

Loyd Newsletter

Loyd Presbyterian Church

May 4, 2011

DON'T FORGET THIS WEEKEND'S SPECIAL EVENTS!

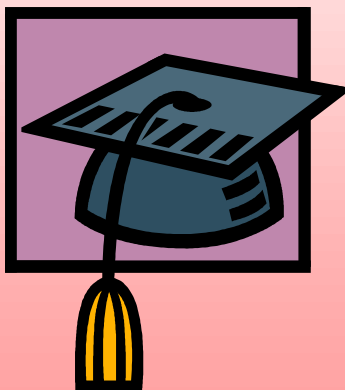
SATURDAY, MAY 7, 6:00 P.M.: ANNUAL MOTHER / DAUGHTER BANQUET! THE LADIES WILL ENJOY AN ENGLISH SPRING TEA PARTY THEME. DECORATING WILL COMMENCE AT 4:30 ON FRIDAY IF YOU CAN HELP OR IF YOU HAVE PLANTS, TEA SETS, ETC., TO LOAN FOR DECORATIONS.



SUNDAY, MAY 8: MOTHER'S DAY!

A special offering will be taken at worship to support Presbyterian Homes of Georgia, which provide exceptional care and services to frail and elderly residents who have outlived their financial means.

SUNDAY, MAY 8, AT 11:00 WORSHIP: GRADUATE SUNDAY!



WE WILL HONOR OUR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2011: CAITLIN DARDEN, MARY GAIL GOLDEN, DENVER NORRIS, DILLON NORRIS, KIM PAULEY, AND AARON PUNTERVOLD.

From the Pastor

WORK TEAMS FOR TORNADO RAVAGED AREAS

Many of you asked me this past Sunday about forming work teams to go to Alabama and help with recovery. I believe we will do this, but maybe not yet. I have called Presbytery and here is what I found out:

1. Recovery is in the beginning stages and work teams have not yet been formed. Heavy equipment will be brought in to remove the rubble before volunteer teams can be sent in to help in the rebuilding. There may be teams needed to repair still standing structures damaged by the tornados.
2. You can make an individual donation through Presbyterian Disaster Relief by calling 1-800-872-3283, OR you can send a check to:

Presbyterian Church USA

P.O. Box 643700

Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

(Please put "DR000148" on your check.)

Or you can contribute by putting a check in the offering plate with "Disaster Relief Tornado" in the memo section.

3. You can stay informed about needs by signing up for the Presbyterian Disaster Relief "Alerts" by going to:

<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/pda/southern-united-states-spring-storms/>

4. You can pray for those who lost loved ones, those displaced by the storms, and those who will help with the restoration efforts!

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Please continue to remember in your prayers
the following people:

Pete Gordon

Marie Holcomb (Anne Hall's mother)

Myrtle Rowe

Frances Hollis **Brett Lamb** (in Afghanistan)

Betty Thompson

Macel Ballew,

Jr.

Alice Cavender

Please help keep our prayer list up to date. Notify us if someone needs to be added or removed.

Prayer Requests from Sunday, May 1

Guy Traylor

Larkin Parker

Christy Buchanan

Tornado victims and families

The Hurd Family

6 Rosemont Elementary School

families

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 8

Liturgist: Kathy Golden

Elders on Duty: Maggie Brown and Charles Darden

Ushers: Dawn Briggs, Pat Briggs, Peggy Darden, Lee Cathey

Greeters: Doug Pauley and children

Nursery: Jim Allen and Paige Bradfield

Toddler Room: Tim and Theresa Henke

Children's Church: Kathey Sandiford and Donna Barton

Attendance last week:	Sunday School - 68	Worship - 121
Operating Fund:	Building Fund:	
Received 05/01 - \$4,800.56	Received 05/01 - \$500.00	
Month to date - \$4,800.56	Month to date - \$500.00	
Budget per month - \$16,250.00	Monthly Loan Payment - \$4,000.00	
	Building Fund Balance - \$13,468.07	
	Building Loan Balance - \$183,427.02	
	Building Repair Fund Balance - \$2,423.66	

OUR NEW MISSIONARY- At our last Cluster meeting, the group decided on a missionary, and here is her information: Her name is Amanda Craft. She is married to Omar and they have a son Ethan, who is 2. She was appointed to Guatemala from our denomination in January 2009. Currently, there are no congregations supporting her ministry. Amanda is from Louisville, Kentucky, and is a member of Highland Presbyterian Church in Louisville. She holds a Bachelor's Degree from Dennison University in Granville, Ohio, in Environmental Studies. Amanda's husband and child are with her in Guatemala. Omar is also a missionary with another faith-based organization focused on short-term surgical care.

Our first quarterly offering raised \$478 for her ministry. Our next offering will be the last Sunday in June. Amanda's ministry will be working with women. This work will involve helping women who see needs for long-term projects in their neighborhoods and assisting them in planning, training, finding funds, and implementing projects. All projects will be evaluated. Amanda will also be a listening ear and counselor for those dealing with serious problems. Finally, she wants to bring alive in the United States the stories of the women and the families with whom she is in ministry. She will be on furlough in January 2012.

