

White Lick Presbyterian

## Church Chat

February, 2016 in the year of our Lord, Jesus Christ

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### Pastor's Note:

February, 2016

The first month of the new year is always hectic. Just coming off of Advent and Christmas Eve services, coming back from a week off to celebrate Christmas with family, January begins busy. On top of that, January is when we bring in new leaders for the Board of Deacons and Session of the church which means training and special services of worship. This year I also have my third DMin class the very last week of January, nothing like spending a week of winter in the "Windy City". In the midst of all the transition and requirements and busyness of January, I loved watching many of our members come together on different Saturdays (and other days as well) to really work hard to make our Church build-

Glimpse  
of  
Grace



ing clean and put together. Folks put away the Christmas Decoration and did a masterful job of organizing and cleaning out the basement. Work was done in the Sunday School rooms to organize and get things in place for the second semester of classes and old technology was recycled.

None of this could have happened if not for the many volunteers who gave of their time and energy to make the church nice and inviting.

And really that is how Jesus called his disciples to live, in service to the community. We are the called to be the Body of Christ in the world, and that means we work to be a sign of the kingdom of God in the world. Our ability to come together and work side by side is a wonderful example of the kingdom in the midst of the hectic and busy.

— DH

**Per Capita Dues 2016**

Every winter, Presbyterians have an opportunity to support the greater church through a per capita amount set by the councils who receive funding. Shared funding dates back to 1734 as a way for all members to equally support the administration and ministries of the church beyond the local congregation. This year the per capita is \$37.70 per member and will be divided as follows:

2016 Per Capita

- Presbytery: .....\$26.77
- Synod: .....\$ 3.81
- General Assembly: .....\$ 7.12
- TOTAL: .....\$37.70 per member**

Members are those who have been confirmed (youth) or accepted into membership (adults) and whose names are on our church's role. You may pay your per capita using the marked envelope included in the box with your yearly giving envelopes; use the per capita envelope on the table in the narthex, or simply drop your check in the Sunday collection. Make sure you clearly mark as a per capita payment.

**Fat Tuesday Pancakes**

Before the sacrifice and fasting, we feast. On Tuesday, February 9th we will have a pancake supper at the church hosted by the **High School Youth** and their family. Food will be ready to eat starting at 6pm and service will continue until 7. We are asking for a free will offering for the meal and all proceeds go to support our High Schoolers who will be heading to Montreat Youth Conference this Summer. Come and enjoy food and fellowship and lots of fun. We look forward to seeing you there.



**Ash Wednesday Vespers**

You are invited to begin our Lenten journey together in worship. We will have an evening vespers service on Wednesday February 10th at 7PM. The service will include communion and in imposition of Ashes. We hope that you will make time in your busy schedule to slow down for a moment, contemplate the amazing sacrifice of Jesus for our lives, and begin to make meaningful journey in this Lenten Season.

**Bird Cage Bird Bath: Living Faithfully in a Diverse Culture**

We are having a Lenten Bible Study on Tuesdays at Panera from 10-11AM starting February 9th and continuing for 6 weeks. We will be thinking hard about how our faith calls us to live in the midst of the diversity we are a part of. There are pamphlets available at the church with details about each class and what we will be studying. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

**The Civil Rights Movement and Our Faith**

A three week study on Wednesday nights, beginning on February 17 at 6:30 PM. We will take time to look back at the historical movement and especially look at how faith played a large role in the movement for African Americans and for the nation. We will view the movie Selma

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which depicts a central moment in the movement and helps us glimpse into the movement with new eyes. Finally we will take time to reflect on the Civil Rights Movements and the continued challenges of racial equality in our nation today. I hope you will make time for this important discussion.

