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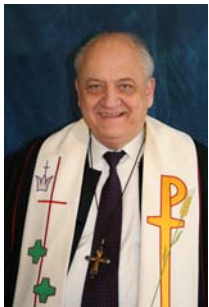


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A place to belong...
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A place to make a difference.

Announcing our Temporary Pastor!

By the Temporary Supply Pastor Committee



The Temporary Pastor Committee has offered the temporary Pastor position to **The Reverend Dr. Richard O. Griffith** as a one year term contract.

He was presented to Session at their meeting on Wednesday, April 20, and his contract was approved. Therefore, Dick (his preferred name) will begin employment here at Peoples Presbyterian on Monday, May 16.

We are confident you will enjoy his strong preaching ability, easy going personality and great sense of humor. Dick lives in Southfield and will be commuting to the church. His regular office hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9 am to 12 noon. Taking care of the congregation's welfare is top priority for him. Dick is very impressed with the work of our church, and is very anxious to start working with us.

Dick's first Sunday leading worship will be May 22 at 10 am. Let's plan on giving him a warm Peoples' welcome.

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Collect, Save and Bring to Church

- > Pull tabs
- > Box tops
- > Soup Labels
- > Plastic Lids (See Pg. 4 for details on the Lids)

The Carillon is Working!

By Ruth Ann Fraser, Worship and Music Committee Member

The Worship and Music Committee are happy to announce that our carillon is working again! Listen for the chimes on the hour between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. and the music before worship on Sunday mornings. We are glad to once again be an audible presence in our community. Thanks to Ruth Ann Fraser for setting up the new computer system that controls the carillon chimes.



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SPECIAL OFFERINGS PENTECOST



By Carol Vollink, Mission and Outreach Committee Member

Because of the Pentecost Offering, since 1998, congregations have raised over \$4 million for ministries with children at risk, as well as youth and young adults. The Pentecost Offering makes it possible for our congregation to take an active part in bringing healing and wholeness to children at risk.

Help Raise Up Kids in our Church and Around the World

You should know that every gift to this special offering helps children, youth, and young adults here at home and around the world—providing them a better first impression of our world, our future, and God's love and grace.

40% stays with our church>> for local ministries that serve children and youth. Peoples Presbyterian Church will be supporting *Milan High School's Peer-2-Peer, Project Straight Talk, and Life Savers campaigns* promoting self-esteem, anti-bullying, mental health and coping skills.

25% supports Young Adult Volunteers>> Providing opportunities for young adults to serve in communities around the world and grow as leaders through transformative Christian Service.

25% goes to Ministries with Youth>> helping to guide our youth by uniting in Christ and lifting them up as leaders and messengers of God's word.

10% advocates for at-risk children>> Supporting vital ministries to improve education and provide a safe haven for children across the globe.

On May 15, the collection of the Pentecost Offerings will be received and dedicated. Thank you for helping to make a difference!

**Look for the Pentecost Envelope in the pew pockets, or
write Pentecost in the memo line of your check. Thank you!**



PENTECOST

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016

Fellowship Report: Merry Makers venue change!

By Charles Pratt, Fellowship Committee Chair



There has been a change in venue! The next Merry Makers Dinner will take place on **Saturday, May 21 at 5 p.m. Red Lobster, 2420 Carpenter Road**. Be sure to place your name on the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you are planning to go, so we can make sure there is room for all!

And just a reminder: Family Makers is planning to go to the Toledo Zoo on Saturday, June 11. If enough people sign up, we'll try to book transportation. We need to know by the middle of May how many are going, so we have enough time to book the transportation. Be sure to get your name on the list now if you want to go!



We are also excited about Graduation Breakfast on Sunday, June 5. PPC has three graduates this year! Their families and friends will be invited to attend the breakfast. You are invited too! Everyone is welcome! There will be a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall once we get closer to the date.

Mission and Outreach Report

By Chad Lawver, Mission and Outreach Committee Chair



One Great Hour of Sharing donations to be sent soon!

We are almost done counting! The Mission and Outreach Committee would like to let you know that we will soon be sending the check to Presbytery for One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). As I write this article, your donations so far total \$848.37. If you haven't given, it's not too late, but please get your donation in soon! A gift to OGHS enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry, as well as helping to empower the poor and oppressed.



If you are giving cash, be sure to write "OGHS" on the outside of the envelope, or if you are giving by check, please be sure to include "OGHS" on the memo line. Thanks to all for your support again this year!

"Tacos for Triennium," a fundraiser!

On May 22, the Mission and Outreach and Christian Education Committees will team up for "Tacos for Triennium." Together, we are hosting a luncheon to help raise donations to support Gabrielle LaFuentes trip to Triennium. Presbyterian Youth Triennium is a gathering for high school age youth from the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church that occurs every three years. The 2016 event is July 19-23, 2016 at Purdue University.



The "Tacos for Triennium" luncheon will take place immediately after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Please be sure to put your name on the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall, and then come and enjoy a taco lunch after worship on Sunday, May 22!!!!

Christian Education Report: Easter has been busy, fun!

By Carole London, Christian Education Committee Chair



Our Lenten Outreach Project of filling **Treasure Chests of Love** for SafeHouse Center was a huge success due to your wonderful support and participation!! There were a total of 36 boxes all decoratively wrapped and filled-to-the-brim with fun, practical, personal and "just because" items. They will be given to children who arrive at SafeHouse Center in Ann Arbor.

The boxes are theirs to keep and take with them when they leave the center and go to a safer environment. After the Treasure Chests were dedicated on April 3, the kids pushed the red shopping cart down the aisle and collected many desperately needed items from SafeHouse Center's Wish List. What a wonderful response! Thank you for your generous support for this Lenten Outreach Project. We really appreciate everything you do to support our children!

