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FROM THE PASTOR:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ . . .

“Grace and peace to you from God our Father

Dear church members and friends, I received the note below as an email on Friday, July 24th. In the event that you were not in our worship services on July 26th, I do not want you to miss out on this story and so I am sharing it with you here. The author, Chuck Waugh, is an elder who just participated in our mission trip to Guatemala.

*In Christ,
Jonathan*

GOD HAS BEEN GOOD TO ME. He has blessed me with good friends, and many are now reading this note. To those of you who have been praying for me; please know that your prayers have been received by Him and He has answered them in a positive manner. I think that so many people were praying for me that He had to respond just so He could get some peace enabling Him to sleep at night. Thank you, thank you, thank you. I will continue to get better, and Carole will survive my being at home, only if God continues to bless us and guides our actions.

Many of you know that about six years ago I was diagnosed as having Multiple Sclerosis. MS is an attack by the body's autoimmune system, on the myelin, which is a sheath surrounding the spinal nerve. Scar tissue is left at the point of attack and this scar, disrupts the normal "electrical" impulses that are required for our every move. These attacks continue to happen, leaving more scars until death do us part, it never stops. There are four types of MS and three of them are treatable...to some degree. I was diagnosed with the untreatable type. I have never taken any kind of treatment or medication for MS because for the type that I have, there is no treatment.



Many of you know that I was with a group of twelve teenagers and four other adults (I was considered as being an adult only because of my grey hair), sent out by our church to work as missionaries for a week in the ancient pueblos of San Pedro and San Paulo, Guatemala. They had to be ancient because they are older than me. On 08-July, as an extension of our work and witness, I was offered prayer, to remove scar tissue, left from the MS, within me. Naturally I accepted this prayer time. I believe that it lasted for almost two hours. Nothing happened, I still had MS.

On Monday, 13-July. we were at the airport in Guatemala City. It was there that I first knew that something was really wrong. My left side was very weak and it was getting numb. With some assistance, I made it aboard the plane without alerting the flight crew that something was wrong with me. When I knew that the plane could not turn back to Guatemala or divert to Mexico City, I requested aspirin from the attendant. **THEY DO NOT CARRY ASPIRIN ON COMMERCIAL AIRPLANES.** I made it known that I was having a problem and my seatmate just so happened to have adult aspirin. A doctor was on board and he attended me. He thought that I was having a stroke so the airline radioed ahead and EMTs were waiting, on the jet way, in Atlanta, to whisk me off to the hospital.

The next day I was subjected to a CAT scan, an Echocardiogram and an MRI, among much other testing. I had indeed suffered a stroke.

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**Forward in Faithfulness:
 Celebrating 200 years of witness
 for the Lord Jesus Christ**

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witness, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES:

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Sundays	No Senior High Fellowship in August	
Thursdays	Jr. High Fellowship	7-8:15 PM
August 23	Sr.. High Grill n' Chill	5-8 PM at Bill & Janet Maney's House
Sept. 6-7th	Sr. High Retreat	2 PM



GUATEMALA UPDATE

Thank you, thank you, thank you! I can't say it enough, thank you for your tremendous support that allowed our group to head to Guatemala. We have so much to praise God for! Despite our brokenness, no, through our brokenness we were able to see God glorified on our trip. We were able to serve the Kingdom in San Pablo through prayer ministry, Vacation Bible School, and building up the church physically as well as spiritually.

Furthermore, despite our small faith, no, through our small faith God revealed himself in powerful ways. If you were at church on July 26, or read the story on page 1, you have heard Chuck's story. In case you were unable to hear his story, I'll give you my version. One day early on in the trip, Pastor Antonio of the San Pablo church shared with us a story of a powerful miracle in which a baby that had had no pulse or breathing for at least an hour had been brought back to life during a church service.

Antonio's story was a challenge to our group as such a story seems unreasonable. That night, as we gathered for debriefing, the question was asked of the group, "How was your faith challenged today?" Chuck, who was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis by two different doctors 10 years ago, responded, "I have MS. I don't mean to complain, but why hasn't God healed me?"

The group was shocked by Chuck's authenticity, fortunately God wasn't, I think He likes that sort of thing. After Chuck shared, one group member explained that we needed to ask for healing. So we did. We asked, we asked, then we asked some more. No one knows how much time we spent praying and I suppose it doesn't matter. The students boldly followed the Holy Spirit's leading in their prayers. Somewhere along the way we had become an army prepared for an unseen battle. When it was all said and done we went about praising God for his powerful presence.

