

The Valley Viewer

June 2010

From the Revs.

Shoes in Church

I showered and shaved, I adjusted my tie.
I got there and sat, in a pew just in time.
Bowing my head in prayer as I closed my
eyes.

I saw the shoe of the man next to me,
touching my own.
I sighed.

With plenty of room on either side I thought,
"Why must our soles touch?"

It bothered me, his shoe touching mine.
But it didn't bother him much.

A prayer began: "Our Father", I
thought,

"This man with the shoes, has no pride.
They're dusty, worn, and scratched.

Even worse, there are holes on the side!"
"Thank You for blessings," the prayer went
on.

The shoe man said a quiet "Amen."

I tried to focus on the prayer,
but my thoughts were on his shoes again.

Aren't we supposed to look our best,
when walking through that door?

"Well, this certainly isn't it," I thought,
glancing toward the floor.

Then the prayer was ended,
and the songs of praise began.

The shoe man was certainly loud,
sounding proud as he sang.

His voice lifted the rafters, his hands were
raised high.

The Lord could surely hear,
the shoe man's voice from the sky.

It was time for the offering,
and what I threw in was steep.

I watched as the shoe man reached into his
pockets so deep.

I saw what was pulled out--what the shoe
man put in.

Then I heard a soft "clink", as when silver

hits tin.

The sermon really bored me to tears,
and that's no lie.

It was the same for the shoe man,
for tears fell from his eyes

At the end of the service, as is the
custom here.

We must greet new visitors, and show them
all good cheer.

But I felt moved somehow,

and wanted to meet the shoe man.

So after the closing prayer,
I reached over and shook his hand.

He was old and his skin was dark, and his
hair was truly a mess.

But I thanked him for coming--for being our
guest.

He said, "My name is Charlie--
I'm glad to meet you, my friend."

There were tears in his eyes,
but he had a large, wide grin.

"Let me explain," he said--wiping tears from
his eyes.

"I've been coming here for months--
and you're the first to say 'Hi.'"

"I know that my appearance is not like all the
rest.

But I really do try to always look my best."
"I always clean and polish my shoes before
my very long walk.

But by the time I get here, they're dirty and
dusty, like chalk."

My heart filled with pain,
and I swallowed to hide my tears.

As he continued to apologize, for daring to sit
so near

He said, "When I get here I know I must look
a sight.

But I thought if I could touch you,
then maybe our souls might unite."

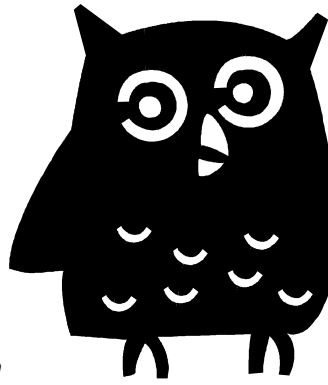
I was silent for a moment, knowing

whatever was said
would pale in comparison.
I spoke from my heart, not my head.
"Oh, you've touched me,"
I said, "And taught me, in part;
That the best of any person is what is found in
their heart."
The rest, I thought,
this shoe man will never know.
Author Unknown

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Hebrews 13:2

-- Rev. Jan



The OWLS will be going to Jenny Wiley State park in Kentucky to attend a dinner/theater on Friday, June 25th.

The play is a musical about MID LIFE CRISIS. The cost is \$36. We have reserved 15 tickets. The first to call Bill or Rose Hensley will get the tickets. We will try to accommodate others. The van will leave the church at 9:00.

West Virginia tops the list again for support of the Presbyterian Hunger Program...

LOUISVILLE, KY — *The Presbytery of West Virginia once again tops the list for presbytery support of national and international hunger ministry in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), according to 2009 statistics released by the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP).*

The Presbytery of West Virginia gave \$18,553 in 2009 and \$19,205 in 2008, and, has remained among the top three presbyteries in its financial support specifically for the hunger ministry during the past five years.

