

JOHN CALVIN NEWS

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An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer of his plan to leave the house-building business and live a more leisurely life with his wife while enjoying his extended family.

He would miss the paycheck, but he wanted to retire. They could get by. The contractor was sorry to see his good worker go and asked if he would build just one more house as a personal favor. The carpenter said yes, but his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end his career.

When the carpenter finished his work and the builder came to inspect the house, the contractor handed the front door key to the carpenter. "This is your house," he said, "my gift to you."

What a shock! What a shame! If he had only known he was building his house, he would have done it all so differently. Now he had to live in the one he had built none too well.

So it is with us. Sometimes we build our lives in a distracted way, reacting rather than acting, willing to put up less than the best. At important points we do not give the job our best effort. Then with a shock, we look at the situation we have created and find that we are now living in the house we have built. If we had just realized that, we would have done it differently.

Think of yourself as the carpenter. Think about your house. Each day hammer a nail, place a board, or erect a wall. Build wisely.

It is the only life you will ever build. Even if you live it for only one day more, that day deserves to be lived graciously and with dignity. Your attitudes and the choices you make today will be your life tomorrow – build it wisely.

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SESSION MEETING-SEPTEMBER 19, 2005

Presbytery Committee on Ministry has assigned Dudley Saleeby, Jr. to moderate our session meetings until an Interim Pastor is in place. This meeting, the first after the Elder Class of 2008 replaced the Class of 2005, included some important reports as well as organizational housekeeping. Committee reports were received and approved where necessary without significant changes.

Keith Thomas reviewed progress on a list of Building and Grounds maintenance and improvements that are ongoing. Previously approved Facility Task Force items are complete except for a planned closet (near the hallway copier) that is being revised to match approved funds.

Session received and discussed the proposal of the Stained Glass Windows Task Force which calls for the nine sanctuary windows to portray the Great Ends of the Church—a Presbyterian statement of the purpose of the church from the Book of Order. The windows will cost \$2,950 per window, installed. Session re-affirmed the decision made in its May meeting to proceed by inviting members and friends of John Calvin to fund the project with memorials and designated giving. Session is grateful for the work of the Task Force—Bobbie Carnell, Sherrelle Revell, Betty and Erskine Moore, and Celeste McCutcheon.

Tim Dickerson reported that the committee to identify an Interim Pastor is in contact with more than one candidate and hopes to recommend a candidate about mid-October.

Session elected Albert Miller to be Commissioner to Presbytery on October 11 in Manning; approved H. A. Barrow and Julia Krebs as Co-Moderators of Evangelism and Outreach; approved an October-November schedule of informational meetings for new members; approved additional youth activities during Autumn Fest; and accepted several future events for the calendar including the annual elder dinner on January 30, 2006. The Building and Grounds Committee Moderator position is vacant.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS FOR SANCTUARY

The Stained Glass Window Committee would like to share with you the design and theme for the nine windows in our sanctuary. After much consideration and study of the design aspects of our sanctuary, we have decided to use "The Great Ends of the Church" as our theme, with coloring as close as possible to the existing stained glass. Sketches of the nine windows are available for viewing in the church narthex.

You can be a part of this by making a contribution or memorial to the Stained Glass Fund.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	August	Year To Date
Envelopes	\$18,451	\$179,919
Other Income	\$664	\$9915
Income Received	\$19,115	\$189,834
Operating Expense.	\$15,842	\$140,597
Benevolences	\$5309	\$43,243
Total- Budgeted	\$21,151	\$183,840
Expenses		

From Irma and Salvatore De la Torre in Kenya, Africa

"Irma and I continue our ministry in Kenya. I am currently the clinical director for the PEPFAR program that is implementing the antiretroviral therapy program in 16 mission hospitals in Kenya. The program provides free medications to patients living with HIV/AIDS. Our prayers have been answered— AIDS is no longer a death sentence; it is now a chronic manageable medical condition. We currently have 6000 patients on treatment and 4000 more on treatment preparation. I am still practicing at the ART-clinic in Kikuyu Hospital.

Irma is now working with orphaned children whose parents died from HIV/AIDS. She helps with 3 centers that take care of 200 plus children. She works with the women at the three Presbyterian congregations around Nairobi. Irma takes care of the children's health needs and provides guidance to the centers.

Irma and I want to thank the congregation for the continuous support provided to our work and family."

You may e-mail the De la Torres at Salvador@maF.or.ke

From Debbie and Harry Horne in Lima, Peru

Debbie has been visiting her mom and dad in Florida. Her mom has Alzheimer's and her 87 year old father has health problems. She also helped her daughter Sarah get settled for the fall semester of college at The American University. Sarah is working on an internship in journalism and other courses through a Wooster program. Harry just started a new semester in Lima teaching Old Testament I, New Testament II, and Hebrew. He is also teaching Greek to a group of prisoners on Friday afternoons.

