



# THE PATHFINDER

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Dear Friends,

During the summer months I will do a sermon series entitle "By Request." If there is a memorable sermon you would like to hear again, let me know. We will also do our annual Hymn Fest Sundays, so be thinking about your favorite hymns from any hymnbook. I know there are some "oldie goldies" as well as some newer hymns you would like to sing. So put on your thinking caps! We are going to "cancel the summer slump."

And speaking of canceling the summer slump, make it a point to come to Sunday School and worship this summer. Summer is a time to relax some, be rejuvenated, refreshed and so on. One way for Christians to experience that sense of restoration is to be among brothers and sister of faith in the presence of our God. I will be teaching the Sunday school class so all those who teach nine months of the year can take a break and be taught!

Many activities will continue even as others go into resting mode. Weeding of our flower beds is on going as well as watering during the hottest part of the year. Small tasks like straightening the pew racks or class rooms also need attention. Visits to our elderly are always welcome. So call the church office to see what needs to be done. Check out those things that can be done in this slower summer time.

As Jesus reminds us: Be at peace. What are you worried about? Go! Make disciples. I will be with you. Have you caught any fish? Wait for the gift.

Peace, Connie

## ~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~



### SHAWL MINISTRY

**June 4 at 9:30 am  
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!

### 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 Last Circles meetings for the year!

#### All Women...



On **June 13** at 6:30 pm all women are invited to gather at the church to sew diapers from T-shirts for the maternity hospital in Belize. If you have a portable sewing machine, a pair of good scissors, a tape measure and willing hands, please join us. Watch the Pathfinder for details of a social in August.

Circles will resume in September. The 2011-2012 Bible Study is on The Beatitudes from the Gospel of Matthew.

All women are invited to participate in the life of Presbyterian Women.

Join us for Bible study, fellowship and service.

*Circle 2 had a wonderful end of season with our Birthday luncheon served by Nancy Nelson, Inez Allsbrook, Vickie Dew, Lorine Evans, Frances Gay, Dot Chewing, Audrey Clark and Amy Dawes.*

*Amy Dawes was elected as moderator and Inez Allsbrook as co-moderator. Nancy Nelson will remain as treasurer.*

*Our project money was designated to go to West Haven's Landscape Fund.*

## GEMS LUNCH

Wednesday June 8, 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*

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## Lunch Bunch

June 19 12:15 pm  
Applebee's



## MEN OF WEST HAVEN BREAKFAST



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

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## TAI CHI CLASS

Classes will resume after Labor Day.

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Youth Sunday Sunday June 5

Graduate Recognition  
Announcement of Scholarships

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## Summer Sunday School

**June 5 - August 21**

9:45 a.m.

One-Room School House  
Rinehart Fellowship Hall

There will be two short courses. First, we will study the English Bible – beginning with the King James Bible as we celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> birthday of this first English language Bible and discover its impact on translations over the last 400 years. Then we will learn about the basic tenets of the Presbyterian Church as found in the symbols of the Presbyterian seal.

Plan to get involved with these short courses during the slower time of summer.

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Vacation Bible  
School  
June 13 - 17

Lakeside Baptist  
Church

Participating churches: Lakeside Baptist, St  
Andrews Episcopal, First Presbyterian, West  
Haven Presbyterian

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## WE NEED RECIPES!!!!

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

Doesn't that have a nice ring! Having the good fortune to have many good cooks within our midst, we are confident we can create a great cookbook. 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*. There is a recipe box in our kitchen that has been around for many, many years. We will include as many of those as possible with a special notation that they are "historical recipes".

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  
Peggy Griffin

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~ **WORSHIP & MISSION** ~

*Outreach Sunday June 5*

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.