"This year, giving to the hunger program went up a bit," said PHP coordinator Ruth Farrell, a former longtime PC(USA) mission co-worker in Peru and the Democratic Republic of Congo. "Such gifts enable us to partner with presbyteries to fund valuable ministries, such as stockpiling grain banks in northern Cameroon during the lean months, and working with small farmers in India whose sustainable farming practices enable them to feed themselves and their communities."

"And this year, there is Haiti, a longtime partner, but now more than ever," Farrell continued. "Our hunger partner there, FONDAMA, will be developing strategies for Haitians to feed themselves in the midst of recovery from the earthquake."

On March 10th, PHP sent FONDAMA grant money to buy seeds; the planting season in Haiti begins in mid-March. National grants for 2009 range from support of congregations, such as the Church of Gethsemane Food Pantry in New York City, to community support through First Presbyterian Church of Harlan, Ky., and grants for organizations such as Heifer Project International and Bread for the World.

The presbytery's gift was generated through the Cents-Ability offering, which is split between local ministries and the ministries of PHP.

Presbyterian Hunger Program is a ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA), which comprises more than 2 million members in more than 10,000 congregations, answering Christ's call to mission and ministry throughout the United States and the world.

Congratulations to Our Graduates

High School

**Sam Booth
Maggie Lees
Joe McLeod**



College & University **Megan Holstein**

If you know of others who have graduated, please let us know and we will include them in the next newsletter.

The Christian Community Cupboard Food of the Month for June is **canned fruit**. Committee members remind everyone in the congregation of the importance of this mission. Recently we have not had as many donations of the needed items. Let us all remember to put **canned fruit** on our grocery list and support this important community mission.

PLEASE TURN YOU CALENDAR PAGES and mark **Saturday, August 14, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a Backpack Picnic at TVPC**. The Mission Outreach Committee plans to invite the children who will be receiving the backpacks to come for a picnic and outdoor fun. The committee will place tags in the narthex in July with information about backpacks and needed supplies. A suggestion offered in a recent committee meeting was to watch the stores for reduced prices on backpacks at the end of this school year.

Set sail with us for Vacation Bible School!!!!

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At High Seas Expedition, kids explore the mighty love of God on a journey that will change them forever! High Seas Expedition is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, touch, hear, and even taste! Bible Point crafts, team building games, cool Bible songs and tasty treats are just a few of the High Seas Expedition activities that help faith flow into real life. We will help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life – something we call God Sightings!

Dates: June 14th-18th 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Ages 3 – 8th Grade

Be on the lookout for registration forms in the narthex or you can register online at:

<http://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/tvpc>



Calendar

Prayer Concerns

RECENT AND URGENT PRAYER REQUESTS

GEORGE COOK—Diagnostic tests
LYDIA GODBY – Recently in hospital
VIRGINIA HALL – In hospital, CAMC Teays Valley
DAN HARRAH – Serious illness
JANET O'DELL – Judie Smith's friend, recovering from serious illness
BOB PEDLEY – Treatments
VIRGINIA PHILLIPS – In hospital recently
MARTHA POORE – Recovery from surgery 4-27
CLARA SLACK – Recovery from surgery 4-9

ONGOING NEEDS FOR PRAYER

ALVIN ANDERSON – Father of Paul Konstanty's co-worker, serious illness
JUDY BOEHM - Serious illness
RICHARD BOEHM - Recent tests
NANCY BRIGHT – Recovering at home
PAUL COOPER - Surgery
CONNIE ERDELY - Barbara Scoular's sister-in-law; serious illness
ROGER HALL - Helen Hall's ex-husband, chronic illness
DAN HARRAH - Tests and treatments
NANCY HILL – Recovery from surgery
MALIA KEARNS - Rich & Judy Boehm's granddaughter
DOTTIE MOULDER – Recovering at home
JODI MYERS – Recovery from knee surgery
DON NIEDRINGHAUS - Angie Deiss's father; surgery
LOIS ROGERS – Injuries from a fall
MARCIA SCHWALM - Marci Ingram's mother, eye problems
SCOTT SMITH – Recovery from surgery 2-17
DAVID SOWARDS – Continued recovery
BARBARA STRINGER - Head and back pain
MOLLY GAINES - Severe arthritis and pain
CATHY PAYNE - Persistent pain