Five days later, as we're flying over Central America, Chuck shares that he is experiencing numbness and weakness on his left side. Thinking about the possibility of a stroke, deep down I'm wondering if we accidentally prayed too much for Chuck. "Why this, God? This is not what we prayed for!" Of course I knew we hadn't prayed too much, but why would this happen right after we prayed? All the while God was speaking peace to those who trust in Him (Isaiah 26:3). When the plane landed, Chuck and I took a detour via ambulance to the Atlanta Medical Center. For the next several hours, Chuck patiently underwent several tests to achieve a verdict.

The next day the doctor came in with the MRI results. He shared with Chuck and me that Chuck had had a stroke. Then the doctor shared even more interesting news. He said, "I'm not convinced that you have MS. I don't see any sign of MS, signs that should be there if you have MS." Of course we were reasonably skeptical when we heard this. When Chuck returned home, he immediately sought the opinion of his neurologist back in Columbus (one of two sources that diagnosed his MS 10 years ago).

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Children's Ministries

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these the kingdom of heaven belongs." Matthew 19:14

Infant & Toddler News: Well, in case you've missed it, our church is growing! We have babies and toddlers climbing, crawling, and giggling all over both the infant and toddler rooms, what a wonderful sight to see! To accommodate our growing need, I volunteered to help George and Bonnie Stone and serve as the Infant & Toddler Team Leader. I am now responsible for finding volunteers to spend an hour on Sunday mornings holding and cuddling some of the most adorable babies in Mt. Vernon. It's a tough job, but somebody has to do it!

Carly (Briggs) Haas has graciously volunteered her time to help me sort through the worn, old toys and clean the existing toys in the infant and toddler rooms. Carly will continue to teach the toddlers during the 11:00 worship hour. The toddlers listen to a Bible story, complete a coloring page, and munch on a snack. Additionally, the tots work on various social skills while under Carly's supervision (sharing, taking turns, using manners, etc.).

Here is the format we currently use on Sunday mornings:

- 8:15 Carly arrives in the toddler room to provide early worship care.
- 9:45-10:45 Adult volunteer (this could be you!) arrives to tend to any infants that arrive during the Sunday school hour.
- 10:45-12:15 Two additional volunteers arrive to watch any infants whose parents are attending the 11:00 worship hour.
- 12:30 Carly cleans up toys and makes sure all infants and toddlers are picked up by their designated parent/relative.



All parents dropping off infants or toddlers will need to sign in at the toddler welcome desk, located right inside the door of the toddler room. We use a pager system at First Presbyterian Church. When the parent of an infant or toddler arrives, they are given a pager to wear while their child is in the infant/toddler rooms. If at any point a parent is needed, Carly will page the appropriate parent. All pagers are set to vibrate, not ring.

Many changes are currently in the works for the two rooms. I would love to hear any suggestions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns regarding either of the two rooms. I am excited about the opportunities we offer parents and members of this congregation. However, I would be remiss if I completed this update without communicating what an outstanding teacher we currently have in our toddler rooms, Carly Haas. Thank you Carly for all you do! Current Needs for the Infant Room are: Baby Swing, gently used 0-12 month toys, gently used rocking chair. Toddler room needs: Gently used toys/ride-ons for ages 2 & up.

We are also in need of VOLUNTEERS! Please consider spending one hour of your time on Sunday mornings to care for our infants in the nursery. You can contact me via e-mail: enapier@mvnu.edu or by phone 392-9658. Additionally, there are volunteer sign up sheets beside the infant & toddler rooms and in the fellowship hall. I would LOVE to hear from you!

Thank you to adults and teens who helped in the infant and toddler rooms during July including: Carole Waugh, Sabrina Camfield, Marilyn Gibler, Annie Nagy, Liz Wiley, Dottie Denton, Mendy Johnson, Liz Napier, Sara Lawhon, Claudia McDonald, Kelly Bergeson, Miles Kahr and Bonnie Stone.

Take care,
Elizabeth Napier

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Sunday School – Grades K-5 – Sunday 9:45am to 10:45am

DEACON'S LOVE

Kenyon Ministry.....

