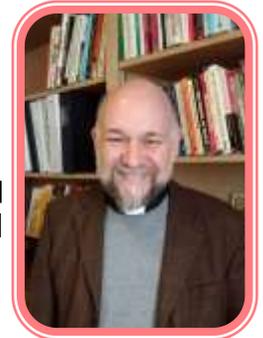


## PASTOR LAWRENCE

### Ask the Preacher

**This summer I'm preaching on questions and topics you have suggested in a series I call "Ask the Preacher."**

**Here's how it works:**



1. **Submit Questions** – You submit your questions to me, preferably by filling out the Ask the Preacher slips you can find on the back of the weekly eCall, and placing them in the offering plate, or mailing them to me at the church office, or dropping them in my mailbox outside my study, or just slip them under the office door.

The questions can be on a particular passage of scripture, the nature of God, ethical or social issues, the history and traditions of the Church, Presbyterian history or polity, hymnody (the songs of faith), or whatever you think would be an appropriate topic for a sermon. Please only submit one question per slip. You can submit as many slips as you like. On the form there is contact information, but this is optional. Anonymous submissions are welcome.

2. **Sermon Prep** – I'll work on your questions and prepare a response, in sermon form. If you included your contact information I may contact you for clarification on your question if I feel it would be helpful. There's no guarantee that I'll get to all of the questions over the course of the summer, but, if I can't get to yours, I'll try to contact you and chat about it one on one.

3. **Random Draw** – Starting June 11, I will be drawing a question every Sunday at random and that's what I'll be preaching on that Sunday. I won't know and you won't know what I'm preaching on until that Sunday morning. Thrilling, isn't it? Of course, I'll have prepped in advance, so I'm hoping I'll be ready for whatever is drawn, but I won't know exactly which one, unless it's late in the summer and there's only one left.

I do this for two reasons. First, it's fun. I like the randomness of it and it lends an air of excitement to the proceedings. Second, since the topics aren't announced in advance, it means you can't just come on the Sunday your question is being addressed.

### Church Meetings

COMMUNION PENTECOST SUNDAY	June 4
Worship & Music -5:30 pm	June 1
Trustee – 4:00 pm	June 12
PW Bible Study - 10:30 am F & T Lunch - Noon	June 14
Mission, O. & Adv.-6:00 pm	June 20
Session - 5:30 pm	June 27
Family Faith Night is taking a break for the summer.	

### JUNE SERVERS

**LAY LITURGIST:** Dave Schlemmer  
**GREETER:** Terri Pleak  
**USHERS:** Roy Simpson-Larry Clark & Dennis Shepherd  
**REFRESHMENTS:** Jayne Schlemmer  
**COUNTERS:** Jean Stutz & Darleen Fox



## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### Presbyterian Women

P.W. Bible Study will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 14. All ladies are welcome. Polly Matlock will lead the June study of "WHO IS JESUS? according to Luke." We meet in the Memorial Room.

### Friendship & Talent

Join the Friendship and Talent ladies at noon on June 14 after P.W. Bible Study. An always delicious lunch will be served for only \$3.00. Doreen Wilkison will give the devotions.

### Sisterhood of the Traveling Presbyterians

We will be going to Stream Cliff Herb Farm in Commiskey on Wednesday, June 22 leaving the church at 10 a.m. and having lunch there. Please call the church to make reservations by June 14 so that lunch reservations may be made.

## NOTICES



### Ice Cream Fundraiser

The Mission Committee will hold their 2nd **Ice Cream Fundraiser** on **Friday, June 23rd** from **Noon until 5:00 p.m.** The cost is a FREE-WILL offering. 100% of the proceeds will **purchase Aldi gift cards** to be donated to the Agape Center's "Food for Children" program.

### Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting has been called for **June 18<sup>th</sup>**, following services, to elect an elder to replace Rose Ewald on Session.

### Family Faith Night

Pastor Lawrence would like to hear your ideas and thoughts on Family Faith Night. We are re-evaluating the program and are looking for new concepts and visions for the fall. We would like for this program to be fun and inspirational for the whole family.

### Coffee Hours

We would like to remind everyone that Pastor Lawrence is going out into the public each week to meet and get to know you. **He is holding "Coffee Hours" at various restaurants** during different hours of the day to accommodate all. **And you don't have to drink coffee!**

### No Summer Pitch-ins

There will **not** be an end-of-month pitch-in June, July, and August.



## IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

Mike Gommel

### FERGUSON & FAITH

*By Leah Gunning Francis*

The shooting death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, reignited a long-smoldering movement for justice, with many St. Louis-area clergy stepping up to support the emerging young **leaders of today's Civil Rights Movement**. The author was among the activists, and her interviews with more than two dozen faith leaders and with **the new movement's organizers take us** behind the scenes of the continuing protests. *Ferguson & Faith* demonstrates that being called to lead a faithful life can take us to places we never expected to go, with people who never expected us to join hands with them.

NOTE: This was a donation to our library, but there was no note telling who the donator is. Thank you to our modest friend...

