear down, or to participate in fun activities for church members (especially younger members) and neighbors. Call or email the church office, Toby Eckert, or Mary Lou Woodward. These opportunities all take place on Saturday, May 3, on the church parking lot.

Timely Topics

On Sunday, May 18, Timely Topics will feature the Alzheimers Association. Their speaker will share many of the projects available to anyone who requests it. Many folks may not know that the Alzheimers Association assists folks who are concerned about their mental abilities, not just those diagnosed with Alzheimers. In fact, there are about 60 different illnesses that may cause someone to need assurance. Alzheimers Association offers counseling for all. Some projects are available for all. Others have qualifiers. Come to the meeting to find out what help you can receive. Mary Lou Woodward has received the Faith Ambassador Training. Session members have brochures that explain various activities. The third component is an educational opportunity for members at our church site. A light lunch will be provided. Oak Hill is now one of the 150 churches in the St. Louis area who qualify as a member of the Faith Ambassadors.

**EVANGELISM AND MEMBERSHIP
COMMITTEE (cont'd)**

**MOUND RIDGE CAMP MISSION WEEKEND
May 16-18.**

Join a group of hard workers for a weekend of fun and good deeds. This Presbyterian camp offers kayaking, hiking, hearty meals, peace and serenity just 2 hours south on Hwy. 44. Our work project will take about 6 hours on Saturday. Rustic climate controlled lodging and your meals for less than \$100 person.

Check out the camp at <http://www.moundridge.org>. To ask questions or reserve your spot contact Toby Eckert.

MISSION COMMITTEE

May Shower For AMEN HOUSE

You're invited to help the Mission Committee stock up the AMEN House for Summer 2014! Starting May 4, you will see a display of needed supplies for AMEN House. We hope you'll take a few minutes to choose a few items to donate. They will be on pull-off tags on a display board in the Large Assembly Room. Most items can be purchased easily at your local grocery store, other items, you may want to donate the purchase amount and let us make the purchase. Items will include, toilet paper, paper towels, a Wisk, blender, cleaning rags, dish towels, dish rags, dish detergent, laundry soap, bleach, toilet bowl cleaner, Clorox Disinfectant wipes, liquid hand soap, trash bags, hand crank emergency lanterns, flash lights and batteries, emergency exit lighting, first-aid items. Items like dish towels, rags, blender and mixer may be gently used. Items will be collected until May 23. A container for donated items will be located next to the display board. Thank you for your support. Any questions contact Donna Cook, Heather Beckmann, Dena Roper, or Brendan Gregory.

Pot Luck Tuesdays are Back!

You are invited to join us on the following Tuesdays for potluck with our visiting mission teams. We are looking for hosts and clean up help. Reimbursement is available for your main dish expenses. Please bring a dish to share if you are able. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

- June 3 with New Zion Presbyterian Church Youth Group, Clarkson, Nebraska.
- June 10 with Arvada Presbyterian Church, Arvada Colorado and Oak Hill Youth
- June 17 with United Presbyterian Church, Washington, Iowa
- June 24 with Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, MO

Mark your calendars now! Contact Brendan Gregory, Donna Cook, or Dena Roper.

Volunteer Opportunity: Campus Kitchen

Campus Kitchen is a part of St. Louis University that feeds those in need. Volunteering with them is a Sunday afternoon commitment. It includes creating meals from the donations Campus Kitchen has received, packing meals to be delivered, cleaning the kitchen, and checking expiration dates on canned goods. All ages are welcome. All skill levels are welcome! Opportunities are available on Sunday, May 18, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Please contact the Mission Committee with questions. Sign up sheets will be available on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

Volunteer Opportunity: Room at the Inn

Room at the Inn is an opportunity to spend time with some of our neighbors who are going through a tough time right now and are working on improving their situation. Opportunities are still available on Saturday, May 31. Please contact the Mission Committee with questions. Please keep an eye out for the sign up form on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

MISSION COMMITTEE (cont'd)

Message from the Isaiah 58 Buddies!

As we look forward to May and June, our thoughts are all about summer! Did you know that you can grill slices of Spam in the same special meat holder that is used to grill fish?

We hope you are as excited as we are about pulling out summer clothes and planning picnics. Join us as we celebrate June by sharing great picnic-like foods with our friends as Isaiah 58!

May

- 1st Sunday: Tuna (canned)**
- 2nd Sunday: Tuna helper (boxed)**
- 3rd Sunday: Bars of soap**
- 4th Sunday: Toothpaste and toothbrush**

June

- 1st Sunday: Spam or Ham (canned)**
- 2nd Sunday: Baked Beans (canned)**
- 3rd Sunday: Apple Sauce (canned)**
- 4th Sunday: Cornbread Mix (boxed)**
- 5th Sunday: Deodorant**

As always: it's a real convenience for our friends when the cans have tab top openings, but not a necessity.

It's all about sharing our food with others.

