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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Things change very fast these days! Just in the almost eight decades I have lived, the world has experienced incredible developments. One of my professors used to say to us as we were preparing to become science teachers, "When you go out to teach your students, remember that half of what you teach is not true, - the problem is we do not know which half it is."

How right he was. The scientific progress has gone way beyond what we knew back then.

The church has changed. When the Presbyterian Church started many moons ago, a group of congregations did not allow any instruments in the sanctuary and only sang the "psalms". I believe they were called the Covenanters. They had very strict rules and traditions that were enforced. I visited a church building in Hopkinton, Iowa once that used to be a Covenanter church. The church has been closed for many years, and it is now a museum.

Just as everything else changes, so does the church. As I continue as your interim, be aware that I might make some changes that do not necessarily sit well with you. Some of them I do because I need to have those changes, (if you wonder why feel free to ask me)-and some of them will be attempts to get some of the things back into the service you all remember and like, and of course some of the changes are ideas from some bright individual who thought it would make things better.

So I say, be patient and accept the changes and let me know if you can't live with them.

The most important thing is that we come together, support each other in our efforts to live in the unruly world of ours, and rejoice together over many ways God has blessed us.

There was this school run by the nuns. It was lunch time and all the students would come to the cafeteria. They would come in one line, go along the cafeteria line and pick up the items they liked and put them on their tray. This specific day at the front of the food line was a huge tray with apples, and it had a sign that said, "One apple per student! God is watching!!!" Then the students would proceed-at the other end of the line was another huge tray piled high with cookies and one of the students had sneaked a small sign next to the cookie tray, he was not supposed to do that, but there is always in the crowd who would do such a thing for the sign said, "Take all the cookies you want, God is watching the apples".

We will be OK. God is pleased with what we are for each other, and what we do to worship together. May this month of October bring lots of pleasure in the one apple you can have and all the cookies you want.

Love you, Oluf

Per Capita: An Overview...

Who pays Per Capita, and how much?

Congregations (through their sessions) pay an annual amount of money per church member- per capita apportionment - to their respective presbyteries. The per capita amount requested from a congregation is a combined total of requests from that congregation's presbytery, the Synod of the Covenant and the General Assembly -based on their respective budgets for the coming year. The General Assembly per capita rates is set every two years at the biennial General Assembly (GA) meeting. At each GA, a proposed budget for the coming two-year period is approved. The per capita rate is set by dividing the total GA-approved budget by the total PC(USA) church membership after adjusting for income earned from investments and the amount of accumulation or reserves used in the prior period. The rate is based on the membership of PC(USA) churches two years earlier, which are the most recent figures available when GA budgets are adopted. The per capita rate for 2013 will be \$31.00 (GA-\$6.80; Synod-\$3.25, and Presbytery-\$20.95).

"God has so arranged the body ...that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care of one another."1 Corinthians 12:24-25

from Dagmar Romage, PSV Administrative Assistant

(Excerpted from the Presbytery of Scioto Valley Newsletter 9/19/12)



A Note from the Clerk...

Matthew 22:37, 39 “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” And.....”Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Session met on Tuesday, September 18, at 7pm in the Conference Room. Pastor Oluf opened the meeting with prayer. I reported on the Presbytery meeting held earlier in the day. Our record books were reviewed and accepted without exception.

Each committee presented reports. Discussion centered on making visitors feel welcome and encouraging everyone to participate in the activities offered by the Fellowship Committee. Look for information on various opportunities in the Sunday bulletin and The Messenger. The kitchen shower in September was a fun gathering and provided many necessary items to stock our kitchen. Thank you to the Fellowship Committee for the delicious salad they served for lunch and for planning this event.

Work is being done on the church website - check it out. New photos are being incorporated. Let our secretary, Marie Richards, know if there is anything you want to post. We need your input to make this site all it can be.

The membership lists will be updated in October. Marie will also be updating our Church Directory by the end of the year. Please let her know if there are any changes to your information - especially your email address. Second request - if you want to receive The Messenger by email, please tell Marie.

The Nominating Committee will be meeting in October. Please consider how you might serve the church and be ready to volunteer.