**January Session Actions:**

**As recorded by Clerk of Session  
Ginny Sheets**

The White Lick session met on January 19 for its first business meeting of the year. Actions of interest include the following:

- Pastor Daren led the group in devotions from Luke 4:16-21 which supported a discussion on Chapter 1 F-1.01 God's Mission from the *Book of Order*.
- Ruling Elder Ginny Sheets was elected clerk of session to replace Shirley Halterman who is retiring.
- Ruling Elder Annetta Davis was re-elected as Treasurer for 2016.
- Commissioners to the 2016 White-water Valley Presbytery meetings were elected.
- Officers of the Corporation were elected: Dave Halterman as President, Diane Buxton as Vice-President and clerk of session Ginny Sheets as Secretary.
- Pastor Daren overviewed the teams, current and proposed changes to membership and team duties. He shared his vision for new ministry initiatives to be launched under the new team structure. If you would like to serve on a ministry team, talk to the team leader or Pastor Daren. Check out the Annual Report for information on team activities.



2016 Session Elders:

- Mo Boulanger
- Diane Buxton
- Elizabeth Frazee
- Gerald George
- Dave Halterman
- Krisanna Johnson
- Mary Mitchell
- Robby Turner

2016 Ministry Teams

- Buildings and Grounds
- Worship
- Hospitality
- Personnel
- Discipleship (to be renamed Christian Education & Discipleship)
- Mission
- Evangelism
- Nominating
- Finance

**Parish Personals**

*Greetings from New England!*

Dear White Lick Family,

January 29, 2016

I was just re-reading the many cards and notes you all gave me about a month ago. I wanted those memories fresh in my mind as I wrote to you. Thank you for the cake reception, hugs, cards and the unexpected bonus check! I am filled again with gratitude, as I think of your kindness and generosity to Mark and I, not just in the recent past, but over the years. You, as a church truly display the hospitality of Christ. It was my pleasure and blessing to know you and share my music in the little church in the wildwood.

I can happily report that Mark and I and all three cats made it safely to our new

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home on January 1<sup>st</sup>. There's much emphasis on NEW in this New Year for us! Mark is enjoying his job and I am getting settled into the house, exploring the area, and casually looking into some work opportunities for myself. The last few weeks have been a quiet time of respite for me. We have been warmly welcomed by Mark's co-workers and people at the churches we visited. There are still boxes to unpack and some matters back in Indy to be put in order. So, yes I will probably be back in the next couple months. I hope to see you all again soon!

Love and prayers know not the distance between us. They continue to flow across the miles—both ways I am sure.

Yours, ~Johnna

New mailing address: 55 Jewett Ln.  
Hollis, NH 03049

**Caribbean Mission more than Dorcas Baskets — Ginny Sheets**

On Saturday morning, February 6<sup>th</sup> we shall assemble the Dorcas basket of VBS supplies. Check the bulletin board for supplies still needed. Please come help as we will make a sample craft for each of the stories. We will begin at 9:30 am. Older youth are welcome to come help. The Dorcas baskets will be blessed at the February 20<sup>th</sup> presbytery meeting and transported to the DR during the college spring break mission trip sponsored by Muncie First Presbyterian.

The Whitewater Valley Presbytery has several mission projects in the Dominican Republic. These initiatives are communicated through the Hispanic Ministries Leadership Team. There are also several WVP churches who have had ongoing relationships with churches throughout the

Caribbean. Listed below are the current ongoing initiatives of HMLT in the Dominican Republic.

Through HMLT we are creating partnerships between churches in the presbytery and twelve churches located in the SW region near the Haitian border. These churches are part of Iglesia Dominica Evangelica; are very poor; have no access to even basic supplies like scissors and markers. (The country's capitol Santo Domingo doesn't even have a WalMart.) **A trip to the DR is being planned for the week of September 11-17. The trip is open to anyone** in the presbytery and those from White Lick who would like to go can receive more information from Ginny Sheets. This is a great opportunity to visit the church who gets our Dorcas basket and develop a partnership for future mission ventures. Cost: approx. \$1500—mostly airfare.

Music Camp #2, April 1-2. Led by Pavel Polanko-Safadit, music director at Witherspoon PC and a native of the DR. The first camp was held last Fall for forty local church musicians. For many, this was the first chance to actually learn music theory and receive formal instruction in playing musical instruments. The camp was such a success that an individual hearing about the music camp on local DR-TV wants to donate a building where poor youth can come study. Pavel takes a holistic approach not only teaching them how to play music, but leading them in worship, testimony and ways to get scholarships and jobs as professional musicians which provide incentives to stay in school, off drugs, not get involved in gangs or get pregnant. Through the cell phone WhatsApp, Pavel has kept his students connected since the Fall camp. Reaching youth through music is a growing ministry that can have a lifetime impact. Pavel is



teaming up with Rev. Hector Hernandez at Nueva Creacion to offer a similar creative arts camp on the westside of Indianapolis this summer.

