

# MEMORIAL PRESS

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## *Pastor's Epistle*

*Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.*

Galatians 6:6

Well, it's official! I received word this week that my final doctoral project/paper was approved, meaning I've finally completed, after almost eight years, my Doctor of Ministry degree in Pastoral Theology! The diploma will soon be framed and hung in my office, I am now allowed to wear a pulpit robe with doctoral bars, and when in a formal setting, will be introduced as The Reverend Doctor Schlesinger-Devlin. I did tell my children they themselves didn't have to refer to me in this way; that Rev. Dr. Dad would suffice!

But seriously, as I look back over close to a decade of working toward this goal I wonder, what does it all really mean? Am I smarter than I was before? Am I any wiser? Has the doctorate made me a better pastor? Only time will tell, but more immediately and importantly, what I see had the most effect on me have been the people I've met along the way.

I was in very good company with my peers in the doctoral cohort, we who began our journey together but have not all finished at the same time. For example there was Larry, a Church of the Nazarene minister, who was the only non-reformed pastor in the group, who had a humorous intellect and wit which helped the rest of us to see ourselves in a different light. There was Charles, the retired Lutheran pastor, who described himself as the least successful minister ever. His story was that in the seventies he was sent to his first church with a directive to close the church, and said he failed horribly in his task because forty plus years later he retired from the same church that had over the years blossomed and grown. And there was Jeff, the pastor from Texas, who had a larger than life attitude and height to match that complemented his great and unwavering faith in the Lord. The second time we gathered for another two week intensive (which we had each summer and winter) we learned that Jeff had died from a heart attack. Each of these individuals, and everyone in the cohort, shared their stories and together we made our own story as we sought to become even better pastors of God's flock.

Then there were the professors from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, each who imparted an important and different kind of wisdom. There was Diana Butler-Bass who taught us just prior to breaking out and publishing a groundbreaking book of research, which kept her from grading our final papers for over two years! There was Craig Barnes who was already an influential pastor and professor, but modeled a very down to earth pastoral style, who after teaching our cohort was called to become the next president of Princeton Theological Seminary. And there was Andrew Purves, who taught us an important new way to perceive ministry, and did so with the most beautiful Scottish accent! Each of these professors shared a piece of themselves and challenged us to grow in our faith and maturity as people of faith as well as pastors.

Last but not least are two others; Susan Kendall, the head of the doctoral program, without whose patience and guidance I would not have finished my degree. And of course there was my ever supportive spouse Elizabeth, who was always encouraging, always understanding of the challenges I encountered, who will forever never let me forget that she started her doctoral degree after I did, and still finished before me!

In this season of graduations, I encourage everyone young and old, to remember those who helped them in perfecting their God given gifts and skills through their support, care, and friendship, in other words, love. Remember parents who drove you to school and may have paid for your education later in life. Remember the peers who brought you encouragement in the form of a cup of coffee while working late or offered a sympathetic ear. Remember the teachers, professors, tutors, coaches, pastors and anyone who got you to perform in ways you didn't think possible. Share your appreciations with those who only through their loving support do you find yourself where you are today. Give thanks to anyone who guided you into growing into the person God created you to be!

Blessings,  
Pastor Justin



• **\* SESSION NOTES \* \* \***

Your Session met on Tuesday evening April 16, 2013 and during the meeting the Elders:

- Reported the Baptisms of Danielle, Jadon, Keyton, & Micah Parmely during worship on Easter Sunday, March 31
- Reported the death of Steven Paul Senasec on March 31 at St. Elizabeth East Hospital in Lafayette
- Read a letter of thanks from the Smile Train for gifts sent from our church
- Learned that 9 Youth and 3 adults plan to attend the Presbyterian Youth Triennium to be held at Purdue University this coming July
- Approved the Historical Association bringing a trailer filled with local information and artifacts to display on May 18, in conjunction with the STVFD Fish Fry
- Invited Dayton Lodge #103, F. & A.M. to attend worship with us on Sunday, June 23, in celebration of the Feast of St. John the Baptist

Michael E. Grimes, Clerk of Session

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## THANK-YOU

I'm very grateful to the whole congregation of Memorial Church for all the cards, flowers, calls, visits, well-wishes, thoughts, and especially the prayers for me during my recent health episodes. As I recover, I thank God for all of you, and for this opportunity to continue my time here.

