



Leeds Presbyterian Church
The Lantern
 "Shining Light on our Church and our Community"



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Sunday School
 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship
 Service 11:00 a.m.

Adult Choir Practice
 Wed. 6:00 p.m.

STAFF
Pastor:
 Reverend Kurt D. Selles

Director of Music
 William Peek

Secretary
 Dianne Hollis

Treasurer
 Emily Hodges

Clerk of Session
 Patricia Partridge

SESSION COMMITTEES

Worship -
Doris Jarvis

Property -
Wynton Hodges

Finance—
Lanny Littleton

Christian Education—
Reita Browning

Mission—
Mary Anne Moseley

Personnel—
Rev. Kurt Selles

THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Friends,

We're very close to the end of our study of the Apostles Creed. In fact, next Sunday, May 9, I'll finish the series with the final clause of the creed, "I believe in the life everlasting." I hope that you've enjoyed this journey through our basic beliefs as much as I have. One of the joys of making sermons is the amount of study that I get to do in preparation for preaching. Unfortunately I haven't been able to share with you everything I've read, so if I've missed something or you have a question about anything I've said, please ask me. If I can't answer your question, I can share with you some of the books that I used to make my sermons.

So what to do next? I think we need to turn back to the Old Testament, so I'm planning to preach a series of sermons from Jeremiah. One of my colleagues at Beeson Divinity School, Doug Webster who teaches preaching, recently gave me a copy of his recent book, *Jeremiah: A Parable of Jesus*. Although when we read the book of Jeremiah we can easily get lost in the gloom and doom of the many passages of judgment (of which there are plenty!), according to Doug Webster, the book also provides some of the best statements of hope and promise in the entire Bible. In fact, the gospel of hope occupies the center place of Jeremiah's message of God's covenant promises to his people. Over six Sundays, I plan to look at this central theme of hope in the book of Jeremiah and its foreshadowing of the hope we have in the New Testament through Jesus Christ.

Our semester finishes at the end of this week and I'll soon be shifting into summer mode. Part of summer for me means travel. In May I'll be gone on the 16th and the 23rd. The first Sunday I'll be preaching at a Presbyterian church in Kenya, and the second Sunday we'll will be in Michigan to attend our daughter Hannah's college graduation ceremony. Then in June and July I'll be gone three Sundays consecutive Sundays, the 27th, the 4th, and the 11th. Two of these Sundays I'll be in Jordan, and the third Sunday we'll be on vacation in Michigan. While I'm gone in May, Keith Ray, a Beeson graduate who served as stated supply at Bold Springs this past year, will be filling in for me. Keith's a great guy and I'm sure you'll be blessed by his ministry. If you have a pastoral need while I'm gone, please contact one of the elders.

May God bless each of you,

Kurt



I want to say thank you to everyone at Leeds Presbyterian for welcoming me into the LPC family over the past month. I look forward to upcoming summer months and the choir bringing some special pieces to the Sunday worship services. In the next few months, the LPC choir will be presenting a tribute to The History of Church Music. Over the period of several Sundays, the LPC choir will perform anthems and special music re-tracing how music has developed in the church since the early 1700's through today. Please be aware we are moving choir practice to 6:00pm on Wednesdays. As always I invite you to join with us on Wednesday and Sunday in the LPC and make a "joyful" sound until the Lord! Have a great May and God Bless!

William Peek

Whats Happening in Church and in the Community

MISSENS

Thanks to everyone who has faithfully helped provide food to the Leeds Welfare. April was "peanut butter month" because our supply had been depleted. Beginning May 1st you may donate any food of your choice. We always need canned meat, cooking oil, flour, sugar and cornmeal. As of April 23 Leeds Presbyterian Church members have collected 615 items of food and supplies for LWC. Thank you again and keep up the good work.

We will be cooking and serve dinner at First Light on Sunday, May 2. If you are interested in helping please call me at 699-6276. This is our third time to serve dinner at First Light this year and I will be attending a meeting in May to schedule meals for the remainder of 2010. We are budgeted to provide three more meals this year.



On Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd, we will participate in the Pentecost Offering of the Presbyterian Church USA. 40% of the offering will remain in our community to work on behalf of children at risk, 25% will go to ministries for youth and young adults and 10% for child advocacy ministries. Since 1998 Presbyterians have raised \$7 million for these ministries that benefit young members of God's family. There will be bulletin inserts explaining the benefits of the Pentecost Offering beginning May 2.

Mary Anne Moseley
Missions Chairperson

YOUR SESSION AT WORK

The session met April 18th and the following decisions were made and information was presented.

We will participate in the Pentecost offering and the portion the church is allowed to designate will go to the Presbyterian Home for Children. (See mission report for details.)

A thank you letter was sent to Dell Smith for filling in as Music Director before William Peek was hired as our Music Director.

Reverend Selles will be on a mission trip to Kenya the first two weeks in May. The session approved Rev. Keith Ray as fill-in in Kurt's absence on May 16th and May 23rd.

(See the Worship Committee and Missions Committee reports in this issue.)

Everyone is invited to attend a city-wide Prayer Breakfast to be held at the Methodist Church Christian Life Center on May 6th at 7:00 am. Cost is \$10.00 per person and reservations may be made by calling 699-5001

The Adult Sunday School Class has completed their study on the history of the Christian Church.

A new study of the book of Numbers has begun with Jerry Partridge leading the study.

