

# MEMORIAL PRESS



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**June, 2013**

## *Pastor's Epistle*

Have you ever wondered why when you hear someone read from an epistle of Paul during worship, that the place to which the letter is written is plural? For example: *Our epistle lesson this morning is from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, chapter thirteen, verses one through thirteen.* The reason is because Paul wasn't writing to a single congregation, but rather to all the churches in a given geographic area such as Corinth, Ephesus, Rome, etc. A single letter (actually scroll) was written, and then sent to one of the house churches in the city, and after having read it aloud to the congregation, shared the letter with other house churches in and around the city to which it was written.

Borrowing a style from the early church, this month I would like to share a letter, well, to be supremely post-modern it's actually a blog post, from Rev. Dr. Robert Moss, the pastor of Lutheran Church of the Master (ELCA) in Lakewood, CO. The motivation to share his letter is because when a pastoral peer of mine shared it with me, I was quite struck by what had been written, both agreeing with much as well as seeing great similarities between the new practice of this congregation and the existing attitude of Memorial Presbyterian Church. Although I've never heard someone describe Memorial PC as an inviting church, what I have seen recently is that many of those who recently have chosen to make MPC their family of faith have done so because someone thought they would enjoy experiencing the particular way we share the love of Jesus Christ, and invited them to come and experience it for themselves!

Please enjoy the excerpts below, and if you are so inclined, share with me your thoughts about what Pastor Bob has to say about moving from being a welcoming church to an inviting one.

Blessings,

Pastor Justin

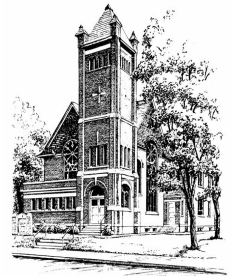
*We've decided to quit being a welcoming church. No kidding. We're giving it up. It won't be easy, but we're committed to it. We'll have to do it in stages, easing our folks into it step by step. We'll have to deal with the fear of something new, the challenge of venturing into the unknown. But we'll do it. It will take motivation, leadership, and constant reminders. But most importantly, it will take total commitment in embracing a new focus.*

*Like so many churches, we've sunk an amazing amount of time and energy into becoming a welcoming church. We changed worship styles, we trained greeters and ushers, we wore name tags, we percolated coffee, we went to workshops on hospitality, we put our friendliest people in the most prominent places on Sunday mornings. But we've realized we've been misplacing our emphasis. So we're no longer going to do it.*

*Here's what we're doing instead. We are becoming an Inviting Church. That's different. You see, "welcoming" from a missional perspective is passive. It denotes waiting for visitors and guests to drop by. When they do, we attempt to treat them very well and do everything possible to make them comfortable. We'll be willing to change who we are. We'll follow particular formats that have proven to be more welcoming to new people. We'll do whatever it takes to have them come back the next Sunday, even if they shouldn't. Welcoming is about us, not about them.*

*"Inviting," however, is different. That means we leave the comfort of our congregational home-court advantage. The main activity doesn't happen in our worship space when people drop in, but in the neighborhood when we go out. It isn't so much welcoming them into our place, but going out into their place and meeting them there.*

*Even that warrants a significant caveat. This is not just another gimmick to get people into the church. The foundation of this isn't an attempt to bolster declining membership rolls and make a better parochial report to the bishop. No, it goes much deeper than that. It starts with who God has called us to be as church. It involves discovering our gifts and purpose. And it mandates joining God at work in the world. This isn't about getting the world into God's church; it's about getting the church into God's*



world.

*Each congregation has a purpose within God’s mission. Each congregation has particular gifts. Each congregation reveals the life-giving reign of God in unique ways. No congregation is everything to everyone. But every congregation is something to someone. Who can know God through your worship style? Who can experience forgiveness and grace through your congregational community? Who needs the gifts you have to offer? Who can offer gifts you need? Knowing those things, when in conversation over the backyard fence about their pain in losing a loved one, it would be natural then to invite that neighbor to your congregation’s grief support group that has made such a difference for many others. When in the employee lunch room chatting about the pressures of our jobs, it would fit to invite that co-worker to your congregation’s spiritual direction group for professionals. When sharing the struggles of parenthood with a friend while waiting for your kids to come out of school, it would make sense to invite their whole family to your cross-generational faith development where you have gained so much guidance from other parents. While paying for a car repair, your long-time mechanic lets slip that she has lost her faith, it would easily flow for you to invite her to join you (and all the other doubters who will gather this Sunday) in worship.*

*Welcoming involves hoping whoever happens to find you will join. Inviting involves sharing God’s specific gifts—made real in your congregation—in the world.*

