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## **JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER**

### **UPCOMING 175<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY EVENTS**

**July 21:** Worship in the Biblical Garden. Picnic and old-fashioned games to follow.

**September 15:** Church members will perform a light-hearted skit, written by church member and noted author/playwright Rachel Roberts. The skit will be performed in the sanctuary after worship. The public is invited. A light lunch will follow.

**November 17:** The church will again highlight the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its organ, with acclaimed organist David Henning playing during our worship service and giving an afternoon recital. Henning, formerly at APC, is currently the organist at St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Houston, Texas, where he played for the funerals of former President George H. W. Bush and former First Lady Barbara Bush.

**November 23:** The church will be featured on the Lion's Club annual "Christmas Stroll." The day will feature a soup luncheon and a sale – of baked goods and a new church cookbook!

**December 8:** Birthday Party in Fellowship Hall following worship – in observance of the Dec. 6, 1844 date when a handful of pioneers organized Auburn Presbyterian Church.

### **CHURCH HISTORY QUESTION:**

When was the Biblical Garden dedicated?

## **FROM THE PASTOR:**

Brothers and Sisters-I hope you are enjoying the weather. It seems as if summer is here and we aren't going to get deluged with rain anymore. This is a time when folks are getting out and enjoying activities (besides mowing) so I hope you are taking advantage of this.

Summer is also the traditional time for Vacation Bible School. This year we are partnering with the Lutherans and running VBS out of the Y. Dan, the associate at St. Mark's, wrote our program that's a simple rotation model based on the Book of Acts and going forth. This has been great! We have had 30-40 kids every night and good volunteer support from both churches.

I want to thank the people who have helped out with VBS. There have been some who came every night to help out and others who came just once or twice. Some people even found ways to help without coming to the evening gatherings. A lot of folks pitched in and I appreciate everything that people did.

Events like VBS are a good way to get to know our community. These are opportunities to interact with people who aren't members of the church and are outside our usual social circles. In fact, you might even say it is our responsibility to build these relationships—if we believe that's how God's message is shared. These relationships with others in our community are the means by which we participate in God's larger mission in the world.

Something interesting is happening at VBS. The kids who are coming are, for the most part, not affiliated with St. Marks or APC. The bulk of these people are just community members who were invited to VBS by a friend or neighbor. This is a great opportunity for us to share the gospel message and practices with people who might not have ever been exposed to those things. For example...

We don't have the facility all to ourselves and there are other people there. One night when a member of this church was leading games, two random kids at the Y asked to join in with the VBS group. These two new children stayed and played games with the three groups of VBS children that came through the gym. After the games, one of these children stayed with VBS for the closing activities, which included studying a Bible passage and prayer. The member of this church encouraged her to come back the next night, and she did!

Leah probably won't be in our church Sunday and she might not see anyone from that VBS again. In spite of all that, this girl was invited, accepted and loved on. A member of this church treated her like a beloved child of God and modeled God's open-armed invitation. That's what can happen at VBS.

Vacation Bible School was a success. I think everyone, kids and adults, had a good time. We made new friends and had many opportunities to show the love of Christ. We will do this next year and everyone is invited to take part. I also promise you other community events where you can get to know people and find out how God is active in their lives.

Pastor David



**Pastor David will be on vacation beginning July 3 through July 17. If you have an emergency call the church office at 260-925-2987 or Pastor's Stan Kessler (260-349-5150), Steve Kummernuss (260-908-4927), or Stan Wilson (260-894-0837).**



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN WILL BE PRODUCING

# A NEW COOKBOOK

## TO COMMEMORATE OUR CHURCH'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY!

We would like our new cookbook to include FAVORITE recipes from our previous church cookbooks as well as NEW recipes. Perhaps you have a much loved recipe that has been in your family for a long time. Now is the time to share it!

Our goal is to have the cookbook ready to sell by the Fall, just in time for Christmas! Because we have the technology, we are going to do this cookbook "in-house," meaning that everything will be done on our church computer, making this a great fund-raiser for us.

