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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



My friends,

Lately, there have been several news stories regarding protests of the building of mosques. Some people have even gone so far as to commit crimes of hate by vandalism. I have read several letters to the editor and email forwards that reveal that same hatred.

I would suppose that most every person who wrote the letters or actually committed the crimes would proudly proclaim to be both an American and a Christian. But allow me to proclaim that these actions go against my understanding of what it means to be both an American and a Christian.

First, as Christians we are called to the standard of Christ's love. The Apostle Paul wrote in his letter to the Galatians,

"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free.

But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. The entire law is summed up in a single command, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

If you go on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other."

This fearful hatred of Muslims has nothing to do with Christ's love. It will only fuel the fires of violence that come from the fundamentalist extremes of both the Christian and Muslim traditions.

Secondly, as Americans we are called to love and respect freedom. Many of the Muslims who live in America are here because they are political and religious refugees just like some of the first settlers of our dear country. Nashville is one of the regional landing places for refugees. They come here to escape persecution and death and seek a future for their families.

To use a phrase from one of our members, it "hurts my heart" to see the treatment that Muslims are receiving from American Christians. There is no place for it in this country or in Christ's Church.

Let us uphold both our faith and our citizenship by loving and respecting all those who live near us and with us. Let us show our patriotism by defending the very freedom of religion that was sacrificed for by our founders. Let us show our faith by using the freedom that God granted us to love all our neighbors.

Peace be upon us all.

Pastor Paul



Lectionary Schedule for July

Jul 4, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30
Gal. 6:(1-6) 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Jul 11, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82
Col. 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

Jul 18, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52
Col. 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

Jul 25, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hos. 1:2-10; Psalm 85
Col. 2:6-15 (16-19); Luke 11:1-13

Aug 1, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hos. 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Col. 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21



Independence Day

July 20

May the glory of Independence Day
Remain in mind and in heart
May we cherish our hard-won freedom
That it never falls apart.

Because those who walked before us
Believed in freedom's cause so much
We can carry forth a torch
Of honor and 'In God We Trust'.

That first Independence Day
Now more than two centuries past
Must live forever in our thoughts
Never forgotten - never a lapse.

It is a precious land we hold
In safekeeping for our children
That they, as we, may enjoy
Lives bountiful, worth living.

May God's blessings ever
Ring out over all our land
A toast of praise we raise today
Americans - join hand in hand!



Worship Committee News

"Thoughts on Independence"

~ Nancy Diana ~

Of course, when we think of July, we naturally think of July 4th, or Independence Day. It's wonderful to acknowledge our various freedoms that are associated with Independence Day, i.e. speech, religion, pursuit of happiness, etc., but what about more personal freedoms of a Christian nature? What about thinking in terms of our independence and freedom from the slavery of sin? Think on this: In the Book of Romans, Paul very bluntly challenges us to seek freedom from slavery to sin, and instead choose slavery to righteousness, which ultimately means we are bestowed with the freedom promised by Jesus in John 8:32. If we're being honest with ourselves, we must confess that we shackle ourselves to sin on a daily basis. We shackle ourselves to selfishness, as a way to ensure we have more than enough material goods to meet our needs as well as our self-indulgent wants. We tie ourselves to pride and self-righteousness, and often seek out opportunities to show how willing we are to "do the right thing," as a way to feed that pride and feel better about ourselves. We are such slaves to sin that we habitually commit them, most often without thinking. The heartbreak of this enslavement is that when sin is master of our, we are pulled further and further away from very freedom our God lovingly provides for us! However, Jesus promises us freedom in John 8:32. By reading the truth of the Word in the Bible and holding to its teachings, Jesus tells us very simply, "The truth will set you free." This 4th of July (and each day to follow), let us declare our independence from sin's slavery by depending upon our Father and living His Word. Happy Independence Day!!

Vacation Bible School

~ Diane Hansel ~



This years Vacation Bible School was a galactic success! We averaged 20 children per night and they all had a blast! A huge "thank you" to everyone who helped out this year. A special thank you to "DJ" Frankie D for the fantastic music and light show he provided.

