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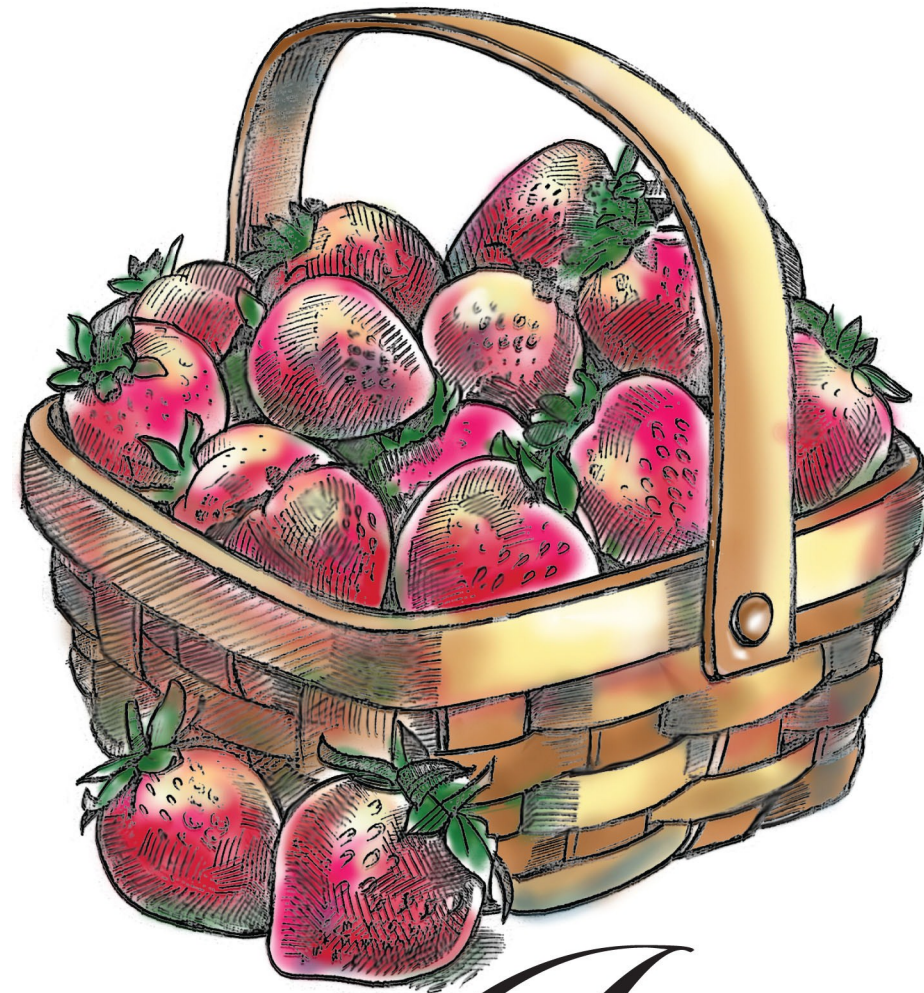
Good News

Reaching out to make disciples.

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June



Get Ready for Vacation Bible School at Boulevard!
Dates: July 11 – July 15
5:30 pm – 8:00 pm (Dinner served daily)

Join us this summer at the *'Shake it Up Café'* where we will explore the Bible as a cookbook filled with recipes for living out God's Word. We'll study various biblical festivals that reveal ingredients for being a follower of God.



Be ready for God
Give happily to God
Believe fully in Jesus
Remember Jesus often
Celebrate God forever



Contact **Becky Elliott**
(481-9173, beckyelliott74@yahoo.com)
if you'd like to volunteer.

In June, watch for sign-up sheets in the Lounge.

Registration is available on-line at



June 5th through September 4th
9:00 a.m. ~ Worship in the Chapel
9:50 a.m. ~ Coffee Connector
Fellowship in the Lounge
10:30 a.m. ~ Worship in the Sanctuary



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Prior to the last Session meeting, I sent out some ideas for the future of our congregation under the title, "Where Do We Go from Here?" These ideas were not meant as a blueprint but as discussion starters to help us begin a conversation about where we think God is calling us as a congregation. In this time when budgets are tight, when the pool of volunteers is not as big as it once was, and now without an associate pastor to boot, we need to be clear and focused about where the Spirit is leading us.