There are several ways to submit a recipe.

1. Email your recipe to the church secretary at [apcsecretary111@gmail.com](mailto:apcsecretary111@gmail.com)
2. Bring your recipe or recipe book into the church office and copy/scan your chosen recipes on our copy machine.

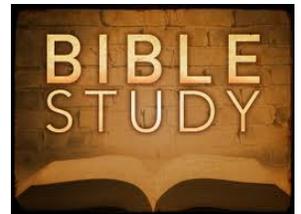
Recipes

IT'S THAT EASY! We hope EVERYONE will participate by submitting their recipes. Don't forget to put your name on the recipe. We also would love for you to share a brief story about the recipe.

Thanks in advance for your participation!

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**Bible Study will not meet in the month of July, however will resume again in August.**



### DEACONS MEETINGS:

Deacons have changed their meeting day to the fourth Sunday of the month following worship. The next Deacons meeting will be August 25. (no meeting in July)

### OTHER REMINDERS:

1. Don't forget to save your plastic caps for Marcus Smith's Eagle Project. You may pick up a form at the back of the sanctuary which will show you what is acceptable. The barrel to collect items is located by the Fellowship Hall.
2. The office will be closed on July 3, 4 & 5. If you have bulletin information please get it to the secretary by Monday, July 1.

APC friends and family,

Yeah Team! We met our goal of 25 mud buckets. Supplies have been assembled and are ready to pack. Please join us in the fellowship hall immediately after worship this morning to pack buckets and get them ready to ship. The assembly line process should not take long leaving you ample time for your Father's Day. Please join us in this hands and feet of Christ experience.



"The Worship and Music Committee is exploring alternative ways to offer childcare during the worship service, so that parents may worship and small children are occupied in worthwhile activities. It's important to have resourceful adults to help, working in pairs, most likely on a rotating basis so they can continue their own participation in worship, too."

If you can help us, please let Tracy or David know of your interest by August 1. The church's Safe-Child training will be offered to those who have not participated before. "

### **Thank You, APC Chancel Choir!**



Once again, our Chancel Choir has completed an outstanding choir season! We thank you for your faithfulness, dedication and beautiful music which has filled our hearts and glorified God in so many ways. Please enjoy your summer vacation and come back to us with renewed energy and joy for the 2019-2020 choir season!

APC & Judy Rhoades

### **Thank You, Angela Bassett!**

I would like to thank Angela Bassett for her service to APC during the 2018-2019 Chancel Choir season. She was a great Assistant Choir Conductor and a joy to work with! Every blessing to you, Angela!

- Judy Rhoades & APC Chancel Choir

### **Passing the Baton**

As many of you know, I have resigned as APC Chancel Choir Director, effective June 30th, 2019. It has been a privilege and joy to lead the Chancel Choir these last four choir seasons. I thank the Choir, Julia Nixon, Personnel and Worship & Music Committees, and Pastor David for the opportunity to serve in this way. I want to thank everyone at APC for their gracious encouragement and support during this time.

I look forward to continuing to be your Organist and Choir Accompanist, the two positions I initially accepted in 2013. It will be exciting to see who God calls to fill the Choir Director position and what new ideas, gifts and graces this person will bring to APC.

Thank you again! All joy and peace in believing! - Judy Rhoades

## **PLEASE JOIN US ON JULY 22 FOR WORSHIP IN OUR BIBLICAL GARDEN!**

What a great way to celebrate our 175 Anniversary by inviting your friends and family to join you in an outdoor worship service with a summer picnic to follow.

The service will begin at 10 a.m. and following the worship service then plan on staying for an old fashioned picnic with fun and games to complete the afternoon. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be grilled and homemade ice-cream and Texas sheet cake will taste great for dessert!

Games for all ages are being planned and of course prizes will be awarded for each activity! Start organizing your 2 person corn hole team now so you can take home the big prize!

No need to bring a thing other than maybe a chair to set on. Don't forget to invite your friends, neighbors and family.