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JULY-2018

CHRISTIAN ED: 2018 REGION 5 MISSION TRIP— JUNE 24-30

By the time this newsletter reaches you, members from Region 5 Presbyterian churches will be preparing to leave for Camp Westminster in Roscommon, MI. Martha Ammann and two of her sons, Jared and Brandon, Marcia Brown, Portage Presbyterian Church Pastor Dave Hankins, and 7 others folks from the Portage church are traveling to a PC(USA) church camp on Higgins Lake near Roscommon, MI about 500 miles from Lodi. While spending the week at this camp, the group will be helping with maintenance jobs such as painting, staining, grounds keeping and trail maintenance. They will also be packaging meals for hungry families in the U.S. and abroad as part of the Kids Against Hunger program. In addition, the group

will be putting together disaster kits of basic household items through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Church World Service.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all of you who helped out with the church garage sale which raised funds to send this team. And thank you for those who purchased Kwik Trip car wash cards. The group earned \$720 by selling these cards!

Please be in prayer for the group as they venture off to experience God at work in new and different ways in their lives.

BIBLE STUDY

The weekly brown bag lunch Bible Study will not be meeting in the summer. Please join us when we resume on Wednesday, September 5 at 11:30.

Enjoy your summer!

STYROFOAM USAGE

In an effort to be more ecologically friendly, we are attempting to limit the amount of styrofoam used at the church. In a bit of wonderful synchronicity the GA has also recently pushed for decreased use of styrofoam nationwide. Help us go green!

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My Friends,

There are times when our faith calls us out of our comfort zone and our habitual ways of being. It changes how we move and function in the world. Yet underlying all of this is an abiding truth. God loves you. God is with you. Who you are, as you are, is enough, and you matter.

Our faith informs and guides how we live and participate in the life of our community. Yet no party, program, or entity can lay claim to our faith. We do not have a claim on faith, but are rather claimed by our faith. It guides us, shapes our lives, informs our decisions.

This week I have been horrified to witness the punitive separation of children from their parents at our southern border. The thought of having my children taken away from me, in a place where I am powerless to follow or reclaim them is horrifying. Our scripture repeatedly calls for us to love and care for the stranger in our midst, to love our neighbor as ourselves, yet the separation of child from parent as a deterrent and bargaining chip is abhorrent and cruel. Today our faith calls us to speak against this cruelty. Today we remember the words of A.W. Stearne,

“Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it.”

Today we remember that our faith has a claim on us. Today we remember that if what we do within the church walls does not impact who we are outside the church walls, we have missed the mark.

Perhaps like me, you have been wondering what you can do to speak up on behalf of these kids and their parents. You may have been questioning whether you are significant enough to make a difference, to have an impact. The vociferous media and sound bytes would suggest you are helpless and powerless to effect change, but this is not true.

Ground yourself in your faith and know that God put you here for a reason and will use you. Know that God is with you and that God's enduring love will always be with you. This is the deeper story that will sustain us. Who we are, and how we choose to live makes a difference. How we choose to use our voice, to witness to our faith, to love our neighbor, makes a difference. If you are ever tempted to think, “I'm too small, no one will listen to me,” remember how the whine of an unseen mosquito can keep you from sleep all night.

We are blessed that we might be a blessing. We are filled with the light of Christ that we might be a beacon on a hill. It is dismaying how fast and how far we have moved away from decency and morality, yet we must not give up hope. It is dismaying that it is being done in our name with our tax dollars. Yet, what is happening now is only part of the story. It is not the whole story. God holds the story securely. We can have faith in that and allow this to keep us rooted and grounded in God's love, all the while doing all that we can to love our neighbor and their children, as we do our own.

My friends, I urge you to keep a soft heart and not be hardened, to continue to love deeply and be a light in the dark, and I urge you to do something. Make a phone call, write a letter, make a donation, participate in a march, but do something. If we are silent in the face of such abuse, we will not escape the harm to our heart and soul. Do not let your heart be hardened, do not let yourself be numbed. Our faith lays this claim on us, that we would love our neighbor as ourself. You make a difference. You are here for a reason.

Grateful to serve with you,
Pastor Cyndi

NEW BUILDING USE POLICY

New Building Use Policy is now in effect for all building usage. The "Building Use Request" forms are available in the rack to the left of the office door, and once completed can be left with Pat or Ron Nelson. A form is also included below.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - ROOM USE REQUEST FORM

Event: _____

Are you a member or an outside organization? _____

Responsible person: _____

Phone # _____ Email address: _____

Alternate responsible person: _____

Phone # _____ Email address: _____

Number of anticipated participants: _____

Your meeting date or dates: _____

Start time: _____ End time: _____

Room or rooms requested: _____

Person requesting use of our facility is responsible for all setup needed and at the end of your event you must return the room or rooms to the way you found it.

You are responsible for cleanup, you are required to wash/ wipe off the tables, vacuum and take out the trash. If you are granted use of the kitchen all the equipment used must be cleaned and sanitized. If you use the facility on multiple dates you must remove ALL your items after each event, you cannot store your equipment or items here.

