

News From Green Street

Green Street Presbyterian Church

To Worship, To Learn, To Serve

July and August, 2014



HOME COMING

CELEBRATING 115 YEARS

August 31, 2014

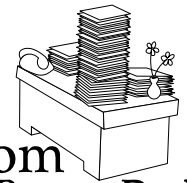
Worship **11:00 AM**
Celebration **3:00 PM**

With the arrival of summer and its vacation expectations it is our hope that this special season of the year will meet all your hopes and

expectations. In saying that it is also the hope that you will not swallow and believe some of the summer myths that are so apparent in so many places. Years ago this was so nicely and clearly stated to me by a friend. He informed me that the summer time was his time. He did things his way and this was the time for him to enjoy himself.

I thought, and notice did not say for I am quite polished in keeping my opinions to myself sometimes. Well, most of them anyway. I did not say to him that I had noticed on previous occasions that the summer was truly his time for himself. This meant that he didn't attend worship or become involved in church activities or projects. Gentle soul that I was, I did not suggest to him that during "His Time" he should not pray to the Father if he or his family was in crisis or need. That if his life should happen to fall apart during "his time" that he should not bother God with his prayers or cries for help because when we go on our personal times "for just ourselves" so must God also have the same options concerning His need for time away from us.

Now wise soul that I am recognize that a sharp reader will say to himself or herself, "I do believe that Patch is being sarcastic." Not so. Donnie Do Right would never pick on anyone and be sarcastic in the process for under the words spoken there is



From
the Pastors Desk

often a world of truth.

The Christian life is not a part time operation. If we are truly "in Christ" we recognize that our whole being is living life committed to him. I heard a minister friend complain once that his work was never done. It just seemed that there was always something more that needed to be done. His older and much wiser fellow minister friend made this observation. He laughed and said, "So you work hard now. So what? You have the best retirement plan in the whole world. The only thing is you have to wait until you die to get it." Behind those wise

words of the minister was the understanding that to understand Christian faith is to understand that it is a total life way of life.

My first year with the missionary conference I met Don McClure. Even then he seemed that he could have been Methuselah's brother. He was energetic, totally committed to what he believed and faithfully served the Lord in various African countries, He spoke to my young people at retreats and my congregations and was loved by all. He always said his greatest blessing would be to die serving the Lord. His prayer was answered because he was murdered by communist insurgents after retirement but while still serving in the Africa he loved so much.

Having shared all the above truths with you, we now pause for a special commercial from your pastor. In living out our commitment as disciples of Jesus Christ, even in "our summer months and vacation times" we still belong to him and are called to be faithful. That means in worship, instruction and in service to him.

Beginning this month we have many opportunities to participate in activities and learning experiences with our church family. Here is a quick look at our schedule of activities: Invite your family and friends!

July 19 - 26:	New Wilmington Missionary Conference	September 28	Worship in the Park
July 21 - 25	Vacation Bible Camp	October 12	Women's Day
August 31	Homecoming	October 26	Fall Festival
September 14	Men's Day	November 14 - 16	Women of Faith
	November 30	First Sunday of Advent	
	December	Advent Season	

Actions of the Session May and June, 2013

1. The session approved a motion to allow Green Street to host and lead Girl Scout Troops, beginning this fall.

The session continues to work on various concerns in the church while looking forward to the future. These plans include education issues, property issues, mission and outreach as well as working on the immediate activities going on in the congregation. Please feel free to speak to any of session members about the plans, and share your ideas and concerns as the session continues to work to build Green Street into a vibrant, active congregation, focused on the Lord's work.

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www.greenstreetpc.org

David Kinnamen in his book titled, "You Lost Me," talks about the reason young people drop out of church. "The dropout problem is, at it's core, a faith-development problem, It a *disciple-making problem*. The church is not adequately preparing the next generation to follow Christ faithfully in a rapidly changing culture."

New Wilmington Missionary Conference July 19 - 26

Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you?

To act justly, love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Depart: Saturday, July 19 - 4:00 AM
Church Parking Lot

Return: Saturday, July 26 - 8:00 PM
Church Parking Lot

Sunday, July 27, will be the NWMC recap during the morning worship service. The youth attending "conference" will share their experiences with the congregation and the impact "conference" has had on them this year.

We will also be highlighting the events of Vacation Bible camp.

Please plan to be in attendance on Sunday to support our youth and children.

Church Bulletin Bloopers (actual blooper from a Sunday church bulletin)

Please note that a three-year-old teacher is needed for Sunday school.

Experience preferred.

A Grand Success!



Thank you to all who donated items for the yard sale, and to everyone who assisted in the sale and in the additional sale event held one week later. Proceeds from the day's event are still coming in it looks like the final total will be close to \$2,000.00.

Special appreciation is expressed to those who contributed in a big way to the success of the day. Thank you Lashonda Lytle, who arranged the vendors and helped greatly in making the Raffle a success. A big thank you is given to Amy Kuhns and Jackie Scott who spent hours preparing for the sale, sorting merchandise and setting up for the day.

The men of church had a successful Fish Fry the day of the event. Thank you!

Sunday
July 27, 2014
3:00 - 6:00 PM

At the home of Jackie Scott.
845 Vine Arden in Morganton.
Jackie can be reached at 437-8662.

Fellowship Hall
Painting and Remodeling

The property committee is overseeing the painting of the fellowship hall and the bathrooms in early August. During this time the fellowship hall will be off limits to activities until completion.

Coming Soon to Green Street



Vacation Bible Camp



July 21 - 25
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

When it comes to our salvation, God did everything which means that He gets all the glory! Remarkably, the Bible speaks of crowns that will be given to those who shine for Jesus here on earth. One day we will have the honor of casting these crowns at the feet of our King!

SHINE

*Those who look to HIM are radiant...
Psalm 34:5*

Children will **HEAR** the gospel,
ACTIVELY USE their Bibles,
and **KNOW** what it means
to give God glory!

SESSION 1 Crown of **VICTORY**
Given to those who work hard for God, not themselves. 1 Corinthians 9:25 NIV

SESSION 2 Crown of **LIFE**
Given to those who trust God during difficult times of trial. James 1:12 NIV

SESSION 3 Crown of **REJOICING**
Given to those who tell others about Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 2:19 NIV

SESSION 4 Crown of **GLORY**
Given to those who are humble servant leaders. 1 Peter 5:4 NIV

SESSION 5 Crown of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**
Given to those who are actively preparing for Jesus' return. 2 Timothy 4:8 NIV

What happens when you combine bucket drums, mirror balls, super heroes, the Award winning music of Go Fish, cutting edge videos, meaty Bible lessons, a gospel that is clearly presented?
You get TONS of FUN!

Monday, July 21 - Friday, July 25
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Pre-K through Rising 6th Grade

A sack lunch with drink is required each day.

Transportation can be arranged for children in need of ride to/from Vacation Bible Camp.

Registration forms are required for each child. Forms are available at the church.