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MAY-2017

ALL CHURCH GARAGE SALE SCHEDULES



CHURCH GARAGE SALE SORTING AND SET-UP TIMES

Tuesday, April 25
10:00 AM – Noon
and 3:00 – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, April 26
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
and 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Thursday, May 4
1:00 – 3:00 PM

If you have not signed up for a time to work, please do so on the sign-up sheet on the fellowship table.

ALL CHURCH GARAGE SALE— APRIL 27-29 AND MAY 5-6

By the time this newsletter reaches you the church garage sale will be in full swing. Just as a reminder, the sales will be held:

Thursday, April 27
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Friday, April 28
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Saturday, April 29
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
followed by clean-up/set-up
for coffee fellowship

Friday, May 5
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Saturday, May 6
8:00 AM – Noon
followed by clean-up

Plan to stop by and help out. We will be serving brat/hot dog lunches the first three days so we will be needing extra help for that as well. The proceeds from the sales will go to support the two mission trips—New Orleans in June and Yucatan in July. Let's see if we can make this the biggest and best garage sale ever!!



MAY COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Don't you love grabbing a cup of coffee and a bit of a snack after worship service? The Deacons need volunteers to host our Sunday Coffee Hour! A new sign-up sheet is available in Fellowship Hall each month.

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WORSHIP LEADERS

May 7 Marcia Brown
May 14 DeAnn Richards
May 21 Jean Spataro
May 28 Open

USHERS

May 7 Paul and Martha Ammann
May 14 Dan and DeAnn Richards
May 21 Jane Jones and Lori Harrenstein
May 28 Jim and Marcia Brown

GREETERS

May 7 Jim and Dawn Salzman
May 14 Jim and Marcia Brown
May 21 Jeff and Cindy Leckwee
May 28 Ron and Gale Nelson

COUNTERS

May 7 Dudley Mehlretter & Herb Damsteegt
May 14 DeAnn Richards and Jean Spataro
May 21 Zack Dachel and Dudley Mehlretter
May 28 Ron Nelson and Jean Spataro

ACCOMPANISTS

May 7 Rana Hughey
May 14 Jean Mulcahy
May 21 Rana Hughey
May 28 Jean Mulcahy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN MAY!

We'd like to wish the following people a Happy Birthday! If your birthday is in May and your name is not listed, please let the office know the date of your birthday so that it can be entered in the computer.

4/2 SUSIE JACKSON
4/5 VONDA LEE SCHMIDT
4/6 LINDA JACOBSON
4/10 ERIK DACHEL
4/11 JEFF LECKWEE JR
4/13 CODY MULCAHY SAMUEL TRITT
4/16 CONNOR MULCAHY
4/19 MIKE MORGAN
4/20 MIKAYLA DACHEL
4/26 LORI HARRENSTEIN
4/28 RICH RINDLE BETH SOKOL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

(NEW) NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Deadline for the June Newsletter is **WEDNESDAY**, May 24 at 9 a.m. If you would like an article in the newsletter, you can e-mail the Church office at office@lodifpc.org or leave it on the desk in the church office.



Message from Pastor Cyndi:

Learning to Fly

“When we come to the edge of all the light we have and must take a step into the darkness of the unknown. Faith is knowing one of these two things will happen: either we will find something solid to stand on, or we will be taught to fly.” Edward Teller.

Last month I attended the Region 5 conference entitled, “Learning to Fly,” and I promised to bring back word of what other churches and other sessions are doing in this era of change. Much of our focus was on the need for churches to be responsive to the call of God to move into something new, something different, and as I share some tidbits from the seminar, I’d like to caution everyone not to hear this as a call for radical change in our church. I believe very much that God is at work in our church just as it is and that God will continue to prosper us. That said, here are some highlights from the forum:

We talked about the need to appreciate our anxiety, and the way it motivates us, shifts and moves us. We don’t always want to change, but when our anxiety gets high enough we do change. We are called to discern the change that will align our faith and our church with the will of God and this can bring us a sense of loss as our old ways are left behind. We believe that God is very much at work in the world and in the church and it is up to us to see where God is working and join God there, not insist that God join us. Our anxiety is a sign to us that we are growing and changing, that God is working within us and asking us to step boldly into something new. If there is no resistance, then we know we are not challenging the culture, we are not challenging ourselves!

This week as the story of Thomas and his doubt help us to know that God is with us especially when we question things. When we have doubts and fear arises God comes to us, meets right where our deepest need is and there is great hope, great comfort in this. We hope for rock solid, sure faith and the comfort of promises, promises that if we step out into the dark, into the abyss things will turn out as we expect it to, but God asks us to have faith and openness to the new thing, the unimaginable, unknowable thing that God wants to bring into our life.

