



Tarkio
Presbyterian
Church
PRINTS
OF
PEACE
July & August
2010

UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS

Sunday, July 11: Tarkio Rehab and Care Center
Worship at 9 a.m.

July 12—23: TPC Meal Delivery for the Tarkio
Nutrition Center.

Tuesday, July 20: Session will meet at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 25: Brownville Village Theater
Event. at 2:00. "Playing Doctor" a comedy. We will
eat at the Lyceum **before** the play.

Sunday, August 8: Brownville Village Theater
Event. "The Burning Man" a thriller. We will eat at
the Lyceum **before** the play.

Tuesday, August 17: Session will meet at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 25: Presbyterian Women will
meet at 11:00 a.m. to drive to the Lyceum for lunch.
A signup sheet will be available for those who would
like to go.



Rev. Rachel's Ruminations

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” – Hebrews 11:1

Recently, I have been teaching a Sunday School class. It has been all about our faith and how we take what we experience in Church out into the world in which we live. I have tried to emphasize ways that we think about what we believe. We have discussed what it means to proclaim our faith and how our own experiences and understanding can affect what we believe. We have talked about what it means to be hospitable.

My hope is that this has been a time for people to begin to intentionally think about what they believe and why. It is often hard for many of us to put into words our own experiences with God and faith. We grow up in Sunday School reading the Bible and singing songs about Jesus, but we do not often learn how to talk about our personal experiences with our faith. For many of us who grew up in the church, it is hard to imagine how our lives have really been affected by our faith; yet, we know that we have been changed and molded by what we believe.

One of the things I have done, and I would guess that some of you have also had to do, was to have our confirmation students write out Statements of Faith. They were expected to talk about what they believed about God and their own understanding of God in their lives. It was a chance for them to explore for themselves who or what it is in which they believe. It was a chance to think about why they have faith.

As adults, most of us do not have or desire to have such opportunities in our lives. I, on the other hand have had

several opportunities to write my own Statement of Faith. I know, from first hand experience, how difficult it is to put into words what my own faith means to me. Yet, I still believe that it is important. Self discovery is an important process in our own faith journeys.

When we begin to think critically about what we believe and why, we begin to see all those little ways that God is present in our own lives. It is like being able to count our blessings. Once we begin to count them, we can often be hard-pressed to be able to stop; and, once we start seeing God's presence in our lives, it, too, is hard to stop.

I chose this verse from Hebrews to accompany my rumination because I want to challenge you to write down the things that you are assured of and for which you hope. I want to challenge you, also, to write down those things you cannot see but of which you are convinced are absolutely true. There are no wrong answers here, and I think you will be surprised at how many things you can list. And, if you are willing, I would love to hear about what you come up with. Here are a few of mine: I am convinced that God is present in this world; I am convinced that I live day to day surrounded by God's grace and love; and I am convinced that God's biggest call in our lives is just to love one another. So, what it is it you believe? How does your own faith inform your life? I can't wait to find out! 😊

Blessings,
Rev. Rachel

June Report of the Session

by Dave Lee, Stated Clerk

Notes from the Session Meeting

06/22/2010

The construction of the east entryway is now underway as of Thursday. The old walls and steps have been removed. Whenever the weather settles down new walls will be constructed with small windows on both sides to let light in and opened to let air move in the enclosed entryway. The committee is looking into a glass door as a possible entry door. Your stewardship committee has asked that each of the members get a pledge card from Bill Smith or pick up one in Filson Parlor. In the parlor you will find a poster to show the progress of the fund drive. A cost of approximately \$10,000 is to be raised for the project.

At the last session meeting, June 15th, your session approved a new policy to cover “Sexual Misconduct Prevention Policy”. We did this at the request of the denomination and our insurance provider. You may find a copy of this new policy in Filson Parlor.

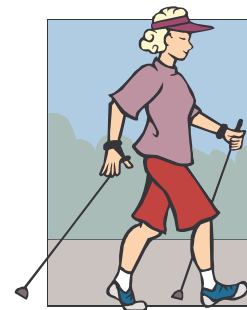
The church treasurer has informed the session that we have taken approximately \$23,000 in pledges and that we have expenses totaling approximately \$34,000. We need to do our share to help offset the difference.

The buildings and grounds committee is going to have a few loads of gravel put on the new parking lot in the next few weeks.

There will be a brief time off for the adult Sunday school during the month of July. On Sunday July 4th, Rev. Rachel will be gone and Bill Slaughter will lead us in worship.

Rev. Rachel and a church representative will be delivering monthly communion to those members that are limited to their own dwellings and nursing homes. The deacons have been hard at work visiting, sending cards, and making calls to our members. Keep up the good work.

Until next time may God bless each and every one of you.



