

# THE PATHFINDER

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Dear Friends,

The Confirmation Class worked in the library to sort and organize new additions to our wonderful collection. Presbyterian Churches have long been known for having very diverse and substantial libraries. Maybe that's where we get the moniker that we are a bit heavy with the mind and words!

We have received a new addition that you may find particularly interesting. See What God Can Do: Memoir of a Missionary in Congo by Flo Streshley was given to West Haven by Janice B. Smith in honor of Charles and Flo Streshley and all the saints of Second Presbyterian. Charles served Second Church as pastor from 1981-1987. It is a delightful and thought provoking work about the call of Charles and Flo to Congo, the vicissitudes of actually getting there, and the life of Presbyterian missionaries in the late 1940s through the 1980s. I hope you will check it out or perhaps one of our other great reads that can be found there.

For my 2 week Study Leave this year, I attended the Music and Worship Conference at Montreat hosted by Presbyterian Association of Musicians the last two weeks in June. The theme was "One in Christ Visions of Unity." Worship every day was magnificent. There was holy and powerful music, dynamic liturgy, and wonderful preaching by Thomas Troeger who is a professor at Yale Divinity School. He has dual ordination in PCUSA and the Episcopal Church. He also led a very informative workshop on preaching. I plan to add some of his ideas about preaching to my sermons. Another class that was super was led by Lisa Davison, ordained in the Disciples of Christ tradition on "Seeing the World through God's Eyes." We discussed the idea of *shalom* through the Old Testament as it pertains to God's vision and hope for the world. And always lots and lots of singing echoing across Lake Susan, great ice cream from the Huckleberry, shopping at Ten Thousand Villages and just enjoying the beauty of God's creation that has been honored by the foresight of Presbyterians since 1898.

Enjoy this month – but keep God in your enjoyment!

Peace, Connie



Lake Susan from Assembly Inn



The Left Bank from the dam that makes Lake Susan

## ~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~



### SHAWL MINISTRY

**August 6  
Pemberton Bldg.**

If you need yarn or patterns, contact Lyn Stephens. Please join us! If you do not know how to knit or crochet, we will teach you!  
We have received a large donation of Red Heart Yarn from My Sister's House!!

## Prayer Circle

Mondays 11:00 am

Join us as we pray for concerns of the church and the world. Fill out a Prayer Request and give it to the Pastor or Trudy Martin. All prayers and concerns are confidential.



## Presbyterian Women News

### SUMMER GATHERING

DATE: Monday, August 8  
TIME: 5:30 to 7:30 pm (or whatever)  
ITEMS TO BRING: Yourself and the latest gossip

For several years, our women have enjoyed gathering at my home for a light supper and just chatting. This time allows us to reconnect because summer has so many of us going in lots of different directions.

Please mark your calendar!! I look forward to sharing this time with you.

Peggy Griffin

**Circle meetings will resume Sept 12 & 13**

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## GEMS LUNCH

Wednesday August 10, 2011  
12:30 PM



All retired and 55+ folks are invited to join us for a delicious meal and fellowship all for the cost of \$3.00!

*RSVP on Sunday in the Friendship Register*

## Lunch Bunch

August 21 12:15 pm  
Ruby Tuesday's



## MEN OF WEST HAVEN BREAKFAST

There will be no men's breakfast  
for the months of June, July, August

## Summer Sunday School

June 5 - August 21

9:45 a.m.

One-Room School House  
Rinehart Fellowship Hall

We will continue our study of the English Bible – as we celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> birthday of the King James Version discover its impact on translations over the last 400 years. We will also learn about the basic tenets of the Presbyterian Church as found in the symbols of the Presbyterian seal.

Join Us!

## WE NEED RECIPES!!!!

*Favorite Recipes from the Flock of West Haven  
Presbyterian Church.*

The first step to making this cookbook a reality is for you to provide us with your favorite recipes. You can send your recipes (yes, we want several from each of you) to the church by e-mail or put them in the basket on the table next to the church office.

Recipes are needed for *appetizers, entrees (beef, chicken, pork, seafood), vegetables, desserts, soups*. The only guideline is that the recipes are ones that you have prepared, regardless of your source, and are enjoyed by you and your family. If there is a history such as granny's special cookies or it's a special dish that your family has always prepared for a particular holiday, etc., please note that on the recipe. Be sure to include any helpful hints that you may use in preparing the dish, the number of servings and your name.

It is our goal is to collect enough recipes over the next few months, so that in August we can hopefully begin the process of making the dream of a *West Haven Cookbook* become a reality. Please help us to accomplish this goal – get those recipes to us!

Patty Shearin and Peggy Griffin



## CELEBRATION SUNDAY

**August 28 9:30 a.m.**

### Rinehart Fellowship Hall

Join us as we celebrate the beginning of a new year of Sunday School classes.

As part of the celebration, please bring a potluck breakfast item to share.

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL



**AUGUST 28 5:00 p.m.**

### Rinehart Fellowship Hall

This is a special gathering to celebrate all of our birthdays, and eat some cool, delicious ice cream! Please bring your family, and invite your friends and neighbors.



**Growing Together  
September 17  
9:00 am – 3:30 pm  
White Memorial Pres  
1704 Oberlin Rd, Raleigh**

Worship Leader - Rev. Marcia Mount Shoop

Deadline: September 8 Cost: \$20.00

Make plans to attend the presbytery's one-day leadership event. There are courses for your own spiritual development, to help with PW lessons on Beatitudes, or to learn something new. You will see old friends and make new ones. Pick up a brochure in the back hall of the sanctuary.



