



Steeple Talk

Getting Started

It is a joy for me to write this first newsletter article to you as I begin as the pastor of Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church. With my Presbytery examination and Ordination Service completed and my Service of Installation soon approaching on October 11th, I am filled with great expectations for ministry in the service of Jesus Christ with you in this place.

As I write this opening article, I can't help but think of the Apostle Paul who wrote all of those letters to the people of Corinth, Ephesus, Rome and more. I particularly appreciate the opening of Paul's letter to the Romans where he writes:

"To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world. . . . For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each

other's faith, both yours and mine. (Rom. 1:7-11).

"Mutually encouraged by each other's faith" – that captures the spirit in which I begin my pastorate at Blue Ridge. As I start out, I have many ideas that I look forward to sharing -- ideas around mission, worship, youth ministry, stewardship, evangelism, use of technology, congregational care, teaching, and more. But as I begin my ministry here, I intend to lead with my questions. Over the coming months I will look for opportunities to meet with people of the church individually and in groups. And as I do, I'll be asking you four questions:

1. What brought you to BRPC originally?
2. What is it that keeps you here?
3. What one Blue Ridge tradition is most important to you?
4. And finally, fill in the blank: I wish Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church would

Please think about those questions and I will look forward to discussing them (and others) with you as we embark on this journey of ministry together.

I want to add a few words about some practical aspects of how I will operate as your pastor. I will continue the tradition of having the church office open Tuesday thru Friday, and taking Monday and Saturdays as my days off. Sharon will always know my schedule if you would like to identify a time to meet with me at church. Otherwise, I use email extensively and can also be reached on my cell phone (785-221-9029). I will circulate my BRPC email address as soon as it is established; in the meantime I can be contacted at pat.jackson005@gmail.com.

Have a blessed week! Invite a friend to join us in church and I'll see you Sunday!

Peace and grace,
Pastor Pat



Angel Food

Order dates and times:

Oct. 2: 5 - 6:30

Oct. 7 3:30 - 5:00

Oct. 10: 9 - 12:00

Sunday, Oct. 4 (BRPC congregation orders) following worship

Angel Food Distribution Day is Oct. 24: 9:00 - 10:30



Christian Ed.

Youth Sunday School is off and running. The 1st through 6th graders are studying Moses and the Ten Commandments. These Bible stories are presented in a rotational model again this year which gives children the opportunity to learn the stories and concepts through art, drama, music, games, puppets, storytelling, and cooking. 7th - 12th graders are working with a curriculum called Grapple, which gives them issues from familiar Bible lessons to "grapple with," to help them in understanding

their faith along their spiritual journey." If you are interested in being a substitute for either group, please let Marcia Taylor know.

The CE committee is circulating a Child Photograph Release form for parents of youth under the age of 18 to complete. With parent approval, photos of BRPC youth in action can be posted on the church website.

Congratulations to Caitlin Flebbe upon receiving the Jack J. Isgur Foundation Scholarship of Kansas City. This scholarship is awarded to 19 students interested in teaching art, literature, poetry, music or dance primarily in rural school districts.

OWLS

The activities planned for the rest of 2009 are as follows:

October we'll celebrate our individual heritage by bringing items representing the country(ies) of our ancestors and each person will share their stories about that with the group.

November - we'll show that we are Proud to be an American by bringing military memorabilia or maybe pictures of family/friends that are currently serving in the armed forces and again, each person will be asked to share their personal stories.

December, we will celebrate Christmas with an English tradition of playing a game called "Pass the Parcel".

Plan to join us for a fantastic meal, lots of conversation and some fun on the third Wednesday of each month from 11:30-2:00pm.

Activities & Events

- Sunday, Oct. 11th will be here before we know it! Church Basement Ladies 2 - We will car pool from the church at 5:30pm. The doors open at 6pm. Your ticket covers dinner and gratuity, show, ice tea, water, and coffee. If you wish, you may purchase other drinks or desserts. If you have any questions call Sally Ingram at 816-358-7344.
- Due to a scheduling conflict, Fall Fling has been rescheduled for Nov. 7, 9 - 3:00 and it is not too late, or is that "early"? to start a project, or think about a service you could perform. Also, when you are cleaning out those closets, etc. remember we like antiques or collectibles for the Silent Auction or for the sale.
- The Church family is invited to help Edna Shaw celebrate her 90th Birthday on Sunday, November 1st, after church during Coffee Fellowship Hour. Please no gifts, cards only.
- Presbyterian Women's Day Circle will meet Oct. 7th at 1:00. Veeda Jayaid from Pakistan will be our guest speaker. Please sign the easel in the narthex if you plan to attend.
- Presbyterian Women's Night circle will be meeting at the church at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 8th. We will be studying Joshua. Please join us for a good time.

