

WELCOME VISITORS

Welcome to all who join with us this Sunday to worship God and begin the new week with a time of spiritual refreshment. Come again soon and worship with us.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN...SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2008

The children in Pre-K through Grade 5 Church School will meet with Karen Austin in her classroom on the third floor of the Potter Building from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class meets at 9:45 a.m. in the Adult Bible Classroom.

Covenant Fellowship Class meets in the Church Library at 9:30 a.m.

Shalom Class meets in its classroom on the bottom floor-Potter Building at 9:30 a.m.

The junior and senior high youth meet in the Youth Lounges at 9:30 a.m.

Worship–Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper–Sanctuary – 11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, JULY 7, 2008

Chancel Choir sings with Stonewall Brigade Band at Gypsy Hill Park – 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2008

Presbyterian Women Day Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m.

Presbyterian Women Evening Circle will meet at the Club House at Spring Lake
(See Announcements)

CHURCH WEB SITE

Visit our web site at www.stauntonfirstpres.org to hear first about new features and updates. Send your email address to 1presby@ntelos.net

SERMONS

Copies of last week's sermon are available in the Narthex. Sermons are also on the website, www.stauntonfirstpres.org You may receive sermons weekly by email by sending your email with "Sermon Subscription" in the subject line to 1presby@ntelos.net

COMMUNION SUNDAY

This Sunday, July 6, the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper will be observed during the morning worship service. If there are those in our congregation who are unable to come to our service and would like to observe Communion in their home, please call this week and Rick will bring it to you.

LESSONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Genesis 25:19-34

Psalm 119:105-112

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

SUNDAY SCHOOL HAVING A "MIXED MATCHED SUNDAY" JULY 6

Those in Mrs. Austin's class may come "mixed-matched"—one shoe one color and the other another color or anything they want to wear that does not match!

CHANCEL CHOIR TO SING AT GYPSY HILL MONDAY EVENING

Our Chancel Choir has been invited to sing First Presbyterian's hymn *Open The Doors* as a part of the Stonewall Brigade Band Concert at 8:00 p.m., Monday, July 7th. The Choir will present the hymn to the audience in preparation for the band's Sacred Selection, a performance of composer Ray Hoaster's *Fantasia on the Hymn Tune Open The Doors*, an instrumental piece based on the hymn's music and text and our Presbyterian heritage.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETINGS TUESDAY, JULY 8

The Presbyterian Women Day Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 8, 2008 for refreshments and Bible study, "A Wrap," of Jonah and Ruth, moderated by our Minister, Rick Dietrich. There will be no lunch or program this month. Opal Homan has made arrangements for the Evening Circle to meet at the Club House at Spring Lake. Directions: Go out Old Greenville Road and take a left at the main entrance to Spring Lake just past Southers Greenhouse. Go down the hill for one and a half blocks and you will see the Club House on the left. *Ladies, please come to these meetings July 8. There are two very important items that need your vote of approval—one the Proposed 2008-2009 Budget and the Slate of Officers for the 2008-2010 term. Come and bring your joy and your sunny smiles and we shall enjoy a happy summer day and evening enjoying each other's company and Rick's excellent Bible study.*

OUR MISSION IN HAITI NEVER SKIPS A BEAT!

Last Sunday we read about the humble beginnings of Frances Landers' story in the mountains of Haiti. This week we want you to know what a banner year this is. Francis celebrated her 91st birthday, her 31st year of missionary work in Haiti and in April, made her 43rd trip to Haiti! On this last trip, Frances was able to see results, such as approximately 14,000 children kindergarten through high school—enrolled in Haiti Education Foundation (HEF) schools. HEF is able to pay 464 Haitians to be principals, teachers and assistants. Thirty students are enrolled in universities in Port-au-Prince. A dorm facility will soon be completed so students can live near the schools they attend. Over 100 students attend the Vocational School which offers classes in welding, auto mechanics, art, carpentry and sewing. The program is working, but we need your support. 100% of your contribution goes to the need you designate. To the hundreds of children who are waiting, please send more scholarships of \$55.00 for tuition and a hot meal for one child for a year. \$10.00 more means milk for one child for a year. Each gift sends the message: ***GOD HAS NOT FORGOTTEN YOU!***

MEETING FOR THOSE ATTENDING MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE

Anyone who will attend the Montreat Youth Conference beginning July 13—youth and adults—please meet with Betty Richmond next Wednesday, July 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Lounge for all the details and "fun stuff."