**Pentecost Offering  
Sunday June 12, 2011**



Please join us on June 12 as we celebrate the Day of Pentecost. On this day we join with Christians around the world to celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit to the church. We also receive the Pentecost Offering, which benefits children at risk, youth, and young adults. Remember that 40% of the Offering stays with our congregation for ministry with children at risk. The other 60% will support General Assembly ministries that advocate for children and provide leadership development opportunities for our youth and young adults. This year the portion of the offering that stays local will be given to The Bassett Center. Please give generously for the lives of our youth.

**Gatekeepers July 10-15**  
Building Community Heb 3.4

Those who will participate from West Haven are:

**YOUTH:**  
Alex Broomell

**ADULTS:**  
Jim Newton  
Connie Button  
Peggy Griffin  
Nancy Adkins  
Candice Davis  
Kevin Stussie



**Please pray for this ministry.**

**WEAR RED!**  
**Sunday June 12**  
**Pentecost Sunday**

**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.

~ **FINANCE & PERSONNEL** ~

~**FINANCIAL UPDATE**~



Treasurer's Report as of 4-30-11

	<b>This Month</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Where we should be (pledges made)	\$ 12,942	\$ 51,768
Where we are (pledges received)	<u>12,717</u>	<u>52,906</u>
Over (Under)	\$ (225)	\$ 1,138

Budgeted Expenses	\$ 16,573	\$ 66,292
Actual Expenses	<u>12,337</u>	<u>56,000</u>
Over (Under)	\$ (4,236)	\$ (10,292)

**OTHER GIFTS**

Two Cents a Meal [Mar ]	\$ 111.62
Gifts & Memorials	\$ 235.00
West Haven Endowment	\$ 55.50
Kitchen Fund	\$ 100.00
Disaster Relief	\$ 60.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 411.67
My Sister's House	\$ 250.00
Music Endowment	\$ 200.00
UCM	\$ 250.00

**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)

## ~ SESSION ~



### *Session Digest May 17<sup>th</sup>*

- Prayed for congregation
- Welcomed Elders Elect
- Thanked retiring elders for service
- Assigned Ministry Teams
- Approved gift of \$516 to NC tornado relief
- Heard report on new AC for offices
- Approved 40% of Pentecost Offering for Bassett Center

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



**Trudy Martin and Joyce Flye** for processing the Newsletter.



**Caroline Stussie, Trudy Martin** for new plantings and weeding.



**Kevin Stussie** for cleaning gutters



**Cub and Boy Scouts** for moving the mountain of mulch to the magnolia tree, etc



A big thank you to the folks who prepared a meal for our Lenten Lunches! (Kevin Stussie, Nancy Nelson, Amy Dawes, Lois Webb, Ann Martin, Peggy Griffin, Patty Shearin)

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

Dear Congregational Life Ministry Team & Patty,

Thank you for the delicious food – especially Patty's pie which did as she said – "It slid down easy" after my surgery. We enjoyed it all and appreciate the cards, Easter lily and prayers. Not talking for few days was hard but I managed to whisper. Thanks again. I treasure you all.

Love,  
Vickie Dew

Dear Shawl Ministry,

It was good to have that warm, fuzzy feeling around my heart upon receiving the lovely, soft shawl you knitted for me. Thank you so much for your gift of beauty, time and token of love,

Sincerely yours,  
Jean Couch

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Dear West Haven Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for the Labels for Education. We appreciate you thinking of Barium Springs with your donations and assure you, they will be put to good use.

Please know we are sincerely grateful. Your act of kindness truly makes a difference in the lives of these children in need and assists us in providing additional services.

From Your Friends at  
Barium Springs Home for Children

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What a wonderful surprise and treat to receive the beautiful handmade wrap from the Shawl Ministry. I will think of my dear friends at West Haven whenever I use it.

Thank you so much for thinking of me.  
With love, Lorraine Brice

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**☞ Moving? Please call the church office with your new address. We want to be sure you receive your monthly mailing.**

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Circle 2 Meeting and Luncheon



Boy Scout Court of Honor Award Ceremony



Cub Scouts moving a mountain of mulch!



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