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TEDBITS

By Pastor Ted Broadway

June is here and with it some sunshine, kids out of school, mission trips, VBS programs, vacations, gardening. As for me, I am grateful to be able to ride my bicycle—anyone care to join me? There will be summer camps at Camp Spalding and Camp Lutherhaven; Church in the Park, the ecumenical worship at the Lincoln County Courthouse lawn scheduled for July 17; and Creation Northwest 2011 (Christian concerts and speakers for youth in Enumclaw, WA) on July 20-23. The Church Picnic is in August along with the Lincoln County Fair. So summer should be full and fun and in many ways our Lord Jesus Christ will be lifted up during this time.

We have had a good number of visitors to our church lately and many of them have spoken highly of the way we do worship here. Visitors from other small town Presbyterian churches have commented on the energy and good feeling in worship; the obvious presence of children and teens in the church; and the warmth of fellowship after the service. People from larger urban and suburban churches have commented on the strength of our youth programs, our robust mission involvement and the quality of our music. As I pondered these comments, I thought to reiterate this month why we do what we do.

This month I want to talk about worship style. For many churches this is a difficult issue. Ought we be a traditional church? A contemporary church? A seeker friendly church or some other style adopted by some other church?

What this church has adopted is what is called a *blended* worship style. Our service is *blended* in that we mix in two or more styles in our worship. This is most apparent in the area of music—which happens to be a passionate concern for most people! We blend contemporary music and traditional music. The result is a worship service that, on the front end, has a lot of contemporary music with strong audio/visual support from computer generated graphics and video and a good sound system transitioning into a kind of upbeat traditional style for the remainder of the service.

This blended style works well for me personally because I enjoy the energy and freedom of contemporary worship—and I enjoy the historical depth, the thoughtful music and deep theology of the hymns, and the peace of traditional worship. I appreciate many styles of music: early music, Gregorian and polyphonic chant, Gospel, baroque and classical, Celtic, contemporary Christian, swing, African, and Latin to name a few. So I personally enjoy blended worship where we follow the church year (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, etc.) and enjoy the simplicity of heartfelt and energetic contemporary praise music.

However, beyond my personal tastes there are good, solid reasons to have the style we do. When I was interviewing here ten years ago, I coozied up to every older person I could find (some of you may remember this) and I asked them two questions. The first was: *What are you willing to put up with in worship in order for this church to be here in twenty years?*

The answers I got were: *Contemporary music is alright, but we don't like driving, drum set driven music. Pictures and video on the screen are OK just as long as they don't cover the chancel and stained glass window the whole time. Having the children up front is great. Having children and youth in worship is great.*

The second question was: *What do you need for your worship needs to be met?*

The answers I got were: *We love our choir, we want to sing some hymns and not just the praise choruses, we would like to say one of the great confessions of faith every once in a while and we like to be able to ask for prayers for specific events and people.*

Armed with these answers we came up with our service. I am pleased that it is high-energy, Biblically sound, Christ honoring and even fun. It has turned out that the younger folks like the service and are coming and that many of the older folks like the energy and the kids around and even the music! I am pleased because I believe that the younger generations should grow up with the theologically deep and musically memorable hymns of the church. I believe that the youth develop a sense of our rich history; that the church does not only exist over all the world, but through all time. I have been pleased with this church's openness, especially among the more mature members, to new expressions of our worship of Jesus. We can have the new without sacrificing the tried-and-true of traditional worship.

"Love the Lord your God with all of your heart and with all of your soul and with all of your mind." According to Jesus, this is the heart of worship . . . and we are doing what we can so that this happens.

*Soli Deo Gloria,
Pastor Ted*

C. S. Lewis Quote of the Month

"Usually it is those who know Him that bring Him to others. That is why the Church, the whole body of Christians showing Him to one another, is so important."

Mere Christianity, book iv, chapter 8

The date for the in person vote is set for September 11, 2011

Session Calls for Congregational Vote

By Rod Pankey

On Sunday, May 15, 2010 following an informative congregational meeting, the Session voted in favor of calling a congregational meeting for the purpose of requesting dismissal from the Presbyterian Church (USA) with property to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC). The date set for the vote is **September 11, 2011**. It is **very important** that each voting member of our congregation **be present** for that vote. You must be present to vote. Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

With the passing of Amendment 10A, **the requirement** that ordained officers be faithful in marriage between a man and woman or chaste in singleness **will be removed** from the Book of Order effective July 11, 2011. What we anticipated was going to happen, has now happened. Many of our church members, including several now serving on Session, have openly stated that they could not remain in a denomination that has in their minds departed from the standards set forth in Scriptures. It is now time for us to decide. This vote by Session comes with mixed emotions. One respected elder of our church made the observation that "we are not leaving the PCUSA, the PCUSA has left us."

The vote on **September 11, 2011** will have important consequences for the future of our church. The Administrative Commission (AC) appointed by our Presbytery has provided us with the following procedures:

"If a vote of a congregation is conducted where 67% of the

congregation is present, and 75% of the church membership present votes to request dismissal from the PCUSA, the Presbytery through its AC may recommend dismissal...”.