"We enjoyed our time with Tom (Hawkins) in Lima. He is such a nice guy!...Please give our greetings and love to our church family at John Calvin."

You may e-mail the Hornes at edwardhorne@libre.terra.com.pe

MONTREAT UPDATE

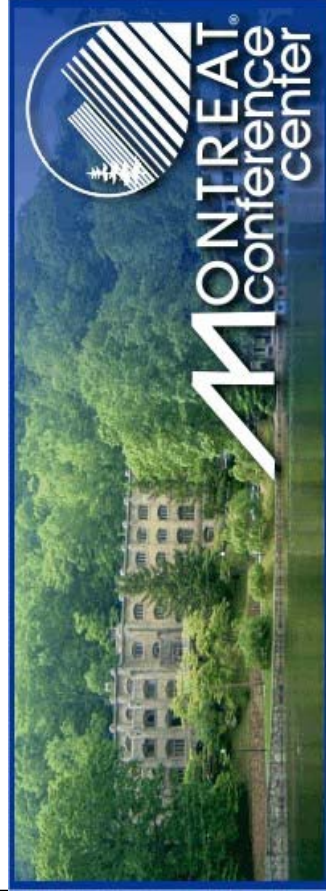
This fall, we hope you will join us for Montreat's most breathtaking season. Participate in Wee Kirk, the Fall Retreat, a Discovery Tour, or the Fall Older Adult Conference. Bring a group from your church to one of the upcoming Young Adult Weekends.

Or start planning now for 2006 and a number of brand new programs: The Arts & Sabbath, A Mountaintop Experience:Hiking in the Blue Ridge Wilderness, Trains of the Southern Appalachians, The Hope of the Church: Celebrating Common Ground, Healthy Congregations Facilitator Training, and Continuing Education for Commissioned Lay Pastors and Lay Preachers. For more information, request a 2006 catalog or visit our web site at www.montreat.org.

Montreat Conference Center is one ministry made up of many facets: youth programs, adult programs, music and worship, wilderness, opportunities for retreat and relaxation, recreation, and learning. Are there things at Montreat Conference Center that you have yet to explore? Perhaps now is the perfect time!

A PORTION OF A LETTER FROM EMILY LINDSAY
DIRECTOR OF CHURCH RELATIONS
MONTREAT

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AUTUMN FEST - COMING SOON!!!!



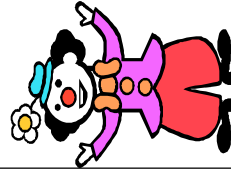
When: October 29 3:00 p.m. until

Who: Big Kids and Little Kids

Bigger and Better Than Ever!

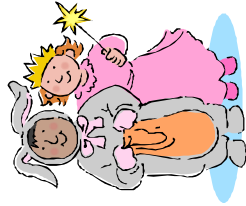
Barbecue by Chefs Fowler and Taylor

Games and Activities for all ages!



Costume Contest

Clown



Haunted House

Face Painting

Cake Walk



PEACEMAKING OFFERING

Join us on Sunday, October 2nd as we celebrate World Communion Sunday and receive the Peacemaking Offering. On this day we join with Christians around the world to celebrate the unity we find at the Table of our Lord. We also receive the Peacemaking Offering to support the efforts of our congregation, our synod, our presbytery, and our denomination to spread the peace of Christ.

Twenty-five percent of the offering will be used in Florence in the Light-house Ministries. The other seventy-five percent will help our partners in the presbytery, synod, and General Assembly in their efforts to make this a more peaceful world.

Guide Our Feet

into the Way of Peace

Luke 17:9

LOOKING FOR KIDS CLUB MEMBERS!

On Sunday, October 2nd, we will kick off our new Kids Club program for children ages K-6th grade. There will be a new theme each week with fun activities such as cooking, art, movies, and music. The program will begin at 4:00 p.m. each Sunday afternoon followed by practice for the Children's Choir and a snack.

We will also begin practicing for a Christmas program. Don't miss out on the fun!!

Thanks to all who are sending in news for the monthly newsletter. If possible, I would appreciate receiving the news via an e-mail as I can then cut and paste your article. This saves me so much time! Send articles to trkmtkrm@yahoo.com or to rfdicker@renlearn.com.

THANK OFFERING – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

Please join us on Sunday, October 23rd for a soup and cornbread luncheon provided by the women of the church to celebrate Thank Offering. Thank Offering is a special donation given by churches to Presbyterian Women PCUSA to fund missions worldwide. Thirty-three percent of the offering will be used to support medical missions and sixty-seven percent will be used for new creative areas of mission. BJ Kerr from Bishopville will be our guest speaker during the luncheon. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for lunch that day in the fellowship hall following the eleven o'clock service.