Walking at the Tarkio Track

All members and friends are welcome to meet at the Tarkio Track this summer to walk. We will begin walking at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, weather permitting. Come and join us!

Hymn to Remember
"Count Your Blessings"

Ephesians 1:3

Words by Johnson Oatman, Jr.,
1856-1922

Music by Edwin O. Excell, 1851-1921

When upon life's billows You are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged Thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings Name them one by one,
And it will surprise you What the Lord hath done.

Are you ever burdened With a load of care,
Does the cross seem heavy You are called to bear.
Count your many blessings Every doubt will fly,
And you will be singing As the days go by.

When you look at others With their lands and gold,
Think that Christ has promised You His wealth untold.
Count your many blessings Money cannot buy,
Your reward in heaven Nor your home on high.

So amid the conflict Whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged God is over all.
Count your many blessings Angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you. To your journey's end.

Chorus:

Count your blessings, Name them one by one.
Count your blessings, See what God hath done.

"Count Your Blessings" is generally considered to be Oatman's finest hymn. It first appeared in Songs for Young People, compiled and published by Edwin O. Excell in 1897. It has been sung all over the world This hymn certainly ranks as one of the most familiar numbers in our hymnals. It is one of the songs that many of us first sang with gusto during our early Sunday School days, yet one that we still enjoy singing.

Rev. Johnson Oatman, Jr., was one of the important and prolific gospel song writers of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. He was born near Medford, New Jersey, on April 21, 1856. As a child he became acquainted with the hymns of the church through the singing talents of his father. At the age of nineteen Oatman joined the Methodist Church and several years later was granted a license to preach in local Methodist congregations. Though he wrote over 5,000 hymn texts, Oatman was busily engaged throughout his life in a mercantile business and later as an administrator for a large insurance company in New Jersey. Other gospel favorites by Johnson Oatman include "Higher Ground", and "No, Not One!"

Edwin O. Excell, is a well-known name in early gospel hymnody. He was born in Stark County, Ohio, on December 13, 1851. At the age of twenty he became a singing teacher, traveling around the country establishing singing schools. For twenty years he was associated with Sam Jones, a well-known Southern revivalist. Excell was recognized as one of the finest song leaders of his day. In addition to writing and composing more than 2,000 gospel songs as well as publishing about fifty songbooks, he administered a successful music publishing business in Chicago. While assisting Gypsy Smith in an evangelistic campaign in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1921, he was suddenly stricken at the age of seventy and taken home to join the immortal heavenly chorus.

JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

7/01/78 Rita & Clay Knierim
7/01/ Bobbi Poppa
7/02/56` Clay Knierim
7/03/38 Sidney Cooper
7/04/ Scott & Bobbi Poppa
7/05/80 Shannon Knierim
7/09/74 Missy Fletcher
7/12/94 Kody Clevenger
7/13/51 Bill Smith
7/16/83 Stephanie & Calvin McIntosh
7/17/02 Brynnan Renea Poppa
7/18/62 Donna Million
7/23/47 Linda Lee
7/25/36 Gary Cooper
7/27/66 Stephanie McIntosh
7/29/00 Brad and Annette Mathers
7/30/ Vic Graybill



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

8/02/81 Jamie Knierim Champlin
8/03/88 Jessica Walter
8/4/01 Brian and Becky Slaughter
8/4/ Kaye Hummel
8/05/67 Dave & Linda Lee
8/05/ Doug Fletcher
8/08/18 Loretta Turnbull
8/8/64 Larry and Kaye Hummel
8/09/89 Jennelle Freeman
8/10/01 Melissa & Doug Fletcher
8/17/ Marcialea Graybill
8/17/64 Bill and Bonnie Fox
8/18/47 Don White
8/20/02 Karlee Elise Fletcher
8/23/01 Savanna Smith
8/28/63 Jane Walter
8/29/26 Margaret Irvine
8/31/ Dale Hoepfner
8/31/84 Ehren White



Knierim and Pruitt to Wed

Clay and Rita Knierim of Tarkio, MO are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Shannon Knierim, to Kevin Pruitt, son of Robert Pruitt and Marsha Pruitt of Germantown, TN. Shannon is a 1998 graduate of Tarkio High School. She graduated from Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, MO with a Bachelor of Science in Biology/Psychology and received her Masters in Physical Therapy from Rockhurst University, Kansas City, MO. Kevin is a 2000 graduate of Germantown High School, Germantown, TN. He graduated from the University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, with a Bachelor of Science in Business Marketing/Management with an emphasis in Sports Marketing Education.

Shannon and Kevin will exchange vows at 6:00 pm on Saturday, August 7, 2010, at Germantown United Methodist Church, Germantown, TN. A reception will follow the ceremony at Opera Memphis, Memphis, TN.