Our most recently ordained deacon, Jeff Bergeson, has already made strides in his ministry at the college level. He and his wife, Kelly, as well as their two little ones have regularly participated and supported the deacon's ministry in our church and the community. Not only is Jeff conducting outreach groups, but also regular Saturday night fellowship gatherings which are well attended by students during the school year. Four Bible studies weekly are also part of Jeff's Christian leadership. And once a semester, a speaker is brought in to present a topic for a weekend student retreat. Jonathan spoke on the topic of "Relationships" at a retreat a few semesters ago.



Summers are not "do nothing", Jeff and several local resident students work tirelessly in keeping "set up" and "tear down" for seminars summer camps, conferences etc. at Kenyon. It is a busy time! First Presbyterian Church is honored to have Jeff and the students participate regularly in worship services, andJeff lends his musical talents to the choir!

God Bless you Jeff and thank you for giving so much of yourself to the mission of Jesus Christ in our community.

Peace and Blessings,

Ellen

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However, my neurologist, Dr. Freedman, could not see evidence of the relentless ravages of MS. He introduced Carole I to the term "Transverse Myelitis". This is a one time occurrence of the same type of attack, on the spinal myelin sheath, leaving the same type of scar tissue as MS.

Yesterday, 22-July, I met with my neurologist here in Columbus. After reviewing all of the data gathered by the folks in Atlanta, he downgraded his diagnosis of MS to a diagnosis of Transverse Myelitis. You might ask, "How can such a misdiagnosis be made?". It is not a misdiagnosis. The determining diagnostic tool is the fact that there has not been the continuing attacks, associated with MS, over the past five years...only time and the lack of autoimmune attacks on the nervous system can rule out MS in favor of Transverse Myelitis.

The bottom line...my doctor, my neurologist, in Columbus, released me from his care. He expects a full recovery from my stroke and the Transverse Myelitis will not get worse.

Yes, God is good. He has answered your prayers. Carole and I are happy campers. It will take a while for my body to get back to where it was, but I am so thankful that I can sit here, ten days after suffering a stroke, and tell you about it.

Thank you all for caring...thank you for your prayers, thank you, thank you, thank you.

Chuck Waugh

Fellowship Table Hosts/Hostesses Thank You and Request

Many thanks to the volunteers who helped make our coffee time and fellowship between the worship services a success during the past year. The Fellowship Committee is requesting your generosity again this year. We would love to have some new volunteers bring **refreshments** for the coffee serving table. The coffee is already brewed before church begins, thanks to our custodian. The host in charge simply makes sure that their treat and supplies are on the table. A schedule will be assembled for the next twelve months beginning in September, 2009 through August, 2010.

Set up for the **8:30 AM Service** involves bringing the coffee pots to fellowship hall, placing a table cloth, cups, ice water, baked goods, cream and sugar on the table, Take dirty cups and glasses to the kitchen after fellowship. Replenish supplies as necessary.

Responsibilities for the **11:00 AM Service** include replenishing cups, glasses, and water. Place baked goods on the table. Take dirty dishes, supplies, and coffee pots to the kitchen after fellowship. Kitchen volunteers will be in charge of running the dish washer and cleaning the kitchen. Any assistance that you can provide will be much appreciated.

Please consider helping in this unique form of ministry in the fellowship of First Presbyterian Church. Many hands make light work. You may contact **Carole Conway** at 397-0525, e-mail mpcsconway@embarqmail.com, or fill out the request below which may be placed in the offering plate or returned to the church office.

Thank you for your help!

Name _____ Telephone # _____

_____ I would be willing to provide **baked goods** for the Fellowship Table for the 8:30 AM Service.

_____ I would be willing to provide **baked goods** (perhaps 2 or 3 times during a twelve month period) for the Fellowship Table for the 11:00 AM Service.

Please indicate if there are any months you prefer **not** to be scheduled.

First Presbyterian Summer Picnic

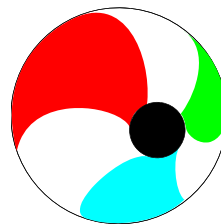
Hiawatha Picnic Shelter
and Community Pool

100 Sychar Road in Mt. Vernon

Sunday, August 2, 2009

5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

What to bring: Two covered dishes per family
Table service
Lawn chairs, if desired
Lawn games, toys
Swim suits if planning to **swim** at Hiawatha Community Pool



Admission price for swimming is **\$6.00** each, (age 6-59), children (age 1-5) **\$3.00** each, children under five are admitted **free**. Seniors (60 & up) **\$5.00**. Come early to swim, then enjoy games with the children after we eat. The pool stays open until 7:00 P.M. Pool admission prices are reduced after 5:00 PM

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His neurologist agreed with the neurologist in Atlanta and changed Chuck's diagnosis. Chuck no longer is diagnosed with MS. Instead, the doctor explained that Chuck experienced transverse myelitis which is similar to MS, but while MS is life-long, transverse myelitis is a one time event. While MS continues to decimate the body's nervous system, transverse myelitis does not.

