

CHRONICLES!

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DEACON'S CORNER

The Deacon's here at A.P.C. are elected and ordained by the congregation. Our work was created in the earliest years of the church. (See Acts 6:3) The office of Deacon was set forth in Scripture as that of sympathy, witness and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Our purpose is to oversee the temporal and emotional welfare of the people in our church. We work to make all members feel included in the church's ministries and to help them grow toward spiritual maturity.

To that end the Deacons this year have again had a program whereby we call on and give communion to shut-ins in our church. We have this year also included Elders as extension communion servers with the idea of training

them so that they too would be better able to make contact and minister to our shut-ins. This has proven to be quite a blessing to those we served.

We are also asking that if you know of any shut-

ins that would like to have us call and/or give them communion to contact either Dottie Stevenson (887-1072) or Frances MacLeod (878-9040).



MEMORIAL DAY



SAVE THE DATE ** JUNE 8th**

Christian Education Appreciation Barbecue. Anyone who has helped or taught in the classroom with the kids, youth or adults. You're invited! We want to thank-you!!!

The Sherers are hosting a barbecue for you after church, Sunday June 8th. Please come and enjoy fun, food and relaxation. To RSVP: Call Maureen Sherer at 878-7787

HEART FOR MISSION?

The children will be studying the early work of the first Christians as well as the current mission work being done around the world. If you have a story, artifacts or pictures to share with the kids, please let us know. We have teachers and assistants, so you would have a one time ten minute "show and tell" responsibility only. Please consider sharing with the next generation what God has done through you or through a mission you support.

If you can help one Sunday this summer, call Theresa Voss 887-9422.



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PARSON TO PERSON

A PASSION FOR GOD

My ministry is full of surprises, and I'll bet yours is, also. We think God wants to have us show up somewhere for purpose "A", and we discover that purpose "A" was not nearly as important as purpose "B" which came up "by coincidence"...! Do you know what I mean? It's a humbling experience, because (my) plans have to be swept aside, and I have to adjust to that gracefully if I am to respond faithfully to God's leading. Someone has said, 'Success' is 80% 'showing up'. That's true for Christ's ministry, too. We need a poise, a balance, a discernment, that helps us decide whether the need before us is a distraction, or a call to serve. How do you make those decisions?

I try to listen to God as I go. Sometimes I do well with that, sometimes I don't. I think I did pretty well on our recent vacation, visiting my elderly aunt and uncle and cousins in Ohio, then friends and family near Kansas City. The first group has no clue about God; they think they know, however. Not much I can do for them. In K.C., there are several kids who became Christians in the youth ministry I led, after God got me to totally change it to a person-centered effort (instead of programs). One "kid" had started a new church, so we worshipped with that group one Sunday—terrific! Lots of younger families, pretty chaotic, but full of love for the Lord. We ran into other friends from the big church I served, and it was great to catch up with them. Best of all, was the time I spent with my brother, Dave. Sharon and I helped him move in to his new house. I sensed God using me at every turn, to encourage, to help, to show love.



Over the years, I've notice one of my greatest challenges to good discernment is a sense of urgency created by a time squeeze. Just as physics teaches us two physical objects cannot be in the same place at the same time, so we all discover that as single individuals, we can't be in two places at the same time. I sometimes feel my only choice is, "Which person or group will I disappoint?"

Sometimes, I just make mistakes. I made one while on vacation. Sharon and I had ordered a garden shed installed in our yard here in Auburn. I was looking forward to the space in our garage that would be available once yard tools and gardening supplements were moved out. I did not even think about my neighbors, and what it would be like for them to look at the back of this (what I thought was a nice) shed. We got home from vacation, and to our delight saw the shed. But then we also noticed our back fence neighbors, whom I've been trying to connect with God, had put up a



See "Pastor" on Page 7





The church mouse noticed a lot of Spring time activity last month. Special thanks from everyone at APC go out to JAY HANSELL for his continued efforts in keeping the grounds looking so great. He did a great deal of work whacking and mowing back weeds that sprang up with the first burst of warmer weather. Many thanks, too, to DENNIS KAY for installing a second sink in the kitchen. We are grateful to you both for your willingness to give so much energy and time to APC!