“A congregation of Presbytery can be dismissed only by vote of Presbytery”.

“It is the right of a congregation to request dismissal with its property to another reformed body, but such a request does not guarantee dismissal with property by the Presbytery. Other actions include purchase of existing property by a dismissed congregation or the lease of the property by the Presbytery to the dismissed congregation”.

“If a congregation is dismissed from PC(USA) by vote of Presbytery, the congregation must come to a fair agreement with the Presbytery concerning the value of the property. Property can be retained by the dismissed congregation only if the congregation is dismissed to another reformed body. Any agreement conveying property must be approved by the Presbytery”.

In other words, **we need at least 67% of our membership present for the vote** and at least 75% of those present in favor of dismissal before the Administrative Commission may make a recommendation to our Presbytery. The final decision regarding our dismissal is determined by a vote of our Presbytery. We welcome that vote.

Your elders serving on Session are available to talk with you regarding these matters. If you need more information or just want to sit down and talk with someone, we welcome the opportunity. Please continue to pray for our church through these challenging times.

Elders currently serving on Session: Chris Clayton, Lorie Klahn, Jim Linstrum, Carolyn Moldrem, Sharon Nighswonger, Rod Pankey, Brian Teel, Marshall Thompson and Tina West.

Session Highlights—May 3, 2011

By Sharon Nighswonger, Clerk of Session

- The Deacons are planning the next potluck. The next one will be on June 12 with a birthday theme. They are busy continuing their ongoing work with shut-ins.
- Sharon Nighswonger will be filling the vacant elder spot.
- Youth Group Recognition Sunday will be May 29. Sunday School Recognition Sunday will be June 5.
- The “Chicks & Water” offering took on Easter brought in \$504.00 for Samaritan’s Purse.
- Work is being done to update the membership rolls.
- The Session has been working tirelessly on researching leaving the PC(USA) and joining the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.



Below is a list of 10 great ideas for outreach we can do in our community. It all starts with showing God's Love first. These ideas are not mine. They were taken from a website newlifeministries-mln.org.

Here are ten ideas that even the smallest congregations might consider implementing to good advantage. Don't try to do everything—just try to do one or two or three things very well!

1. **Our Jerusalem** – Conduct a six-eight week mailing campaign to friend, relatives, associates, and neighbors of

people from your church. In each mailing, include a cover letter written by someone from your church along with a colorful brochure dealing with life issues. Follow up with a phone call and an introduction visit.

2. **Community Block Party/Christmas Festival** – Hold an event open to the community. Offer games and activities for all ages, but especially for children. Especially be sure to offer food! Offer door prizes as a means for encouraging attendees to share their names and addresses. And don't charge for anything—make this your gift to the community.
3. **Parents' Night Out** – Set aside a certain Friday of each month to offer low-cost babysitting at the church from 7:00 until 10:00 p.m. This is an outreach to single parents or couples new to the community. Congregational visitor and member parents also appreciate it. Offer special fun and learning activities for the children.
4. **Latchkey Program / After-School Tutoring** – Adopt a local school. Offer to assist with tutoring. Or offer after-school childcare for children in the community. Or offer a Pioneer Club/AWANA program one day a week.
5. **Backyard Bible School** – Take Bible School to the kids. Offer a Bible school type program at the homes of persons in your congregation. It could be daily for a week or one day a week for four-five weeks.
6. **Candy Cane Giveaway** – Find a public place to give away small candy canes at Christmas time. Attach a card with the story of the candy cane on one side and information about your Christmas services on the other side.
7. **Servant Evangelism Projects** – These projects "show God's love in practical

ways with no strings attached," softening the hearts of persons who may otherwise be very resistant to the good news of Jesus Christ.

8. **Prayer Booth** – Offer a prayer booth at a community fair or festival with a banner asking, "How can we pray for you?"
9. **Welcome Class** – While we normally think of a "pastor's class" or "inquirer's class" as focused toward membership, it may also serve as a way to invite new people to the church and to a relationship with Jesus Christ as saving Lord.
10. **Beast Feast** – Invite un-churched friends (especially hunters or fishermen) to a potluck meal of dishes based on a wide variety of game.

Mission Commission Report **By Sharon Nighswonger**

The Mission Commission will be participating in the Shoebox Ministries program in the fall. We would like to fill 20 shoe boxes with goodies for children overseas. These children will be boys and girls of varying ages.

There will be a list in the July and August newsletter to help you choose an item. It is a great opportunity for those of you who have kids at home to let them help with the project. The Sunday School classes in the fall will help with this project as well.

Stay Tuned for more information.

In the News . . .

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 10:00 to 11:15 SUNDAY MORNINGS: Please sign up

for one or two weeks to be “on-call” for **Nursery care**. You would need to check in with our Nursery Attendant, Lori Ensor, at the beginning of the service to see if you are needed. If not, you would still need to remain alert during the service for children being taken down to the Nursery for care. There is a sign-up clipboard hanging on the wall by the Information Table in the Narthex. You will need to fill out a police background check request form—forms are attached to the back of the clipboard (Note: The \$10 fee will be waived).