Session voted to pay for the repair of the double doors in the Fellowship Hall. Several other repairs had to be made to keep us in compliance with Fire Codes. Scott Lockwood brought two proposals for correcting sound problems in the chancel. Session voted to pay for four new speakers. Also approved, was the expense for the 'survey monkey' to help with the church survey.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Frazier

Understanding Our Church Finances

One of the comments received from several people during the Church Chats is that they have a hard time understanding our financial situation. It is true that the financial end of the Church can be complicated, confusing, and difficult to explain. Nonetheless, we are going to try and explain some of the basics in a series of articles over the next several monthly newsletters.

This month deals with your contributions. First of all, it is important to recognize that the offering that is received each week is not just to pay the bills. The offering is our token of gratitude to God for all of the blessings that He bestows on us daily. It is a gift to God, not to our Church. We, as stewards of this gift, seek to use this money to promote and glorify Him through the functions of the Church. Each week, your gifts are counted by both the Treasurer (Karen Mansell) and Financial Secretary (Lewie Main). Both counts must agree with each other and records are routinely reviewed against bank statements to insure proper accounting. All of the money is kept in a single bank account, but records are maintained dividing the money into 5 different funds according to your instructions. The 5 funds are Current Fund, Benevolence Fund, Building Expansion Fund, Basement Classrooms Fund, and Memorial Fund. Next month, I will discuss the purpose of each of these funds. People can indicate the amount they want to go into each fund either on the offering envelopes, in the memo line on the check, or through direction given to the Financial Secretary. If no direction is indicated, the Church's policy is to designate 90% to the Current Fund and 10% to the Benevolence Fund. Next month, I will discuss the purpose of each of the five funds. Of course, I extend a standing invitation to meet with you if you wish to dig deeper into the Church's finances.

Your Servant, Scott Lockwood

VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES FOR OCTOBER

FLOWERS DONATED BY:

- October 7th Mark & Katie Miller to the Glory of God.
October 14th Scott & Linda Lockwood in honor of their 39th anniversary.
October 21st Andy Wahlenmaier & Abigail Voigt to Praise God for Millie's 1st year and for always taking care of us.
October 28th Ken & Jean Weaver in memory of our parents.

ACOLYTES

- October 7th Phoebe Richards
October 14th Sidney Blair
October 21st Moriah Fleming
October 28th Wesley Cox

WORSHIP LEADERS

- October 7th Karen Blair
October 14th TBA-teen worship leader
October 21st Jeanne Voigt
October 28th Jim Frazier

GREETERS

- October 7th The Miller Family
October 14th The Pardee Family
October 21st The Wahlenmaier Family
October 28th The Gibson Family

NURSERY

- October 7th Diane Frazier
October 14th
October 21st
October 28th Alice Main

JR. CHURCH

- October 7th Carrie Almendinger
October 14th Katie Miller
October 21st Jeanne Voigt
October 28th Marie Fleming

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

- October 7th Pastor Oluf
October 14th Pat Blair
October 21st Pastor Oluf
October 28th Katie Miller

USHERS

- October 7th Scott Lockwood, Gale Schaile
October 14th Teen Choir
October 21st Kerry Fleming
October 28th Chris Blair

Birthdays and Anniversaries in October

1 st	Andrew Sayer	14 th	Darren & Marie Richards
2 nd	Cille Childers Mike & Suzy Sayer	16 th	Doug Orr
5 th	Ray Speck Bob McCartney Kortney Cartwright	17 th	Ray & Pat Speck
6 th	Madison Blair	19 th	Billie Joe & Debra Farley
7 th	Penny Replogle Madison Ashbrook Daniel & Kris Almendinger	20 th	Scott & Linda Lockwood
8 th	Norma Duncan Suzy Sayer	22 th	James Darrell Blair Liz & Clint Perkins
10 th	Mildred Voigt Wahlenmaier	23 rd	Michael Frazier
11 th	Marilyn LeClair	25 th	Barbara Derenburger
		29 th	Kenneth & Jean Weaver
		30 th	Marie Fleming
		31 st	Steven LeClair





