

Great News from the PNC!

The seven-member team of the 2010 PNC committee was announced and approved by the congregation on December 27, 2009. We met for the first time on January 4, 2010. During the first month we elected a chair, received insight and advice from members of the 2002 PNC, familiarized ourselves with the Presbytery's "10 Step Procedural Plan," and submitted ourselves to a Myers-Briggs like personality quiz which gave each of us a better understanding of our differences, and typical behavior patterns.

We reviewed the Manual prepared by the PDS (Presbyterian Distribution Service) but chose, instead, to use as our guide, "Searching for a Pastor the Presbyterian Way: A Roadmap for Pastor Nominating Committees" by Dean E. Foose, Director of Alumni/ae Relations and Placement at Princeton Theological Seminary. We chose this booklet over the Presbyterian Manual because it provided more detail, examples, and samples.

The committee voted to go "green," making multiple copies of only a very few items. Instead, we conducted a great deal of our business by email (one member logged 715 messages as of June 16, 2010). Hardly a day went by that we weren't evaluating incoming data; expressing concerns; setting up dates, times, and lists; exchanging ideas, and/or editing drafts of letters.

We met approximately 30 times: at least once, nearly every week, sometimes more, for 23 weeks. We opened every meeting with prayer-- during the first month we included time for devotions. We also formed a small inter-congregational group that we called whenever we felt a special need for additional prayer and support.

During the entire proceedings we provided progress reports to the congregation-at-large. These reports were circulated through the church's monthly Newsletter.

Our first major Step was to prepare our CIF (Church Information Form). To that end, we prepared and circulated through our Newsletter and several Sunday morning bulletins, a Congregational Survey beginning on January 27, 2010. We received a strong written response from this survey representing nearly 50% of our active membership. In addition, approximately 50 people participated in one of four small group discussions that were held immediately following the Sunday service on March 7, 2010. The information gathered from these two sources guided the

committee as we formulated answers to the several essay questions included on the CIF form. The form was submitted and received Session approval on March 20, 2010, and, after receiving approval from the Transylvania COM (Committee On Ministry), officially went on line March 31, 2010.

In total, we reviewed 80 applications for our Solo Pastor position. Seventy-five applicants appeared as either a "match" or a "self referral" on the PC (USA) Church Leadership Connection, while five applicants mailed their dossiers directly to the chair of the PNC.

Each applicant's dossier was carefully read and given a ranking of 1, 2 or 3 by each member of the committee.

Emails requesting additional information were sent to the 34 applicants who received a #1 ranking from at least one member of the PNC.

Of the 34 applicants from whom we requested additional information, 10 (4 women; 6 men) received a second email requesting a sermon on either a DVD or CD.

The five applicants that remained on our list after screening all 10 sermons, received either a Conference Call or, in one instance, an in-house interview with five or more of the PNC committee.

Based on the results of these interviews, two applicants surfaced as strong and potential matches for our position. On separate occasions, each of these applicants, and their wives, were invited to our church for an extended visit. Each visit included a carefully planned, comprehensive interview session, a tour of the church grounds and facilities, plus a meal and time for fellowship.

The two finalists each made a very positive impression on our group. However, the committee enthusiastically and unanimously voted to extend an invitation to the applicant that appeared to be the best match for our church at this time: Reverend Peter David Jones. Reverend "Pete" Jones immediately accepted our offer and the approval of the COM. If he officially receives a Call from the congregation on Sunday, August 1, 2010, he would be installed on Sunday, September 5, 2010 and become Pisgah's 26th Pastor (see insert for additional details).

Respectfully submitted:

James W. Rodgers: Chair; Chuck Craycraft, Rhonda Fister, Sue Fosson, Mary Hinton, Greg Lawrence, Melissa Scott.

Searching for a New Pastor



**We can all take part in Pisgah's 1st Annual
"Friendship Sunday"
July 18th (3rd Sunday in July)
Invite a Friend to Pisgah Church**

Simple

Invite a friend to Pisgah Church on Sunday, July 18th. Better yet, invite them to join you for worship and go to lunch afterward.

Share

Pisgah is blessed with beautiful grounds and a truly spiritually serene church to celebrate and worship in.

Reality

Surveys regularly report that somewhere between 80% and 90% of all new church members first came to church because they were personally invited by a friend or relative.

Truth

We all have friends who do not have a church home or have been disenfranchised. They would appreciate being asked to have an opportunity to join you on Sunday the 18th.

We Do Care

Without question, we all care about our friend's well-being and we care about people who are troubled or struggling and may be in need of a spiritual network.

WWJD

The Great Commission: Matthew 28: 16 – 20 says it all.