Thanks for your generous spirit!

Your Isaiah 58 Buddies,
Blue Lucy, Purple Betty, and Salmon Eli

Questions? Ask Valery York-Schneider

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The following actions were reported or approved by Session in their April 9 2014, Stated Scheduled Meeting:

Session approved Rev. Riley's request to move to a three-quarters time work schedule, beginning May 1. She will work three weeks out of four each month, taking one week away to be with her family. Her compensation will be reduced to reflect the new plan.

Session voted to donate \$1,000 to the Living Waters for the World in honor of Kathy Riley in our appreciation for all she has done for Oak Hill as our interim pastor.

The average worship attendance in March was 69.

Membership as March 31, 2014 is 140.

Financial Report for March & Year-to-Date 2014

	March	2014 Total
Income		
Budgeted	\$14,542.00	\$40,575.00
Actual	\$10,954.05	\$36,353.18
Expenses		
Budgeted	\$17,268.83	\$49,448.25
Actual	\$15,288.33	\$53,187.52

Session approved amendments to Oak Hill's Sexual Misconduct Policy and Procedures.

Session approved Pastor Kathy taking vacation and study leave in May.

Session voted to allow the mission group from the United Presbyterian Church in Washington, Iowa, to stay at the church on Friday, June 13, prior to checking into the AMEN House on Saturday.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circle 3 will meet on Thursday, May 8, in the Theolos Room at 10 a.m. Please bring a sandwich - salad, dessert and chips will be furnished.

Circle 2 is meeting at Hodak's at 2100 Gravois Ave. at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27. All are invited to join us for an evening of good conversation and fellowship.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP CLUB

Members of the congregation are invited to join the Adult Fellowship Club to see our very own Avery Smith perform as a Featured Munchkin in a Stray Dog Theatre production of “The Wizard of Oz” on Friday, May 9, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at <http://www.straydogtheatre.org/>. Please join us for dinner at 6 p.m. at City Diner at 3139 South Grand before the performance.

Members of the congregation are invited to join the Adult Fellowship Club at the Band Together Pops Concert at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, at the Desmond Lee Concert Hall at the 560 Music Center, 560 Trinity Avenue, at the western end of the U. City Loop. Our very own Valery York-Schneider is an M.C. Admission is free. Applause and donations are greatly appreciated. Please also join us for dinner at 6 p.m. at Fitz’ at 6605 Delmar Boulevard before the concert.

BOOK CLUB

The book club will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, at St. Louis Bread Co., Loughborough and Interstate 55. We will be discussing “*Gone, Baby, Gone*” by Dennis Lahane. Please read the book and join us!

SOUTH SIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES UNITED

You are invited to join Curby Memorial Presbyterian Church and the South Side Presbyterian Churches United at Curby's annual picnic on Sunday, June 1 at 1 p.m. at the Turkish Pavilion in Tower Grove Park. Bring a covered dish and your lawn chairs, and be a part of the fun and fellowship. A main dish will be provided.

Under the Oak Tree



The sympathy and support of the congregation is extended to the family of Frances Crocker who passed away on February 20, 2014.



Thank You!

Thank you so much for the chairs. We will definitely use them. It will be so nice not to have to carry chairs back and forth across the street. We can in fact get rid of a few we had that were not in good shape now that we have plenty,

Thanks,
Shirley Sullivan
First Presbyterian Church
Cape Girardeau

(We gave them approximately 100 metal chairs that we were not using.)



May 11

Memorial DAY

May 26

God is nigh

The simple but powerful bugle melody “Taps” has been a standard component of U.S. military funerals since 1891. It’s also played during each of the 2,500 military wreath ceremonies conducted every year at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, including those held on Memorial Day.

Many legends exist about the origin of “Taps” – both its melody and its lyrics. The words below, by Horace Lorenzo Trim, make an appropriate bedtime prayer.

Day is done, gone the sun
From the lakes, from the hills, from the sky
All is well, safely rest
God is nigh.

Fading light dims the sight
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright
From afar, drawing near
Falls the night.

Thanks and praise for our days
‘Neath the sun, ‘neath the stars, ‘neath the sky
As we go, this we know
God is nigh.

LECTIONARY MAY

Sunday, May 4	Acts 2:14a, 36-41; <i>Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19</i> ; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35
Sunday, May 11	Acts 2:42-47; <i>Psalm 23</i> ; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10
Sunday, May 18	Acts 7:55-60; <i>Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16</i> ; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14
Sunday, May 25	Acts 17:22-31; <i>Psalm 66:8-20</i> ; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21
Thursday, May 29 Ascension of the Lord	Acts 1:1-11; <i>Psalm 47 or Psalm 93</i> ; Eph. 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