Also, big thanks to the High School volunteers and snack leaders who did a great job. The Christian Education Committee is looking forward to continuing the fun at next years VBS!

Praise Happens
 Love Happens
 Prayer
God Happens
 us Praise Happens
 Joy Happens Forgiveness



**“God Happens” –
 Praise and Worship Service
 ~ Nancy Diana ~**

As many of you know, when you've joined our Sunday night "God Happens - Praise & Worship" service, we have an inspiring evening of lifting our voices and spirits in energetic musical worship. A common reaction to this God-given energy is that we feel our "batteries" being recharged for the upcoming week with each word of blessing and thanks for the way God happens in our lives. For those of you who haven't had an opportunity to join this experience yet, this is a "come as you are" gathering of loving individuals who seek to relate to our Creator with the gifts that he bestows. Yes, the gift of music is involved, but mostly, it's the gift of grateful appreciation that we bring to His blessed presence. While each evening follows a common format - songs, prayer and message - each evening also reveals much about the personal way God happens for us. The visible and audible joy of our musicians in the gifts they bring is evident and moving. The peace brought by the words of acknowledgement for God's bounty (even in times of trial) is felt by those in attendance. The way the Spirit moves in whoever is bringing the message or prayer for the evening then spills over to all who are listening. And while we may be lively and loud in our worship, there remains an underlying current of gentle peace and glorious grace. Let this be an invitation to share in our Sunday gifts to God. Every Sunday at 6:30 P.M., PLPC opens its sanctuary for a "come as you are" fellowship to share contemporary musical praise and worship about the way God happens in our lives. PLPC invites believers and non-believers alike. All ages are welcome.

**Your July WALK
 ~ Crystal Caviness ~
 --Women are Love Keepers--**

Join us in July for exciting activities designed specifically for the women of PLPC and our community!

July 4: No WALK - Fourth of July Holiday

July 11: *Continue studying Women of the Bible.
 This week: Rachel and Leah*

July 18: *Continue studying Women of the Bible.
 This week: Witch of Endor*

July 25: *Continue studying Women of the Bible.
 This week: Miriam*

The story behind WALK (Women Are Love Keepers):

Women love their families. Women love their churches. Women love their friends. Women love their neighbors. Women Are Love Keepers in our society and throughout the world.

Oftentimes, however, worries, frustrations, daily challenges threaten to tear apart the love. But when we WALK together as women of faith, we form a stronghold against life's struggles, enabling one another to face each day armed with the power of love.

Women talking together. Women praying together. Women learning together. Women crying together. Women rejoicing together. Together, we will WALK victoriously through our lives, because Women Are Love Keepers.

Please join us on Sundays from 4:30-6 p.m. in the High School Sunday School Class as we WALK together.



Pastor Paul has an Adult Bible Study on Wednesday mornings at 9:15 A.M.

The group meets in the conference room. Bible study is as essential to the life of a Christian

Community as breathing. Come join us and together we will “Breathe in the Word.”



Youth Sunday school

~Andi Mosley ~

June through August the Youth Sunday School classes will become a combined class for the summer. The hours will still be from 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM and the class will be taught in the High School room. Andi Mosley will be leading the class. June’s Sunday school lessons will include some sessions called “Bible Jeopardy” based on the game show Jeopardy, but with a Christian twist. Come and have fun learning more about Christ with us!!!



Young Adults Bible Study

~ Andi Mosley ~

Starting this summer the PLPC Youth group is going to run a trial bible study group for young adults ages high school graduates – to 24 years. We will meet bi-weekly at first and the start date and times are to be determined soon. An email will be sent out to all young adults that fit this category on the first meeting time and date. Also, food will be provided so just bring yourselves and a friend if you and your friend are in this age group and would like to grow more in Christ.



Attention Acolytes!

~ Nancy Diana ~

Your job in worship is very important. You bring the light of Christ into the Sanctuary and then you are one of our last reminders to take the light of Christ with us as we go back out into our worlds. You should take pride in the responsibility you have undertaken and handle it with reverence. Here are some things you and your parents should remember:

When you are scheduled, you should be in the Narthex no later than 10:10 am.

