



# Presbyterian “Connection”

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by Rev. Mark Lenneville

**A Job for Every Person, a Person for Every Job**

**One of the truisms of church life is that every person needs to have a job. This is not a modern concept. It comes right out of the Bible in 1 Corinthians 12. In this chapter we hear that everyone has been given gifts for the common good and that we are to use these gifts to demonstrate that we are collectively members of the Body of Christ.**

**Lately we have had some challenges getting the work done in the church. The Congregational Nominating Committee has struggled with filling vacancies on the Session and the Deaconate. Several committees lack co-moderators and all co-moderators express concern in the lack of volunteers to help do their committee’s work. The responsibility for organizing and manning Family Night Suppers, membership participation in the community garage sale, cleaning up the church building, writing an article for the Connection, taking part in or leading a Bible study and many other activities seems to fall on the shoulders of those few who are already doing other things in the life of the church. The church cannot function through the efforts of 10% of the people that do the work. The church needs every one of the gifts that God has given in order to be pleasing to God.**

**Several months ago the Worship Committee met to discuss what was involved in simply putting together a Sunday worship service. We identified 53 individual tasks. Included were behind the scenes things like arranging for ushers, arranging for greeters, preparing the communion elements, filling the candles with oil, cooling off the sanctuary before worship, opening and closing the building and turning on and off the lights for Sunday’s activities, serving communion, preparing the bulletin, making announcements, mailing out bulletins after worship to the homebound, selecting hymns, rehearsing with the choir, picking up trash and bulletins after worship, making sure the toilets are clean and the grass is mowed, following up with visitors, and the list goes on. Many hands make light work. Every task, regardless of how large or small needs to be done so that people can worship without distractions and be open to God’s presence.**

**The “work” of the church needs to get done but the spirit in which the work gets done is even more important than the work itself. Our focus in our church work needs to be... first and foremost... in response to God and with a spirit that is pleasing to God. If we do church work coming at our tasks with resentment, guilt, frustration, anger, power, or a need to control, God is not glorified. If we approach the work in loving, respectful, caring and sharing ways then this demonstrates that Christ is our motivator and not the things that are displeasing to Him. Our attitude in how we approach the work is absolutely critical to showing respect for God and to others.**

## **CHURCH USHERS AND GREETERS**

**October 5 – Paul & Mary Ann Smith, Randi Saba & Irene Bere**  
**October 12 -- Bill & Mary Kerr, Elizabeth Pemberton and Sandy Erickson**  
**October 19 – Irene Bere, Sandy Erickson, Jim & Phyllis Rowe**  
**October 26 - Bob & Gloria Wiles, Harry & Mirta Van Gorden**

### **WEST ENTRANCE GREETER**

**Bob Richardson**

### **PRAYER LIST FOR CONGREGATIONS, PRESBYTERY OF AR.-2007**

**October 5 Presbyterian Church of Bull Shoals First, Arkadelphia**  
**October 12 Dallas Oaks, Fort Smith (NCD) Churches of Manantiel de Vida Presbytery, MX**  
**October 19 First, Siloam Springs First, Rogers**  
**October 26 First, Marianna Westminster, Hot Springs**

**PLEASE NOTIFY IRENE BERE IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO SHOULD BE ON OUR PRAYER LIST.**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m.– Bible Study**

**Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m.– Coffee & Fellowship in Memorial Hall**

**Every Thursday at 6:15 p.m.– P.A.W.S. (Presbyterian Actors Workshop)**

**Every Thursday at 7:30 p.m.– Choir Practice**

**Friday, October 3– 10:00 a.m.– Christian Education Committee meeting in the Christian Education room.**

**Sunday, October 5– Communion Worship Service and After Church Fellowship. Harry & Carolyn Lisewski will be hosting. Don't forget to sign the "We Care" cards for the sick and shut-in friends and family.**

