



WESTERN SPIRE

August 2011

August Nancy's Nuggets **Western Presbyterian Church, Palmyra Loves Lizzy**

Elizabeth Spencer, "Lizzy," an established member of our Sunday School, third generation(at least) in our congregation, recently underwent surgery for a brain tumor. The surgery though successful, is being followed up with additional radiation and chemotherapy. A special event is being planned to ease the financial burden for her family; while they concentrate on her care and recovery.

As announced by Tammy Abbott Hoflich at worship on Sunday morning, July 31st, "Palmyra Loves Lizzy" will be held Sunday, August 21, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Palmyra Community Center. Worship lets out around 10:30 so you have plenty of time! There will be a Bar-B-Q, Bounce House for Children, Games and Face Painting, Zumba Class, Bake Sale, Silent Auction and more! "Lizzy's Fight" bracelets are available for \$2.00. T-Shirts are available for pre-sale and on the twenty- first. Children's sizes are \$10. And adults are \$12.00.

Donations are needed: baked goods or items that can be used in the silent auction are welcome. Further information is available from Tammy Abbott Hoflich at 597-6660 or 719-1547. You may e-mail her at tammyhoflich@rochester.rr.com.

Once in a while, God calls us to a very specific purpose on behalf of a member of our church family. Our Deacons welcome contributions from any and all. Please mark checks with "Elizabeth Spencer" or "Lizzy's Fund." Please continue on in prayer and keep those encouraging cards and letters coming to: 905 Conifer in Palmyra. Elizabeth and her extended family is loved by many in Palmyra and beyond our bounds. Our love, like God's love is borderless and boundless!

We are blessed and called to be a blessing. Happy August!
Soli Deo Gloria!
The Rev. Dr. Nancy J Farrell

Special Services and Sizzling Sermons for the Summer!

Beginning at the end of July, we start a special series on the seven deadly sins updated for 2011. Also, this summer we have some wonderful opportunities for celebration!

In August it is a great special preacher for the 7th and we celebrate both Baptism and Communion on the 14th. Each week our special music is terrific so remember to come when you can. Otherwise you'll be sure to miss something!

Sunday, July 31, 2011 Sermon "Deadly Sin: Gluttony, 2011"

Lessons: Deuteronomy 21:18-21 Proverbs 23: 15-21; Gospel: Luke 7:31-35.

9:30 a.m. Reader: Sandy Kelly

Coffee Hour: Irene & Peter Fadden

Sunday, August 7, 2011 Guest Preacher: Nancy Bidlespacher

9:30 a.m. Reader: Ellie Giles

Coffee Hour: Joan & Steve Landgrebe

Sunday, August 14, 2011 Communion and Baptism

Sermon "Irrevocable Love"

Lessons: Psalm 131; Epistle: I John 3:1-3; Romans 11:25-36.

9:30 a.m. Reader: Ruth Dantz

Coffee Hour: Pat Dlugosh & Emily Hunt

Sunday, August 21, 2011 Sermon "Sin: Envy and Covetousness, 2011"

Lessons: Deuteronomy 5:6-21 Proverbs 21:23-26; I Cor. 3:1-9; Gospel: Luke 16:10-17.

9:30 a.m. Reader: Irene Fadden

Coffee Hour: Bron & Frank Lawrence

Sunday, August 28, 2011 Sermon "Sin: Pride and Vainglory, 2011"

Lessons: Psalm 73; Proverbs 16:16-20; Gospel: Mark 7:6-23.

9:30 a.m. Reader: Joan Landgrebe

Coffee Hour: Cub Scouts

Sunday, September 4, 2011 Sermon "Sin: Sloth, 2011"

Kenya Mission Activity – Partnering with Joining Hearts and Hands (*Bill and Joanne Cala*)

WPC bought a laptop for the Kenya project last year. JHH has had travelers to Kenya just recently. These travelers hand carried the laptop to Kongasis community to present the laptop to a group of women who have create a micro-business in their community. This micro-business was sponsored by JHH. Bryce, noted below, is one of those travelers. You see him presenting the laptop to this woman’s group. With this computer the tailor business that these women have created can grow.

Below is the email that Bill from JHH sent to us:

Our Dear friends at Western Presbyterian:

As you can see from the photos, the laptop has arrived at Kongasis’ Women’s group. They are very grateful. They are making plans to take computer lessons already!

Bryce is in the photos and is a Fairport graduate who is volunteering in Kenya. He carried over the laptop for us.

Peace,
Bill





This is your mission dollars at work in the world....

KENYA MAP



Kongasis is a community of about fifty families and a school, KACECE. The majority of this community is of the Kipsigis tribe.

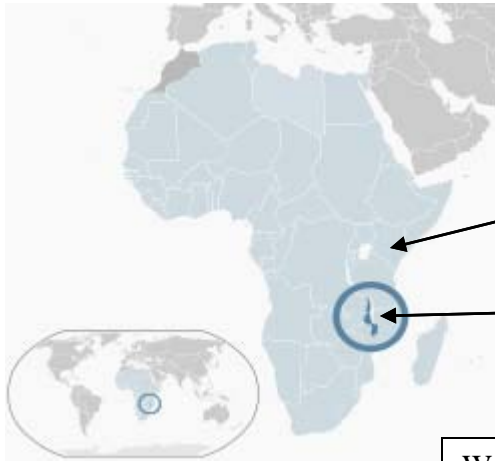
Kongasis is located in the western portion of Kenya. It is a rural community.

Kongasis is in Kipkelion District. It is near Nakuru towards Kisumu. If you follow on a map the Nakuru-Kisumu road, you will see Londiani then Kedowa, Chepseon and Kericho. Kongasis is between Kedowa and Chepseon, about three miles each direction. Kongasis is about forty kilometers from Kericho and about 80 kilometers from Nakuru. Kongasis is two miles off the Nakuru-Kericho Road.