No talking while processing in and out of the church.

No gum chewing!

It’s not a race to the front or back of the church.

Remember to walk with reverence.

If there are children in the church 6 or older that have not been trained, and that are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Nancy Diana or Phil Hereford. We could always use **MORE** acolytes.



Ladies Lunch Bunch

~ Florence Sass ~

All the ladies of the church and friends are invited to our next gathering. On Thursday, July 15th, we plan to go to Miller’s Grocery “A Country Café” at 7011 Main Street, Christiana. If you plan to join us, meet at the church at 10:00 A.M. to carpool. Please contact Florence at 220-4538 or by email at dsass68553@aol.com by Tuesday, July 13th to reserve your spot.

We are always looking for new ideas for our next month’s outing after trying it out and making sure that they take group reservations.

**Treasurer's Report
July 2010**



~ Jim Gracy ~
Treasurer

In the month of June we had an income of \$14,034 with expenses of \$14,048. These figures include church donations and designated funds. About a break even for the cash flow. However, the church funds went down \$1,773 leaving us with a negative of \$3,124 for the first six months of the year. That is \$500.00 short per month; we are so close. How have we covered the shortfall? We have been using the designated funds to cover the difference. This will soon “jump us and bite us”. Our finances, perhaps like many of you, we are living from week to week. With just a small amount, we can make it.

**Revenues and Expenses for the
Period Jan 1 – June 30, 2010
(Operating accounts only)**

Revenues:	
Pledge Contributions	\$56,260.00
Loose Offerings	11,999.60
Other	20,229.04
Total Revenues	\$88,488.64
Expenses:	
Personnel	\$46,555.28
General (includes mortgage)	15,757.84
Properties	16,185.07
Committees	1,468.02
Other	9,939.08
Total Expenses	\$89,805.29
Net Loss	(\$ 1,316.65)



Don't forget your offering during the summer months. Our budget doesn't take a vacation, and our utilities are usually higher in the summertime.



**Miss Martha's Ice Cream Crankin'
~ Casey Walsh ~**

Sajeev and I would like to thank everyone for helping make the 2010 Ice Cream Crankin' a success. PLPC was represented by **Jon Loudermilk, Fred and Belle Dahlman and Nancy and myself** in the Crankin' department. Every one's ice cream creations were truly great, but to our dismay, Jon did not win for best of show for his creation. I don't think I heard one person NOT say it was the best they tried that day.

The preliminary numbers show that over **\$9000** was brought in from t-shirt sales and the presale of tickets. Despite the heat and the threat of thunderstorms, the 2010 Crankin' was a resounding success!

Thank you again to everyone! The money generated does go to a VERY worthy cause and we had all the ice cream we could eat!



**SUMMER HOOPS
~ Susan Rowell ~**

Wednesday June 23rd, Summer Hoops tipped off! Last year we reached over 80 youth through this ministry. 8 baptisms resulted from this ministry. This Summer the theme is 2 Timothy 1:7 “ for God gave us not a spirit of fear but if power and love and self-control.” We will be meeting on Wednesday between 1:00 P.M. -3:30 P.M. The cost is \$10.00 for the whole summer (make check payable to Priest Lake Presbyterian Church) Spread the word!! All youth are welcome!



**July Schedule for
Worship Leaders,
Ushers, Greeters and Acolytes**

Jul 4 Communion	Worship Leader	Nancy Diana
	Prepare/Usher/ Serve	Shirley Hansel
	Greet/Usher/ Serve	Stuart Smothers Fred Dahlman
	Usher/Serve/ Cleanup	Belle Dahlman
	Serve Choir	Nancy Diana
Jul 11	Worship Leader	John Buwalda
	Greeters	Bill Allen Lenna Allen
	Ushers	Leonard Saddler Carolyn Saddler
Jul 18	Worship Leader	Teena Smith
	Greeters	Drew Norris Barbara Norris
	Ushers	Dori Hutchison Crystal Caviness
Jul 25	Worship Leader	Joey Loudermilk
	Greeters	Tom Cross Martha Cross
	Ushers	Michele Witten Nancy Loudermilk
Aug 1 Communion	Worship Leader	Bob Ware
	Prepare/Usher/ Serve	Nancy Diana
	Greet/Usher/Serve	Phil Hereford Casey Walsh
	Usher/Serve/ Cleanup	Valerie Barton
	Serve Choir	Elena Buwalda

