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## Reflections

### PASTORAL CARE

**Sue Ann Seel has taken the position of Pastoral Care person for Potwin.** She is available to make hospital visits and perform funerals and baptisms. She will also be visiting the homebound members.

If you need to reach her, please call her at (785) 224-9054 or via e-mail at [banjogirl59@gmail.com](mailto:banjogirl59@gmail.com). She carries her cell phone and e-mail with her and she says she is glad to serve the folks at Potwin in this way.

## Quotes of the Month

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• “Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.”

—George Washington

<u>Families to Pray for this Month...</u>
<b>July 6<sup>th</sup></b> – Darren & Liz Abbey and family Joe & Pat Abbey
<b>July 13<sup>th</sup></b> – Mark & Amy Abbey and family Ken & Bev Adams
<b>July 20<sup>th</sup></b> – Gary Baker and family Montie & Sharon Bayless and family
<b>June 27<sup>th</sup></b> – Candace Becker and family Frank & Joan Benton

*We would like to send a special “thank you” to John & Ann Hibbard for the beautiful flower arrangement they had sent to Potwin as well as allowing us to share in a part of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebration. They were married here 50 years ago in the month of June. The beautiful arrangement they sent was shared with another church and residents of Presbyterian Manor.*

*Thanks again and may God bless you!*

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We will be having our **Vacation Bible School here at Potwin, July 28<sup>th</sup> thru August 1<sup>st</sup>**.  
**We are in need of volunteers to help make this event successful.** Please mark your calendars for those dates and plan to come and be a part of this great outreach.

If you have questions, please see Gwen, Nellis or Janet. Thank you!

## Activities & Information

### VIDA needs volunteers

For a list of VIDA needs and volunteer opportunities, please see the flyers on the north bulletin board.

<b><u>UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY</u></b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b> – Independence Day (office closed)
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b> – Communion
<b>28<sup>th</sup>– August 1<sup>st</sup></b> – Vacation Bible School (here at Potwin)

### Report from the Treasurer

<b>May receipts-</b>	\$8,173.81
<b>May disbursements -</b>	\$6,629.78
<b>Balance (as of 5/31/08)</b>	<b>\$9,290.95</b>

### Reserves

Memorial Fund -	\$763.23
Cap Improvement/Reserve Fund -	\$750.11
CD (#5762664) -	\$4,200.04
CD (#95658) -	\$16,285.71
CD (#75721) -	\$5,300.29
Educational CU CD -	\$22,000.00

<b>Reserve Total</b>	<b>\$49,299.38</b>
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## Lectionary Readings for July

**July 6** – Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:10-17; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

**July 13**– Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**July 20** – Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

**July 27** –Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

## This Month's Chuckle



## *Potwin Presbyterian Church*

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Pastor  
LaVonne Meadows, Secretary  
David Ohse, Choir Director  
Sharon Bayless, Organist  
Linda Tuller, Treasurer  
Janet Lafferty, Financial Secretary

### SESSION

Ross Freeman, Moderator

<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Gwen Jones	Gary Baker	Don Wright
Hervey Wright	Joyce Black	
	Bob Fincham	

### DEACONS

<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Janet Halloran	Libby Peters	Nellis Shaw
Belva Sandmeyer	Jane Sewell	
Brenda Strobel	Kim Strobel	

### SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF

Superintendent	- Gwen Jones
Nursery Attendant	- Betty Bass
Preschool/Grade School	- Gwen Jones
Middle/High School	-
Adults	-
Jr/Sr Hi Youth Group	- Gwen Jones
Substitutes	- Jane Sewell, Ann Fincham
Attendance Clerk	- Janet Halloran, Jane Sewell

### SESSIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Stewardship & Finance – Gary Baker  
Church Life/Worship – Gwen Jones/Hervey Wright  
Mission Outreach – Joyce Black  
Properties – Bob Fincham/Bob Wright  
Christian Education – Gwen Jones  
Personnel – Gary Baker

**The Deadline for the  
August Potwin Post is  
Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**The loose change  
offering (coins and  
cash or checks so  
designated) in the  
month of July will go  
to Doorstep. Please  
give liberally.**

## Those serving in the month of July:

**Ushers:** Belva Sandmeyer and  
Janet Halloran

### **Children's Sermons:**

Linda Tuller (13<sup>th</sup>)  
Janet Halloran (20<sup>th</sup>)  
Pat Abbey (27<sup>th</sup>)

## Special Date



## Kids Fun Page

### God's Creation SCAVENGER HUNT

You can easily spot God's beautiful creation not just in majestic mountains and vast oceans but also in the smallest bits of nature. Try this fun activity at a park, in your backyard or on a hike.