Just so we're clear on the main point of this story, allow me to abbreviate:

We asked God to heal Chuck of his MS. God healed Chuck of his MS. Praise God.

Praise Him some more, then praise Him some more.

What's even cooler about this story, is that God allowed us to see immediate results of his healing! If Chuck wouldn't have had a stroke, the diagnosis still would not have changed and he would have gone on, year after year, because of MS, waiting, waiting...waiting for the "other shoe to drop"! I for one am so thankful that God not only has patience with my lack of faith, but that he seeks to remedy that.

In Christ,

Kyle Peters

Director of Youth & Family Ministries

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Sunday School – Grades K-5 – Sunday 9:45am to 10:45am

There will be no Children's Sunday school in August. Children's Sunday school will resume September 6, 2009. This fall we begin the third of four years of "Kid Connection" lesson plans that take the children through the entire Bible in a four year period. The lessons are designed to give the children an understanding of their Christian faith.

Sunday school lessons in July focused on Paul's ministries from the book of Acts, Chapters 16, 27 and 28. Thank you to the adults and teens serving as teachers, storytellers, song leaders and resource providers including: Carole Waugh, Deb Paxton, Amanda Gebhardt, Gregg Gebhardt, Michelle Shillito, Missy Kaufman, Kristen Noll, Kim Reitsma, Marsha Bibart, Bonnie Stone and George Stone.

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Children's Moment/Our Chapel Church – during 11:00am Sunday Worship

Thank you to Deb Curran, Carole Conway and Amanda Gebhardt who served in this ministry during July. If you would like to serve in this ministry, please contact Kyle Peters through the church office.

Vacation Bible School was held June 22-26. Camp E.D.G.E. was an extreme adventure camp where children Experience and Discover God Everywhere. 39 children participated in VBS. 16 of these attend First Presbyterian church worship and Sunday school. 26 of the children came from the neighborhood or were grandchildren of church members. Amanda Gebhardt and Kyle Peters directed Camp E.D.G.E. Additional adults and teens who made this ministry possible were: Marsha Bibart, Samantha Bissel, Melanie Bolender, Sarah Carhart, Ellen Chadwick, Carole Conway, Mike Conway, Tyler Curran, Russell Donnelly, Clay Eutsey, Clint Eutsey, Jonathan Fettig, Gregg Gebhardt, Ike Gibler, Carly Haas, Miles Kahrl, Sara Lawhon, Debbie Malek, Alexa McDonald, Paul Napier, Kristen Noll, Deb Paxton, Leah Paxton, Melissa Peters, Ian Richardson, Georgene Risko, Alex Shillito, Michelle Shillito, Nancy Smith, Meredith Donnelly, Sandy Lehberger, Marilyn Weil and George Stone.

Christmas Eve Children's Play – adults and teens have an opportunity to work with the children prepare for their part in Christmas Eve worship. If you desire to serve in this ministry as director, co-director, narrator or song leader, please contact George Stone, 397-8619 or the church office.

Children's Ministries at First Presbyterian Church exists so children learn that "Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so..." The Children's Ministries Team is responsible for infants through 5th grade children. For information or to volunteer, please contact George Stone, Elder for Children's Ministries, 397-8619 or email georgewstone1@embarqmail.com



George Stone

The motorcycle helmet on the table in the fellowship hall was the first clue that George Stone was near. It was a Tuesday afternoon, there was very little happening on the main floor, and the church was mostly quiet and dark. George was finally found working quietly on the stage. He was taping down wires, preparing for this week's praise team practice. George was leaving for a trip soon, but he was putting everything in place for the other participants to proceed with ease during his absence. And with help from his wife Bonnie, everything would also be in place for the children's Sunday school volunteers. Much of George's life has been about recruiting and equipping people. He does it quite well.

George was born in Chicago, Illinois. He lived there with his parents and three siblings until the age of nine when the family moved to a town in southeast Michigan. His father served as a Presbyterian elder who spent a number of years as the superintendent of Sunday school in their small-town church. His father was also involved in Boy Scouts. Sound familiar? As George put it, "I come by it honestly."