ACOLYTES

Jul 4	Faye Garcia	Mayerli Garcia
Jul 11	Lauren Stuteville	Brooke Stuteville
Jul 18	Jordan Sullivan	Kelly Caviness
Jul 25	Brooke Stuteville	Michaela Mosley
Aug 1	Mayerli Garcia	Faye Garcia

**July Calendar of Activities,
Birthdays and Anniversaries**

2	James Schrier
3	Mr. & Mrs. Frank Horton Jordan Rhea Sullivan
4	Independence Day Lectionary Class – 9:00 AM – Library Seekers Class – 9:00 AM – Sunday school room Youth Summer Sunday School – 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM – all youth
5	Paul on vacation – all week – returns Monday, July 12 Office Closed – In lieu of July 4 Chris Carroll
7	No Bible Study No Choir Practice Leesa Fields
8	Bob DeBerry
9	Mike Howard Mirum Laney
10	Dori Hutchison McKenzie Lynn Tidwell
11	Guest Pastor – Kathy Wolf Reed Choir Off Lectionary Class – 9:00 AM – Library Seekers Class – 9:00 AM – Sunday school room Youth Summer Sunday School – 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM – all youth WALK – 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM “God Happens – Praise and Worship Fellowship” - 6:30 PM Frank Horton
14	Bible Study – 9:15 AM Mr. & Mrs. Chad Barton
15	Ladies Lunch Bunch – 10:00 AM Steve Greene
16	Middle School Lock-In Sarah Tidwell
17	Men of the Church – 8:00 AM Middle School Lock-In
18	Lectionary Class – 9:00 AM – Library Seekers Class – 9:00 AM – Sunday school room Youth Summer Sunday School – 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM – all youth WALK – 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM “God Happens – Praise and Worship Fellowship” - 6:30 PM Joey Mankoski
19	Gloria Kimbro Wayne Hill Chad Barton
21	Bible Study – 9:15 AM
22	Kevin Laterza Rachel Fields
24	High School Lock-In & Carwash
25	Lectionary Class – 9:00 AM – Library Seekers Class – 9:00 AM – Sunday school room Youth Summer Sunday School – 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM – all youth WALK – 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM “God Happens – Praise and Worship Fellowship” - 6:30 PM
26	Mr. & Mrs. Vic Newton Raymond Anders
28	Bible Study – 9:15 AM

In order to keep our birthday and anniversary lists accurate and up-to-date, let the office know of any corrections and additions.



~ Sue Handisides ~
Project J.O.Y. 2010
October 23, 2010

July is going to be a busy month for Project J.O.Y. We have a planning meeting in Harlan, KY with our resource counselors on the 15th and 16th. We will be launching a new project so be sure you are at church on the 11th to hear all about it! We will also be starting getting organized for our big Fundraiser of doing the food concessions for Nashville's "**Shakespeare in the Park**". This year we will be offering Hot Dogs & Chili Dogs, Barbeque Pork Sandwiches, Nachos, soft drinks and our famous giant brownies. This event will be held Aug 19th through September 12th every Thursday thru Sunday nights plus Labor Day Monday. This is a fun evening for those who volunteer to work in the concession stand. If you would like to volunteer to work one evening please let us know. This is a very fun and inexpensive evening out for your family in Centennial Park. So bring the family, buy a hotdog and enjoy the evening.

Dates for your Calendar

Kick off Sunday – September 12th (Donated items can be dropped off at the Church anytime after Labor Day Monday)

Project J.O.Y. Mission Trip to Harlan - October 23rd (We will travel and setup on Friday Oct 22nd)

Food Collection for Flood Families Thank you to everyone who donated food items for the PLPC Food Drive. We collected a lot of food, which helped out families in our area.