But more than that, we need to be clear about the world in which we live. I spoke of this last month, but it bears repeating. The culture that was once an "ally" of congregations, providing cultural expectations of church membership and participation, has left us on our own. Malls and movie theaters no longer wait until noon on Sunday to open, and little league soccer, football, and hockey schedule their games and practices for Sunday morning. An ever growing segment of our society has absolutely no notion that they are "supposed to go to church." But very often we seem to think that if we try harder to do good worship, then people will come. We try harder at what we do inside our walls, and wonder why people who can't see this don't come in to join us.

Given tight budgets and resources, it will be tempting to turn our focus even more inward at the very time that we most need to find ways to connect to people outside our walls. In difficult times we will be tempted to "circle the wagons" and hold on until things improve.

Sometimes things get better if we just wait. Giving actually went up last year as the economy improved a bit. But holding the fort is not a good strategy for the future, nor is it in keeping with Christ's call to his Church. Jesus calls his followers to be on the move. Not only do his disciples leave the familiar behind to go with Jesus, but he also sends them out on his behalf. His final command in Matthew's gospel is "Go." And when the Church is born in the book of Acts, Jesus tells his followers that they will be his witnesses, moving out from Jerusalem in ever widening circles. The Church of Christ is commissioned and sent.

This does not mean that worship and other activities inside our church building are unimportant. In fact, one of the suggestions I made to the Session was to renovate our sanctuary and narthex. But I also suggested that more of our programming be directed toward those who are not members here or anywhere else. We should develop programs for children that reach out into the community. We should develop events and programs for young adults, especially for those young adults who might never even consider attending worship here. The same is true of mission. We need to find ways to partner with the community to do God's mission in the world, to join with people outside our walls in demonstrating the ways of God's coming Kingdom.

To do such things, we may well need to stop doing some things we currently do that are focused inward, that are mostly for us. We will need to become a community of radical hospitality and mission, shifting from a Sunday gathering place for the faithful to a missional church that takes the gospel out to the world.

This is a discussion that is just beginning. And as I said to the Session, I am more interested in starting the conversation than providing a precise blueprint. For I am certain that if we will be attentive to the moving of the Spirit, God's blueprint will become clear.

Peace in Christ,

Changes in the Presbyterian Church (USA) Constitution

You may have seen newspaper headlines following our denomination's approval of "Amendment 10-A." This change to the *Book of Order* will remove a requirement that those ordained as elders, deacons, or pastors live "in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and woman, or chastity in singleness." The new standard will instead require Presbyteries and Sessions to examine candidates for ordination, "guided by Scripture and the confessions." This change opens the way for ordination of gays and lesbians, but it does not mandate it. And so practice will certainly vary greatly from church to church and from presbytery to presbytery. A pastoral letter to the congregation on these changes is available in the church narthex and @ BlvdChurch.org. Other resources can be found at psonline.org.



Boulevard Prayer Chain

If you would like to make a prayer request, please contact Jan Plas at 486-7510 or the Church Office at 486-0267.

Recent Prayer Concerns

- Mary Ann Byers, Arlington Court
- Cathie Cope, recuperating at home
- Harriett Curtis, at home
- Fred Ferris, at home
- Barbara Frautschi, OSU
- Mary Harris, at home
- Gus Hoehl, at home
- Kay Jones, at home
- Brita Knapp, recovering from Chemotherapy
- Johnny Murday, Becky Metzler's brother
- Peggy Pasko, recuperating at home
- Dorothy Pinney, at home
- Eric Rieve, Arlington Court
- Nancy Ross, Forum
- Mary Thomas, at home
- Margaret Ward, Westminster Thurber HCC



Happy Father's Day!
Sunday, June 19th!