Dr. Bill Sando, a member of HMLT and plastic surgeon, will also be going to Santo Domingo in April as part of a Solid Rock medical mission trip. Solid Rock operates a major medical facility as well as links to other social services in the Dominican Republic. Members of Second Presbyterian will be joining Bill on this trip.

Other upcoming HMLT initiatives in the DR include a pastor leadership training retreat using the Lead Like Jesus materials and Renovada (Revive and Restore), a women's spiritual retreat. All initiatives our coordinated through Rev. Jo Ella Holman, liaison to the Caribbean, PCUSA.

HMLT meets the second Thursday every month from 9:00-11:00 at the presbytery office. Meetings are open to anyone who has an interest in Hispanic Ministries—either abroad or within Whitewater Valley presbytery. Carpooling is available—see Ginny Sheets.



## February Calendar

**Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

- 8:30 am Worship (Communion)
- 9:30 am Choir Practice in Sanctuary
- 9:40 am Adult Study – “Deep & Wide Class”
- 10:30 am Worship (Communion)
- Christmas Carol Sing
- 10:50 am Children/Youth Discipleship Classes
- 12:00 pm Fellowship Lunch – Pitch In

**Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:30 pm PAL Meeting

**Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:30 – noon Dorcas Basket Assembly

**Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30 am Worship (Communion)
- 9:30 am Choir Practice in Sanctuary
- 9:40 am Adult Study – “Deep & Wide Class”
- 10:30 am Worship
- 10:50 am Children/Youth Discipleship Classes

- 12:00 pm Fellowship Lunch – Pitch-In

**Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:00 am Bible Study @ Panera  
“Bird Cages & Bird Baths”
- 7:00 pm Deacons Meeting

**Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:30 pm PAL Meeting

**Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> – First Sunday of Lent**

- 8:30 am Worship (Communion)
- 9:30 am Choir Practice in Sanctuary
- 9:40 am Adult Study – “Deep & Wide Class”
- 10:30 am Worship (Communion)
- 10:50 am Children/Youth Discipleship Classes

- 12:00 pm Fellowship Lunch – PW

**Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 5:30 pm PW @ Elegance
- 7:00 pm PW Meeting

**Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:00 am Bible Study @ Panera  
“Bird Cages & Bird Baths”
- 7:00 pm Session Meeting

**Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 pm Bible Study

**Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:30 pm PAL Meeting

**Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

- 8:30 am Worship (Communion)
- 9:30 am Choir Practice in Sanctuary
- 9:40 am Adult Study – “Deep & Wide Class”
- 10:30 am Worship

10:50 am Children/Youth Discipleship Classes

12:00 pm Fellowship Lunch – Elders

**Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

10:00 am Bible Study @ Panera  
"Bird Cages & Bird Baths"

**Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm Bible Study

**Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm PAL Meeting

**Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am Worship (Communion)

9:30 am Choir Practice in Sanctuary

9:40 am Adult Study – "Deep & Wide Class"

10:30 am Worship

10:50 am Children/Youth Discipleship Classes

12:00 pm Fellowship Lunch – Mission



- 2 Linda Schorling
- 5 Ashley Bryant
- Tasha Clement
- 13 Rebecca McGuire
- 16 Mary Mitchell
- 18 Sara Edwards
- 19 Ben Buxton
- 24 Kylie Parker
- 26 Kacie Starks
- 28 Jeanette Krohne
- 29 Eileen Williamson

If your birthday is missing from this list or from any other month's listing, please email your name & birthday to [wlpres@indy.rr.com](mailto:wlpres@indy.rr.com)  
We want to include you, too.

**Editor's Column:**

*By Jerry Bennett*

Sorry folks, the dog ate my homework. By that I mean it's after seven on Saturday evening and I've just gotten to this point. I'll try to have something more interesting next month — JB