Photo credit:
Joan Cullip

April 22 marked the 46th annual Earth Day, and Christian Education celebrated it on Sunday, April 24. The children learned how to make their own biodegradable planting pots out of newspaper, as well as making some pots using cardboard egg cartons. They added soil and vegetable seeds and when completed, they were ready to take home and nurture.

Once the seedlings are ready to be transplanted, all the kids have to do is open the bottom of the newspaper pots or cut apart the egg carton compartments, and plant the seedlings in a big pot or in the ground. The paper containers will biodegrade on their own and the children will enjoy fresh vegetables all summer long!



Another Earth Day project the children are starting is to collect the hard plastic caps that are not recyclable from milk jugs, water bottles, ketchup bottles, etc. We are collecting them in a large, clear container in the Narthex. Then we'll give them to an organization that makes park benches and such out of them. These are a couple of small ways to help take care of our wonderful Earth that God has given us



Vacation Bible School is set! Calling all volunteers!

By Carole London, Christian Education Committee Chair

Cow-a-bunga!! Oh yeah, that's our theme for VBS this year! Cow-a-bunga Farm will be filling the church during the week of July 11-15.

Many new, exciting activities and projects are being planned. If you are interested in joining us in the planning stage, or during the week as a worker, please just let Carole London or a member of the C.E. Committee know. There is something for everyone to do. It always proves to be the most lively Christian Education week of the year!! Our mission project will benefit the Ronald McDonald House - stay tuned for those details too!



Youth Sunday and Graduation Sunday combined!

By Carole London, Christian Education Committee Chair



Mark June 5 on your calendar for a worship service filled with kids and excitement! It will be a combination of Youth Sunday and Graduation Sunday. The youth will participate in many parts of worship and we will honor our two High School seniors:

Lauren Rae,
Tiffany Weston

There will be a Graduation Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. before worship and Doris Campbell is the chosen guest speaker.



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Session Highlights: April 2016

By Nancy Kuzniar, Clerk of Session



New Temporary Supply Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Richard O. Griffith has been hired as PPC's Temporary Supply Pastor, effective May 16, 2016. His first Sunday will be May 22, 2016.

PPC Self Study: A Church Self Study is the first step in the process for eventual selection of a full time called pastor. The 2016 Self Study is nearly complete. When it is finished, it will require approval by Session, and then will be sent to the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry for their approval. COM meets next on May 12.

Baptisms on Easter Sunday, March 27, included Jaidyn Fital, son of Sara Fital; Madisyn Sperry, daughter of Sara Fital and Terry Sperry (great-grandchildren of Gordon and Judy Parker); Alexandra Marie and Maximus Daniel Freeman, children of Daniel and Jacqueline Freeman; Brendon Scott Gehring, son of Anthony and Amanda Gehring; Victoria Marie Heeringa, daughter of Kimberly Heeringa; Reese Brianne Rupert, daughter of John and Jennifer Rupert; Aiden Kristopher and Ronan Roberts Tarpley, sons of Kristopher and Kathryn Tarpley. Jonah Malachi Shriver, son of The Rev. Kelly and John Shriver was dedicated, and will be baptized later in Washington or Oregon, where the extended families can be present and participate.

Buildings and Grounds: Session accepted with regret, the resignation of David Butler from Session.

Women's Group: A total of 77 hats have been delivered to St. Joe's Oncology Unit so far this year, and more are accumulating for the next delivery.

Worship and Music: The tower Carillon is now in working order. At present it is chiming on the hour from 8 am – 6 pm with six times of snippets of music. Thanks to Ruth Ann Fraser for making this project happen.

Ruling Elders 2016- 2017

- † Open, no chair - Buildings and Grounds
- † Carole London - Christian Education
- † Charles Pratt - Fellowship
- † Sue Barney - Membership
- † Chad Lawver - Mission and Outreach
- † Steve Barney - Personnel
- † Doris Campbell - Stewardship, as well as the Sub-Committee of Stewardship, Memorials and Scholarships
- † Helen Barnes - Worship and Music





May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9 am Choir Practice-Music Room 10 am Worship: Guest Pastor, Rev. Linda Anderson, Communion, C.E.	2 7 pm Handbell Practice	3	4 7 pm Bookworms - Lounge	5	6	7
8 9 am Choir Practice-Music Room 10 am Worship: Guest Pastor, Rev. Dr. J. Harold Ellens, Mother's Day, C.E. Session Committee Monthly Reports are due to the Clerk.	9	10 7 pm Worship and Music Committee Meeting - Lounge	11	12 7 pm Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting - Lounge	13	14
15 9 am Choir Practice-Music Room 10 am Worship: Guest Pastor, Rev. Dr. J. Harold Ellens, wear red to church for Day of Pentecost, Pentecost offering received and dedicated, C.E Session Committee Packets are ready for pick up.	16	17	18 6 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting - Lounge 7 pm Session Meeting - Lounge	19 1 to 3 pm PPC Hats for Cancer Project - Lounge	20	21
22 9 am Choir Practice-Music Room 9 am Deacons Meeting-Lounge 10 am Worship: Rev. Dr. Richard Griffith, C.E Church Mouse Newsletter articles are due for the June issue.	23	24	25 6 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting - Lounge 7 pm Session Meeting - Lounge	26 9:30 am Church Mouse Newsletter Collating	27	28
29 9 am Choir Practice-Music Room 10 am Worship: Rev. Dr. Richard Griffith, C.E	30 Church Office will be closed. <i>Memorial Day</i>	31	May Fellowship Hour is hosted by: Fellowship 			

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