



September 1, 2010

From Brian's Desk:

It never ceases to amaze me how much we clergy take for granted what the person in the pew knows or doesn't know. All throughout the year I absent-mindedly announce the liturgical name for that given Sunday and don't give it a second thought, but a few weeks ago I was given a subtle wakeup call that reminded me that not everyone out in the church at large had the benefit of two worship classes with the Reverend Dr. Stanley R. Hall. Before his tragic death at a far too young age, Stan was one of those strange creatures known as a Midwestern Presbyterian. His formation in the church came in the midst of the corn and soybean fields outside of West Lafayette, Indiana, so he had a slightly different view of church liturgy than those of us who grew up as part of the "frozen chosen" in the old PCUS. His was a background that included seminary in San Anselmo, California and doctoral work at the University of Notre Dame. If you add the parts together you'll see that Stan was a mix of Midwestern reserve, West Coast dramatic, and Roman Catholic high church sensibility. Now you know where I get some of my more far out ideas on worship, ideas that can leave some of you a bit baffled at times.

The question from a member of the congregation who was not raised in a liturgical tradition which served as my wakeup call was very simple, "what is ordinary time?" Being the "Mr. Oblivious" that I am it never occurred to me there are some in the congregation who didn't know how the church calendar is ordered. The question from this member, though, reminded me that until taking Stan's class, I didn't know either. How many of you know that the first day of the church calendar is not January 1 but is the First Sunday of Advent? How many of you know why the church puts the different colored paraments up at different times of the year? How many of you even know what paraments are? (The drape hanging from pulpit and the pastor's stole are the paraments.)

The liturgical calendar serves an important function in the life of the church in that it reminds us of the ebb and flow of the Church's life throughout the year. Not every day has the same highs as Easter and Christmas or the lows of Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, or Good Friday. Not everyday in the life of a Christian is filled with a strong sense of reflection and repentance like the days of Advent and Lent. Some days are just ordinary, but not ordinary in the "ho-hum" fashion but ordinary in the numbered fashion. The word ordinary comes from the Latin word ordinal, which means, "numbered". The original creators of the liturgical calendar had to give those Sundays in between Holiday Seasons names so they just decided to number them. In other words, the First Sunday in Ordinary time is really just Sunday One as opposed to Advent One or Easter One. So this past Sunday was very simply Sunday Seventeen.

While these days may be ordinary in name they are most certainly not ordinary in purpose. The lectionary texts that accompany those days often focus on faith building. The prayers speak to our continued relationship with God. Baptisms, Communion and normal worship continue in an unending chain connecting us to the days when Jesus walked the earth. So while the name may be ordinary there is nothing ordinary about the day being described. Everyday lived in the presence of the Lord is an extraordinary day.

Yours in Christ,

*Brian*

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Phillip Lea . . . . .	09/05	Camille Talburt . . . . .	09/13
Brad Coffman . . . . .	09/06	Adam Xaysuda . . . . .	09/13
Mazie Peters . . . . .	09/08	Caral Williams . . . . .	09/14
Paige Griffin . . . . .	09/10	Abby Arriola . . . . .	09/16
Jan Shaw . . . . .	09/10	Betty Jones . . . . .	09/16
Rusty Stingley . . . . .	09/10	Pam Dale . . . . .	09/18
Cameron Coker . . . . .	09/11	Katherine Jones . . . . .	09/18
Betsy Harris . . . . .	09/11		
Jimmie Coker . . . . .	09/12	Charles & Allynson Bell Dale . . . . .	09/05
Bob Griffin . . . . .	09/12	Bob & Gabriele Haulmark . . . . .	09/17
Tina Lake . . . . .	09/12	Rusty & Kathleen Stingley . . . . .	09/17
Rebecca Ward . . . . .	09/12	Gaylon & Lissa Teal . . . . .	09/17
Pam Pilgram-Smith . . . . .	09/13	Ed & Julia Granger . . . . .	09/18
Dwight Talburt . . . . .	09/13		

## Prayer Concerns

*A special prayer that you'll be blessed with tender care and needed rest, warm thoughts of friends that mean so much and most of all, God's healing touch.*

Beth Starks  
Sara Beth Whitby  
Madie Westbrook  
Sam Jones

Rexann Oller  
Lila Turner  
Sue Doss  
Betty Yates

Connie Zimmer  
Beverly Tollison  
Paula Reid

Amber Parrish (Tara Thompson)  
Judy Hottinger (Gretchen Douthit)  
Jessie R. Green (John & Cindy Gowin)  
Sherry Felder (Barbara Fuller)  
Kirk Williams (John Aikman)  
Elizabeth McDonald (Tiffany Meadows)  
Beth Brown (Connie Schutt)  
Sam McDonald  
Chris & Lora Briggs (Ken Coker)  
Dorothy Clark Fike (Linda & Bob Griffin)  
Michael Harrington (JoAnn Hutchinson)  
Lucille Engelbrecht (Jessie Qualls' Sister)  
Alexandria Turner (Connie Zimmer)  
Jennifer Stane (John Aikman)  
Charles Dale (Linda & Bob Bell)  
James Young (Ann Shields' Father)  
Zaden Brewer (Connie Zimmer)  
Suzanne Gatewood (Carol Wilkins)  
Becky Tucker (Doug Martin)  
Marn Heslin (Joan McCallum)  
Victoria Acklin (John Aikman)  
Jane Casto (Susan Wetzel's Mom)  
Donald Saucier (Lynn Wade)  
Michael Neary (Lisa Cochran)