Cleanup fee July be assessed if you do not leave the facility clean and ready for the next group.

Usage fee July apply as per the Building Usage Guide

Fee Required : _____

Requester's Signature: _____ Date _____

Building use approved by: _____ Date _____

WORSHIP LEADERS

July 1	Open
July 8	Diane Lukins
July 15	Open
July 22	Open
July 29	Open

USHERS

July 1	Ron and Gale Nelson
July 8	Diane Lukins and Sandy DeSelle
July 15	Howard and Dorothy Richards
July 22	Mae and Summer Stocks
July 29	Jim and Marcia Brown

GREETERS

July 1	Diane Lukins
July 8	Karen Wickham
July 15	Herb and Linda Damsteegt
July 22	Jim and Marcia Brown
July 29	Howard and Dorothy Richards

COUNTERS

July 1	Ron Nelson and DeAnn Richards
July 8	Diane Lukins and Dudley Mehlretter
July 15	Dudley Mehlretter
July 22	Dudley Mehlretter and DeAnn Richards
July 29	Diane Lukins and Ron Nelson

ACCOMPANISTS

July 1	Rana Hughey
July 8	Open
July 15	Jean Mulcahy
July 22	Anna Salzman
July 29	Rana Hughey

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN JULY!

We'd like to wish the following people a Happy Birthday! If your birthday is in July 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.

7/1	JANE JONES
7/2	ANNA SALZMAN CAROL RICHARDS
7/3	RAYMOND SOPHA
7/5	TOM TRITT
7/16	DEANN RICHARDS
7/19	JEREMY HARRENSTEIN
7/25	JANA NOLDEN HARLIE LECKWEE- GJAVENIS
7/27	SAM BECKWITH



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Deadline for the **AUGUST** Newsletter is **WEDNESDAY, July 25th 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.

REACH OUT LODI

Reach Out Lodi has received donations from the postal service food drive but there are a few items that they are constantly in need of. How about picking up something on your next trip to the grocery store or Wall Mart, Target, etc.

- Flour, sugar, cooking oil, Crisco, fruit juices (apple is very popular), brownie/cake mixes.
- Mouthwash, deodorant, men's razors, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, dental floss hand lotion, etc.
- Paper towels, toilet paper, feminine products
- Cleaning supplies: windows, floors, tubs/showers, dish soap, etc.
- Bath towels/ wash cloths
- Kitchen towels/dish cloths
- Bed sheets (all sizes) pillow cases
- Bed pillows

ROL will have a brat and hot dog sale at Lodi Sausage Company on Saturday 6-30 and Saturday 7-7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. All proceeds go to Reach Out Lodi Community Store.

Thank you for remembering Reach Out Lodi.

SCRIP

With all the exciting things going on this month (graduations, parties, more outside fun, getting together with friends)---do not forget to get your SCRIP CARDS!

Gifts ideas: Flowers, Books, Coffee, Gas, Food, Entertainment, Music, Clothes (all kinds of cards from scrip to fill these ideas)

If you want to get them faster and easier, try out the Presto Pay option under the Dashboard at

<http://www.shopwithscrip.com!> It allows you to set up payment directly through your checking account using a pin number. You can then get ScripNow cards and Reloads right in your virtual wallet online and use them as you need them. No more waiting...you get them within seconds of pressing the button. You can pull them up on your phone to pay or print them from your computer at home and take the paper for payment. It is that easy!

So if you are out and about and are buying something or going somewhere.....look it up to see if you can pay with the SCRIP PROGRAM so you can donate to God's plan for his church at <http://www.shopwithscrip.com!>

**Martha Ammann
Cell 608-220-5592**

SCRIP OPTIONS FOR YOUR DAILY AND SEASONAL EXPENSES:

EXPENSES

New Clothes

Toiletries & everyday items

Travel: Flying or driving?

Transportation: need a ride

Hotels

Food: Eating Out

Excursions

SOLUTIONS

Clothing & accessory retailers, options for the whole family

Grocery & Pharmacy stores

3 major airlines OR almost any gas station

Rental cars or just a ride from point A to B

List of hotels is numerous

Favorite chain restaurants

While not every single shop or activity, we do have prepaid gift cards

EXAMPLES

JCPenny, Kohls, Shopko, Target, Lands End, Old Navy

Walgreens, CVS, Roundys, Piggly Wiggly, Cub Foods, Whole Foods, Walmart, etc

Southwest, Delta, American, Carnival, Marathon, Exxon, Kwik Trip, BP, Mobil, Shell

Avis, Budget, etc

Hotels.com, Best Western, Choice Hotels,

Red Lobster, Olive Garden, Arby's, Subway,

Visa (taken at Costco), Discover

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See WWW.SHOPWITHSCRIP.COM for a list of ALL vendors. Please CALL & 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!--Martha 608-220-5592

Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

Product	%	QTY	Total
Ace Hardware \$25.00	4%		\$
Amazon.com \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Applebee's® \$25.00	8%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	13%		\$
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00	7%		\$
Best Buy® \$25.00	4%		\$
Best Western International \$25.00	12%		\$
BP \$50.00	1.5%		\$
Build-A-Bear Workshop \$25.00	8%		\$
Burger King \$10.00	4%		\$
Cabela's \$25.00	11%		\$
Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11%		\$
Comfort Suites \$50.00	4%		\$
Copps (WI only) \$100.00	4%		\$
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Cousins Subs \$10.00	9%		\$
Cracker Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$
Dairy Queen \$10.00	3%		\$
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$
Disney \$25.00	3%		\$
Domino's \$10.00	8%		\$
Dunkin' Donuts \$25.00	3%		\$
Family Video \$10.00	12%		\$
Fandango \$25.00	4%		\$
Festival Foods (WI) - Skogens \$25.00	3%		\$
Foot Locker \$25.00	8%		\$
GameStop \$25.00	3%		\$
Gap \$25.00	14%		\$
GNC \$25.00	8%		\$
Home Depot \$25.00	4%		\$
HomeGoods \$25.00	7%		\$
Hotels.com \$100.00	6%		\$

Product	%	QTY	Total
iTunes® \$25.00	5%		\$
JCPenney \$25.00	5%		\$
Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores \$25.00	6%		\$
Kmart \$25.00	4%		\$
Kohl's \$25.00	4%		\$
Kwik Trip \$100.00	4%		\$
Kwik Trip \$25.00	4%		\$
Kwik Trip \$50.00	4%		\$
L.L.Bean \$25.00	16%		\$
Lands' End \$25.00	16%		\$
Macy's \$25.00	10%		\$
Marathon \$25.00	3%		\$
Marcus Theatres \$25.00	9%		\$
Menards \$25.00	3%		\$
Michaels \$25.00	4%		\$
Mobil \$50.00	1%		\$
Noodles & Company \$10.00	8%		\$
Office Depot / Office Max \$25.00	5%		\$
Old Chicago \$25.00	6%		\$
Olive Garden® \$25.00	7.5%		\$
Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Panera Bread \$25.00	8%		\$
Papa Murphy's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$
PetSmart \$25.00	5%		\$
Pick 'n Save (WI only) \$100.00	4%		\$
Pick 'n Save (WI only) \$50.00	4%		\$
Pier 1 Imports \$25.00	9%		\$
Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$100.00	3%		\$
Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$25.00	3%		\$
Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$50.00	3%		\$
Pizza Hut (Not AK or HI) \$10.00	8%		\$
Pizza Ranch \$25.00	8%		\$

Product	%	QTY	Total
Qdoba Mexican Grill \$25.00	7%		\$
Quality Inn \$50.00	4%		\$
Red Lobster \$25.00	8%		\$
Roundys (IL and WI only) \$100.00	4%		\$
Roundys (IL and WI only) \$50.00	4%		\$
Sears \$25.00	4%		\$
Sentry \$50.00	3%		\$
Shopko \$25.00	3%		\$
Shutterfly \$25.00	9%		\$
Speedway \$25.00	4%		\$
Staples \$25.00	5%		\$
Starbucks \$25.00	7%		\$
Steak 'n Shake \$10.00	8%		\$
SUBWAY® Restaurants \$10.00	6%		\$
SUBWAY® Restaurants \$50.00	6%		\$
SuperAmerica \$25.00	4%		\$
T.J. Maxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods \$25.00	7%		\$
Taco Bell \$10.00	5%		\$
Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
TGI Fridays® \$25.00	9%		\$
Visa® Five Back™ Gift Card \$50.00	1.25%		\$
Walgreens \$25.00	5%		\$
Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Walmart \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Whole Foods Market \$25.00	3%		\$

Make Checks Payable To: *Lodi First Presbyterian Church Scrip*

Total Due All Columns: \$

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Worship Service, 9 a.m. Fellowship-10 a.m.	2	3 AA/Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m.	4  INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6	7
8 Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship-10 a.m.	9	10 AA/Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m.	11 Deacons, 6:30 p.m. Committee, 7 p.m.	12	13	14
15 Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship-10 a.m.	16	17 Session, 6:30 p.m. AA/Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m.	18	19 Lodi Clergy Meeting, 12 p.m.	20 Presbytery Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.	21
22 Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship-10 a.m.	23	24 AA/Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m.	25 Newsletter Deadline, 9 a.m.	26	27	28
29 Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship-10 a.m.	30	31				

June 2018							August 2018								
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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

<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
Rod Hanson	Zack Dachel	Diane Lukins
DeAnn Richards	Mae Stocks	Jean Spataro
Dudley Mehlretter	Herb Damsteegt	Ron Nelson

DeAnn Richards, Clerk of Session

BOARD OF DEACONS

<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
Bobbie Hanson	Ryan Beck	Marcia Brown
Gale Nelson	Leah Brisky	Sandy Deselle
Nancy Stocks	Mark Fryman	Dave Heebner

STEPHEN MINISTERS

Diane Lukins, Stephen Leader	Jane Jones
Marcia Brown	Beth Sokol
Herb Damsteegt	Dorothy Richards



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