### THE BEATLES, GOD AND THE BIBLE

*By Ray Comfort*

The author exposes the **theological side of the world's most famous musical group**, offering unique and fascinating insight into the spirituality of the Fab four. Take a trip down Abbey Road with Lennon, McCartney, Harrison, and Starr, learning **the evolution of the group's spirituality** from the height of their fame in 1965, when all four professed to be atheists, to later on down the road when the Liverpool group started singing a much different tune. An in-depth look at the role of religion in shaping the lives of the most influential band in history.

We also have two more books in the beloved Mitford series by Jan Karon: **SOMEWHERE SAFE WITH SOMEBODY GOOD** and **COME RAIN OR COME SHINE**.



## PRAYER FOCUS FOR JUNE

### SEASONS

Seasons change from Fall, to Winter, to Spring, and to Summer. Each season brings with it an aspect of life unique to itself. We have the season of constant demanding work of planning, producing, attending to, and collecting the fruit of our labor, trusting everything will fall into place. During the next season, when many of **life's day**-to-day activities hibernate, we are able to take care of projects we have put off because our priorities of tasks have lessened.

There comes, in time, the season when everything is fresh and new and we again dream of the possible pleasures which can spring up. With the next season, we anticipate and enjoy watching the wonders of warmth bring energy to entice growth and fruitful increase.

Throughout the month of June, let us focus on and commit to praying for the seasons of life our church experiences. Pray for the seasons of time when our congregation sees a harvest from the various ministries and outreaches we willingly invite our community of faith and our surrounding community to participate in.

Pray for the seasons when we feel like our purpose is hibernating but, in actuality, the Spirit of Christ is continuing to move in small, quiet ways which draw us to take care of our congregation and community by improving how we minister, changing that which has not been working, and adding new opportunities we trust will grow and be very fruitful.

Pray for the seasons when we have opportunities for freshness and newness to cause us to dream of the possibilities springing up in our congregation which will enlighten our worship and praise of God. This can be new people beginning to attend and, more so, with having a new pastor who encourages us, challenges us, **and teaches us God's ways to lead us in becoming more Christ-like**, our congregation will bud with new life being seen and felt.

**Pray for the seasons when we can anticipate and enjoy watching the wonders of the warmth of God's love bring energy to grow and increase our desire of faithful service and mission.**

*Dennis Shepherd—Care of Parish*

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Not that you would do that, but other people might. You wouldn't want that, would you? I didn't think so.

I've appreciated all the submissions so far, but I definitely need more. Here are some of the prompts I've received to date...

*Why do we see an angry, jealous, demanding God in the Old Testament and then a loving, caring, forgiving God in the New Testament?*

*On the cross, Jesus told the thief "this day thou will be with me in Paradise." Jesus was in the grave three days. This day – three days – Why this discrepancy?*

*To my knowledge, we have never observed Mental Health Awareness.*

I've also had some people informally chat with me about some ideas, but I encourage everyone to write it down. It helps you clarify your thoughts and hone the question to exactly what you want to address, and that helps me better answer your real question. So, write it down.

In addition to your participation in picking the topics for the sermons, you get to pick the hymns too. All summer we will be starting our service with a hymn sing where I'll ask for hymn suggestions from the congregation and we'll sing 2 or 3 verses from 4 or 5 hymns. And, no pressure, but I'm going to use what you choose as a kind of study of hymns you want to sing. I'll be keeping notes.

I'm looking forward to using this summer series as a way of getting to know all of you better!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Lawrence

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## Prayer Circle, June 2017

*The best way to show someone you love them is to pray for and, if possible, pray with that person. Christ taught for us to pray for our enemies, so, how much a greater action will it be than for us to pray for each other!*

*Praying for others individually can bring you and that person closer together. And, together, you can grow closer to God. Prayer is a privilege we have which will affect our own life, the life of others, and the life of our congregation and community.*

*Prayer can bring healing, peace of heart, comfort to our spirit, direction to the way we live, and stability of thought and action.*

*So, what is prayer? It is the means to form our image to be more like the image of God.*

*Dennis Shepherd, Care of Parish*

### Session News

- ◊ We have been invited to join Kingston for their Ice Cream Social on July 30 at 2 p.m.
- ◊ The Gideons will soon be making a presentation one Sunday during church under Minute for Mission.
- ◊ The baptism of Arya Rose Clark, daughter of Phillip and Katie Clark, has been tentatively scheduled for Sunday, July 2nd.
- ◊ A Task Force will be considering guidelines for use of the monies available for students to attend Hanover and for those seeking educational loans.
- ◊ Steve and Mary Stradley have offered to replace the church's grass with sod as a donation to the church.
- ◊ Care of Parish's **Sunday Prayer Circle** has been temporarily postponed until a more convenient time is found.
- ◊ The Mission and Outreach Committee is happy to announce that Linda and Roy Simpson will be co-chairs of our Day of Caring charity event tentatively set for Sunday, October 1. We hope you will be a willing volunteer to serve in a capacity that fits your abilities and your timetable. We all need to help the Simpson's by saying "yes" when the time comes to help where you can. We hope to have an even more successful Day of Caring in 2017.
- ◊ The Mission Committee's **Ice Cream Fundraiser** for May raised a total of \$276.52. This will buy Aldi gift cards to help several families in need.