You can 'google' with this information!

Another African Mission outreach to share.....

Barb and Erin McCoy traveled to Mzenga, Malawi at the end of July. Heart strings were pulled as they witnessed the outreach of Clinton's mission to this community. The community center was dedicated to Dr Rev Clinton McCoy. Malawi is the smallest and poorest of the African countries. The need is great. Clint saw this need and responded. He engaged the churches of the North to support him in this mission. (First Presbyterian Church of Canton and First Presbyterian Church of Watertown)



Kongasis, Kenya
Where WPC can serve

Mzenga, Malawi
Where Clint has traveled and served



We hear during worship the reading of Hebrews 13:16 routinely. Never did it impact me so greatly as when I visited the website for "Women of grace widows". When we place money in our offering plate we are removed from the needs in the world. Sometimes we even begrudge the separation of our dollars.

When I put myself in the shoes of these women and all those of this region of need and struggles, my compassion is great. No, my need to do for others who have less than I is great. Our blessings are great... how much do we sacrifice?
Is God pleased?

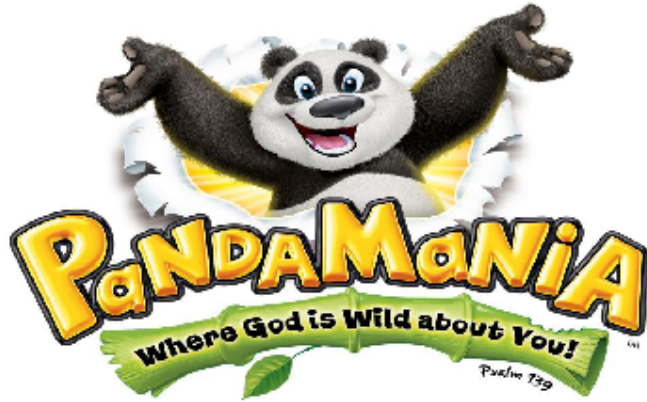
Respectfully submitted by Randy Kennard – Mission/Social Concern Committee

WPC Water Project

Watch
Wait
And **Listen**

For more information on our water project





During the week of July 11-July 14, 2011, Western Presbyterian Church and Palmyra Reformed Church connected kids to God—and watched them grow stronger in their faith as they discovered **God is WILD about them!**

As the kids explored Psalm 139, they found that...

- ☉ God listens to them...
- ☉ God watches over them...
- ☉ God loves them no matter what!

God's Word came to life when kids used all five senses in:

- ☉ Party Time Sing and Play
- ☉ Wild Bible Adventures
- ☉ Bamboo Blast Games
- ☉ Treetop Treats and
- ☉ Crazy Crafts



Mark your calendars: Sunday School starts Sunday, September 25, 2011 at 9:30am.



The Hunt, Dlugosh, Culver, Fabrizio and Notareschi families invite you to share in the baptism of *Avery Thomas Hunt* and *Oliver Vincent Fabrizio* on Sunday, August 14th. We invite you to celebrate with us at Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall following worship service.



Congratulations to Sarah & Josh Campbell on the birth of *Addyson Gail*, born June 25, 2011, weighing 8 lbs 21 oz. Proud grandparents are Linda and James Gross.



DIRECTORY COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Have you physically checked our draft directories in Fellowship Hall and in the hall by the office. We will be proofing the Directory in the next few weeks. Please let us know how you would like your name to appear in the Directory (formal, nickname, etc.). Also, please advise the office of any change in address or phone number as soon as possible. Thank You!

The Wayne County Children's Cancer Fund supports families in Wayne County with children dealing with this disease. One of the families they are helping is the family of Elizabeth Spencer. They have 2 main fundraisers during the year to be able to help these families. One of these is a raffle. Anyone wishing to purchase a raffle ticket, please see Janet Manktelow. More information is on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Thank you!



Ox Roast Announcement:

The 37th annual Ox Roast will be held on Saturday, September 17th. This is a great gathering of our members with fellowship and fun to raise needed funds for our church.

The Ox Roast Signup Sheet is posted in Fellowship Hall. This is one of our church's main events for community fellowship and sharing. There are 124 slots to be filled for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Sign up early for the greatest positions.

Once again the wonderful Barb Bucknam has agreed to contact members regarding donations of food etc..

Please sign up as soon as possible. CanalTown weekend is September 17th and 18th.

**Don and Ruth Dantz
Andy and Carol Sloan
Bill and Sarah Bush
Mike and Jan Semans**



**If you open a window or unlock a door in the church, please be responsible for closing/locking it up when you leave.
Thank You!**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aug.2 Virginia Palmer
Aug. 2 Dona Kadlecik
Aug. 3 Betsy Goodwin
Aug. 7 Janet Gunkler
Aug. 16 Mollie McPike
Aug. 16 James DeBrine
Aug. 21 Anita Adams
Aug. 21 John Kadlecik
Aug. 21 Sharon Marr
Aug. 23 Rena Haigh
Aug. 23 Bradley Jacobs
Aug. 23 Beverly Koeberle
Aug. 25 Patti Squier
Aug. 28 Carolyn Lester
Aug. 28 Lois Pratt
Aug. 31 Patricia Nash
Aug. 31 Jerry Kelly



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Aug. 1 Tricia & Morris Owen
Aug. 4 Jan & Michael Semans
Aug. 7 Laurie & J. Steven Ellis
Aug. 15 Marilyn & Arthur Elting
Aug. 16 Anne & David Morrell
Aug. 26 Sharon & Raymond Marr
Aug. 28 Sara & William Bush
Aug. 31 Michael & Elizabeth Pinkney

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please contact the office at 597-9171 so we can add it to our list next time.