Excerpts from *We Will No Longer be a Welcoming Church* were posted on March 12, 2013. The entire blog post can be found be visiting [daelcarev.wordpress.com/about-the-author/](http://daelcarev.wordpress.com/about-the-author/)

**\*\*\* SESSION NOTES \*\*\***

Your Session met on Tuesday evening May 21, 2013 and during the meeting the Elders:

- Reported the wedding of Sarah Kemmer and Stephen Goff Jr. on 4/27
- Approved the restoration of Kenneth and Cindy Stanford to the Roll of Active Members, at their request
- Reported the Installation to the office of Active Elder of Cathy Hancock on 4/21
- Reported that our Session Minutes and Church Register were reviewed with out correction at the Presbytery Records Review on 4/20 at Central Presbyterian
- Learned how to edit the various pages on the new church website, which, we learned, has “gone live”
- Were reminded of the Triennium Fundraiser Car Wash on 6/9

Michael E. Grimes, Clerk of Session

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**YOU HAVE MAIL!**

Dear Church Family and Friends,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, calls, and concerns at the time in February of the passing of my brother, Lowell A. Smith of Greenwood, Indiana; my brother, Mark A. smith, Rockville, MD in April following a long illness and your continued prayers and concerns for my daughter, Cheryl Richard, during and following open-heart surgery. At her 2 week check up, the Doctor was pleased with her progress. It was most evident God was at her side, and continues to be as she gains strength daily.

May God bless each of you!

Love,  
Fauniel Gard

# CONGRATULATIONS!

# 2013 GRADUATES

**David M. Coleman**

**McCutcheon High School**

**Taylor Fogarty**

**Ball State University**

**Timmy Fogarty**

**Ball State University**

**Jonah Grimes**

**Lafayette Jeff High School**

**Marissa Hill**

**Lafayette Beauty Academy**

**Andrew McQueen**

**McCutcheon High School**

**Emily Mundell**

**McCutcheon High School**

**Emily Norris**

**Harrison High School**

**Lee Shaw**

**Indiana University**

**Rev. Dr. Justin I. Schlesinger-Devlin**

**Pittsburgh Theological  
Seminary**



**Thank You!**

TEACHER'S

AND STAFF

RECOGNITION MAY 2013

**LOIS CAMPBELL; SUPERINTENDENT AND ADULT TEACHER**

**MIKE GRIMES; ADULT TEACHER**

**HILLARY BASDEN; SR. YOUTH GROUP LEADER**

**JANE COLEMAN; YOUTH GROUP LEADER, ASST. SUPERINTENDENT**

**PASTOR JUSTIN; ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER, WED. BIBLE STUDY LEADER,  
& LENTEN STUDY LEADER**

**JON GRIMES; JR. HIGH TEACHER**

**ELIZABETH SCHLESINGER-DEVLIN; SR. HIGH TEACHER**

**SUZANNE FOGARTY; ELEMENTARY TEACHER**

**SUSAN PARMELY; ELEMENTARY TEACHER & VBS DIRECTOR**

**DEBBIE WARD; ELEMENTARY TEACHER**

**PHYLLIS HILL; SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY**

**PATTY HICKS; SUNDAY SCHOOL TREASURER**

**BETHANY GRIMES; CRADLE ROLL**

**NANCY GRIMES, & NURSERY CO-ORDINATOR**

**KATHY DECKARD, KATHY SHAW, SUSAN GIBSON, JULIE BOLES, ESTHER  
MILLER, BECKI SPRAGUE, & JANE COLEMAN; SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

**DAVE GRIMES; PLAYED PIANO FOR OPENING**

**You Are Awesome!**

**The Mission Committee** coordinates the mission work and the special collections for our church. It meets monthly on the second Monday of the month.

The **Pentecost** offering was collected on May 19. Sixty percent of the money collected goes to missions supported by the greater church. Money from this portion of the Pentecost offering is used for youth work, including youth-at-risk programs and the Triennium, which nine of our own youth will attend this summer at Purdue University. Our forty percent will go to the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) program here in Tippecanoe County.

The Food Pantry and the Kids Closet have both been very busy. We welcome two new volunteers in the **Food Pantry**, Alex and Cindy Zdravich. The Food Pantry is open on Friday mornings. The **Kid's Closet** served over 100 children in April. We are now in need of summer clothing, and soon will begin to collect school supplies. The largest need is for volunteers to help with the clothing sorts. Watch for announcements of times. The Kid's Closet is open the last Saturday of the month, and clothing is also sorted on that day. Both of these missions are in need of more volunteers. Please prayerfully consider offering to help out. Call the church office or contact Julie Boles, Lynn Grimes, or Muriel Grimes if you can help.

