

The Messenger

Champion Presbyterian Church
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We invite you to worship and
learn with us this week.

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From Marvin Barney, Pastor

Stephen Ministry is CPC's one-to-one caregiving ministry. God works through Stephen Ministers to plant a seed of hope and healing in persons who are facing life's challenges. Currently, our Stephen Leaders—Jim Bragger, Carlene Jones, Janice Sudol, and Pastor Barney—are recruiting additional Stephen Ministers to meet various needs in our congregation and community.

Stephen Ministers are people in our congregation who are trained to bring distinctively Christian caring to those in need. Both words and deeds are used to express Christ's care for others. This confidential ministry is offered only to those who agree to receive care from a Stephen Minister.

When we look around our community, we see many who have been affected by job loss, illness, broken relationships, loss of family members, and a whole assortment of difficulties. We live in a broken world. Christ's call to the Church is to partner with Him in bringing healing and wholeness to those who struggle. Stephen Ministry is an outstanding, well-thought-out ministry that offers support and caring.

Training Classes for new Stephen Ministers begin on Monday, September 20. To prepare for this vital ministry, there are 50 hours of training. We have 10 training sessions planned for the Fall and another 10 planned for early next year. Each session lasts for 2½ hours.

Training topics include listening, feelings, assertiveness, and confidentiality--as well as training for specific situations which include divorce, terminal illness, grief, and childbirth. Training also includes recognizing when the care receiver's needs are beyond what we can provide. Stephen Ministers are not counselors. We are caring Christian people who listen and stand with a person in their time of need.

Stephen Ministers are on the front line of caring. This commitment is significant because people in need deserve the best care we can provide. Would you prayerfully consider being a Stephen Minister? This is an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of people whom our Lord loves unconditionally. Stephen Ministers in more than 10,000 churches across America have discovered great personal rewards. Not only have others been helped but also their own faith has grown at the same time.

To become a Stephen Minister, contact any of our Stephen Leaders listed above or simply call the church office. People are waiting for you to care for them.

We welcome **Jim Bragger** to our Stephen Leaders' team. Jim received training from the national organization in Pittsburgh August 1-7. This training is extensive as well as intensive. **Thank you, Jim,** for your willingness to train and to serve.

From Joan Watson, Director of Children's Ministries

School is about to begin and it is so rewarding to those working in Children's Ministries to look at all of the things we did this summer to bring the children closer to God.

Joseph Badger Meadows held a **Day Camp** the week of June 28 which was attended by eight of our children. They had lots of fun as they communed with God in a wonderful outdoor setting—singing, Bible study, games, crafts, swimming, and eating. On Friday, there was a family time when the children shared what they did all week. **Thanks to Fran Russell** for transporting them each day and being a part of the experience.

Our **High Seas Expedition** the week of **Vacation Bible School** could not have been better! Average attendance was 52 children. With Station Leaders, Crew Leaders, and Helpers, things ran smoothly. The blankets made during craft time have been donated to area agencies for distribution to children in need of being "blanketed with God's love." We contribute this success to the entire congregation—both teens and adults. **Thanks** to each person who provided food as well as items for our crafts. **Beth Sebring** did an outstanding job of designing and painting our backdrop scenery. **Thanks also to Ginger Hardman** who worked diligently as VBS Director.

It was a blessing to share our VBS resources with other churches in the area who also had the *High Seas* theme. First United Methodist in Warren and First Church of God in Newton Falls both are appreciative of our loaning items to them. We are different churches with the same goal—bringing the love of Christ into the lives of our children.

Children's games for the **Church Picnic** were handled by Children's Ministries. This is always a fun time and several of the teens accepted the challenge to lead the kids in games.