October 2012



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 4pm Prayer Walk	2 9am Bible Study 1pm Tabitha Circle 5:30 TOPS	3 5:15 Jr. Choir & Bells 7:30 Adult Choir	4 6pm Girl Scouts	5	6
7 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	8 4pm Prayer Walk	9 9am Bible Study 1pm Tabitha Circle 5:30 TOPS 7:15pm Session Mtg	10 5:15 Jr. Choir & Bells 7:30 Adult Choir	11	12	13
14 9:15am Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	15 4pm Prayer Walk 7pm Fellowship Committee Mtg	16 9am Bible Study 1pm Tabitha Circle 5:30 TOPS	17 1pm Elizabeth Circle @ Hot Spot 5:15 Jr. Choir/Bells 7:30 Adult choir	18 6pm Girl Scouts	19	20
21 9:15am Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	22 4pm Prayer Walk	23 9am Bible Study 1pm Tabitha Circle 5:30pm TOPS	24 5:15 Jr. Choir & Bells 7:30 Adult Choir	25	26	27
28 9:15am Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service/Kirkin' of the Tartan	29 4pm Prayer Walk	30 9am Bible Study 1pm Tabitha Circle 5:30 TOPS	31 7pm Trick or Trunk 			

Our Church Groups

Fellowship Committee



The Fellowship Committee has begun having meetings again. We are meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month, at 7pm in the choir room. We would love to see you there. It is never too late to join this committee!!!

Here are a few of our upcoming events:

October 14th is Pastor Appreciation Day, we will have coffee and donuts in the Fellowship Hall before our service

October 31st from 7pm-8:30pm is Trick or Trunk. Decorate your trunk, come to the church parking lot, and have fun passing out candy. **There will be no Jr. Choir or Bells that night.

Tabitha Circle



Tabitha Circle is continuing to meet on Tuesdays at **1:00 PM to 2:45 PM**. It is a time of working together, making lap covers, baby quilts, cutting out squares. So if you can use a scissor, tie a knot, use a sewing machine or just need some extra fellowship you are welcome to come. We have lunch together once a month. Please come and see if this is a ministry you would like to get involved in.

Youth Ministry Team

We are happy to announce session voted to form the Youth Ministry Team. What is that you ask? This group consists of those who are currently working with the youth of our church, and anyone who would like to offer any new suggestions. (We will not make you teach) We will have our first meeting before school starts. If you are interested please contact Rhonda Piper.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE

This group meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Hot Spot coffee house. The group has a short bible study and plenty of fellowship time. Come and see what we are all about!

Tuesday Morning Bible Study



Our Tuesday morning Bible study group is beginning again! We meet at the church on Tuesday mornings from 9am-10am. We welcome any new faces.

Adult Sunday school news

Are you looking for a Sunday school class to attend this fall? There will be two to choose from beginning in September.

Dick Mosley will be teaching a class that will be reading the book "Acts Witnesses to the World" by Steven Ger.

Pastor Oluf will be teaching a class titled I Corinthians 13.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Church Happenings

NEWS FROM THE MISSION STUDY COMMITTEE

A gracious Thank You to all who participated in the Church Chats! Your reflections and suggestions were heard and very much appreciated.

The next step in the process is to refine the vast amount of information and create quantitative (number) data. In the next 3 weeks you will be invited to complete a survey in the format of your choice.

- Traditional Survey: A paper/pencil survey will be available in the narthex. Simply pick up a survey, fill it out, and return it to the secure box that will be also located in the narthex. Anyone who needs a paper copy mailed to them, simply call the church office (740-967-7541) and you will be taken care of.
- PDF: An e-mail will be sent via the Communications e-mail list. Simply print the document, fill in your responses, and return it to the secure box in the narthex.
- On-Line via Survey Monkey: provide responses quickly and securely on-line.

All formats will ask the same questions to yield concise responses. **The deadline for completion of all formats is October 21st.** Please help us help the congregation by meeting the deadline.

Thank you for taking the time to guide our church into the future!

Building Expansion Loan

The Stewardship Mission Team is pleased to announce that your on-going financial support of the Sanctuary expansion project has more than met our monthly needs and the Building Expansion Fund has accumulated a reserve. As good stewards, we requested and received approval from Session to make an extra \$15,000 payment towards the loan. This extra payment will save the Church approximately \$17,000 in interest payments. Thank you.