Cecil Churchmouse

BIBLE QUIZ

Right after God granted Solomon his request for wisdom to govern, the wise king faced a dilemma about a baby. King Solomon ingeniously solved a dispute between two women who both claimed to be the child's mother (see 1 Kings 3:16-28).

But who was the mother of Solomon?

- A. Zipporah
- B. Abigail
- C. Queen of Sheba
- D. Bathsheba



The answer is in 2 Samuel 12:24.

Answer: D



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Women's Bible Study

The Women's Monthly Bible Study will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, at the home of Paula Rothaug, 2202 Corral Drive. Rusty Rea will lead the discussion on Colossians.



Do we have...

your @e-mail.address?



HAVE YOU
 INCLUDED
 YOUR CHURCH
 IN YOUR WILL?



FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Not available at press time

LOOK WHO'S HERE!

Date	March Attendance			Totals
	Adults	Youth	Children	
3/2/2008	119	0	18	137
3/9/2008	139	0	22	161
3/16/2008	143	0	11	154
3/23/2008	198	0	22	220
3/30/2008	<u>143</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>163</u>
Averages	148	0	19	167

FEEDBACK BOX AWAITS!

Sitting alone and lonely in the back of the Worship Center is our Feedback Box . It would be glad to receive your suggestions about sermon topics, subjects for your spiritual growth, ideas for improving our church's "serve", and more. Please include your name so our leaders can respond to you in person, and your submission will get to the right person or group. Thanks for your partnership in making our church better. Thanks!

**God's Word for Disciples Who Make Disciples
-Bible Messages for May-**

May 4 "The Waiting Room" (Acts 1:1-11)
The Lord's Supper
Congregation's Officer Elections

May 11 "First Love" (Acts 2)
Holy Spirit Sunday, and Mothers Day
Healing Ministry

May 18 "Was Blind, But Now I See"
(Psalm 24; Acts 11:1-18)
Dedication of Financial Faith Promises
Mission Year '08-'09

May 25 "In the Spirit, All the Way" (1 Corinthians 12:1-31a)



CHRONICLES! SUBMITTALS

All submittals must be made electronically or at the church office. All articles must be original material or must contain the author's written permission to publish. Newsletter submittals can be made in three ways. The preferred method is to submit your article via email to APC@auburnpresbyterian.org. Articles can also be submitted on a DVD or CD. It can be formatted as a text file or a Microsoft Word document. Articles can also be submitted hard copy at the Church office (please submit at least 2 days BEFORE the deadline). *If you have taken the time to type your article on a computer, please submit electronically or on disk, it saves a lot of time!* Graphics files should be submitted as a graphics file and not embedded in a word processing document. If you wish to submit an example layout, submit it **IN ADDITION** to the word processing document and graphics file.

LATE SUBMITTALS must be arranged ahead of time and can be sent via email to apc.newsletter@sbcglobal.net [please follow-up with a phone call]. All submittals must be made before the deadline. No submittals will be accepted after the deadline without prior notification. This is because any submittals after the deadline create rework for the editors. The Newsletter deadline is the 2nd Thursday before the last weekend of every month at 9 AM.

WOMAN TO WOMAN

by Linda Thompson



A couple of years ago I visited some of the wonderful family parks in Branson, Missouri. Silver Dollar City was a highlight with splashing water rides, old west village, live entertainment and plenty of shops and snack shacks. It rivaled my 'happiest place in the world', Disneyland, with its winding walkways among lush greenery and floral displays found only in the humid south. Posted along these trails were



For Women & Girls

rustic signs carved with folksy sayings. I took a snapshot of my favorite. It gives me a chuckle, but it also gives

me pause as I ponder its old fashioned wisdom. It reads, *The best way to see a snake in the grass is to cut the grass.* The quote is attributed to Tom Anderson, 1878. Now, I don't know who that fella was but I like his style.

During our never ending election season we see a lot of

grass being cut in an attempt to reveal the 'true' nature of the candidates.....with his gruff voice my father could trim my high school 'boyfriends' down to size to determine whether they measured up to his standards.....and, while some do it better than others, we all consciously or unconsciously cut through the chaff



about the people we meet trying to sort out those we can trust.

I wonder, however, how much grass we are cutting in our own lives to find those slithering thoughts and attitudes that prefer the dark places where we can, hopefully, hide our old nature? It's easy to find ourselves in a tangle of frustration and negativity, feeding on old resentments, petty jealousies, bitter words, etc.—ready to strike out at whoever happens through the sea of grass we allow to grow up around us.