**Save the Date!  
Women's Retreat  
September 23, 24, 25  
Figure Eight Island, NC**

## ~ WORSHIP & MISSION ~

### 2011 Sanctuary Flower Calendar

The new **Flower Calendar for 2011** will remain the same as this year, unless you wish to change your date. Call church office, 446-5226 to make changes.

### Outreach Sunday August 7

Please bring your gift of canned goods for United Community Ministries and ethnic hair care products for My Sister's House. Also collected on this date are Labels for Education UPC labels from Campbell and Franco-American products for Barium Springs Home for Children and our Pennies for Hunger for hunger relief through the PCUSA.



### Worship by the River

Sunday, September 18

Sunset Park  
Shelter A at the foot of Taylor St.



Lunch following by Parker's BBQ  
Cost: TBA

### Choir and Handbell Rehearsals Resume



Wednesday August 3

Handbells 6:30 p.m.  
Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.

Join us for great ringing and singing adventures!

### School Supply Drive Now through 8/22/11

We'll be collecting school supplies to help children in need from Conetoe Baptist Church. The supplies will be for children from Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Please place supplies in the marked box in the Narthex or next to the Breezeway by 8/22/11.

Needed items include the following:

- 1 subject composition book (wide ruled)
- 5 subject composition book
- Notebook paper (wide ruled)
- Pocket folders
- 1 inch notebooks
- Glue sticks
- Crayons
- Colored markers
- Highlighters
- #2 pencils

**Community Worship  
September 11  
Trinity Lutheran Church**

**~ FINANCE & PERSONNEL ~**

**~FINANCIAL UPDATE~**

Treasurer's Report as of 6-30-11



|                                   | <b>This Month</b> | <b>YTD</b>    |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Where we should be (pledges made) | \$ 12,942         | \$ 77,652     |
| Where we are (pledges received)   | <u>9,849</u>      | <u>80,635</u> |
| Over (Under)                      | \$ (3,093)        | \$ 2,983      |
| <br>                              |                   |               |
| Budgeted Expenses                 | \$ 16,573         | \$ 99,438     |
| Actual Expenses                   | <u>12,546</u>     | <u>84,060</u> |
| Over (Under)                      | \$ (1,060)        | \$ (11,351)   |

**OTHER GIFTS**

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Two Cents a Meal [May] | \$ 42.27  |
| Gifts & Memorials      | \$ 280.00 |
| West Haven Endowment   | \$ 70.50  |
| Local Benevolence      | \$ 72.00  |
| Pentecost Offering     | \$ 343.00 |

**Remember the West Haven Endowment – the gift that keeps on giving!**

Check out our website! You will find all sorts of up-to-date lists, the latest letter from Becca Young, missionary in Indonesia and other helpful information.

Thanks, John Stratton!

[www.westhavenpresbyterian.org](http://www.westhavenpresbyterian.org)

## The West Haven Presbyterian Endowment Fund

The West Haven Presbyterian Endowment Fund has performed as most folks would expect over the past few years, given the economy. While it is a balanced fund it has experienced ups and downs. However, it is important that we not lose sight of this valuable gift from the past, and that we pray will always remain a gift to the future. Your contribution to the Endowment Fund ensures that West Haven Presbyterian Church remains a witness to the love of God in our community. Below are just a few of the reasons it is important to consider a contribution:

### Why Should I Contribute to the West Haven Presbyterian Endowment?

- To insure the future of West Haven Presbyterian Church, as others have done for us.
- To exercise faithful stewardship of what God has given us.
- To preserve the work and ministry of West Haven Presbyterian Church through difficult times.
- To provide for maintenance and possible renovation or expansion projects of our buildings.
- To expand our church programs and open the door to wider mission opportunities.

WHP Endowment Committee  
Pat B Adams, Chair

## WEST HAVEN ENDOWMENT FUND

### GOOD NEWS!!

As of June 30, 2011, the Endowment Fund closed with a balance of \$50,588.49. After the major drop during the Stock Market crisis, it has finally come back above the initial contribution. Hopefully, the Stock Market will remain stable and the Fund will now continue a slow but upward trend. There are also some funds that have been contributed throughout this year that will be transferred to the Endowment Fund in the fall.

The Endowment Fund is a sign that West Haven sees HOPE in the future!

Peggy Griffin, Sec.

## ~ SESSION ~



### *Session Digest*

*No meeting in July  
Next meeting August 16th*

Early in May the presbyteries of the PCUSA adopted a new Form of Government as well as some other amendments to the Constitution. Because of these sweeping changes, many of the decisions of governance of congregations are now left up to them individually. The Session will be working toward presenting to the congregation the procedures and policies necessary for us to enact for governance of our congregation. There will be a congregational meeting in September to adopt those items. All of the changes move congregations toward self-determination, autonomy.

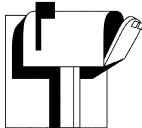
At the recent presbytery meeting, several new ministers were received including the new Associate Pastor at First Church, Mary Kathleen Duncan. We welcome her to our community.

### **THANK YOU . . .**



**Nancy Nelson** for weeding the garden on a steamy Monday morning! Any time you see weeds feel free to reach out and pull!

### **We Get Letters . . .**



Big thanks to Dan & Linda Davis for inviting us to come to their home for a very interesting Bible study. I have learned a lot, and I guess I'm still scratching my head on some of the things we discussed. It was very informative. Dan did a great job of leading us, and Linda makes great lemonade and cookies. Thanks, Ann Martin

Gatekeepers



If you have digital pictures to share, email them to [office@westhavenpresbyterian.org](mailto:office@westhavenpresbyterian.org)