Pat Hunnicutt (Sandy Kremp)  
Donna Kruger (Connie Schutt)  
Cliff Norman (Roy & Beth Monroe)  
Daranda Golden (Amber Perrin)  
Barre Finan (Kurri Gortemiller)  
Rev. Chip Andrus (Sally Ramey)  
Laurie Athey (Kris Griffin's Sister)  
Gaylon Teal (Lissa Teal's Husband)  
Tammy Copp (Bill Boudra)  
Sheila Fuller (Mikel and Barbara Fuller)  
Meme Pitney (Help Network)  
Mark Grimes (Rita Goodman's Son)  
Terry Heslin (Joan McCallum)  
Gary Williamson Family (Main St. Mission)  
Tiffany Meadows (Barb & Mikel Fuller)  
Coker Family (Death of Jimmie's Uncle)  
Danya Day's Family  
(Death of Grandmother)  
Danya Day's Father  
Jarrod Toland's Family (Death of Father)  
Rick Holland (Cliff Franks)  
**Clark Roberts' Family**  
**(Death of Tom Dicken's Uncle)**

All military personnel including: Will Porter, Riley Whittenburg, Timothy Dann, Christopher Hays, Brian Carnahan, Callie Latimer, David Gordon, Brandon Gortemiller, Stephanie Williams, Will Holland, Mark Hendron, Jay Jackson, Dustin Clark, Joshua Johnson, Andrew Bellocchio, Adam Fuller, and Jacob Randle.

## Honorariums

*In Honor of Pastor Brian & Family  
by George & Theresa Singleton*

## Thanks

A great big thank you to Lee & Elizabeth Hopkins and Carol Wilkins for helping fold the *Central Connection* this month!

Dear Church Family:

George and I are again thanking you all for your many prayers, gracious thoughts, cards, yummy food, and Christian love. It seems like I have "this and that" creeping up "here and there" and it goes "on and on." However, all is well and we are encouraged by support from all of you. All our strength and hope comes from the Lord.

*Love in Christ,  
George & Paula Reid*

## Go Green

***Go Green Back to School ...*** By packing your child's lunch in PVC-free reusable lunch boxes and reusable containers, you help prevent 67 pounds of waste per school from going to the landfill. That's more than 18,000 pounds of lunch waste for the average-sized elementary school!

## Session Digest

1. Received and welcomed into membership:  
Wanda Harrell-Letter of transfer from St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Harrison, Arkansas  
Bob Haulmark, Jr.-Letter of transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Ft. Smith, Arkansas  
Beverly Tollison-Letter of transfer from First United Methodist Church, Russellville, Arkansas
2. Approved love offering for Help Network to be taken September 12, worship service
3. Yearly record review of Session records revealed three exceptions
4. Jackie Gardner elected as Session member of the Nominating Committee
5. Approved the use of up to \$4000 from the UCM budget as choir scholarships for ATU music students
6. Continuing the recruitment process for Youth Director

## Special Thanks from the Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastor Nominating Committee wishes to express their appreciation to all who helped put together the Installation Service for Pastor Brian. Thank you Session members for sponsoring and pulling this service together. Thank you Todd Sweeden and thank you Nurture committee for a beautiful well presented reception. Thank you Amanda Dicken for your expertise in video-taping and DVD recording of the service. Thank you Gretchen Douthit for being everywhere to take the still photos, before, and after the service, and at the reception. Also, we are so thankful for the inspired participation of many officers and members of our Presbytery and Committee on Ministry. And finally and most heart warming, was the participation of our CPC church family. What a warm enthusiastic welcome you gave to all our visitors.

## Service Committee Reports:

### DO YOU HEAR "JINGLE BELLS"

Well, this year, we've really performed a **FIRST**—we beat Walmart to the punch by starting our Christmas preparation before **September 1st**. don't end up with a last minute Dinner Gift Baskets.



We have our shopping cart ready; be served by these 70 baskets, but bags to fill our cart. A large collection hall) sometime this Aging, The Help Network, Human we can put names on some of those us with many names of people they with any of the public agencies.

tells us that you care very much, that you are observant of those whose lives you touch daily, and most of all that you totally understand that inasmuch as we give our love gifts to others, we are giving them to Jesus.