On August 22 following worship, plans are underway for a field trip to **Tobin's Alpaca Farm** in Cortland. We will tour the farm, have a picnic lunch, and visit the gift shop. Please consider coming to support our ministry. **Call me if you can help with transportation.**

KidzClub will begin fall programming on September 1. **See Amy Arnold if you can help on Wednesday evenings.** Lots of help is needed to bring our community of children into a relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Children's Worship continues on Sunday mornings at 10:00 in the sanctuary with dismissal to classrooms after *Prayer with the Children*. September 12 is **Rally Sunday** when **children are promoted, teaching staff recognized, and presentation of Bibles to Third Graders.** Lunch and fellowship in a Fiesta atmosphere will follow worship in the Outreach Center. This is for the entire congregation. Please attend to show your support for Children's Ministries.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – AUGUST 22 THROUGH 28

DAY	HOUR	EVENT	MEETING PLACE
Sun - 22	9:00	Sunday School	
	10:00	Morning Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30	Children’s Ministries Trip to Tobin’s Alpaca Farm	Parking Lot
	7:00	Service of Ordination as Chaplain for John Russell	Sanctuary
Tue - 24	9:30	Prayer Fellowship	Conference Room
Wed - 25	5:00	Youth Swim	John Russell’s
Thu - 26	9:00	<u>Messenger information due in the Church Office</u>	
	10:30	Ladies Aid Covered Dish Lunch	Social Hall
	7:00	Adult Ministries Committee	Conference Room

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – AUGUST 29 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4

Sun - 29	9:00	Sunday School	
	10:00	Morning Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:15	Youth Leaders’ Meeting	Youth Office
Mon - 30	6:30	Stephen Ministries	Room 27
	7:00	Finance Committee	Conference Room
Tue - 31	9:30	Prayer Fellowship	Conference Room
	8:30	18- to 20-Something Group	Youth Office
	9:00	<u>Session Packet Action Items/Board/Committee Minutes due in the Office</u>	
Wed - 1	5:30	Youth Band	Sanctuary
	6:30	Youth Group	Sanctuary
	6:30	<i>Kidz Club</i>	Classes
	7:45	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	Sat - 4	8:00	Early Prayer Service

Read through the Bible in a Year!

September

1	John 9:1-23	2 Chron 6	Mal 2:17-3:18
2	John 9:24-41	2 Chron 7	Malachi 4
3	John 10:1-21	2 Chron 8	Psalm 73
4	John 10:22-42	2 Chron 9	Psalm 74
5	John 11:1-27	2 Chron 10-11	Psalm 75
6	John 11:28-57	2 Chron 12-13	Psalm 76
7	John 12:1-26	2 Chron 14-15	Psalm 77
8	John 12:27-50	2 Chron 16-17	Psalm 78:1-20
9	John 13:1-20	2 Chron 18	Psalm 78:21-37
10	John 13:21-38	2 Chron 19	Psalm 78:38-55
11	John 14:1-14	2 Chr 20:1-21:1	Psalm 78:56-72
12	John 14:15-31	2 Chr 21:2-22:12	Psalm 79
13	John 15:1-16:4a	2 Chron 23	Psalm 80
14	John 16:4b-33	2 Chron 24	Psalm 81
15	John 17	2 Chron 25	Psalm 82
16	John 18:1-18	2 Chron 26	Psalm 83
17	John 18:19-38a	2 Chron 27-28	Psalm 84
18	John 18:38b-19:16	2 Chron 29	Psalm 85
19	John 19:17-42	2 Chron 30	Psalm 86
20	John 20:1-18	2 Chron 31	Psalm 87
21	John 10:19-31	2 Chron 32	Psalm 88
22	John 21	2 Chron 33	Psalm 89:1-18
23	1 John 1	2 Chron 34	Psalm 89:19-37
24	1 John 2	2 Chron 35	Psalm 89:38-52
25	1 John 3	2 Chron 36	Psalm 90
26	1 John 4	Ezra 1-2	Psalm 91
27	1 John 5	Ezra 3-4	Psalm 92
28	2 John	Ezra 5-6	Psalm 93
29	3 John	Ezra 7-8	Psalm 94
30	Jude	Ezra 9-10	Psalm 95

Session held its monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 3. The moderator, Pastor Marvin Barney, opened the meeting with prayer. Reports were received from the Clerk, the Financial Secretary, the Board of Trustees and the Board of Deacons.

Other items, not covered in this newsletter include:

- Elected John Russell as Elder Delegate to the September 14 Presbytery Meeting at First Presbyterian in Warren
- Approved Children’s Ministries activities
- Elected Rose Anderson, Althea Sweeney, and Joyce Vens to the Wills Emphasis Committee
- Approved holding a mid-summer Garage Sale to raise funds for the General Fund
- Named the Aguaruna Indians of Peru as the Missionary Emphasis for August
- Voted to send Shirley Hofmeister and Anna Marie Holt to the Berean Music Festival in Canton on August 12-14
- Heard from the Action Learning Team and Pastor Barney that they are continuing with the development of the “*Pathway to Spiritual Growth*” program for our church
- Updated the membership rolls of the church.