Shannon is the granddaughter of Jessie and the late Charles Knierim of Rock Port, MO and the late Gerald and Oma Hawkins of Fairfax, MO. Kevin is the grandson of Bob and Joy Pruitt of Millington, TN and Dee and the late William Davenport, of Germantown, TN.

A reception for the newlyweds will take place in Tarkio later in August.

Biblical Farside



July Prayer Family of the Month

Bill & Teresa Smith, Mary Lou Knepper
Helen Knepper and families

**When is the last time you read the
Mission Statement of
Tarkio Presbyterian Church?**

The mission of the Tarkio Presbyterian Church is to advance the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ by proclaiming His word without compromise, not because we are old fashioned, but because we believe God's Word is relevant to today's society. We seek to provide a loving and caring environment, to reach out to the needs of our local community, and to provide a place for worship to focus our attention to God and to encourage our members in their faith.

**When was the last time you encouraged
someone in their faith?**

August Prayer Family of the Month

Don & Linda White, Ehren White
Nic, Lauren, Andruw, & Aydn King
and families

**Our Church Members and Friends
to Keep in Your Prayers**

Nancy Kyle
Bonnie Mathers, mother of Brad Mathers
Gayla McIntosh
Luretta Turnbull
Bettie Lee
Leland and Connie Crapson

Nursing Home & Assisted Living Members & Friends

Jessie Naylor, 300 Cedar, Tarkio, MO
Connie Crapson, 300 Cedar, Tarkio, MO
Marjorie Gorman, 3633 Park Center Blvd Apt. 309, St.
Louis Park, MN 55416 - Phone: 952-922-2147
Helen Knepper, 535 12th St, Perry, IA 50220
Lois Martin, 470 Rainbow Dr., Rock Port, MO 64482
Charlene Whitham, 470 Rainbow Dr., Rock Port, MO
64482
Sue Niedermeyer, 300 Cedar, Tarkio, MO
Marnie Shaum, 1100 Elm, Tarkio, MO
Evelyn Volker, 300 Cedar, Tarkio, MO
Jack Nixon, 300 Cedar, Tarkio, MO

Military

Bob Keeton's mailing address: SN Keeton, Robert
D., USS Curts (FFG 38), Deck Div, FPO AP 96662-
1493

Ehren White is back home in the USA. New address
soon.

PRINTS OF PEACE RECIPES

Southern Banana Pudding

3/4 cup sugar - 1 tablespoon butter
1/3 cup all-purpose flour—1 tsp. vanilla
2 cups milk - 36 vanilla wafers
2 egg yolks, beaten
3 bananas, cut into 1/4-inch slices

Meringue:

2 egg whites - 1/8 teaspoon cream of tartar
1 teaspoon vanilla - 3 tablespoons sugar

In a large saucepan, combine sugar and flour. Stir in milk until smooth. Cook and stir over medium-high heat until thickened and bubbly. Reduce heat; cook and stir 2 minutes longer. Remove from heat. Stir a small amount of hot filling into egg yolks; return all to pan, stirring constantly. Bring to a gentle boil; cook and stir 2 minutes longer. Remove from the heat. Gently stir in butter and vanilla. In an ungreased 8-inch square baking dish, layer a third of the vanilla wafers, banana slices and filling. Repeat layers twice.

For meringue, in a large mixing bowl, beat egg whites, vanilla and cream of tartar on medium speed until soft peaks form. Gradually beat in sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, on high until stiff peaks form. Spread evenly over hot filling, sealing edges to sides of baking dish. Bake at 350* for 12-15 minutes or until meringue is golden. Cool on a wire rack for 1 hour. Refrigerate for at least 3 hours before serving. Refrigerate leftovers.

Yield: 8 servings

submitted by Jack Mehaffey

Cucumber Salad

2 T (packets) Knox gelatin
4 T cold water—3/4 C boiling water
2/3 C pineapple juice
6 T lemon juice (the real thing)
1/2 C sugar
2 C diced or grated cucumbers
(I prefer grated)
1 small can of crushed pineapple
1/2 C mayo (the real thing)
1/2 C Cool Whip
(use the extra creamy if you can find)

Soak the Knox gelatin in the cold water. Add boiling water to the soften gelatin. Add sugar and juices. Put in mold and chill.

When it is about to thicken (1/2-1 hour), add cucumber, pineapple, whipped cream and mayonnaise.

Unless you are putting into a large mold, you probably need to transfer to a mold as the last step; otherwise it is too hard to stir and the whipped cream and mayo do need to be well folded in.

This makes a big salad, but oh, so good and refreshing.

submitted by Linda Brunk Smith