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Bill & Alice Garrison's Address
Fulton Manor Care Center
520 Manor Drive
Fulton, MO 65251

VBS Update

Vacation Bible School is just a week away from setting sail on a High Sea Expedition! There are still lots to do to pull VBS together and make it a success. There will be a sign up sheet for food donations on the bulletin board. We are making it an "allergy friendly" VBS, so Lizz Talbot has made sure that all the food is safe for her girls and other kids that may have allergies. We ask that before you come to VBS, please do not eat peanut butter, as it can cause children who are allergic to peanuts to have an allergic reaction. We will be decorating the church all afternoon on Sunday, Aug 1. If you are available to stop in at any time to help, it would be appreciated! There are also fliers in the Narthex that you can take with you to hand out to friends, neighbors, family members, etc.

St. Jude's Trike-A-Thon / Bike-A-Thon

Hey Kids ~ this one is for YOU!!!

Mark your calendars now for a fun-filled Saturday morning! We will have a St. Jude's Trike and Bike-A-Thon on Saturday, September 18th, starting at 9:00 AM and ending at 12:00 Noon, in the lower parking lot. We will be raising money to help St. Jude's Hospital. This is a very special place, as they work hard to find cures for illnesses that affect children. We will start off the morning by riding our bicycles and tricycles, then we will have lots of fun with water games! We will end with lunch and an awards ceremony. So make sure your Mom and Dad mark the calendar now, so you don't miss out on the fun!! If you have any questions, please have your Mom or Dad call Malena at 816-529-1602 or talk to me at church!.

Prayer Request

- Bracken, Bryan**— Has cancer. Friend of Joan Manda
Brann, Pam & Eddie— Needs prayer Friends of Jerry & Ruth Talkington
Benware, Alberta— Needs prayer. Friend of Mary Pat Meyer
Evans, Phyllis— Has breast cancer, close friend of Bill and Alice Garrison
Garrison, Bill & Alice— Needs Prayer
Gibbs, Faye— Needs Prayer. Mother of Sue Gfeller
Goodman, George & Audrey— Needs prayer
Hays, Isabella— 10 months old granddaughter of Gayle & Max Schmoll
Sherwood, William— Is in Appleton City Manor
Woolsey, Sally Jo— Needs prayer

Military Personnel at home and abroad

Victims of Natural Disasters

Please be in prayer for all those assisting with the gulf oil spill.

Lectionary For August

Date	Scripture
Aug 1	Hos. 11:1-11; Ps. 107:1-9; Col. 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21
Aug 8	Isa. 1:1, 10-20; Ps. 50:1-8, 22-23; Heb. 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40
Aug 15	Isa. 5:1-7; Ps. 80:1-2, 8-19; Heb. 11:29-12:2; Luke 13:10-17
Aug 22	Jer. 1:4-10; Ps. 71:1-6; Heb. 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17
Aug 29	Jer. 2:4-13; Ps. 81:1, 10-16; Heb 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14



Aug 5 Gladys Long
 Aug 12 Sarah Manda
 Aug 18 Ruth Talkington
 Aug 22 Charles Barnes & Dana Dinges
 Aug 25 Mary Margaret Ingels
 Aug 27 Stella Barnes



Anniversaries

Aug 1 Farrell & Elaine Sexson
 Aug 8 Cris & Carrie Brockman
 Aug 9 Brian & Kathy Dinges
 Aug 20 Bob & Pat Sudhoff

For this Month

VOLUNTEERS FOR AUGUST

Aug 1	Aug 8
<i>Worship Leader</i>	<i>Worship Leader</i>
Kyle Sudhoff	Elaine Sexson
<i>Nursery Attendant</i>	<i>Nursery Attendant</i>
Carrie Brockman	Eric Anderson
Aug 15	Aug 22
<i>Worship Leader</i>	<i>Worship Leader</i>
Frances Armstrong	Jerry Talkington
<i>Nursery Attendant</i>	<i>Nursery Attendant</i>
Cris Brockman	Dawn Anderson
Aug 29	
<i>Worship Leader</i>	
Jim Beerends	
<i>Nursery Attendant</i>	
Amber Beerends	

August 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Sunday Wildfire 5-8:30 p.m.	2 Vacation Bible School 6:30-8:30 p.m.	3 Vacation Bible School 6:30-8:30 p.m.	4 Wildfire 2:30-4:30 Vacation Bible School 6:30-8:30 p.m.	5 Vacation Bible School 6:30-8:30 p.m.	6 Vacation Bible School 6:30-8:30 p.m.	7
8 Wildfire 5-8:30 p.m.	9 8 pm AA Meeting	10 9-12 Clothes Closet 7 pm Session Meeting	11 Wildfire 2:30-4:30	12 1:30 Presby- tery Women 6-7:30 pm Clothes Closet 8 pm AA Meeting	13	14
15 Fellowship Dinner Wildfire 5-8:30	16 8 pm AA Meeting	17 School Begins 9-12 Clothes closet	18	19 6-7:30 pm Clothes Closet 8 pm AA Meeting	20	21
22 Newsletter Deadline	23 8 pm AA Meeting	24 9-12 Clothes Closet	25	26 6-7:30 pm Clothes Closet 7:00 p.m. Christian Ed. Meeting 8 pm AA Meeting	27	28
29	30 8 pm AA Meeting	31 9-12 Clothes Closet				

219th General Assembly

July 10, 2010

To Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations:

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

“Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water” (John 7:38) ...