Outreach

Fall Fling: This is the sixth year for this fundraiser which is FUN, FULL of FELLOWSHIP, and HELPS GOD'S WORK here and abroad. Part of the proceeds go to Christian Ed. to fund youth scholarships for camp & conferences, part goes to Mary Ferris for the work in Romania, and part goes to other missions as we see the need. Date: Nov. 7, from 9am-3pm. The CARE Committee will serve a great lunch from 11am-2pm for a free will offering. The Silent Auction will go till 2pm and we will also have goodies to eat for sale, as well as crafts and gift items. This is where YOU come in. You can offer services for the auction, or items. You can

make things or help in many ways. We will have business cover letters in the office with a list of businesses that Outreach members are calling on for donations. If you have an idea of some place to call on, please take a letter to them. Later we will have fliers available that we would appreciate members passing around.

World Communion Sun. is Oct. 4th. It is also when we take the Peacemaking Offering. There are many ways this money is used and a list is on the bulletin board. One of the items is to promote a campaign to end the use of child soldiers in various countries. Our church retains 25% that we usually give locally; i.e., Hatebusters,

Newhouse Safehouse, Grace United Peacemaking Academy. Please consider giving a little extra to this worthwhile effort.

Romanian News: Mary writes about some of the older orphans who are out of the system, but still need support with housing, jobs, and encouragement. Two girls had turned to the streets, but eventually came back and got training due to the extra commitment from NOROC. They are both doing well. There are colorful pictures of the youth on the bulletin board and copies of the newsletter in the parlor. Please take time to pursue looking at these and see how some of our Fall Fling money is being used.

REMINDER

Remember REAP: When you go to the grocery store, pick up a few items for REAP. Save those BEST CHOICE LABELS!!

The deadline for articles for the November newsletter is **Oct. 15th**.

Thank you

Many thanks to everyone at Blue Ridge Presbyterian: Just wanted to let everyone know how much I appreciated all the thoughts and prayers that were sent my way.

God Bless Everyone,
Tom Wright

Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church,
I want to thank you for your generous donation of \$125.00 to the Shepherd's Center of Raytown. You are a wonderful supporter of our agency's work with our community's older citizens.

Thank you.
Iris Miller, Director

Dear Ones,
Thanks, thanks for helping me celebrate my birthday. I am enjoying all the cards, messages of concern and love.

Love and Blessings to all,
Naomi Frost

Dear Blue Ridge,
Cherith Brook Christian Community was very appreciative of the donation of clothing. This is a continuing service that the Blue Ridge Night Circle has adopted. A corner has been designated in the coat closet for donations. They expressed a special need for men and women's underwear and socks. They are also ready to start accepting warmer clothing; casual clothes for men (sizes 32-38) and women (sizes 6-12). Any size T-shirts and jeans will be appreciated. Thanks for the help!!

BRPC Family Members:



Amy & Joe Banks

Amy grew up at BRPC. She joined another church but then transferred back to BRPC in Oct. of 2003 at which at that time Joe joined her as a member.

Amy enjoys embroidering and genealogy. Joe likes to play golf.

They and their children reside in Independence, MO. (Brent age 12, Alex -10, Connor -8, Andrew -6, and Zoa-Ann -4.)

Amy and Joe like the BRPC feeling of belonging to a large family.



APPLE PIE CONTEST

Hey Blue Ridge Bakers it is that time again—dig out your favorite apple pie recipe whether it be your Grandmas or Mothers (not MRS. SMITH's!!)

Our 2nd APPLE PIE CONTEST is OCTOBER 18 immediately following worship. The Care Committee will serve a lovely luncheon and of course delicious desserts.

I know that Larry Hamm and Ann Wiltfang are spreading the word they are out for another prize—are you going to let them do that? SO COME ON GET YOUR “BAKING” SHOES ON AND LETS DO IT.

Raytown's Mayor David Bowers will be one of the judges along with a couple of mystery judges.

Remember the date October 18th is APPLE DAY at BRPC!!!!

October Volunteers

Guest Book

Ann TeKolste
Donna & Paul Vance
Ann Wiltfang
Arlene Angle

Liturgist

Jann Flebbe
Paul Luce
Mike Schumacher
Connie Oliver

Nursery Attendants

Amy Banks & Debbie Cardona
Amy & Joe Banks
Amy & Joe Banks
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Deacons

Team 3

Coffee Fellowship

- October 4: Gregory, Guinn, Ham, Henderson, Hill, Holmes, Hollingsworth, Hooper
Contact: Jana Henderson 246-0809
- October 11: Huntsman, Ingram, Johnson, Jones, Joy, Julien,
Contact: Sally Ingram: 358-7344
- October 18: Apple Pie Contest and Luncheon
- October 25: Lunceford, Lyon, Martin, Maxey, McCauley,
McCorkle, Miller, Mitchell
Contact: Jean Martin 554-7811

We welcome contributing news-
letter articles from our members.
Articles may be edited for length/
precision. Newsletter deadline is
the 15th of each month.

