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*THE SHINING LIGHT*



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## WELCOME PASTOR MARY RUBLEE and husband, Darrell.

**Pastor Mary Rublee** is the newly appointed pastor for *Port Gibson UMC* and *Newark Emmanuel Churches*. The official announcements were made in all the affected churches on June 25, and both Newark Emmanuel and Port Gibson will welcome Pastor Mary for her first service in each of our churches on Sunday, July 1. Communion will be served.

Currently Pastor Mary and Darrell live in Pittsford. They have two grown sons, Benjamin and Jonathan. Pastor Mary and her husband are excited to begin this ministry in Port Gibson and Newark Emmanuel as a team. (We are excited too.) Of course, there is more to know and learn about Pastor Mary and her family. Pastor Mary has a couple questions for us.

What is our ministry?

What is the calling for this church?

Are you ready with the answer?

## **SUMMER SERVICES**

for

### **JULY and AUGUST**

### **8:30 am**

### **at Port Gibson UMC**

(Newark Emmanuel is at 10:00am)

Our regular service time of  
11:00 am will resume in September

## SCRIPTURE READERS

**July 1, 2012** Pam Marsteiner  
Fifth Sunday After Pentecost Green  
2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27, Psalm 130 (UMH 848)  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15, Mark 5:21-43

**July 8, 2012** Nancy Anderson  
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost Green  
2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10, Psalm 48 (UMH 782)  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10, Mark 6:1-13

**July 15, 2012** Marc Carrier  
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost Green  
2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19, Psalm 24 (UMH 755)  
Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 6:14-29

**July 22, 2012** Paul Anderson  
Eight Sunday After Pentecost Green  
2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19, Psalm 24 (UMH 755)  
Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 6:14-29

**July 29, 2012** Dawn Wood  
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost Green  
2 Samuel 11:1-15, Psalm 14 (UMH 746)  
Ephesians 3:14-21, John 6:1-21

**August 5, 2012** Mary Adams  
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost Green  
2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a, Psalm 51:1-12 (UMH 785)  
Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:24-35

**August 12, 2012** Bonnie Wood  
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost Green  
2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33, Psalm 130 (UMH 848)  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2, John 6:35, 41-51

**August 19, 2012** Esther Deys  
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost Green  
1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14, Psalm 111 (UMH 832)  
Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:51-58

**August 26, 2012** Pam Marsteiner  
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost Green  
1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43,  
Psalm 84 (UMH 804)  
Ephesians 6:10-20, John 6:56-69

Father,  
We're grateful that your strength and guidance  
are always available, ready to refresh us wherever  
we may be. Amen.

*Simply Refreshing, by Ellen Banks Elwell*

## Summer Service Time

**Port Gibson Services**  
(at Port Gibson UMC)  
**July and August**  
**8:30 am**

Regular Services will resume in September

## SCRIPTURE READERS

Sept 2	Nancy Anderson
Sept 9	Marc Carrier
Sept 16	Paul Anderson
Sept 23	Dawn Wood
Sept 30	Mary Adams

Oct 7	Bonnie Wood
Oct 14	Esther Deys
Oct 21	Pam Marsteiner
Oct 28	Nancy Anderson

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Communion is served the first Sunday of the month

July	Esther Deys
August	Pam Marsteiner
September	Dawn Wood
October	Paul Anderson

## GREETERS & USHERS

Designator: Maria Carrier 315-597-6493

July	Paul and Nancy Anderson
August	Dave and Bev Dayton
September	Marc Carrier and Sandy Henline
October	Paul and Nancy Anderson

## PLEASE NOTE:

*If you are unable to greet, please call  
Maria at 315-597-6493.*

*If you are unable to read or serve  
communion, please call Dawn 315-331-5621.*

## The PRAYER List

- ◆ Sally Borland
- ◆ Mabel Appleman
- ◆ Bev Sherman
- ◆ Don Hyman
- ◆ All families traveling this summer
- ◆ Old friends and new friends
- ◆ Our country's leaders
- ◆ World leaders
- ◆ All shut-ins
- ◆ Anyone feeling alone
- ◆ All Service Men and Women serving our country, home or abroad, and their families
- ◆ Everyone dealing with natural disasters— flooding, tornadoes, storms, fire.



**And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. (James 5:15)**

Do not underestimate the power of prayer. God listens to our prayers and answers our prayers in accordance to his will. An intercessory prayer, with the prayer chain, is a powerful tool we can use for those who need God's intervention. We encourage you to call and start the Prayer Chain.

## PRAYERS

To start the *Prayer Chain*

Please call Pastor Mary first, at the Office, 315-331-8755, so that she is aware of the prayer request. Then call the next person on the list to begin the Prayer Chain.