George and Bonnie met in high school. They attended church together, had mutual friends, and were both involved in the scouts; over time, they found that they really enjoyed spending time with one another. After attending Michigan State University together, they were married in 1966. They have been a great team ever since, always complimenting each other's strengths. George reflects, "A lot of what we do, we do together." It has always been this way.

After teaching for a short time in Michigan, George began his career with the Boy Scouts. He spent thirty-seven years in various positions within the Boy Scout organization, ranging from Scout Master to Area Director. These roles moved him, Bonnie, and their two daughters numerous times between Illinois, Michigan, and Ohio. George can trace his family's involvement in the Scouts back to 1910, when the Boy Scouts of America began. He began to participate at the age of eight. Along with church and family, he credits scouting as being one of the primary influences God used to protect and develop him throughout his life. "I've always been attracted to the value system that it stands for as well as the systematic and progressive way children are developed in the Boy Scouts." George's connection with the scouts continues today. He currently volunteers as the chartered partner representative for our church. He also inspects for camps and climbing programs in the Boy Scouts central region.

After retirement in 2005, George and Bonnie moved to Apple Valley from Newcomerstown. They visited a number of churches in the area, but enjoyed the casual feel of the early contemporary service at First Presbyterian Church. "I really like the energy and passion of contemporary music. And corporate worship helps keep me on track." George had enjoyed helping with the music program at his church in Newcomerstown, so shortly after he and Bonnie arrived at First Presbyterian, he offered to play bass in the contemporary service. His participation with the praise band has been consistent ever since.

George's love of music, like many of his interests, can be traced back to deeply rooted family traditions. "My dad's family had a strong singing tradition." He fondly remembers frequent, family gatherings that would include "hymn sings" around the piano. He began singing in church choirs at the age of twelve; at thirteen, he picked up the guitar during a long recovery from a BB gun accident. "I couldn't do anything else, so I sat and played my dad's guitar. A lot." This eventually developed into song leading at Boy Scout summer camps and has since led to participating in open mic nights at places such as The Frog Town Music Hall in Newcomerstown, leading music for various events put on by groups such as the Rotary Club or the Historical Society, and organizing bands such as our own in-house group, the Presbyterones.

In addition to the church's music, George has been involved in several church committees, but he's probably recognized by most of us for the work he's done as elder for the children's ministry. "Biblically, if you go back through the Bible, training children in faith is very important. Jesus stressed it tremendously. And I think it's true that if you raise a child in the faith, even if they stray for awhile, they've always got the foundation that they can come back to. Biblically, the pattern is there." After becoming an elder in 2005, George began researching and organizing a way to get people involved in the children's ministry. Using a number of resources, he identified two problems that tend to plague church volunteers: burnout and no time to prepare. His goal was to develop a system that would address these issues directly. "I have a similar organizational philosophy for just about everything. People who are active have a far more satisfying experience. They need the opportunity to try on different hats, and you need to give them those opportunities in a non-threatening way." So George asked for three-month commitments to various roles within the Sunday School program. He also found a curriculum specifically designed for churches with smaller children's ministries. Now, with Bonnie's help, the volunteers walk into a room already prepared with all the resources necessary for each Sunday morning's lesson. And people have responded positively. Visit the children's Sunday school on any given Sunday and you'll feel the energy coming from participants of all ages.

George has not only crafted a successful Sunday School program, he's also delighted in getting to know the church's children. As he shares stories, he goes into specifics about each child's personality and the joy he's taken in witnessing their spiritual journey. He recognizes their learning styles and the God-given strengths already developing in them as children of the church. He also cites his role within the children's ministry as directly impacting his own discipleship. "When you teach Sunday school, you have to study. I've done more personal Bible study in this church than I've ever done previously."

George's contributions at his former churches provided a foundation for his work here at First Presbyterian. In Cadillac, Michigan, he and Bonnie were advisors for the senior high youth and helped plan the church's fellowship dinners. George was ordained as a deacon there in 1970. In Saginaw, Michigan George did a research project on church camps for the presbytery. In Rockford, Illinois, George and Bonnie helped with their church's Wednesday night programs that included a weekly family dinner followed by committee meetings, practices, and Bible study. He served on the church's pastoral search committee and was actively involved in their adult study group called the Mariners.

