

The Annual Neighbor to Neighbor School Supply Drive Is Underway! Central has been asked to help support the School Supply Program again this year by collecting 60 1 or 1 1/2-inch, three-ring binders. You may place the binders on the round table in McElyea Hall. Additionally, good, clean school uniforms can always be used. The deadline for school supplies is Friday, July 22. For more information, contact Neighbor to Neighbor at 870-534-2883.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

This is the joyful feast of the people of God! According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give thanks to you, O God, creator, redeemer, sustainer of all. You made your covenant with us, calling us to love and serve you. When we are wandering in sin you forgive us and lead us home. We give thanks for Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lived and died and rose for us, and is coming in glory to reign.

With thanksgiving, we remember how Jesus took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat. Do this in remembrance of me." With thanksgiving, we remember how Jesus took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. As often as you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Remembering Christ's saving love, we celebrate this holy meal and offer ourselves to you, O God, with gratitude and praise.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

(over)

Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, on your people gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. By your Spirit make us one body in Christ, one in mission and ministry to the world. Nourish us in faith, hope, and love, and strengthen us for service, until we feast with you in glory. All praise and honor and glory are yours, holy God, now and forever. **Amen.**

COMMUNION

Jesus said: "I am the bread of life."

Jesus said: "I am the vine, you are the branches." "Come to me and never be hungry; believe in me and never thirst."

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Please come to the front using the center aisle. Break off a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. After you have communed please return to your seat using the side aisles. If you prefer, remain in your seat and we will come to serve you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this holy meal and united us with Christ. Strengthen us in your service so that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
The Heidelberg Confession

Question 1. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

A. That I belong - body and soul, in life and in death - not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Question 2. How many things must you know that you may live and die in the blessedness of this comfort?

A. Three. First, the greatness of my sin and wretchedness. Second, how I am freed from all my sins and their wretched consequences. Third, what gratitude I owe to God for such redemption.

Notes on Today's Affirmation of Faith:
from The Heidelberg Confession

Presbyterians are a "Confessing Church." We have adopted historic statements of faith such as "The Apostles Creed" and created others as a way of telling the world and reminding ourselves who we are, what we believe, and how we intend to live because of that. They do not take the place of the Bible and are intended to help us focus on the essentials of our faith made clear in the Bible. The Presbyterian Book of Confessions includes fourteen statements of faith, including familiar ones like "The Apostles Creed" and the "Longer" and "Shorter Catechisms."

The Protestant Reformation of the early 1500's in Europe grew in different ways, both theologically and geographically. As the Reformed faith - our ancestors - spread from Geneva in Switzerland, the Lutheran movement grew from Germany, and by the mid-1500's, they began to overlap. Leaders of the two groups found they agreed on most issues, but they had real tension about the Lord's Supper. The Lutherans believed that the bread and wine of the sacrament became the actual body and blood of Christ, but our tradition did not. To try to settle their differences leaders of both movements agreed to write a statement that would be acceptable to both traditions. They wrote it in the format of a "catechism," a teaching device of that time which uses questions and answers. There are 129 questions in all. It became known as "The Heidelberg Confession" and was adopted by both in 1562.

Lectionary for Sunday, July 10 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 7:7-17

7 This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. 8 And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

10 Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words.

11 For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

12 And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; 13 but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

14 Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, 15 and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

16 "Now therefore hear the word of the LORD. You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac."

17 Therefore thus says the LORD: 'Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.'"

Luke 10:25-37

25 Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" 27 He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." 28 And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." (Over)

29 But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' 36 Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" 37 He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Colossians 1:1-14

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, 2 To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

3 In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 4 for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, 5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel 6 that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. 7 This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, 8 and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

9 For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. 11 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Refrain:
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to his hame.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.
(Refrain)

Come let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Savior.
(Refrain)

A Communion Invitation

Come, if you are lonely,
My door is open wide.
All of you are welcome,
Come and step inside.
Enter with My blessing,
No one is denied.
Come, sit at My table,
Come, sit by My side.

Come, if you are thirsty,
I will pour the wine.
If you hunger, take this bread,
Sit with Me and dine.
Every weary traveler,
Every troubled soul,
Rest for just a moment
And leave the table whole.

The feast I spread before you,
The cup that we will share,
The bread we'll break together,
I've lovingly prepared.

CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF JULY 10, 2016

MEMBERS:
Denise Mosley
Austin Graves
The Howsen Family
Bernice Lackey
Emil Brown
Bill VonTungeln
Mary Wooten

Valerie Reichen
Donna McCaleb
Mildred Gaunt
Hester Insley
Mary Kientz
Bea Magee

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:
The family of Ryland Robinson, friend & customer of Laura Cosner
Tommy Gonzales, Uncle of Michael Chandler
Ashley Raff, co-worker of Denise Mosley
Noie Roberson, sister of Frank Merritt
Quinn Wormer, grandnephew of Connie Detmers
Mary Ward, mother of Dana Neal
Gerry Eilbott Soltz, friend of Lawrence Fikes
Blake & Jordan Sorey & Baby Broox Sorey, friends of the Cosner family
Rebecca and Earl Phillips, friends of Karen and David Perdue
Doris McCoy, mother of Kay Cromwell
Lois Tucker, neighbor of The Mosley family
Allen Wimberly, Benjimen Neal & Avery Peyton's band director
Helen Knoll, great-grandmother of Amber Poss
Carla & Brad Young, co-worker of Denise Mosley
Kathleen Simpson, mother of Denise Mosley
Audrey Brooks, mother-in-law of Nelson Buchanan
Steven Lee, uncle of Amber Poss
Cathy Risinger, sister of Kay Cromwell
Scott Howell, son of friend of Jemmie Moseley and Lynda Vick

Scott McGeorge, friend of Laurence Fikes
Jay Johnson, friend of Amanda Chandler
Dorothy Soto, friend of Lynda Vick
Kevin Rushing, friend of Laura Pierce
Georgiana Burnside, daughter of Amanda Chandler's co-worker
Rhett Lunningham, nephew of David Judkins
Pam Panks, mother of Bubba VonTungeln's friend
Perry Reynolds, friend of the Jane & David Judkins
Lori Partridge, friend of Rose VonTungeln
Joshua Chambliss and family, nephew of Rose and Suzy VonTungeln
Juliet Walker, sister of Bubba VonTungeln's co-worker
Ryker Cheek, nephew of Bubba VonTungeln
Mary McBee, friend of Karen & David Perdue
Wanda Vining, mother-in-law of Pat Drewett
Helen Gaunt, sister-in-law of Mildred Gaunt
Dan Loomis, former pastor
John Hensley, friend of Laura and Rick Pierce
Franklin Ward, uncle of Dana Neal

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:
Barr Memorial, Norman **Hopewell Church**, Morrilton

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD

Help us keep our Prayer list up-to-date. If you have family or friends who need to be added or removed from the Prayer Concerns list, please let Erin know.