**Monday, October 6– 9:00a.m.– Moderator's Budget meeting. ALL MODERATOR'S are needed to attend this meeting!**

**Thursday & Friday, October 9th and 10th– EVERYONE IS INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AT THE HARRISON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH! The Presbytery doesn't meet in our area very often so this is our chance to see what the Presbytery meetings are like. Five workshops are offered from 3-5 p.m. on Thursday. They are:**

- 1. Faith & Politics**
- 2. Worship and Sacraments**
- 3. Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response**
- 4. Opening the doors to Discipleship-Teacher Training**
- 5. Pastor Search Process**

**Business meeting begins at 6:30p.m. Thursday and Friday the business meeting continues after morning prayers.**

**Saturday, October 11- 4:00 p.m. –6:00p.m.– Baked Potato Bash in Memorial Hall. Tickets can be purchased for \$5.00 from Elaine Matejka or Joanne Kahm.**

**Friday, October 31– 9:00a.m.– Session Meeting in Christian Education room.**

# LIBRARY LINES

We have some new books that were donated:

**TROUBLESOME CREEK** (fiction) and **THE COMPLETE DEAD SEA SCROLLS** (non-fiction). Be sure and check out the books that are free to take home and keep. They will be on the book cart in the non-fiction section of the library.

The book of the month is **TROUBLESOME CREEK** by Jan Watson:

**“TROUBLESOME CREEK** is a charming, coming-of-age historical novel set in the late 1800s. Born and raised in the hills of Kentucky, Laura “Copper” Grace loves the wilderness. So when her stepmother threatens to send her to boarding school “to become a lady,” Copper faces the possibility of losing everything that’s precious to her. Can she come to terms with her family and discover the true meaning of “home”? And will she discover that perhaps God has other plans for her that are more wonderful than she could ever imagine?”

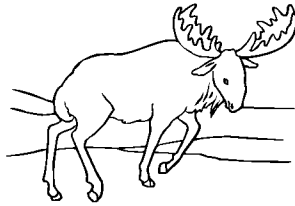
Faye Brackett - Librarian



"Just knowing that so many people cared about me kept my spirits up through the discomfort of my knee surgery. Thank you! I love you all. Arabella"

# Unscramble

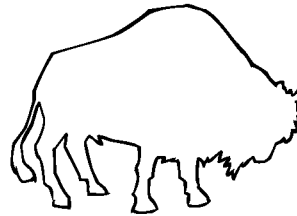
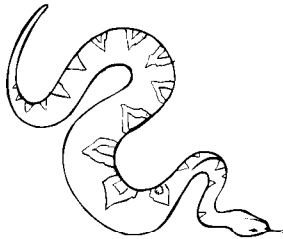
Unscramble the names of these animals.



O T A G

O E M S O

L A O N P T E E



T R N E E S P

F B L O A F U

L K E

Answers: Goat, Moose, Antelope, Serpent, Buffalo, Elk

## God Speaks

In Psalms, God speaks of the wild animals. Cross out any of the following letters (GJ PQXZ) in each grouping to reveal Psalm 50:10-11.

FOR

~~F~~~~G~~~~O~~~~R~~ PEXVJEQRZYG WPIZLJD ZAGNPIQMJAXLG OPFZ JTGHP

QFXOZRJEGSJTZ JIQSP MJIQZNE, GJTHZE CPQAJTGTLZE QONZ

GAPX THZOUPSGANZD HGPILZLQS. ZI KGNZQOJW PAQLXL

TQHXP PBIXZRGDS OXF TPHJZEZ PAIJGR, AGNPD PAJPLL

ZTPHAXTZ MPZOVJGZEXS IGPNT PQZHE FJPELGZDX GIS PXMZIJNEG.

Answers: For every wild animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the field is mine.