Yes, you can personally contact Amanda and here is how: her e-mail is amanda.craft@pcusa.org or amanda.craft06@gmail.com; her Skype ID is amanda.craft06; her address is Amanda Craft, Mission Co-Worker / Presbyterian Church USA, Facilitator of Women's Programming, Union Sinodica Femenil de a IENPG. You can read about Amanda's work at <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/missionconnections/craft-amanda/>.

Having been a missionary myself, I know how important the connection is between individual churches, individual people, and mission work. Mission work is difficult and lonely and any word from home is a blessing. One of the churches that supported my mission work in Utah was North Avenue Presbyterian. Please get acquainted with Amanda!

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THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To all those who helped with Spring Youth Club: Coordinator- Maggie Brown; Dinners- Roxanne Quintana, Theresa & Tim Henke; Music- Lynn Pauley; Nursery- Laura Townsend; Commissioners- JJ & Maggie Brown; Referee- Thomas Moat; Scorekeeper- Ryan Partin; Head Coaches- Kathey Sandiford, Koren Stapp, Kelley Mooney; Assistant Coaches- Callie Shadix, Amy Hartzog, Jordan Stapp, Jenna Stapp, Courtney Taylor, Ellen Taylor, McLain Baker

To those who helped with the Youth BBQ: Lynn Pauley (Organizer); the youth who helped serve; the parents who supplied drinks and desserts; Terry Baker who loaned the tent; and lots of people who sold tickets. We raised \$2,100 to support the Youth Program!

BREAKFAST MENU
FOR THIS SUN-
DAY:

SAUSAGE, GRAVY,
BISCUITS AND
CEREAL.

PLEASE JOIN US
AT 9:00 IN
DARDEN HALL!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VBS!

Vacation Bible School will be held from June 20th through June 23rd. Supper will start at 5:30, and activities will wrap up each night by 8:15 / 8:30. The theme this year is SonSurf Beach Bash. Registration sheets will be available beginning this Sunday inside your worship bulletin.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AT THE PAVILION

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 11:00 A.M.



- Dress for the weather (casual clothing)
- 30 minute worship (no nursery)
- Bring your own comfortable lawn chairs
- Covered dish lunch at the pavilion after worship
- The Loyd PW will be celebrating the Birthday of the Presbyterian Women. Homemade ice cream will be provided for dessert! The PW Birthday Offering will be received. In 1922, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Woman's Auxiliary (PCUS), it was decided that an offering should be made for a definite cause. Over the years, that tradition has become known as the Birthday Offering. Presbyterian Women have given more than \$29 million in support of mission projects throughout the world.

AT LEAST 10 VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO MAKE THE ICE CREAM. If you can help, contact Brandi Knox at 706-881-7476 or brandi212@lagrangewomenshealth.net.

IMPORTANT CHANGE IN BOOK OF ORDER

It looks like a majority of the Presbyteries of our denomination will vote to change the Book of Order so that persons of different sexual orientations may be elected pastors, elders, and deacons.

I expect lots of publicity saying that mandated changes will be sent down to churches requiring them to change the way they select pastors and elders.

This is not true! We are not Methodists or Episcopalians where mandates are handed down from above. We are a democracy where the grass-roots of our denomination make decisions. I support the decision because it was made democratically.

How we select our pastors and officers will remain the same!

It has always been a local decision and nothing will change. A local search committee with the concurrence of the Presbytery and congregation will select pastors. A nominating committee from a local congregation will select officers with the concurrence of the congregation.

Actually, authority is returning to Sessions. Authority to make these kinds of decisions was taken away because Sessions were deemed incapable of making good decisions concerning this topic.

If you would like to talk further about this, please contact me (678-353-4905). If you would like to talk face to face please let me know.

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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL MEETING:

- The Church Information Form was presented by the Pastor Nominating Committee and approved.
- Dave Omerod's interim contract was extended for nine months through December 31, 2011, with a \$2,000 increase in annual effective salary.
- The Youth will be selling raffle tickets for \$10 for a 2BR condo for 5 days / 4 nights in Panama City Beach to help offset costs for Montreat and the Middle School conference.
- There will be an organ concert featuring David Kocsis, organist of First Presbyterian, LaGrange, on June 26 at 3:00 p.m. in our sanctuary.
- Thank you to the Men's Group for coating / sealing the deck at the Community Building.
- The Session will begin a study of the book *The Myth of the 200 Barrier* in May.



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A Partner in Education with Long Cane Elementary School

Session Members

Maggie Brown (2011)
Carolyn Chaput (2011)
Lynn Pauley (2011)
Bill Rowden (2011)
Arnold Darden (2012)
Gary Headrick (2012)
Jane Moat (2012) - Clerk of Session
Koren Stapp (2012)
Ann Cathey (2013)
Charles Darden (2013)
Hal Davidson (2013)
Carolyn Stephens (2013)

LOYD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PROGRAM TEAM

David Omerod Interim Pastor
Cathy Sargent Office Manager
Shelley Skinner Financial Secretary
Mike Pauley Youth Director
Marty Davis Music Director
Zack Wright Pianist
Jo Loyd Organist
Jayne Pauley Nursery Coordinator
Pam Darden God's Promised Land
Kathey Sandiford & Donna Barton
Children's Church Coordinators