**Habitat** will have a Presbyterian Build this summer. We will be needing volunteers to work and to provide a lunch. Details will be provided nearer the time of the build.

**Family Promise of Greater Lafayette** is a non-profit 501(c)(3) and non-denominational organization for families in transition. It is part of a national network that offers support for families who, for various reasons, need a place to stay and help with daily living. The philosophy of the organization is that families in transition need more than temporary support; they need the skills to rebuild their lives and prevent this from happening to them again. For more information, visit <http://www.fpglinc.org/>. The mission committee is looking for ways to help with this cause. Again this summer, the daily collections from Vacation Bible School will go to this organization.

Susan Clawson, Chair; Julie Boles, Carol Frantz, Muriel Grimes, Kathy Shaw, Wes Shaw, Steve Hancock, Patty Hicks; Pastor Justin and Treasurer Nancy Edwards, ex officio.



Thanks to everyone who has helped with the Food Pantry this past month. We have some new volunteers and I want to especially thank them for helping out. We can still use more help on Friday Mornings. So, if you have free time, please sign the Food Pantry sheet in the Parlor.

I want to say THANK YOU in a big way to Bill Edwards and Ron Berry for helping restock our Pantry.

Carol Frantz

## Presbyterian Habitat House 2013



Presbyterian Habitat House 2013 is moving forward with construction to begin on July 27. A big “thank you” goes to so many local Presbyterians for their financial gifts toward the 2013 project. Plans are in place, and a single mother with two children has been identified as our partner family.

Presbyterian House 2013 will be constructed on a vacant lot at 314 N. 18<sup>th</sup> Street in Lafayette. The site is just across the street from Murdock Park - note that parking for workers will be a challenge. The floor plan and elevations have been approved, and materials are being scheduled for construction start on July 27.

Construction crews will be organized differently than in the past. For the 2013 project the seven participating Presbyterian churches are being asked to provide 2 to 3 construction workers for each Saturday during the construction as they. A sign up sheet will be posted in the church parlor. The first three Saturday work plans involve

- A) Set flooring system
- B) Set walls
- C) Set roof trusses & sheeting



The primary main goal is to get the house water tight, and weather may affect the construction schedule early on. Joy and Don Schwartz have volunteered to coordinate a lunch for a work crew on one Saturday. If you can help out with a lunch, please contact Joy. Prospective workers will be contacted in July as the work schedule firms up. No previous construction experience is required. As a mission objective for our church, we need your help. If you can participate, sign up for a Saturday or contact Steve Hancock. Younger members of the congregation are encouraged to participate.

The 2013 project represents the eighth Presbyterian house to be built since 1999. HFH in Lafayette plans to build another 13 houses in our community this year. The quality and appearance of local HFH houses not only helps needy families but has improved the appearance of many neighborhoods in the area. Please help out as you can to assist another needy local family acquire decent housing.

Steve Hancock  
Ph: (765-414-1858)

## Who refreshes others will be refreshed – Proverbs 11:25



**Thank you to everyone who gave of their time during the month May. Our Kid's Closet sorts are held on the second Monday of the month, 10 am to noon and the third Sunday of the month, 6-8 p.m. June sorts will be Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> 10 am and Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm.**

**During the month of April we served 29 families with 103 children!! In May we served 18 families with 62 children!!**

**If you've never come to a 'sort' or 'distribution', please come join the fun in being God's hands in action! If you have questions, please call Julie Boles. The next Distribution/Sort will be June 29, 2013, 9:00 am.**

## Staying in the *Word* Together - June 2013

Join Christians throughout North America as they read together – each Sunday – the scriptures for the week. Known as the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), the collections of readings is organized so that after a three year cycle, members of churches will have read through the majority of the Bible. In our church, our Sunday school curriculum follows the RCL.

As a church and denomination, we use the RCL and provide these to the pastors for direction on the order of worship and for guidance in Christian Education. A guest pastor may choose not to use the scriptures, but we are providing them to the congregation as a means of ***Staying in the Word Together***. Traditionally, there will be an Old Testament, Psalm New Testament and Gospel reading. For additional readings go to <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>.