James tells us that a "double minded man is unstable in all his ways" (1:8). Clinging to our own agenda we can never know the fullness of truly walking in the Light. We know from Colossians (3:10) that we have an 'old self' but in Christ we have a 'new self' that we put on when we are 'renewed in knowledge'. That implies walking closely with the Creator through prayer and silent listening, being in His Word and shedding who we are

and becoming the person he designed us to be. It means cutting the grass!

WOMEN'S
MONTHLY
BIBLE
STUDY... I
spoke to
Dorothy
Shears the



other day about this study which she currently oversees. This year they have been exploring Paul's letter to the Colossians. They will meet this month on Tuesday, May 13 at 1:30 pm in the home of Paula Rothaug (2202 Corral Dr.). Rusty Rhea will lead them through some of the final chapters. The last gathering for this session will be in June when the ladies will enjoy a salad potluck and friendly fellowship. Watch the CHRONICLES through the summer for information on their next study which will begin the second week in September. The average attendance for this group is between 10 and 12 women....If you are looking for a comfortable and welcoming setting I encourage you to visit any meeting and find out more. Or, call Dorothy for particulars. This just may be your cup of tea!

SECRET SISTERS Did you get the opportunity to have and be a Secret Sister at our April brunch? Did you know you could simply look around and choose someone to be your Secret Sister...perhaps someone new you just met, or someone you see each week sitting alone, or someone you know is going through a difficult time? It only takes a few card

o r
encouraging
notes through
the year to
make a friend
for a lifetime!
...and next
May you can
invite them to
coffee and reveal yourself!



REMEMBER...MAY 11...I S
MOTHER'S DAY!

**ANNUAL LETTER
CARRIERS' FOOD
DRIVE SAT MAY 10**

Every year, on the Saturday prior to Mother's Day, the National Association of Letter Carriers conducts a food drive to benefit Food Banks and Food Closets in thousands of towns and cities across America. Locally the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet receives hundreds of pounds of non-perishable food items thanks to this effort. The object is to leave a bag of food items near your mailbox in the morning so that your mailperson can pick it up while on his or her regular mail delivery route on May 10. The Letter Carriers will also leave a reminder post card in your mailbox earlier that same week so you won't forget this important food drive, timed to increase the inventory on the Food Closet shelves prior to the usually leaner summer months.



From "Pastor" on Page 2

tall trellis to hide our shed from their view. When I talked with the husband, he said, yeah, they could see it from all the windows on that side of the house. . . .

I felt stupid; normally I consider myself a highly thoughtful person, but I blew it this time. I will ask to pay for (at least) the materials for their trellis, as I apologize for my thoughtlessness. I will ask for forgiveness, and invite them to strategize over other mitigation steps on our side, and pledge to consult them if we would want to do anything that would be visible above the top of our mutual fence. We will paint the shed to match our house, so it won't stand out so much.

Saying "I'm sorry" is not such a bad thing. Saying it soon is even better. Maybe my story will help you in your ministries to your neighbors, too. How are your ministries going?

See You in Worship,

Pastor Ken Winter

The "M" word

During a science lesson, a second-grade teacher demonstrated how a magnet can pick up metal objects such as nails and screws. Afterward, she said, "My name begins with the letter 'm'. I pick up things with my power. What am I?" A boy quickly answered, "You're a mother!"

**A NOTE FROM THE
BUTTERFIELDS**

To Everyone at APC.....We are so very grateful for the cards, phone calls, emails and personal visits while Phil had surgery and then during his long hospital stay. He has been home for several weeks now and is well on the way to good health again. So, thank you for all your prayers on his behalf.


In Christ,
Phil & Joanne Butterfield

"Faith is knowing that God can, and praying that it is His will."



be with you.
As the Father has
sent me,
so I send you."

John 20:21, NRSV



Just for KIDS

A Mother of Noble Character

In Proverbs 31 (NIV), God provides the best example of a godly woman. Write the number of the sentence in the space next to the character quality it best describes.

- 1** "A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies" (v. 10).
- 2** "She brings [her husband] good, not harm, all the days of her life" (v. 12).
- 3** "She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands" (v. 13).
- 4** "She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks" (v. 17).
- 5** "She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy" (v. 20).
- 6** "When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet" (v. 21).
- 7** "Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised" (v. 30).

