

From the Editor

Let's talk about stewardship. We're just finishing up on stewardship month, so maybe it's still a valid topic. And cats, of course. Don't forget cats. And how, you might ask, are we to relate the two? Read on . . .

Just as we are asked especially during stewardship month to take care of our church, we are tasked year-round with taking care of our pets (we'll generalize from cats, although most of you are aware I have a particular fondness for cats . . .), for as the Book of Proverbs instructs us, "*A good man takes care of his animals, but wicked men are cruel to theirs.*" (Proverbs 12:10). I think if you total it up, the average cat or dog costs about \$600 per year. And that's for a good year in which there are no illnesses or injuries to deal with.

And what about the reverse? That is, in the spirit of stewardship, do our critters also take care of us? Well, I think it's proven that people with pets live longer and have lower blood pressure. Maybe more importantly, though, I think of my Laverne cat, who climbs up into my arms, kneads my shoulder with her paws, purring sweetly in my ear; or my Reuben cat, who jumps up in bed with me, curls up in the crook of my arm and goes to sleep. These sorts of unconditional and spontaneous acts of love and trust from our critters more than compensate us for the money we spend.

Now, the question arises: Do we get similar benefits from our church? I do. Do you?

Got a thought you'd like to share? Drop us a line!

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And don't forget to vote!

Carl

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Our Worship Schedule

Contemporary Service	8:45 - 9:45
Children's Service	8:45 - 9:45
Sunday School Hour	10:00 - 11:00
Traditional Service	11:15 - 12:15
Children's Service	11:15 - 12:15

Grace Presbyterian Sunday School

Nursery – Room 103	Kathe Walker	Judy Thigpen
2 Year – Pre-K – Room 112	Wendi Glenn	Frances Kitterman
<i>We Believe</i>	Debbie Metoyer	
K – 5 – Room 117	Susan Lawson	Michelle Miles
<i>We Believe</i>	Cathy Bendall	
6th Grade – Up – Room 109	Lee Busby	Carl Jones
Contemporary Issues	Kevin Bopp	
	Discussion – Sometimes from the Bible, sometimes from current events, exploring the question “ <i>Just what does this mean to us?</i> ”	

Adults

In-Betweeners – Library	Discussion – This is a new adult class for young adults, college aged through 30's. Clyde Getman will help coordinate class materials	
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Bible Discovery – Session Rm.	John Dotson	Bill Bendall
	Study – I	

Friendship Class – Room 101	John Price	
	Discussion – Book of Acts, Titus	

Call Sara Lawson, S.S. Superintendent, 867-3431, or Suzanne Getman, Asst. Superintendent, 382-7777 with questions or if you are interested in joining one of these classes.

From the Pastor

C. Thomas Hilton writes, “Thanksgiving is a good preparation time for Christmas. Thanksgiving is a distinctly American holiday. It is . . . a pilgrimage, if you will, into one’s inner self to seek out and find an attitude of gratitude so that we can revere it and rededicate ourselves to living in its grace.”

Hilton is right. Thanksgiving does prepare us for Christmas. During Thanksgiving we give thanks to God for his many blessings.

Yet as we approach Christmas we are reminded of what we should be thankful for. We are reminded of the Christ child born in a lowly barn with animals all around. But that birth was no ordinary birth. It was the birth of the Savior of the world.

Whether we are homeless or live in a mansion, God can find you. His grace is for all, that’s why we call it “Good News.” Listen to how Luke records this good news event:

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”

May your holidays be filled with grace and joy as you give thanks for God’s goodness and grace, not only at Thanksgiving but also at Christmas.

Grace and Peace,

Larry

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From Grace Presbyterian Administration

The Church Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th in observance of Thanksgiving. *All information to be placed in the bulletin must be received no later than Tuesday, November 25th, 11:00 am, as the bulletin will be printed on Wednesday morning.*

We need leader for Children's Church 2nd Service, November 9 –
Please contact Beth Turner (907-9454).

