

# THE CALL



## Church Happenings

<b>Communion</b>	<b>Aug. 4</b>
<b>Session Meeting Called</b>	<b>Aug. 4</b>
<b>Finance, Invest. Meeting—4:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Aug. 6</b>
<b>Friendship &amp; Talent—Clean Kitchen</b>	<b>Aug. 14</b>
<b>Session Meeting—TBA</b>	<b>Aug. 21</b>



### Keep Looking

*“So I say to you,  
Ask, and it will be given you;  
Search, and you will find;  
Knock, and the door will be opened  
for you.”*

Luke 11:9

## AUGUST SERVERS

### LAY LITURGIST:

Darleen Fox

### GREETER:

Mike Gommel

### USHERS:

Kathy Denny & Jerry Fox

### REFRESHMENTS:

Melinda Weaver

### COUNTERS:

Larry Clark & Darleen Fox

## Wally Words

### "Dog Days"

August is for rest. Dog Days are upon us. Time to observe the wisdom of the family dog, who knows to rest in the cool grass, to lay still in the shade and let the busy ones pass by. I wonder if the family dog reflects inwardly on the driven-ness of the passing scene. Back in the days when we had dogs, I sometimes asked them what their thoughts were. They would speak without words, usually imploring me to sit a spell. Beside the dog, of course! Sometimes I almost saw a look of pity that I could not heed their advice, choosing to push on to make a call, to cut the grass, trim the hedge, paint the house, or any number of things that we humans do to avoid, at all costs, the accusation of idleness.

This week is more relaxed, slower, but not without purpose. With Kay along to keep me out of trouble, I am en route to a cabin outside Davis, West Virginia, for a week of continuing education. It's a chance to catch up on some books I've wanted to read but never had the time to do so.

Blackwater Falls State Park is also near Davis. Years ago we used to vacation there, tenting in the campground. Some nights in August it dropped to 35, 32 degrees. It was peaceful, it was perfect. These days I don't do so well sleeping on the ground. I don't know how our dogs managed it in their later years.

So today I am grateful. Grateful for a break, grateful to pursue some reading, grateful to relax. Grateful for this church. Grateful for what Kay and I share. I hope that you too may find the time to sit in the shade, be cool, reflect on life, and be grateful. Maybe you can make time to read, to meet a challenge. So pull up a chair. Relax, and sit a spell. Have a cool drink. Drink it all in.

God Bless,

Wally



## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### Presbyterian Women — Friendship & Talent

Friendship and Talent will not meet on Wednesday, August 14. The Presbyterian



Women will be cleaning kitchens! Those who can help clean the Fellowship Hall, Reception Hall, or Memorial Room kitchens, please join the crew at 9:30 a.m. We will meet in the Fellowship kitchen (basement) and decide

"who will go to which kitchen." Many hands make the work light! Let Darleen Fox, Susan Wilson or Kathy Denny know— if you can help.

**Presbyterian Women** are planning a trip to Vincennes on **Tuesday, August 27** to visit with **Rose Ewald**. (Her birthday is on August 17.) We will leave Greensburg at **8:00 a.m.** and return between **4 and 5:00 p.m.**

Please call the office to make a reservation as we will be having lunch with Rose and she will need a count.

## Put Christ Back In Christianity

Love God • Love Your Neighbor As You Do Yourself • Forgive 70 x 7 • Whoever Is Without Sin Cast The First Stone • Treat Others The Way You Want To Be Treated • Feed The Hungry • Don't Return Evil For Evil • Visit Those In Prison • Clothe The Naked • House The Homeless • Welcome The Foreigner • Don't Judge • Care For The Sick • Love One Another As I Have Loved You



### IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

Mike Gommel

#### IN GRANDMAS' ATTIC

By Arleta Richardson

As a little girl, Arleta never would have guessed what her grandma was up to when she was her age. That is, until she discovered the secrets hidden in her grandma's attic. Everything she found sparked a tale of Grandma's life in simpler times and a life lesson her grandma had learned. A quilt square reminded her grandma to avoid pride. A shoe button inspired a story about honesty. And what was that wire thing grandma wore? But the most amazing thing Arleta discovered? Grandma had been a little girl just like she was, trying to be good but often getting into trouble, sometimes without even meaning to. Filled with fun and laughter, Grandma's stories will whisk you away to another time and place.

#### APOSTLE PAUL AND THE EARLIEST CHURCHES (DVD)

Beginning with his conversation, this DVD reenacts Paul's missionary journeys on Anatolian soil (modern Turkey). This brief 48 minute film contains an archaeological treasury: mosaics, frescoes, statues, amphitheatres, agoras, temples, and more. The historical, religious, and archaeological background of each region in which Paul preached the gospel is explained. This production's reenactment of the miracles Paul performed, the difficulties Paul encountered, and the persecution Paul faced beckons the viewer to experience with the Apostle himself the birth of the Christian Church.



## PRAYER FOCUS FOR AUGUST:

### Prayers for Our Students and Teachers

It's August, a time when students and teachers are "back in school." We can't help but be aware of school shootings happening in our nation all too frequently. As schools begin all over our 50 states, I'm presenting a prayer we may pray for teachers and students. Many of us are parents, grand-parents, and great-grandparents. Even if we have no personal ties to students, we can pray for them and their teachers.