Caring Godly Prepared
 Hardworking Hearty Priceless
 Kind

Answers: 1. priceless, 2. kind, 3. hardworking, 4. hearty, 5. caring, 6. prepared, 7. godly

A HEART FOR Mom

Show Mom how much you appreciate all she does for you with this "heartfelt" craft. Give it to her on Mother's Day.

What you need:

- Floral stem wire
- Dried cranberries (about 100, depending on the wire's length)
- Pliers
- Decorative ribbon (about 12 inches for each craft)
- Construction paper or cardstock
- Hole punch
- Crayons or markers

What you do:

1. With an adult's help, thread cranberries, one at a time with no space between them, onto the straight wire.
2. Bend the wire into a heart shape.
3. With pliers, twist the wire together at the top of the heart.
4. Tie ribbon to make a loop atop the heart (so your mom can hang it up).
5. Fold the paper into a card, and write a message of love and gratitude to your mom. You might want to add a verse from Proverbs 31 that best describes her.
6. Punch a hole in the card. Attach it to the ribbon that's tied to the heart.



MAY'S HANDS ON CURRICULUM

Grades K-2 - Worship

<p>Week 1</p> <p>Week 2</p> <p>Week 3</p> <p>Week 4</p>	<p>God wants us to know Him Exodus 19:3-20:21</p> <p>Worship is showing God that we love Him Psalms 23; 122; 150</p> <p>I t's good to worship with God and others 1 Chronicles 16:1-36</p> <p>God is with us when we worship 2 Chronicles 5:1-14</p>
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Grades 3-5 - Paul's Journeys

<p>Week 1</p> <p>Week 2</p> <p>Week 3</p> <p>Week 4</p>	<p>God calls people to be workers for Him Galatians 1:11-18</p> <p>We can tell people about Jesus wherever we are Acts 16:16-34</p> <p>We can work together to tell others about Jesus Acts 18:18-26</p> <p>God takes care of those who follow Him Acts 27:9-44</p>
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WORSHIP HELPERS SCHEDULE

Date	Worship Leader	Welcomers	Greeters	Ushers	Video
5/4/2008	Lysa Sassman	David and Dorothy Shears	Pam Davis & Glenna Stutzman	John & Mary Schug	Bill Jackson
11-May	Karen Luttinger	Peggy Fleming Ginger Kane	Blair & Linda Thompson	Craig & Dana George	Kim Douglas
18-May	Craig George	Larry & Beverly Bower	Trent & Loretta Taylor	Doug Felton	Steve Norman
25-May	Patty Markham	Lynn & Shirley Hartford	Karl Simon Karen Luttinger	Norm and Frances MacLeod	Kim Douglas
IF ??? Call	Silva Stearn 885 5038	Lynden Laird 268-2622	Lynden Laird 268-2622	Max Kane 268-1629	Bill Jackson 887 9422

Date	Nurtury	Pre-k - 2	3rd-5th	Jr High	Refreshments
5/4/2008	Mary Shug	Pam Davis Sue Rice	Katie Garcia Janine Yurdana	Bill Garcia	Merry Merry Month of May..
11-May	Bill Jackson	Barbara Sheldon Roice Stillwagon	Dean Ecke Dorothy Shears	Kyle Jacques	Seekers Laird
18-May	Jenny Theobald	Theresa Voss Loretta Taylor	Dana George Jean Hinton	Patty Markham	and...
25-May	Karen Lane	Bev Anderson Substitute	Steve Norman Barbara Thompson	Judy Gough	Bible Fed Women - Bev A.
IF ??? Call	Elizabeth Creencia	Theresa Voss 887-9422	Theresa Voss 887-9422	Kyle Jacques 885-3845	Eileen Ferber 885-1706



KEENAGERS

Join the Keenagers at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 27, at the Sizzler Restaurant in Auburn. Enjoy lunch followed by a 30-minute video presentation by the MacLeod's of their tour of Scotland. Everyone over the age of 50 is invited—especially newcomers! Please sign up in the narthex after worship service early this month. For more information, call the Bowers at 637-5284.