Thanks to you all,  
Mike Grimes



## HEY GRADUATES!!

Let us know if you are graduating this year from High School, College, Trade School, or getting a graduate degree. We want to recognize you during church, Sunday May 19th. Let the church know by Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Call 296-3199 or email [secretary@daytonpres.org](mailto:secretary@daytonpres.org), or contact Kathy Deckard.

May 19th: Graduate, Student and Teacher Recognition during Church with a reception to follow.

## Congratulations!

Pastor Justin received good news -- the acceptance of his doctoral project/paper. He is now -

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

# COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP



Did you know that a COLLEGE scholarship exists for you or someone you know if certain qualifications are met? The recipient needs to meet as many of the following requirements as possible:

- demonstrate a **need** for financial assistance
- nominated by a member of Dayton Memorial Presbyterian Church (however recipient does not necessarily have to be a member of Dayton Memorial).
- graduated from a local high school
- enrolled in a four-year degree program

Applications, as well as evidence of financial need, are to be submitted to the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee will work with the nominee to ensure qualifications for the scholarship are met. Donors will give the scholarship on a semester or quarterly basis (for up to a maximum of four years, if criteria are met).

If you would like to nominate someone or find out more about this opportunity, please contact Nancy Edwards, Jane Coleman or Cathy Hancock. Application forms are available in the Church Office, 296-3199. Deadline for submitting application is June 1, 2013.

## Share Your Talent

Your Church is looking for individuals or groups to share their musical gifts with the congregation during summer worship. Please consider taking part in our summer services. Accompaniment is available. Please contact Susan Gibson to sign up.

## Lunch with the Lectionary!

Pastor Justin will be leading a lunchtime study and discussion of the lectionary gospel passage for the upcoming Sunday. The group will usually meet every Wednesday except for the last Wednesday of the month. May meetings will be May 1st, 8th, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.



Church Women United will be having their annual May Friendship Breakfast at Immanuel UCC on Friday May 3rd. Registration begins at 8:30am, and a continental breakfast will be served starting at 9am. The theme for the program is "Behold, I stand at the door and knock". This program is open to the public.

## Staying in the *Word* Together - May 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>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> May 5, 2013	*Acts 16:9-15	Psalm 67	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	John 14:23-29 <b>or</b> <i>John 5:1-9</i>
<b>Ascension of the Lord</b> May 9, 2013	*Acts 1:1-11	Psalm 47 <b>or</b> <i>Psalm 93</i>	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> May 12, 2013 <i>(If Ascension not observed here)</i>	*Acts 16:16-34	Psalm 97	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	John 17:20-26
<b>Day of Pentecost</b> May 19, 2013	*Acts 2:1-21 <b>or</b> <i>Genesis 11:1-9</i>	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Romans 8:14-17 <b>or</b> <i>Acts 2:1-21</i>	John 14:8-17, (25-27)
<b>Trinity Sunday</b> May 26, 2013 <i>First Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31  Psalm 8		Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15

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

Thank you to everyone who gave of their time during the month April. 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 pm. May sorts will be Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 10 am and Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> , 6 pm.



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 May 25, 2013, 9:00 am.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS:

We are winding down our regular classes for Sunday school this year. We will recognize our graduates, our Sunday school attendees & our teachers on Sunday May 19th during church. We will not have regular Sunday school classes from Sunday May 26th through Sunday Sept. 1st. However we do have events coming up this summer, the first being Vacation Bible School the week of June 17th - June 21st. We always need lots of help with this event so be ready to say yes or better yet let Susan Parmely know if you can help in any area. We are planning some sort of event for July 28th. We haven't made a decision as to what it will be or what time for this. Watch for more info in the June newsletter.

We will begin regular Sunday school classes for next year, with a kick-off Sunday Sept. 8th during regular class time. Information on this will be in the Aug. newsletter.