# MISSION MINUTE

By Faye Brackett, Mission Co-Moderator

**“We celebrate the gift of theological education in the PC(USA) and especially the gift of the seminaries related to the PC(USA). Pastors and elders have found these schools to be refreshing oases on their spiritual journeys of faith. Often, we take theological education for granted, assuming that since it has been valued in our Presbyterian past, it remains fully and adequately supported today. Our seminaries continue to be formative for our church leaders, but they need our prayerful partnership as they do their part to strengthen the church of Jesus Christ and especially the PC(USA).**

**More than 150 volunteers who advocate for the theological education have made it a part of their mission to help us never forget or take for granted God’s good gifts of theological education in the PC(USA). Annually they visit congregations. Not unlike the Exodus people, the Theological Education Fund (TEF) Network members are on a journey to a place of promise--fully supported seminaries. They are inviting each congregation to join them on this journey by participating in TEF, the only denomination --wide funding for our seminaries. Over 80 percent of our congregations have responded to the call to participate in TEF, but only about 20 percent do so each year.”**

**(This article came from the Mission Yearbook, Pg. 260)**

**Our church is one of the churches who actively participate in the Theological Education Fund.**

**Faye Brackett - Mission Co-chair**

## Peace Prayer of St. Francis

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.**

**Where there is hatred, let me sow love;**

**where there is injury, pardon;**

**where there is doubt, faith;**

**where there is despair, hope;**

**where there is darkness, light;**

**and where there is sadness, joy.**

**O Divine Master,**

**grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;**

**to be understood, as to understand;**

**to be loved, as to love;**

**for it is in giving that we receive,**

**it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,**

**and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

*– While commonly attributed to St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226), this prayer is not found in any of his writings, and the earliest known versions of it in print can only be traced to a French version dated 1912. Yet many will agree that the prayer certainly captures the essence of the teachings of St. Francis*

## **HELP NEEDED FOR TEXAS HURRICANE VICTIMS**

The Presbytery's new disaster Response Team would like to challenge each of you and our congregation to give "bucket bucks" to help with cleanup efforts on the gulf coast. If you go to Home Depot and buy all the contents for one bucket, it would cost \$50. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance can order the supplies in bulk and build the same bucket for \$25. As gratifying as it is for us to shop for actual scrub brushes and rubber gloves, getting double the bang for our buck is too good to pass up.

The choice is ours. We can do a "both/and". We can collect goods to go into the buckets (the list of supplies follows at the end of this note) or, see how many buckets our congregation can donate at \$25 apiece. A "bucket per member" might not be possible, but we could give five, ten or fifty.

While cleanup and recovery are the first priority, Bucket Bucks will also be used to build and provide hygiene kits (soap, shampoo, etc), baby kits (essentials for babies) and children's kits (to brighten a child's day while they are being sheltered). Your dollars will be spent directly for this mission.

The need for these buckets is tremendous! If the local PODS (points of distribution) in Texas are serving 2.2 million clients, that translates into about 2.2 million households. If every household got two buckets, well, you can do the math.

Thanks to funds authorized by our new Presbytery Disaster Response Team as well as a generous gift from Second Presbyterian Church in Little Rock, the order for the first 1000 buckets has already been placed. Once that order arrives, some help will be needed to assemble the buckets and pack them for shipping to Houston. A group from the Presbytery will deliver the buckets, as well as a group to deliver and assemble a "volunteer village" which we currently have in storage at Ferncliff.

The Presbytery of Arkansas is partnering with Grace Presbytery on the bucket project and on their delivery to Houston. We live and move within a wonderfully connected group of believers, don't we?

Checks can be made payable to "Ferncliff" and earmarked "bucket bucks" or "emergency relief buckets" and put in the offering plate. We will collect the donations and send them straight to Ferncliff. Here is a list of supplies needed for cleanup buckets.

- \* One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid
- \* Seven sponges, assorted sizes
- \* Eighteen cleaning towels (reusable, like Easy Wipes®)
- \* One 12 oz. bottle of liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol®)
- \* One 25 oz. bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn®)
- \* Fifty clothespins
- \* Five dust masks
- \* Two pairs latex gloves (like Playtex®)
- \* 24-bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33-45 gallon)
- \* One 6-14 oz. bottle of insect repellent (drops or lotion, not aerosol)
- \* Five scouring pads
- \* One scrub brush
- \* One 50-78 oz. box dry laundry detergent
- \* One pair work gloves
- \* Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.