**APC CHRISTMAS FAIR
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2008**

Mark your calendars! The APC Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, November 15th from 9 AM to 4 PM! Work has already begun planning this event and working on the crafts. Most of the activities will be the same as previous years including a raffle, bake sale, crafts, food/drinks, special music, holiday pictures with St. Nicholas, and children's activities. This year's Steering Committee is: Susan Bruce, Eileen Ferber, Irene Flack, Dana George, Lois Laird, Karen Luttinger, Patty Markham and Betty Simon.



If you attended any of the previous fairs, you know what fun it is! We hope to make it even more special this year. If you are interested in participating, please contact **Betty Simon**. We are particularly interested in any of you who might be willing to help make crafts and/or sew, knit or crochet. We have sewing projects for people to take home and sew on their own. We will gladly supply yarn for any of you who are willing to knit or crochet. In addition, we will be having group craft sessions in our homes to make other items, such as fabric backed plates, various kinds of wreaths, jewelry, greeting cards, etc.



Please consider being a part of this exciting and formidable undertaking. We can use all the help we can get to make this event another huge



success for our church. Please put the date on your calendars and invite your friends and neighbors! You don't want to miss this exciting event in our church life!

**FOR ALL CHRONICLES
SUBMITTERS**

Please send your articles to the Church Office at APC@auburnpresbyterian.org. If you are unable to send them as a Word or Excel document, please submit them an additional **two (2) days prior to the deadline.** Guidelines are the following:

1. Font type: Comic Sans
2. Font size: 11
3. Titles: size 14, capitalized, bold and centered.
4. Fully justify your article.

Do not format your articles unless they are done in Microsoft Word. If you are unable to submit by email, please bring a hard copy to the office **two days prior to the deadline.** Be aware that the Editor needs two full weekends to complete the newsletter - which accounts for the changing deadline.



Just a reminder to submitters: if your articles require re-typing and/or reformatting them, she needs to have them to her before 9 a.m. the day of the deadline. If you do not have Word on your computer, and you choose to email your article, please send it as a text file rather than an html. Thank you to all of you who adjusted your schedules to accommodate these guidelines and deadlines. You're the best!



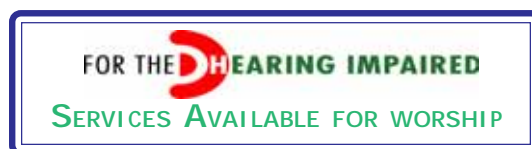


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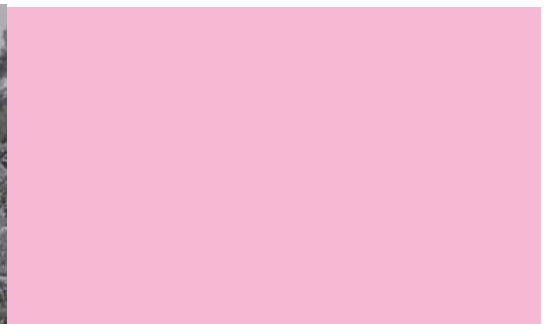
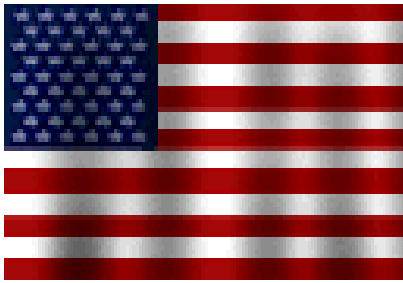
- 1 *National Day of Prayer*
 9:00 a.m. W.I.S.E.
 12 noon Prayer Hour
 7:00 p.m. Choir practice
- 2 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. Alzheimer's Care Group
- 4 *Last day for Church Cleanup*
 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. Worship / Communion Service
 Deacon's Offering
 6:00 p.m. Extreme Team (Middle School)
- 5 12:00 noon Women's Bible Study
- 7 7:00 p.m. W.I.S.E.
- 8 9:30 a.m. W.I.S.E.
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- 11 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
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 11:00 a.m. Healing Service
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- 27 11:30 a.m. Keenagers
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- 29 9:30 a.m. W.I.S.E.
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*Join us for Worship and Fellowship at 13025 Bell
Air Drive in Auburn
(off Bell Road & New Airport Road).
Worship begins at 10:00 AM with Fellowship
following the service.*

