

Davenport Presbyterian Church

# NEWSLETTER

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Susan Broadway, editor

## TEDBITS

By Pastor Ted Broadway

### Our Church's Mission Statement

Helping people in our community and around the world discover the life-changing power of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

It has been an excellent summer. Warm weather was late in coming, but come it did. One of the real benefits of this cooler, wetter spring and early summer is how green our land has remained. Many have enjoyed wonderful vacations and many have enjoyed the great outdoors in all of its glory here in the Inland Northwest. September has arrived and it is time to settle back into fall schedules and the start up of our fall programs. Youth Group will begin on Wednesday nights and Youth Bible Study on Sunday mornings. There will be a couple of Home Bible Studies starting in October. For preschool and grade school children, KIDS Church with a fun and upbeat "Boot Camp" theme will be offered after the children's message during worship. Our aim in all of these activities is to see Christ lifted up and His children—of all ages—disciplined into mature faith. Matthew 28:16-20 speaks of The Great Commission—we need to be all about making and growing disciples in the true faith!

As most of you know there is going to be a congregational vote on September 11 as the Session has called for a vote to seek dismissal from the Presbyterian Church (USA) and be transferred to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC). I would encourage you to attend and vote that day.

It has become clear from elder Bryan Teel's presentation last month that there is much interest in learning more details about the EPC. Below are listed some of the frequently asked questions. These answers are straight out of the EPC's website. You can find additional information on their website: [epc.org](http://epc.org).

*What does it mean to be "Evangelical"? To be "Evangelical" means to believe in the importance of sharing the good news that through Jesus Christ the kingdom of God has been inaugurated, freeing people from the guilt and power of sin through personal faith and repentance . . . This priority is evidenced in our emphasis on church planting and world missions.*

*In the EPC, who owns the property of a local church? The congregation has the exclusive, inalienable right to own and control its own property.*

*How are churches represented in the EPC? Every church has a right to send representatives to presbytery and general assembly meetings. Further, our form of government attempts to achieve a two-to-one ratio between lay delegates (elders) and ministers at those levels. This provision helps keep the EPC from being a clergy-dominated denomination, out of touch with the needs and interests of the average person in the pew.*

*Does the EPC have a motto? Yes. In essentials unity. In non-essentials liberty. In all things charity.*

*What are the goals of the EPC? We believe that if Christ is exalted He will build His church. It is therefore our mission to lift up Him who is THE truth in loving proclamation of the Christian gospel. To accomplish this, we commit ourselves to the following goals: a global vision of missions outreach; an enthusiastic promotion of evangelism as the first priority of the Church; an aggressive program of church planting and church development; the development and implementation of solid programs in Christian nurture rooted in the teaching of the Bible to all ages; a positive concern for Christ-centered youth ministry; and a loving spirit of cooperation with all who truly are one with us in Jesus Christ.*

I hope this answers some of your questions.

Soli Deo Gloria,  
Pastor Ted

## **IN THE NEWS**

### **TIME TO UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS BOOKS:**

**NEW MEMBERS NICK & DEBBIE NOLT'S ADDRESS/PHONE: PO Box 227, Wilbur, WA 99185; 647-2534.** Nick and Debbie have three children: Shane, Ashley and Fawn—the two girls attend high school in Wilbur.

**NEW MEMBER PAUL GILLILAND'S ADDRESS/PHONE: PO Box 421, Harrington, WA 99134; 253-4521.** Paul is married to Lorraine Gilliland.

**NEW MEMBER LINDA BJORK'S ADDRESS/PHONE: 48828 Bull Run Rd., Ford, WA 99013; 413-7790.**

**NEW MEMBER MADISON THROOP:** Will be a freshman at WSU.

**NEW MEMBER SUE BROADWAY ADDRESS/PHONE: PO Box 576, Davenport, WA 99177; 721-1134.** Sue is married to Pastor Ted—29 years on August 29th—and they have two children, Jon and Maggie.

**KEITH & IRENE KENNEDY'S NEW ADDRESS:** 221 E. Rockwood Lane, #305 E., Spokane, WA 99202. Phone: 315-5814.

**KLAHN'S NEW MAILING ADDRESS:** PO Box 182, Reardan, WA 99001.

**MOLDREM'S NEW MAILING ADDRESS:** 36597 Hart RD N, Davenport, WA 99122.

**A POSTCARD FROM BIGHORN LAKE:** Every summer, people traveling across the country on bicycles show up at the church looking for a safe place to camp for a night or two. John Admiraal stayed at the church over the Pioneer Days weekend and helped Pastor Ted set up the sound equipment for the Sunday service in the park. He stayed to worship with us. We shared a meal and enjoyed our conversations with him. We wish him all the best on his journey. As of August 10, John made it to Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area! His postcard is on the Bulletin Board.