Memorials for September:

Walter Mill "Cotton" Hobson
By Presbyterian Women



NEW MEMBERS CLASSES

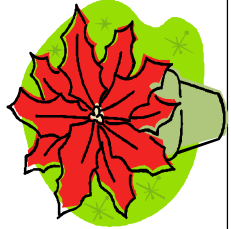
- October 30 "Christian Growth" (Tenny Moss)
- November 6 "Presbyterian History and Government" (Joe Stukes)
- November 13 "Opportunities/Activities at JPCPC" (Evangelism Committee)
- November 20 Minister's Class

The Evangelism Committee will host a dinner for all new members of 2005 on November 20th following worship.

INSTEAD OF POINSETTIAS THIS CHRISTMAS...

With the approval of Session, we are requesting that members who wish to make a memorial donation at Christmas do so by donating to the Christmas Decoration Fund instead of buying individual poinsettias. The fund will be used for the purchase of the new wreaths and bows and to buy a few poinsettias to be placed at strategic locations in the sanctuary, narthex, and fellowship hall. As always, contributions may be made in honor or memory of persons of the donor's choice and a list will be in the worship bulletin in December.

Contributions to the Christmas Decoration Fund are being accepted **now through the first of November**. We are asking for **early donations** so the money will be available this year for the needed decorations. With everyone's help, our sanctuary will be even more beautiful this Christmas season that it has ever been.



DO YOU KNOW...

Who your shepherd is?

Who else was placed in the group with you?

Why you were placed in a group?

Information has been placed on the bulletin board across the hall from the entrance to the multi-purpose room that will help you with the answers to all these questions. Your shepherd is one of sixteen people who has agreed to serve as caring leaders to the people in the group with you. But he/she needs your help. You need to know who is in your group and keep in touch with your shepherd. Let your shepherd know what is happening in your family and ask her/him how you can help with the caring ministry to the others in your group. That is why you were placed in a group – working together we can have a compassionate congregation.

CHILDREN'S WORKERS FOR OCTOBER and NOVEMBER

INFANTS	2 and 3 Year Olds	Children's Church
October 2 Kay Garren	October 2 Betsey Johnson	October 2 Celeste & Michael McCutcheon
October 9 Debbie Filyaw	October 9 Kelly Hewitt	October 9 Annie and Bill Bigham
October 16 Mike Robb	October 16 Jane Thrower	October 16 Myra and Rachel Horton
October 23 Leona Tomlinson	October 23 Tom Hawkins	October 23 Martha and Ronnie Hauser
October 30 Judy Feinster	October 30 Virginia McMillan	October 30 Mike Hawkins; Lee Carroll
November 6 Mary Gooden	November 6 Romona Smith	November 6 Robin and Roger Harris
November 13 Marilyn Chapman	November 13 Alice Baker	November 13 Ginger and James Odom
November 20 Marsha Humphreys	November 20 Heather Gerrald	November 20 Diane and Will Touchberry
November 27 Virginia Jordan	November 27 Betsey Moore	November 27 Phyllis Thomas



If you are unable to meet your commitment, please contact the next person on the list. Parents, label your baby items. Thanks for your help.

Myra Horton is in charge of the nursery in October.
Andra Enzor is in charge in November.

NEWSLETTER FOLDERS

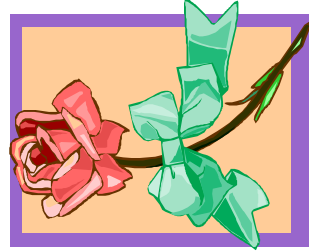
Many thanks to our September newsletter folders:

- Bill Holmes Mary Holmes
- Claire McNeill Betsey Johnson
- Leona Tomlinson Courtney Stukes
- Dan McNeill Doris Stubbs
- Virginia Jordan Marilyn Flick

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 4 Roger and Julia Krebs	October 2 Rita McCracken; Arlis Welch	October 23 Jody Fowler; DeWitt Gooden
October 5 Willie and Diane Touchberry	October 3 Curt Cain; Frank Eason	October 24 Dave Hobson; George Reaves
October 16 Rita and Steve McCracken	October 5 Charlie Henderson	October 26 John Harrell; Mary Lathan
October 17 Laurie and Kent Carpenter	October 6 Bruce Mallick	October 26 Russ Molnar; Martha Welch
October 21 Scott and Gina Anderson	October 7 David Trant	October 29 Jeanne Morehouse
October 24 Rebecca and Bill Barnett	October 10 Bill Barnett; Bob Barnett;	October 29 Annie Bigham
October 26 Doug and Kelly Cunningham	Pam Barnett	
	October 11 Bill Nelson	
	October 14 Robin Buchholz	
	Keith Thomas	
	October 16 Marsha Humphreys	
	October 17 Steve Kight	
	October 19 Bob Moss; Tripp Pattillo	
	October 20 Catherine Bigham	
	Elana Cain; Eric Hanson	

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES



MARCH 2005

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