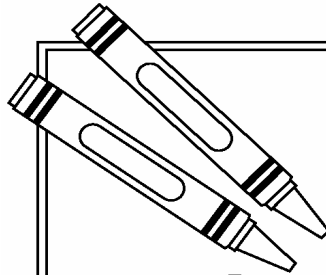
#### What you need:

- Paper
- Pencils, pens or crayons
- Plastic cups or bowls



#### What you do:

1. Write out the same list of items for each player. One person can do this ahead of time, or the group can determine what to hunt for. Items must be small enough to fit in the container provided. Suggestions include: flower, grain of sand or dirt, seed, blade of grass, feather, small stick, pebble, insect (preferably alive), leaf, thorn, berry and so on.
2. Give a list and a cup (or bowl) to each player.
3. Designate a place to search for items, as well as a time limit (for example, look in the backyard for 15 minutes).
4. During the scavenger hunt, enjoy seeing the beauty of God's creation in the tiniest things. Players should cross off items when found.
5. When time is up, compare items. Point out similarities and differences. Discuss why these items are so amazing. Share Bible verses or stories about some items (for example, Isaiah 40:8 talks about grass and



Just for **KIDS**

God has made everything  
*Beautiful*

As God's special creations, people should take every opportunity to appreciate all that He has made.

Use the words in the box below to complete this puzzle. Then match the number for the word to the blank below to finish Psalm 104:24, NIV.

#### WORD BOX

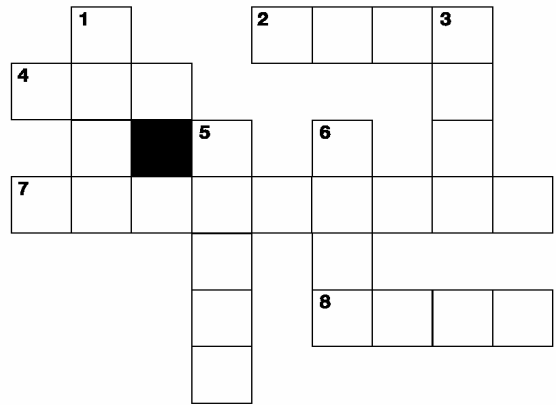
CREATURES EARTH  
THEM MADE HOW  
LORD YOUR FULL

#### ACROSS

2. Rhymes with gem.
4. Rhymes with cow.
7. Rhymes with features.
8. Rhymes with cord.

#### DOWN

1. Rhymes with pour.
3. Rhymes with fade.
5. Rhymes with worth.
6. Rhymes with pull.



“ \_\_\_\_\_ many are \_\_\_\_\_ works, O \_\_\_\_\_ !  
4 1 8

In wisdom you \_\_\_\_\_ all;  
3 2

the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ of your \_\_\_\_\_.”  
5 6 7

Psalm 104:24, NIV

Answers: “How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.” Psalm 104:24, NIV

## Youth News

### You're Invited!

**Welcome to God's Big Backyard VBS:** Where kids have a blast serving Jesus! Get ready for an outdoor adventure that starts in your own backyard and gets bigger each day as kids take the love of Jesus into their neighborhoods and communities! In God's Big Backyard, kids will participate in the excitement of Backyard Bash, experience God's Word at Backyard Bible club, meet real-life servants, plus explore and create through fun-filled crafts, snacks, and games. Just step outside, take a look over your fence, and help kids discover how much fun they can have serving in God's Big Backyard!

Your kids will discover how much fun service can be, and they will be challenged to serve their families, friends, neighbors, communities and Jesus.

**All kids 4-12 are welcome** – Space is limited so call **TODAY** to secure their place in God's Big Backyard.

**Date:** July 28 – August 1 – **Place:** Potwin Presbyterian Church, 400 SW Washburn – **Time:** 9am – 11:30am

**To register:** Call 235-1311 Monday thru Friday, 8:30am – noon    **Registration will be accepted thru July 15<sup>th</sup>**

Hurry you won't want your kids to miss the fun!

## Messages & Thoughts

### Enjoy Your Freedom

Because many Americans have never known other circumstances, it's easy to take our liberties for granted. The Israelites knew firsthand the oppression of slavery. Yet when God finally led them out of Egypt, they had problems adjusting to their newfound freedom. Fearful and rebellious, the Israelites grumbled against their leaders, Moses and Aaron, saying they would've been better off as slaves in Egypt.

Our freedom as Christians cost Jesus his life. But we, too, often find it easier to fall back into sinful habits. In Galatians 5:1, Paul offers this

### A True Friend

According to an Arabian proverb, "A friend is one to whom one may pour out all the contents of one's heart, chaff and grain together, knowing that the gentlest of hands will take and sift it, keep what is worth keeping and with a breath of kindness blow the rest away."