Children's Service Schedule

8:45 Service

11:15 Service

Date	CC Leader	CC Asst.	Puppet Asst.	Cc Leader	Cc Asst.	Puppet Asst.
Sep 7	Kim Upshaw	Sandy Renee	Wendi Glenn	Beth Turner	John Dotson	Catie Waddell
14	Kim Upshaw	Leslie Russell	Mark Gray	Beth Turner	Michelle Miles	Aaron Miles
21	Suzanne Getman	Walt S.	Wayne Gillespie	*	Sandra Gillespie	Blake R.
28	Suzanne Getman	Dossett Foster	Amy Jackson	Beth Turner	Kirsten Waddell	Alex Fry
Oct 5	Suzanne Getman	Debbie Metoyer	Samantha Metoyer	Beth Turner	Carl Jones	Amy Jackson
12	Kim Upshaw	Jan Evans	Christy Tinnen	Beth Turner	Amy Bishop	Catie Waddell
19	***	***	Joint Service	NO CC	***	***
26	Kim Upshaw	Linda Foster	Wendi Glenn	Beth Turner	Michelle Miles	Blake R.
Nov 2	Kim Upshaw	Sandy Renee	Mark Gray	Beth Turner	Sandra Gillespie	Alex Fry
9	Kim Upshaw	Leslie Russell	Wayne Gillespie	???	Kirsten Waddell	Catie Waddell
16	Suzanne Getman	Dossett Foster	Christy Tinnen	Beth Turner	Carl Jones	Aaron Miles
23	Suzanne Getman	Walt S.	Samantha Metoyer	Beth Turner	Amy Bishop	Blake R.

Beth Turner Childrens Church Coordinator - 907-9454

If you have a schedule conflict please switch with another team member and call Linda in the office to let her know so the bulletin will be correct.

Thank you all for your faithfulness

"When Children Worship God - AMAZING THINGS HAPPEN!!!!"

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Schedule of Ushers

October – December 2008

<p><u>October 12</u></p> <p>Bill Carroll & Miree Pomeroy John Dotson & June Kuykendall</p>	<p><u>October 19 & 26</u></p> <p>Johnnie & Daryl Davis Jere Lawson & Frances Kitterman</p>
<p><u>November 2 & 9</u></p> <p>Wendi Glenn & Dossett Foster Sandy Kehrlie & Hugh Bishop</p>	<p><u>November 16 & 23</u></p> <p>Linda Tolley & Denny Korowin Sandra & Wayne Gillespie</p>
<p><u>November 30 & December 7</u></p> <p>Earl & Mildred Culverhouse Gladys Adams and Harold Howard</p>	<p><u>December 14 & 21</u></p> <p>Joe Bishop and John Price Katherine Fitzgerald & Amy Bishop</p>
<p><u>December 24 (Christmas Eve)</u></p> <p>Cephas & Jean Starnes</p>	<p><u>December 28</u></p> <p>Mark & Sarah Pfaffenroth Cathy & Bill Bendall</p>

From The Grace Presbyterian Women

October was the first month for the circles to meet. They will meet again in November then all the circles will meet for the December pot luck gathering and Christmas exchange on December 8, 2008 at 6:30 PM.

Seven ladies from Grace Presbyterian Church attended the On The Road Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering at Evergreen Presbyterian Church on October 4, 2008. The workshops were very beneficial in providing useful information for our board members.

November 1, 2008 will be the Road to Understanding Conference at Parkway Gardens United Presbyterian Church.

Circle meetings for November:

Circle # 1 will meet Tuesday November 11, 2008 at 10:00 AM at the church.

Circle # 2 will meet Tuesday November 11, 2008 at 10:00 AM at the home of Harriette Wynne

Circle # 3 will meet Tuesday November 18, 2008 at 10:00 AM at the church and then go out to lunch.

Circle # 4 will meet Monday November 10, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the church.

Watch for information concerning our Breakfast with Santa in December plus the packing of food baskets and gifts for needy families in our area for Christmas.

The November PW Board meeting will be Monday, November 24, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the home of Jan Evans.

From the Session

Meet Cristaldawn Perry

In the continuing series of articles about our Church Staff, this month you will get to learn more than some of you know about our youthful Youth Director. In e-mailing her about this, she said, “I received my calling to the ministry when I was fourteen years old. When it came time to pick a college to attend as I pursued my call to the ministry, I felt drawn to attend Montreat College in North Carolina (which I had fallen in love with while attending youth conferences as a youth). There I majored in Bible and Religion and minored in Human Services. I now attend Memphis Theological Seminary where I hope to graduate in December with a Master of Divinity degree. I feel called to parish ministry and to the pulpit. I also feel a strong call to work with youth.”