Choir

I am sure we can get the Choir to do those heavenly harmonic overlays that send chills up your back when you hear them. Leslie, Jim...yes??

Goal

Fill up the church.

Questions

If you have any questions, contact Joe Johnson, Tessa Dole, Pam Stilz, Scott Upton, Hank Graddy, Vic Priebe, Melissa Scott, Donna Lawrence or Bobbie Sweeney.

Flowers for Worship

The beautiful flowers we enjoy every Sunday on the altar table and in the narthex are provided by the Flower Committee which is part of the Worship Committee. Members of the committee are Sue Fosson, Leslie James, Missie Wood, Ligia Jones and Jane Pryor. Each is responsible for one Sunday each month.



They grow most of the flowers in their gardens and pay particular attention in growing plants which would look especially nice at church. Several of the members

are members of a garden club which has a special emphasis on flower arranging and where they are judged at the club meetings on the arrangements they bring to meetings. The competition is good fun but at church they hope to add to the worship atmosphere.

Bible Camp

"Hero Headquarters" was the theme for Bible Camp this year. Thirty-two campers were introduced to five unlikely Bible

heroes we often overlook; in fact, we don't even know their names. From a servant girl who told the commander of a mighty army who to go see so God could heal him, to the boy who shared his food so Jesus could



feed 5,000 people, the children heard about small acts being used by God to do wonderful things! They learned that if they're willing to be used by God in any situation, no matter how big or small, they can make a difference; they can be heroes, too!

Assisting camp co-directors Sandi Bromagen and Greg Lawrence were several, unnamed Pisgah heroes. Fourteen youth and 23 adult volunteers helped make Bible Camp 2010 fun for everyone. Thanks go out to all who helped!!!

One of the biggest hits each year is the boys vs. girls fundraising competition, and this year was no different. The children competed each day to see who could bring in the most for their money jar. And the winner was.....the fishermen of the Gulf Coast. Donations will be distributed through a relief effort called "Feed My Sheep." Together the boys and girls raised nearly \$200! Way to go, kids!

Raise your hand if you would consider teaching a Sunday school class in the upcoming year.

For more information, contact Jennifer Chandler or Linda Scott.



A Note from the Administration Committee

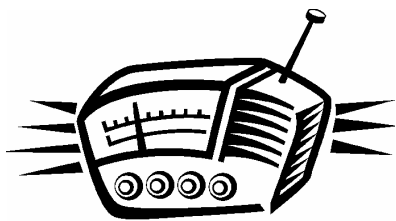
Well here we are in July and half way through the year already. I hope all of you are enjoying your summer activities and having lots of fun.

Pisgah's financial picture still looks good at the half way point in the year. The June 15th Treasurers Report shows that we are 46% of the way through the year with our pledged income at 46% of budget and our unpledged income at 37% of budget. Our total income is 46% of budget which is right where we should be at this time in the year. It is important for us to remember that this is the time when we see the summer drop of in giving. We are within budget at this time, it is important that we all remain diligent in our giving so we can remain within our budget as we go through the summer.

The expense side of the ledger looks good as well. Our total expenses are 38% of budget or 8% below our budgeted expense. This is thanks to our Elders, Deacons, committees, and church staff watching our expenses very closely. GREAT WORK everybody!!!!

I am happy to report that our current financial picture looks good at the half way point in our year. It is important that we remain diligent in our giving so that it will continue to be so. If we can avoid the summer drop off in giving many churches see this time of year we can maintain our financial momentum as we go into the second half of the year. So everybody needs to keep up the good work and make the Pisgah's second half of the year as good as the first.

Jud Davis



Snippets

- There were several Pisgah ladies who entered flowers and arrangements in this year's Woodford County Fair Flower Show: **Jane Pryor, Lela Mitchell, Leslie James** and **Sue Fosson**. This talented group of gardeners won so many ribbons we couldn't list them all so ask them yourselves the next time you see them! Congratulations ladies!!

We are always on the lookout for more "Snippets." Help us keep this column going by sending in any interesting little tidbits you hear!

Life in the Church

Sympathy was extended to:

Bob and Leslie James and their family on the death of Bob's aunt, Mary Ireland Fishback, on June 23 in Lexington.



Dear Pisgah Scholarship Committee and Congregation,

Thank you for the generous scholarships over the past four years. Your donations have made my college career possible – I know my successes would not have happened without your constant and unconditional love and support – both financially and otherwise.

God has truly blessed me with a wonderful church family.

