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## JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER

This was given to the office and we wanted to share it with everyone.

### Church Thoughts After Reading the Newsletter

APC - like a softball game I observed yesterday...May 5th.

History of church like the team...

Good Background

Good start...strong team

Oops! Some setbacks

Got behind

Coach said "Now get out there, dig a little deeper on what you want to accomplish...don't give up...use your skills and teamwork"

So...

"gradually" bases were loaded and a strong batter stepped up to plate...not a home run but 3 runs came in and the momentum started . . . WON THE GAME!

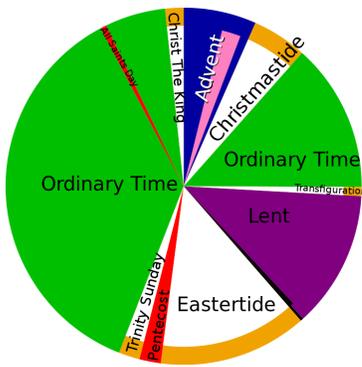
It doesn't always happen that way but we (APC) have a good team and a strong batter, don't you think?

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The Conley and Houghton Families of graduation senior Travis Conley are having an open house on Saturday, June 2nd from 1 - 4 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. They would like to invite his church family to join them in the celebration.



## What's With the Colors?

I was talking with someone recently and happened to mention the colors of the church calendar. That was something new to this person and so we had a conversation about the different colors in the church and what they mean. At the end of our conversation it was suggested that I write something for the newsletter about the colors of the church. Well, here it is...

If you ever noticed, in our sanctuary we have some fabric draped over the lectern, the pulpit, and the pastor. The formal name for these pieces of fabric is parament and stole or vestment, respectively. If you have been particularly observant, you would have noticed that they all change colors every once in awhile. These changes in color are dictated by the church calendar and each color has significance.

Even though the church calendar applies the world over, not every church follows that calendar. The demarked church year is something that most mainline denominations use as a guide, but not all of them. Also, the majority of nondenominational churches do not follow the liturgical calendar because they feel it is too limiting on their worship.

The churches that follow a liturgical calendar cite the rootedness that it gives them into ancient practices. Additionally, there is a sense that following the church calendar ties churches together in their worship practices. However, even among the churches that follow this color system, there is some variation. Although the church calendar consists primarily of five colors: green, white, purple, blue, and red, there are some denominations that add black and rose colors to their calendars. Also, some denominations vary the color of paraments and robes according to the activity in which one is involved-like weddings, for example.

Green (lighter for summer and darker for fall) is probably the most used color, stretching from June to October and reappearing in November and then again in January. The color green denotes "ordinary" time, which includes roughly the weeks between Pentecost and Advent. The color green signifies growth and so "ordinary" time is a time when we are to be growing in Christ.

Advent, the four weeks leading up to Christmas are signified by the color blue, which signifies hope. Other churches use purple during Advent to symbolize royalty and the coming Christ child.

Purple is more associated with Lent. Although there is a suggestion of royalty with purple, it is used during Lent to indicate solemnity and repentance. Lent is the forty days leading up to Easter, which is a time of introspection and preparation for Christ's sacrifice.

Red is the rarest color in our liturgical palette and used only two times in the course of the year. We wear red vestments on Pentecost, fifty days after Easter Sunday, and on Reformation Sunday, the last Sunday in October. The red on Pentecost is significant of the flames of the Holy Spirit, but Reformation Sunday red is reminiscent of the blood of the martyrs.

I saved white for last because it pops up five times in the course of the year. White is, of course, the color of Christmas and Easter, but it is also used for All Saints, Christ the King and Transfiguration Sundays. White indicates light, purity, and all good things.

Although this church does not use them, black is used for All Saints Day and pink for Gaudete Sunday (the third Sunday of Advent).

Next time you enter the sanctuary and notice the paraments you now have some idea about the color. I hope this better understanding of the church calendar draws you into the cycle of worship and lectionary that are so central to this church.

Shalom, Pastor David



**Water, Snacks, and a place to charge!!!**  
**Auburn Presbyterian Church**  
**11<sup>th</sup> and Main Street -**  
**in the church parking lot**



**From the Treasurer's Notebook**

Hello, Friends! We're in the process of doing several interesting things that will help with the church's mission in this world!

- The first is the **Kroger Community Rewards** program. We've sent in our enrollment application and are waiting for authorization. When it arrives and when you've enrolled your Kroger Plus Card, the company will donate a portion of each of your purchases to our church! We'll let you know when all the machinery has been approved and is in place and then we'll help you tie your Plus Card to the church's account. Kroger is giving back to the community and we're here to celebrate that!

- Changes in tax laws for the 2018 Tax year: Yes, we all know that's happened. But what does it mean for us? We'll be putting a couple of after worship info sessions together to help you to plan your charitable contributions going forward. Stay tuned!

## **NEW SUMMER SCHEDULES FOR USHERS AND ACOLYTES:**

### **USHERS:**

#### **JUNE:**

- 3: John & Linda Jackson
- 10: Bill & Kathryn Bassett
- 17: Doug & Barb Morrow
- 24: Susan Buttermore, Angela Bassett

#### **JULY:**

- 1: Lisa & Jason Magsamen
- 8: Bill & Kathryn Bassett
- 15: Vinnie & Barbara Pietracatella
- 22: Lorna Schlosser, Sue Peterson
- 29: Jim & Julia Nixon

#### **AUGUST:**

- 5: Joe Dick, Christine Cross
- 12: Carl & Melinda Smith
- 19: Norm & Peg Yoder
- 26: Don & Nancy Derrow

### **ACOLYTES:**

#### **JUNE:**

- 3: Sylvia Benbow
- 10: Marcus Smith
- 17: Isabella Gettys
- 24: Aidan Smith

#### **JULY:**

- 1: Gabe Ackerman
- 8: Evan Zielke
- 15: Sylvia Benbow
- 22: Isabella Benbow
- 29: Marcus Smith

#### **AUGUST:**

- 5: Evan Zielke
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## **PW RUMMAGE SALE PLANNED FOR JULY:**

Many of you know that the Spring Rummage Sale which was scheduled in April was cancelled due to many conflicts. However a new date has been set for a summer rummage sale this year; **FRIDAY, JULY 27 AND SATURDAY JULY 28.** So start setting aside your spring and summer clothing, kitchen utensils, and home decorating for the annual **PW RUMMAGE SALE.**