That's why it's so important to have Christian friends. We can share the good and bad, confident that our friends won't judge us as a result. Instead, true friends celebrate our successes and encourage us during disappointments.

As the Bible says, "A friend loves at all times" (Proverbs 17:17, NRSV).



## June Session Notes

### Treasurer's Report:

The session reviewed the Treasurer's Report and the Financial Secretary's Reports for May. Receipts reported by Janet Lafferty were \$8,173.81. Total disbursements reported by Linda Tuller were \$6,620.78, leaving a balance of \$9,290.95 in the general checking account. (This included \$1,716.56 in checks outstanding as of May 31, 2008.) The reserve / memorial fund accounts and current CD accounts total \$49,299.38. There are no outstanding debts. The reports were unanimously accepted.

- 1) Linda provided the session with the following information along with some requests:
  - a) A \$22,000 CD was acquired through the Educational Credit Union as directed.
  - b) Accounts at Capital Federal under \$1000 do not accrue interest and suggested the Session approve the transfer of \$1000 to the memorial and reserve accounts to bring them over the \$1000 limit. Gary Baker moved and Bob Fincham seconded a motion to transfer \$1000 to each of the memorial and reserve accounts. This was approved unanimously.
  - c) Heartland Park has a matching fund scholarship program and asked if the session would be interested in helping out. Gary Baker moved and Bob Fincham seconded a motion to give \$600 to the "Camp for Kids" scholarship fund for Heartland Park. This was approved unanimously.
  - d) David Ohse is doing a lot of work for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday worship service. Gary Baker moved and Bob Fincham seconded a motion to pay David Ohse ½ month salary for his work with the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday services. This was approved unanimously.
  - e) All income tax payments have to be made on-line as of May 1, 2008.
  - f) The CD due 6/19/08 will be renewed.
  - g) Blue Dot – we will have more obligations because the air conditioning doesn't appear to be running.
  - h) Workman's Compensation bill is based on historical amounts. They have received their bill and it is no more than from past years.
- 2) Gary Baker reviewed the church insurance. The Sexual Misconduct Policy portion of the policy does not cover any named individual. The policy would provide legal fees for the church. The church is covered for \$300,000 at a cost of \$158/year.

### Merger Exploratory Committee Report:

Reverend Freeman reported at the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, Ed Thompson asked the members of the Committee to request their respective Sessions to survey their congregations regarding the following three questions (each session's questions will be slightly different):

If Potwin merges with Central and St Andrews, would you participate in the merged church if it meets at:

- Central? Yes or No
- St Andrews? Yes or N
- a new location? Yes or No

The means by which this survey is conducted is left up to each Session. However, the members of the Committee were asked to bring the results of the survey to their next meeting on Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Reverend Freeman outlined the list of additional questions Central and St Andrews decided to send out to their congregations. After discussion, Potwin chose to send the questions as originally outlined to their congregation. A letter prepared by Gary Baker and the survey will be sent out on June 16<sup>th</sup> with a self-addressed, stamped envelope. There will be an informal meeting after church services on the 22<sup>nd</sup> to collect surveys and explain the issues before the church. Each household was asked to return by the 25<sup>th</sup> if they could not attend the meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mission Outreach: Joyce Black reported on the following:

- 1) The Pastoral Care Contract has been signed and Linda Tuller has a copy for payment information. She will contact Sue Ann Seel about this.
- 2) The Pentecost Offering is being collected in June.

Properties: Bob Fincham and Don Wright reported on the following:

- 1) They will have Blue Dot come out to check on the air conditioning problem.

Christian Education Committee: Gwen Jones reported on the following:

- 1) Vacation Bible School will be the week of July 28<sup>th</sup>. Central has decided not to participate this year. Only Second and St Andrews will be involved.

Church Life/Worship Committee: Gwen Jones and Hervey Wright reported on the following:

- 1) Jay Gideon will be the minister for the June 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday worship service.
- 2) The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday service will be held the 29<sup>th</sup> at Potwin. The session approved the change of time for the service to 10:30 am to better accommodate the potluck dinner after the service.

Pastor's Report: Reverend Freeman reported on the following:

- 1) Thad Holcomb has contacted him about coming to the August 13<sup>th</sup> session to discuss mission here and at the Presbytery level.
- 2) Plans for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday service are well under way. Don Stewart will handle the children's sermon and be the liturgist.
- 3) Remember -- the "5<sup>th</sup> Sunday" service in August sponsored by St Andrews will be held on August 1<sup>st</sup>

# The Wider Church – VBS Registration



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