Garage Sale Pick Up

We will be launching a new project to help us collect clothes and other items for Project J.O.Y. We have developed a small flyer asking people who are setting up for a Garage Sale that at the end of the day if they have clothes, shoes, coats, blankets or linens left and would like to donate them to Project J.O.Y. to just call and we will pick up the items and give them a receipt. If any of your neighbors are having a

garage sale mention this project to them and then give us a call for pickup.

The Big Blue Bin

The Big Blue Bin has been a great project for both Goodwill and Project J.O.Y. This project is helping us purchase boys blue jeans to take to Harlan, KY. In past years we have always never had enough boys clothing to meet the demand. Last year we completely ran out of all boys clothes half way through the morning. Please remember the Big Blue Bin is located in the Sunday School Hall and ready to take anything you have to donate. Thanks so much for your support.



~ Doug Troop & Sallyann Brodie ~
PLPC Visitors

Pastor Paul and everyone. Thank you so much for your calls, emails and prayers for our good friend, Jo Ann Bourdon, who lost her son, Tom, on June 22nd. Again, thanks so much.



PLPC Fundraiser
~ Maggie Wright ~

As a fundraiser, PLPC is publishing our own cookbook. We need your support in submitting your favorite recipes, or recipes of your friends and family. When submitting, please use standard measurement in print or type (i.e. cups, teaspoons, etc.) with your name attached, no later than August 15. You may fax them to me at 882-0801, email them to mwrightphd@comcast.net or you may leave them with Susan at the church office. For more detail, call Maggie Wright @ 882-0801 or Telse Saunders 367-1717.

THANK YOU



~ Jean Litaker ~

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, letters and prayers that I received with my recent hospital stay while recovering from pneumonia. Your thoughtfulness meant very much to me.



~ Andi Mosley ~

As you all may know Leesa Fields just retired from her Youth Director role that she served for 17 years. PLPC just hosted a retirement party for her that went very well. I just wanted to take a moment to say thank you to all of the congregation for your help with food and gifts for Leesa. I also want to say a special thank you to Valerie Barton, Crystal Caviness and Michele Witten for the additional help and planning they did for Leesa's party. For the past few months they served on a committee that was formed especially for Leesa's party so I really appreciate all the extra time they devoted to helping make this special occasion possible! A special thank you to Sue Handisides and Rachel Fields for creating the slideshow and for their extra help as well. All in all, this was a momentous occasion and Leesa you will be greatly missed in the youth program!!! However, we wish you well in your future endeavors and "THANK YOU" for all that you did for the youth! You touched our lives and our kid's lives and we truly appreciate all you did for us. You will always hold a special place in our hearts!

"I have not stopped giving thanks for you..."

Ephesians 1:16



~ Susan Rowell ~

Priest Lake Presbyterian would like to welcome ALL of our newest members to the church. Extend your hand and give a them warm welcome. Some come to us by reaffirmation of faith and by way of baptisms.

Teena and Nathan Smith, Moses Cornelius, Jenise Davis, Dani Hazlehurst, Ke' Andre and Nesha Johnson, Jermal and Wallace Mathis, Eligha Reed, Sajeev Pothan, Mary Anna Simon, Matthew and Diane Hansel, Stephanie, Daimon and Jordan Crumpton, Ronnie Waters, Mike and Kathy Howard and Angel Brindley Johnston.

Men of the Church

~ Dave Smith ~



Jim Gracy and Dave Smith cordially invite all men of PLPC

to breakfast on Saturday, July 17th at 8:00 A.M. After breakfast we will have a discussion for future direction of a men's monthly gathering. Please mark your calendar and join us for some great Christian fellowship. Please let Jim know at 361-6680 or Dave on his cell 491-2535 if you will be attending so they will know how much food to prepare for breakfast.



Walkers Wanted

~ Gloria Kimbro ~

You are welcome to join us in the gym Mon. - Fri. 8:30 till we run out of steam or conversation. You never know whether there will be 1, 2 or 14 to walk with. What you do know is that even though we are walking in circles either our metabolism or our spirits will get a boost. If you know of friends or neighbors that would enjoy this, please call me at 668-4693 or tell them to just show up. Everyone is welcomed.

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