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of Adrian
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Reflections of the Interim

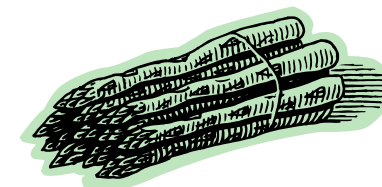
I love asparagus! I love it baked, steamed and grilled! Four years ago I planted an asparagus bed, but it flooded that year and the plants never came up. Last year I tried again. Dean actually did the planting which requires that a deep trench be dug and the plant roots laid carefully in it. Then some dirt is filled in and, as the plant sprout, more and more dirt is filled in until the plants are covered. The asparagus grew up beautifully last summer into large fernlike plants. They die back with a frost.

I worried about my plants during this cold winter. Would they survive? I was so excited when one fat stalk after another started to emerge through the ground. It took all the will power I had not to cut them to eat. Why couldn't I pick them? Well, asparagus stems cannot be harvested until their third season. Their stalks need to grow up, leaf and nurture the roots one more year. I have to wait for the harvest. It's hard, but necessary. The good news is that a friend gave me a huge bunch of asparagus so I could indulge in an asparagus fest!

There are some real parallels with my wait for asparagus and our congregation calling a new pastor. The biggest similarity is the need for patience. Now that the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) is formed and the MIF (Ministry Information Form) written, people will ask, where's the new pastor? Patience. It takes time to find the person whom God is calling to be your pastor. We all hope that a new pastor will be called before I eat my asparagus next spring, but we just don't know when it will be. As the writer of Ecclesiastes 3 says, "a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted." Our PNC is working very hard. We need to pray for them and for the person God is calling to be your pastor. The good news is that we will continue to worship, study the word, have fellowship and serve the community being God's people in this place.

See you in church

Ellen



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Serving our congregation:

The ministers are all the members.
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Nursery Attendant
 Lateshia Johnson
 Malysa Yerrick



SUNDAY WORSHIP is at
10:30 AM



Share your news with us. If you have a special announcement, milestone, or event, let us know. Please give any items or events

for the calendar or Sunday bulletins to Yvonne Mitchell.

For newsletter items, leave the information in the newsletter mailbox in the church office. The deadline is the Friday after Session meets of each month. Thank you.

DEADLINE FOR JULY NEWSLETTER IS JUNE 13th

Church Officers

Session

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 Debbie DuMars
 Ric Frownfelder
 Becky Largin
 Lisa Gillin

Class of 2015

Tom Blanton
 Susie Boswell
 Nancy Dermeyer
 Richard Haney

Class of 2016

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 Don Smith
 Carol Lue Weaver
 Lois Yerrick

Deacons

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 Jim Dickson
 Sue Hardie
 Malysa Yerrick

Class of 2015

Dave Frownfelder
 Mike Maertens
 Elizabeth McSorley
 Steve Nystrom

Class of 2016

Debbie Bickerstaff
 Brad Crosier
 Bob Guy
 Bob Ploegstra



Please bring in your canned and dry goods on the last Sunday of each month. These items will go to the Catherine Cobb Center or to the local food banks. Thank you.

Church Website

If you have anything to share with members of our congregation or with the community at large -- announcements, news, photographs, information -- please consider publishing it on our church website:

<http://adrianpresbyterian.wordpress.com/>

Or contact Pat Bogusz at patbogusz54@gmail.com



If you have a prayer concern or joy to share with the prayer group please call the church office (265-2168) or email ymfirstpres@tc3net.com.

The prayer group meets in the church library every Wednesday at 10:30 am. We invite you to join us. Everyone is welcome!

June Birthdays

- 1 Glen Meyers
- 1 Katja Nelson
- 2 Janean Reiniche
- 3 Thelma Knight
- 12 Lillis Gilmartin
- 12 Helen Peshke
- 13 Lauren Dickson
- 13 Bill Harke
- 13 John Lark
- 13 Elizabeth Maertens
- 16 Karen Dunham
- 20 Emily Cundiff
- 20 Megan McDermott
- 21 Judy Phipps
- 29 Rhys Dunham
- 29 Cindy Waidley
- 30 Deborah Bickerstaff
- 30 Brett Nelson



HELP!!!! WE NEED HOSTS FOR COFFEE HOUR

Help put the fun into our Sunday Coffee Hour! By tingling our taste buds, partner up with someone and make a few tasty treats for our Coffee Hour. The Deacons will make the coffee. You just need to fix a few treats! Sign-



Vacation Bible School June 23rd. to June 28th

Vacation Bible School "Weird Animals" will be June 23rd. to June 28th. from 9:30-12:00 (Lunch is NOT included) for ages 3 years through youth who will be going into 6th grade in the fall.

The First Methodist Church of Adrian will be hosting with the First Presbyterian Church of Adrian at the Methodist Church. Contact Debbie DuMars if interested in VBS.