The youth confirmation class continues to meet. Vicki Selles is the teacher.

The property committee reported that maintenance of the church yard will continue to be provided by Randy Hodges. Thanks to all who came to the work day held April 17th. Thanks to Emily Hodges for the wonderful breakfast she served to the workers.

The session voted to reduce the number of hours for the church secretary to one day per week most weeks. This was done at the suggestion of the church secretary, Dianne Hollis. She will check and handle the phone messages daily from her home. She will be compensated for the work done from her home. Wynton and Emily Hodges agreed to assist with the pick-up of mail from the post office during the week.

The church treasurer Emily Hodges presented a new format for her report. It was greatly appreciated.

Lanny Littleton, Chair of Finance, attended session to give a report on their committee meeting.

The finance committee members are as follows: Chair of Finance, Lanny Littleton; Jerry Partridge, serving from the session; Trish Dobbs and Joan Dawson serving from the congregation and Emily Hodges, Church Treasurer and Kurt Selles, Pastor. Thanks to all who agreed to serve.

The treasurer will contact Jill Hopkins, to request her help and availability with conducting this year's audit of the financial records as required by the Book of Order.

The session approved a \$125.00 ad to be placed in the "Guide to Leeds" Publication being prepared by the Chamber of Commerce. This publication is given to new residents of the city.

The session will not meet in May. The next meeting will be June 13, 2010.

Patricia Partridge

WORSHIP

I'm happy to report that our attendance on Easter Sunday was 58 making our average attendance for April 35. We will celebrate Pentecost on May 23 and that is when cross in front of the church will come down.

The worship committee always needs volunteers to help greet, take up the offering, prepare communion or be a lay reader. If you would like to help please let me know and I will add you to our list of volunteers.

Fellowship

Many thanks to Linda Littleton for providing the lovely spring arrangements that adorned the tables at our April 11 luncheon. Our third Wednesday supper scheduled for May 19 has been canceled as Rev. Selles will be out of town at that time, but on Saturday, June 5 we have a church picnic scheduled to be held at the Leeds Historical Park. This is a lovely shaded area with a pavilion and picnic tables. The church is providing the meat and a sign-up sheet will be placed in the kitchen for folks to sign-up to bring side dishes and desserts. Please go ahead and save the date and we will ask you to R.S.V.P. later in the month.

Doris Jarvis



COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR MAY

The Leeds Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a National Day of Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 6 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. at Leeds First United Methodist Family Life Center. Jeremiah Castille will be the guest speaker. Cost for this event is \$10 with breakfast being provided by Chick-fil-A. Please make reservations by Tuesday, May 4th by calling the chamber office at 699-5001.

The Leeds Community Chorus will present its concert "Rainbows, Rivers and Requiem" on Saturday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 16 at 2:00 p.m. at the Leeds Theater and Arts Center. Tickets are \$10 and reservations can be made by calling 699-1892.

The city of Leeds and the Leeds Arts Council will sponsor a concert in the Leeds Historical Park at 6:00 p.m. Steve Shafer and friends will provide the music.



MAY 2010

Anniversary-A
Birthdays-B

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 B-Patsy Rowan
2 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. First Light Dinner	3 Knit Group 10:00—12:00	4	5 B-Mariruth Powers Choir Practice 6:00 pm	6 National Day of Prayer Breakfast 7:00 -8:00 am	7	8
9 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m.	10 Knit Group 10:00—12:00 B-Patricia Partridge B-Seth Gast	11	12 Choir Practice 6:00 pm	13 B-Linda Littleton	14	15 LCC- 7:00 p.m.
16 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Guest Pastor: Keith Ray NO S.S. Meeting LCC 12:00 pm	17 Knit Group 10:00—12:00	18	19 Choir Practice 6:00 pm	20	21	22
23 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Guest Pastor: Keith Ray A-Raymond & Patsy Rowan B-David Partridge	24	25	26 Choir Practice 6:00 pm	27	28	29
30	31 B-June Chaney Memorial Day 					

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2010

DATE	SERVICE	VOLUNTEERS
May 2	Greeter Offering Stewards Communion Servers Communion Preparation Lay Reader	Mable Hecht Jerry Partridge & Doris Jarvis Matt Raines & Wynton Hodges Doris Jarvis Celeste Raines
May 9	Greeter Offering Steward Offering Lay Reader	Mable Hecht Jerry Partridge/Doris Jarvis Jerry Partridge/Bill Eads Chloe Selles
May 16	Greeter Offering Steward Offering Lay Reader	Gini Mitchell Jerry Partridge/Doris Jarvis Wynton Hodges/Matt Raines EliseTurner
May 23	Greeter Offering Steward Offering Lay Reader	Reita Browning Jerry Partridge/Doris Jarvis Patricia Partridge/Jesse Turner Miriam Turner
May 30	Greeter Offering Steward Offering Lay Reader	Kathryn Brymer Jerry Partridge/Doris Jarvis Jarome Brymer/Jerry Partridge Patricia Partridge



THE CHURCH

What Kind of Member Are You?

A lot of members are like wheelbarrows—no good unless pushed.

Some are like Trailers— They have to be pulled.

Some are like kites—If you don't keep a string on them they fly away.

Some are like balloons—Full of wind and ready to blow up.

Some are like footballs—You can't tell which way they will bounce.

And then some are like a good watch—Open Face, pure gold, quietly busy, and full of good works.

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