George's commitment to service and participation within the church is clear. But the motorcycle helmet sitting on the table in the fellowship hall points to another side of George, a quiet side, one that's not necessarily about rallying people together. George's intrigue with motorcycles began in his early thirties when he had the opportunity to travel with a friend. Since then he has logged over 300,000 miles. "For me, it's about the journey, not the destination. When you're in the people business, you need to get away sometimes. The motorcycle gives me the chance to be alone. I need those blocks of time in solitude. It's a liberating experience." For George, it's a natural connection with his faith journey. "I talk to God a lot, and a lot of that takes place in nature. When you can escape from the hustle and bustle, and you slow down enough to listen and to look, you feel God's presence and you appreciate the universe He's created."

And this next trip will encompass much of what George is about. He's riding his motorcycle 400 miles to a rally in Johnson City, TN. He'll pack his Bible, as usual, and strap his guitar on the back of the bike. While there, he'll lead music around the campfire, help with daily devotions, and then on Sunday offer a worship service for anyone interested. Recruiter that he is, there will no doubt be a nice crowd.

George's faithfulness to the Body of Christ will also be evident here, even in his absence. The praise team will have everything they need to lead worship in the early service. The nursery will be equipped with snacks, a Bible story, and people ready to play with toddlers and hold babies. The children's rally before Sunday School will be brimming with volunteers ready to do their part and children excited to be there. They will then break into their Sunday school classes where the teachers will be prepared and the resources will be in place for everyone to learn, this week, about Paul's time on the island of Malta. Quite fittingly, this week's passage from Acts demonstrates God's orchestration of people and circumstances. He uses Paul to share the gospel with the people. And He uses the people to equip Paul and his companions for the next leg of their journey. We thank God that He's gifted George in similar ways, always ready to recruit and equip others to faithful service in God's Kingdom.

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DEACONS CARE & COMPASSION

“...pray for each other so that you may be healed...” James 5:16

MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

At the Ohio Eastern Star Home

Helen Chrisman
Maxine and Bob Peters

At Country Club Retirement Center

Ruth Cleland
Marilyn and Irvin Wilbur

At the Inn at Hillenvale

John Fowler

At Home

Dorothy Calkins
Jean Fribley
Rebecca Grove
Ruth Grove
Treva Haltermon
Mary Lou Lockard (*Daughter of Myra Philpott*)
Ellen Proper
Dorothy White

Special Prayer Concerns

Darla Brown (*Niece of Sally Conway*)
Bill Curran (*car accident*)
John Ewalt
Jennifer Hatton (*Tyson's granddaughter*)
Debbie Krapf (*Paralyzed friend of Gary Hyman*)
Reverend and Mrs. Markle (*friends of Toby Lord*)
Hunter Lynlee Myers (*Moreland's granddaughter-cancer*)
Barbara Reitsma
Harriet and Richard Sells (*Toby Lord's brother & sister in law*)
Caroline Schermerhorn (*cancer*)
Red Shaw (*cancer*)
Lindsay Smith (*Crones disease*)
Kirk Swartz (*cancer-Ketner's nephew*)
Chuck Waugh

In the Military

Curtis Hahn – *Iraq (Moreland's Nephew)*
Adam J. Hinch-*USMC-(Son of Rebecca Hinch)*
Brian Short - *USMC—Afghanistan (son of John Short)*

If you have an update to the Deacons Care & Compassion list please let the Church Office know as we would like to stay as up to date as possible. Also, if you are a shut in or know of a shut in who would enjoy having communion, please contact the office with your name, date, time and location as there are friends who are willing and anxious to come to you and share the sacraments. Thanks!

**Monthly Mission Donations for HOT MEALS**

During the month of August, donations are encouraged for our church's Hot Meals' program. The following items would be welcome donations: gallon cans of juice (ex. apple juice), ground decaf. coffee, tea bags, paper towels, napkins, styrofoam bowls and canisters of Country Time Lemonade. **Over 2,000 meals have been served on Monday nights in Fellowship Hall this past year!** (Please mark your donations "Hot Meals"). Thank you!



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August 10

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Attention Gardeners: As of July, First Presbyterian Church has established a Harvest Table on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall. Many members of our congregation are no longer able to plant their own vegetable gardens and this would be a way of sharing with them the extra produce from our gardens. Jan Watson would also appreciate fresh produce for the Monday Night Hot Meals program and anything she is unable to use would be frozen for future meals or given to those attending the dinner. So when harvesting your garden please consider gathering some produce and contributing to our Harvest Table that can be found in the hall near the coat racks. Flowers are most welcome too and can be given to shut ins and those in the hospital. Any questions, please call the office at 393-1326.