We are getting this kick start early-on so that we shortfall of fixin's for an estimated 70 Christmas we have an estimate of up to 180 individuals to no names and faces yet, and only empty grocery collection box will appear in the connection (aka month. We are now meeting with the Agency on Services, and Child Protective Services, so that faces. Last year, our own congregation provided knew to be in need, but who were not registered These personal referrals mean so much to us—it

The hams and Christmas fruit drink are in negotiation now for best price, and we will purchase these from our committee budget. You can help fill the need for the balance of items that we all expect to see on our own family dinner tables come Christmas Day. By October 1st, our planned menu will be in place and we will make sure all of our congregation partners (that's YOU) are armed with a shopping list of ways you can help. We also will have our Assistant Shopper crew ready to assist you if you want to help fill the baskets, but need someone to shop for you. We welcome your questions re how we determine recipients and any suggestions you might be able to give us.

**OTHER NEWS:** During the month of August, we made three deliveries of health aids, cosmetics and household supplies to the RiverValley Shelter for Battered Women and Children (Thank you Judy Murphy). We also made a delivery of 10 bags of food for John's Kids (Thank you CPC Youth for the food donation and thank you Mikel Fuller and Carol Wilkins for the delivery). Our next committee meeting is September 8, at 6:30 p.m. You are welcome to join us for the devotional part of our meeting, a tribute to a life of Service in the words of Mother Teresa. Or for those with computers, Carol will be happy to email to you the Power Point tribute. (And thank you, Dana for providing it to us.)

***Please feel free to contact any committee member for information about the work of Service Committee***  
*Marian Barr, Cheryl Coleman, Barbara Fuller, Mikel Fuller, Glenda Knost, Pat Hagemeyer, Beth Monroe, Judy Murphy, Sally Ramey, PhillipRowley, Lynn Wade, Carol Wilkins*

## Advent Calendar

***It's not too soon to plan for the celebration of Jesus' birthday!*** Last year, the Education Committee began a tradition of preparing and printing our own Advent Calendar. Let's continue the tradition by honoring the Lord with our own "Christmas Treasures" of wisdom, wit, prose, poems, stories, memories, miracles, special moments, or Scripture that has personally illuminated the Christ child in your life. All age groups may submit a selection. The CE committee will endeavor to print as much as we can to create the booklet. Please turn in or email your submissions to the church office by October 15<sup>th</sup> ([cpcoffice@cpcusa72801.org](mailto:cpcoffice@cpcusa72801.org)). Thank you!

*Keeping the Christmas Spirit all year long ...  
The Christian Education Committee*

## Youth

Youth group meetings will resume Sunday, September 12, at 5:30 p.m. Both senior high and junior high will meet together for a meal, then will separate into two groups for activities, and will be finished by 7:00 p.m. Until a new youth director is hired, meetings will be led by volunteers, so any church members who may feel called to serve in this capacity are encouraged to talk to Pastor Brian and/or Susan Jordan. Working with the young people of our church can be extremely rewarding, not to mention fun, and it's guaranteed to keep you feeling young! :-)

Hope to see all youth in grades 6-12 next Sunday, Sept. 12!

## Notes from Nurture

Many thanks to those on Nurture for helping out with the reception on Sunday. Todd Sweeden organized it all, and it was lovely. Lots of hard work went on before and after in the kitchen. Thank you to all who contributed in all ways to make it a success!

Nurture committee will meet September 8th. We will review and discuss the budget and the upcoming October church hamburger cookout. Please plan to attend or let me know if you will be unable to be there. Meeting time is 6:45 p.m.

Meal Mission is set to resume the 7<sup>th</sup> of September. Cooks for this month are Jan and Nancy Shaw, Joe and Joy Morrow, Judi Baker, and Bob and Linda Griffin. Special thanks to Judy Murphy for arranging for desserts for the month.

The September Potluck will be hosted by the Stewardship and Communications Committees. Plan to bring your favorite dish and join us on September 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

*Judi Baker, Nurture Moderator*

## Presbyterian Women

***An invitation to all ladies who would like to attend the Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering at Clarksville, First Church ...*** They are very excited to show off their newly remodeled Parlor and to worship and share lunch with them. The Gathering is scheduled for Saturday September 18, with registration and refreshments from 9:30-10:00 a.m. Cost of the luncheon is \$6.50. Lunch and fellowship will complete the day's activities. Plans are to carpool or take the bus, so please contact Jane Martin if you are interested in attending by September 7, at 968-7628 or call the church office.



***August 22:*** Clay D. VanHorn, Jakob Clark, Lonus Trigg

***August 29:*** Judy & Bright Lowry, Jakob Clark, Karen, Kathy Ashley Al-Hakeem, Patricia Black, Lonus & Dorothy Trigg

***Please extend a warm Central welcome to our newest members:  
Wanda Harrell, Beverly Tollison, and Bob Haulmark Jr.***



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