If you think you might like to help teach a class or serve on our CE committee, we would be glad to talk to you about this. Ideally we could have 2 teachers for each class so they could trade off Sundays or be a permanent sub for one of the classes. If you have interest in doing this please contact me Kathy Deckard, Lois Campbell, or Pastor Justin. We think the Presbyterian material "We believe" is very good and very teachable.

YOURS IN CHRIST,

KATHY DECKARD & THE CE COMMITTEE



Food Pantry  
Donations Needed

We always need green beans, peas, corn, pork-n-beans, canned fruit, peanut butter, tuna, cereal and crackers for our Food Pantry. Detergent and toilet tissue are also needed weekly.

Most of all, we need **help** on Friday mornings to keep our pantry open.

If you have a free Friday morning (for just 2 hours), please sign up in the parlor or call Carol at 449-9050.

A big **Thank You** to everyone who has helped in any way this past month.

Thanks again,  
Carol



# Our Church Family

## May Sunday Morning

### Breakfast Host

Mike & Jon Grimes

### May Deacons

Joe Grimes, Capt.

Communion

Fred Reichart

### May Elders

Harriett Berry

Communion

Nancy Edwards

Devotions

## **Summer Schedule Begins May 26, 2013**

**9:45 am Continental Breakfast**

**10:30 am Worship**

## **May Birthdays**

1	Amy Taylor Clawson	14	Zechariah Schlesinger-Devlin
1	Laura Holladay	15	Mark Ward
2	Timothy Fogarty	16	Lillian Gibson
2	Alexander Parmely	18	Donnie Boles
4	Lauren Hill	19	Bradley Spray
4	Carter Edwards	19	Emily Spray
5	Marsha Biery	21	Bobby Deckard
6	Lynn Grimes	22	Zachary Sprague
7	Nathan Hill	23	Jeff Bush
8	Bernard Parmely	26	Julie Rosa
9	Nary Houser	27	Kathryn Shaw
10	Caroline Petrie	29	Kelly Little
11	Travis Michael Lineback	30	Tracy Rosa



## **May Anniversaries**

5	John & Jean Downham
11	Dennis & Peggy Fields
12	Brian & Rebecca Sprague
12	Matt & Amy Clawson
16	James & Alicia Gibson
19	Lynn & Judy Ryan
26	John & Lois Campbell





**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:** 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); Kate Amick (friend of Gabby Basden); Gene Smith; Andy Vasiento (father of Nicole Rosen); Bob & Susan Yost; Paul Parmely (father of Bernie Parmely); Kevin Konrad; Amy McGuire; John Downham; Lt. Jg. Allen Jarboe (son/Cindy Gribble), Ellen Hiday (friend of T. Lineback); Sally Wengal (friend of J. Schwartz)., Betty Pfeiffer; Tammy Brown, (daughter/Sally Smith); Arden Cripe (bro-in-law Joy Schwartz); Mike Grimes; Bruce Biery; family of Steve Senasec, Jack Ferry (friend of Don & Joy Schwartz); Carol Bull.



# 2013 Vacation Bible School

For age 3 through (completed) grade 5

Memorial Presbyterian Church

June 17-21, 9:00 am. - 12:15 pm

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 sheet 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 \_\_\_\_\_

# VBS VOLUNTEER FORM

## VBS 2013 Kingdom Rock – Where Kids Stand Strong for God!

Do you love seeing children and adults learning about God while having a great time? Then VBS is for you. The Dates to remember are June 17- 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. We need you! If you can help only one day that is great, all five days is awesome. Let me know your schedule and we can make it work.

You can fill out this form, e-mail the church or me, or call with what you can do. Thanks for all you do!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Days you can help: \_\_\_\_\_ Mon \_\_\_\_\_ Tues \_\_\_\_\_ Wed \_\_\_\_\_ Thurs \_\_\_\_\_ Fri

\_\_\_\_ Registration Leader: Coordinates Registration and gathers daily counts of persons and offerings.

\_\_\_\_ Pre-School Leaders: (at least 2) Likes to work with our 3 and 4 year olds.

\_\_\_\_ Pre-School Crafts Leader: Enjoys working with the younger kids and enjoys making things!