The Ladies Aid Society will hold its next meeting at 10:30 a.m. with a Covered Dish Lunch at 12 noon on Thursday, August 26, in the Social Hall. All women of our church are invited to become a part of this busy, mission-minded group. Just bring a covered dish to share. The Ladies are looking for people to make **crafts** or **contribute plants** to their next **Rummage Sale** which will be held on October 7 and 8. For more information, contact Carol Miller at 847-9290.

Come join us as SOC (Senior Outreach Citizens) holds its **Fall Kick-Off Lunch and Program** at 12:00 noon on Monday, September 13, in the Social Hall. Please note this change of week due to Labor Day. **Bring a friend** and your favorite **covered dish**. Grilled hot dogs, buns, condiments, beverages, and table service will be furnished. The guest speaker will be Lori York, NE Ohio Area Coordinator for *Operation Christmas Child*. **There will be fun games to play and prizes to win following the program.** All senior citizens are invited to attend.

In and/or Out of Hospitals:
 Joyce Vens Rose Anderson
 Sue Jones Eleanore Francis

Those in the Military

Iraq: Michael Smith **Afghanistan:** Mark Mikkola
Korea: Matt Lamer **Mississippi:** Chris Hatfield

You will find an envelope with the word **Per Capita** on it in your **Offering Envelope Box**. Amount per member is \$28 and this money supports the work of Eastminster Presbytery, Synod of the Covenant, and General Assembly. Please place that amount in the envelope to pay for **each member**.

Year-to-Date Income - \$198,477
Year-to-Date Expenses - \$212,977

KidzFest 2010 is over but the bills still need to be paid. Anyone wishing to help defray the cost of this evangelistic outreach may do so through our church. Make checks payable to Champion Presbyterian and mark **KidzFest** on them. Continue to pray for God to speak to the hearts of those who attended.

Youth Group resumes Wednesday nights on September 1.

There is a time change that should be noted:

5:30 - 6:15 p.m. - Youth Band

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - Youth Group

(beginning half an hour later than last year). This change will make it easier for our leaders and students to get here after the day's activities and will also allow us to run at the same time as **KidzClub** which should be helpful to many families.

There will be a **Youth Leaders' Meeting** in Kelly's Office immediately following worship on August 29.



All women are invited to join **CWW (Christian Women's Walkercise)** each Tuesday and Thursday in the Outreach Center at 5:30 p.m. starting September 14. The group walks, talks, stretches, fellowships, and prays together. You do only what you can do comfortably!

FOR SALE: 100 of the old wooden folding chairs that we used in the Social Hall and classrooms years ago. They are \$1 apiece; first come, first served. See Cheryl or call the church office if you are interested.

"Upper Room" devotionals for September and October (regular and large-print editions) are available on the literature table in the Narthex for \$1. **"Our Daily Bread"** devotional booklets for September, October, and November are available on the literature table in the Narthex for \$1.

*To the Congregation at Champion Presbyterian Church: I want to **thank you** all very much for the beautiful card and gifts you gave me for graduating from college. It is greatly appreciated. Dana Russell (PS: I passed my State Boards!)*

Purpose Statement

Champion Presbyterian Church, a community claimed by the love and grace of God through Jesus Christ, purposes to magnify God by:

- * **bringing people to a saving relationship with Jesus and to membership in his family**
- * **developing them to Christlike maturity**
- * **equipping them for their ministry in the church and life mission in the world.**



Unreached People Group

The Aguaruna Indians of Peru

Dr. Jim Milstead and Hans Vargas, Jim's son-in-law and Robinson's brother, are coming to our church on August 21-22. They will update us on the **Aguaruna Mission Work in Peru** with a Minute for Mission during Worship on the 22nd. They will also share during the adult Sunday School Class that Ken Perrine teaches--it meets at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. **You're invited** to this class to meet Jim and Hans and to talk about Peru--and Robinson. Jim led the five teams to Peru that our church partnered with from 2001-2008. **The Aguaruna are our Mission Group for the month. There will be a special presentation about the ministry among the Aguaruna next Sunday morning and we will take a special offering for the ministry that morning and all month long. If you are interested in a mission trip to Peru in 2011, contact Les Double at 847-7304 before August 21.**

Missionaries to Peru, Mike and Nancy Mahon, still haven't reach the support level required for them to return to Peru for their sixth term of service. **A long-time supporter of the Mahons has offered a matching gift opportunity.** There are several copies of their latest newsletter, with a description of this giving opportunity attached, on the table near the front sanctuary doors. Mike and Nancy hope to be ready to return to Peru by the end of August. Please pray for their return and, if you can help with their support, pick up one of the copies.