PNC Update

We are pleased to inform the congregation that Session met on May 21 and approved the Ministry Information Forms (MIF) as submitted by the PNC. The MIF, which provides details about our congregation, were subsequently approved on May 27 by the Maumee Valley Presbytery Committee on Ministry. The next step in the process entails receiving, reviewing, and approving Personal Information Forms from potential candidates and engaging in interviews. The PNC will receive applications for review and consideration through July 31. Please note: this is an open-ended process and this next step is just one in our ongoing journey to ascertain the right spiritual leader for our congregation. We will continue to provide additional information as we are able; however, this is a confidential process and there are limitations as to what information can be shared. Thank you for your continued prayers of support and encouragement.

Pat Bogusz & Paul Diller, PNC Co-Chairs

Meals on Wheels



June 30th - July 11th

Cindy Frownfelder is looking for a scheduler for the drivers for these dates. We are also looking for people who can drive and deliver meals on these dates! Please give Cindy a call @ 265-3528 if you can help as a scheduler and watch for the sign-up sheets that will be posted on the bulletin board.



News from the Men's Fellowship group: May

Our support of the Adrian High School Homeless Ed seniors who are graduating has wrapped up for another academic year, we are proud to report. Each of the twelve graduates received a nice card with personalized well wishes from members of our congregation. Inside each card was a \$75 gift card from Meijer's. Beth McCullough who administers the Homeless Ed program at AHS said she just can't wait to see their expressions when they open up their cards! Hopefully, it's a Kodak moment that they will all remember. To help the grads see it as an act of faith, a notecard was inserted in to each card that read: *"The Men's Fellowship group and the entire Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of downtown Adrian congratulate you on achieving this milestone! The adversity you overcame to fulfill your graduation requirements has shaped you, as our faith has shaped us. Please receive this gift as we receive our faith, with no string attached, and with mindfulness towards greater blessings & challenges ahead. You shall remain in our prayers!"*

Also this past month, the Men's Group agreed to help our Congregation rid themselves of

unnecessary paperwork that we all seem to accumulate (in abundance!). We will provide a sheet with retention requirements for taxes, insurance documents, and the like. We will work with Goodwill's secure business shredding service which will drop off locked bins to deposit our no longer needed records in to. They will shred and the Men's Group will cover the cost. Dates will be determined soon and announced. Cleanliness is next to Godliness, and face it, clutter can become so overwhelming.

Lastly, the Men's Group was approached to help support the Community Garden effort near the back parking lot by donating up to \$300 toward their water bill. This motion was passed as well.

A friendly reminder that all men of the Church (membership not required) are invited to attend our monthly breakfasts at 8am on the third Saturday. Food and fellowship in abundance, and if you didn't make the May gathering, you missed a funny story that Ralph told about a close shave he had, and of Doc Vallade telling the faith building experiences of nose-diving the PBY aircraft in the big war.

Pentecost Offering

A special offering will be taken on Pentecost Sunday, June 8. This offering supports children at risk, youth and young adults through the Presbyterian denomination and through our local church. Some projects include a Youth Triennium, held every three years, encouraging youth in discipleship; helping to ensure that church is a safe place for children to worship and grow in Jesus; sponsoring Young Adult Volunteers (YAV) which gives young adults a chance to serve others. 40% of this offering will go to a local project for children at risk or youth in our community as determined by the session.

Book of Life

"Weeping may linger for the night but joy comes with the morning". Psalm 30
Sympathy of the congregation is extended to:
Jack Lewis upon the death of his brother
Bob Ploestra upon the death of his sister.

"The blessing of the Lord makes us rich"
Proverbs 10:22 Celebrate the birth of:
Bennett Dane Kennard, son of Lauren and Luke Kennard and grandson of Kristen and Dane Nelson and great grandson of Dick and Lela Youngs

Address Update

Alta Rude
Charlotte Stephenson Manor
581 Kimole Lane
Room 143
Adrian, MI 49221
Phone Number stays the same!

Why Go To Church?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

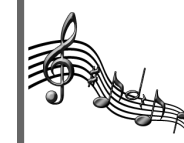
"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing..... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

Flower Garden

Thank you to Bob Ploegstra for freshening up the church yard for spring. We also thank him and the Sunday School teachers and children for planting flowers. Take a walk in the lovely garden and enjoy the beauty.

Special Music for Summer!



Play an instrument? Blessed with a singing voice? The Worship and Music Committee is looking for special music for our worship services during the summer months. Please consider sharing your musical talent with the congregation. See Lisa Gillin or Dave Rains for available Sundays.

Honoring High School Graduates

On June 8, 2014 the graduating high school seniors Alex Sears, Rebecca Sears, Lauren Hicks, Kaitlin Martinez Jacob Meyers and Emily Cundiff will be recognized during the regular worship service. (Due to scheduling conflicts the recognition was postponed from June 1)

June, July and August bring a much needed break for our faithful Sunday school teachers. Sunday Classes will resume in September. The one exception to that is the Sacred Reading Class which will continue at least through June. The coffee will be ready and everyone is welcome to join us in the Chapel Sunday Mornings at 9:30 a.m.