*Dear God,*

*There are lock-down drills that send teachers to corners to huddle with their students. Bless the teachers that fight back their own fear to risk their lives for our children. Grant our teachers an abundance of Your wisdom. Prepare their hearts to welcome and love our loved ones, and may we make sure to show them love and respect in return. Give them grace as they help students who aren't thriving, courage to say what needs to be said, tools and knowledge on how and when to speak love, and strength when they feel weak. When they feel unseen, remind them that no moment goes unnoticed. They are shaping the future in one million small-yet incredibly important-ways every day. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the gift of learning they share with students. Bless them, Lord, and may they see even a glimpse of how their faithfulness will forever impact generations to come.*

*Amen*

*Kathy Denny, Care of Parish Team*

## SESSION NEWS

### Finance Committee:

- ♦ Eva and Jerry Westhafer have remembered our First Presbyterian Church with a generous contribution. Their charitableness was evident in their daily lives and this gift supports our many missions and helps to sustain our operations. Our thanks to Eva and Jerry, may they rest in peace.

### Mission Committee:

- ♦ 400 bottles of water were distributed during the 4th of July parade. Thank you to all those who contributed water, ice, coolers, and wagons and helped to distribute the water.

### Worship & Music Committee:

- ♦ Outdoor Worship is scheduled for September 8 at a site to be determined.
- ♦ We are looking into purchasing new hymnals for the Sanctuary.
- ♦ A lavalier microphone will be purchased for use by the pastor.

### Trustee Committee:

- ♦ The front door of the church was broken into in mid-July. Nothing seemed to be missing, and the door and lock has been repaired.
- ♦ Roof repair is behind schedule due to the excessive rain we have had this summer. We are scheduled.
- ♦ Estimates are being taken by the committee for the painting needed done around the tower.

### Presbyterian Women:

- ♦ PW will clean the kitchens in August.



When you are a first time visitor at a small church!



# God's Green Earth: Habitat for Humanity

## Shelby County, HFH of (IN)

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Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit housing organization working to eliminate poverty housing locally and in nearly 1,400 communities across the United States and in approximately 70 countries around the world. To accomplish our mission, people of all backgrounds, races, and religions build houses together in fraternal partnership with families in need of a decent and affordable place to live.

### How does Habitat for Humanity's homeownership program work?

Families and individuals in need of decent, affordable housing apply for homeownership with their local Habitat for Humanity. Each Habitat's family selection committee selects homeowners based on three criteria:

- The applicant's level of need.
- Their willingness to partner with Habitat.
- Their ability to repay a mortgage through an affordable payment plan.

As part of their willingness to partner, Habitat's homebuyers invest hundreds of hours of their own labor, called **sweat equity**, they work alongside volunteers and other Habitat homeowners. Habitat for Humanity follows a nondiscriminatory policy of family selection. Neither race nor religion is a factor in choosing Habitat's homeowners.

### Who Needs Habitat for Humanity?

Families in need of affordable housing live everywhere: small towns and villages, sprawling cities, your community. Housing need presents itself wherever people live and work, and it takes many forms and has far-reaching effects.

Adults living in housing that they struggle to afford are less healthy, and often find themselves making impossible choices (rent or health care, food or transportation). The well-being and development of millions of children is compromised by living in insecure housing.

A decent and affordable place to live helps families by freeing them from such physical and mental hardships and placing them on a path of new opportunity and increased confidence and self-reliance. A family's partnership with Habitat means they have a stable place to live and to spend time together. An affordable mortgage or small loan means they have a chance to create savings and invest in their education. A decent roof over their heads establishes home as a place that protects,

instead of endangering their health.

In response to the ever-growing need for shelter in your community and around the world, Habitat works in many ways: new construction, repairs to existing homes, small loans for incremental building and home improvements, help establishing title and ownership to land, advocacy for better laws and systems, disaster prevention and recovery, and more.

Habitat works with families to help them acquire the access, skills and financial education necessary for them to be successful homeowners. By partnering with us, families seize the opportunity and possibility that decent, affordable housing represents.

### What can I do?

With Habitat for Humanity, you have the opportunity to build in your community and also in communities around the world. Because of the help of people like you, whole neighborhoods improve and completely transform. Through this transformation, families achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better life.

### Learn how you can join us as a volunteer under these topics on our website:

- ♦ Search for volunteer opportunities with your local Habitat for Humanity and be part of the change you want to see in your community.
- ♦ You can travel with Habitat for Humanity to build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter.
- ♦ We offer long-term volunteer opportunities in the U.S. and around the world.
- ♦ Learn about the group opportunities offered by Habitat for Humanity.
- ♦ While scheduled Habitat builds take place on a regular basis, we also host special events in local communities like yours.

<https://www.habitat.org/volunteer>

**Families who partner with us build their own homes alongside volunteers, pay an affordable mortgage, and are grateful for your help. You can help a family help themselves.**

For uplifting stories of revitalization across the country and across the world, go to:

<https://www.habitat.org/stories>

Reference:

<https://www.habitat.org/us/shelbyville/shelby-county-hfh>



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## 2019 Session

**2019**

Jeff Lincourt

Roy Simpson

Katie Prairie

**2020**

Dave Schlemmer

Polly Matlock

**2021**

Mary Stradley

David Narwold

Judy Rust

**CLERK OF SESSION**

Darleen Fox

**PASTOR**

Rev. Wally Wilson

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
- Champions of Youth (formerly BB) · 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

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The Hebrew and Greek words for justice are used over 1000 times in the Bible. Compare that to the words for sexual sin, which are used less than 100 times. Mix these facts with contemporary evangelical anxiety and obsession on sexual issues and you have the epitome of why Jesus would say to the religious — "Blind guides! You strain your water so you won't accidentally swallow a gnat, but you swallow a camel!" (Mt 23:25)

If we Christians obsessed over justice and mercy like we do over sexuality we just might change the world.

— Lance Ford

SILENCE IN THE  
FACE OF EVIL IS  
ITSELF EVIL.

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GOD WILL NOT  
HOLD US  
GUILTLSS.

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NOT TO SPEAK  
IS TO SPEAK.

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NOT TO ACT IS  
TO ACT.

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