Thanks again,
Martha Prewitt

Dear Pisgah Community,

Thank you so much for the beach bag and towel graduation gift. What a fun and thoughtful gift! I know I will make lots of use of them in the coming years, and this summer especially when I move to the hot and humid city of Knoxville, TN! I am so lucky and blessed to have such a loving and supportive church family. You have come to my performances for many years and always ask how I am doing and what I am up to next. Your love and support help encourage me in my difficult career path, so I am very grateful for everything you do for me.

Thank you also for the many opportunities you have given me to perform for you. Pisgah has been a huge part of my growth as a person as well as a musician since I would not have become serious about music without your encouraging words and smiles. Because you have allowed me to perform for you, my performance skills have greatly improved over the years and, who knows -- maybe you will see me on a stage in New York City or Chicago one day!

Thank you again and may God bless you and keep you and give you peace.

Sincerely,
Martha Prewitt

A Little Church Humor

The Atheist and The Believer

There's a little old Christian lady living next door to an atheist. Every morning the lady comes out onto her front porch and shouts "Praise the Lord!"

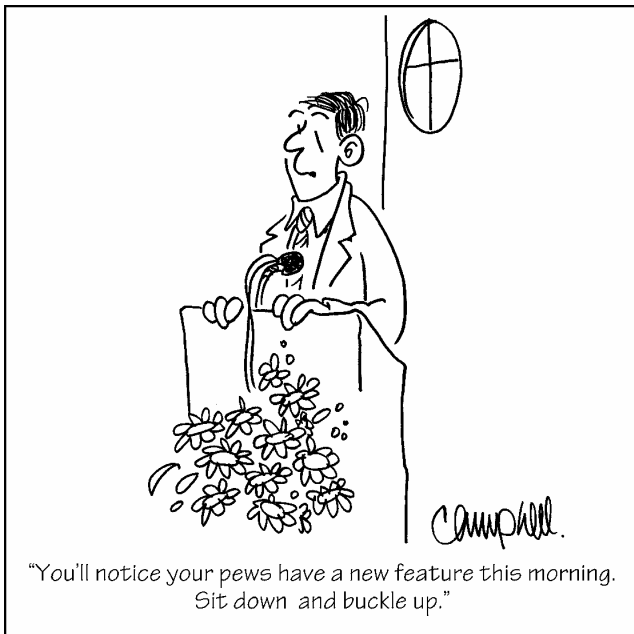
The atheist yells back, "There is no God".

She does this every morning with the same result. As time goes on the lady runs into financial difficulties and has trouble buying food. She goes out onto the porch and asks God for help with groceries, then says "Praise the Lord".

The next morning she goes out onto the porch and there's the groceries she's asked for, of course she says "Praise the Lord".

The atheist jumps out from behind a bush and says, "Ha, I bought those groceries - there is no God".

The lady looks at him and smiles, she shouts "Praise the Lord --- not only did you provide for me Lord, you made Satan pay for the groceries!"

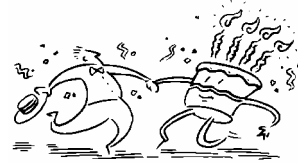


Hunting Season

The Wednesday-night church service coincided with the last day of hunting season. The pastor asked who had bagged a deer. No one raised a hand.

Puzzled, the pastor said, "I don't get it. Last Sunday many of you said you were missing because of hunting season. I had the whole congregation pray for your deer."

One hunter groaned, "Well, it worked. They're all safe."



Happy Birthday to You in July

- 3 Joe Johnson
- 4 Jeannette Priebe, Vince Straub
- 6 Julie Lacy, Donna Lawrence, Michele Welling
- 7 Graddy Prewitt, Carolyn Ryan
- 8 Field Broadbent
- 9 Elizabeth Collier
- 10 Amy Shropshire
- 11 Noah Mobley
- 12 Pattie Broadbent, Reed Gilbert
- 14 Kristine Cullen, Jim Rodgers, Tyrone Sparks, Rita Cope, Hardin Field
- 16 Anna Coleman Prewitt, Martha Sweet
- 17 Jeff Lagrew
- 19 Johnny Mac Smith
- 20 Carina Butler, Jayne Cheetham, Alex Davis
- 22 Chuck Craycraft
- 23 Carol Weldon
- 24 Leslie Gilbert
- 29 Joyce Simpson
- 30 Jane Pryor

And in early August...

- 1 Heather Jones, W. Gay Reading, Brody Mancuso
- 2 Jamie Robida
- 3 Alice Schaaf, Will Smith
- 4 Nicky Graddy, Agatha Graham
- 8 Monty Hinton, Vera Kadamyran
- 9 Tom Cope

Please help us keep this list up to date!

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good news to all creation.



Mark 16:15

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