Esther Deys	597-9710
Jean Hammond	597-2193
Bertha Matteson	597-1469
Maria Carrier	597-6493
Bonnie Wood	585-737-3976
Dawn Wood	331-5621
Mary Adams	573-8364
Paul and Nancy Anderson	597-2269

Remember, if you get an answering machine, please leave a message, then call the next person on the list.

To add your name to the *Prayer Chain*  
Please contact Esther Deys  
315-597-9710

To place concerns in Sunday bulletin  
Please contact Dawn Wood 315-331-5621  
[jwood1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jwood1@rochester.rr.com)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY And HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

(A) denotes anniversary

### July

- 1 Clayton Votra
- 2 Doug and Pat Nichols (A)
- 5 Billy Lathrop
- 8 Ginny Norton
- 9 Tricia and Rick Bush (A)
- 10 Glenn Gaston
- 13 Carson Votra
- 15 A.J. Farnsworth
- 16 Dalton Hefner  
Mabel Jacobs
- 17 Marilyn Wood
- 19 Cliff Votra
- 20 Crystal Johnson
- 21 Matthew Adams  
Jessica and Jon Thomas (A)
- 22 Betty Nichols  
Don Wood
- 23 Megan Wandersee
- 24 Kristopher Coast
- 25 Nancy Nichols
- 28 Mabel Appleman  
Emily Hammond
- 29 Sheryl Deys  
Megan Rice
- 30 Sandy Henline
- 31 Cora Adams



### August

- 1 Linda Guest  
Maria Purkiss  
Betty & Vern Smallidge (A)
- 4 Emily Grace Spry
- 5 Karen Wright
- 7 Daryl Hammond  
Stuart Kelsey
- 9 Kay Rolland
- 13 Pam and Ken Marsteiner (A)
- 18 Jacob Carrier
- 19 Michael VanDeMortel
- 20 Betty Marianacci
- 26 James Wright
- 27 Pam Marsteiner
- 28 Franzle LeRoy
- 30 Ernie Boyd



# Saying Good-bye...

Saying good-bye is one of the hardest things for most people to do and it is especially hard when one has fallen in love with a church family or community. As I have been packing furiously, I am reminded of Jesus packing instructions. I'm afraid I haven't followed them but it has helped me to get rid of some of my "stuff".

Jesus said, "Do not take gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor a staff, for the laborer deserves his food." Well! So much for the ten bags of clothes, twelve pair of shoes and boots (not to mention the sandals). So, I guess I'll just concentrate on the packing.

Did you ever notice, people have different philosophies of packing? Some like to travel light. They take a bare minimum of items with them. They count the number of days they will be away and bring just that number of pairs of socks—no more, no less. Others have an "in case" attitude toward packing. They might pack a rain coat, a down parka, and a bathing suit just "in case" the weather changes.

Clearly, Jesus is in the former category. In fact, he is the ultimate light packer. When sending his disciples on their first journey without him, he gave very explicit packing instructions: Don't take any money, or a change of clothes. In fact, leave your suitcase home. Don't take anything but the shirt on your back. Talk about traveling light! What is Jesus up to here? Perhaps Jesus gives this advice so his disciples will learn trust. It is Jesus' way of encouraging them to engage with the people they meet. After all, when you don't have enough to go on, you have to turn to those around you. But there is another possible explanation. The items Jesus tells his disciples to leave behind are just the kinds of things that worshipers were told to leave outside the temple before they entered. People were to divest themselves of these things before stepping on holy ground.

So when Jesus tells his disciples to travel light, he is encouraging them to approach the whole world as if it is holy ground, a place where you can expect to encounter God. I will be standing on Holy Ground in a new place but it will still be Holy and you will still be with me in my heart and prayers.

May God's peace be with all of you  
In His Name

*Pastor Pat*



***Please keep Pastor Pat in your prayers as she begins her new charges on July 1.***


Father,  
We are grateful that your strength and guidance are always available, ready to refresh us wherever we may be.

Amen

Simply Refreshing, by Ellen Banks Elwell

CHOIR

Choir practice has ended for the summer and will resume again in September. Everyone is welcome to join us in making a joyful noise to the Lord.



If you would like to share special music during the summer services, please contact Mary.

