

The Sampler

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God-Incident Time

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and God will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

On June 7, according to the liturgical calendar, Ordinary Time resumes. The paraments on the pulpit and in the Bible change to the color green. Not until November 22 and Christ the King Sunday does the church calendar designate a Sunday as anything other than Ordinary.

As I have written in the past, Ordinary Time does not mean not exceptional in any way. Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar actually refers to *ordinal* - being a numerical order in a series. So starting with the 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time on June 7, Sunday worship will move through all the 'ths'...11th, 12th, etc. ... to the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time on November 15. Ordinary Time will just take us through the year without any special liturgical celebration. But Ordinary Time does not mean that either Sunday worship or our Christian lives are ordinary or unexceptional. Quite the contrary!

Now is the time we are free from the distractions of special traditional celebrations to realize each and every day of our life is an extraordinary time. Now we have time to acknowledge all the **God-incidents** in our lives.

One morning I was fussing about being late getting to the church office when I received an unexpected but important call at the manse. If I had not been slower than usual, I would have missed the call.

As soon as I got to the church, another God-incident occurred which inspired the title for this page. However, I did not get this written immediately so I do not remember that one. But I did say Thank You Lord when it happened.

Later that same day, I was talking with a church member who also described a God-incident that she had encountered. I asked permission to share it here but, with my delayed writing, I can't remember it either!

Probably my forgetfulness is the best representation and lesson about God-incidents. The Holy Spirit is acting in our lives all the time; we just don't realize or acknowledge what is happening. An important discipline we can work on during this 'ordinary' time is recognizing our God-incidents and giving thanks immediately for God's loving involvement in our anything but ordinary lives.

During this 'ordinary' time, give thanks and praise to God for all you are given each and every day, ears and eyes to identify God-incidents in your life!

Pastor Barb

NEWS FROM THE SESSION

Session met on May 13, 2015, with the following report.

- One additional tree will be cut on North Marsham Street to allow for sidewalk replacement.
- The sidewalk will be replaced from the manse driveway to the property line on West Rosemary Lane sometime in June, 2015.
- An additional sidewalk will be placed between the sidewalk and the North Marsham Street curb in the vicinity of the Fellowship Hall and the Mary Belle Foote Room.
- The Trust Committee recommended that any funds distributed from the Trust Fund to the Romney Presbyterian Church treasury, for the purpose of operating expenses and/or church giving, be reported on a separate line of the Treasurer's Report. The Committee believes this will allow them to more accurately monitor the Trust Fund.
- The Treasurer's Report has been adapted to reflect the request of the Trust Committee.

YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL REPORT

Offering = \$38,459.10 Total Expense = \$44,547.59 From Trust Fund = \$1,000

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In Memory of Beulah Michael

Juanita Timbrook
Mary Glenn
Liz Gedling
Anne Hill

In Memory of Ray Mayhew

Juanita Timbrook
Mary Glenn
Sam and Harriet Griffith
Anne Hill

OUTDOOR WORSHIP/PICNIC

June 14, 2015
10:30 a.m.
at
St. Luke Chapel



All of Our Church Family Members,

We want to thank all of our members for the many acts of kindness during Ray's sickness and death.

Thank you all for all the prayers, cards and concerns for both of us.

Also, thanks for the reception and all the delicious food. We appreciate all everyone did for us.

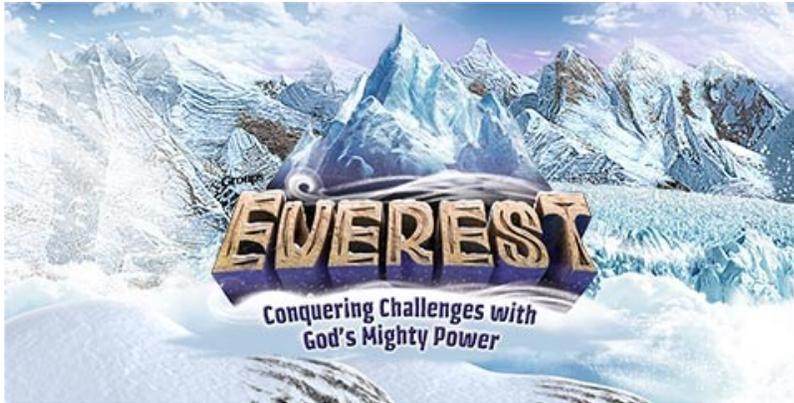
Also, special thanks to Pastor Barb for being with us at home and at the hospital so many times. Also, so many nice things were said about Ray at the wonderful service she had for him. God Bless each and everyone of you!

The Family of Ray Mayhew, Sr.



YOUTH SUNDAY — The Future of Our Church

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10 was a special day for many reasons. If you attended the worship service at Romney Presbyterian Church at 11:00 or at the First United Methodist Church at 10:00 a.m., you were able to witness the leadership and dedication of the combined Youth Groups. Although this group is small, an active part was taken in leading various aspects of the worship service at both locations. The Youth who participated at our church included Katherine Corbin, Emily Pownell, Ella Staley and Evan Staley, as well as Marissa Coyle from the Methodist church. Gayle Allen gave a moving children's sermon about the love that God, our mothers and other adults show us throughout our lives. The children then presented all the women in the congregation with a carnation to thank them for their love and guidance. Special thanks are offered to David and Gayle Allen and to Ted and Noni Heckert for providing programs for these Youth and helping them prepare to be such inspirational leaders who are truly the future of our church!



Romney Presbyterian Church Invites Children to Everest VBS: Conquering Challenges With God's Mighty Power!

Everest VBS will be hosted at our church from June 21 to June 25, 2015. At Everest, kids discover what it means to hold on to God's mighty power in everyday life. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them

of God's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Everest is for kids from ages 3 to those that just completed the 5th grade and will run from 6 pm to 8 pm each day.