Celebrating June Birthdays



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|-----------------|----|------------------|----|
| Debbie Nines | 1 | Jim Bailey | 15 |
| Leah Hanesworth | 2 | Merle Ivers | 16 |
| John Trares | 2 | Julie Rennick | 16 |
| George Ells | 5 | Ken Pierce | 17 |
| Gus Hoehl | 5 | James Davis | 22 |
| James Sledge | 10 | Joyce Black | 23 |
| Brett Swanson | 10 | Dorothy Pinney | 24 |
| Bonnie Grimm | 11 | Nichole Ferris | 24 |
| Avery Rennick | 11 | Robert Merkle | 25 |
| Margaret Parker | 12 | Kyle Rieve | 25 |
| James Trabue | 13 | Alaina Engdahl | 28 |
| Jack Trabue | 13 | Susannah Engdahl | 28 |
| Jane Conner | 14 | Sam Elliott | 29 |

Boulevard Staff

- Pastor**
The Rev. James Sledge
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Jeremy Roberts
Ext. 16
- Organist and Keyboard**
Mary Ann Stephens
Ext. 16
- Building Manager**
Mark Key
Ext. 22
- Office Manager**
Linda Johnson
Ext. 12

Session

- Class of 2011**
Steve Hills
Terry McFadden
Ken Pierce
Jan Plas

- Class of 2012**
Mary Clifton
Amy Creighton
Ian Rennick
Melissa Schmidt

- Class of 2013**
Ginny Achtermann
Jim Bailey
Phyllis Miller
Kay Rieve

Deacons

- Class of 2011**
Louise Conner
Martha Hills
Marty Kuhn
Abbi Menke
Kyme Rennick

- Class of 2012**
George Ells
Allyson Engdahl
Paul McCalla
Stefanie Osborne

- Class of 2013**
Amy Johnson
Carol McFadden
Michael Schmidt

Cents-Ability Update

**Nickels for Hunger
2-Cents-A-Meal
Penny Power!**

As of this newsletter \$426.61 has been donated for Cents-Ability. Our goal for this program year is \$1,000.00.

Please remember to put your pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters in your Cents-Ability bank each day, then bring your banks to church and add your loose change to the Cents-Ability jar!

**Deadline for July Good News
Thursday, June 16th**

**Presbyterian Women's Gathering
Thursday, June 2nd at 11:30 a.m.**



We will gather in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, June 2nd at 11:30 a.m. for a potluck salad lunch with desserts, breads and drinks provided by non-circle Presbyterian Women. Please bring a salad to serve 6 to 8 people. This will be our last gathering until September 2011. The program will include: Installation of Coordinating Team; Memorial Service for Boulevard Women; and Dedication of the Least Coin Offering. Reservations are not needed. All women and guests are welcome!

**Presbyterian Women in the Scioto Valley Presbytery
Mission Update**

A grant from the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women/USA in the amount of \$41,600 was given to the Counseling Center, Inc. in partnership with Shawnee State University of Portsmouth, Ohio. This grant will fund a beginning program of Occupational Therapy for drug addicted mothers. The mothers are too sick to give their children quality time / attention and may lack parenting skills to give their child what is needed to develop normal social, learning and physical skills. Learned at the appropriate stages, these skills contribute to a child's normal development. Play and learning are a child's occupation, and the Occupational Therapy program will facilitate this learning.

Presbyterian Women in the Scioto Valley Presbytery (which includes Boulevard PW) have supplied packs, crayons, PJ's, books, money and more for the children of mothers at this Counseling Center in Portsmouth. **Mission, at its best, is what Presbyterian Women do best!! Thanks!!!**

**Kroger Community Rewards Program
Enrollment Time**

Many of you are aware, and have been enrolled in, the Kroger charitable program that allows customers to designate funds for local charitable organizations through their purchases at Kroger stores. Boulevard Presbyterian Church is registered as a non-profit organization with the **Kroger Community Rewards Program**. Our enrollment in this program means that you may register to have your community rewards designated for Boulevard every time you shop at Kroger and use your **Kroger Plus Card**. In April of each year, Kroger asks their customers to re-register their community rewards designation. Please be sure to re-enroll with the Kroger Community Rewards Program.