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Wayne Brumbach – Confined to home
Virginia Hall – Teays Valley Rehab
Helen Nunley - Charleston Gardens
Wally Pierce – Staying at home
Eleanor Scott - Moved to Nevada to be with family
Ray & Catherine Payne - Midland Meadows Assisted Living

FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN MILITARY

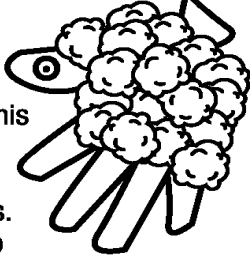
Max Blizzard – Judy Summers' nephew
Chris Farmer – Dottie Bader's grandson
Sam McDowell - Chris & Beth Lilly's son, Pete &
Bobbie Lilly's grandson
William Price – Lydia Godby's grandson
Cody Vest
Patrick Higgins - Iraq, Jack & Mary Jo Moon's
grandson
LTC John W. Moon, Jr - Germany

KIDS PAGE



Lamb Mission Bank

God can do great things with our gifts. This craft reminds us that every little coin counts. When your lamb is full, empty out the coins and give them to a charity or church mission program.



What you need:

- Knit glove (black or white)
- 1-foot-long piece of thin ribbon, any color
- Stapler
- Craft glue or hot glue gun
- Fiberfill or cotton balls
- 2 googly eyes

What you do:

1. Staple one end of the ribbon to the inside of each side of the glove's opening to make a hanger.
2. For the lamb's body, cover the palm and half of the thumb with glue. Stick the fiberfill or cotton balls onto the glue.
3. Glue a googly eye to each side of the mitten's thumb. (The other fingers will be the legs.)
4. Hang the lamb where you'll see it often. Whenever you have extra change, drop it into your lamb bag.

Give to those in need

John the Baptist spoke to a crowd, telling them they should be fruitful. When the crowd asked how they could be fruitful, John the Baptist responded with some specific ideas.

Unscramble John the Baptist's reply from Luke 3:11 (NIV), and write the words in the blanks below.

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Answer: "The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same." (Luke 3:11, NIV)

Teays Valley Presbyterian Church Staff

Doug and Janet Jenkins -- *Designated Co-Pastors*

Lynn McLeod—*Administrative Assistant*

Chris Allman—*Treasurer*

Janet Allison—*Children's Ministry (Nursery—Preschool)*

Susie Konstanty—*Children's Ministry (K—5th)*

Brett & Elizabeth Cross—*Youth Leaders*

Scott Woodard—*Director of Music*

Marium Bria - *Praise Team Leader*

Frances Arthur—*Organist*

Angie Deiss—*Director of Preschool*

Elizabeth Thompson—*Clerk of Session*

Jerry Harrah—*Pastor Emeritus*

Mission Statement

As followers of Jesus Christ,

Teays Valley Presbyterian Church is a rock in our ever-changing culture that strives to strengthen families on the move and to bridge the gap between generations, through Presbyterian traditions, diverse worship and intergenerational ministries.

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PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Your **last chance** to have your picture in the directory is on Saturday, **June 19th**. We need at least **20 families** to sign up for pictures on this date in order for the photographers to come. We are currently well short of that number. Some staff members have not signed up. Call Bill Hensley at 757 8599 in order to schedule an appointment.

Those **submitting pictures**, must have your pictures to Bill by mid-June. If the pictures are studio pictures, you must have a release from the studio. If your church organization has not had a picture taken for the activities portion of the directory, contact Laura Boggess or Judie Smith. Any questions, call Bill Hensley,

Church Photo Directory



OF FAITH AND FREEDOM: A PATRIOTIC CANTATA

COMPOSER, Joseph Martin

June 12, 7:00 PM

We present this salute to those who have served their country in times of war and peace.

This cantata will be offered by a mass choir, consisting of the TVPC Chancel Choir, members of church choirs from Charleston, Sissonville, and Huntington, and from the WVSU choir accompanied by an area-wide orchestra,

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