

July -- August
2010

THE BELL

CALENDAR

July

- 3 Christ's Table servers
- 4 Rev. Bill Briggs to preach
- 10-11 Confirmands Canoeing
- 11 Carol Morgan, guest
- 18 Worship in Fellowship Hall
Deacons meet
- 20 Rebekah Circle
- 21 Session

August

- 1 Holy Communion
- 7 Christ's Table servers
- 8 Pool Party for catechumens
- 18 Session

A REASON TO CELEBRATE

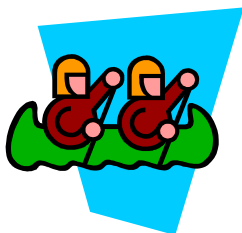
For several years, it was all muttering and no action. The floor in Fellowship Hall was in disastrous condition. A year or so ago, the Deacons began a series of money-raising events. In May, they presented their findings to Session, which voted to take \$1,500 from the Mission Jar and \$2,500 from the Memorial Fund to combine with their funds – and contract for the heroic job of removing the carpet and installing new flooring. B & H Carpet moved quickly and Fellowship Hall is sporting its new look. Therefore.....come to worship prepared to leave your shoes at the door as we celebrate this great accomplishment.

Sunday, July 18

Worship at 10:00 o'clock in Fellowship Hall

A Service of Dedication will be included

Remember to bring kids' socks.

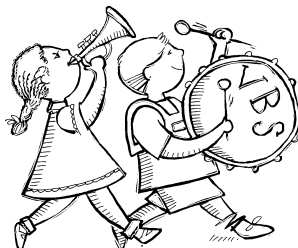


CONFIRMANDS CANOE

One of the special events for this class of Confirmands is a weekend canoe trip with mentors, parents and friends on July 10 and 11.

Continue in prayer as these young people meet regularly for study and discussion.

Next big event: August 8 at the Pastor's home.



VBS NEWS

“Hero Quest” was, indeed, a SUCCESS! Fifty children were enrolled during the busy week that enjoyed the

talents of 18 wonderful volunteers who were responsible for a story time, crafts, snacks and recreation. Jane Thompson served as director. Heartfelt thanks to all who had any part in this annual outreach program of Brighton Church!



There was a wedding

On June 12, Sara Mohler and Brock Neal were united in holy matrimony at Brighton Church.

There will be a wedding

On July 17, Mary Rebekah Nutt and Benjamin Thomas Fortman will exchange vows at the Indianola Presbyterian Church in Columbus.



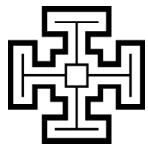
LACE UP FOR KIDS

Eastside Community Ministry is involved in "Lace Up for Kids" and has an ambitious goal of a new pair of socks to accompany each pair of shoes.

SO-O-O LET'S SOCK IT TO 'EM!

Bring any size children's socks for the collection bin at church on Sundays July 18 and 25.

P.S. Sally Goins would like to hear from you if you can assist in the great shoe give-away in August.



IN and OUT of Hospital

Rowland Folensbee
Laura Shipley

We give grateful thanks for your guiding and comforting presence as health returns. Amen.

YOU NEED TO

KNOW



The Pentecost Offering totaled \$423.00, which means that Brighton will contribute \$169.20 to "Young Life," a program to assist young mothers.

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance offering, with an assist from the Mission Jar, allowed us to send \$202 for flood relief in the Nashville area.

Support for Rebecca Kufiua, our adopted daughter in Zambia, is being provided in July by Lori Hickman and in August by Steve and Debbie Tyo.

Guests welcomed in the pulpit include Rev. Bill Briggs on July 4, and Carol Morgan from Operation Feed on July 11.

Knitters continue to meet weekly at 7:00 p.m. to learn and to enjoy the fellowship.

You are invited to share in celebrating 175 years of ministry of the Putnam Presbyterian Church on July 10 and 11, especially the ice cream social at 5:30 p.m. on July 10.



AWARD EARNED...**Congratulations!**

Jaelyn Mohler, with mentoring from Pastor Skinner, completed work for her Scout "God and Me" badge. Her award was presented in worship on June 27.

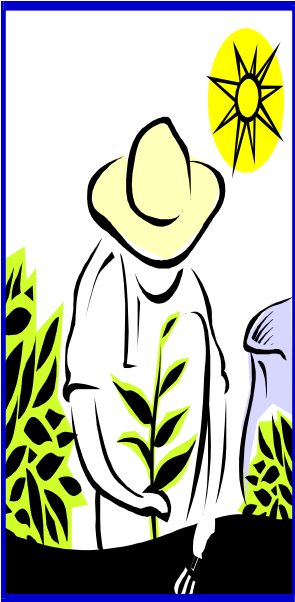


Rebekah Circle

On Tuesday, July 20, members of the Circle will bring a sack lunch for the meeting in Pearl Park at 6:00 p.m.

Looking ahead: Sunday School will resume at 9:30 a.m. on September 12, when worship returns to the 10:30 hour.