Basement Class Rooms Project

We have accumulated approximately 2/3 of the money needed for finishing the basement into Sunday School classrooms. For several years now, the people of the Church have been donating towards this project. Your donations along with various fund raising activities have brought us to the point where Session feels we should begin the initial process of developing specific plans and obtaining cost estimates for providing Sunday School classrooms in the basement. We are excited to finally realize the plan to replace the classrooms that were lost during the renovations for the Church office, preschool office, and women's restroom. We will be seeking input from the Sunday School Mission Team and the Youth Mission teams to provide a wonderful teaching and learning environment for our children and young men and women.

Older Adult Fall Forum and Lunch Gathering

Wednesday, October 31, 9:30 am - 1 pm at the Westminster-Thurber Community in Columbus.

The topic, "What do I do with the Rest of My Life?" will be led by popular speaker, Helen Morrison, president of the Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network (POAMN).

RSVP: dagmar@psvonline.org or 614-847-0565

Take a walk down our classroom hallway. There are bulletin boards highlighting our students, the People in the Pews, and all of our other missions and groups.

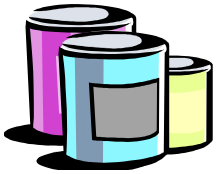
FOOD PANTRY FUNDRAISER

K-CEPS SERVICE CENTER WILL BE HAVING A FUNDRAISER FOR OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRY. ON NOVEMBER 3RD, FROM 8:00AM TO 2:00PM K-CEPS, COME IN AND GET AN OIL CHANGE AND ALL OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRY.

Mission Opportunity

Looking to renew your spirit? Want to see more of the world? Love getting exotic vaccines? Consider a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. The dates have been set for April 13-20, 2013, and the cost is \$900. Please contact Lee Mansell or Melanie Main soon if you are interested.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS:



The Food Pantry is in better shape than it was earlier this summer thanks to all of us that have been bringing in food for them and all of the other churches and others in our community. Even though it is doing better, it does not take long to go in the other direction. Ruth Krumm says that she is serving about 100 families in our community a month. They are in need of salad dressing, canned fruit, canned peas and canned carrots. They can use anything that you bring in and it is very much appreciated! Please keep all of them in your prayers.

Thank you. Karen & George Dreisbach

NEW MEMBER CLASS

We will hold a new member class on October 14th and 21st. The classes will be immediately following our worship services, and lunch will be provided. If you are interested in becoming a member of our church, please sign up in the narthex, or call the office at 740-967-7541 to sign up.

Big Red Band

The Johnstown Johnnies Big Red Band is hosting the Purdue "All American" March band on October 19, 2012. The All American band will be performing at the football game that night then heading to OSU to face off with the Buckeyes that Saturday (20th). There are 370 members that we are placing in homes for the night. If you are interested in having a few band members stay the night, please email or call Karen Blair the5blairs@embarqmail.com. The final details are still being determined. You will get the band members after the game on Friday night. Dinner will be provided to them by the band boosters so no need to feed them dinner, just a place to shower and sleep (bed, couch, sleeping bag, floor, camper). We are also assisting in providing food for their breakfast. Stay tuned for a sign-up sheet to donate food. Any questions please call me

Karen

Pre-School News:



To help alleviate some cost for the Pre-school, we have asked them to provide a list of snacks that can be provided by our church. There are yellow tags on our bulletin board in the narthex. Please take a tag, go to Kroger, and bring in an item or two. There is a drop box for the dry goods outside the Pre-school office.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



We will once again collect gift-filled shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an organization lead by Franklin Graham. They collect millions of shoe boxes each year for children all around the world. Boxes can be filled with age appropriate gifts. Age ranges and suggested box stuffers are in the pamphlets located in the Narthex. If you've contributed a box in the past you may receive a pamphlet from them this year. They also offer a program where you may register your box on their site. If so, then you may learn where your box was delivered. This project is an easy way to fulfill our call of Mission and Service to our Lord. Last year we collected nearly 40 boxes and we'd certainly like to meet or exceed that number again this year. Due date for the boxes at church is November 11. If you have any questions, please let Katie Miller know. Her email is katiemiller73@yahoo.com, or call her at 614-561-5816.

Women's Association



The Women's Association is selling their cookbooks and brooms. The new price is \$5 for the cookbooks, and \$8 for the brooms. You can purchase these through Norma Johnson, or bring the money into the office during office hours.

The women are also planning their annual Angel Program. The program is scheduled December 6th beginning at 6:30.

Thanks!!!