	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
<b>Proper 4 (9)</b> Second Sunday after Pentecost June 2, 2013	1 Kings 18:20-21, (22-29), 30-39 Psalm 96	1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43  Psalm 96:1-9	Galatians 1:1-12	Luke 7:1-10
<b>Proper 5 (10)</b> Third Sunday after Pentecost June 9, 2013	1 Kings 17:8-16, (17-24) Psalm 146	1 Kings 17:17-24 Psalm 30	Galatians 1:11-24	Luke 7:11-17
<b>Proper 6 (11)</b> Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 16, 2013	1 Kings 21:1-10, (11-14), 15-21a Psalm 5:1-8	2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15  Psalm 32	Galatians 2:15-21	Luke 7:36-8:3
<b>Proper 7 (12)</b> Fifth Sunday after Pentecost June 23, 2013	1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a Psalm 42 and 43	Isaiah 65:1-9  Psalm 22:19-28	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
<b>Proper 8 (13)</b> Sixth Sunday after Pentecost June 30, 2013	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14  Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21  Psalm 16	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62



**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Our military, our nation & its leaders; persecuted Christians; people locally & nationally in need; victims of domestic violence; Carolyn Finkenbinder; Russell Lucas; Miriam Woodrow; Marjora Odenkirk; Jackie Ginther (Niece/Joy Schwartz); Mike McGuire (Bro-in-law/Jane Coleman); Richard Triplet; Seth Ratcliff; Ethan Pfaltzgraff (Susan Clawson's relative); William Baker, Larry Vaughn (B/Judy Ryan); Terry Lynn Pfeiffer; Dawn Morgan, Troy Senasec; Fran Alkire; Ben & LuAlice Huston (Parents of Becki Sprague); Cindy DeGolyer; Randy Smith, Monica Bretz; Martha Trautman (colleague of L.Campbell); Susan Dawson (niece of Mary Terry), Cheryl Byers (friend of J.Coleman); Gene Smith; Andy Vasiento (father of

Nicole Rosen); Bob & Susan Yost; Paul Parmely (father of Bernie Parmely); Kevin Konrad; Amy McGuire; Lt. Jg. Allen Jarboe (son/Cindy Gribble), Ellen Hiday (friend of T. Lineback); Sally Wengal (friend of J. Schwartz)., Betty Pfeiffer; Arden Cripe (bro-in-law Joy Schwartz); Mike Grimes; Bruce Biery; Jack Ferry (friend of Don & Joy Schwartz); Carol Bull; Richie Holmberg (nephew of Judy Ryan); John Downham; Basden and Bowlin families upon the passing of Duckie; Micah Parmely upon passing of mother, Amy; Ann Jarboe (daughter of C. Gribble); the family of Troy Senasec; Lucas Bush.

## NEWS FROM THE EVANGELISM SEED PLANTING COMMITTEE

**Dine with Nine Groups:** All groups plus anyone from church are invited to attend our “wind down” party held at Bill and Nancy Edwards’ pond at Dayton. (240 Prairie Lane, phone # 296-2757) on Saturday, June 15 at 4:30 p.m. Our committee will provide hot dogs, buns, drinks and table service. Everyone will be asked to bring a dish: dessert, salad, or vegetable. Please bring your lawn chairs, too (you might want to throw in some bug spray, too! just in case there are bugs!) Let’s wind down with the old groups so we can start anew again with a sign-up starting in August for the fall. Put this on your calendar and don’t forget to attend for a fun evening around the pond.

**“Golden Girl’s Luncheon”:** Something new for gals who would like to try something a little special “just for the girls”. We have some fun places picked out just for you. There might be some distance involved so we will carpool, and we will be glad to pick up those that want to attend. Now if “your guy” wants to attend, too – that will be fine. Contact Harriett Berry 296-3156 if you want to know more or sign up. We will probably schedule something in late June or late July.

**“Men’s Coffee”:** Okay, guys, we didn’t forget you! How about a Men’s Coffee (most likely food, too) served at church in the parlor on a specified day. More details later – and if this is an interest of yours, please let us know.

**Decals for your Cars:** We are in the process of designing a decal that you may display in your car window.

**Zumba:** Still going strong – if you want some exercise, be sure to check us out on Wed. at 6:45 p.m. This is fun! This will NOT be held the week of Bible School.



### CLEAN CAR SUNDAY – JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> - 9:45 AM

The Youth Group will hold a car wash in the Church parking lot to raise funds for our youth to attend the Presbyterian Youth Triennium at Purdue University. Free will donations.



### DPW COOKIE WALK

JUNE 16, 2013  
Immediately following worship

YUMmmmmm!







# 2013 Vacation Bible School

For age 3 through (completed) grade 5

Memorial Presbyterian Church

June 17-21, 9:00 am. - Noon

731 Walnut Street (S. R. 38), Dayton, IN

Phone: 765-296-3199 Web: [www.daytonpres.org](http://www.daytonpres.org)

Join us for Kingdom Rock, Where Kids Stand Strong for God. You'll enjoy Bible Point Crafts and exciting games, thrilling Bible Stories, sample tasty snacks, and hear unforgettable music. Plus, kids will take part in a mission project!