### Committee News

- ◊ Pastor Lawrence and the Worship Committee have been working tirelessly on new and improved worship booklets.
- ◊ The June Ice Cream Fundraiser has been changed to Friday, June 23. Hours are from Noon until 5 p.m.



## Pentecost Sunday

June 4, 2017



The Pentecost offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people. 40% of the Pentecost offering is retained by our church to make an impact in the lives of young people in our community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Plan on attending and to wear **red**! It will be a birthday celebration for the church, complete with balloons and cake!

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June Events

Friday, June 2:

Dec. County United Fund's Strawberry Festival, From 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on the south Courthouse lawn.

Wednesday, June 21:

Hospice's Annual Golf Tournament In Memory of Steven Westhafer, strting at 11:00 a.m. at the Greensburg Country Club.

Friday, June 23:

First Presbyterian Church's Ice Cream Fundraiser, from noon until 5 p.m. in front of the church.

Wednesday, June 28:

Dec. County Memorial Hospital Healthy Fair, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Greensburg Elementary

Terri Pleak — Trustees

Larry Clark — Spiritual Formation

Roy Simpson — Finance, Investment, and Stewardship

Jeff Lincourt — Worship and Music

Marilyn Woods — Mission, Outreach, and Advertising

Katy Prairie

Betty Zillick — Personnel

Dennis Shepherd — Care of Parish

Rev. Lawrence Lee — Pastor

Darleen Fox — Clerk

THINKING ABOUT VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME TO HELP A LOCAL ORGANIZATION?

- Bread of Life • 812-662-4887
- New Directions • 812-662-8822
- Meals on Wheels • 812-663-6099
- AGAPE Center • 812-222-4273
- Big Brothers, Big Sisters • 812-663-7556
- Kids Closet • 812-663-2084
- Decatur County Special Olympics • 812-663-4690
- Decatur County United Fund Adult Literacy Program • 812-560-3820
- Hospice of South Central Indiana • 812-314-8000



PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERS:

Shut-ins

Aspen Place, 2320 N. Montgomery Rd., Greensburg, IN 47240

Anna Clemenz— Room 405

Bill Baumgartner— Room 517

Hazel Shonk

At Home, 1029 E. Tara Rd.,  
Greensburg, IN 47240

Barb Blare

At home, 207 Orchard Drive,  
Greensburg, IN 47240

Gary Miller

At home, 1805 N. Tyrel Ave. East  
Greensburg, IN 47240



Prayers

Judy Lozier  
Barbara Blare  
Monique Rust- Metzging  
Alice Rust  
Janet Niemeyer (Linville)  
Clinton Shepherd  
Michael Yarmuth  
Brenda Oldham  
Iris Scheibler  
Travis Blanford  
Dottie Bilbrey  
Claude Bilbrey  
Steve Gookins  
Larry Skinner  
Jane Fox  
Carolyn Adkins

YOUR PRAYERS DO  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

# 2017 GRADUATES



Look for Graduation pictures of the high school graduates in the July Newsletter.

We honored our graduates on Sunday, May 21 with a reception and dinner. Our graduates this year are: Reid McClintic and Alden Westhafer, both graduating from Greensburg High School. Ella Westhafer and Rebecca McClintic are our college graduates.

Ella and Alden Westhafer are the children of Matt and Gia Westhafer, and grandchildren of John and Sandy Westhafer.



Alden is graduating from Greensburg Community High School on June 3, 2017. He is active in Future Farmers of America (FFA) and his school's Agriculture Department. He is also a ten year 4-H member.

Alden will be attending both Purdue University in West Lafayette and Ivy Tech, Lafayette this fall. His major is **“Animal Science”** in the School of Agriculture.



Ella graduated from Purdue University, West Lafayette in December 2016. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Health Sciences and is currently living in Virginia and working as a Zookeeper at the Virginia Safari Park. Ella is the fourth generation to graduate from Purdue University.

Rebecca and Reid McClintic are the children of Richard McClintic and Reneé McClintic, and grandchildren of Ron and Marilyn Woods.



Rebecca graduated on May 1, 2017 from Florida International University in Miami, Florida with a **Master's degree in “Higher Education Administration.”** Her career goal is to be an Academic Advisor on the Collegiate Level.



Reid is graduating from Greensburg Community High School on June 3, 2017 with Academic and Technical honors. He is a National Honor Society Member, and won the Eagle Scout Award in 2015 through the Boy Scouts of America, troop 577. Reid ran track for three years, cross country for four years, and has also been a basketball manager for four years.

Reid will attend IUPUI this fall with special interests in Business Management and Sports Management.

Congratulations to all of our graduates on your achievements!