PHONE NUMBER UPDATE: Jim Linstrum has a new home phone number (509) 315-1742. FYI: The (509) prefix has to be dialed in order to make the connection.

END OF SCHOOL YEAR

YOUTH CELEBRATION: Wednesday, June 1 (last regular meeting until September). Meet at 6:00 PM. Plan is to have a BB-Q at Porcupine Bay. Be ready for the sunshine! Hooray for summertime! Watch the calendar or call the office for future summer youth activities.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS - JUNE 6-9 (four days): Miranda Mielke is directing a Vacation Bible School as part of her senior project at Zion Lutheran Church. Theme: *Sonsurf Beach Bash*. Contact Andee Jacobson at 725-2242 for more information. **JUNE 13-17:** VBS at Trinity Bible Fellowship. Call 725-3270.

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS (ages 12 and older) NEEDED FOR ZION'S VBS: Call Kelli @ 725-4911.

REMEMBER TO KEEP OUR SUMMER MISSIONARIES IN YOUR PRAYERS!

SUMMER HOUSE BUILDING IN MEXICO MISSION JUNE 15-22: A small, but dedicated group of adults and high school youth venture to Southern California and into Rosarito, Mexico to build a house for a needy family.

PARTICIPANTS:

Rena Hills
Walt Taylor (Rena's brother; 2nd trailer driver)
Pastor Ted
Bryan Teel
Carl Moses
Wade Moses
Derrick Hills
John Lunde
Jonathan Cruz
Mandee Baye
Harmony Acuff
Joey West
Brittany West
Dennis West (flight escort)

BASIC ITINERARY:

Sat., June 11 – Load Mexico Trailer 9 to Noon
Sun., June 12 – Rena leaves with trailer Picks up Walt enroute San Diego, CA
Tues., June 14 – Rena & Walt arrive in San Diego
Wed., June 15 – Ted & Bryan flight 5 AM
Carl & 6 youth flight 7 AM
Dennis & 2 youth (stand by flight)
Rena/Ted/Bryan get vans; pick up others; afternoon at La Jolla Beach
Thurs., June 16 – Meet Amor Ministries Staff 10 AM;
Border Crossing/ Camp Set Up
Fri., June 17, 18, 19, 20 –
Morning Prep/Quiet Time with God; House building
Tues., June 21 - Break Camp/Visit Rosarito/Border Crossing
Wed., June 22 - Return flights; return vans
Arrive 6:05 PM
Sun., June 26 - Mexico Trailer Unload after church

SUMMER URBAN YOUTH MISSION JUNE 25 – JULY 1: Youth (completing 8th through 12th grades) and adults from Davenport and Reardan churches join to participate in the Portland Urban Ministries Project (PUMP) Summer Day Camp as day camp leaders and facilitators. The group will work with PUMP staff and summer interns to organize daily activities and outreach events (much like VBS) for children in a low-income NE Portland neighborhood. More details to be posted in upcoming bulletin inserts.

SUPPORT THE YOUTH: Buy a share of stock for Mexico; muffins for Portland—the youth are happy to assist you after worship. Look for the card table near the door in Narthex.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Starting in June, the church office will be open Mondays from 8 to 4 and Fridays 8 to noon.

A WELCOME DINNER: A “Welcome Dinner” is scheduled for **Friday, June 3, 2011** from 6 to 8 PM at the parsonage. Dinner will be provided as participants spend about two hours in teaching and discussion with Pastor Ted. All inquirers are welcome! This class is good—not only for preparing for membership—but also for discovering who we are and what we are about. Please leave a message with the office @ 725-1802 if you are planning to attend so dinner arrangements can be made.

RELAY FOR LIFE: Because of the school remodel, this year Relay is in Wilbur at Emerson Park, Hwy 2, Wilbur WA on **June 10, 2011**. Survivor registration begins at 5:30PM. If you have any questions please call Gabrielle Chain, North Basin Medical Clinics (509)725-7501 ext. 462 chaing@lhd3.org.

CAMP SPALDING: The 2011 Camp Spalding Summer Camp schedule on line at www.campspalding.org. Camps for all ages! Dale Wilson Fund Camperships are available on a first come, first serve basis for up to \$250 of the cost per camper. Parents pay \$75 up front for registration. Some camps cost less than \$250, but parents still need to pay \$75 and Dale Wilson picks up the rest of the cost up to \$250. Note: Camp may have additional scholarships available. Contact person is Heather Panke at 725-0245.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHURCH!



On Sunday, June 12 we celebrate Pentecost, the day on which the Holy Spirit descended upon and ignited the fledgling Christian community with power. RED is the color of the day, representing the flame of the Holy Spirit. So remember to wear RED for Pentecost.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY POTLUCK: In keeping with the birthday theme, the deacons are hosting a HAPPY BIRTHDAY POTLUCK. So in addition to wearing RED on June 12, bring a potluck food to share—the food, however, doesn't necessarily need to be RED . . .