\_\_\_\_ Tear down crew: Stays after VBS Friday evening program/comes Saturday for 1 hr to tear down.

\_\_\_\_ Games Leader: Likes to have outdoor fun and can lead a large group. Needed every day.

\_\_\_\_ Drama Leader: Likes to tell stories in front of people, will have to build a few simple sets. We will need a few helpers each day. Needed every day.

\_\_\_\_ Song Leader: Likes to sing and can lead a large, rambunctious crowd in new songs and teach a daily Bible Point. Opens and closes our daily activities. Pivotal role in setting the stage!

\_\_\_\_ Crafts Leader: Likes to be in front of kids, teach them how to follow instructions and make things!! Needed every day.

### Support Functions needed:

\_\_\_\_ Registration volunteer Monday only 8:15 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

\_\_\_\_ Games Assistant (Teen preferred) \_\_\_\_\_ Drama Assistant (Teen or adult) \_\_\_\_\_ Crafts Helper  
(12+ years old) \_\_\_\_\_ Theatre Assistant (12+ years old)

\_\_\_\_ Crew Leader for Elementary school age kids (Prefer 18 or older). Needed every day.

\_\_\_\_ 5-6 yrs; \_\_\_\_\_ 7-8 years; \_\_\_\_\_ 9-10 years; \_\_\_\_\_ 11-12 years; \_\_\_\_\_ Preschool Crew  
Leader for ages 3 and 4 years old (Jr. or Sr. High). Needed every day

\_\_\_\_ Kitchen Helper: Assists with making 100+ snacks every day. Cleans up kitchen daily with other helpers.

\_\_\_\_ Make 2 dozen cookies for June 21st Friday Night Finale at church

\_\_\_\_ Photographer: Goes everywhere to take pictures of everybody!! M-F You get reimbursed for supplies.

In Christ's Service, Susan Parmely, Cell: 765-714-0252

Email: [susanparmely@aol.com](mailto:susanparmely@aol.com)

The church office: [secretary@daytonpres.org](mailto:secretary@daytonpres.org) or 296-3199



# 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bible Study, Noon  Zumba, 6:45 pm  Holocaust Remembrance Day	2 National Day of Prayer  Choir, 7:00 pm	3 Food Pantry, 9-11 am	4
5 8:30 am Con. Breakfast 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Con. Breakfast 10:30 am Worship	6	7 <i>Trustees Meet, 7:15 pm</i>	8 Bible Study, Noon  Zumba, 6:45 pm  <i>Finance Committee 7:00 pm</i>	9 Choir, 7:00 pm	10 Food Pantry, 9-11 am  DPW Ladies Dessert, 7 pm	11
12 8:30 am Con. Breakfast 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Con. Breakfast 10:30 am Worship  Cub/Boy Scout Crossover 2-4 pm - Basement  <b>Mother's Day</b>	13 Kid's Closet Sort, 10:00 am - Noon <i>Mission Meeting 7:00 pm</i>	14 <i>C.E. Meets, 7:00 pm</i>	15 Bible Study, Noon  Zumba, 6:45 pm	16 Choir, 7:00 pm	17 Food Pantry, 9-11 am	18 <i>Sheffield Fire Dept. Fish Fry, 4-8 pm  4-H Garage Sale 4-8 pm  Historical Trailer</i>
19 <b>Day of Pentecost</b> 8:30 am Con. Breakfast 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Con. Breakfast 10:30 am Worship Recognition Sunday Kid's Closet Sort, 6-8 pm	20	21 <i>Session Meets, 7:00 pm</i>	22 Bible Study, Noon  Zumba, 6:45 pm	23 Choir, 7:00 pm	24 Food Pantry, 9-11 am	25 <i>Kid's Closet Sort/Distribution 9:00 am - Noon</i>
26 Summer Sunday Schedule 9:45 am Con. Breakfast 10:30 am Worship	27 <b>Memorial Day</b>  <i>Church Office Closed</i>	28	29 Zumba, 6:45 pm	30 Choir, 7:00 pm	31 Food Pantry, 9-11 am	