Let's help our brothers, sisters, and children in this Hurricane ravaged area of our country.

# **'Always Being Reformed'**

**by the Rev. Clifton Kirkpatrick  
General Assembly stated clerk  
and president, World Alliance of Reformed Churches  
October 18, 2006**

**Reformation Sunday is a time each year for Presbyterians to reclaim our heritage in the Protestant Reformation and to draw upon its strengths for our contemporary witness.**

**It is typically the last Sunday in October (this year, October 26th), the Sunday closest to October 31st (1517), when Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. That dramatic event marked the beginning of a movement of reformation in the churches and set forth a spirit of reform that is at the heart of the gospel and the experience of the New Testament church.**

**Reformed churches affirm the great motto of the Protestant Reformation: *Ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda*—The church reformed, always reforming (“according to the Word of God and the call of the Spirit,” as our Book of Order states in G-2.0200.) While Reformation Sunday is indeed a time to look back to such great truths and insights as articulated by the reformers almost 500 years ago, it is much more importantly a time to look forward as we face the challenges of our life and witness today.**

**The spirit of the Reformation calls each new age to work for the renewal to which God is calling churches.**

**On this Reformation Sunday, the World Alliance of Reformed Churches is calling us in particular to remember and celebrate the remarkable way the Reformed movement has literally circled the globe. There are now some 75 million Reformed Christians, two thirds of which are now in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.**

**Reformed Christians from all over the world will be joining us to re-appropriate the great themes of the Reformation that are at the core of faithful Christian living:**

- \* faith alone, grace alone, Scripture alone;**
- \*the priesthood of all believers;**
- \*the sovereignty of God over the whole creation; and**
- \*the church as a covenant community.**

**These callings are at the core of what it means for Presbyterian churches to live out the Reformation in our day. May this year’s observance be a real time of renewal and reformation for you, for your church, and for the global movement we share through the World Alliance of Reformed Churches.**

# **The Books of Presbyterianism**

**By Rev. Mark Lenneville**

**There are three books that are important to Presbyterians and Presbyterian churches. These are the Bible, the Book of Order and the Book of Confessions.**

**The Bible is the authoritative Word of God. Even though we don't have the original manuscripts; the Bible has been translated from an ancient language into modern English; it was penned in a cultural context that is remarkably different from ours; we believe that it is still inspired by God and applicable to modern life and living. Presbyterians hold that the Bible is the most important book we read since it forms our faith, defines who we are, guides us on how we are to live, and helps us to connect with God and each other.**

**The second book, not as important as the Bible but important none-the-less, is the Book of Order. This book has three parts: Form of Government, Directory for Worship and Discipline. The Form of Government details how we organize the church and how we govern ourselves. It gives the rules for ordination, buying and selling church property, the activities of the Session, the duties of members and church leaders, and the roles of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. The Book of Order has grown in size over the years and there is a movement to reorganize it to make it more "user friendly" by taking out parts that can be accessed in the form of an instruction manual.**

**The third book that is important to Presbyterians is the Book of Confessions. This is a book that lists the various confessional documents of the church. These documents are "snapshots in time" of what the church believed. This book gives a practical history of theological thought in the church and show evidence of how the Holy Spirit has helped generations of Presbyterians experience God.**

**Recent actions of the General Assembly seek to modify or change the Book of Order and the Book of Confessions. In order to make changes to these documents, 1/2 of the Presbyteries need to agree that they need to be changed. Before each Presbytery votes whether or not to change these books, there is typically a time of discernment, prayer and discussion. Ministers and lay elders who have been elected by the local church Session discern, pray and listen before voting their consciences on whether to change these books. We believe that God is at work in the Bible, in and through the church government and our confessional documents, when we study, listen and discuss in the context of Christian love and faith.**

## ~~~~NOTES FROM SESSION~~~~

Session Minutes will be posted on the bulletin board in the office and on the church website after they are approved. You may come by to read them or we will make a copy if you wish. In the newsletter we will let you know the actions taken by the session at the previous meeting. All stated session meetings are open to the whole congregation for observation. You may address the session by letting the Clerk (Vicky Bair) know in advance and she will put you on the agenda. You may have a voice but no vote on actions. Remember that everyone is invited to be on any committee they feel called to serve on (where you do have a voice and vote as a member of this church). Committees bring items to the session for vote.