From my history with Cristal, I know that she has been a very active part of our church since she accepted Christ and joined the Raleigh Presbyterian Church long before the merger with Bartlett Presbyterian Church in 2002. While in college, she served Grace as a summer intern with our youth in 2004. During her first semester at Louisville Theological Seminary, Cristal let us know that she was planning to transfer to Memphis Theological Seminary for the second term. This made it providentially convenient for her to apply for the part-time staff position of Youth Director at Grace Presbyterian Church. She began her work with us in January of 2006. Many of you may also know Cristal because of her frequent leadership role in the Children’s Sermon during worship services. She has also preached from our pulpit at both worship services.

Please get to know Cristal and offer your help and support. Also, pray for Cristal as she finishes her work at Seminary and prepares for a life of full-time Christian Service.

Dossett Foster
Clerk of Session

From the School Programs

As we approach Thanksgiving we have so very much to be thankful for. God has blessed us with a wonderful outreach ministry, a supportive church family, a dedicated and Spirit filled staff and caring families to serve.

We are thankful for the response to Mr. Skip, our bus driver, during his critical and extended illness. The funds raised by these loving families and the food prepared for his family by our staff members are all reasons for us to praise God for His goodness. We are thankful for the prayers by the church family, our center families and our staff for him and his family.

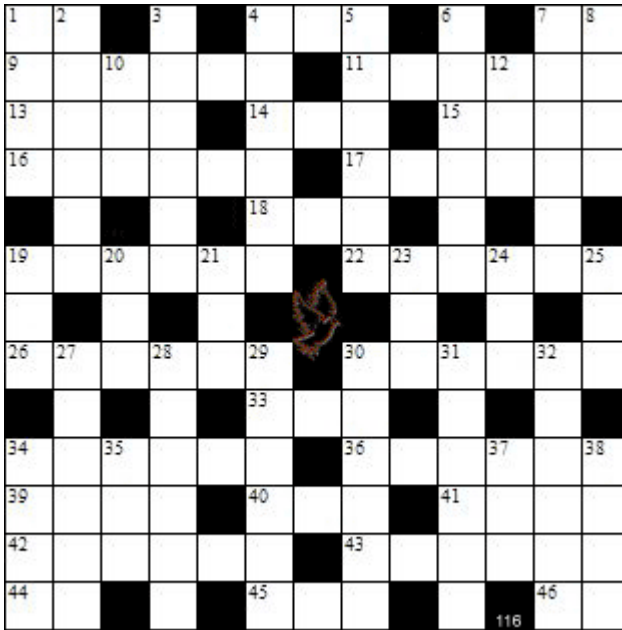
We are thankful that we are in a place where we can daily teach the children about the love of God and the Son He sent to save us all. We are thankful for Ms. Natalie who holds chapel twice a week and to Ms. Katie who teaches music twice a week and the members of our staff that gather every Wednesday to hold a prayer meeting. We are thankful for the teachers of the MDO and Preschool that plan and carry out a learning program that lifts up our Lord and Savior in every area. We are thankful for the staff that transport and care for our before and after school children. We are thankful for the floaters and office staff that help keep everything running smoothly.

We are thankful for our supportive chairperson, John Gordon, and for Pastor Turner, Linda Cole, Betsy Lewis and for David Hyde who is a center parent who fixes things for us. We are thankful for Bill Carroll who has always been there for us.

We are thankful to the Presbyterian women for the new paint smocks and we are thankful for the sweet people of Grace who pray for us.

God bless you all!

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ACROSS

- 1 ____, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God (Rom 11:33)
- 4 I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to ____ (Luke 16:3-4)
- 7 "____! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? (Luke 4:34)
- 9 Therefore, rid yourselves of all ____ and all deceit (1 Peter 2:1)
- 11 thou shalt not be to him as an ____ (Ex 22:25) KJV
- 13 "Yes, Lord," she said, "but ____ the dogs eat the crumbs that fall (Matt 15:27)
- 14 As for all the hills once cultivated by the ____ (Isa 7:25)
- 15 the harvest of the river, is her revenue; and she is a ____ of nations (Isa 23:3) KJV
- 16 You've given my people a ____, but you haven't told me the answer (Judg 14:16)
- 17 If you are the Son of God, tell these ____ to become bread (Matt 4:3)
- 18 nephew of Abraham
- 19 They were delighted and ____ to give him money (Luke 22:5)
- 22 It ____ up quickly, because the soil was shallow (Matt 13:5)
- 26 a man who controls his ____ than one who takes a city (Prov 16:32)
- 30 Today it will be ____, for the sky is red and overcast (Matt 16:3)
- 33 Sir, come down ____ my child die (John 4:49) KJV
- 34 at the voice of the enemy, at the ____ of the wicked (Ps 55:3)