The Nursery will be staffed throughout the summer and Children's Church will continue to be provided during the worship service.

Habitat for Humanity LISD Residential Building Construction Dedication @ 601 Finch

June 22 @ 2 pm

This home will be dedicated to Rod Murphy and Veronica Black and there son Oliver.

Summer Hymns

More than forty songs and hymns were suggested by members of the congregation to be sung in worship this summer. Your pastors and Worship Committee will try to sing as many of them during worship as possible. Plan to attend worship when you are in town. We may be singing "your song".

Preaching the Word – June

June 1 – 6th Sunday of Easter Communion Acts 1: 6-14

“Why Are We Here?”

“...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem ... and to the ends of the earth?”

June 8 – Pentecost- Wear red! Graduation Acts 2:1-21

“How is Your Vision?”

“... and your sons and daughters shall prophecy, and your young me shall see visions.”

June 15 – Trinity Sunday Genesis 1:1- 2:4a

“Created by God”

“So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God”

June 22 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost Matthew 10: 24-33

“What is Hell?”

“Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”

June 29 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost Genesis 22:1-14

“Are You Willing to Sacrifice?”

“After these things God tested Abraham”

Fifth Grade Assignment at a Christian School - TV Ads Relating to God!

God is like.....

Alka-Seltzer - Try him, you'll like him.

Scotch Tape - You can't see Him, but you know He's there.

Delta - He's ready when you are.

Allstate - You're in good hand with Him.

VO-5 Hair Spray - He holds through all kinds of weather.

Dial Soap - Aren't you glad you have him?

Don't you wish everybody did.



Clerk's Corner

1. A Special Session meeting was held on May 21st. During that meeting, the Session acted to approve the Ministry Information Form that was presented by PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee). Session also acted to approve the Pastor Job Description that was presented by the PNC.
2. A meeting of all six Presbyterian churches in Lenawee County is being held at our church on May 29th to look at the future of all of our churches.
3. The possibility of a monthly “Shred Sunday” is being considered by the Men’s Fellowship Group.
4. Vacation Bible School is tentatively planned for June 23rd-28th, 2014.
5. A Children’s Celebration will be planned for the First Friday in September, which will be September 5th, 2014.
6. Looking ahead: Worship in the Park will be held on August 24th, 2014.

Bible As Seen By Little Children

The Greeks were a highly sculptured people, and without them we wouldn't have history. The Greeks also had myths. A myth is a female moth.

Actually, Homer was not written by Homer but by another man of that name.

Socrates was a famous Greek teacher who went around giving people advice. They killed him. Socrates died from an overdose of wedlock.

After his death, his career suffered a dramatic decline.

In the Olympic games, Greeks ran races, jumped, hurled the biscuits, and threw the java.

Eventually, the Romans conquered the Greeks. History call people Romans because they never stayed in one place for very long.

Julius Caesar extinguished himself on the battlefields of Gaul. The Ides of March murdered him because they thought he was going to be made king. Dying, he gasped out: “Tee hee, Brutus.”



“Come As You Are”

Join us

Sunday, June 22, 2014

at

The Revs. Dean & Ellen McGormley's
At Vineyard Lake

1643 Greenwood Ct. - Brooklyn
Lost? Phone 734-497-8069

Bring the family and enjoy fun & fellowship -
Sandy Beach, Games
Bring swimsuits/towels



4 pm until the mosquitoes drive us
away!

Meat, beverage (ice tea coffee & lemonade) paper products provided
A passing dish is welcomed.

We suggest local individuals meet at
the church about 3:15 pm and
carpool. Maps will be available @
Church.

Bring a Lawn Chair!



Retirement

Yvonne Mitchell, our church secretary for the past seventeen years, will be retiring on June 30. There will be a celebration potluck lunch following worship, on June 29 downstairs. Please plan to attend to extend your best wishes and thank you to Yvonne. Bring a dish to share.

If you wish to contribute to a retirement gift, please give it to Loretta Cruz, Clerk of Session. Send it to her home or put it in her box in the church office by June 25.

Nicaragua Mission

Dean McGormley will be returning to Nicaragua in late June. He will be going with a mission group from the Edgewood United Church of Christ in East Lansing. Dean will assist the group with the installation of water filters in the same area of Nicaragua that the mission group from this congregation served in January. Keep the group in your prayers.

Denise Stutzman is Goodwill's Worker of the Year. She was recognized at our Honors' Night on May 22, 2014 at the LISD Tech Center. If you see Dee congratulate her!

Pentecost Red Day and Coffee Hour June 8th

Get your red on and let's celebrate the Graduates and Pentecost Sunday.

The Membership Enrichment and the Worship and Music Committees are hosting the coffee hour following worship to celebrate the Graduates associated with First Presbyterian Church and also Pentecost Sunday.

It will be a day to wear your red outfit and enjoy fiery, passionate and possibly spicy red foods.