MESSAGE FROM THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TASK FORCE

The Capital Campaign Task Force for the organ and balcony windows remains hard at work, setting goals and planning opportunities for you to see the work being done. The Task Force extends its appreciation to those congregation members that have already offered their support of the project. The campaign will begin very soon. Members of the task force are Dan Layman and Virginia Reid, Co-chairs; Sharon Bosserman, John Dull, Bret Ritchie and Dick Robertson.

IT'S MASSANETTA CONFERENCE TIME!

The Massanetta Middle School Conference will begin next Thursday, July 10th. Youth planning to attend please meet at the church for a quick meeting at 1:45 p.m. and then we're off! Parents, please take note of the "should not bring" portion of the Youth Information Sheet, especially pertaining to attire. Massanetta takes all this very seriously. Questions? Call Lisa Caywood at 294-1824. Keep this number handy—you may need to contact Lisa while at the conference. See you Thursday!

SPECIAL BLOOD DRIVE FOR MATTHEW ERGENBRIGHT JULY 10TH

Thursday, July 10th at Marquis Memorial United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 1614 West Beverley Street, from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m., there will be a special blood drive for Matthew Ergenbright. To sign us, contact Sherry Burke at 332-3862 or online www.vadonor.com Sponsor Code: Staunton. Virginia Blood

Services is sponsoring this drive. Thanks for your help. Matthew is very ill and has been on our prayer list for some time.

SEE YOU SUNDAY!

Summer is here and many of you will be traveling far and wide. May God's traveling mercies go with you. I hope, however, that you will be with us for Sunday worship whenever you are able. It is important for our life as a faith community that we gather faithfully Sunday by Sunday. Your being here is also an important witness to those who may be visiting with us this summer. - Rick

DID YOU HAVE A GRADUATE IN YOUR FAMILY THIS YEAR?

If so, please give us the details—the school, the degree, the date, etc. and what future plans include, so that we may publish it in the bulletin or the newsletter. The church family is interested in the accomplishments of your family. Thanks for your help.

In Our Thoughts And Prayers

Prayer List , July 6, 2008 – July 12, 2008

You are asked to remember the following members and their families in your prayers during the coming week:

SUNDAY Ms. Nancy T. Lowe, Allison and Casey
MONDAY Mr. Samuel H. Lowe
TUESDAY Mr. and Mrs. R. David Lowman (Caroline)
WEDNESDAY Mr. and Mrs. Ronald D. Lowman, Jr. (Denise), David,
McCord, Margaret and Elizabeth
THURSDAY Mr. and Mrs. Ronald D. Hite (Julie)
FRIDAY Ms. Mary Ellen Lucas
SATURDAY Mr. and Mrs. Farris Goodrum (Thelma),
Michael and Joel, missionaries in Brazil
Ellen Dozier, missionary in Guatemala
The Children of Haiti

Requests for Special Prayers

Anna L. Bird and family
Eleanor (Elle) Dod and family
Jeremy Dull (John's brother) and family - serving in Iraq
Matthew Ergenbright and family
Inez Hagaman and family
Jim and Pat Higgs and family
James Blackford Higgs and family
Steve and Patt Hollar and family
The family of Marilyn Lansinger (Mike Lockard's mother)
Ginny Lowe and family
Boyd Olson and family
Bob Schilling and family
Polly Simmons and family
Hilda and Dot Wimer and family

Members who are in special care homes or who are confined to their own homes
and are unable to attend worship services and other church activities

About the Special Request Prayer List...

Special requests for prayer are being placed on the list for one month and removed, unless we have a request to remain. Please let us know of additional persons who would like to be placed on the special prayer request list. Thanks for your help.