To re-enroll or enroll for the first time, please go to **krogercommunityrewards.com**:

- ♦ Make sure you have your Kroger Plus Card handy.
- ♦ Click on "Ohio"
- ♦ Scroll to the bottom of the next page and click on "Click here for a step-by-step enrollment." ~ This gives all of the specific instructions for enrolling. After reviewing, making notes or printing the instructions return to the previous page.
- ♦ Now you are ready to click on the icon **Enroll**.
- ♦ **To designate funds for Boulevard you will need our non-profit ID number which is 80670.**
- ♦ Then to support Boulevard remember to swipe you Kroger Plus Card when shopping to be sure each purchase counts.

If you do not have a **Kroger Plus Card**, you may obtain one at the Customer Service Desk at any Kroger.

If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, perhaps a friend or relative could assist you, or you may contact the church office for assistance.

Local Mission Opportunities

CHRISTMAS IN JUNE

Assembly and Delivery Day ~ June 5th

Christmas In June is one of the small groups that emerged from last year's Appreciative Inquiry process. On Sunday, June 5th we will be assembling the donated items and delivering buckets of cleaning supplies to at least 25 families served by NNEMAP. Cleaning supplies are items that NNEMAP gets infrequently or not at all, yet they are products NNEMAP's clients truly need. If you are available to help with assembling and delivering the buckets, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Lounge.

**Let's embrace this new opportunity to show Christ's love to those in need!
Thanks for your help!!**

NNEMAP Food Pantry

The next Food Mission Sunday is **June 26th** (the fourth Sunday of each month), and our needs this month are:

- ♦ Canned Chicken
- ♦ Canned Pasta
- ♦ Bars of Hand Soap (Not Liquid)

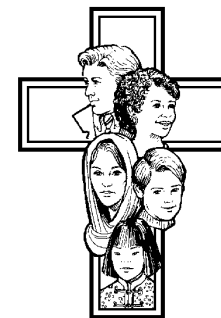
Brown grocery bags are always needed.

Don't throw them away!

The shampoo, soap, lotion and coffee packets that hotels provide for guests are ideal for NNEMAP clients, particularly the homeless. Bring these items with your monthly food donations and they will be distributed at the pantry!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

**Mission Committee Focus On:
NNEMAP**



Our Minute for Mission subject this month is the Near Northside Emergency Material Assistance Program (NNEMAP), a cooperative ministry of over 30 churches serving the needy in the Short North, Linden and downtown areas. At the time of its incorporation as NNEMAP in 1969, the pantry had already been giving assistance in the Short North area for eleven years. NNEMAP provides its clients with a three day supply of food twice a month, assistance with applying for food stamps, back-to-school supplies, and personal hygiene grooming kits. The pantry also distributes food and hygiene bags to the homeless, many of whom come from the downtown area.

Boulevard is one of NNEMAP's most active partners in working to bring God's love to those in need. The pantry is given \$3,600 yearly from our mission budget for financial assistance, and our ongoing food collection supplies them with \$400-\$500 worth of products each month. NNEMAP clients receive help at the holidays with our Christmas food/gift boxes, and our new Christmas in June program will supply them with buckets of much needed cleaning supplies. The children of Boulevard assemble packages of dry bean soup mix to donate to the pantry, and many of our church's small groups make donations as well.

Thanks be to God that we are able to help NNEMAP make a difference in the lives of others.

**Summer Camping
Opportunities at
Kirkmont Center**

Located in Zanesfield, Ohio, the Kirkmont Center is a Presbyterian Camp and Conference center offering Summer camping opportunities for Kindergarten through 12th Grade (depending on camp) including family opportunities like Grandparents Camp. Registration is underway and discounts are available for members and friends of Boulevard. Pick up a registration form and summer schedule in the lounge or for more information visit:

www.kirkmontcenter.com



Contributions and Expenses April 2011		
	Actual	Budget
Contributions	30,320.61	32,749.99
Expenses	<u>33,522.37</u>	<u>33,264.47</u>
Surplus or (Deficit)	<u>(3,201.76)</u>	<u>(514.48)</u>
Year-to-Date		
Contributions	123,218.61	130,999.96
Expenses	<u>131,047.77</u>	<u>133,057.88</u>
Surplus or (Deficit)	<u>(7,829.16)</u>	<u>(2,057.92)</u>

June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00 am 7:30 pm Quilters NA	2 11:30 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm PW Gathering Music Team FA Choir GA	3	4 11:00 am Grandview High School Baccalaureate Ceremony
5 7th Sunday of Easter Cents-Ability Sunday Pack and Deliver Buckets of Cleaning Supplies 9:00 am Worship: Chapel 9:50 am Coffee Connector 10:30 am Worship: Sanctuary	6 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	7 10:00 am 7:30 pm Staff AA	8 9:00 am 7:30 pm Quilters NA	9 9:45 am 10:30 am 5:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm Naomi Circle PW Bible Study Music Ministry Party FA GA	10 3:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal	11 4:30 pm Wedding ~ Caitlin Ferguson and Jesse Combs
12 Pentecost 9:00 am Worship: Chapel 9:50 am Coffee Connector 10:30 am Worship: Sanctuary	13 1:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm Staff Deacons Boy Scouts WAM	14 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm Discipleship Property AA	15 9:00 am 7:30 pm Quilters NA	16 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 pm 7:30 pm FA GA	17	18
19 Trinity Sunday Happy Father's Day! 9:00 am Worship: Chapel 9:50 am Coffee Connector 10:30 am Worship: Sanctuary	20 10:00 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm FAP CE Boy Scouts	21 10:00 am 7:30 pm Staff AA	22 9:00 am 7:30 pm Quilters NA	23 Newsletter Mailing 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm Music Team FA GA	24	25 11:00 am Women's Potluck Brunch
26 Food Mission Sunday 9:00 am Worship: Chapel 9:50 am Coffee Connector 10:30 am Worship: Sanctuary 11:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry	27 1:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm Staff Session Boy Scouts	28 7:30 pm AA	29 9:00 am 7:30 pm Quilters NA	30		

Linda ~ Vacation

Join us for Coffee Connector

Sundays in the Lounge
from 9:50-10:30
June 5th –Sept. 4th



Coffee Connector is a time of fellowship and food between our two summer worship services at Boulevard. The food will be continental breakfast style and provided by different groups around the church. The fellowship time will allow us to spend time with friends who attend different services. Make sure to stick around after the 9:00 a.m. service or come early before the 10:30 service. We look forward to seeing you there starting June 5th when the Worship Committee will host our first “Coffee Connector.”

Congratulations Graduates Class of 2011

High School Graduates

Douglas Conner is graduating from Hilliard Davidson High School and will attend Ohio University in Athens in the fall. Doug is the son of David and Jane Conner.

Deidre Hooley is graduating from Grandview Heights High School and will attend Wittenberg University in the Fall. Deidre is the daughter of Dan and Jill Hooley.

Margaret Odiorne is graduating from Grandview Heights High School and will attend Ohio State University in the fall. Margaret is the daughter of Ken Odiorne and Chris Sage.

Thomas Odiorne is graduating from Grandview Heights High School and will attend Ohio State University in the fall. Thomas is the son of Ken Odiorne and Chris Sage.

College Graduates

Kevin Frick graduated from Wittenberg University with a BA in History and Education.

Congratulations to the Class of 2011!

Women's Monthly Potluck Brunch

Saturday, June 25th
11:00 a.m.



Our next brunch will be held **Saturday, June 25th at 11:00 a.m. in Room 111.** We will gather for a potluck brunch, fellowship and ongoing discussion, as individuals and as a group, about our faith journeys, our spiritual growth and / or service opportunities as we feel led by God. Please sign the sheet in the Lounge to let us know that you're planning to attend and bring your favorite potluck item! Feel free to invite a friend!