



WBPC Messenger

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From the Pulpit... The Role of Missions & Outreach in an Active Faith Life

By Robert Gustafson

Just as daily prayer time, regular Bible study and attending worship are important components of a vibrant faith life; likewise, is participation in missions and outreach. For me, and many others, this participation is integral to making our faith tangible. Serving others both inside and outside of the church brings faith alive and puts what I believe into action.

One-Time Opportunity

WBPC has the opportunity to collaborate with Worthington Presbyterian Church for a weekend mission trip to Portsmouth, OH March 10 (in the evening) until March 12 (in the evening). We would be doing repair work on a Presbyterian church there that's preparing for its 200th anniversary, and needing some help. One thing they're wondering about is if we have any volunteers with experience in mortar or plaster repair. We'll be doing some carpentry work and maybe even some painting, too. Yvonne and I are strongly considering going. Single, couples, all ages are welcome. If you have interest in such a trip, you have any questions, or if you know of anyone "handy" (or skilled) to recommend for the trip, please let me know.

Coordinating Mission and Outreach for WBPC

Last year, when we reorganized and right-sized our committee structure for the church, we combined responsibilities to create an Education and Mission committee and to create a Worship and Outreach Committee. We also downsized the number of Deacons from six to three. Although this has had many positive aspects, I am not sure it has given us a means to best coordinate WBPC activities, in particular Mission and Outreach activities. Not that we are not doing great things as many groups take on responsibilities in admirable ways. For example, both Women's Society and Alice Cox Class support substantial ongoing mission and service. But we do not have a coordinating body or clearing house to look ahead for opportunities and guide decisions about continuing, changing or adding programs and projects. Given this starting point, I will be asking each group at its next meeting to seriously consider to how we want to delegate and coordinate responsibilities in the future.



From the Pulpit (Continued)

Our current descriptions are:

Vision for Ministry - Education and Mission

To provide Christian education and mission opportunities for all ages. Develop practices and programs that encourage the feeling of belongingness and being needed through service to others.

Vision for Ministry – Worship and Outreach

The Worship and Outreach Committee provide for worship, music, evangelism, and hospitality at WBPC. Included in the committee's over-all purpose is to 1) inform the community of the services, events and opportunities WBPC has to offer and 2) help assure we present a welcoming, accessible and comfortable environment for all.

Deacon Defined – Book of Order (PC-USA)

The ministry of deacon is set forth in Scripture as one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress.

If you have thoughts on how we can best use of resources for please let me know. I really want to hear your ideas.

Pastor Bob



Partners in Education with the Presbytery of Scioto Valley

The following training opportunity is available for WBPC Elders, Deacons and any others interested - Please plan to attend:

***""Partners in Education" (PIE) - Classes for Church Officers and Leaders -
Saturday January 7, 2017 - 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Registration \$5 person (includes lunch)***

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January 2017 Worship and Calendar of Events

Sunday School 9:30 AM, Worship 10:30 AM

Sunday, January 1, 2017	No Sunday School/Epiphany Worship/Communion HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017
Wednesday, January 4, 2017	NO WOMEN'S SOCIETY
Saturday, January 7, 2017	PIE Classes with Presbytery of Scioto Valley
Sunday, January 8, 2017	Sunday School/Worship/Second Sunday – Loan Completion Celebration
Wednesday, January 11, 2017	John Rae Class Meeting - Bob Evans 36/37
Sunday, January 15, 2017	Sunday School/Worship/Session Meeting
Tuesday, January 17, 2017 (7:00 PM)	Worship & Outreach Committee Meeting – Church Annex
Wednesday, January 18, 2017 (6:30 PM)	Lady's' Night Out – Eat Greek (Oak Creek Center behind Donato's Pizzeria) – Polaris Parkway & Cameron Drive
Sunday, January 22, 2017	Sunday School/Worship/Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, January 29, 2017	Sunday School/Worship

January Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Birthdays

2-Leora Hughes, 3-Kathy McCreary, 4-Teri Jordan, 8-Julie Clark, 17-Carolyn Glenn, 20-Russell Jordan, 22-Joanne Ford, Jay Scott, 24-Matthew Coldren, 27-Bailey Gooding

Anniversaries

14-Roy & Kitty Cottrill, 18-Jerome & Becky Donovan, 26-Harvey & Mary Ann Johnson, 27-Scott & Cindy McGraw



**A New Year's Day Poem
by Reverend Thom Shuman,
Galloway Presbyterian Church**

This year I've gotten rid of all the junk:
Chips, chocolate, cola;
The fridge is now stocked with fruits, veggies, juice -
This is the year I get into shape!

No more contrived reality,
No more glazed eyes from watching idol wannabes;
Its public radio and to,
It's a stack of bios from the library -
This is the year I form new habits!

But you would take my twisted logic about 'who deserves'
And reshape it into compassion;

You would take my bitter heart
And fill it with hope and joy;

You would take my hurtful ways,
And reform them into acts of gentleness;

This is the year you take delight
In making me a servant!