- 36 but ___ him as if he were your father (1 Tim 5:1)
- 39 There were three gates on the ___, three on the north (Rev 21:13)
- 40 God said to Noah, " ___ going to put an end to all people (1,2) (Gen 6:13)
- 41 wife of Boaz (Ruth 4:13)
- 42 After this, Paul left ___ and went to Corinth (Acts 18:1-2)
- 43 you will ___ yourselves for all the evil you have done (Ezek 20:43)
- 44 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell ___ to come to you on the water." (Matt 14:28)
- 45 Thou shalt worship the Lord ___ God, and him only shalt thou serve (Matt 4:10) KJV
- 46 Therefore I ___ sending you prophets and wise men and teachers (Matt 23:34)

DOWN

- 1 Moses said to Aaron, "Take a jar and put an ___ of manna in it (Ex 16:33)
- 2 ___ a form of godliness but denying its power (2 Tim 3:4-5)
- 3 catch fire
- 4 I have seen you in the sanctuary and ___ your power and your glory (Ps 63:2)
- 5 How can the ___ of the bridegroom mourn while he is with them? (Matt 9:15)
- 6 And this ___ of him went forth throughout all Judaea (Luke 7:17) KJV
- 7 And ___ is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth (John 4:37) KJV
- 8 the Egyptian magicians also did the same things by their secret ___ (Ex 7:11)
- 10 They bound him, ___ him away and handed him over to Pilate (Matt 27:1-2)
- 12 But the ship struck a sandbar and ___ aground (Acts 27:41)
- 19 A man finds joy in giving an ___ reply (Prov 15:23)
- 20 So the LORD said to him, "Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ___ (Gen 15:9)
- 21 second occupant of Eden
- 23 hole in the ground (Ps 7:15)
- 24 The birds of the ___ nest by the waters (Ps 104:12)
- 25 ye have respect to him that weareth the ___ clothing (James 2:3) KJV
- 27 Do we still have any share in the inheritance of our father's ___ ? (Gen 31:14)
- 28 the watchman called unto the ___ (2 Sam 18:26) KJV
- 29 ___ the devil, and he will flee from you (James 4:7)
- 30 as rain in harvest, so honour is not ___ for a fool (Prov 26:1) KJV
- 31 To this day it stands in ___ of the Abiezrites. (Judg 6:24)
- 32 Jesus loved ___ and her sister and Lazarus (John 11:5-6)
- 34 the ephod, close to the ___ just above the waistband (Ex 39:20)
- 35 Those nurtured in purple now lie on ___ heaps (Lam 4:5)
- 37 Jesus answered: "Watch ___ that no one deceives you (Matt 24:4)
- 38 Large crowds followed him, and he healed ___ there (Matt 19:2)

Visit to the
Christkindlesmarkt
of Germany
Friday, November 14, 2008
6:30 p.m.

Registrations due November 10, 2008

Each year during the Advent Season, each city, town, and hamlet of Germany celebrates the Christkindlesmarkt (The Christ Child's Market). This outdoor market is held in the town square daily for the entire Advent Season. It is the time for the local artisans to display their wares, as well as for the community to gather for celebration of the coming Christ Child. The history of these markets go back several hundred years. (The market in Nuernberg goes back 450 years!)

Come join us for dinner, fellowship, and a tour of many of these markets. The program will begin with fellowship and appetizers, and will be followed with an authentic German Feast and topped off with Black Forest Cherry Torte.

Following the meal, Bob will take us on a tour of several of the markets that he and Sandy have visited in Germany. He will show several pieces of traditional German crafts and explain their origins. We will visit markets in the major cities and small towns. Join us to see how the Christmas Season is celebrated in central Europe

All of the costs of the evening are being donated; however, a free will offering will be taken. All proceeds from the evening will be donated to the Church.

Invite your friends and neighbors. This is a great time to show your church to the community. Please register to attend **by November 10th** with the church office (386-3241) or by signing up in the Narthex.