**RECIPES FOR CINDY:** Cathy Anderson's sister, Cindy, has been through so much and endures so much and needs our love. Cathy asks that we provide food dishes appropriate for Cindy who is diabetic and has special dietary needs. Please take a **recipe from the folder in the Narthex** and bring some love to Cindy. Call Cathy for more information 721-0506

**VACANCIES NEED FILLING:** The Nighswonger family worked generously on behalf of our church. Their departure leaves the following service opportunities open:

Clerk of Session  
Choir Director  
Elder  
Memorial Book Name  
Stenciling  
Library  
Ushering (4 slots)  
Greeting (2 slots)  
Women's Association  
Secretary  
Mission Commission  
Secretary  
Sunday School Teacher

**LOST or MISPLACED?** It appears that the industrial sized electric slow cooker is gone from the church kitchen. If you have any ideas of its whereabouts or who last used it, please call the office.

**FOUND! EXPENSIVE ELECTRONIC GADGET:**  
Call the office to identify.

**FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH:** Please sign up on the Flower Clipboard in the Narthex.

**RECYCLE YOUR USED COMPUTER INK CARTRIDGES & CELL PHONES:** Collection box in the back on the welcome table. Proceeds benefit Christian Heritage School.

**CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX PROJECT:** There will be another box for collecting gift and personal items for needy children beyond Davenport—refer to the details in the August 2011 Newsletter.

**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you would like to activate the prayer chain, please call Lois Aldrich at 725-7210.

**TAPE MINISTRY:** We have requests for taped sermons and need extra helpers (adult, youth) to run the tape machine during the sermon and to make copies after church. Please talk to Ted.

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:** Through the work of Pastor Ted, Don Shultz, Roger Bond, and Jim Barbieri, the sprinklers are up and running; the glass shade and the light ballasts have been fixed; the sink replaced; the building has been washed . . . but we still need help to:

1. Help fix the back landing (by pastor's door— involves **cement work**)
2. Prep and **paint** some wood posts on manse porch
3. **Repaint** the manse garage door (it is prepped).
4. **Install a range hood** in the manse (requires some electrical work).

*IS ANYONE AVAILABLE TO HELP? Please talk to Pastor Ted.*

**“ON CALL” NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 9:45 TO 11:15 SUNDAY MORNINGS:** “On call” means check in with our Nursery Attendant; if no children, then remain alert during the service and assist if children are taken down to the Nursery for care. There is a sign-up clipboard hanging on the wall by the Information Table in the Narthex. A police background check request form is needed—forms are attached to the back of the clipboard (Note: The \$10 fee will be waived). **Youth volunteers can earn Community Service Hours.**

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND HELPERS**

**NEEDED:** KIDS Church leaders and helpers needed to serve for one month (excluding Communion Sundays). Contact Rod Pankey @ 725-5842. Choose from:

October 9, 16, 23  
November 13, 20, 27  
January 8, 15\*, 22, 29  
February 12, 19\*, 26  
March 11, 18, 25  
April 15, 22, 29  
May 13, 20, 27\*

## **Ushers and Leaders and Greeters . . . Oh My!**

The Roster for Lay Leaders needs your input. Using the previous year as a template, the roster for 2012 is generated mid-November and is published in the December Newsletter. **It has been the practice over the years for people to check the roster, and if they find they have a schedule conflict, they make arrangements with someone to take their spot and notify the office.** Here are some questions to ponder as we approach that mid-November deadline:

- Do you or members of your family want to be added to the schedule?
- Do you want to request a particular date?
- Do you want to continue on the schedule?

Please direct your input to Carolyn Moldrem or to Secretary Sue. You may also leave a message by calling the church at 725-1802.

## **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**

**August 4, 2011**

By Sharon Nighswonger, Clerk of Session

- New members accepted—Linda Bjork, Madison Throop, Sue Broadway.
- Nominating committee will have five elder & two deacon slots to fill
- Job openings beginning in September are Choir Director, Nursery Attendant and Custodian.
- There will be a new Sunday School format in the fall. KIDS Church will be offered during the worship hour, three weeks of the month, but not on communion Sunday.
- The congregation was very generous to Nate & Amy Krupke—a special offering of \$425.00 was collected for their missionary work in Asia.
- The Session is inviting the Presbytery's Administration Commission on August 28 for worship, prayer and a meal.
- The Session discussed at length the vote on September 11 and noted the Evangelical Presbyterian Church's biblically based foundation.

# **COME TO VOTE!**

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2011!**

**This is an in-person, active-member congregational vote on whether or not to seek dismissal from the PC(USA) to affiliation with Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC).**