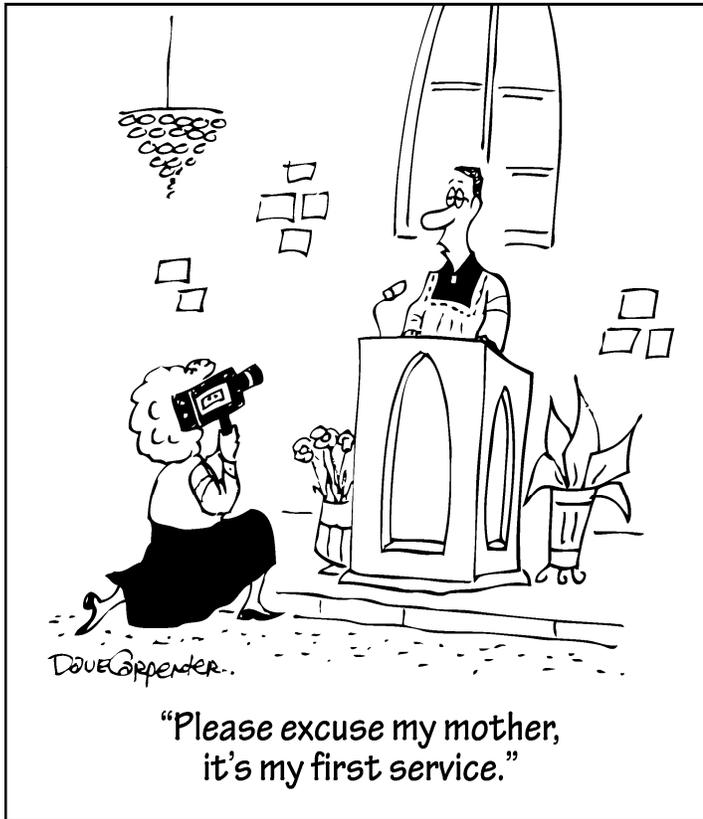


Complete the following Bible verse: “A gentle answer turns away _____, but a harsh word stirs up _____.”

- A. an argument; obedience
- B. wrath; anger
- C. jealousy; resentment
- D. falsehood; truth



Answer: See Proverbs 15:1, NRSV



"It is not enough to be busy ... The question is: "What are we busy about?"

--Henry David Thoreau

"A child needs your love most when he deserves it least."

--Erma Bombeck

"[A mother] never quite leaves her children at home, even when she doesn't take them along."

--Margaret Culkin Banning

"Being considerate of others will take [you] further in life than any college degree."

--Marian Wright Edelman

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We are a welcoming congregation where visitors are
always expected!

Christian Education - 10:00 a.m.

Service of Worship – 11:00 a.m.

Nursery Care – 11:00 a.m.

The ministers of Oak Hill Church are its members
assisted by:

The Rev. Kathy Riley
Interim Pastor

Ms. Susan Brown
Minister of Music

Ms. Carole Adams
Secretary

Articles for publication
in the
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need to be
submitted in writing
to the church office by the
3rd Monday of each month.

Blooming Button Flowers

For Mother's Day, add a special touch to any houseplant with this easy craft.



What you need:

- A small houseplant with leaves
- Colorful buttons of various sizes
- Green 26-gauge floral wire
- Wire cutters

What you do:

1. Stack three buttons from largest to smallest, with the smallest on top. Align the button holes.
2. Cut 8 inches of wire. Thread it up through one hole of the stacked buttons and back down through another hole.
3. Twist the wire just below the bottom side of the button stack to secure it.
4. Insert the "flower" in the plant's soil and repeat the process.
5. Present this to Mom and wish her a happy Mother's Day!



Mothers in the Bible

Children have always had a special place in their mother's heart.

Directions: First, cover up the second column and see if you can name some of the mothers' children from the Bible. Then write the circled letters on the correct lines below to complete Proverbs 23:25, NIV.

MOTHERS

CHILDREN

Eve ³¹	bore	Cain, Abel and Seth ¹¹
Sarah ²³	bore	Isaac ¹⁸
Rebekah ⁷	bore	Jacob and Esau ¹⁵
Rachel ¹³	bore	Benjamin and Joseph ⁴¹
Leah ¹²	bore	Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun and Dinah ³³
Zilpah ⁴⁴	bore	Gad and Asher ³⁹
Bilhah ³⁴	bore	Dan and Naphtali ³⁸
Jocbeded ¹⁹	bore	Moses ²⁹
Naomi ²	bore	Mahlon and Kilion ³²
Ruth ¹⁴	bore	Obed ⁵
Hannah ²⁶	bore	Samuel ²¹
Bathsheba ¹⁰	bore	Solomon ⁴²
Elizabeth ³	bore	John the Baptist ³⁷
Mary ⁶	bore	Jesus ⁹
Eunice ⁴	bore	Timothy ¹⁶



“ _____ ”

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

_____ W _____

21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33

_____ f _____

34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44

PROVERBS 23:25, NIV

Answer: "May your ... mother rejoice; may she who gave you birth be joyful!" Proverbs 23:25, NIV