August 15, 2008

- It was voted to accept the resignation of Elder Arabella Richardson as moderator of Worship Committee effective August 31 with regrets.
- It was voted that the responsibility for Gamma House designated funds be transferred to the Mission Committee.
- It was voted to approve the recommendation of the Higher Education Committee to award the following scholarships: Eric Meyers \$500, Mary Mahoney \$500, Tiffany Haynes \$1000.
- It was voted to amend the Worship Committee's Job Description under WEDDINGS with the following wording:
  1. Assist minister as needed
  2. Inspect Sanctuary for neatness and cleanliness
  3. All paraments are white
  4. Candles, if requested, may be lit prior to service
  5. Provide drinking water on the pulpit shelf for the minister
- It was voted that Rev. Lenneville can have the following time off:
  - October 23-24 – Teaching on Church History at the APA event  
(Secretary Debbie Heroux will also attend to further her APA certification)
- *Memoriam Board Policy:* It was voted that the plaques on the "In Memoriam" Board will honor the deceased who have been an adherent of the Church.

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**THIS WE BELIEVE**

**October**

**Hope does not disappoint us,  
because God has poured out his love into our hearts  
by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.  
Romans 5:5**

**~MISSION STATEMENT~**

**“We will be scripture-based to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and spiritually led to guide  
all people to be active doers of the Word”  
Approved by Session on November 16,2007**

**CHURCH STAFF**

**Minister: Rev. Mark Lenneville-Stated Supply**

**Church Secretary: Debbie Heroux**

**Clerk of Session: Vicky Bair**

**Church Treasurer: Peni Lloyd**

**Financial Secretary: Dick Sass**

**Asst. Financial Secretary: Elaine Miller**

**DEACONS**

<b><u>Class of 2008</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2009</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2010</u></b>
<b>Bill Kerr</b>	<b>Mary Ann Smith</b>	<b>Jini Sass</b>
<b>Irene Bere</b>	<b>Elaine Matejka</b>	<b>Gloria Wiles</b>
<b>Sandy Erickson</b>	<b>Pat Erlewine</b>	<b>Eileen Stewart</b>

**THE SESSION**

<b><u>Class of 2008</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2009</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2010</u></b>
	<b>Norm Hockley</b>	<b>Bob Wiles</b>
<b>Vicky Bair</b>		<b>Tywillah Schauer</b>
<b>Mary Kerr</b>	<b>Dolores Heroux</b>	<b>Harry Van Gorden</b>

# OCTOBER 2008



EVERY Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Bible Study

EVERY Thursday 10 a.m.—11 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship

Every Thursday 6:15 p.m.

PAWS

EVERY Thursday 7:30 p.m.—8:30p.m. Choir Practice

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Happy Birthday Rebecca Koellner  Happy Anniversary Troy & Betty Perrin	4 Happy Birthday Joanne Kahm
5 Communion Worship Service After Church Fellowship  Happy Birthday Joyce King	6 9a.m. Moderator's Budget Mtg.  Happy Birthday Matt Heroux, Mary Mahoney, Marvin Cullison	7 10:00 a.m.- PW	8	9	10 Happy Birthday Jennifer Cerny	11 4-7 -Baked Potato Bash in Memorial Hall.  Happy Birthday Robert Meyers
12 Virginia Scott from Vera Lloyd , guest speaker.  Happy Birthday Elaine Miller	13  Columbus Day Observed  8pm- AA	14	15	16	17 Happy Birthday Nancy Soares & Dick Matejka	18
19	20  8pm- AA	21	22 Happy Birthday Al Holtkamp	23	24	25
26   <b>Reformation</b>	27  8pm-AA	28	29 Happy Birthday Dorothy Williams	30	31 9:00 a.m.. Session 5:00 p.m. Family Night	November 1  All Saints Day