Just one week ago, the 219th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) convened with

Scripture and music and prayer. Commissioners and advisory delegates from every presbytery across the church gathered around the baptismal font with hopeful expectation of what God’s Spirit would do in and through them as they sought to discern together the mind of Christ for the PC (USA).

As the week progressed, prayer was a foundational part of each day’s deliberations and decisions, and the presence of the Spirit was palpable!

“Out of the believer’s heart...”

While all assemblies are significant, this one holds particular significance in the life of the PC(USA). Among the assembly’s decisions – to be ratified by presbyteries – are the addition of the Belhar Confession to *The Book of Confessions* and a revised Form of Government. Both of these items give a clear signal that we are a church that is not afraid to change – an important perspective to have in these days of great change in the church and the world.

The assembly celebrated and was greatly encouraged by the commissioning of 122 young adult volunteers and 17 new mission workers for service around the globe. Commissioners voted unanimously to renew the call to “Grow Christ’s Church Deep and Wide” and were inspired by the stories (<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/evangelism>) of congregations that are growing in evangelism, discipleship, diversity, and servanthood. They celebrated the generosity of Presbyterians who have contributed more than \$10.5 million to relief and redevelopment work in Haiti in the wake of January’s devastating earthquake.

The assembly also engaged in discussion about significant matters of faith and life – ordination standards, justice and peace in the Middle East, and civil union and marriage, to name just a few.

Information on the more than 300 assembly actions is available at <http://pc-biz.org>. Answers to frequently asked questions about the items that have already garnered media attention are attached to this letter and available online (www.pcusa.org/ga219). We commend these resources to you for their accurate and straightforward information.

While the content of the assembly’s decisions is important, what may be of equal or greater importance is the *manner* in which commissioners and advisory delegates did their work. They debated, but did not fight. They tackled tough issues while refraining from tackling each other. They placed great value on finding common ground as they displayed gracious, mutual forbearance toward one another. They sought the will of God within their actions, rather than regarding their decisions as the will of God. One commissioner called the experience of seeking – and finding – common ground truly “miraculous.”



In short, this assembly exhibited to the whole church and, indeed, to our society and the world a way to engage in difficult issues while maintaining respect for one another. To put it another way, they exhibited well what it means for the church to “a provisional demonstration of what God intends for the world” (Book of Order, G-3.0200).

...shall flow rivers of living water.”

Just a few short hours ago, the 219th General Assembly ended in the same worshipful manner with which it began, as well as with a similar same sense of hopeful expectation that the hard work done in Minneapolis will continue forward across the church.

Michael East and Caroline Sherard, elected by their peers as co-moderators of the young adult advisory delegates to this assembly, shared their thoughts in a blog entry (www.pcusa.org/ga219):

If all our commissioners and advisory delegates returned to their places of community and encouraged others to continue similar stories, what great things could be next for the PC(USA)? These narratives have the ability to inspire discussions on new, creative, and innovative ways of being the Church. At the heart of being Presbyterian is the principle belief that our discernment is best done when we gather together. Being able to gather in one place, as one people, for the one Church is a powerful and transformative experience--one which dramatically shapes future generations.

The assembly has commended to the church a number of items for further study, out of which is hoped will come, as Michael and Caroline write, “new, creative, and innovative ways of being the Church.”

May the good and faithful work begun in Minneapolis truly be just the beginning of a season of respectful, earnest, and gracious engagement – both in our words and in our deeds – all for the sake of the gospel.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,

Elder Cynthia Bolbach
Moderator, 219th General Assembly

The Rev. Grady Parsons
Stated Clerk of the General Assembly

The Rev. Landon Whitsitt
Vice Moderator, 219th General Assembly

Elder Linda Bryant Valentine
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Worship with Us!

We invite you to join in the worship of God each Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. We also invite you to participate in the prayers, fellowship, work and activities of this church. For more information about these opportunities to be involved in the First Presbyterian Church of Pleasant Hill, please speak with any member of Session, Pastor Mercer or call the church office at 816-540-6179.

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Office Hours

Monday- Office Close
Tuesday- Thursday 9-12
Friday 9-12

Clothes Closet

Tuesday 9-12
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Alison Snyder, Clerk of Session
Pam White, Church Secretary
Vickie Taylor, Church Treasurer
Ebony Shaffer, Choir Director
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