Do you have experience with chain-link fencing installation? Think you might like to use it on an Indian Reservation in South Dakota? If so, contact Les Double at 847-7304.

Do you have ESL (English as a Second Language) training or are you an experienced elementary school teacher? Interested in spending a week plus working with our missionaries teaching English to 7-13-year-old children? Contact Les Double at 847-7304.

Your Pregnancy Resource Center is looking for pregnant women to volunteer for free ultrasounds so that their Center can complete their medical conversion and nurse training. The ultrasounds will be performed under the supervision of a registered ultrasonographer and a medical professional. You will receive a **free** photo of your unborn baby! Dates are August 23 - 31 with morning and afternoon appointments. It is for women who are 6-28 weeks pregnant. YPRC is located at 1192 North Road and you need to call ahead for appointments at 856-3616.

Woodland Meadows Senior Housing at 632 Champion East is accepting applications. You must be 62 years of age or older or be handicapped. They are founded by the government and sponsored by the area churches. Your rent is based on your income. For more information, call 847-6364. Office hours are 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Sincere Christian sympathy is extended to Norma Thomas in the death of her stepbrother, Edwin Klinger, age 86 of Englewood, Florida, on July 27. Norma lives at 4811 Bond NW, 44483;

... and to Morgan Oakman and family in the death of her mother, Pam Oakman, age 52 of Champion, on August 2. She lives at 181 N. Third St., W. Farmington 44491. Our prayers of comfort are with these families.

Congratulations to Edith and Soo Kim on the birth of a grandson, Joseph Charles Kim Masillem, born to Ben and Edie Masillem in Anchorage, Alaska, on July 28. He weighed 5 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Congratulations to the following people who will celebrate birthdays and/or anniversaries in September:

Anniversaries

Dick and Carmen Ferris, their Golden Wedding Anniversary (50th) on the 3rd; 32132 Wooddale Drive, Hanoverton OH 44423

Jim and Jan Urmson, their 52nd on the 20th; 4622 Verona NW 44483

Birthdays

Lynn Faull, her 84th on the 6th; 8531 Kimblewick NE 44484
Bill Fee, his 84th on the 22nd; 137 State Road West 44483
Frank Fucci, his 82nd on the 22nd; 5078 Kuszmaul NW 44483.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Marvin Barney, Pastor

9:00 a.m. -- Sunday School
10:00 a.m. -- Worship Service
10:00 a.m. -- Children's Programming

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**August 22, 2010**

**Minute for Mission on the Aguaruna Indians of Peru**  
**by Dr. Jim Milstead and Hans Vargas**  
**Message: "For Such a Time as This"**  
**Esther 4:1-17**

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August 29, 2010

Message: "The Heart of Prayer"
Matthew 5:44; 9:37-38



John Russell will be commissioned as a Prison Chaplain through His Hands Extended, a Christ-centered ministry, next Sunday, August 22, at 7:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary. Come and celebrate with John, who has been involved in

Prison Ministry for 28 years.

Those who are **80 or older and have a birthday**—or any age and are having a **wedding anniversary of 50 years or more**—and would like to be recognized, please call the church office. If you don't want us to use your age, just give us the month and day. If your name doesn't appear for your birthday, and you haven't asked us not to publish it, it's because we don't have it in our records so please call and give it to us.

The Trumbull Mobile Meals (TMM) Campaign is raising funds to assist those who cannot afford the full cost of home-delivered meals. You will find small, cardboard "**Mini-Van Banks**" for donations to this campaign located throughout our community. Two are located in our church: in the Reception Area and on the Literature Table by the front Sanctuary doors. The campaign runs until November of this year. Your donations will help provide mobile meals to all in our community who need this service.