Tell your friends and we will be looking forward to seeing you at VBS.

Music Ministry We offer our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all the members of our Youth Choir, their families and all the adults who make it possible for these inspirational young people to attend weekly rehearsals to prepare and then sing monthly anthems and calls to worship throughout the year. Those who have heard this small but talented and dedicated group surely know they exhibit God's love as they sing with praise and joyfulness in His name!

CONGRATU:ATIONS Kelsey Kiser of Albermarle, NC, recently made all-conference and region in soccer and track. She represented the Greystone Day School in the Yakin River Valley Conference. Kelsey is the granddaughter of Garry and Bonnie Long.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Members: Jim Baker, Janet Buckley, Diane Crane, Sally Kuykendall, John Mason, Beulah Mayhew, John and Magdalene Sitar

Missionary Support: Mark Hare in Haiti and Kristi Van Nostran in El Salvador

Sympathy: family and friends of Jim Breinig, Susan Dickens and Lisa Shoemaker

Also: Gina Barricelli, Pat Bonar, Elsa Culler, Joan Fleming, Karina Gray, Sherron Hampton, Pat Hartman, Shirley Heavner, Tilden Hunt, Bill Johnston, Junior Kuykendall, Alma Lear, Mary Lou Mezzatesta, Dee Orndorff, Lexi Orndorff, Charlie Parsons, Jimmy Pyles, Chloe Rexroad, Jeanne Buckbee-Robinson, Steven Rogers, Landon and Nolan Rinker, Mary Ann Spring Smith, Scott Sucke, Michael Terry, Grant Walls, Charlotte Wood

Let's All Celebrate!

An important occasion to celebrate in the life of our church is when there is growth in church attendance and membership. This has been evident in the past several weeks as several members have returned to our congregation after spending some time in a warmer climate. May 3 was an exceptional day as Pastor Barb, the Session and congregation welcomed four new members into the Romney Presbyterian Church.

One of our new members is Jim Bowen, who has been attending church here for a while. He says that he has been looking for a church that is smaller in size and has the feeling of being part of a family, like the church he attended while he was growing up. We are blessed that Jim has found his new church home with us and is becoming more active by already serving as our worship leader several times.



Richard Kizer also joined our church on May 3. Richard states that he has always attended church and he has been preparing to become a member since he married Pam Eversole-Kizer. He feels there is a closeness within our church family where the younger and older members support each other. Richard has become active in the Men's Breakfast group while keeping a busy schedule of being out of town during the week to continue his employment.

Another joy is the membership of Randall Ashelman and Patricia Taylor. Randall was first baptized into the faith after formerly attending the Quaker church. In addition, Pastor Barb performed their recent wedding ceremony on May 9 at the Guesthouse at Lost River. Randall and Patricia shared this celebration of their marriage at the coffee hour after worship on May 17 with a beautiful cake and other refreshments. They say that their hearts are full with the way they have been received by our congregation and they strive to continue to grow as Christians. Randall and Patricia are the newest members of the Adult Choir where they enjoy the uniqueness and dedication of this group.



Please continue to welcome these new members into our church family and take time to get to know them as Christian friends. We sincerely pray that our membership, attendance and faithfulness continue to grow!

ROMNEY PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL
BUMP-UP BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2015

Who: EVERYONE is invited! Bring fathers and grandfathers to Celebrate Father's Day.

What: A Sunday School Celebration

3rd grade Bible presentations
6th grade Bible presentations
Certificates of participation for all youth
Bump-up Announcements

Where: Fellowship Hall

When: Sunday, June 21, 2015

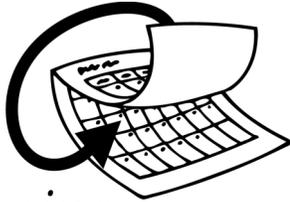
Time: 9:00 am – Breakfast
9:45 am – Opening Exercises & Presentations
10:00 am – Sunday School Classes

Menu: Sausage Gravy and Biscuits, Breakfast Casserole, Fresh Fruit, milk, juice, and coffee

| Current Classes: | Age | Teachers |
|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Grades K-2 | Ja'Naye Corbin |
| | Grades 3-5 | Scott Staley & Pam Eversole-Kizer |
| | Grades 6-8 | Gayle Allen & Alana Hartman (summer) |
| | Grades 9-12 | Kathy Kuykendall |
| | Adult I | Jane Slocum |
| | Adult II | Vida Simon |

Spread the Word!

Bring a Friend!



*Coming
September 20th
5:00 p.m.*

ICE CREAM SOCIAL/PICNIC

Romney Presbyterian Church
100 West Rosemary Lane
Romney, WV 26757

The Sampler June 2015

Return Service Requested

BLACK WALNUT CAKE

Submitted by Betty Heare

½ cup margarine or butter

½ cup Crisco

2 cups sugar

5 eggs, separated

1 cup buttermilk

1 teaspoon soda

2 cups all purpose flour

1 teaspoon vanilla

1 1/3 cups chopped black walnuts

1 three ounce can flaked coconut

Cream butter, Crisco, gradually adding sugar. Beat until light and smooth, then add egg yolks and beat well.

Combine buttermilk and soda, stirring until soda is dissolved.

Add flour to creamed mixture alternately with buttermilk, starting and ending with flour.

Add vanilla, walnuts and coconut.

Beat egg whites until stiff and fold into batter.

Pour into three 9 inch or two 10 inch cake pans. Bake at 350 for 25 to 30 minutes or until done.

FROSTING

8 ounces cream cheese

1 stick butter

1 pound confectioner's sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla

Beat until smooth.

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