Worship Attendance

August 30: 113
September 6: 95
September 13: 79
September 20: 95
September 27: 122



Sunday Schedule

9:30 Adult Sunday School

10:45 Worship

*Youth Sunday School (grades 1 - 12)
following the Children's Message*

*Communion: 1st Sunday
No Youth Sunday School*

*Coffee Fellowship following worship
Please join us.*

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Committees Meet 7:00	2 Angel Food 5 - 6:30	3
4 New Inspirations 9:00 Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:45 (Communion) Angel Food 12:00	5 Evangelism Committee 6:30	6	7 Pres. Women's Day Circle 1:00 Angel Food 3:30-5:00 Bells 6:00 Choir 7:00	8 Committee minutes due to office by noon Pres. Women's Night Circle 7:00	9 Session Packets Assembled	10 Angel Food 9:00 - 12:00
11 New Inspirations 9:00 Adult Sun. School 9:30, Worship: 10:45 Youth Sun. School Pat Jackson's Installation at 3:30 Church Basement Ladies Outing 5:30	12	13	14 Bells 6:00 Praisebyterians 7:00 Choir 7:30	15 Articles due for Newsletter Session 7:00	16	17 BRPC Work Day 9:00
18 New Inspirations 9:00, Adult Sun. School 9:30, Praisebyterians Sing Worship 10:45 Youth Sunday School Apple Pie Contest & Luncheon following worship	19	20	21 OWLS 11:30-2:00 Bells 6:00 Choir 7:00	22	23 "Adventures in Learning" 9:00 at Raytown Christian Church	24 Angel Food Distribution 9:00 - 10:30 Dine with 9 Fellowship Hall 5-10pm
25 New Inspirations 9:00 Adult Sun. School 9:30 Worship 10:45 Youth Sunday School Deacon's Meeting	26	27	28 Sewing 9:30 Bells 6:00 Choir 7:00	29	30 Angel Food 5 - 6:30	31

Your Session At Work

Elder Bob Stikeleather of the Committee on Ministry moderated our September Session Meeting. Rev. Charles Spenser, Executive Presbyterian and Elder Beverly Barr, moderator of the Committee on Ministry conducted the exit interview with the session regarding Rev. Mark Braden's tenure at Blue Ridge. It is now the policy of the Presbytery to have the pastor and the clerk of session of the church to sign a Covenant of Closure. Rev. Braden has signed this. The session authorized the Clerk to sign for BRPC. Basically it states the former pastor will not participate professionally in the functions of the church. A year after a new pastor has been installed, he may resume attending worship services at the

church. Attending special isolated events would be permitted with the consent of the pastor and the session.

Permission was given for Pat Jackson to perform a Thanksgiving and Celebration service for Sierra Chase Crews-Weinman daughter of Carolyn Jean Crews and Joseph Weinman, granddaughter of Joan Crews on September 27 during the regular worship service.

It was announced that Gary Oberlander has been asked, and has accepted a position as a member of the Board of Directors of the Heartland Center. Avis Odenbaugh has been nominated to be on the Heartland's Church Order and Listening Division.

Pat Jackson has asked Gary Oberlander, Moderator of the PNC,

Deacon Angela McCorkle, representing the youth of our church, and Avis Odenbaugh, Clerk of Session to participate in his ordination on September 27. An invitation will be extended to all members of Trinity Presbyterian Church and other friends of the Jackson family to attend Pat's installation and reception here at Blue Ridge on October, 11 at 3:30.

The Finance and Stewardship Committee will soon start working on the Stewardship Campaign and the budget for 2010. The Nominating Committee will soon be working on nominations for church officers. Please be willing to commit to a position fulfilling your commitment to support the Christ's Church not only with your tithing, but also with your time and talents. *Blessings, Avis O*

Joys and Concerns



* Ruth Joy at Bickford House room #224.

* Maureen Smith at Menorah.

* Dorothy Hooper is now residing at: Villages of Jackson Creek
3980A, S. Jackson Dr. #115.
Independence, MO 64057
Her telephone number is 478-7104. (FYI: Please be sure to put the A after 3980 and the S. after Jackson)

* Edgar Moore is at Hidden Lake.

* Anna Lee recovering from surgery.

WELCOME



8/30 Marilyn Campbell and Gene Frost

9/6 Barbara Bederman, Rudey Lee and Chris Kindle

9/20 Chris Kindle, Tayla Hammond, Emma Wuster, Nona Bowers, Jan & Dennis Frierson

9/27 Barbara Bederman, Jan & Dennis Frierson, Makinly & Kilie Richardson, LaShunda Miller, Yolanda & Carlem Cofield, Pamela Coaxum, Sean Jackson, Kate Jackson, Stephanie Jackson, LaShonda Miller, Doris Thompson, Catherine McArthur, Rev. Cal & Lynne Jackson



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God, nurture wholeness,
and enfold all people in a
spirit of Christ's love.

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