Our faith was affirmed in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and continues to be affirmed in the many ways God brings life out of death, yet the promise that we seek is that what we have, what we know will endure and continue to be just as it was during all of our mountain top experiences. It is our tendency to avoid the death of all good things and the loss and grief that comes with it. This God does not promise us, but asks us to endure with faith and patience, with the knowledge that even in the shadow of death, God walks with us, is with us, will sustain us.

We are invited to ask ourselves what needs to die now, that God might bring in the new thing, that we might be where the Spirit is and actively join in the mission of God instead of assuming we know what that mission is and we know what it’s supposed to look like. We love our traditions and our familiar ways of being, and we need to allow some of these to die that God might show us what new thing is coming into being.



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We resist allowing death to enter into our lives, letting it take from us the things that are familiar to us, but if a kernel of wheat does not die and fall to the ground, there will be no more harvest. We fight this letting go until the pain of holding on is greater than the fear of letting go, only then do we release our fearful grasp, but it doesn't have to be this way and we can learn to trust in the faithfulness of God and let go our painful grip. When we cling too tightly to traditions, buildings, and a familiar way of being these things become idols which keep us from seeing what God is leading us to, asking us to be and embody in this day and age.

The people of Town and Country Presbyterian shared how they had faced the death of their church, knowing that they could no longer sustain the building, could no longer afford the active ministry they had once experienced and prepared to shut everything down. Why not worship at the local nursing home, they wondered, during our final days? They let their building go, all the things they had held onto and those they had struggled with, from beautiful architecture to boilers that always needed repair and as they began to worship in the nursing home new life began to emerge for them. Their numbers began to grow not only from those who lived at the nursing home, but from those in the surrounding community who appreciated such a beautiful, caring ministry. They stepped out into the abyss expecting death and found new life!

We believe that God is with and continues to work with the church. Our fear is that the church is dying and the younger generation is abandoning us, our traditions, our faith. When we stop insisting that our will be done and that God fulfill our expectations, we begin to accept that God is in control and we don't have to run the show ourselves. Then we can let go of our fierce efforts to succeed and allow God to do the heavy lifting. Then we can find that inner peace that comes from trusting that God is in the mix and everything is going to be all right.

We have faith that God will continue to prosper God's church in the future just as in the past. We are invited to keep our eyes open and seek out signs of God at work in the world, in the feeding of hungry children, in the drawing together of community in support of those most vulnerable, in the outreach to those who do not know God's love and care. We are invited to seek these signs out and follow where God leads, seeking out those footprints and following faithfully.

The Learning to Fly seminar explored all of this and much more. It was encouraging and uplifting and some of this information may be useful, but we also acknowledge how wonderful our traditions, our building, our way of being is. We must continually seek the signs of God's activity and trust that if we follow where God leads all manner of things shall be okay.

Peace,
Cyndi Wunder
May the Spirit of God surprise you today!



Presbyterians are flooding to Miller Park!

Gather your folks on Saturday, May 27, for a fun-packed day at Miller Park. It's a 3:10 PM game against the Arizona Diamondbacks. Tickets are only \$15 each. This year we'll be sitting in the bleachers! Discounted parking passes will also be available--\$11 for general parking and \$16 for preferred parking.

The deadline to order is May 15, 2017

To reserve your tickets, contact Terry McGinley:

PHONE: 608-847-5433

EMAIL: renalboy@frontier.com

"I'll be throwing a lot of baseballs into the stands for the Presbyterians that day"

--**Ryan Braun, Brewer's outfielder**

"Our team always plays better when Presbyterians are in the stands."

--**Craig Counsell, Brewer's manager**

"Presbyterians are the best! They cheer loud and long for the Brew Crew!"

--**Mark Attanasio, Brewer's owner**

Family Order Form

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See WWW.SHOPWITHSCRIP.COM for a list of ALL vendors. Please ASK if you have any questions. Most vendors have higher amounts than what is listed. Check out the SPECIALS tab online for short term promotions on higher rates! Thanks! --Martha and Jean

Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total
Ace Hardware \$25.00	4%		\$	Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores \$25.00	6%		\$	Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$25.00	3%		\$
Amazon.com \$25.00	3%		\$	Kmart \$25.00	4%		\$	Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$50.00	3%		\$
Applebee's® \$25.00	8%		\$	Kohl's \$25.00	4%		\$	Pizza Hut (Not AK or HI) \$10.00	8%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$	Kwik Trip \$100.00	4%		\$	Pizza Ranch \$25.00	8%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	9%		\$	Kwik Trip \$25.00	4%		\$	Qdoba Mexican Grill \$25.00	7%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$25.00	9%		\$	Kwik Trip \$50.00	4%		\$	Quality Inn \$50.00	4%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	13%		\$	L.L.Bean \$25.00	16%		\$	Red Lobster® \$25.00	9%		\$
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00	7%		\$	Lands' End \$25.00	16%		\$	Roundys (IL and WI only) \$100.00	4%		\$
Best Buy® \$25.00	4%		\$	LongHorn Steakhouse® \$25.00	9%		\$	Roundys (IL and WI only) \$50.00	4%		\$
Best Western International \$25.00	12%		\$	Lowe's \$25.00	4%		\$	Sam's Club \$25.00	2.5%		\$
BP \$50.00	1.5%		\$	Macy's \$25.00	10%		\$	Sears \$25.00	4%		\$
Build-A-Bear Workshop \$25.00	8%		\$	Marathon \$25.00	3%		\$	Sentry \$50.00	3%		\$
Burger King \$10.00	4%		\$	Marcus Theatres \$25.00	9%		\$	Shopko \$25.00	3%		\$
Burlington Coat Factory \$25.00	8%		\$	Men's Wearhouse \$25.00	8%		\$	Shutterfly \$25.00	9%		\$
Cabela's \$25.00	11%		\$	Menards \$25.00	3%		\$	Staples \$25.00	5%		\$
Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11%		\$	Michaels \$25.00	4%		\$	Starbucks \$25.00	7%		\$
Claire's \$10.00	9%		\$	Mobil \$50.00	1%		\$	Steak 'n Shake \$10.00	8%		\$
Comfort Suites \$50.00	4%		\$	Noodles & Company \$10.00	8%		\$	SUBWAY® Restaurants \$10.00	6%		\$
Copps (WI only) \$100.00	4%		\$	Office Depot / Office Max \$25.00	5%		\$	SUBWAY® Restaurants \$50.00	6%		\$
Copps (WI only) \$50.00	4%		\$	Old Chicago \$25.00	6%		\$	SuperAmerica \$25.00	4%		\$
Cousins Subs \$10.00	9%		\$	Old Navy \$25.00	14%		\$	T.J. Maxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods \$25.00	7%		\$
Cracker Barrel \$25.00	9%		\$	Olive Garden® \$25.00	9%		\$	Taco Bell \$10.00	5%		\$
Dairy Queen \$10.00	3%		\$	Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	8%		\$	Tanger Outlets \$25.00	8%		\$
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$	Panera Bread \$25.00	9%		\$	Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Disney \$25.00	2%		\$	Papa John's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$	Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Domino's \$10.00	8%		\$	Papa Murphy's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$	TGI Fridays \$25.00	9%		\$
Dressbarn \$25.00	8%		\$	Payless Shoes \$20.00	13%		\$	The Home Depot \$25.00	4%		\$
Dunkin' Donuts \$25.00	3%		\$	PetSmart \$25.00	4%		\$	Walgreens \$25.00	6%		\$
Foot Locker \$25.00	9%		\$	Pick 'n Save (WI only) \$100.00	4%		\$	Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
GameStop \$25.00	3%		\$	Pick 'n Save (WI only) \$50.00	4%		\$				
Gander Mountain \$25.00	8%		\$	Pier 1 Imports \$25.00	9%		\$				
iTunes® \$15.00	5%		\$	Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$100.00	3%		\$				
jcpenny \$25.00	5%		\$								

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Total Due All Columns: \$

MAY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Bible Study, 11:30 a.m.		Church Garage Sale, 8 a.m.	Church Garage Sale, 8 a.m.
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship-10 a.m.			Bible Study, 11:30 a.m. Deacons, 6:30 p.m. Committees, 7 p.m.			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship-10 a.m. Mother's Day		Session, 6:30 p.m.				Crochet Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10 a.m.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Worship, 9 a.m. Confirmation Sunday Fellowship-10 a.m.			Bible Study, 11:30 a.m. Newsletter Deadline, 9 a.m. Bible Study, 11:30 a.m.	Devotions at Our House, 10 a.m.		
28	29	30	31			
Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship-10 a.m.	 Memorial Day		Bible Study, 11:30 a.m.			

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June 2017						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	

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Choir Director: Position Open
Custodian: Lori Harrenstein
Stephen Ministry Leader: Diane Lukins
Church Secretary: Pat Craig
Financial Secretary: John Griffing
Church Secretary's Office Hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday
9:00 a.m.
Nursery Available

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
(DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR)**

10:15 a.m.

Newsletter Graphic Design: Jim Salzman

THE SESSION

Class of 2017

Ron Nelson
Jeff Leckwee
Jean Spataro

Class of 2018

Rod Hanson
DeAnn Richards
Dudley Mehlretter

Class of 2019

Zack Dachel
Mae Stocks
Herb Damsteegt

DeAnn Richards, Clerk of Session

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2017

Linda Damsteegt
Sandy DeSelle
Becky Beckwith

Class of 2018

Bobbie Hanson
Gale Nelson
Nancy Stocks

Class of 2019

Ryan Beck
Leah Brisky
Mark Fryman

STEPHEN MINISTERS

Diane Lukins, Stephen Leader
Marcia Brown
Herb Damsteegt

Jane Jones
Beth Sokol
Dorothy Richards



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