*Please use 1 registration per child*

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother: \_\_\_\_\_ Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Street and mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Last school year completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size: Youth S \_\_\_\_\_ Youth M \_\_\_\_\_ Youth L \_\_\_\_\_

Adult S \_\_\_\_\_ Adult M \_\_\_\_\_ Adult L \_\_\_\_\_ Adult XL \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies (food, etc.) or other medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized adult to pick up child: \_\_\_\_\_

Anyone NOT authorized: \_\_\_\_\_

In the event of emergency, and I cannot be reached, I hereby authorize representatives of Memorial Presbyterian Church to seek any required medical attention for my child. If I cannot be reached, I hold Memorial Presbyterian Church of Dayton & the adult leaders harmless if my child becomes ill or hurt.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(There is no cost for this event)

Please return to Memorial Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 70, Dayton, IN 47941-0070

How did you hear about "Kingdom Rock"? Dayton mailing \_\_\_\_\_ Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_

Church Sign \_\_\_\_\_ From a church member \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

# Our Church Family

## June Sunday Morning

### Breakfast Host

Kathy Deckard  
Suzanne Fogarty

### June Deacons

Fred Reichart, Capt.  
Communion  
Paul Houser

### June Elders

Cathy Hancock  
Communion  
Suzanne Fogarty  
Devotions

## June Birthdays

3	Cathy Bowlin	21	Melissa Fitzgerald
4	Susie Bretz	21	Judianne Chester
4	Judy M. Ryan	22	Brenda Alkire
5	Mackenzie Gibson	23	Connie Boatright
6	Kristy Hoffine Pogue	24	Sadie Rose Edwards
7	Jeff Rosa	24	Michele Spray
8	Jacob Daniel Biery	25	Shawn Alkire
9	Dennis Lane	25	Emily Ann Cadwallader
9	Julie Norris	25	Steven Hancock
15	Alicia Gibson	25	Amanda Norris
15	Ashby Brooke Grimes	27	Kaylee Little
18	Jeff Holladay	28	Jane Ann Coleman
20	Hillary Basden	28	Peggy Gregory





## June Anniversaries

1	Mike & Cindy DeGolyer
4	Bill & Nancy Edwards
7	John & Nancy Brand
8	Justin & Elizabeth Schlesinger-Devlin
9	Bruce & Patricia Biery
10	Tom & Linda Miller
19	Rick & Judy Ryan
19	Adam & Angelia Franklin
19	Chris & Patricia Perry
22	Paul & Candace Fitzgerald
25	Barry & Susie Bretz



# June

# 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:45 am Cont. Breakfast 10:30 am Worship VBS Station & Crew Leaders Meet following Worship.	3	4 <i>Trustees Meet, 7:15 pm</i>	5 <i>Zumba, 6:45 pm</i>	6	7 <i>Food Pantry, 9-11 am</i>	8
9 9:45 am Cont. Breakfast 10:30 am Worship <b>Youth Group Car Wash, 9:45 am Church Parking Lot</b>	10 <i>Kid's Closet Sort, 10:00 am – Noon</i>  <i>Finance Committee Meeting, 6 pm</i>  <i>Mission Committee Meeting, 7 pm</i>	11 <i>C.E. Meets, 7 pm</i>	12  <i>Zumba, 6:45 pm</i>  <i>DPW Meets, 7 pm</i>	13	14 <i>Food Pantry, 9-11 am</i>	15
16 9:45 am Cont. Breakfast 10:30 am Worship DPW Cookie Walk .   Kid's Closet Sort 6-8 pm	17 <i>Vacation Bible School 9:00 am – Noon</i>	18 <i>Vacation Bible School 9 am – Noon</i>  <i>Session Meets, 7 pm</i>	19 <i>Vacation Bible School 9 am – Noon</i>	20 <i>Vacation Bible School 9 am – Noon</i>	21 <i>Vacation Bible School 9 am – Noon</i>  <i>Food Pantry, 9-11 am</i>  <i>VBS Program, 7 pm</i>	22
23 9:45 am Cont. Breakfast 10:30 am Worship  Local Masons visit for Worship.	24	25	26 <i>Zumba, 6:45 pm</i>	27	28 <i>Food Pantry, 9-11 am</i>	29 <i>Kid's Closet Sort/Distribution 9:00 am - Noon</i>
30 9:45 am Cont. Breakfast 10:30 am Worship						