From the Pastor's Desk



Summer time and the livin' is easy. The weather is warm and school is done. In my adult life, I can't say that summer has been slower – the kids still had swimming lessons and swim team and camp and I had to juggle childcare. However, the break from the school schedule was still a sabbath time – a time to do something different and even to take a trip, however small.

Summer is a time of sabbath in the life of our church, as well. There is nothing that says summer like a canoe trip, and the confirmation class is heading out very soon. Sunday School is on hiatus as is choir. Church is meeting a little earlier to free up the afternoons for summer fun. Even Vacation Bible School has been completed with all the wild times that always brings. It is a time to reflect on the past year and begin to discern what might change for next year.

How do you judge success? Is it how happy you are or how much money you make? Is success about status or how many people recognize you on the street? Perhaps Christians are supposed to judge success by whether they are becoming more like Jesus every day. What have you done this year that was nourishing for your spiritual life? Where have you discovered God at work in the world around you? What is your passion and how can you find a time and place to use it in mission?

How does a church measure success? Glenn McDonald (author of The Disciple Making Church) suggests that many churches are ABC churches judging success by attendance, building and cash on hand. These are nice concrete measures but they miss the most important measure of success for the church. Are we as members of this congregation focused on becoming disciples, listening for the Spirit and growing our relationships with God, one another and the community we are called to serve? Each one of us must ask ourselves this question. As we begin to work to identify the special mission of Brighton Presbyterian Church, each one of us will be invited to find ways that our passions can be used to carry out that mission in the neighborhood and the world.

I hope that we can get together and reflect on these things before September rolls around and our lives get crazy again. Please keep Brighton Presbyterian Church in your prayers because it is God's job to show us where to go and our job to pay attention!

Peace,
Suellen

July 4 – 2 Kings 5:1-14, Ps. 30; Galatians 6:1-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 11 – Amos 7:7-17; Ps. 82; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

July 18 – Amos 8:1-12; Ps. 52; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

July 25 – Hosea 1:2-10; Ps. 85; Colossians 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13

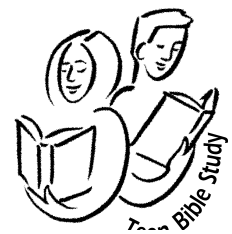
August 1 – Hosea 11:1-11; Ps. 107:1-9, 43; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

August 8 – Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Ps. 50:1-8, 22-23; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

August 15 – Isaiah 5:1-7; Ps. 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

August 22 – Jeremiah 1:4-10; Ps. 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

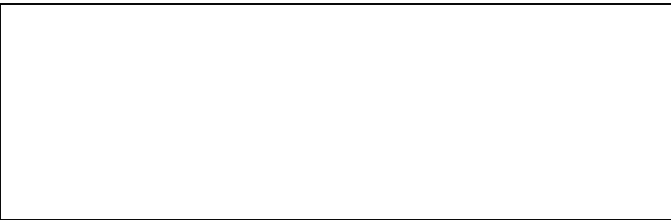
August 29 – Jeremiah 2:4-13; Ps. 81:1, 10-16; Heb. 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14



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July Birthdays

- 1 Michael Bennett
- 15 David Goins
- 16 Sarah Swingle
- 19 Jerry Beavers
- 21 Carolyn Waite
 Claire Goins
- 23 Francie Holdren
- 27 Wesley Wiseman
- 29 Ray Morris

July Anniversaries

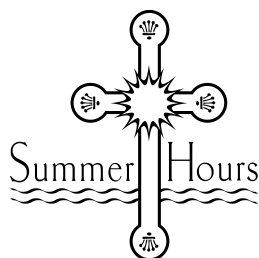
- 1 Adam & Erin Mohler
- 23 Bill & Mary Barnett

August Birthdays

- 1 Donald Baird
- 2 Jaelyn Mohler
 Mason Swauger
- 8 Linda Sutton
- 9 Vivian Raney
 Adam Mohler
- 15 Barbara Williams
- 16 Bob Neff
 Mary Catharine Brown
- 20 Suellen Skinner
- 21 Sara Neal
 Don Mohler
- 22 Mylie Swauger
- 23 Chelsea Rider
- 24 Dana Finley
- 27 Bill Barnett
 Brady Randolph
- 31 Cheryl Sebring

August Anniversaries

- 2 Don & Vivian Raney
- 15 Don & Francie Holdren
- 19 Don & Becky Tyo
- 26 Dick & Carolyn Waite



Worship begins at
10:00 until September

S.O.S. re Nursery Attendants

We do not currently have anyone who is coordinating this schedule and lining up volunteers. This means that anyone attending worship with small children will either have to leave worship or keep their children in church even if they are unhappy. If you would be willing to take on this vital task for our church, please contact Suellen Skinner.



Thank you to everyone at Brighton Church for all the prayers and cards I received during my surgery and recovery. A big thanks to the Rebekah Circle members. They are a great group of women. A big thanks to all who provided food to our family during this time. Last, but not least, thanks to our Pastor Suellen for her visits and her many prayers. She is a great gift to Brighton church.

May God bless each and every one of you!

Laura Shipley

Our Accounting in May

Income.....\$9,652
Expenses.....\$12,061

\$11,672 transferred from the Money Market Account.