Many thanks to the ladies of the church who cleaned, and re-organized the kitchen, maintenance closet, and the middle room in the fellowship hall.

Potluck and Hayride News



There will be a pumpkin carving station at the Potluck/Hayride at Pennyroyal Farm this Sunday. Bring your own pumpkin and join in the fun! Please make sure to mark your name somewhere on your pumpkin.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Office hours & Contacts

Pastor Oluf's hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9am to 2pm

Marie's hours are Monday–Friday from 9am to Noon.

Our phone number is 967-7541

Pastor Oluf's email address is pastor_oluf@the.jpc.org

Our email is johnstownpres@gmail.com

We present to you many opportunities to get involved in the church life. There are sign-up sheets for ministry involvement that need volunteers in our foyer. Take a chance and sign up! You will be blessed. Here are the names to contact if you have any questions.

Flowers for Worship:	contact the Office
Greeters:	contact Karen Blair
Acolytes:	contact Marie Richards
Ushers:	contact John Alexander
Nursery & Jr. Church:	contact Rhonda Piper
Children's Message:	contact Marianne Derenberger
Special Music:	contact Norma Clark
Property Maintenance:	contact Ray Speck
Church Sign:	contact Tami Ashbrook
Wedding Coordinator:	contact Sally Uhde

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY



If you signed up to place flowers in our chancel for a special remembrance on Sunday mornings, please don't forget to put your \$17.00 donation for cut flowers, or \$25.00 for Planters in an envelope marked "Flowers" and place it in the offertory plate on that Sunday, or before. We appreciate the beauty of your generous donation and hope to know your tender "remembrances" and make them as special to our church family as they are to you. You may take the flowers home after the Sunday morning service.

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PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS AND UPDATES FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2012

THOSE SUFFERING LOSS:

Brittani Pederson, age 24, drowned in a quarry 9-7-12. She was the daughter of Cheryl Chapman, the consumer science teacher at Johnstown High School. Please pray for her loved ones.

Hope Riffe passed away 9-11-12. Pray for her family.

George Glick, neighbor of Levene Baughn, has passed away. Please pray for comfort for his loved ones.

JOYS/THANKSGIVINGS/SUPPORT:

Judy Schultz, mother of Suzy Sayer, underwent a PET scan to check for cancer. The scan came back negative.

Kris and Daniel Almendinger lost a rental house, across from the church, in a fire. Prayers of thanksgiving that nobody was hurt and blessings to all the first responders who showed up to help.

Northridge High School student, Mike, had some tumors removed from his pancreas and is doing better and back to school.

PRAYERS FOR ILLNESS, SURGERY, EMERGENCIES:

Margaret Jolley suffered a fall and was hospitalized. She is home now. Please continue to pray for her health.

Tom Jolley is recovering from a broken arm. Pray for his healing.

Lewie Main fell and broke his arm. Pray for a speedy recovery.

Betty Ford suffered a fall and is now at the New Albany Gardens & Care Center Rm. 308.

Jim Kissel, Jamie Pardee's father, needs continued prayers of strength and healing. His heart is only 50% effective and he is getting worse.

Mike Robison, Johnstown resident, was cleaning up debris in his yard after the June 29 storm and a limb landed on him severing his spine. He now faces the rest of his life in a wheelchair paralyzed from the waist down.

Kathy, Susie Speck's cousin, will continue to battle melanoma for the rest of her life, but is doing ok right now.

Roger, Susie Speck's cousin, is struggling with his treatment for throat cancer. Even though he has a trach, he is still having problems breathing and has taken a turn for the worse.

Pray for Carl, Susie Speck's cousin. He has terminal cancer and has stopped all treatments. He wants to be with his brother, Carl, but is too ill to travel. Pray for his comfort and pain management.

Carol Stires (friend of Hazel Almendinger) has had a single mastectomy; the cancer was further along than they thought. She is halfway through radiation and it is getting rough.

Mary Bowles, Hazel Almdendinger's friend's mother, has been diagnosed again with cancer and it is in her bones. There is nothing more they can do except keep her comfortable.

Brian Bemiller cousin to Kevin and Dale Piper, was briefly hospitalized with what the doctors think was a complex migraine.

Ray Speck underwent surgery for a kidney stone. Pray for his healing.