## Administrative Council

May 15, 2012

- Mary called the meeting to order and Pastor Pat lead us in prayer.
- Secretary's Report was read and approved.
- Financial Reports were read and approved.
- Pastor's Report: none. We discussed Sunday services in the Fellowship Hall. Regular attendance holding at 14.
- Trustee's Report was read. The wheelchairs and walkers stored in the garage will be taken care of this week.
- Old Business: Community Picnic. The committee will meet and get a sign up sheet ready. Nancy will get the gifts for the graduates. Nancy was looking for gifts for Father's Day. Pastor Pat has some key chains to use if we need to.
- New Business: Peter Ross is going to Peru on a mission trip in October. Motion was made and approved to donate \$200 to Peter for his mission trip. A laptop has been donated to the church. Thank you!
- Youth Group: still going strong. Will probably meet every other week during the summer.
- Motion made to get totes for the out-of-season silk flowers. Passed.
- Next Meeting— June 19

June 19, 2012

- Mary called the meeting to order and Dawn lead us in prayer.
- Secretary's minutes were read and approved.
- Financial Reports were read and approved. The checkbook balance is \$4,399.54.
- Pastor's Report: none. Pastor Pat has announced she is leaving Port Gibson and Newark Emmanuel. She is taking the last two weeks of June as vacation for moving. Her last Sunday was June 10 in Port. A hanging basket was presented to Pastor Pat at the picnic.
- Committees: the Community Picnic was successful. It was fun to visit with our neighbors. We had 36 people. Our graduates, Megan, Sarah and Megan were honored. We would like to have a Community Picnic again next year.
- A suggestion of having an ice cream night, open to the community, and to meet the new Pastor, one night this summer. A date has not been determined.
- Nancy asked about a bill for the Easter flowers. She has not received one yet. Mary will call Settler's Post and check.
- No trustee report.
- Thank you to Nancy for getting the Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts.
- Computer update. We have it. Dawn will transfer the videos to it.
- Discussion on summer services. However, we are at an impasse until we talk with a new Pastor. Newark does not want to have joint services this summer.
- Next meeting— July 24

## Trustees:

The Trustees replaced bulbs in the sanctuary as some had burned out. Paul and Marc learned how to replace the bulbs in the cross at the front of the church. Now it is a totally bright cross.

There are projects that need to get done by the Trustees this summer. The ramp needs staining and there are a few places in the parking lot that need some attention. This is a busy time for everyone. The Trustees will work to get them done.

We are looking for a couple of people to join the Trustees for 2013. If interested, please contact one of the Trustees.. Thanks. Paul Anderson, Chairman

## Treasurer's Report

Summer is a tough time for all churches and their finances. The bills keep coming and income goes down. People take summer vacations and have lots of family functions that take them away from attending church. Please remember your church this summer.

Enjoy your summer and we'll see you in church.  
God Bless all of you this summer.

Your Treasurer, *Nancy Anderson*

But I am trusting You, O Lord, saying  
"You are my God!" My future is in Your hands...Let Your favor shine on your servant.  
In Your unfailing love, rescue me. Don't let me be disgraced, O Lord, for I call out to you for help.  
*Psalm 31:14-17*



**Oh, no!!!**

It's that time of year again. It's time to begin planning for our annual turkey supper. (*The 1st Saturday in November*) Our financial situation needs a successful dinner. Can you help? Make phone calls? Write out postcards? Roast a turkey ? Bake a pie or two? Help with other food donations? Cash donation? Do dishes? Help serve? Pour coffee? Many hands make light work,. Call me, please. We can match you to a job.

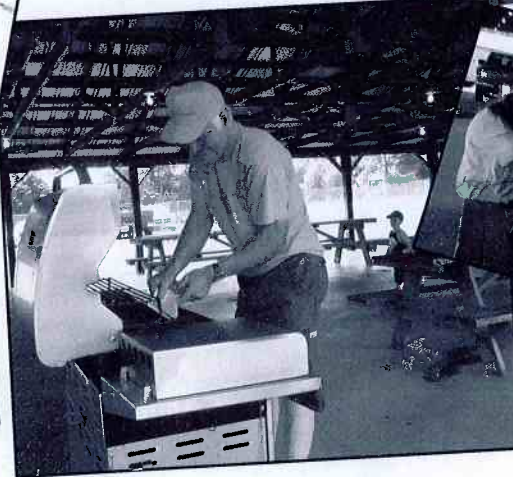
Dawn 331-5621, Nancy 597-2269, or Maria 597-6493

# COMMUNITY PICNIC—June 10, 2012

God provided a perfect day for our picnic. It was warm and sunny. Add to that, the company of friends, neighbors and family, and food— well...it was just PERFECT!



**OUR COOK!**



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES



Sarah Deys    Megan Rice    Megan Wandersee

Congratulations Ladies.  
May God bless each of you.

**For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.**

—Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)



# YOUTH

**SAVE THE DATES**  
**July 15**                      **August 12**

For the  
**YOUTH GROUP**  
We will meet at 1:00 pm  
at the firemen's field  
for an afternoon of  
softball and other games



**Youth Group  
Praise &  
Worship  
Service**

**WILL NOT  
MEET  
ON**

**Friday evenings  
for the  
SUMMER.**

We will resume normal  
times in September.



A special thank  
you to Marc and  
Maria for their  
work with the  
youth!

All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall  
be the peace of your children. —Isaiah 54:13