Jane, Susie Speck's aunt has suffered a stroke. Pray for her healing.

Northridge High School senior, Colton Zigo continues to battle cancer. Pray for his healing.

Norma Duncan, is suffering from multiple illnesses. Pray for the Lord's guidance in some medical decisions she is facing.

Northridge resident, Val Kauahi, continues to battle cancer. Pray for her comfort.

THOSE SHUT IN OR CONFINED TO THEIR HOMES:

Roy H. Sarbaugh

Doris Dorsey

Alice Neibarger

CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR HEALING OF CANCER:

Stacy Sayer

Susie Harrison (Aunt to Dani Cox)

Bob Thomas (of Johnstown)

Amy Williams (Charlie Parker's daughter)

Marilyn Parker (she needs recurrent checkups)

Betty Scully (friend of the Weaver's)

CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

Ron Goodman (brother-in-law to Jane Muller)
Katherine Kissel
Greg Miller (cousin of Linda Lockwood)
Steve Miles (friend of the Almendinger's)
Gary Weaver (Ken Weaver's brother)
Colton Zigo, Northridge student
Valerie Kauahi, Northridge parent
John Dalton, Northridge parent
Ellen Howell (sister of Hazel Almendinger)

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Mission Study Survey Questions - Fall 2012
The Presbyterian Church of Johnstown

1. Your age group would be (please check one):
 12-16 16-19 19-25 25-35 35-45 45-55
 55-65 65-75 over 75
2. How close do you live to the church?
 less than 5 miles 5-10 miles 10-20 miles 20 or more
3. How often do you worship at the church?
 most of the time frequently occasionally special occasions
4. Are we satisfying your needs as far as spiritual growth?
 very satisfied satisfied somewhat satisfied not satisfied
5. Are we satisfying your children's needs as far as spiritual growth?
 very satisfied satisfied somewhat satisfied not satisfied n/a
6. Are we satisfying your needs as far as Christian fellowship?
 very satisfied satisfied somewhat satisfied not satisfied
7. Are we satisfying your children's needs as far as Christian fellowship?
 very satisfied satisfied somewhat satisfied not satisfied n/a
8. Are we satisfying your needs as far as Christian education?
 very satisfied satisfied somewhat satisfied not satisfied
9. Are we satisfying your children's needs as far as Christian education?
 very satisfied satisfied somewhat satisfied not satisfied n/a
10. Are we satisfying your needs as far as Worship and fellowship opportunities for young family/young adult?
 very satisfied satisfied somewhat satisfied not satisfied n/a
11. How important is membership growth to the survival of the church?
 absolutely critical very important important, but not critical
 less important not really important
12. There are different styles of Worship service and some styles suit some folks and other styles suit others. Is your preference toward: (mark all that apply)

Traditional

Contemporary

Blended

13. Would you be willing to alter the format and style of our worship service if it would bring in more un-churched people? yes no maybe

14. Are you participating in any small groups? yes no

15. When would you be most likely to participate in a fellowship activity?

before church

after church

Sunday night

weekday

weeknight

weekend day

weekend night

16. Which statement comes closest to your view of the Bible?

Bible is the inspired word of God, to be taken literally word for word.

Bible is the inspired word of God and is infallible.

Bible is the word of God, to be interpreted in the light of its historical and cultural context.

Bible is the word of God, to be interpreted in the light of the Church's teaching and traditions.

Bible is not the word of God but a unique book through which God's word may come to us.

17. Rank the most important aspects of the church--Please mark your top 4 answers:

Meaningful worship services

The Sacrament of Communion

Social time

Sermons

Bible study

Youth ministry

Prayer ministry

Sunday school

Community outreach

Local missions

Global missions

Practical care

18. Our next full time pastor should besides preaching and moderating Session (considering no more than 48 hrs. per week)--Please mark your top 4 answers:

Teach or be involved in Sunday school

Teaching discipleship to elders and others

Counsel those with needs

Visit those in hospital or those who are shut in

Visitation of regular membership or attendees

Work with youth groups

Occasional visits, sounding board for lay youth leaders

Meet/greet in friendship with congregation members prior and after Worship Service

Hold classes for new members and confirmation classes.

Develop leaders and encourage discipleship

Outreach in the community

Attend Presbytery meetings

19. Please feel free to share any additional comments: